



# Pet Talk

SPRING 2015

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## Our mission

We are committed to improving the lives of animals and alleviating cruelty in Lincoln and the surrounding area. Lincoln Animal Ambassadors promotes enriching our community through progressive thinking, education, awareness and public support.

## Donate

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program  
Pet Food Bank  
General Funds  
Mail to: PO Box 67072, Lincoln, NE 68506. Pet Food Bank donation items can be dropped off at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2325 S. 24th Street, both PETCO Lincoln locations and Super Saver at 56th & Hwy 2 and 27th & Cornhusker. As a 501(c)(3), all donations to LAA are tax deductible.  
Or donate through our website [LincolnAnimalAmbassadors.org](http://LincolnAnimalAmbassadors.org)

## June 6: Join us for our 7th annual Wine & Howl!

Now in its seventh year, Wine & Howl has become the highlight of many of our supporters summer activities. Approximately 400 attendees visit Deer Springs Winery each year to enjoy this fundraising event for the Lincoln Animal Ambassadors. Bring your dog, a lawn chair or blanket and join us on June 6th for an afternoon of food, wine, raffles, vendors and live music.

Don't have a dog? Not required - but many of the area rescue organizations will be bringing pets looking for their forever homes. Adding to the day's entertainment is a gift raffle featuring gift baskets and items donated by the community. For a \$7 suggested

donation for this all day event, you can't find a better value for a relaxing day in the country with your dog to support our low cost spay and neuter program. The wine will start pouring at 11 a.m. and the bands will play until 5 p.m. Watch our website for announcements of bands scheduled to perform.

Want to be a vendor? Vendor spaces are available—\$50 for non-profit organizations and \$100 for profit. This is a very affordable way to promote your company or organization to several hundred pets and their people. Vendor applications are available on our website at [www.lincolnanimalambassadors.org](http://www.lincolnanimalambassadors.org) or contact us at [info@lincolnanimalambassadors.org](mailto:info@lincolnanimalambassadors.org)

7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**wine & howl**  
WINE TASTING • GIFT RAFFLE • FOOD • LIVE MUSIC • VENDOR EXHIBITS

Saturday  
**june 6<sup>th</sup>**  
11am-5pm

Deer Springs Winery  
162<sup>nd</sup> & East Adams Street  
[deerspringswinery.com](http://deerspringswinery.com)



**NEW LOCATION!**  
2445 S. 48th Street  
Don't forget to shop at Cause for Paws. This "boutique for cheap" turns your donations and purchases into cash for animal charities, including LAA's low-cost spay/neuter program.  
[CauseForPawsLincoln.org](http://CauseForPawsLincoln.org)



# World Spay Day 2015

**In the time it took to type this sentence, a healthy, treatable cat or dog was put down in a shelter in the United States.**

Every 13 seconds one cat or dog is put down because it is homeless and there is no room for it in a shelter.

World Spay Day takes place on the last Tuesday of February. It was originally created as Spay Day USA by the Doris Day Animal League in 1995. World Spay Day is now a program of The Humane Society of the United States, Humane Society International, and Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association. The purpose of World Spay Day is to make the world aware of the “the lifesaving power of spay/neuter and the need for affordable services.”

February is designated as Spay/Neuter Awareness Month to shine a light on the fact that spay/neuter is the most effective and humane means of decreasing the number of homeless animals who are either put down in shelters or living on the streets.

Nationally, about 87% of cats and dogs who are pets in the U.S. are altered. The alarming reality is that 91% of cats and dogs who live in underserved, low income areas of cities and communities are not altered. Another very startling statistic is that 30-40 million community cats—cats

that do not have a home—live in the United States and only 2% of these cats are altered.

Lincoln Animal Ambassadors (LAA) through its low cost spay/neuter program is working to end dog and cat homelessness. For 2015 World Spay Day, LAA’s nine participating veterinarian clinics assisted with spaying or neutering ten pets on that day with LAA contributing the entire cost of spaying or neutering those ten pets. Also in honor of World Spay Day and as a thank you to our participating veterinarian clinics, LAA delivered a tray of cookies to each clinic.

**1,715 local cats and dogs have been altered through using LAA’s low cost spay/neuter program.** LAA is very proud of that number but realizes there are many, many more to be altered and that requires the efforts of our entire community. Funding and volunteers are always first and foremost needs. To donate to LAA you can go to our website, [www.lincolnanimalambassadors.org](http://www.lincolnanimalambassadors.org) and donate using PayPal. Volunteers are always needed to call the clients for getting the voucher information. To become a volunteer for LAA, a volunteer registration form can be completed also through LAA’s website.

