



A Note From 5/7/12

Jacqueline Miller

Dear Linda,

In going through my
mother's papers, I found
this book - the original
notes of the founding
of Wound Care Co. Humane
Soc. I commend
you for keeping



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it alive.

*With gratitude
for all you do
to help the
animals.*

Jacqueline Miller



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P. O. Box 583
Las Cruces, New Mexico
January 26, 1955

The Animal Shelter
El Paso, Texas

Gentlemen:

As you probably know, we have no animal shelter in Las Cruces. People who have too many pets and want to get rid of them want an animal shelter, but no one does anything about it.

I don't have too many pets, just a cat and dog, but it breaks my heart to see the little homeless dogs and cats just walking the streets in this city. Yesterday I saw a little white dog sitting out in front of the Post Office. He apparently was waiting for an owner (he had no collar and dog tag), but he had a terrible case of pink eye in one of his little eyes. And there is a stray dog who has a bad foot that needs doctoring. We need a shelter and hospital for animals so badly it is just terrible.

How could we get one started? Who supplies the funds to set one up and maintain it?

I am a secretary at Turrentine Chevrolet Company, and although I can't give much money, I can give a lot of time in helping.

I wish you would help me out. I read your columns in the El Paso Times, and I know you love animals.

With the Polio, T. B., Cancer, Heart, Cerebral Palsy, etc., etc., etc., Drives, Drives, and more Drives, I doubt if we could have a Drive. I find not too many people are interested in animals. Why, I don't know.

Mr. Orville Priesley, Editor of our Las Cruces Newspaper has written an Editorial or two about getting one, with absolutely no results. What can we do to get a shelter here?

I would appreciate anything you can suggest or do to help us out.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Jacque Hall

El Paso County Humane Society, Inc.

325 SHELTER DRIVE

P. O. BOX 5296

PHONE 2-9062

EL PASO, TEXAS

26971

February 4th, 1955

Miss Jacque Hall
P.O. Box 583
Las Cruces, N.M.

Dear Miss Hall:

I am sorry to say that there is no easy way to get a Humane Society started; from acorns do oak trees grow, and likewise from small beginnings do Humane Societies grow. The El Paso Society grew from a few women seeing the need, and then they called together for a meeting of all of those who they thought would be interested in forming such a society. Once a sufficient interest was shown, they organized the Humane Society.

At the beginning very little could be done to alleviate the animal problem other than forcing the city to improve their dog pound operation, an occasional arrest for animal abuse, etc. It takes time to solidify your organization, and too, to find money to build your treasury.

We did get some guidance from the American Humane Association and they came to address us on the various problems which a society must contend with. However, we had to finance our own operations.

After three or four years we had accumulated a bit of money and decided to build a shelter. Without a shelter any humane society is practically ineffective. We entered into a contract with the city and the county to handle all of the animal control programs of the county. The city pays us on a basis of so much per head of population. The county pays us so much, but on a different basis. They both were glad to unload this troublesome program onto us.

If you could get your mayor and city council, your county supervisors, or even a group of interested citizens together, we would be glad to come up and direct you the best we can in getting started.

Very cordially yours,

Edwin Burtis
President

P.S. Incidentally, so many from Las Cruces visit our shelter and adopt our dogs.

Last year our shelter handled 10,864 animals.

Proceeding

Box 583
Las Cruces, New Mexico
February 17, 1955

El Paso Animal Shelter
El Paso, Texas

Attn: Mr. Burtis

Dear Mr. Burtis:

I have finally started the ball rolling towards a Humane Society and animal shelter. I called Mrs. Tyre, and she wants no part of it.

It has been hard finding someone interested, but I did. Mrs. Verdis Mays is extremely interested, and she knows the District Attorney very well. She is going to find out where the money goes that all of us pay for in city dog tags. Mrs. Mays knows a Mrs. Hazel Owens who is very enthusiastic about starting one and she knows Dr. Ryan, a veterinarian at Mesilla Park. Dr. Ryan has sort of a kennel at Mesilla Park that maybe could be enlarged if we could get the funds.

Also, we are going to get the Glen Hamills to back us, then we are going down to the Sun News and Citizen and talk to Mr. Priestly and Mr. Gruver, editors.

We are all so enthusiastic about it. All agree that a shelter is certainly a necessity in Las Cruces. I have told them that you came down to see me and said that you would help get us organized. We want to get a list of backers before we go to the editors.

I haven't called your daughter, Mrs. Crow, as Mrs. Tyre told me that she wouldn't have time. All I had to do was to find one person interested in animals, and it started snowballing. I am so encouraged. I don't think it will be long before we'll be organized and ready to take animals in.

Thanks a lot for all your help and suggestions. Mrs. Owens wants to go down with me to El Paso and see your shelter. Mrs. Mays says that Mrs. Owens is so interested, I can almost turn the project over to her.

I'll let you know further developments.

Yours truly,

Jacque Hall

Box 583
Las Cruces, New Mexico
April 5, 1955

El Paso County Humane Society, Inc.
325 Shelter Drive - P. O. Box 5296
El Paso, Texas

Attn: Mr. Hale

Dear Mr. Hale;

I am so very very glad that you can come to the City Commissioners Meeting on April 18, You don't know how glad I was when you said that you would come, as I had already offered your services last night.

I am sending an editorial from our newspaper and a news item. The editor is all in favor of a shelter, and I fear without him we wouldn't get anywhere. I had gone to see the mayor, left my name, telephone number, information as to what I wanted to see him about, but somehow or other, he never could find the time to bother to call me. I also have called the district attorney's office many times only to find that he is always in "conference." I hadn't told Mr. Priestly (the editor) about all my troubles, but he figured them out by himself.

All of a sudden, appear these articles. So several of us did just exactly what it says in the last sentence of the editorial. Thank goodness we saw the chance and jumped at it. The commissioners had the snappiest meeting they had had in a long time. They were brought up to date. The President of the W. I. A. was there. She is going to make her project an animal shelter. Also, I took along a school teacher, Mrs. R. A. Davis. There was also another lady there who wanted to do something about it, but didn't know how to go about it. I am certainly not a public speaker, but thank goodness I had talked to you. The mayor listened. He had to. And now, all the clubs are behind us. I just talked to Mr. Priestly, and he is tickled to death.

The next city commissioners meeting will be April 18, so rather than chase down the city manager later on, I told him that you would come down and tell us how we might get started on a shelter together with a Humane Society. I talked to him again after I called you, and he said that we are the first on the agenda because you have to drive all the way back to El Paso.

I certainly do thank you for all your help, and I'm so grateful that you are coming down to help us out.

Thank you again.

Yours truly,

Jacque Hall

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Ja. 4-2139

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*****Those Attending the First Meeting of****

THE DONA ANA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Mrs. H. E. Ryan

6-8125 Board

1. Dorothy E. Fraser ~~_____~~
1075 N. Eighth Street JA 6-6436 (Will Telephone)
2. Mildred W. Fraser
1075 N. Eighth Street JA 6-6436
3. Mrs. J. K. Carroll
241 S. Main Street JA 6-5841
4. Miss Jacque Hall
242 Willoughby Ave. (P. O. Box 583) JA 6-9123 *Board*
5. Mrs. Verdis L. Mays
155 Roberts Drive JA ~~6-5413~~
6-5143
6. Mrs. Ruth Whitsett
Route 1, Las Cruces JA 4-4838
7. Don R. Green
1750 S. Chaparro JA 6-9193 *Board*
8. Max E. Talley
1760 S. Chaparro JA 6-6039 *Board*
9. Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell A. Davis
10. P. O. Box 534 JA 6-2205 *Board*
11. Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Roberts
12. 1004 Hinton Ave. JA 6-2524
13. Leonard D. Smith, Capt. V. G.
WSPG JA 4-4082
14. Mrs. Clyde S. Williams
1109 Branson Ave. JA 6-2139 *Board*
15. Hazel M. Owen
1315 Kansas Ave. JA 6-8230
16. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cutcher
17. 1912 Idaho Ave. JA 6-2288 *Board*
18. Joe Priestley
426 N. Miranda St. JA 6-5702

Mrs. Cardwell - 1007 Hinton Ave. - To El Paso Times
Mrs. Gregory - K O B E - call at 9:30 - JA 6-2496

Those Attending the Second Meeting of

THE DONA ANA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

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| 19. Mr. and Mrs. Russell B. Kenyon | JA 4-4613 |
| 20. 559 Brown Road | |
| 21. Mrs. Kreszenz Guzevich | JA 6-6892 |
| 1920 Calle de Suenos | |
| 22. Mrs. Henry E. J. Smith | JA 4-4326 |
| 1635 Circle Drive | |
| 23. Mrs. R. C. Garland | JA 6-8262 |
| Box 269 | |
| 24. Mr. Ray J. Quintana | JA 6-5438 |
| 336 E. Mesa Ave. | |
| 25. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Benfer | JA 6-3817 |
| 26. 1112 N. Alameda Blvd. | |
| 27. Bud Turner | JA 6-2781 |
| c/o Meek's Flowers | |
| 28. Robert Dandrea | JA 6-2781 |
| c/o Meek's Flowers | |
| 29. Douglas Yost | JA 6-2781 |
| c/o Meek's Flowers | |
| 30. Mrs. Junia Whitten | JA 6-9275 |
| 706 Foster Road | |
| 31. John O. Owen | JA 6-8230 |
| 1315 Kansas Ave. | |

May 9, 1955

THE FIRST CONTRIBUTORS TO
THE DONA ANA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

1. Mrs. Henry E. J. Smith
2. Mrs. Verdis Mays
3. Mrs. Junia Whitten
4. Mrs. Ruth Whitsett - (\$4.00 for Membership and \$1.00 for Donation)
5. Mrs. John J. Guzevich
6. Mr. Russell B. Kenyon
7. Mrs. Beverly Kenyon
8. Dr. H. E. Ryan
9. Mr. Ray J. Quintana
10. Mrs. Rockwell Davis
11. Mildred Fraser
12. Mr. Harold Cutcher
13. Mrs. Elaine Cutcher
14. Mrs. Joe Roberts - (\$1.00 for Membership)
15. Mr. Joe Roberts
16. Mr. Max E. Talley
17. Dr. Leonard D. Smith
18. Mrs. Hazel Owen
19. Mr. John Owen
20. Mr. Don Green
21. Miss Jacque Hall

TOTAL: \$31.50

6.00

25.50

Would Save Us Money

Dona Ana county farmers and ranchers who stand to lose as much as any single group or any individual, should endorse the move being studied in the county to establish animal pounds. The movement is not so much to provide a place of keeping for stray horses, or cattle, but to provide for the control of animals likely to spread rabies.

There is a sufficiency of authority now on the books to provide for the establishment of animal pounds; for the capture and penning and sale of unwanted animals.

Ranchers and farmers run a real risk that some infected dog may attack their stock. We were told that a Dona Ana dairy farmer not too long ago had the expense of treading 158 cows exposed to a rabies-infected dog. It has happened in the past, and it can happen again.

The county has been lucky so far that no victim of a rabid dog has contracted the disease. However, numerous victims of dog-bite have had to undergo the expensive and painful Pasteur treatment.

Both the county and the city have the necessary authority to capture stray animals, impound them and dispose of the unclaimed animals. Constables and justices of the peace are authorized, outside municipalities, to act. City ordinances already provide for the capture and penning up of the dog, and its disposition.

The hot weather months generally bring outbreaks of attacks by dogs—but we should hasten to add that even during this winter, there have been numerous reports of dogs biting people, and the risk is not lessened by cold weather.

With continued growth in population, we have a rise in the number of dogs in the community. Las Cruces at least is due a system of control of animals—strays and otherwise. The public at large is due necessary protection from risk of being bitten.

County commissioners can do much toward establishment of the dog pounds—there should be at least one in each of the county's three districts. It would be a system not necessarily a total expense with no revenue in return. In any case, the preventative cost would outweigh the pound of cure.

Standy, Feb. 22, 1955

Movement Is Underway

That movement for the formation of a Humane Society here is now underway and if there is the co-operation needed and expected the chances are that it will become a reality.

Several people have endorsed the move, they have pledged their support and fuller information is being obtained. It is hoped and expected that within the near future a meeting will be called for the purpose of organizing and forming the group.

There is a definite need for the organization here. There has been for a long time. There is a definite need for an adequate shelter for stray dogs and stray animals. There is need for a humane program here to handle these animals.

It will cost our city and the society some money, of course, but it also will save money we have been required to spend for shots and care that shouldn't have been necessary.

