



# Pet Talk

SPRING 2023

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Lincoln Animal Ambassadors (LAA) is addressing the root causes of animal homelessness in Lincoln and the surrounding area.

LAA assist pets and their people through a voucher-based low cost spay/neuter program, an income-based temporary assistance pet food bank and teaching people about being responsible pet guardians at community events.

## Donate

**Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program  
Pet Food Bank, General Funds**

**Mail to:** PO Box 67072,  
Lincoln, NE 68506

**Or donate through our website  
LincolnAnimalAmbassadors.org**

**Pet Food Bank drop off locations:**  
Super Saver; 56th & Hwy 2, 27th & Cornhusker Hwy, 27th & Pine Lake St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 2325 S. 24th Street  
Arnie's Pet Food, 56th & Hwy 2  
Hy-Vee, barrel on rotation at select Lincoln stores

*Lincoln Animal Ambassadors is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax-deductible.*



# Wine & Howl

SUNDAY  
JUNE 11

## a fundraising event

- 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Deer Springs Winery, 162<sup>nd</sup> & E. Adams St.
- Suggested \$10 donation per person
- Bring your dog, a blanket, lawn chairs, and enjoy **FREE Pup Cups by Paw Bakery!**

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# Calendar of events

**Capital Humane Society's Tails & Trails Pet Festival**  
**May 21 / 11am-2:30pm**  
Glacial Till Vineyard  
Palmyra, NE

**Give to Lincoln Day**  
**May 24**  
Donate to LAA!  
givetolincoln.com

**Wine & Howl**  
**June 11 / 11am-5pm**  
Deer Springs Winery  
LAA fundraiser

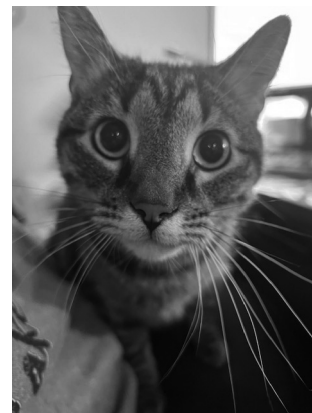
**Spayghetti & No Balls Dinner**  
**November 4**  
LAA fundraiser

**Cherished Images Photo Event**  
**November date TBD**

## Spay/neuter numbers

### Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program

3,875 total alterations  
1,983 Dogs  
940 male, 1043 female  
1,881 Cats  
831 male, 1050 female  
11 Small pets (rabbits, fancy rat)



## Rescue Spotlight: Guardians for Felines

Guardians For Felines was founded in March 2022 by Megan and Matthew Yank. Their love for rescuing cats started 13 years ago when they adopted their first two cats. Joining them on the board of directors is Marcus Moore, Treasurer, and Cody Hawkins, Secretary.

These four friends and cat lovers alike have been working hard to give Lincoln another feline rescue organization. Guardians for Felines is a foster based rescue organization in which they utilize foster homes to keep cats safe until they are adopted. "Without having a building or facility, it makes it a little more challenging to take in more cats because we must rely on volunteers to open their homes to cats who need a temporary home. Finding foster homes can be tough. We are currently looking for more people to foster for us, so if you or someone you know would like to open their homes up to cats that was once homeless, please email us at [guardiansforfelines@gmail.com](mailto:guardiansforfelines@gmail.com)" said Megan Yank.

Since becoming established as a 501(c)(3) rescue organization in March of 2022, Guardians for Felines has taken in 37 cats and kittens, 30 of them have been adopted into furever homes. We currently have 7 in foster homes who are patiently waiting to be adopted. You can visit all our current cats on our website, [guardiansforfelines.org](http://guardiansforfelines.org)

Our main goal is to help the cats and kittens who are strays or homeless already. We feel since no one cares for them, they need our help the most. In addition to our foster program, we will assist our community with TNR (Trap, Neuter and Return) to folks who need help getting their

cat colony spayed and neutered. There are a few other organizations in Lincoln that focus mainly on TNR but we will help in this area too. One unique service we have is offering colony caretakers feral cat homes for their property. There are many people who care for and feed colonies of cats, but the cats have no shelter. If a homeowner or renter cares for a colony and would like to be provided a feral shelter, please contact us via email for more details.

We have an upcoming fundraiser collaborating with Revolution Rescue on Sunday May 7, called Trivia Time. We will be hosting a trivia contest with teams ranging from 1-6 people per team at Cappy's Hotspot Bar & Grill located at 48th and Hwy 2 in Lincoln, NE. The event will start at 5:30p.m. and continue until about 8:00 p.m. The night will include a 2-hour pop culture trivia game and 30 minutes of great raffle prizes. We recommend buying tickets in advance as space is limited. Tickets will go on sale starting April 16th on [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). You can visit Guardians for Felines Facebook page as well for more information about this event. Admission is \$10 per person with a total of 6 people per team. All proceeds go to Guardians for Felines and Revolution Rescue.