*Statistics and information used in this article were taken from [www.worldspayday.org/](http://www.worldspayday.org/)*

## Volunteers needed!

How would you like to take part in one of LAA’s biggest fundraisers?! The 7th annual Wine & Howl will be held at Deer Springs Winery on Saturday, June 6th, from 11 am - 5 pm, and we are in need of many volunteers for this event. We will need help with set-up and tear-down, unloading and loading the vendors’ items, and we’ll need volunteers to staff the admissions and raffle sales. We will need assistance with the raffle tables—getting all the items set up, labeled, and ready to go. And, we will need a few volunteers to help with parking and directing traffic.

If you’d like to come out and help us for this fun event, please sign up on the Sign-up Genius site OR email LAA at [info@lincolnanimalambassadors.org](mailto:info@lincolnanimalambassadors.org), and we’ll find a spot for you to help out! C’mon out and enjoy the country setting, live music, and fun while we raise funds for our spay and neuter program! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094fabaa2ea0fe3-wine>



Did you know that a pair of unaltered dogs and their litters can produce **67,000 dogs** in just six years?



Did you know that a pair of unaltered cats and their litters could produce **420,000 cats** in just seven years?



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## Volunteer Spotlight: UNL PreVet Club

We are a group of students interested in pursuing Veterinary medicine as a career. Many things are considered when a student applies to vet school, and creating unique experiences to add to each individual student's application is one of the goals of the PreVet Club. On top of that, it's a great way to meet friends and meet other students going through the same rigorous courses.



Our members that volunteer for the Lincoln Animal Ambassadors gain experience helping at the monthly low cost vaccination clinics at Cotner Pet Care. The experience is very rewarding for those who volunteer. We all love animals and love getting hands-on experience, and volunteering at the clinics are a winwin! Our members also volunteer at the Nebraska State Fair, in the birthing pavilion, helping answer questions from the general public and even assisting veterinarians when the times comes for cattle, sheep, and pigs to give birth.

UNL PreVet Club: "We would definitely recommend that others consider donating their time to volunteer with the Lincoln Animal Ambassadors as they've got great ideas and really strive to help out and have a positive impact the community here in Lincoln. If we could add something to the LAA "wish list," we would add some toys because every pet could definitely put a stimulating toy to good use!"

### LAA needs volunteers like you!

If you have ever considered volunteering for a worthy cause, we would love to talk to you. LAA is looking for individuals to help with phone line shifts, returning pet food bank and spay/neuter inquiry calls as well as spay/neuter voucher interviewers. You can help pets and their owners by contacting us at [info@lincolnanimalambassadors.org](mailto:info@lincolnanimalambassadors.org) or calling 402.817.1168.

## from the community

"While disability and lack of income were a problem, caring for my two dogs was not a concern. You gave me access to quality food and treats! You have helped me so much with Vettie and Sadee. Thank you." –*Kellee, Sadee and Vettie*

"I'm on disability and low income. Have been helping soninlaw who has cancer and took in two of their pets also. I have recently had surgery on my thumb. Hate giving animals to Humane Society. Animals are a blessing and they help me too. Thank you so very much for your help. Just thank you!!!" –*Caroline*

"I am on SSDI and don't get much money after I pay my rent and all my bills I am broke till I get paid again. Thank you for all the help for my dog and I thank you a lot." –*Micheal*

"LAA has helped in multiple ways one is that my family doesn't worry about lack of money for food when we don't have enough, we know LAA is there to help." –*Heidi*

"Thank you so much for the food assistance. Over the last several months I have been moving into a safer environment for me and my 2 Shiz Tzus. This assistance helped in many different ways. I am on disability as an income and the cost of moving is a HUGE expense. My dogs are my family, so I was thankful I did not have to cut their food in order to pay for the move." –*Kim*

"Thank you all so much for all the time you have given to help us. It is truly a beautiful thing to find strangers who are friends of the highest quality. Because of you, my dogs have food, I have been able to have them both spayed and have all their shots up to date. We have no puppies we can't afford to feed or care for or have no room to house. This has truly and greatly increased the quality of our lives as a family because you have helped us, we are able to afford services to help the people also that we would otherwise not have been able to do. God bless you all! If you wonder if your efforts matter or make a difference THEY DO! Thank you!" –*Linda*



## Raising Canes supports National Spay/Neuter Month



February was National Spay/Neuter Month and we wanted to make sure we spayed/neutered as

many pets as possible. We needed an extra push to make sure people made use of their vouchers and Raising Canes provided more than an ample nudge! Everyone that used their vouchers during the month was entered to win one of ten free Box Combos provided by Raising Canes. The campaign was very successful with 39 total vouchers used and a huge decrease in the number of "unused" vouchers. Thank you Raising Canes for helping us make Spay/Neuter Month a huge success!

