

Pet Talk



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Our mission

Lincoln Animal Ambassadors is addressing the root causes of Animal Homelessness in Lincoln and the surrounding communities.

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**

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

11th Annual
wine&howl
FUNDRAISING EVENT
Saturday
June 8th
11am-5pm

**Cause
for
Paws**  **Boutique
for
Cheap**

2445 S. 48th Street

This "boutique for cheap" turns your donations and purchases into cash for animal charities, including LAA's low-cost spay/neuter program.

CauseForPawsLincoln.org

Get ready for our 11th Annual Wine & Howl!

Lincoln Animal Ambassadors is gearing up for the 11th annual Wine & Howl on June 8th which will once again happen at Deer Springs Winery.

LAA brings together all the best parts of summer with this event! Bring your dog, a blanket or lawn chair and join us on June 8th for an afternoon of food, wine and music.

Three fun bands will be playing all afternoon, Skylark, The KGB Trio and Hartford/Focht for your listening enjoyment! Deer Springs will have the wine tent up and those wine slushies will be pouring! And Hy-Vee will be there with a huge variety of food and snacks to make the day even better! And you can enjoy shopping with the many vendors.

If you are looking for a new companion, many of the area's rescue organizations will be bringing pets looking for their forever homes.

You won't want to miss the raffle prizes, featuring pet, wine, and decor gift baskets from all around the area.

With just a suggested donation of \$10 to attend; there are just too many reasons you have to be there! The wine will start pouring at 11 a.m. and the bands will play until 5 p.m. Check us out on Facebook to learn more about the event and let everyone know you will be there!

Big things happen on Give to Lincoln Day—May 30

Lincoln Animal Ambassadors is once again hoping that all of our wonderful supporters remember us at the annual city-wide event; Give to Lincoln Day.

This fundraiser is a super quick and easy way to make a difference in the local community by supporting grassroots organizations like LAA. Your donation makes the pet food bank and low-cost spay/neuter program possible and has an immediate and direct impact on the number of homeless animals in our area and beyond!

Donations are made online and will be updated in real time on the leader board at www.givetolincoln.com on May 30th. Online donations may be made starting on May 1st. Gifts made between May 1st and May 30th will count toward the event, show on the leader board when the giving day begins on May 30th, and be eligible for the match fund.

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give
To Lincoln Day
May 30, 2019

**LINCOLN COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

by the numbers

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program 2019 numbers to far

3,036 total animals
1,523 dogs
1,503 cats
10 rabbits
1,668 total females spayed
1,368 total males neutered

Food Bank 2019 numbers so far

Dry food
13,014 lbs.
Approximately 3,718 lbs. a month
Since inception: 441,178 lbs.

Canned food
1,307 cans
Approximately 373 cans a month
Since inception: 111,915 cans

Litter
2,320 lbs.
Approximately 663 lbs. a month
Since inception: 71,257 lbs.

Number of families helped (some numerous times): 182

Don't just take your dog for a walk...take your walk for a dog!

You walk your dog anyway, now you can support Lincoln Animal Ambassadors every time you walk your dog! Go to WoofTrax.com, download the app on your phone, and get walking! This is a completely FREE way to make a donation, just by doing something you already do.

Featured Organization: Muddy Paws

Giving hope and second chances after the flooding

Just when we thought it was safe to put the waders and boats away we got a call from a family in Bartlett, IA, whose home was still surrounded by water—with their two cats inside. So the crew found a boat and headed out.

These two precious babies were found safe, although a little hungry and thirsty we're sure. Muddy Paws will be helping the family by covering the cost of vaccinations and spay/neuters so that their (Muddy Paws) second chances will be complete.

We continue to offer aid to families with pets who were displaced by the floods. We have a pantry of food and some other supplies available. And if, God forbid, there are still animals left in homes or barns that are inaccessible we are still willing to go in. Please contact us at 402-515-2570 if you need help.

Urgent need for cat fosters

Muddy Paws needs your help with the cats pulled from Pacific Junction, IA area. Rescue teams saved nearly 20 cats who had been stranded for 15+ days by clinging to tree limbs, roofs or anything they could find—but the fight is not over. Many cats have been reunited with their owners, but many (likely strays) remain unclaimed or surrendered. These cats are

traumatized and need homes to heal in. Some are friendly to people but very shy, others need help becoming more social. But all need a place to heal. Muddy Paws will continue to pay for food, litter, vetting, etc. if you can just provide them a HOME. Please fill out an application to foster on our website today if you are able to help.