# Williamsburg Hy-Vee assists LAA's Pet Food Bank

Lincoln Animal Ambassadors received support for its Pet Food Bank this past winter from Williamsburg Hy-Vee.

On Feb. 25, the Williamsburg Hy-Vee hosted a "Stuff the Truck" Pet Food Drive to help LAA restock its income-based Pet Food Bank. At the event, LAA collected 600 pounds of dry pet food, over 1,000 cans of pet food, 40 pounds of pet treats, 170 pounds of cat litter and \$150 in cash.

LAA distributes 2,000-3,000 pounds of food each month to pets and their people.

According to Mary Douglas, LAA president, the support of Williamsburg Hy-Vee will go a long way toward maintaining and supplying LAA's Pet Food Bank.

For over 14 years, LAA has been distributing free pet food, cat litter and pet-related items to low-income families who request help caring for their pets, keeping animals in their homes with their families instead of being surrendered to the already crowded shelters.



# Thank you to our donors!

Andrew & Renee Benson  
Arnie's Pet Food  
Audrey Schneider  
Barbara Michael  
Beverly Jimenez  
Capital Humane Society  
Carol Raiter  
Charles & Lela Sayward  
Crystal J Sato  
Food Bank of Lincoln  
Heather Ferguson  
Home Helps Charitable Fund  
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Paws 4 Fun  
Petco - North  
Sharon Lawrence  
Sinda Dux  
Super Saver  
Target  
Tom & Karen Bassett  
Tractor Supply Company

## Pet Food Bank donation drop-off sites

**Permanent donation barrels are located in Lincoln, Nebraska at:**

- Super Saver, North 27th Street
- Super Saver, South 56th Street
- Super Saver, South 27th Street
- Arnie's Pet Food, 56th & Hwy 2
- St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2325 South 24th Street

### Lincoln Hy-Vee Stores

Rotating donation barrels will be at select Lincoln Hy-Vee stores.

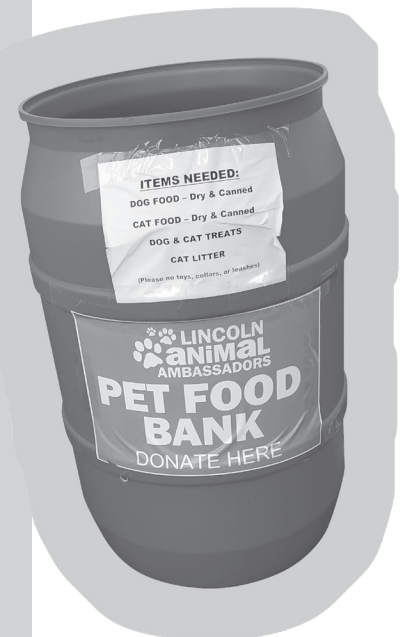
### Amazon.com

You can order pet food and pet supplies for LAA off Amazon and have it shipped to LAA. Our address is on record for shipment.

### Walmart.com/registry/registryforgood

Search for Lincoln Animal Ambassadors as a charity and order pet related items to be shipped to LAA. Our address is on file with them.

**We are very low on canned dog food.** Our pet food bank is stocked completely by donations. Help us out by donating canned dog food and deposit it in one of our donation barrels in the community—locations are listed above. Thank you for helping LAA address the root causes of animal homelessness!



# Donations in memoriam

Jackie Wells  
Kelly Dorscher  
Scooter Sato, Cat



This donation is in memory of our dear cat, Scooter. We were fortunate to have many good years together, with the help of vet care, insulin, and special diet food. Even with his health problems, Scooter brought us much joy. We hope this donation will help pets in need.

Crystal Sato & Ed Stibal



I picked up food for my three Alaskan Malamutes and three cats and I just wanted to tell you guys thank you. Thank you very much for all the service you do. It really helps out a lot. I don't know about others, but without that I wouldn't be making it. I really appreciate everything what you're doing for everyone and also for me and my pups. I thank you, thank you, thank you.

Jack Martin



## Willard Community Center Art Project benefits LAA

Lincoln Animal Ambassadors (LAA) and Willard Community Center collaborated to improve LAA's donation barrels. During March spring break, children attending Willard's school-age program painted five new donation barrels donated by Valhalla Bee Farm. The kindergarten, first, second, and third-grade classes each painted a barrel, and the fourth and fifth-grade classes painted a barrel together. The children were excited to paint the barrels and did an excellent job! After the barrels were painted, they were posted on Facebook for the public to vote on their favorites. The barrel painted by the kindergarten children had the most votes and won the barrel competition!

