



# ALEXANDRIA ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

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## The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria

### OPERATES THE ANIMAL SHELTER FOR THE CITY - - -

- Supplements City funds for building and equipment
- Provides veterinary care for the sick or injured and humane euthanasia for unwanted animals
- Locates the owners of lost animals
- Places homeless animals in good homes
- Picks up dogs running at large in violation of the dog-control ordinance
- Investigates bite and cruelty cases

### PROMOTES THE HUMANE CARE OF ANIMALS

- Supplies leaflets and other material to groups and individuals
- Provides programs for civic, church and other groups
- Sponsors obedience training courses for dogs
- Joins area and national humane organizations in projects to further animal welfare -- and through many additional services

### MAKES ALEXANDRIA A BETTER COMMUNITY FOR ANIMALS -- AND PEOPLE

Dear Friends of the League:

Our annual membership appeal is especially urgent this year. The LEAGUE needs an active and much larger membership not only to help promote the humane care of animals in our area, but to give tangible evidence that the citizens of ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA in this day and age believe in the humane treatment of all living creatures.

We are committed to a joint program with the City of Alexandria in the operation of the ANIMAL SHELTER. As the city grows, the cost of this operation grows along with it. If "private" funds are not forthcoming to help the LEAGUE carry its share of the increasing cost, OUR services (and it is our work that insures the most humane care possible for animals in our city) will have to be curtailed--and planned improvements in our services will have to be postponed. We are confident that you will not allow this to happen.

Please help us in 1962 as you have in past years. Fill in the enclosed membership slip, and mail it with your check in the enclosed envelope to our Treasurer. You will then receive a membership card for 1962. Also, please tell your pet-owning friends and neighbors about the LEAGUE and encourage them to join.

Thank you,

ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE OF ALEXANDRIA

## HEAR ALL ABOUT - - - ALEXANDRIA AND ITS ANIMALS

Monday, March 26, 8 p.m., Woodward & Lothrop's Potomac Room\*\*\*\*\*AWL members, friends, pet owners, and all who are interested in animals are invited to this special program. You will hear details of the SHELTER'S interesting and varied activities, see colored slides of some of our wards, and receive some helpful hints on care of your own animals. We hope it will be a social evening, too, in which our officers and members can get better acquainted over refreshments following the program.

Other Activities on the LEAGUE Calendar\*\*\*\*\*Rabies inoculation clinic, two Saturdays in April. Alexandria's veterinarians will be available at times not yet set at three firehouses. AWL members issue tags and receipts--one of our many volunteer activities.\*\*\*\*\*ANIMAL FAIR in May, one of our major fund-raising activities. We will need your ideas as well as your help. Please send a note with your membership form or call the SHELTER if you have any suggestions and would like to join in planning the FAIR.\*\*\*\*\*Obedience Training Classes for dogs will begin soon. Call the SHELTER for further information.\*\*\*\*\*Board Meeting, March 19, 8 p.m., Alexandria Library. This will be an important meeting, which ALL BOARD MEMBERS are urged to attend.

## MISS KATHRYN LEWIS

Animal Welfare League feels deeply the loss of one of Alexandria's kindest and most generous citizens. She was one of the LEAGUE'S first members and a continuing supporter of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. She and her father, Mr. John L. Lewis, opened their home and garden for our Animal Fairs. Her steadfast, quiet generosity at all times was a source of encouragement to all of us in our efforts to help our town's animals

## VOLUNTEERS --- AND HOW WE NEED THEM!

A VALUABLE SERVICE was recently undertaken by Board Member Louise Simpson, who is now making follow-up calls on the Shelter's lost-and-found reports. Her work enables the SHELTER to maintain a more efficient "lost-and-found clearing house", a service that could be important to you if you ever lose your pet.

ANOTHER NEW VOLUNTEER is Margaret E. Moore, an experienced lecturer, who is working with SHELTER Supervisor Patricia Walters and Vice President Jean Reichmann on plans for "Alexandria and Its Animals", on March 26. Miss Walters puts in countless volunteer hours for the LEAGUE in addition to her regular SHELTER job.

WANTED: A transistor or small table radio for the SHELTER\*\*\*to replace one that was on loan, for listening to broadcast "lost-and-found" reports. These broadcasts are as important as newspaper ads, which are also checked, and often more timely in helping RETURN lost animals to their owners. If you have a working or repairable radio you are not using, it can be put to effective use for a humane purpose.

PLENTY OF OTHER JOBS AVAILABLE, especially for those who can work during the day. If you can help, let us know.

"THE ANIMAL WELFARER" staff (so far) includes Stuart Morrison, Jean Reichmann, Elise Roberts, Esther H. Green, Evelyn P. Akerley, Louisa and Louise Simpson. George Finney assisted both the editorial and circulation departments in this issue. We are especially grateful to Lillian Nitcher for stenciling the "Welfarer".

HOLD THE PRESS! City Council has just authorized appointment of a warden to enforce the recently amended dog-control ordinance. Further details in the next issue.