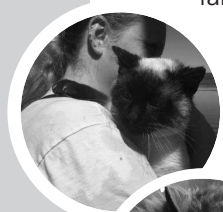
Can you provide a forever home for Luke?

Yeah, I lost everything. And when I say everything I mean everything. I lost my home, my toys, my owners. I think it's safe to say I hate floods.

I'm Luke and I am a 16-year-old Terrier. Being 16 gives me some advantages in life. I've been through it all so I have a pretty good outlook, especially now because you really can't get much worse than losing all the things you loved in a huge amount of disgusting water. I would prefer a home with no other dogs, but if you do have dogs I would like to meet them first just to check out our compatibility.

If you can find it in your heart to give this old guy some love, check out my link below and fill out an application today!

To learn more, see more photos, and apply to adopt, you can visit Luke at <http://www.petstablished.com/pets/public/409612>



Thank you so much. The people who volunteer here [Lincoln Animal Ambassadors] are awesome! So kind and helpful and that alone is uplifting. Our pets are able to have a higher quality of life and so are we as a result. May God bless you all! Thank you!

— Linda, LAA Pet Food Bank recipient

Volunteer Spotlight: Julie Thorfinson

Where did you first learn about Lincoln Animal Ambassadors?

I saw the request for assistance on the online portal, Volunteer Match. After signing up and meeting with Mary, I was hooked!

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I am a mama of three little boys, and 11 fur children! I've loved animals since I was a child, and really enjoy watching my kids grow up with compassion and respect for them as well. I have a degree in Entomology from UNL, so I even love bugs! I also enjoy travelling, reading, gardening, and trying new activities.

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

I return calls from the phone line and also conduct spay and neuter interviews.

What do you find rewarding in your volunteer activities?

I enjoy helping people, especially during potentially difficult times. I can also talk about animals all day, so this gives me an outlet for that!

Do you do other volunteer work in Lincoln?

I do try to get out and work with other organizations around town, but this is the primary group I volunteer for.

What would you recommend to anyone looking to volunteer for LAA?

Do it! Whether your thing is pets or people, this is a great group doing great work.



If you could add one thing to the LAA wish list, what would it be?

A facility to help with the homeless pet population. My dream is to open one someday, but the need is always there!

LAA needs volunteers like you!

See page 4 for our immediate volunteer needs. If you have ever considered volunteering for a worthy cause, we would love to talk to you. You can help pets and their owners by contacting us at info@lincolnanimalambassadors.org or calling 402.817.1168.

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Calendar of events

Capital Humane Society's Tails 'N Trails Pet Walk & Festival

May 18

11:00 am to 3:00 pm
570 Fallbrook Blvd.

Give to Lincoln Day

May 30

www.givetolincoln.com

Wine & Howl

June 8

11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Deer Springs Winery

Pet Food Bank donations needed

LAA is running low on dry cat and dog food.

Consider buying a bag or two the next time you are at the store.

Pet Food Bank donation drop off locations:

Petco 56th & Hwy 2 (*bin in front entry*)

Petco 48th & O Street (*bin in front entry*)

Super Saver 56th & Hwy 2
(*barrel at exit door*)

Super Saver 27th & Cornhusker Hwy
(*barrel at Customer Service*)

St. Matthews Episcopal Church,
2325 S. 24th Street (*leave near office*)



WE NEED YOU!

Volunteer and prevent homeless animals

If you have ever considered volunteering for a worthy cause, we would love to talk to you. LAA has no paid employees and relies on volunteers to accomplish its mission. You can help pets and their owners by contacting us at info@lincolnanimalambassadors.org.