# Spay-ghetti & No Balls thank you!

Belmont Veterinarian Center  
Blake Gilmore  
Butterfly Bakery  
Cakes and Cups  
Capital Humane Society  
Cause for Paws  
Conroy's Family Bakery  
Darryl & Sarah Rivers  
Deer Springs Winery  
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DuTeau  
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SitStay  
SolutionOne  
Sorrisos  
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State Farm  
Stauffer's Cafe and Pie Shoppe  
Super Saver  
Superior/Cotner Pet Care  
The Cookie Company  
The Groom Room  
The Lodge at Wilderness Ridge  
Valhalla Bee Farm  
Wachal Pet Health Center  
Whole Foods

## Special thanks to:

Tom Bassett  
Kyndall Bedell  
Katie Brown  
Jamie Corder  
Steffany Lien & Susan Lien  
Amy Nelson  
Trey Nelson  
Darryl Rivers  
Larry Rivers  
Charli Saltzman  
UNL No Kill Advocacy Club  
Lincoln Southwest High School  
Student Volunteers  
Lincoln Northeast High School  
Student Volunteers

## A successful, fun-filled evening! Spay-ghetti & No Balls Dinner

On March 7, we held our second annual Spay-ghetti and No Balls dinner at the WSI hall in the North Bottoms neighborhood. Partnering with Nebraska No Kill Canine Rescue, we raised more than \$8,600 dollars during a funfilled evening.

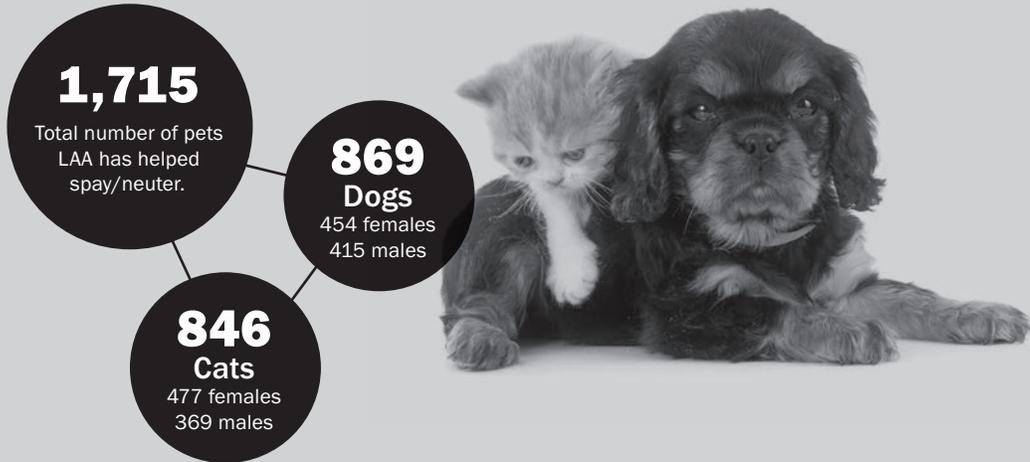
Volunteers from the UNL No Kill Advocacy Club, Southwest High School and Northeast High School helped with decorating, setup and cleanup. Artist Jamie Corder re-purposed wine bottles to incorporate with the table decorations that were later sold to the attendees supporting the cause. 120 supporters and volunteers were served a spaghetti dinner including salad mix provided by Whole Foods, spaghetti provided by Super Saver, sauce from

Sorrisos Gourmet Pasta Sauce and Olive Garden breadsticks. This event would not have been possible without the generous support of the community, a wealth of volunteers and our donors.

A huge part of the event's success was our dessert auction, including desserts from many of the area's best bakeries and pastry chefs. Professional auctioneer Tom Bassett was on hand to auction off all of the pies, cakes, cupcakes, cake pops and confections that were donated to help the cause. We had a fantastic turnout and are looking forward to next year's event. Be sure to Like us on Facebook so you get invited to all of our events!



# The numbers



Most popular female name.



**489**

Number of unique families assisted in 2014 by the LAA Pet Food Bank. Average of 40 families per month.



Most popular male name.

**213**

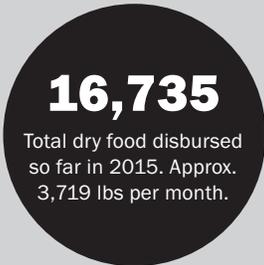
Number of unique families assisted so far in 2015 by the LAA Pet Food Bank. Average of 47 families per month, up from 2014!



