

Pet Talk

SUMMER 2022

LincolnAnimalAmbassadors.org / 402.817.1168

Our mission

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

Lincoln Animal Ambassadors 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
(barrel at exit door)

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

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

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



 **LINCOLN
animal
AMBASSADORS**

Spay-ghetti and NO BALLS DINNER

& Dessert Auction

OCTOBER 8 at 6 P.M.
UNITARIAN CHURCH 6300 A St.
\$25 per ticket Seating is limited.

Reserve tickets at LincolnAnimalAmbassadors.org/snb or
(402) 817-1168. Tickets will be sold at the door.

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**A very special THANK
YOU to the 6th grade
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from the Make a
Difference Fair.**

Donations in MEMORIAM

In Memory of Winston Jimenez
(Dog)
In Memory of Duane

Wine & Howl

**14th
Annual**

Approximately 235 people, including 100 dogs, attended the 14th annual Wine & Howl fundraiser for LAA on June 12th at Deer Springs Winery east of Lincoln. The event featured 13 vendors, including five dog rescues, all with dogs up for adoption. Guests listened to live music by the Cool Pappas and Skylark while enjoying food catered by Hy-Vee and sipping on wine and wine slushies. Approximately 60 raffles baskets were there for participants to buy a chance to win. Funds raised by this event supports LAA's income-based programs.



Volunteer Spotlight: Jonella DeLimas

In 1987 I moved from Kailua, Hawai'i to Omaha, Nebraska having met my ex while he was stationed in Hawai'i. I moved back home in 2011 and then returned to Nebraska in 2017 when my middle son broke his back at work. Deciding to stay for a few years to support my son's recovery I got a job in Lincoln, Nebraska as a Supply Chain Manager at a small manufacturing facility. I drove from Omaha to Lincoln and back M-F for six months until I got an apt in Lincoln. However, in December of 2018 the manufacturing facility closed and I was laid off.

I returned to school for an online Professional Psychology degree (one of three) but remained unemployed through the COVID pandemic. After graduation I worked for the Dept. of Labor doing unemployment claim adjudication and fraud investigation until finding a job as a Procurement Specialist at a local utility company.

I learned about Lincoln Animal Ambassadors while I was unemployed, although I was always able to provide food & care for my cat and never used their services.

While unemployed and in school, I volunteered with Meals on Wheels in Lincoln, and stayed pretty busy until I hit a deer and totaled my car. Since I wasn't able to purchase another car, I decided to do online phone work and thought of LAA.

I have two cats. I rescued Hoku when he was about 16 months old back in 2018 and recently adopted Mia, a small gray striped female when she was 4 months old (she is a total kisser)!

I wanted to give back and help other individuals who need help providing much needed love and care to animals who are rescued or adopted. Volunteering to return calls the phone bank receives doesn't take much time as it is not usually very busy, and the people I speak to on the phone are quite pleasant and extremely grateful for any help they receive.

I am an avid bike rider and commute to work daily. I enjoy riding as often as possible on the weekend, love tent camping and kayaking, karaoke, and the blues (you may have seen me dancing).

I look forward to volunteering at the pet food bank in the future, and want to thank Mary Douglas for all of her dedication and hard work. Without people like her and Blake many animals in the Lancaster County area would go hungry.



WE NEED YOU!

**Volunteer and prevent homeless animals.
See page 5 for open positions.**

We are currently in need of volunteers. Training is provided. If you have a desire to volunteer and help others in the community, reach out to us at info@lincolnanimalambassadors.org, call the hotline at 402.817.1168, or fill out a Volunteer Questionnaire on our website.

Calendar of events

Tails 'N Trails Pet Walk & Festival

September 18

Glacial Till Vineyard, Palmyra
Capital Humane Society fundraiser

Streets Alive!