LAA Volunteer needs

If you have ever considered volunteering for a worthy cause, we would love to talk to you. LAA has no paid employees and relies on volunteers to accomplish its mission. You can help pets and their owners by contacting us at info@lincolnanimalambassadors.org. These are our current openings:

Phone Line Shifts - Returning Pet Food Bank and Spay/Neuter Inquiry Calls

LAA has a couple phone line shifts open to pick up inquiries from pet food bank recipients and/or spay/neuter inquiries. These phone calls can be picked up from the comfort of your own home, using your own telephone and the hours are flexible. You do not need to pick up the call when it comes in. You will return a call from a voicemail message system at your convenience. Having access to a computer with an internet connection is necessary to communicate with the other LAA volunteers via email and call tracking using a shared spreadsheet. Some experience in viewing and entering small amounts of data on a Google Docs spreadsheet is helpful, although training is provided if you are not familiar with Google Docs. This position

consists of approximately two hours per week or less, depending on your shift.

Tabling Events

This volunteer position requires the volunteer to attend shows, fairs, and expos. The volunteer will promote LAA and its programs through interaction with show attendees. We have brochures and other printed material available for distribution. Hours vary and usually consist of a shift during the event.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteers with a truck, van, or trailer to periodically transport large donations of food.
- Volunteers to occasionally assist with the loading/unloading of food donations or re-organization at the warehouse.
- Volunteers who have computer and spreadsheet experience.
- Volunteers with fundraising experience.
- Volunteers willing to contact companies to ask for donations for the Food Bank.
- Self motivated and creative volunteers to promote and supervise pet food/litter drives with organizations, companies and schools in the community.



Our kitties, Gypsy and Gwen, absolutely LOVE THIS FOOD and they really love it when they sometimes get treats especially!

— Julie, LAA Pet Food Bank recipient



LAA raises \$8,000 at 6th Annual Spay-ghetti & No Balls Dinner

Submitted by Allison Hunter-Frederick

Over 130 people attended Lincoln Animal Ambassador's annual Spay-ghetti and No Balls fundraiser Saturday, March 30, at the Unitarian Church. Over \$8,000 was raised!

LAA President Mary Douglas called the event successful and fun. "We are so appreciative and grateful for the support of those that attended," she said.

For \$25, attendees received a dinner that included salad, spaghetti and breadsticks. Meatballs were available for an extra cost. Diners were served in a buffet line. The all-volunteer wait staff kept everyone's water and tea glasses filled; wine and beer were available for purchase.

The event's featured organization was Animal Control. Director Steve Beal and officer Nick Finelli shared department statistics from the past few years and an overview of the types of calls that they receive. Finelli recounted how Animal Control captured "Alpha," the Sheltie from Colorado that had been running loose in Lincoln for three weeks in January. He also showed a video of the capture and of the reunion between Alpha and his owner.

Wrapping up the evening was LAA's dessert auction, led by auctioneer Tom Bassett who volunteered his time. A total of 25 tasty treats were up for auction, thanks to the following: A Street Market, Beatrice Baking Company/Beatrice Humane Society, Butterfly Bakery, Dairy Queen, David Clark

Framing, Famous Dave's, High Society Cheesecake, Hy-Vee, Kitchen Sink Bakery, Le Cupcake, Rabbit Hole Bakery, The Sweet Spot Bakery, The Coffee House, The Venue/Piedmont Bistro, The Warm Cookie, Jarrod Beckman, Katie Brown, Blake Gilmore, Ramzi Hynek, Jane Nelson and Roxanne Stone.

Bids ranged from \$40 to almost \$400. The highest bid was on a Starbucks espresso-infused ganache house-made cake by The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel's pastry chef, Wes.

An enormous shout-out to all who supported LAA by attending Spay-ghetti and No Balls. Special thanks to the businesses that donated food and drinks, local bakers who donated desserts, the 19 table sponsors, the Nelson Family who prepared the spaghetti dinner, and all the volunteers (including several from the Lincoln Legal Professionals Association) who ensured that the event ran smoothly.

LAA is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, all-volunteer organization funded entirely by donations and fundraisers. It addresses the root causes of animal homelessness in the Lancaster County area by helping pets and their people through a voucher-based low-cost spay/neuter program, a low-cost vaccination clinic, and a temporary assistance pet food bank.

Thank you to our Spay-ghetti donors!