It likewise provides ways and means for caring for stray animals and will halt them from running loose and running wild. It can take this unpleasant job out of the hands of the city police. They have enough problems without acting as dog catchers and as pound men.

We feel the city should build and provide the shelter and maybe a program can be worked out to provide someone to handle this and take care of it for the city and for the society.

Sometime in the near future when all information and data is available the meeting will be called by those pushing the idea. We hope all interested in a program and in working it out will take the time and the trouble to attend this meeting and to assist in the organizing of the group.

We feel confident that once we get it started and going and it does the job for us we will be wondering just why we never did it before.

It always takes someone to start it. It always takes a leader here and there to get the job started. And then, of course, it takes some workers and some individuals vitally interested.

Let's keep working and complete this organization and get it into action in our community.

It can definitely do a job that we have been neglecting and one that needs to be done in Las Cruces.

Full announcement regarding the meeting will be made when plans are ready.

Thursday, Feb 04 1955

April 3, 1955

City's Stray Dogs Made Drive Target

An 11-item agenda is being readied for discussion by Las Cruces City Commissioners when they meet in regular session at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night at City Hall. The subjects range from extension of the city limits through a discussion of street signs being offered the city.

Stray Dogs

One item which is expected to result in approval by the commission is a "drive" to rid the city of stray dogs, and for the institution of a regular program of dog control. Numerous complaints have registered by local citizens against the depredations of dogs, strays and otherwise. Reports are numerous that dogs have bitten citizens, and have caused damage to property.

The commissioners are expected to discuss a two-pronged program of immediate disposal of stray dogs, and then a control program which would call for the penning up of untagged animals. Provision would be made for owners to retrieve the animals. Adequate ordinances and state laws are already on the books, it was pointed out.

Rabies Treatment

Reports of dog-bite cases have usually resulted in the victim being forced to undergo the painful and expensive Pasteur treatment. Rabies can develop in the human as long as one year after exposure to rabid animals, it was pointed out.

The plan under discussion would call for the immediate seizure of all stray animals, and then a systematic program of catching offensive animals, penning them up, with release to owners.

Stray Dogs To Be

Rounded Up In Drive

Animals Without Licenses, Rabies Tags To Be Held 72 Hours, Then Destroyed

Stray dogs in Las Cruces will be rounded up and penned in an "emergency move" approved last night by the Las Cruces City Commission. The commission acted as a result of numerous complaints of unwanted animals creating a health hazard—those without rabies tags and city licenses to be picked up, kept for 72 hours minimum, and then destroyed.

Immediate objective of the plan is to get rid of the countless strays—mostly mongrels—roaming the city in groups and in packs. Long-range planning provides for operation of a pound pen or animal shelter. The pound will be established at the city's Hadley street warehouse. Dogs picked up and not claimed, or not given over to new owners who will have to pay vaccination and licenses fees, face extermination.

Numerous Complaints

Mayor James Neliegh explained to the commissioners last night that numerous complaints have come to him of "neighborhood dogs" running at large, destroying property and making general nuisances of themselves. Usually such complaints are referred to the police department which last month destroyed 25 dogs.

Eighty-four dog bite cases in the Las Cruces area were reported to the Dona Ana health department in the last 15 months.

Under the tentative plan approved by the commissioners last night, a "drive" against strays will be undertaken immediately. They will be put in pens properly constructed, will be fed and then, if no claim is made for the animals, they will be destroyed humanely. In the case of strays facing such extinction, the city is authorized to release the animals to new owners who would pay a keeping fee, have the dog vaccinated against rabies, and then licensed.

Check Vaccination

Dog owners have been urged to make sure their animals are vaccinated and wear the city tax tag, lest they be picked up as strays.

The approval of the commission came after discussion of the problem near the close of the commission's regular meeting. Mrs. Mary Davis and Miss Jacque Hall of Las Cruces appeared before the commission and asked that a shelter be provided, and that the killing of stray dogs not take place in the presence of children. Mrs. Davis and Miss Hall said that members of the El Paso Humane Society had offered assistance in any plan to establish a shelter here. They also said that representatives of the Humane Society from El Paso would come to Las Cruces, if requested, to explain operation of the Humane Society.

Mrs. Homer Gruver, representing the Women's Club, said that (See Stray, Page 4)

the club had sent representatives to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday to discuss such a pound plan with the commissioners. (The commissioners have taken the plan under advisement.)

The commissioners also took cognizance of what was described as a general practice—the dumping of dogs in mid-city by residents of the fringe area, and vice versa, and the dumping of animals by Las Cruces in farm areas, and this, too, vice versa. It is felt that in this problem, the humane society, if one is established here, can aid in finding homes for the unwanted animals.

Commissioners agreed that "it will take time" for the plan to work out, but that a direct move to remove the packs of strays must be undertaken immediately, what with hot weather expected to produce more cases of rabies.

The plan is to keep the corralled dogs for three days at least, and if no one claims the dogs, or new owners do not take them out, humane method of destruction will follow.

April 18, 1955

April 19, 1955

City Officials To Hear Texas Pound Program

Representatives of the El Paso Humane Society are scheduled to attend tonight's regular meeting of the Las Cruces Commission to tell of operation of that society's shelter or animal pound, plans for the operation of an animal shelter here nearing completion.

Regular Session

The commissioners meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Pens for the Las Cruces animal shelter, to be located at the old city warehouse, Hadley and Seventh, are being constructed. They should be ready for use by this (See City, Page 4)

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weekend, Chief of Police Santos Ramirez said this morning.

The El Paso delegation is expected to tell of operation of that city's shelter, with the hope that a local humane society can be formed here. It would work in conjunction with the city's system of impounding stray or untagged and unvaccinated dogs.

The commissioners will have a wide variety of business on tap for tonight besides the animal pound-shelter plan. Plans for the beautification of Mike Apodaca park, a report on plans for the annexation of new areas to the city, and Water street widening plans are to be up for discussion.

In a second health-connected matter, the commission announced its plan for the operation of a dog or animal pound. It will be in operation by late this week or early next week. Stray dogs without city tags or vaccination tags are to be picked up, kept for three

days at least, and then destroyed. The animal-control program, it is hoped, will do away with the countless strays which have been the cause of numerous complaints from citizens, from dog bite reports through destruction of property.

Old Warehouse

The city is presently building a pound at the old city warehouse at the corner of Hadley and Seventh street. At least one man is to be employed to catch the dogs, and if no one claims them or "adopts" them, they will be destroyed.

Gordon Hale, chief of animal control for El Paso, which unit of the American Humane Association is that city's agency to control animals, told the commission how the Humane Society in El Paso operates. He said that the city appropriates about \$40,000 annually for the control program there, and receives in return more than \$20,000 from tags and fines.

The humane society also operates an "adoption" program where strays are given over to new owners by payment of an adoption fee. There are 14 employees of the humane society, and the county of El Paso, barred from financially supporting such an agency, does pay the salaries of four men, and provides the use of four trucks. The agency has a "dog population" of almost 150 daily.

Hale said that numerous dogs come from the Las Cruces area, brought there by local people who would like to see the animals get a good home through adoption. He offered advice and counsel of the society at El Paso in getting a local humane society established and operating.

Without Funds

W. G. (Billy) Smith, chairman of the board of county commissioners, told the city commissioners the county was now without funds to help in the operation of the local pound. Mayor Neleigh commented that countless strays in Las Cruces come from outside the corporate limits. Smith said that he could offer the assistance of the various sheriff's deputies in the control program.

Hale appeared before the commissioners at the request of a local group working toward establishment of a humane society. The mayor invited the group, after it organizes, to offer the city a program whereby the humane society would be responsible for animal control in the city, on a contractual basis, similar to El Paso's and those in other cities throughout the country.

April 25, 1955

Plans For Humane Society In County Nearing Completion

A meeting to complete organizational plans for a Las Cruces Humane Society will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight in Central School.

All persons interested in the formation of such an organization in this city are urged to attend the session.

Preliminary planning has been prodded by Dr. H. E. Ryan, R. A. and Mrs. Davis, Verdis Mays and Mrs. Molly Williams.

It is expected officers for the new group will be named at tonight's session and a course of action and policies of operation discussed.

Ryan Named To Head Local Humane Group

Dr. H. E. Ryan, Mesilla Park veterinarian, last night was elected president of the Las Cruces Humane Society when that group held an organizational meeting at Central school here.

Other Officers

Other officers elected included Don R. Green, 1759 S. Chapparro, vice president; Miss Jacqueline Hall, Las Cruces, secretary, and Max Talley, Las Cruces, treasurer.

Objective of the organization parallels that of the American Humane Society. The American Humane Society works in conjunction with cities and counties for the care and attention of animals, and in some cities (such as El Paso), is responsible for animal control.

Dr. Leonard D. Smith of White Sands Proving Ground, a captain in the army's veterinary corps, was named chairman of a committee of two to draw up a proposed charter for the local organization. Mrs. Clyde Williams, president of the Women's Improvement Association of Las Cruces, was named to the charter committee with Doctor Smith.

Dog Pound

Among the first activities of the local society will be to check on facilities of the city dog pound or shelter presently under construction at the old city warehouse, Hadley and Seventh street. The city is about ready to embark upon a program to pick up stray or untagged and unvaccinated dogs which have been the cause of numerous complaints during the last few months. The city is authorized to impound the strays, keep them for three days, and if not claimed or not "adopted," to dispose of the strays.

The local society extended an offer of cooperation to city officials in their plan for the immediate dog control program.

Gordon Hale, chief of animal control for the city of El Paso and official of the El Paso Humane Society, is to be a special guest of the local society during its next meeting Monday night, also to be held at Central school.

Local Humane Society Sets Second Meeting

The newly-organized Dona Ana County Humane Society is having its second meeting in Central school, at 8 p.m., Monday.

Further Organization

Dr. H. E. Ryan, president of the society, has announced that Gordon Hale, manager of the animal shelter and chief of animal control in El Paso, will be at the meeting to help with planning the further organization of the society.

Also, as a special guest from El Paso, will be Edwin S. Burtis, president of the Humane Society, Inc., of El Paso.

Hale attended the April 18 meeting of the Las Cruces city commission and told of the operation of El Paso's shelter. He appeared before the commissioners at the request of the local society.

The city is now promoting a program to pick up stray or untagged and unvaccinated dogs running loose which have been the cause of numerous complaints during the last few months. The society is organizing to help the city officials take care of this growing problem.

Committee Chairman

Dr. Leonard D. Smith, of White Sands Proving Ground, captain in the army's veterinary corps, is chairman of a committee to draw up a proposed charter for the organization.

All who are interested are urged to attend.

*Sunday
May 1, 1955*

*April 26, 1955 -
Sunday*

The organizing Dona Ana County Humane Society is having its second meeting held in Central School, at 8:00 p.m., Monday, May 2, 1955.

Dr. H. E. Ryan, President of the Society, has announced that Gordon Hale, Manager of the animal shelter and Chief of Animal Control El Paso, will be at the meeting to help with planning the further organization of the Society.

Also, as a special guest from El Paso, will be Mr. Edwin S. Burtis, President of the Humane Society, Inc., of El Paso.

Mr. Hale attended the April 18 meeting of the Las Cruces Commission and told of the operation of El Paso's shelter. Mr. Hale appeared before the Commissioners at the request of this Society which is now organizing. The Society is now promoting a program to pick up stray or untagged and unvaccinated dogs running loose ~~xxx~~ which have been the cause of numerous complaints during the past few months. The Society is organizing to help the city officials take care of this growing problem.

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All who are interested are urged to attend.

Tuesday
May 3, 1955

Probe Teams Urged For City Humane Society

Gordon Hale, animal control officer for El Paso, urged members of the newly-formed Dona Ana County Humane society meeting here last night to form inspection teams for animal shelters, and said all members should act as unofficial wardens.

By Invitation

Hale spoke at the invitation of the group formed here last week. Charter for the organization is being prepared, and in the meantime, a group of three trustees were elected here last night. They are Harold Cutcher of White Sands Proving Ground, Mrs. Clyde S. Williams and Mrs. C. H. Davis.

Dr. H. E. Ryan, elected president of the organization at its first formal meeting a week ago, presided.

Hale said that the local organization should provide for inspection teams who would report back to the society on conditions at the shelter or pound; that all members should act as unofficial wardens, and the local society should join the American Humane Association.

The shelter manager's job should be more than a pound master's, Hale declared, and the "adoption program" of any organization is of more than passing importance. Hale said it had been found that giving away adoptable animals didn't work, and the price of some adopted animals had gone as high as \$500. The scale at El Paso ranges from \$7 to \$35 now, he added. All females are spayed, regardless of their bloodlines, on adoption.