September 25

University Place Neighborhood

Spay-ghetti & No Balls Dinner

October 8

Unitarian Church
LAA fundraiser

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Thank you for paying for my dogs spaying. I got Gizzy Marie for my husband as a companion. He has had mental illness since he was little and diagnosed with early onset Parkinsons in 2019 at the age of 48. Gizzy was my husbands world. On March 11, my husband passed away. He wasn't around to comfort Gizzy after her spay, as she was there to comfort him for the last two years. We thank you for the help and compassion to get her spayed.

LAA Spay/Neuter Client

By the numbers

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program

3,583 total animals

1,860 dogs
(880 males, 980 females)

1,712 cats
(749 males, 963 females)

11 small pets

Pet food distributed so far in 2022

Dry food

8,824 lbs.
Approximately 1,782 lbs. per month
Since inception: 543,853 lbs.

Canned food

6,837 cans
Approximately 1,292 cans per month
Since inception: 26,422 cans

Litter

6,341 lbs.
Approximately 354 lbs. per month
Since inception: 94,225 lbs.

LAA Pet Food Bank is in need of dog and cat food

For 14 years Lincoln Animal Ambassadors (LAA) has been distributing pet food to low-income families to help feed their pets, and we did not waiver through the COVID-19 pandemic. Now that the pandemic has lessened, the need is still there and LAA continues to assist low-income families with their pets. We cannot do what we do without support from the community.

Companion animals and their people often rely on each other for their mental and physical well-being, so this program helps prevent the trauma that results for both the pets and their people when they cannot afford to feed and care for their pets, and it also keeps pets from being surrendered to the already overloaded local shelters and rescue groups.

ITEMS IN NEED

Dry dog and cat food and canned dog and cat food is currently needed, as well as cat litter. Any pet related items are accepted—new or gently used.

DONATION BARRELS

LAA is also looking for new locations to place additional donation barrels for public donations. Our hope is that supporters would purchase pet food and deposit it in one of our donation barrels. If you know of places that would accept a donation barrel for LAA, please let us know.

LAA donation barrels can be found at:

- Super Saver at 56th & Hwy 2 (near exit door)
- Super Saver, N. 27th & Cornhusker Hwy (near ATM machine)
- St. Matthews Episcopal Church at 2325 S. 24th Street

MONETARY DONATIONS

Accepted online or at P.O. Box 67072, Lincoln, NE 68506

CONTACT US

LAA has a team that will pick up donations if you cannot drop it in an LAA donation barrel, or if you are interested in running a pet food drive for LAA please contact us at info@lincolnanimalambassadors.org or 402.817.1168

DONATE GOODS ONLINE

The most convenient way to donate pet food is to order online through Amazon Smile or Walmart Registry for Good. Your donation items will be shipped directly to LAA.

- smile.amazon.com Choose LAA as your charity and order items (Amazon will also donate to LAA with your purchase)
- walmart.com/registry/registryforgood Search for LAA and order items



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Walmart
Registry for Good

Shop Walmart Registry for Good or Amazon Smile

One of the easiest ways to donate pet food and pet related items to LAA's Pet Food Bank is to order online at Walmart's Registry for Good or Amazon Smile and search for LAA as your selected charity. They will ship your selected items to LAA for you. How could that be any easier?! Shop our wish list at walmart.com/registry/registryforgood or smile.amazon.com.

Did you know that you can donate to LAA through your Amazon Prime account without costing you a dime? Order through Amazon Smiles—still utilizing your Amazon Prime benefits—and choose LAA as your charity and a percentage of ALL of your Amazon purchases is paid to LAA as a donation from Amazon. This is paid by Amazon—not by you. So your purchase through Amazon Smile can benefit LAA with no additional cost to you. Shop at smile.amazon.com.