A Street Market
Beatrice Baking Company/Beatrice Humane Society
Blake Gilmore
Butterfly Bakery
Belmont Veterinary Center
Brady Rivers
Capital Humane Society
Cornhusker Marriott
Dairy Queen
Daryl & Sarah Rivers
David Clark Framing
Deer Springs Winery
Del Gould Meats
Domesti-Pups
Eagle Printing
Eidos Ergonomics
Famous Dave's
Friends of the Dog Park
Gratitude Cafe and Bakery
Hearts United for Animals
High Society Cheesecake
Hy-Vee
James Arthur Vineyard
Jane Nelson
Jarrod Beckman
Julie Cole in memory of her dog Lacey's best friend Sammie
Katie Brown
Kitchen Sink Bakery
LeCupcake
Nature's Variety
Paws 4 Fun
Paws Up Nebraska
Rabbit Hole Bakery
Ramzi Hynek
Revolution Rescue
Roxanne Stone
Ruthann & Larry Rivers
Sadie Aalberg in memory of Belle and Queenie
Second Chance Pups
Smarty Dog Training
Sorrisos Gourmet Pasta Sauce
Super Saver
Superior Veterinary Care/Cotner Pet Care
The Coffee House
The Sweet Spot Bakery
TSquare Movers
Valhalla Bee Farm
Venue/Piedmont Bistro
Warm Cookie
Auctioneer, Tom Bassett
Animal Control's-Steve Beal & Nick Finelli
All our wonderful Volunteers!



Preparing your pets for emergencies makes sense—get ready now!

1. Get a Kit of pet emergency supplies.

Just as you do with your family's emergency supply kit, think first about the basics for survival, particularly food and water.

- Food: Keep at least three days of food in an airtight, waterproof container.
- Water: Store at least three days of water specifically for your pets, in addition to water you need for yourself and your family.
- Medicines and medical records: Keep an extra supply of medicines your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof container.
- First aid kit: Talk to your veterinarian about what is most appropriate for your pet's emergency medical needs. Most kits should include cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors; antibiotic ointment; flea and tick prevention; latex gloves, isopropyl alcohol and saline solution. Include a pet first aid reference book.
- Collar with ID tag, harness or leash: Your pet should wear a collar with its rabies tag and identification at all times. Include a backup leash, collar and ID tag in your pet's emergency supply kit.
- Important documents: Place copies of your pet's registration information, adoption papers, vaccination documents and medical records in a clean plastic bag or waterproof container and also add them to your kit.
- Crate or other pet carrier: If you need to evacuate in an emergency situation take your pets and animals with you, provided that it is practical to do so.
- Sanitation: Include pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs. You can use bleach as a disinfectant (dilute nine parts water to one part bleach), or in an emergency you can also use it to purify water. Use 8 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water, stir well and let it stand for 30 minutes before use. Do not use scented or color safe bleaches or those with added cleaners.
- A picture of you and your pet together: If you become separated from your pet during an emergency, a picture of

you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you in identifying your pet. Include detailed information about species, breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics.

- Familiar items: Put favorite toys, treats or bedding in your kit. Familiar items can help reduce stress for your pet.

2. Make a Plan for what you will do in an emergency.

Plan in advance what you will do in an emergency. Be prepared to assess the situation. Use common sense and whatever you have on hand to take care of yourself and ensure your pet's safety during an emergency.

Evacuate. Plan how you will assemble your pets and anticipate where you will go. If you must evacuate, take your pets with you, if practical. If you go to a public shelter, keep in mind your pets may not be allowed inside. Secure appropriate lodging in advance depending on the number and type of animals in your care. Consider family or friends outside your immediate area who would be willing to take in you and your pets in an emergency. Other options may include: a hotel or motel that takes pets or some sort of boarding facility, such as a kennel or veterinary hospital that is near an evacuation facility or your family's meeting place. Find out before an emergency happens if any of these facilities in your area might be viable options for you and your pets.

Develop a buddy system. Plan with neighbors, friends or relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. Talk with your pet care buddy about your evacuation plans and show them where you keep your pet's emergency supply kit. Also designate specific locations, one in your immediate neighborhood and other farther away, where you will meet in an emergency.

Talk to your pet's veterinarian about emergency planning. Discuss the types of things you should include in your pet's emergency first aid kit. Get the names of vets or veterinary hospitals in other cities where you might need to seek temporary shelter. Also talk with your veterinarian about microchipping. If you and your pet are separated, this permanent

implant for your pet and corresponding enrollment in a recovery database can help a veterinarian or shelter identify your animal. If your pet is microchipped, keeping your emergency contact information up to date and listed with a reliable recovery database is essential to you and your pet being reunited.