Cooperation Urged

The local society should work with any kennel club of American Kennel Club unit, and should establish a program with local veterinarians.

Hale said that often, "pressure" applied on council and county commissioners gets certain jobs done.

Tuesday
May 3, 1955

Mayor Finds Use For New City Dog Pound

Among the first calls received here by the city's new pound master and dog catcher came from the home of the man who has pushed the plan to establish a dog pound to help rid the city of stray animals.

Unwanted Gift

Mayor James E. Neleigh called police headquarters early yesterday morning to report he had received the unwanted gift of three stray pups, and would Herbert Barton, the new pound man, come by and pick them up.

The Neleighs reside on West McClure road on the edge of the built-up portions of the city. The practice of dumping unwanted animals on the outskirts of Las Cruces — and vice versa for folks living in the country — is a facet of the animal control program here.

The pups from the Neleigh place have been placed in the pens at the dog pound located at the city warehouse, Hadley and Seventh street.

Calls on strays should be reported to the city police department. In turn, they will be given to Barton.

Monday
May 9, 1955

Humane Society Will Discuss Plans For Charter

Charter and by-laws of the Dona Ana County Humane Society will be presented for consideration of the membership during tonight's meeting at Central School, according to Dr. H. E. Ryan, Mesilla Park, president of the society.

If approved, the by-laws and constitution will be adopted tonight.

The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m., and members of the society, and persons who may wish to join, are urged to attend.

Tuesday
May 10, 1955

Humane Society Adopts Charter, Draws By-Laws

Charter and by-laws of the Dona Ana County Humane Society were adopted by the membership during a regular meeting here last night. The resignation of Dr. H. E. Ryan, named president of the group at one of its first meetings, was accepted.

First vice president Don Green was moved up to the presidency, and Mrs. Clyde S. Williams was named vice president. Miss Jacqueline Hall is secretary, and Max Talley, is treasurer.

The society will meet May 23 for its next meeting, at Central school here.

The charter provides for monthly meetings of the society and the board of directors, and outlines procedure for the conduct of the society's business.

Plans are being discussed for the publication of a column on dogs, and subjects related to the work of the American Humane Association, of which the local unit expects to become a part.

Sunday
May 11, 1955

Nine Dogs In Cruces Pound Await Adoption--Or Death; Public May See Them Daily

Nine dogs presently impounded at the old city warehouse, picked up as strays during the last few days, can be adopted—all of them described as healthy and gentle.

Pound Master

The dogs were picked up by Herbert Barton, dog catcher and pound keeper who, a representative of the Dona Ana County Humane Society, said would be glad to have the public visit the pound, 4:30-5 p.m. each day.

The dogs picked up have been without rabies tags or city license. Under the law, the dogs must be kept for three days, and if not called for or claimed, must be destroyed.

Barton may be reached at Phone

No. 1A 6-2374, or through the city police department, JA 6-5504.
Old Warehouse

The pound is located in the southern part of the old warehouse building, corner of Seventh and Hadley. Entrance is at the south side of the building.

The local humane society listed and described these dogs as available for "adoption." (They must, on adoption, be given rabies shots, (See Nine, Page 4)

and be licensed, however.)

1. A black and white, medium sized, long haired male dog. He is wearing a collar, but no tags. He was picked up near Mead's Bakery at Parker Road and Highway 85.

2. A beautiful curly black male cocker spaniel. He looks to be a purebred cocker.

3. A cream colored, medium sized, male dog that looks to be half cocker spaniel. He is a grown dog, but young and very playful, and would make a fine pet for children.

4. A young cream and white male dog that looks like he might be a purebred beagle hound. He is frightened, but gentle.

Male Dog

5. A medium sized, long haired, dark brown male dog. He is very friendly, and gentle with several children who have petted him while visiting the pound.

6. An old black male bulldog, that is patiently waiting his end.

7. A young female dog that resembles a dalmatian so much that she must be part dalmatian. She is so eager for attention that it hurts to leave her there unwanted.

8. A young female puppy with smooth brown hair. She is frisky and begging for attention.

9. A fuzzy black male puppy that tries to play with anyone who comes near.

Sunday
May 12, 1955

HUMANE SOCIETY OFFICERS



NEW OFFICERS of Dona Ana county Humane Society are Don Green, left, president, who succeeded Dr. H. E. Ryan, first president of the society, and Miss Jacqueline Hall, secretary, who with Green discusses society goals and membership during the meeting here this week. Doctor Ryan remains a member of the newly-constructed society here.

Friday
May 13, 1955

Cruces Pound Now Has 16 Dogs Awaiting New Homes

(The following report on the population of the dog pound and description of the inmates was furnished to the Sun-News by a member of the Dona Ana County Humane Society. Readers who would adopt the dogs are reminded that they may be secured by providing rabies shots and a city license for the animals, and proof the new owners will properly care for them.)

As for me, I'd rather adopt one of those cute "mutts" that keeps yapping so eloquently with whines and yaps—but if you want a registered red cocker spaniel female, please go look at the two that are now at the Dog Pound on West Bradley. The pound is open to visitors from 4:30 to 5 p.m. each day, and if you want to inquire by telephone about a dog you may reach the pound master, Herbert Barton, at telephone: JACKSON 6-9124, or you may phone members of the local Humane Society at JACKSON 6-9123, or JACKSON 6-9105.

Not Exact
There are 16 dogs at the pound today, including the two cocker puppies mentioned above. We do not have exact descriptions of all of them, but of the ones we have seen we will describe a few:

The long-haired black and white dog picked up near Mead's Bakery on Highway 85 on Tuesday is still here, and looking somewhat discouraged because his owners have not called for him. He must have belonged to someone, for he had a caller. Maybe someone lost him in a car. He is gentle and pleading.

There are two long-haired, dark brown, gentle, medium sized male dogs that would make fine family pets. One of them has been there several days, so can't be held much longer. The other was brought in Thursday.

A little part cocker female, taff-colored, sits up in her cage and yaps when anyone stops to speak to her. She must have been lost some time, as her coat is rough and needs brushing, and her eyes need to be wiped out to clear the dirt and dirt from them, but she is still hopeful.

Small Female

The sleek haired, black, small female that is wearing a nice collar, but no tags, was looking discouraged by Thursday evening. We wish someone wanted her, as she is so pretty.

The young white and cream hound male (looks like a beagle hound) is not as frightened as when he first arrived at the pound, and now comes to the front of his cage to visit with Barton and others who want to see him.

A black and white male terrier, a young dog, must have belonged to some boy at some time, for he kept trying to get the attention of a half grown boy who was looking at the dogs Thursday. The terrier yapped excitedly every time the boy came near his cage, and fairly danced against his bars.

May Be Wanted

It is sad to see the beautiful red-brown shepherd dog that looks like she will soon have a litter of puppies. She should be cared for until those pups are born, even if the entire litter is drowned soon after birth. If the puppies are as pretty as their mother they probably would be wanted by someone.

A stinky, medium height, short haired, cream colored male sits in his cage with a friendly expression for all lookers. He isn't young, but looks to be in good health, and probably once belonged to a family who fed him well, for he isn't neglected appearing, but who didn't care enough to protect him with rabies shot or buy a city license.

There is the usual crop of playful puppies — most of them females. It is nice they don't know as they play that they must soon be shot.

Sunday
May 22, 1955

Basic Training Class For Dogs Is Considered

A dog basic obedience training course may be offered to dog owners in the Las Cruces area in the near future, Don Green, president of the county Humane Society announced Saturday.

Total Cost

"If such a course is held the cost will be nominal and probably wouldn't exceed \$12," Green said. All proceeds from the classes would go to further projects with animals that the newly organized society will undertake.

Harold Cutcher, 1912 Idaho, will supervise the class if it is held. Dogs can be taught not to molest people and not to chase cars, Cutcher said. Animals should be taught some six basic commands and "We will also get rid of some bothersome habits," he concluded.

Persons interested in such a program will have to spend a few minutes a day working with their pets in addition to the class time.

Football Field

Present plans call for the classes to be conducted on the high school football field.

All dog owners interested in such a class are urged to contact Mrs. Harold Cutcher at 1912 Idaho, or call JA 6-2288, or contact any humane society member.

Sunday
May 22, 1955

Humane Society To Hold Monday Meeting At School

The Dona Ana County Humane Society has scheduled a meeting to be held at 8 p.m. Monday in Central school.

The newly-chartered organization is in the midst of a membership drive. All interested persons are urged to contact any member of the Humane Society for full particulars, or officers of the organization.

The officers are: Don Green, president; Mrs. Clyde Williams, vice president; Jacqueline Hall, secretary; and Max Talley, treasurer.

Humane Society Needs Many Members To Accomplish Task

*Wednesday
May 18, 1955*

By MRS. ROCKWELL DAVIS

When you are asked to become a member of the newly organized and incorporated Dona Ana County Humane Society think about the homeless, friendless dogs and cats that are longing only for an opportunity to love and belong to some human — then join in order to have a part in the program of this organization.

Strong Society

Through this organization adequate shelter and care can be provided for such homeless creatures until they can be placed in homes where family pets are humanely put out of the long misery they would endure. To provide the care and humane treatment these poor speechless ones need, but cannot plead for themselves, a strong humane society, with a large membership, is needed.

Think, when asked to join the Dona Ana County Humane Society, of the threat to the safety and health of our children if nearly starved, frightened, confused animals continue to roam in Dona Ana county. The Police Department of Las Cruces simply cannot handle the problem of animal control for the entire county, and whether your children walk the streets of the city or play outside the city limits, that threat remains as long as there is no adequate animal shelter and control provided through a strong Humane Society. Dogs and cats do not recognize city boundary lines.

Through kindness

Think of the example you want to set for the generation now growing up—the example of decency, humanity and strength of character demonstrated through kindness. In this 20 century we are sufficiently civilized to recognize kindness to creatures weaker than ourselves as a mark of strength, and cruelty as a mark of weakness of character. Think of the example needed in the way of recognizing personal and community responsibility, of far problems and working out the possible solution for them.

Done at Las Cruces, New Mexico this 16th day of May, 1955.

JAMES E. NELEIGH, Mayor

Attest: Ray Howell, City Clerk

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

DONA ANA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

I hereby enclose a donation of \$....., and wish to secure a membership in the Dona Ana County Humane Society.

NAME

ADDRESS

Send application to: Dona Ana County Humane Society
1760 Chaparro, Las Cruces

If donation is sent by personal check, make check payable to: Dona Ana County Humane Society, Inc.

Fine Job Being Done

We believe that the City of Las Cruces, the city police, the city commission and those who have formed the Dona Ana county Humane Society deserve to be commended for launching their 'dog program' here.

It is just well started but all indications point to a success for it at this time.

We have talked the dog problem for a long time. We have complained in various ways; we have urged what should be done but no one got around to doing it.

Then the city got busy and created a shelter for the dogs. Those interested got together and organized their society after pushing a humane program for animals here.

They have just gotten well started and have plenty to do. They also will be very happy to welcome new members to their organization.

Everyone interested in pets and animals and desiring to work with them with their program in Las Cruces is urged to become active and to assist here in the program.

All working and making the program possible deserve to be congratulated on the job well started.

For individuals or communities to allow animals to be turned out on their own—animals through thousands of years of domestication by mankind have become entirely dependent on man—for this to be brushed aside with a casual, "Oh, he will find a home if we dump him near a farm" or "I hope it finds a home; I just can't afford to feed it any longer, but I'm too soft hearted to have it killed." all this is a serious withdrawing from harsh reality of a situation of responsibility.

Attend Meeting

Prove yourself a responsible member of the human species by joining the Dona Ana County Humane Society. If you are not asked in person, please use this form to mail your membership dues, and attend the next regular meeting at Central School, corner of Alameda Blvd. and Las Cruces Avenue at 8 p.m. Monday, May 23.

For information regarding Humane Society membership drive please contact Mrs. Harold Cutcher, chairman, membership committee, 1912 Idaho Avenue, Telephone Jackson 6-2288.

Most Dogs At Pound Joyfully Greet Each Visitor To Cage

MRS. ROCKWELL DAVIS

Some of the dogs that have come to the Las Cruces Dog Pound have found homes where they are being loved and cared for, and from reports received know they are repaying their owners with the devotion dogs can give. Only gentle, friendly ones are shown to prospective owners. Many are so frightened when at the pound they do not show how attractive they really are.

