



Lewis County Humane Society

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Happy Mother's Day



BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK

May 2nd - 8th 2021

Mahatma Gandhi said, "**The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.**" Treating animals well can take many forms — from rescuing a lost dog to teaching a child to care for the family pet to making one's voice heard at the ballot box on animal welfare issues.

Be Kind to Animals Week begins May 2 and while we believe we should be kind to animals every day, it does provide an opportunity for us to reflect on our connection to these wonderful creatures with whom we share our homes, our community, and the world.

There are many ways, big and small, that we can celebrate Be Kind to Animals Week.
Here are just a few:

- Become a volunteer — from walking adoption dogs to helping release a sea lion back to the ocean, there are many ways to use your time and enthusiasm on behalf of animals. Most animal organizations have small budgets and rely heavily on volunteers. It can be a great way to connect with animals, especially if you aren't able to have one at home.
- Become an advocate for animals. Sign up for emails from the Animal Legal Defense Fund that will keep you informed about important animal welfare legislation.
- Respect sensitive habitats by following posted signs and not letting your dog romp where they shouldn't.
- Teach the kids in your life to respect wildlife by observing and not touching.
- Take good care of your pets. Make sure all their vaccinations are up-to-date and that they're microchipped and licensed.

Animals can enrich our lives in so many ways — let's be sure to enrich theirs by treating them with kindness every day.



Kittens 101:



Bringing home your new fur baby

It's kitten season which means you may be inspired to adopt a new fur baby of your own. Like human babies, kittens need special care, so we've compiled a few tips from the kitten expert, Kitten Lady, so you can be prepared for the new little one in your life.

1) Get Supplies

Kittens need all kinds of supplies including food, toys, bedding, scratchers and, most of all, a quality litter and litter box. Need a convenient all in one litter box and litter solution? Try [Cat's Pride Kat Kit All-in-One Disposable Tray](#). It comes pre-filled with litter so you are ready to go!

2) Be Prepared

Have a [cat first aid kit](#) ready in case of injury or emergency.

3) Jonny Cat Liners

Containing heavy duty 2mil tear-resistant strength, you can make clean up a breeze. Just pull, close, and toss!

4) Create a Safe Space

Whether your kitten is a foster or a new full-time family member, make sure your kitten has a [safe, dedicated space](#) that is set up for their needs.

Check out more tips on kitten care here: <http://www.kittenlady.org/>



IN HONOR OF NATIONAL RESCUE DOG DAY ON MAY 20TH WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THE TOP THINGS POTENTIAL OWNERS SHOULD KEEP IN MIND DURING EACH STAGE OF THE ADOPTION PROCESS.

- 1.) BEFORE YOU GO:** Dogs are social animals and need daily attention, so make sure you're truly ready to provide enough play, walk, and snuggle time.
 - ~ Ensure you have the financial resources to take care of your dog's needs and a means of providing healthcare for the unexpected, such as pet health insurance or a pet savings account.
 - ~ Establish expectations with your family members by agreeing on who is responsible for daily food and water, walking, poop scooping, etc.
- 2.) AT THE SHELTER:** Keep an open mind but be realistic.
 - ~ If you have a small apartment, you may not want a young, energetic dog.
 - ~ If you live an active lifestyle and want a running buddy, maybe an elderly basset hound is not for you (though sometimes one look from a sweet animal in need can send preconceived ideas out the window!).
 - ~ If you already have a dog at home, remember that there will be a meet and greet to see how the dogs interact. Sometimes your dog can help pick your new pooch for you.
- 3.) BACK AT HOME:** Be patient!
 - ~ Remember, your home is a foreign land to your new dog and is likely a little scary.
 - ~ It takes most dogs three to four weeks to adjust.
 - ~ Be understanding if your pet is distant, wants to hide, or has accidents.
 - ~ A kind voice, lots of petting and belly rubs, and avoidance of harsh corrections will go a long way in establishing trust.
 - ~ If you have existing pets in the household, introduce them slowly and on a leash, praising both dogs when they interact calmly.

2021 Love Stories Campaign

Pets change our lives - Let's save theirs!

Now through September 20, The Petco Foundation invites you to share your Petco Love Story for a chance to earn a Holiday Wishes grant award.

One submission story – per household – per year. Adopted Dogs or Cats!

Share the big and small ways that your adopted pet has changed your life for the better. Describe the bond between your pet and adopter / family. Focus on how your rescue pet changed the adopter's / family's life. Celebrate the LOVE with the adopted pet. You are allowed 500 words for your story.

and you could earn a grant award for the animal welfare organization where you adopted your pet! LEWIS COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Winners will be announced during the holiday season. Winning adopters will receive a Petco shopping spree, BOBS from Skechers shoes AND the organization they adopted from will receive up to \$100,000 in lifesaving grant awards!