Gather contact information for emergency animal treatment. Make a list of contact information and addresses of area animal control agencies including the Humane Society or ASPCA and emergency veterinary hospitals. Keep one copy of these phone numbers with you, and one in your pet's emergency supply kit. Obtain "Pets Inside" stickers and place them on your doors or windows, including information on the number and types of pets in your home to alert firefighters and rescue workers. Consider putting a phone number on the sticker where you could be reached in an emergency. And, if time permits, remember to write the words "Evacuated with Pets" across the stickers, should you evacuate your home with your pets.

3. Be Prepared for what might happen.

Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an emergency supply kit for yourself, your family and your pets, is the same regardless of the type of emergency. However, it's important to say informed about what might happen and know what types of emergencies are likely to affect your region.

Be prepared to adapt this information to your personal circumstances and make every effort to follow instructions received from authorities on the scene. With these simple preparations, you can be ready for the unexpected. Those who take the time to prepare themselves and their pets will likely encounter less difficulty, stress and worry. Take the time now to get yourself and your pet ready.

Article reprinted from ready.gov.

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Donations may also be made in person on May 30 by cash or check at one of the three donation stations listed below:

- Lincoln Community Foundation office, 215 Centennial Mall South, from 8:00am to 5:00pm
- Tower Square, 13th & P Streets, from 10:00am to 2:00pm
- West Gate Bank, 6003 Old Cheney Road, from 9:00am to 4:00pm

Checks must be written to “Lincoln Community Foundation” with the nonprofit name specified in the memo line (if you are donating to multiple nonprofits, write one check for the total and bring a separate list of nonprofits and amounts to each). LCF will charge the same 2.9% fee as Firespring Foundation charges to online gifts. Fees received from offline gifts are directed to community grants for local nonprofits.

LCF is unable to accept gifts from IRA accounts for Give to Lincoln Day because of IRS restrictions on IRA qualified charitable distributions.

With all the press around Give to Lincoln Day, we know that it will be hard to miss the event; but if you are worried—just follow LAA on Facebook! We'll keep you in the know on Give to Lincoln Day and all our upcoming fundraisers.

This May, we hope you will join us in addressing the root causes of animal homelessness in our area. Whether it's to provide food and supplies for companion animals in need, or to combat overpopulation through spaying and neutering, even the smallest donation makes an enormous difference in the life of animal.

Thank you to our recent donors!

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Jess Feltz's dog, Boris
Val's dog Myska

11th Annual wine & howl FUNDRAISING EVENT

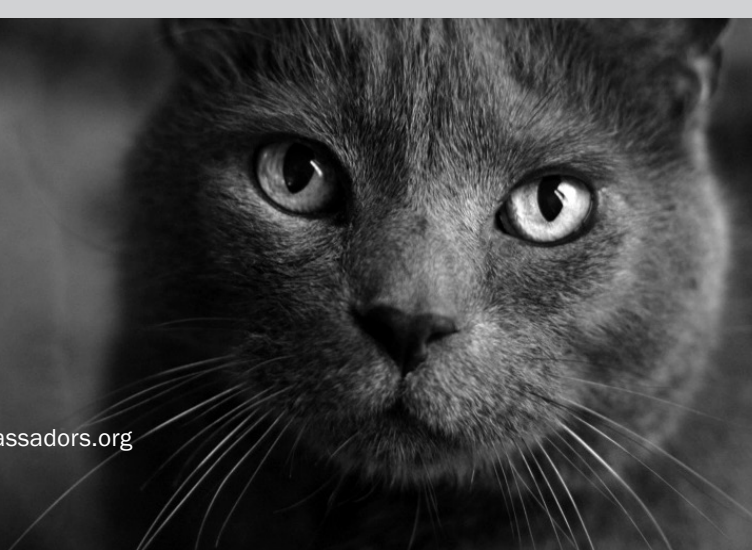
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Donate through our website, LincolnAnimalAmbassadors.org using PayPal or mail this form to LAA. Pet Food Bank donation items can be dropped off at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2325 S. 24th Street; Super Saver, 56th & Hwy 2 and 27th & Cornhusker; or both Petco Lincoln locations.

Name _____

E-mail _____

Address (City, State, Zip) _____

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Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program

Pet Food Bank

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