Appealing Pup

One hound pup was taken home by one of the Humane Society

members because it was felt an individual who spoke for him really meant it and would call for him at the appointed time. Now this once frightened pup has blossomed into such an appealing and charming personality that the family presently sheltering him wonder if they will be able to give him up when someone does want him. "Long John," or Johnny, as he has been dubbed, is so young and playful that the older dogs in that household have actually accepted him with grace. If you do have a yen for this hound dog "Long

John," call Jackson 6-2205.

There were 14 dogs at the pound late Monday afternoon. A little girl whose mother was helping her choose a pet wanted them all, because they were all so nice, and all begged the child for attention. After she had chosen a tiny puppy she still kept running back to the cage of the white, wiry haired terrier-type white dog, because that fellow just wouldn't stop talking to her. He must have been a child's pet before he was taken to the pound, for he stands up and talks to every child he sees, with his

brown ears (the only part of him not white) pricked high.

Wearing Collar

The long haired black and white dog that was picked up near Mead's Bakery on Highway 85 last Friday must have had an owner at some time, for he was wearing a collar. He doesn't make as nice an appearance as he did at first, for he is becoming frightened from being confined. Won't his owner, or someone else, come for him? He cannot be kept much longer, and has been held this long only because Herb Barton was so sure

he is a family pet and wanted his owners to have every opportunity to claim him. If his owner cannot afford the rabies vaccination it is hoped they will phone a member of the Humane Society and explain this. If such is the case phone after 5 p.m. to Jackson 6-2205, and the cost can be handled some way.

A beautiful three-year-old female boxer is wanting a home. She is a gentle, calm dog.

A black and white, medium size dog, looks to be Springer spaniel, and would certainly make a good companion for man or child. He is in good condition—must have been in a home until very recently.

Very Timid

A creamy white male that looks

like an Irish terrier has reacted to his confinement by becoming very timid, and he stays at the far side of his cage when someone comes near. With coaxing he can be persuaded to step to the front of the cage, but hasn't yet wagged his tail. He would probably be very playful in a home, for he is young.

The cream colored, low-slung old dog that looks to be part dachshund, is not going to be claimed, it seems. He used to be seen around town, and was always so friendly that it seems a shame his owners have deserted him. The trembling brown female part dachshund that came in yesterday probably won't be claimed either—she doesn't realize that to

be born a girl, if you are a dog, is rather unfortunate except for purebreds. Too bad the humans responsible for her when she was born didn't dispose of her at the time, in a humane way, rather than let her come to the frightened condition she now is in.

When leaving the pound yesterday the long haired, medium sized brown male dog that has been there a couple of days could hardly endure the writer's going—and began yapping and whining.

So much time was spent looking at the dogs yesterday there wasn't time to write descriptions of all of them. There is a large brown, amiable looking fellow that bumps the top of his cage when he stands

—he would surely be a good work dog. And the black and white terrier that tries to get his head in position so a friendly looker can scratch his ears is an appealing young dog.

Always Females

There are always female puppies, and they seem always to be playful and cute. There are four female pups that will later be taken to the pound if not placed in homes.

They are daughters of a registered collie mother and a boxer father, and are four weeks old. If you are interested in one of them phone the owner, Jackson 4-4315, or Jackson 6-2205, after 5 p.m.

*Monday
May 23, 1955*

Humane Society To Hear Special Reports Tonight

The Dona Ana County Humane Society will meet at 8 p.m. today at the Central School to hear special committee reports and to discuss new projects, president Don Green announced today.

On Agenda
Among scheduled business of the evening will be a report from the city dog pound committee. The committee has been active in helping Herb Barton, pound master, place a number of animals in homes through an adoption program.

The proposed obedience training course for dogs is expected to be discussed with further action to be taken on the project by the society.

All society members are urged to attend. Persons who are not members of the society but who are either interested in the work done or in joining are welcome to attend the meeting, Green stated.

Meeting Schedule
Present plans call for the society to meet at least once a month with special meetings called at the discretion of the officers.

New Fenced Area At Dog Pound Gives Animals Chance To Run

The dogs at the pound who can get along with each other have a little more room to move about during their three days or so of life there, for a new fenced area gives a pretty good run. This is one more step toward making the pound into a good animal shelter, which the City Police Department is trying to do.

Big Problem

But the problem is such a big one that it seems overwhelming, for the unwanted dogs pour in so fast that Herb Barton, the poundmaster, has his hands full (and his hours all taken), picking up and caring for these homeless beasts until they are killed or taken into homes.

One good looking black cocker spaniel wants more room than his small cage affords, but the half-breeds in the large pen seemed to resent him, and ganged up on him until Barton had to give up keeping him out of his cage. He is a handsome dog, and surely someone will take him in a day or two—it must be within two days, for he can't be held longer. He has a long tail, which gives him an unusual appearance for a cocker, but the operation of docking the tail

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would be a small one, and would make him fit the approved "new look" for cocker spaniels.

Gentle Playmate

If you have a youngster who wants a romping, gentle playmate, not too small nor too large, do go to the pound and look at the white male terrier. His wiry hair and one black eye give him a rakish appearance that a boy or girl would love.

There is another white wiry haired dog—a little larger than the one mentioned above. He too is a gentle, friendly fellow, begging anyone near to scratch his ears. It is rather touching to see a dog in a cage try to maneuver to get his head in position for a friendly human to reach it to pet him a little.

There are two brown male dogs, with long hair, that look to be part shepherd. One of them is quite large—the other of medium size. Both seem gentle. The medium size one has a comical way of yelping that sounds like a boy's shout more than a yelp.

Female Puppies

Two little female puppies were in the pups' pen last night. Very few of these female puppies coming through the pound will be wanted. The pity of that situation is that such puppies, doomed, because they are mixed breed, to go unwanted, are not put to sleep in a quick way as soon as they are born. Of course almost any one of them, spayed, would make a loving family pet, but few of them are taken by owners who will go to that expense.

The city dog pound is at the south side of the large gray stucco warehouse on West Hadley Avenue at Sixth street. It is not yet marked with a sign, but within a few days the city manager will have a sign up. Be sure to go to the south side, if you want to see the dogs, for no one is at the front part of the building.

Barton is there each day from 4 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. caring for the dogs, and he is always willing and glad to show them to prospective owners. Only gentle ones are even suggested as possible family pets.

Call Poundmaster

If you wish to phone about the dogs you may reach Barton at 6-2374, or representatives of the Dona Ana County Humane Society at 6-2288 or 6-2205.

If you have a desire for a dog of any particular qualities give that information to the Humane Society, and let us keep on the lookout for such a stray pet for you.

*Tuesday
May 24, 1955*

Final Plans Are Formulated For Dog Course

Final plans were formulated last night at Central school by the Dona Ana County Humane Society for the nine-week dog basic obedience training course which they will sponsor in Las Cruces starting June 9.

Two Instructors

The training program is scheduled to get underway at the high school football field at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 8. In charge of the project will be Harold Cutcher, member of the board of directors of the society. Assisting with the instruction will be Mrs. K. Guzevich, society member.

Each of the two instructors will be able to handle about 10 animals and owners. If the classes prove too big to handle then classes will be held more than once a week as now planned.

The first session will start at

6:30 p.m. and will wind up at 7:30 p.m. Orientation will take up the additional 30 minutes. A film on dog training is slated for the first meeting also. All other class meetings will be limited to one hour.

Equipment Sale

Necessary equipment for the course has been purchased by the society and will be on sale at the first class. All proceeds from the sales of the training items will go to the humane society.

Basic requirements include the following:

- 1—Animals must be between the ages of 8 months and 5 years.
- 2—Rabies, hepatitis and distemper shot certificates or tags must be shown.
- 3—10 dogs to each instructor's class.
- 4—Children 10-15 years old may participate if accompanied by one parent.
- 5—Fees will be payable in advance. They have been set at \$7.50 for members of the humane society and \$10 for all others.

Several Actions

The classes will teach the animals to heel, sit, turn, come for and recall, down and stay, standing at heel, and standing at stay.

Persons interested in enrolling their dog in the class are requested to contact Harold Cutcher at JA 6-2288.

May 26, 1954

Foster Homes Found For Trio Of Stray Dogs

Three stray dogs found foster homes Tuesday and two other stray animals were rounded up and placed in the city pound, Las Cruces animal control officer Herb Barton announced today.

Taken To Pound

One of the animals adopted had been taken to the pound after the owner told Barton she had no intention of having the dog inoculated.

Rounded up in the current drive to reduce the number of stray dogs in Las Cruces yesterday were a small collie and a black and white mongrel. The mongrel was one of the three animals placed in foster homes, Barton said.

The pound at present is housing 12 animals. Three of the impounded animals are female puppies that had to be taken from a dying mother dog, Barton said.

The Dona Ana County Humane Society is working with Barton on the adoption of animals which have been rounded up. The animals are released to foster homes after they have been inoculated and tagged and in the case of females, spayed. The new owners pay for the shots, spaying and the food bill of the dog while impounded.

Call At Pound

Anyone who has a dog to pick-up or wishes to adopt an animal can make arrangements by calling any member of the Dona Ana County Humane Society or stopping by the pound.

The pound is open from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily and is located on West Hadley at Sixth street.

PRIVATE OPINION

Monday May 31, 1955

Mr. Orville Priestley,
Sun-News Publishing Co., Inc.
Las Cruces, New Mexico
Dear Mr. Priestley:

May I make this appeal through your paper to some family in Las Cruces?

Somewhere in this town is a family, they once had a dog, a thoroughbred red cocker, and according to the training this dog has she must have been loved very much.

She is thoroughly trained, and very obedient, and is the pet of some child or children. She has been spayed and has had wonderful care, and really she is beautiful, but then one day an accident happened, only the family that owned her can fill in the details,

but the fact remains she lost an eye. Consequently, this pet that was so very much loved and pampered was no longer desired, she had to be disposed of, and the family could not stand undoubtedly to see her put to sleep. She had served her time in love and care and now she was to be kicked aside, they did not even think enough of her to take her to a doctor and see what could be done for her. Back where I came from the doctors could even procure an artificial eye so as not to have the animal's beauty marred so much. Perhaps this family could not stand to look at a face marred by the loss of an eye.

I wonder what would happen if one of the children got a broken arm, or lost an eye, would they put it in a home, or take it out and dump it for some one kinder hearted than they to take care of it? Makes one wonder don't it?

The loss of an eye does not impair the value of this dog if it had a value before, its heart is still able to love, its still able to play with the children and obey when spoken to. — Well, anyway they had some one take it out in a city truck and dump it, I saw it done, don't know if the man dumping it was the owner, or if the owner had him do it, only the owner knows this. But it is a pretty shoddy action, and one undeserving the name of humanity. The dog has only one eye, it is no good to this family now, its not beautiful enough for the mistress or master to look at in pride, a little squeamish they are maybe? But the fact remains that I took the poor beast in after it had laid about and grieved for almost ten days, and fed it, then yesterday when I saw the dog catcher cruising about I took it to Doctor Ryan, had its shots and got it a collar and tags. I wonder how this family feels, can they look themselves in the face and not feel ashamed. Nothing ever happens to a dumb animal that the ill luck don't return to the one responsible for it. It is heartrending to see this poor beast so lost.

And the question keeps going through my mind, how can a person get a dog, train it, have it fixed so that there is no trouble with it, make it the pal of a child and then heartlessly dump it for strangers to care for, or to get killed or just plain not care what becomes of it, just because it has had an accident, one that it is not to blame for, no doubt some thoughtless or mean human is responsible for its hurt, but that family don't care. As long as they don't have to be worried with the

poor thing they don't care. I do not love dogs, but I cannot stand to see a dumb animal made to suffer for some low down person that is too squeamish to care for things that look to them for proper care and love. I am ashamed to think such people are here in Las Cruces. They should be properly placed with the dog poisoners, or maybe below them, for this animal has no one to care.

Sincerely,
Frances Embach,
6-5455

I don't think there is any danger that they may have a soft spot for their dog—but just maybe.

Monday, May 30, 1955

Society Warns Against Use Of Ammonia

Dona Ana County Humane Society officials today issued a terse warning to Las Cruces residents who have been using ammonia filled water guns to discourage dogs from entering their lawns.

Permanent Damage

Ammonia can be very dangerous unless it is diluted, one spokesman said. The fluid can easily find its way into the eye of a child as well as that of a dog. Full strength ammonia solutions can cause permanent damage to eyes or blindness.

Society members offered this solution to keeping unwanted dogs out of yards. If you know who the animal belongs to talk to his owner. If the dog is not tagged or the owner is unknown call the City Animal Control officer, Herbert Barton at JA 6-2374 or Humane Society members at JA 6-2288 or 6-2205.