To qualify, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older, or complete the application process with guardian consent.
- Submit a story about a pet who is **currently living – no time limit on how long ago the pet was adopted.**
- Submit a story about a pet who was adopted from a U.S. based animal welfare organization (including but not limited to: animal control organizations, foster-based rescues, Humane Societies, or SPCAs) **that can verify your adoption**
 - Agree to the [contest terms and conditions](#).

Mandatory - You will need to submit: 4 photos.

1 of your adopted pets alone

1 of your adopted pets with adopter(s)/Family

2 photos that illustrate your story.

You may send a video as well to support your story (this gives an extra benefit) – NO YouTube videos. Your video must be uploaded – not a link.

TO APPLY:

<https://holidaywishes.smapply.io/prog/petcolovestories/>



Petco Love Lost's pet facial recognition technology can mean all the difference for the 10 million pets lost in the US this year.

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REUNITING PETS

On April 23rd, National Lost Dog and Cat Awareness Day, The Lewis County Humane Society has proudly joined forces with [Petco Love](#), formerly known as the Petco Foundation, a national non-profit working to lead and inspire change for animals, and animal welfare groups across the country, on a shared mission to help reunite lost pets with their families should they ever go missing. According to industry statistics, sadly, one in every three pets will go missing in their lifetime.

Petco Love Lost is a new, searchable national database that uses patented facial recognition technology to make finding lost pets quicker and easier. **Beginning April 23, 2021, this simple-to-use tool will be easily accessible to participating animal organizations nationwide, as well as any pet parent or person who finds a lost pet.** Uploaded photos of a missing dog or cat are immediately scanned to determine whether the lost pet is at a participating shelter or with a neighbor in the community.

“We see firsthand how quickly a pet can go missing, whether they were curious, following a scent, wandered through an open gate or became scared during a storm,” said, Amber Zehr, Shelter Manager of The Lewis County Humane Society. “We work tirelessly to care for pets, whether they’re awaiting their forever home or lost and need help getting back to their families. There’s nothing more rewarding than reuniting families with their beloved pets and with Petco Love Lost, we’re confident it can lead to many more happy reunions, right here in Lewis County.”

“We know that one in three pets goes missing in their lifetime, an estimated 10 million pets each year, and we’re not ok with that,” said President of Petco Love, Susanne Kogut. “That gives us 10 million reasons why we created Petco Love Lost, because we believe nothing is more important than keeping people and pets together for a lifetime of love. Together with the Lewis County Humane Society, our goal is to keep pets where they belong – at home, with you.”



Petco Love Lost is on a mission to keep pets where they belong... at home, with you.

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Rabies Clinic

- ✓ Please social distance while waiting in line.
- ✓ Must be wearing a mask.
- ✓ If possible, one pet per person in line.



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Lewis County



Sponsoring a Rabies Clinic for all

Dogs, Cats and Ferrets 3 months of age or older



May 3, 2021	Constableville Fire Hall	7 – 8 P.M.
May 5, 2021	Copenhagen Fire Hall	7 – 8 P.M.
May 6, 2021	West Leyden Fire Hall	7 – 8 P.M.
May 10, 2021	Lyons Falls Fire Hall	7 – 8 P.M.
May 12, 2021	Harrisville Fire Hall	7 – 8 P.M.
May 13, 2021	New Bremen Fire Hall	7 – 8 P.M.
May 17, 2021	Lowville Town Barn	7 – 8 P.M.

A \$10 donation per pet is suggested to defray the cost of the vaccine and clinic staffing.

All pets must be vaccinated, even if an indoor pet. If an unvaccinated pet bites— it must be confined x10 days in an approved kennel/shelter @ owner's expense.

All animals need 2 shots—one year apart, then every 3 years.

Please have all dogs on a leash and cats & ferrets in a carrier or strong pillowcase/sack.

Please provide a record of previous vaccination.

**Come Join us at the
Art-in-Sun Market on Saturday May 8, 2021
@ The Dragonfly Salon, Copenhagen, NY
9AM - 4PM**

**ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO THE
CAT ROOM PROJECT FUND**

**There will be a bag lunch available for a donation
that includes hotdogs, chips and water (til gone).
We will also be selling tickets for a lottery board raffle.
The drawing will be at 4PM.**

**There will be membership applications available, a binder with
our available Cat's & Dog's, copies of our May Newsletter and we
are hoping the weather cooperates so we can have a dog and/or
cat joining us at our booth!**



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Choose the “**Lewis County Humane Society**” as your “*charity of choice*” when you shop at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and 0.5% of your purchase will come back to the Shelter to support the animals.

Chewy For new (first time) customer orders, we get a \$15 commission
if you use *this* [Link](#).

We have a [Chewy Wish List](#) & an [Amazon Wish List](#).

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