Willard also hosted a pet food and supply drive to support LAA's pet food bank. Girl Scout Troop 20821 was the first to donate to the pet food drive and gave over 250 lbs. of food! They provided pet food and supplies for dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea

pigs, and even chinchillas! LAA wants to thank the girl scouts and everyone who donated for their generosity. "These type of joint community projects are a big part of supplying LAA's pet food bank. In the last couple of years the price of pet food has more than doubled and this community support helps us to provide peace of mind to low-income families when they can no longer care for their beloved pets" said Mary Douglas, President of LAA.

A huge thank you to Valhalla Bee Farm for donating the barrels, Midwest Steel Works Inc. for priming the barrels, and the students and staff at Willard Community Center for doing a fabulous job painting the donation barrels and hosting the pet food drive!

Willard Community Center has served the Lincoln community since 1980 by offering early childhood and school-age programs. They also host various activities to engage and support the community.





# Save the date: 15th Annual Wine & Howl

Join LAA in celebrating their 15th year with a special Wine & Howl event this year. Wine & Howl is LAA's largest yearly fundraiser that supports their income-based pet food bank and spay/neuter program. And its dog friendly—must be on a leash!

Live music by the popular 80's cover band AM/FM Lincoln starts at noon. If you danced to it, sang along to it, cranked it up in your car, and you want to hear it... they're going to play it! So come out for a blast from the past! Relive those golden years!

Do you need more reasons to mark your calendar for this fun event? FREE Pup Cups by Paw Bakery and FREE cupcakes for humans (while supplies last) to help us celebrate this special anniversary event. Did we mention it was dog friendly?

Need more reasons? Hy-Vee will be there with a variety of food options—on and off the grill—including vegetarian choices! Deer Springs will have their wine tent set up and easily accessible. Yes, they will have wine slushies! Raffles will be also be

available, as usual. And it's dog friendly.

Okay... still on the fence? How about fresh air, Deer Springs beautiful shady location, vendors, dogs up for adoption, raffles, food, wine, fabulous music, and did we mention it's dog friendly?

A suggested \$10 per person donation (dogs get in free!). Seating is limited, so bring a blanket or lawn chair, your dog (dogs are not required to attend) and LAA will supply the fabulous day of fun! Lincoln Animal Ambassadors addresses the root causes of animal homelessness in the Lancaster area by helping pets and their people through income-based spay/neuter program and pet food bank. LAA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, all-volunteer organization funded entirely by donations and fundraisers.

For information on being a vendor online applications or advanced ticket sales available at [LincolnAnimalAmbassadors.org](http://LincolnAnimalAmbassadors.org)

**June 11, 2023 / 11 am-5 pm**  
**Deer Springs Winery**  
**162nd & E. Adams St.**



## LAA Youth Community Service Award

LAA loves it when children want to help animals in the community. Over the years we have had several children's groups do pet food drives for our pet food bank or want to help LAA with projects. We have had young animal lovers bus tables at our Spay-ghetti & No Balls events, or volunteer at our Wine & Howl events, and other fundraising events. We were thrilled to have the Willard Community Center after school kids help with the donation barrel painting project.

We have recently started recognizing kids in the community for their work to help animals with the LAA Youth Community Service Award. Each child receives a certificate for their part in specific animal related projects.

If you work with a Girl or Boy Scout Troop, a 4-H club or some other youth group, let us know if you are interested in doing some type of animal related project to support LAA or other animals in the community. LAA would love to recognize them with a certificate.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Jai Snyder

### Where did you first learn about Lincoln Animal Ambassadors?

I first learned about LAA through the Pawsitivity Impact Project.

### Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I am a 35 year-old father of five, married for nine years. I work with people with intellectual disabilities. I have three dogs currently and used to have parrots. I am looking for a new feathered friend.

### What areas do you primarily volunteer for us at this time?

I am a phone volunteer.

### What do you find rewarding in your volunteer activities?

I find it rewarding to be able to give back to others in the community.



## Phone Line Volunteers Needed

LAA requires a 6 mo.-1 year commitment for this position. This can be done from your own home picking up voicemail messages and returning calls. Telephone and internet is required. Training is provided to enter information into our software program. Depending on the phone shift the amount of time required to fulfill this is from 30 minutes to 1 hour weekly.



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# We need your support!

Did you know that you can name Lincoln Animal Ambassadors on your United Way donation? Your donation helps provide services to pets and their people in and around the Lincoln area. We couldn't do it without the support of people like you!

**Donate through our website, [LincolnAnimalAmbassadors.org](http://LincolnAnimalAmbassadors.org) using PayPal** or mail this form to LAA. Pet Food Bank donation items can be dropped off at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2325 S. 24th Street; Super Saver, 27th & Cornhusker and 56th & Hwy 2.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address (City, State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select your contribution amount:**

\$25  \$50  \$75  \$100  \$250  \$500  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program
- Pet Food Bank
- General Funds

**Make checks payable to:**  
Lincoln Animal Ambassadors  
**Mail to:** PO Box 67072  
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# Thank you!