Several Dogs

The city pound has on hand at present several dogs that can be adopted out to suitable foster homes. Listed among the homeless dogs were: two collies, a black male pup about three months old; medium size, black and white male; wiry haired brown male; one part

Spitz female and a black and reddish brown, long haired, female.

Two cats were also reported impounded, one a grown animal and the other a kitten. People interested in the cats are urged to call JA 6-8230 or JA 6-2205.

The city pound is open regularly during the week from 4 to 6 p.m. The pound is located in the back of the city warehouse at the corner of West Hadley and Sixth street,

Sunday,
June 5, 1955

City Council Will Probe Water Plans

Discussion of an agreement between the city and a federal agency for expansion and extension of water work system in Las Cruces will be one of the topics scheduled for tomorrow night's meeting of Las Cruces City Commission.

To Probe Details

The Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency, now being liquidated, has granted the city \$150,000 for expansion of the water-works system on condition that that sum be matched by \$100,000 by the city. Details of the agreement are to be proved by the commissioners.

Other items of business will include a report on Sanitation District No. 2, created to eliminate privies in the designated area; a proposal made by the Dona Ana County Humane Society for a program of joint work; discussion of the budget for the new year; a report by the city's two representatives on the Memorial General Hospital board, Dr. Dwight Allison and former Mayor M. F. (Mike) Apodaca.

Under Study

Job classification proposals being studied by the city are to be taken up for study, as well as proposed annexation of State College, Mesilla Park and Mesilla and the interlying areas.

The humane society in a recent letter to the city commission presented several proposals for official action.

The suggestions included:

1. That city law enforcement officers not be allowed to destroy animals without making an attempt to capture and impound them.
2. That appointed members of this society be allowed to assist in finding suitable homes for stray and impounded animals. (Assistance will be provided to the extent of publicizing and arranging suitable adoptions.)
3. That every animal released from the city pound be provided with a city license and inoculation for rabies.
4. That every female animal released from the city pound be spayed. (The humane society has made arrangements with local veterinarians to perform inoculations and spaying at a reduced cost for the adopted animals, provided that arrangements are made through the Dona Ana County Humane Society.)

5. That the practice of the city issuing free dog license be discontinued, the license fees to be set aside for the city dog pound and animal control.

6. That authorized members of the humane society be allowed to collect license fees for the city and issue licenses as required. Said fees to be turned over to the city for improvement of the city pound facilities and increase the wages of the Pound Master.

It is the belief of the society that by following the above proposals, there would be a decrease in the number of stray animals, a decrease in the health problem from the unprotected animals, and would provide an additional source of revenue for the city.

June 5, 1955

Dog Training Class To Begin On Wednesday

A training class in dog obedience, sponsored by the Dona Ana county Humane Society, will get underway at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Las Cruces High School athletic stadium.

The public is invited to attend the initial session but society officials request spectators sit in the bleachers during class periods.

Fees Announced

A fee of \$7.50 has been set for society members with non-members paying a \$10 levy.

Persons interested in enrolling their dogs are asked to contact Harold Cletcher, phone JA 6-2288 or see him at the first class.

Basic requirements for the course include:

1—Animals are to be between the ages of 8 months and 5 years. Working breeds such as boxer, German shepherds, collies and doberman pinchers may be entered at 6 months.

2—Rabies, hepatitis and permanent distemper shot certificates or tags are required.

3—Classes will be limited to 10 dogs each. Additional classes will be formed if necessary.

4—Children 10 to 15 years old may participate provided they are accompanied by one parent or responsible adult.

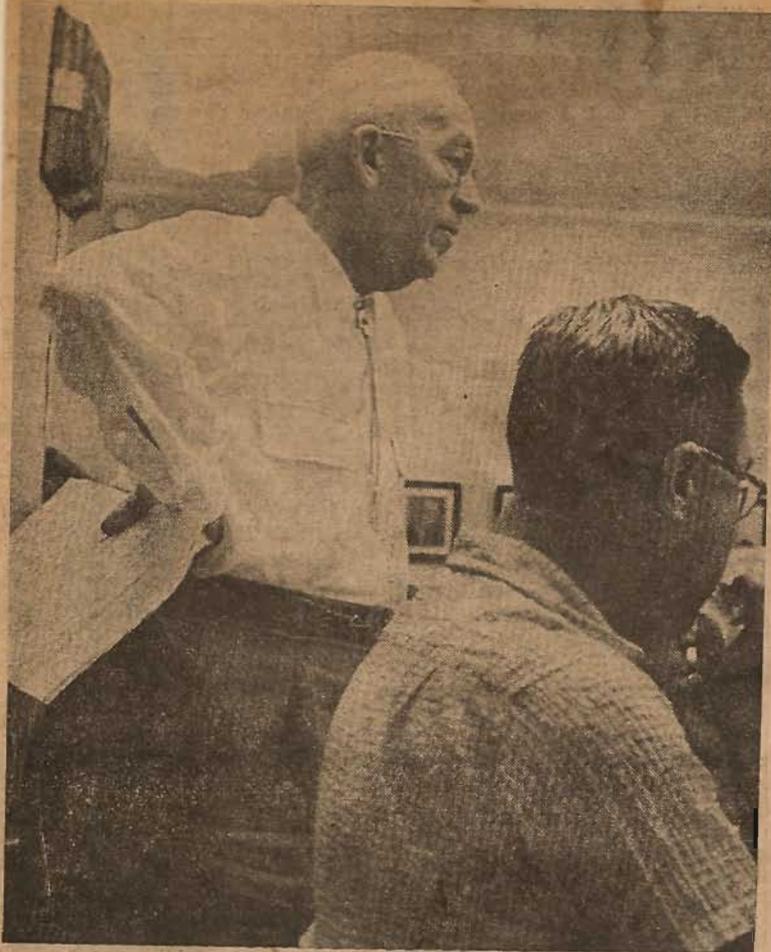
5—Fees will be payable in advance at the end of the first half hour of the first class.

Training Equipment

Society officers Saturday said necessary equipment for the course includes a training collar (chain choke collar) and a six-foot lead line, preferably of leather. These items will be on sale at the first class with proceeds going to the society. They also ask that dogs entered in the class not be fed within one hour before class time.

Sunday, June 7, 1955

ASKS CITY'S COOPERATION



SPOKESMAN for the Dona Ana Humane Society delegation which attended the city commission meeting Monday night was O. M. (Jack) Roessel, standing. Roessel told the commission that the society would cooperate in every way possible to remedy the stray dog problem in Las Cruces.

previously planned; passed, on first reading, a "model" dog ordinance calling for confining or leashing of all dogs; agreed to cooperate with Dona Ana County Humane Society suggestions for animal control measures, and tentatively approved the budget for the new year which will not call for additional sources of revenue to meet an expanded budget.

Vaccination

Dogs picked up by the pound man and found to be strays will not be released unless vaccinated and city licensed, and the council agreed to provisions for the spaying of female strays if adopted. Members of the humane society will work with the city poundkeeper in placing of strays or unwanted animals, and the suggestion that the society take over the issuance of licenses (with receipts turned over to the city), was taken under consideration for study. The city will no longer issue free dog licenses, in accordance with society suggestions, and these fees would be used to expand pound facilities and be dedicated to the poundmaster's salary.

Dog Ordinance

The "model" dog ordinance passed last night by the commissioners has the approval of the state health department, and follows in general "dog laws" in effect in many cities, Mayor Neleign explained. High points of the ordinance call for provisions for picking up any dog, tagged or vaccinated or not, which becomes a nuisance (leash law); the supervised confining by the city of rabid or suspected rabies-infected animals; annual vaccinations, and establishment of a dog pound. The ordinance also calls for all strays to be picked up and destroyed if not claimed or adopted.

The city agreed to work in cooperation with the Dona Ana County Humane Society, recently formed here, to carry out suggestions by the society in conformity with existing ordinance as to release of animals from the dog pound, vaccinating, and spaying of females.

Monday, June 13, 1955

Humane Society Meets Tonight On Adoption Plan

Final steps to implement a long-range animal adoption plan for the Las Cruces pound will be taken tonight at a meeting of the Dona Ana County Humane Society.

The meeting is scheduled to get underway at 8 p.m. at Central school, a spokesman for the organization said. The humane group has been given the green light by city authorities to set up an adoption plan for the city animal shelter.

Ways and means of increasing membership will also be discussed. At present the local society has some 100 members.

Sunday, June 16, 1955

DOGS GO TO SCHOOL HERE



THE RECIPE for successful basic obedience training with dogs is infinite patience and a lot of hard work. Harold Cutcher, instructor in the basic obedience class held each Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Las Cruces High School practice field works with a Doberman Pinscher pupil that has proven to be a little stubborn.

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Wednesday, June 23, 1955

Gentle Shepherd At City Pound Needs Home; Tabby Needs Owner

(This is another in a series of periodic articles contributed by the Dona Ana County Humane Society on animals now held at the City Pound. The article lists animals eligible for "adoption" by payment of vaccination fee and city license, with assurance the animal will have a good home. Visitors are welcome at the pound every day between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.)

At the City Pound you can find a dog companion to fit almost any taste. Only the gentle, friendly animals that are apparently in good health are shown to the public. We can recommend any of the following as good family pets, and if you are looking for something that is not there now, come at some later date, for the homeless dogs come in an unending stream.

German Shepherd

On Sunday there was only one female dog at the pound, and she is such a gentle, pretty half-grown German shepherd (at least that is what she appears to us to be) that we want to mention her first. She was so delighted to be taken out of her cage for a short walk that it was heartbreaking to have to put her back. This little lady would certainly be a fine pet for some family who could go to the expense of having her spayed.

The most potentially beautiful dog at the pound is a shiny young black female, very, very thin right now. He is a large dog, with beautiful lines, and a friendly disposition.

An Orphan

On Sunday four little girls brought in a pretty blond part cocker that had been left in their neighborhood by a family that moved away. I felt as one of the little girls when she said, "I hope

he finds a home. I just can't bear for him to be killed, but we already have two dogs so we can't have him." He looks to be about three years old, and is a well-mannered, healthy animal.

A short haired fox terrier that could be one of the most playful of pets, we feel sure, for he is so friendly, has become so discouraged that he stays at the back part of his pen. If you are looking around at the Pound be sure to call this affectionate young terrier to the front of his pen so you can really see him.

Needs Petting

A long haired black, medium sized dog, probably part cocker spaniel, is so anxious to be petted that he fusses at any other dog that is receiving any attention, and as a consequence he had to be put in a cage by himself so he wouldn't show his jealousy of human attention by nipping at his fellow dogs.

A shaggy German shepherd and collie, black and tan mixture, was left by a family who say they love him, but cannot buy him the necessary rabies vaccination and city license. He is one of those that presses against the front of his cage, whining, and doing all within his power to get human visitors to talk to him and scratch his ears.

He's Part Hound

A good looking black and white, young dog looks to be at least part hound. He isn't fussing about his fate, and comes to the front of his pen only when called — but of course he doesn't realize that he can't live long unless he gets some visitor to adopt him. He is a quiet, friendly dog, and would undoubtedly be a fine companion for adults or children.

Remember that the Dog Pound is open to visitors every day from

Monday, June 20, 1955

4 to 5 p.m. It is at the rear of the large gray warehouse at Sixth Street and Hadley Ave.—out past the Valley Locker Plant.

For Cat Lovers

CAT LOVERS—Attention: Mrs. Owen, telephone 6-8230, has for adoption a long haired black with some male kittens: fat, sassy and with the true teakettle type of purr that he turns on with the first stroke of his fur. This kitten was left at her home by someone who knows her love of cats. He won't go without a home, but after all, the Owens do have many nice cats already, because of their reputation for taking them in, and we think someone else might want to give this little fellow a home. If you are interested phone 6-8230, or 6-2288.

Mrs. Owen says she is glad to help find homes for cats, but she does wish that people would, instead of dropping them from a moving car, knock on her door, explain the situation, and perhaps make a small donation to the Dona Ana County Humane Society when leaving the animal.

Remember that we have need for a strong humane society in Las Cruces and the entire county. If you are interested in joining the very young Dona Ana County Humane Society, Inc., which is affiliated with the American Humane Association, send your membership contribution to the society, Box 745, Las Cruces, or telephone 6-2288, 6-2205 or 6-9123 for further information.

Why Don't You Help?

We in Las Cruces have been clamoring for many months for an organization to do something about the dog problem here.

Some of us have been concerned about the dogs running loose, biting people, making a general nuisance of themselves. Others have been concerned about all dogs being vaccinated against rabies, tagged and kept up.

Others have been concerned about dogs being destroyed by someone putting out poison or careless shooting of the dogs in yards, the streets or in other public place.