**Chihuahua/Blends:**  
*Most represented breed*



**Pit Bulls/Blends:**  
*2nd most represented breed*



# Calendar of events

**Volunteer Appreciation Picnic**  
**May 3**

2 - 5pm  
Antelope Park, Shelter #1

**Tails & Trails**  
**May 16**

Opening 11am, Walk 12:30pm  
Pioneers Park, Pinewood Bowl  
Benefit for Capital Humane Society.

**Give to Lincoln Day**  
**May 28**

[givetolincoln.razoo.com](http://givetolincoln.razoo.com)  
Sponsored by Lincoln Community Foundation.

**The Cat House Open House/Grand Opening at New Building**  
**TBA**

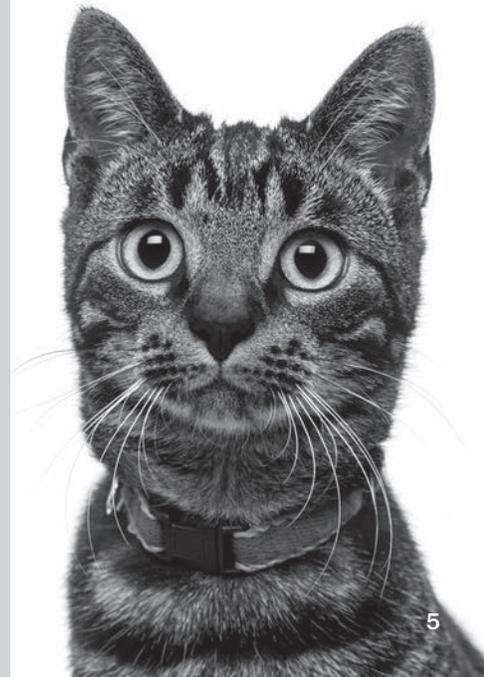
3633 "O" Street  
Check out TCH's new facility! Visit [thecathouse.org](http://thecathouse.org) or [facebook.com/thecathouse](https://www.facebook.com/thecathouse) for up-to-date event information.

**Wine & Howl**  
**June 6**

11am - 5pm  
Deer Springs Winery  
Vendor spaces still available!  
Non-profit \$50, Profit \$100,  
applications available at [lincolnanimalambassadors.org](http://lincolnanimalambassadors.org) or 402.817.1168

**Meow & Chow**  
**October 17**

Scottish Rite Temple



# Featured Rescue: Revolution Rescue



A project that started years ago and officially launched in February 2015, Revolution Rescue is a nonprofit, all-volunteer, all-foster based dog and cat rescue group out of Lincoln. The backbone of the rescue started as a network of friends who were determined to make a positive impact for any and all animals that come into rescue. Many times, surrendered, or unwanted animals end up in unfamiliar surroundings and find themselves terrified, withdrawn, and even aggressive, while their normal temperament would be the complete opposite otherwise. They are often overlooked by potential adopters and unnecessarily euthanized. By working with local Humane Societies and shelters, Revolution Rescue is able to acquire those needing help and place them in loving foster homes until their forever homes are found. This gives them a chance to shine and ultimately, saves a life.

Being that we are an all-foster based rescue, we can only help those in need when we have foster homes available. We are always looking for qualified homes and if you are interested in becoming a foster, you can either complete an application or contact us through our website. As a foster, all medical and supplies (when available) are provided, along with your first bag of food. Revolution Rescue has teamed up with Nature's Logic here in Lincoln, which provides a generous discount on their food to all Revolution Rescue fosters.

We gladly accept donations as well. Whether it is monetary or items such as toys, treats, blankets, kennels, leashes, or collars, it all goes to good use. To make a monetary donation, you can do so through our website at [revolutionrescue.com](http://revolutionrescue.com) or through our Facebook page via PayPal.

For more information on Revolution Rescue, you can visit our website at [revolutionrescue.com](http://revolutionrescue.com). On the site, you will find the dogs and cats patiently awaiting their forever homes, how the adoption process works, adoption/foster/volunteer applications, a blog page, and bios on the board members. Be sure to check out Grizzi's Spotlight! It's here that you can read up on our adoption stories, which are favorites on the website! We welcome you to 'like' us on Facebook at [facebook.com/revolutionrescue402](https://www.facebook.com/revolutionrescue402) or follow us on Twitter @[revolutionresq](https://twitter.com/revolutionresq).

## Featured for adoption:



**Nova:** Supernova is more like it this girl is as sweet as they come! She is a 23 year old Calico who gets along great with every creature and human! Nova is fully vetted, spayed, microchipped, and has tested negative for FeLV/FIV (hooray), which is great news because she was actually found outside as a stray at Novartis. As you can see, she has lost part of her left ear to frostbite and she does have heart disease, which requires daily medicine (around \$18/month), but that doesn't stop her from being an active and loving house cat!