Rescue Spotlight: York Adopt-A-Pet

York Adopt-A-Pet has a long history of helping the cats and dogs in the York area. We started with humble beginnings in the 1980's with a handful of volunteers assisting the City of York with strays. In 1997 a shelter was built that could better handle the dogs and a foster program was started for the cats in need. In 1999 York Adopt-A-Pet was incorporated and received a 501(c)3 tax exempt status. A nine-member Board of Directors guides the operation of the York Adopt-A-Pet Corporation.

The rescue continued to grow and we quickly discovered the urgent need to have a proper shelter that could house the cats and dogs under one roof. Fundraising and planning was started in 2005 for the new facility. Through the support of the community, staff and volunteers the financial resources were raised to construct a new shelter.

In 2010 our new and current shelter was opened. We generally house approximately 25 dogs and 50 cats at our shelter. In most years we will have between 600 to 800 cats and dogs enter our shelter. 90% of our guests will either be returned to their human family or are adopted to new families. We are very proud of the success of York Adopt-A-Pet in supporting not only York but also the surrounding areas. As seen with most shelters the need for rescue

is greater than the capacity of the shelter.

Our shelter is run by a small staff and a group of dedicated volunteers. A network of 60+ volunteers help take care of the dogs and cats, manage finances, maintain the web-site, maintain the shelter grounds, help with fundraising, provide foster homes for dogs, cats, kittens & puppies and many other tasks needed to keep the shelter running. It's the York Adopt-A-Pet volunteers that make the program successful!

The funding to run the shelter is through a range of areas including adoption fees, private donations, memorial funds, fund raising events (annual garage sale & run/walk fur luv event) and funding from city/county for housing the strays. City and county funding only covers approximately 20% of the operating funds so we are very dependent on community support.

It is our mission to improve and save animal lives by promoting quality care and compassion through adoption and education in our community.

York Adopt-A-Pet

1511 North Platte Ave.
York, NE 68467
402-362-3964
charles@yorkadoptapet.com
yorkadoptapet.com
facebook.com/yorkadoptapet
Tax ID #47-0833449

Open LAA volunteer positions

Phone Line Volunteer

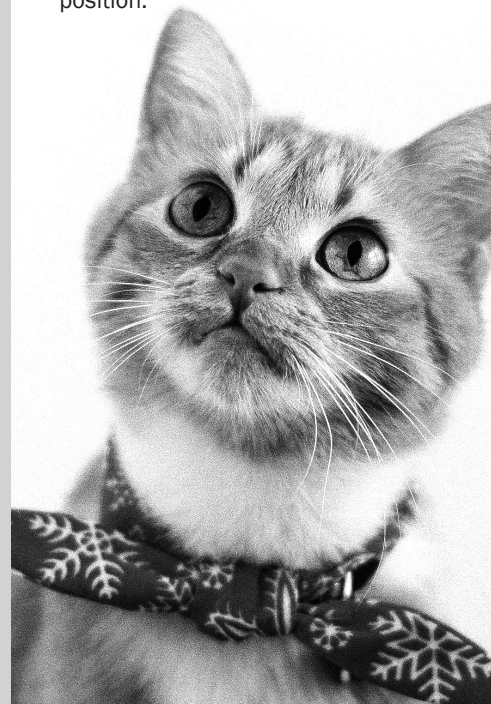
LAA requires a 6 mo.-1 year commitment for this position. This can be done from your own home picking up voicemail messages and returning calls. Telephone and internet is required. Training is provided to enter information into our software program. Depending on the phone shift the amount of time required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

Spay-ghetti & No Balls Dinner Volunteers

LAA is looking for one time volunteers to help at our Spay-ghetti & No Balls Dinner event at the Unitarian Church at 6300 'A' Street on October 8, 2022. Helping to set up tables, set up desserts for auction, serve dinner, bus tables, refill water and beverages, bar tenders, hostess, help with admissions. Shifts starting as early as 2 p.m. and shifts as late as 10 p.m.

Marketing

LAA is looking for volunteers with marketing experience to help LAA with any marketing endeavors. This could become a board position.





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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 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 \$ _____

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Thank you!