The health department has been concerned about the health aspects and the danger, of course, of rabies.

All in all everyone wanted something done about the situation but no one seemingly wanted to take the lead.

Then a small group gathered data and information on the Humane Society and they invited outsiders to come in and help them organize their society here.

The group worked to get a dog pound built; to provide shelters for stray animals; and to get the city working on the program and co-operating with them.

Under the humane society program an effort is made to pick up the dogs; pen them up; have them vaccinated if they haven't been; see they get city licenses and then find a home for the dog if someone wants them. If they are not wanted then after a reasonable length of time the dogs are destroyed.

We feel that a good start has been made but we are also rather convinced that unless a little more co-operation is provided and unless someone is willing to work with the group they can become discouraged, forget the problem and let others be concerned about it.

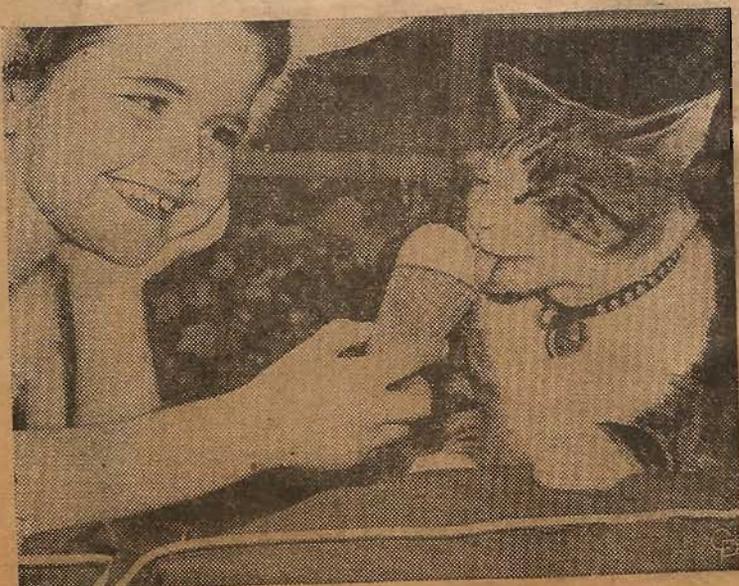
If they do—then we can only blame ourselves.

It always takes time to get a program underway; to get it set; and to get it functioning as the community may desire that it do. But we are not helping the situation much when we are not working and not active with the group and when we want to condemn the program as it has been started.

We believe the wise thing to do is either join the movement and give them our help and co-operation or if we are not willing to do that then to forget our criticism until such a time as they have had a real chance to get their program working as they want it to work.

Tuesday, June 21, 1955

SHARES COOL SNACK WITH PET



A FORTUNATE FELINE is Tiger, a cat whose little mistress, Deborah Mastro, 6, of Nutley, N. J., feels that a cooling dish is appreciated in the first hot days of June. So she shares her ice cream cone with her pet, who finds the treat is right up her alley. (International Soundphoto)

Monday, July 11, 1955 Monday, July 11

Cancel Meeting Of Dona Ana Humane Society

A scheduled meeting of the Dona Ana County Humane Society which was to be held at 8 p.m. today at Central School will not be held, Miss Jacqueline Hall secretary of the Dona Ana County group announced.

The meeting has been postponed until Monday, July 25. The time and place will remain the same, Miss Hall stated.

The only other activity of the Society during the week will be the showing of two films on dog training and care. The films will be shown at Central School Wednesday, July 13 at 8 p.m. The movies are entitled: "Training You to Train Your Dog" and "Bringing Up Your Puppy." "We feel that these two films will give dog owners some valuable tips," Miss Hall said.

No admission will be charged and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Humane Society Will Show Film At Central School

Dona Ana county Humane Society will present two films "Training you to train your dog" and "Bringing up your puppy." These films will be shown Wednesday evening, July 13, 8 p.m., at Central school. The public is invited to attend.

Tuesday, July 12

Films To Deal With Phases Of Dog Training

Sound movies on two phases of dog training are scheduled to be shown tonight at Central school at 8 p.m. by the Dona Ana County Humane Society. A society spokesman said today that no admission charge will be made.

One of the films, "Training You To Train Your Dog," was produced by Blanche Saunders the outstanding authority in obedience training work in the United States, one society member said. The film deals with some of the more basic problems involved in training a dog to carry out simple commands from his master.

The problem of raising a puppy properly will be dealt with in the second feature, entitled "Bringing Up Your Puppy." Running time for the movies will be a little over an hour, the spokesman said.

"We hope that the dog owning public will attend and anyone else that has an interest in animals is cordially invited to attend," the spokesman concluded.

May 20, 1955

Adopted by City Com. 6/6/55

Honorable Mayor Neleigh
Members of the City Council
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

The members of the Dona Ana County Humane Society having formed a Non-Profit Corporation for the purpose of furthering Humane Education in Dona Ana County, hereby present the following proposals:

1. That the City Law Enforcement Officers not be allowed to destroy animals without making an attempt to capture and impound them.

2. That appointed members of this Society be allowed to assist in finding suitable homes for stray and impounded animals. (Assistance will be provided to the extent of publicizing and arranging suitable adoptions.)

3. That every animal released from the City Pound be *not released until they have been* provided with a City License and Inoculation for Rabies. *(owner to pay for)*

4. That every female animal released from the City Pound be spayed. (The Humane Society has made arrangements with local Veterinarians to perform inoculations and spaying at a reduced cost for the adopted animals, provided that arrangements are made through the Dona Ana County Humane Society.)

5. That the practice of the City issuing free dog license be discontinued, the license fees to be set aside for the City Dog Pound and animal control.

6. That authorized members of the Humane Society be allowed to collect License Fees for the City and issue licenses as required. Said fees to be turned over to the City for improvement of the City Pound facilities and increase the wages of the Pound Master. *? To be handled with City Mgr.*

It is the belief of the Society that by following the above proposals, there would be a decrease in the number of stray animals, a decrease in the health problem resulting from the unprotected animals, and would provide an additional source of revenue for the City.

THE DONA ANA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

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BY-LAWS OF THE DONA ANA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

Article I
NAME AND AUTHORITY

Section 1. This Society shall be known as the Dona Ana County Humane Society, Incorporated, and shall exist as a Non-Profit Organization.

Section 2. This Society shall exist under the laws of the State of New Mexico.

Article II
OBJECT

The object of the Society shall be the prevention of cruelty to animals by humane education and the enforcement of all laws relative thereto.

Article III
MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Any person who is interested in the objectives of this Society upon payment of annual dues, shall be considered a member.

Section 2. Annual dues shall be a minimum of one dollar (\$1.00) per adult person, and a minimum of fifty cents (.50¢) per person less than fifteen (15) years of age.

Section 3. For dues purposes, the calendar year shall be used.

Article IV
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Trustees. These Officers shall constitute a Board of Directors.

Section 2. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee at the first meeting. The Committee shall report its Nominees for Office at the next called meeting, at which time nominations and elections will be made.

Section 3. The Officers and Trustees shall be elected from the candidates of the Nominating Committee, or nominations from the floor by ballot, at the first regular meeting, and annually thereafter. When and if only one nominee is named for Office, he may be elected by voice. All Officers shall take office immediately at the close of the session in which they are elected for a period of one (1) year.

Section 4. Any active member shall be considered eligible for office provided that he has attended at least two-thirds of the regular meetings in the previous year.

Section 5. If any office shall become vacant, the Board of Directors shall have power to fill such a vacancy, subject to the approval of the Society at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Article V
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall:

- A. Preside at all meetings of the Society;
- B. Call special meetings at his discretion subject to the limitations of Article VI, Section 2;
- C. Appoint all Committees not otherwise provided for;
- D. Make Provision for the discharge pro tempore of necessary duties of absent or suspended members;
- E. Sign all warrants of the Treasury of the Society;
- F. See that the regulations of the Society are enforced;
- G. Carry out assignments and instructions given to him by vote of the Society; and
- H. Perform such other duties as customarily pertain to the Office of President.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall be an Aide to the President, and in case of the absence or disability of the President, shall pro tempore assume and perform the duties of the President.

Section 3. The Secretary shall:

- A. Keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings;
- B. Issue notices of meetings and agenda after consultation with the President; and
- C. Conduct the correspondence of the Society.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall:

- A. Collect all fees and dues;
- B. Render an account each month, or more often if required, of all receipts and expenditures; and
- C. Current expenditures and bills are to be paid by the Treasurer after being countersigned by the President. Capital Expenditures must have the approval of the Society by vote.
- D. Must be bonded as prescribed by the Board, by a reputable local firm to be designated by the Board. Such Bonding will be paid by the Society.

Article VI
MEETINGS

Section 1. At least one (1) regular meeting of the Society shall be held each month. The place and time are to be determined by the Board of Directors. Members will be notified through the press and/or other means, as prescribed by the Board of Directors, at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President of the Society, when after consulting with at least three (3) other Elected Officers, he is convinced that the need is sufficiently urgent.

Article VII
QUORUM

Section 1. Five (5) Members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a Quorum for a Meeting of the Board.

Section 2. Eleven (11) Members of the Society, to include at least five (5) Members of the Board, shall constitute a Quorum at a Meeting of this Society.

Article VIII
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of regularly elected Officers and three elected Trustees.

Section 2. The Board shall meet once each month, and more often if deemed necessary. The Meetings of the Board shall not coincide with the scheduled meetings of the Society.

Section 3. It is the Duty of the Board to carry out the Interests of the Society.

Section 4. A minimum of five (5) Members of the Board of Directors is required to effect the removal of any member of the Board, subject to the approval of the Society at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Article IX
COMMITTEES

The Standing Committees are as follows to be appointed by the President:

- A. Membership
- B. Publicity and Program
- C. Laws
- D. Welfare

Article X
AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular Business Meeting of the Society by two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided that written or printed notice of the proposed amendment has been given at least one (1) week previously, and provided further, that such proposed changes, revisions, or alterations, shall have laid over for at least four (4) weeks.

Article XI
GENERAL

Section 1. In the event of the dissolution of the Organization, the assets of the Dona Ana County Humane Society, Inc., shall be turned over to the American Humane Association and/or to the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, and in compliance with outstanding obligations.

Section 2. Parliamentary Rules of Order for the conduct of the Meeting shall be followed as outlined in Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, Latest Edition.

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DONA ANA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.
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The first meeting of the Dona Ana County Humane Society was held Monday, on April 25, 1955, at 7:30 p.m., in Central School Building, LasCruces, New Mexico.

Miss Jacque Hall presided over the meeting until a President of the group was elected. Mr. R. A. Davis, Mr. Don R. Green, and Dr. H. E. Ryan were nominated.

Dr. H. E. Ryan was elected by acclamation. Dr. Ryan then took charge of the ~~meeting~~ ^{meeting} group.

Don R. Green was elected Vice-President; Jacque Hall, Secretary; and Max E. Talley was elected Treasurer. The group elected Mr. Joe Priestly as Publicity Chairman.

It was decided by the group that representatives work with Chief Santos Ramiriz in caring for the "strays" picked up by the Police Department. This would include the feeding, and the help in "adopting" unwanted dogs that had been picked up. Dr. Ryan appointed Mrs. R. A. Davis as Chairman, and Mrs. Davis appointed Mrs. Hazel Owen and Mrs. J. K. Carroll, as members of a committee to cooperate and work with the policemen and pound keeper, Herb Barton.

~~Discussion was held that~~
~~It was then brought out that in order to be a Society, this group must have a Charter drawn up by a lawyer, as a Society, Non-Profit Group, with By-Laws, and be Incorporated.~~ Dr. Ryan appointed Dr. Leonard D. Smith, Capt. Vet. Corps, White Sands Proving Ground, as Chairman of a Committee to have a Charter drawn up, and incorporate the group. As members of the Committee, Dr. Smith appointed Mrs. Clyde Williams and Mrs. Harold Cutcher. ~~It was suggested that the Judge Advocate of White Sands Proving Ground draw up the Charter with suggestions from the Humane Society of El Paso.~~

The next meeting is to be held Monday, May 2, 1955, at 8:00 P. M. in Central School Building.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cutcher asked ^{if} the group would be interested in a course of "Obedience Training" for dogs. This would be the first project of the Society; stimulate interest in the new Society, and fees from the training program would bring in needed funds for the Society. Everyone in the group was very interested, and all agreed it would be a wonderful thing for LasCruces.

Mr. Cutcher said he would map out his course and present it at the meeting next Monday night.

The Society is going to ask Mr. Gordan Hale, Manager of the Animal Shelter in El Paso, to come down next week and help with the organization of the Society.