**Jade:** Jade is a 6 year old Pit Pull mix who loves to be around people including children. She will be your best friend, sidekick, nap buddy, and will never turn you down for a game of fetch with her favorite ball. Jade absolutely loves going for car rides, walks, and would thrive in a home where she is part of the family. What can we say about Jade other than she is amazing and we love her to death. Her story is one from a Hollywood scene, and all that is left is for her to find her forever home. Jade became a victim of BSL (Breed Specific Legislation) in Council Bluffs in the winter of 2014. Due to BSL in Council Bluffs, the only way Pit Bull breed dogs can leave the shelter is if a rescue takes them. Jade was lucky to have a foster step up to take her which allowed a local rescue to pull her. Jade is now looking for a new foster or even better...an adopter. She has been patiently waiting for her forever home for over 440 days by no fault of her own. There are two characteristics Jade carries which narrow her adoption applicant pool. One...is she a black, it has been well documented that black dogs have a much harder time being adopted. Two...she has some Pit Bull in her (while we consider that a good thing) there are those out there that will pass on a dog with this breed in them. This narrows down her applicant pool to a smaller number than most dogs. We believe in Jade and believe that there is a person or family out there that will love her for who she is and see what we see in her. She would do best in a home where she is either the only dog or allowed to be the "Queen Bee." Jade does have some allergies so she is kept on a grain free dry food diet. She is crate and house trained and is one smart girl who knows her commands. She is spayed, current on all vaccinations, and microchipped. She even has her own Facebook page: "Jade, A BSL Victim."



**Rocky:** Rocky is a 2 year old pointer mix of some sort... whatever his mix, how can anyone resist that face?! By the way, it was hard to choose a pic because he has so many GREAT ones! Rocky is a very energetic and playful pup. He absolutely loves to play fetch and will bring the ball right back to you. Rocky is an allstar on the leash, he doesn't pull and will walk right beside you. An ideal family for Rocky would be an active family that will provide him with daily exercise and if someone in the family is a runner, Rocky would be a great running partner. He previously lived with other dogs but needs a cat free environment. Rocky is crate trained, house trained, neutered, current on vaccinations, and microchipped.

May 28:

## You can support us on Give to Lincoln Day!

**give**  
To Lincoln Day  
May 28, 2015

Lincoln Animal Ambassadors is excited to once again participate in the fourth annual Give to Lincoln

Day. This daylong interactive fundraiser is a quick and easy way to support amazing local causes like LAA's pet food bank and lowcost spay/neuter program (Hey, it's our newsletter. We can toot our own horn). From 12am to 11:59pm on Thursday, May 28th, make your tax deductible donation to LAA online at [givetolincoln.razoo.com](http://givetolincoln.razoo.com) or in-person during regular business hours at the Lincoln Community Foundation, 215 Centennial Mall South.

All funds raised for LAA on Give to Lincoln Day are eligible for a proportional share of a \$300,000 match pool from the Lincoln Community Foundation. We could tell you to mark your calendars, but we're human, and we'd be surprised if more than a handful of you do. All the more reason to follow LAA on Facebook! We'll keep you in the know on Give to Lincoln Day and all our upcoming fundraisers.

This May 28th, remember Lincoln Animal Ambassadors in your charitable giving. Whether it's to provide food and supplies for companion animals in need, or to combat overpopulation through spaying and neutering, your donations have a direct impact on Lincoln's pets and their families.

## Nature's Variety gives BIG to Pet Food Bank



LAA's income based Pet Food Bank is totally

donation driven. Recently we received approximately 5,300 pounds of top quality cat and dog food from Nature's Variety. This is just the most recent of donations we have received from Nature's Variety. Not only do they donate these large quantities of pet food, but they deliver it to our site and send employees to help unload it. A huge THANK YOU to Ron Stow and Donna Kavanagh for orchestrating the deliveries.

The pet food bank is grateful to receive donations from many corporate donors,

as well as public donation bins around town. But we want to send a special Thank you to Nature's Variety for these generous donations to help support the Pet Food Bank so that we can help pets and their people.

The LAA Pet Food Bank distributes approximately 5000 pounds of dry pet food a month, plus canned food, cat litter and other pet related items. It assists between 450-500 families and their pets each year. We could not do what we do without great donors like Nature's Variety and our other corporate donors. Thank you Nature's Variety!



## A special thank you to our recent donors!

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# We need your **support!**

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

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

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

Please select your contribution amount:

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## Thank you!