SECOND MEETING OF THE
DONA ANA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

I. The second meeting of the Dona Ana County Humane Society was held Monday, May 2, 1955, at 8:00 p.m., in Central School Building, Las Cruces, New Mexico. President Ryan presided.

II. He asked for unfinished business, the first being the proposed Charter. Dr. Smith, Chairman of the Committee, read the proposed Charter. Mr. Edwin Burtis discussed the Charter of the El Paso County Humane Society and its By-Laws. He said the members elect Directors, who in turn elect the Officers. (He suggested 9 Directors for us.) Directors and Officers are elected for 1 year. The Board has a meeting once a month, and Directors once a month. The members, including the ones who only give a donation of \$1.00, run the Society, in that they select the Directors.

Changes voted upon in the proposed By-Laws are as follows:

1. The President to be elected for a 1 year term instead of 2
2. Only Capital expenditures will be voted upon by the Society

Mr. Gordon Hale, General Manager of the El Paso shelter, made some suggestions as to what the Society may do of a humane nature that would be beneficial in solidifying the membership of the Society.

The first thing to do in taking care of the strays which are picked up, ~~is~~ to give them good care. The most important thing is to give them a good meal. In El Paso the animals are fed beef, but it is bought wholesale. All dogs should be kept well fed, clean, and dry. And they should always have fresh water to drink.

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III. At this time, Mr. Burtis gave the El Paso Charter to Dr. Smith to review, and to use in drawing up our Charter.

It was decided that the second vice president be eliminated from the Board of Directors, and the members elected the Board of Trustees as follows:

1. Mr. Harold Cutcher
2. Mrs. R. A. Davis
3. Mrs. Clyde Williams

II. Insertion

Individuals should report finding of cruelty to the Society, not act as individuals, but as a strong incorporated group. Children who are treating animals cruelly, should be turned over the juvenile authorities. The animal shelter should have a Shelter Manager not a Pound Master. A Pound Master is as far away from a Shelter Manager as he can be.

the placement of animals in homes,
The adoption program ^{is} the most important program of a Humane Society.

In El Paso \$7.50 is the minimum donation for a dog which is adopted.

If one sees a dog which is treated cruelly, ~~it is most important.~~

Do not walk on some else's property and take a dog away. It is as much against the law to take someone's dog as it is to take their child. You must have witnesses ^{of cruelty to an animal} before you can take a dog away from the owner. ^{can be taken}

a dog is taken without permission of the owner, the one taking it is liable for suit.

(Necessary business for May 9, 1955.)

Appoint a committee to see all vets and set up a contract to license the dogs, give shots, and spay females, of all adopted dogs.)

Mr. Cutcher made the motion that the Board of Trustees as appointed now, formulate the Charter, using the El Paso Charter as a model, and incorporate the Dona Ana County Humane Society. Second, the Board of Trustees together with the Constitutional Committee, review, formulate the Constitution and By-Laws, and present them at the next meeting for approval.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Society.

IV. President Ryan called on the Pound Committee for report. The city pound was not operating as of Saturday. The ^{city} Officers had told Mrs. Carroll to come out and ^{observe} inspect the pound at any time. The Pound Committee will report again next week.

V. Mr. Harold Cutcher was then called upon ^{to make} the report on the Obedience Training Group. Mr. Cutcher said that the Obedience Training cannot start ^{as} an organization until it has a sponsoring group. Because of the time situation, there would be a class which will meet each week either shortly before sundown or to be decided upon later. He has not investigated the Lions Park for a place to hold the class yet, and requested that Mr. Priestly determine suitable places where the class may attend.

The course would run from 9 to 11 weeks, one hour each week. First would be the basic obedience. The dog must be working on a leash, learning to obey voice and hand signals. The last week would be on a competitive basis. The cost for the course is not fixed, based on past experience, but approximately would be \$5.00 to \$10.00 for the 10-week period. The money will go to the Humane Society for its use. All dogs must have written statements that they have been given shots. Mr. Cutcher will present a complete outline of the course and what it will entail next week.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 9, 1955, at 8:00, in Central School.

MEETINGS
May 9, 1955

DONA ANA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

The Third meeting of the Dona Ana County Humane Society was held Monday, May 9, 1955, at 8:00 p.m., in Central School Building, Las Cruces, New Mexico. President Ryan brought the meeting to order.

He explained that when the Charter was drawn up, the Lawyer drawing up the Charter and Incorporating Papers, put in the Charter that the Officers that stand during the Incorporation, would be in office for a period of at least three months. Dr. Ryan felt that being a Veterinarian and subject to the services of the Society in the Adoption Program, that perhaps the Society would come under criticism; so rather than leave the Society open for criticism, he felt that he should step down and put someone else President in his place. The Board of Directors took it upon themselves to make the necessary changes. Green, being Vice-President at the time, was made President; Mrs. Williams, an elected Trustee, was made Vice-President; Miss Hall remained Secretary; and Mr. Talley remained Treasurer; Dr. Ryan took Mrs. Williams' place as a Trustee along with the two other Trustees, Mr. Cutcher and Mrs. Davis, making a total of seven as the Board of Directors.

This was still subject to the approval of the Society. If there were any objections to this, an open vote would be held by the Society. If there were no objections, the approved temporary Officers will serve three months during the organization of the Society. At that time there will be an election held and the Officers elected will hold office one year.

The motion was made and carried to have the Officers that stand elected be in office for three months.

President Green presided over the meeting. The first business was the reporting of the Pound Committee. Mrs. Davis introduced Mr. Herbert Barton, the keeper of the City Pound. The only object^{on} to the pound is that the quarters are too small. Mr. Barton feeds the dogs twice a day, keeps them well watered; and takes them out of the little cages and exercises them at least once a day. The dogs are very well cared for. It was suggested that the Humane Society get together with Mr. Barton and appoint groups that can work with Mr. Barton each day in helping adopt the dogs to suitable homes. The group thought that two hours each day would be enough to keep the pound open so that those who want dogs may come in and look at them. Dr. Ryan brought out the fact that although the El Paso Humane Society depends a lot upon the free medical examination given adopted dogs, that it is not "fool-proof." The dog may be healthy today, and when he is exposed to a disease, could come down with the disease. Separate quarters should be maintained for the dogs which are adoptable so they would not be exposed to the other dogs.

Mr. Barton is drawing \$175.00 a month from the City and he furnishes his own car. The Society wants to contribute towards Mr. Barton's salary since he is doing such a good job.

Mrs. Davis suggested that giving information about the adoptable dogs in to the newspapers would help bring/interested people. She described the dogs which are notⁱⁿ in the pound. Mr. Barton said that ten or twelve dogs have found homes already. It was suggested that the radio is another excellent means of advertising to the public about the adoptable dogs.

Mr. Cutcher gave an outline on the Obedience Course. The list of requirements are as follows:

1. A dog may be in the training group regardless of ancestry
2. Requires a metal training collar
3. Requires a leather lead line
4. Requires a written statement of shots - rabies, hepatitis, distemper
5. Must be from the ages of 8 months to 5 years.

With the exception of working breeds, less than 8 months or over 5 years, very few dogs can learn new tricks.

6. People handling dogs shall be adults, or children from 10 to 15 years must be accompanied by adults.
7. Cost - \$7.50 for members and \$10.00 for non-members.
(The \$10.00 will include membership in the Humane Society.)

There will be two instructors; Harold Cutcher and Cynthia Guzevich.
A maximum of 20 people per night may take the class.
The Time: Preferably in the evening - not on week-ends.

There will be 10 classes, as follows:

- The first six weeks will be basic work
- a. Heeling, sitting, turns, "come for" "recall"
"Sit Stay" "Down Stay" "Stand at heel"
- The ninth lesson will be review, and
The tenth will be a test of the class.

At the end of the course, the dog will be presented a certificate and metal tag which will certify that the dog has had basic obedience work.

Two places were suggested as to where the classes could be held; the High School football field and the practice football field at the College. Mrs. Cutcher is to get in touch with the necessary people to see if the grounds may be used.

Mr. Cutcher reported on the meeting for the drawing up of the Dona Ana County Humane Society ~~Charter~~ By-Laws. He reported that the Board of Directors reviewed the By-Laws and came up with the following. The By-Laws were reviewed Section by Section. The fact was brought out again that the Officers that are now in, must hold office for three months. After that time, regular Officers will be elected.

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The following changes in the By-Laws as drawn up by the Board of Directors were made:

Article VI, OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 4, will read;

"Any active member shall considered eligible for office provided that he has attended at least $\frac{2}{3}$ of the regular meetings in the previous year."

This brought up the question whether role will be taken each meeting. It was decided that an organization no larger than this one needn't keep role. The active members will make themselves known and will attend most of the meetings, and continued absence of a member will be noticed. The motion was made and carried that attendance will not be proved in writing, but by the members knowing each other and when they attend 2/3's of the meetings.

2. Article IV, OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 5, will read;

"If any office shall become vacant, the Board of Directors shall have power to fill such a vacancy, subject to the approval of the Society at the next regularly scheduled meeting."

3. Article VIII, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 1, shall read;

"The Board of Directors shall consist of regularly elected Officers and three Elected Trustees."

4. Article VIII, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 4, will read;

"A minimum of five members of the Board of Directors is required to effect the removal of any member of the Board subject to the approval of the Society at the next regularly scheduled meeting."

The motion was made and carried that the By-Laws be accepted as they stand amended.

President Green announced that the Charter is in Mr. Garland's office waiting for the signatures of the Officers and Trustees to be notarized.

It was decided that all present would donate some money to start funds. These funds will be used to print membership cards, start membership drives, and provide for the incorporation fee which will be needed in the future. It was suggested that as soon as the Membership cards are printed, that each member present be a member of the membership committee. Max Talley announced that he had collected \$31.50.

President Green appointed the following for the Committees provided for in the By-Laws:

- A. Membership
 - Mrs. Harold Cutcher
 - Mrs. J. K. Carroll
 - Mrs. Henry E. J. Smith

- B. Publicity
 - Mr. Joe Priestly

- C. Laws
 - Mrs. Clyde Williams

- D. Welfare
 - Mrs. R. A. Davis, Chairman

The next scheduled meeting of the Society will be in two weeks, May 23, 1955, 8:00 p.m., in Central School Building.

Meeting adjourned.

MEETINGS
May 23, 1955

DONA ANA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

The Fourth meeting of the Dona Ana County Humane Society was held Monday, May 23, 1955, at 8:00 p.m., in Central School Building, Las Cruces, New Mexico. President Don R. Green was called out of town unexpectedly, so Vice-President Molly Williams presided over the meeting.

The letter written to the American Humane Association asking membership in the national organization was read by the Secretary.

Vice-President Williams called for a report from the Treasurer, which was the following:

\$111.00	collected to date
4.50	for a membership card file
5.00	for membership in the American Humane Association
11.25	for printing up of membership cards
1.00	for the janitor to open the building of Central School
<u>\$ 89.25</u>	- BALANCE

It was decided that a letter should be drawn up to send the various organizations in Las Cruces, asking their cooperation and support by subscribing for club membership. Mrs. Williams appointed Mrs. R. A. Davis, Captain Smith, and Max Talley to draw up such a letter.

A copy of the Dona Ana County Humane Society By-Laws was passed around for the members to read. Mrs. Williams is to take the By-Laws in to the County Office and have them filed.

Mrs. Davis made a report of the pound committee. She and Mrs. Owen went to the Chief of Police to request permission for Humane Society members to put in definite hours at the pound so people could come in and see the dogs, and save Mr. Barton the trouble of being there so much of the time.

The Chief of Police said, "You might be bitten and then sue the City." The Chief of Police, Ramirez, sent them to the Mayor, who said exactly the same thing, plus, "You would just be putting dogs out that would be right back in the pound again." Then he suggested that Mrs. Owen see the City Lawyer, Mr. Shannon, to see if any waiver or release could be drawn up for the members to sign. However, members are going out from 4:00 to 5:00.

Mrs. Davis said that the bad thing is that females are given out unspayed, and dogs unvaccinated. It is left up to the new owner to have the dog vaccinated, and if the owner does not have the dog vaccinated, there is a chance that the poor dog will be picked up and put right back in the pound. There is no progress in turning loose female mongrels which have more pups that will be unwanted. Mrs. Davis said that the Humane Society has taken care of the adopting of about 10 dogs, and the females had been spayed. She said that there are two pens which are larger, but there still is not room enough for the dogs which are picked up. Mr. Barton said that six more dogs came in today, which make twelve dogs in the pound at present.

Mrs. O. M. Roessel stated she had read in the paper, "Unwanted dogs will be shot if an owner does not want them." She said that everyone has at some time or other had dogs put away a painless way, and should not be shot. All wonder if the dogs aren't shot while they are running. It was agreed there certainly must be a more humane way. Mr. Barton suggested making an air-tight box and pipe carbon monoxide into it, thus making it a gas chamber. Dr. Ryan said that if you did this sort of thing, you should have glass panels so the dog could see out. The minute the dogs feel the monoxide, they become panicky and afraid. Dr. Ryan said if the dogs are shot properly, it would be better than putting them in a dark chamber

of that kind. Dr. Ryan suggested death by electrocution. But until the approval of the City is obtained, the Humane Society can't do a thing. It was suggested that Dr. Ryan obtain plans for electrocution. Dr. Smith said that electrocution is an approved method. To have a dog put to sleep by giving him a shot costs \$3.00. Dr. Ryan said it would be impossible to give a great number of dogs these shots. However, Mayor Neleigh told Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Williams, and Jacque Hall at the City Commissioners Meeting of April 5, 1955, that a veterinarian would be consulted, and as far as is known, one was not consulted as to how the dogs should be put to sleep.

The letter of six proposals to Mayor Neleigh and City Commissioners was read to the members. This letter was drawn up by the Board of Directors at the May 13, meeting. Mr. Max Talley and Don Green had taken it to the Mayor on Saturday, May 21, 1955, and Mayor Neleigh said that he would bring it up at the next City Commissioners Meeting, which will be June 6, 1955. It was decided that a representative group from the Humane Society attend this meeting. Mr. O. M. Roessel, Max Talley, Harold Cutcher, and Don Green will attend.

In preparation for the meeting of the City Commissioners, it will be necessary to have the following:

Copy of the State and City laws governing animals
(Mrs. Williams will obtain these)
The number of members of the Humane Society
Amount of money in the treasury

It was requested that all new members' names be given to either Jacque Hall or Mrs. Cutcher before this meeting on June 6, 1955.

Mrs. Williams asked Mr. Barton if the pound hours could be changed from 4:00 to 5:00 to 5:00 to 6:00. This would enable the White Sands people to come in and look at the dogs. Barton said he would do this.

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Mr. Cutcher outlined the final plans for the Obedience Training Class for dogs. The high school football field has been obtained as a site to hold the classes. It will begin the second week in June; Mr. Cutcher, and Mr. Gusevich will be the trainers. The course will last 10 weeks. The first class of orientation will be held Wednesday, June 8, 1955, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Classes after that will last from 6:30 to 7:30. If one starts the course, and, for instance, leaves on vacation, he may pick up the lessons in another course. If the classes are attended and received well, there is no reason why other classes could not be continued through the winter. The choke collars, lead lines, and other material for the classes will be available to buy at the first course. All profit from the materials will go to the Humane Society.

Membership cards were given out to members present.

Discussion was held as to how the veterinarians will co-operate with the reduced rates for giving dogs shots and spaying females. Dr. Ryan is definitely willing to participate, Flanagan and Schipman are not taking any more business than they have to take, and McElyea has not yet replied to Mrs. Davis' request for an answer.

Mrs. Davis said that signs are to be made and put up at the pound. Many people have not been able to find it.

Mrs. Williams expressed thanks to Mrs. Davis and Mr. Priestly for the lovely write-ups that have been in the paper.

The next meeting is to be held the Monday after City Commissioners Meeting, which will be June 13, 1955. The meetings will continue to be in Central School for the summer.

Meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 5, 1955

Present were the following:

Don Green
Molly Williams
Max Talley
Jacque Hall
Harold Cutcher
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Roessel

Mr. and Mrs. Roessel attended the Board of Directors Meeting because Mr. Roessel was appointed by President Green to act as official speaker at the City Commissioners Meeting tomorrow night, June 6, 1955.

The meeting was called for the purpose of planning how and what should be presented at the City Commissioners Meeting tomorrow night.

Mr. Roessel stated that even though the Society is basically for the purpose of preventing the cruelty to animals, we must stress that it is in the interest of the health of the people in the community.

"We should go to individuals first - sell to the mass through individuals."

The first procedures should be as follows:

1. Sit in body and listen
2. Mayor should recognize the group, and chairman
3. Discussion will ensue
4. If the City Commissioners do not invite us into the discussion, calmly enter the discussion.

The first thing we can do at the meeting tomorrow night is see how much of the proposal the city will accept. We have to stress that the interest of the general public is in mind.

If the City decides to dump it on us, we will be able to have an answer. Harold Cutcher made the following proposal:

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The meeting was called to order by Pres. Don Green. Minutes were read by the Secretary. Pres. Green told of the meeting with the City Commissioners in which a letter of proposals was presented to the Mayor and City Commissioners for the purpose of giving the Humane Society an opportunity to aid in the running of the dog pound. After a very eloquent speech by Mr. Roessel, the City accepted our proposals, with the exception of Proposal No. 6, which states "that authorized members of the Humane Society be allowed to collect License Fees for the City and issue licenses as required. Said fees to be turned over to the City for improvement of the City Pound facilities and increase the wages of the Pound Master." Pres. Green said that this is the first step, as he considered it a successful meeting.

Mrs. Davis presented a copy of the waiver that members will have to sign in order to work at the pound. (Copy of waiver attached.)

Harold Cutcher reported that 8 people with various types of dogs joined the obedience training class for dogs. \$100.00 was taken in with \$13.53 going out for equipment, leaving a balance of \$86.47 profit for the Humane Society. Mr. Cutcher said that more people are coming into class next Wednesday.

Mrs. Smith reported that all letters going to clubs, lawyers, and doctors are out. More letters are going to be sent to various individuals.

Mr. Roessel said that the city officers and commissioners have been making disparaging remarks because they don't know anything about the Humane Society. This Society is so new to them that they have not yet come to appreciate it. He suggested that we have a Public Relations Committee, and explain to them the aims of the Society; do a "selling

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job." Mr. Roessel suggested that each member take a copy of "Shelter Talk" and show it to different members of the Commissions, City and County. To have a promotional campaign. He said that each member should contact one dog owner a week, explain the aims of the Humane Society to them. Just one or two dog owners a week would help immensely.

(In one booklet, for instance, it tells of a convention of the National Humane Association being held in Denver. Good people from all over the country are attending.) We have to get public opinion - favorable public opinion, and that is slow process. We have got to have patience and perserverance.

One way to get public attention is through advertising. Advertising that pays is repetition. Repetition of information. There are many things to correct at the pound. The Humane Society should rock along for a little while until it gets good promotion, favorable public opinion. The public must be convinced that this is for the benefit of the public. This will be what our Public Relations Committee is to do. Nothing is impossible if you go about it in the right way. Mr. Roessel said that we should go down and have a friendly chat with Chief Ramirez. He might need a little prodding in the realization that his job is not a life-time job.

Don Green appointed Jack Roessel as head of the new Public Relations Committee, and Mr. Roessel is to appoint his Committee. Mr. Roessel said he would be glad to do it.

Dr. Smith volunteered to contact the Health Department; to give them ideas of what the Society stands for - what it was formed for. He suggested that the public become Humane Society Conscious. Copies of letters should be sent to the banks. Letters should be

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sent to the City Commissioners.

A Poster Committee was appointed. Mrs. Smith is to be in charge.

We should have a definite schedule for people to work at the pound. The pound has not been open regular hours. We should establish the time, and see the reception. We should see that dogs do get inoculations, new owners pay before they get the dogs, and have the females spayed before they go out.

Mr. Roessel read Mrs. Davis' report of June 1955, irregularities which have occurred in the pound.

Lead lines and choke collarshave been purchased by the Society. It was discussed whether or not the Society will be able to sell them to the new dog owners.

The Secretary reported that the Dona Ana County Humane Society By-Laws have been properly recorded in the Don Ana County Office, dated June 3, 1955.

The next meeting will held in three weeks.

Meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 13, 1955

Present were:

Molly Williams
Max Talley
Jacque Hall
Dr. H. E. Ryan
Harold Cutcher
Mrs. R. A. Davis

Don Green being absent, Vice-President Molly Williams presided over the meeting. Mrs. Williams asked the Treasurer's report. The report was that the bank balance was \$217.24.

Max Talley then spoke for Don Green, and said that at the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held July 25, 1955, President Green will appoint a Nominating Committee for the election of officers to be held in August. These officers will hold the office for one year.

After the Board Meeting, 2 films were shown; "Basic Obedience Training for Dogs," and "Bringing Up Your Puppy." These were the first 2 films - educational films - to have been sponsored by the Humane Society.

MEETINGS
July 25, 1955

The sixth meeting of the Dona Ana Co. Humane Society was held Monday, July 25, 1955, at 7:30 p.m., in Central School Building, Las Cruces, New Mexico. President Don Green presided over the meeting.

The Secretary announced that the books have been set up by Mr. Jack Roessell, and are ready for inspection. The Treasurer's report was the following:

Receipts to date	\$340.33
Box rent, office supplied, registrations, Inc. fees, janitor services, stamps, films, supplies	<u>141.77</u>
TOTAL	\$198.56

President Green appointed a Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for election to hold office for one year. The following were nominated:

Joe Priestly - Chairman
Ray Quintana
Max Talley
Harold Cutcher
Mrs. R. A. Davis

Discussion was held in regard to obtaining plans for the construction of an electrocution chamber. Mr. Ryan suggested that the Humane Society purchase an electrocution chamber and donate it to the City. Don Green said that if plans for the electrocution chamber come in before August 8, the next meeting will be held Monday, August 8. Dr. Ryan said that he had written several places including the American Humane Association, and he should be hearing from them any day. Don Green said that if the plans do come in, that written notices should be sent to all members, then another notice sent just before the meeting.

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A suggestion was made by Mrs. SAIGER that a good way to raise money for the Society ~~was~~^{is} to build a nice little 2-room dog house, and raffle it off. The tickets could be sold at .50¢ a chance. She said to contact a lumber company, get them to donate the lumber, and a carpenter to donate his time in making the dog house, then give them free advertisement by having a card saying, "The lumber was donated by _____, and the house was built by _____." The house would be extra special, having 2 rooms, be on a platform, windows, and every luxury a dog house could have.

In the Fall the Society is to have a membership drive. Follow-up letters are to be sent to service clubs, films are to be shown at PTA meetings, at school programs. Mrs. Davis also suggested that we have short programs at the regular/meetings to boost interest in the meetings.
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Mr. Cutcher asked about facilities for holding the Obedience Training Classes in the Fall. Dr. Ryan is to investigate different in-door sites where the classes might be held.

Dr. Ryan made a motion which carried that the Society will give a reward of \$50.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person guilty of poisoning animals. Dr. Ryan is to inquire into standing reward offered by Will Judy, Quaker Oats, and other possible sources so they may be added to the \$50.00 which this Society has set up.

Meeting adjourned.

Board of Directors
July 31, 1956

The Board of Directors of the Dona Ana County Humane Society met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Rockwell Davis, to discuss the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of the organization. It was unanimously recommended that the following amendments be submitted to the members for vote at the meeting to be held on August 20, 1956:

1 - Article IV, section 1, presently reading

"The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Trustees. These Officers shall constitute a Board of Directors."

to be amended to read:

"The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and four Trustees. These Officers shall constitute a Board of Directors."

2 - Article V, section 3, presently reading

"The Secretary shall:

- A - Keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings.
- B - Issue notices of meetings and agenda after consultation with the President; and
- C - Conduct the correspondence of the Society. "

to be amended to read:

- A - The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Society and of the Board, and of all matters of which a record should be kept.
- B - The ^{Recording}~~Corresponding~~ Secretary shall issue notices of meetings and agenda after consultation with the President, and shall conduct the correspondence of the Society.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Dog Week is the week of September 18 thru 24, and the Local Dona Ana County Humane Society has designated this week in Las Cruces as Dog Week and;

WHEREAS, The Humane Society endeavors to bring about a better understanding between pets and their neighbors, and;

Whereas practicing kindness, generosity, and fair mindedness toward the animal kingdom has its own just awards in Loyalty and companionship;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. NELEIGH, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Las Cruces, do hereby proclaim the week of September 18-24 as Dog Week in Las Cruces. I therefore call upon the citizens of Las Cruces to cooperate and support the programs of the local Humane Society during this time and throughout the coming year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and

placed the seal of the City of Las Cruces as to affixed this
22nd day of September, 1955.

JAMES E. NELEIGH
MAYOR

WITNESSES: RAYMOND E. SMITH
CITY CLERK