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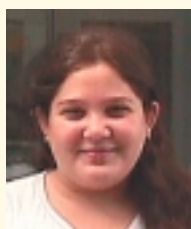
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Calling Doctor Levy

By Leslie Rowe

Shanon Levy knows how to administer first aid, perform rescue breathing, measure blood pressure, and screen for vision problems. No, she's not a doctor—she's an 8th grader at **Lincoln Middle School!** She's also a gold medal winner in the "First Aid and Rescue Breathing" category at the regional Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) competition.



Shanon Levy

(Lincoln's HOSA won 13 medals at last year's state competition!) Shanon is off to a great start on her medical career, thanks to Lincoln's program focusing on health occupations.

For as long as Shanon can remember, she has wanted to become a doctor. Beyond the medical skills and terminology that she has learned, she has met several area healthcare workers who have come to speak with her HOSA class. With her class, Shanon is preparing to volunteer at the humane society, where they'll help with care, testing, and vaccination of animals.

Active in band, National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), and Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT), Shanon stays busy. She's a very qualified babysitter, too! Her advice to younger students? **"Stay in school and always do your best!"**

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Could You Keep Up With Marie Chirico?

By Leslie Rowe

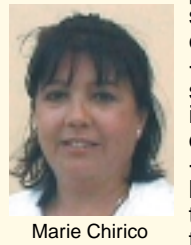
For Marie Chirico, Health teacher at **Lincoln Middle School**, 24 hours in a day is not quite enough. She packs in energy and excitement!

Could you keep up with her? **Marie:**

- Teaches about healthcare and veterinary careers;
- Plans a Humane Society volunteer program designed to give students real-world vet experience;
- Organizes guest speakers to visit her class, introducing careers to future doctors and nurses;
- Volunteered 80 hours in the **hospital emergency room** to add real-world experience to the classroom;

- Volunteered 80 **more** hours at Beach Veterinarian and the Humane Society, learning to care for, test, vaccinate, and microchip animals;
- Adopted out 15 homeless cats and dogs into loving homes—in one month!
- Started a new HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) class, convincing LensCrafters to donate stylish uniform jackets and Manatee Memorial Hospital to help finance their competitions;
- Guided HOSA students in hosting dances, selling carnations, and collecting change in a Penny War, raising \$5000 needed for a trip to Jacksonville where they won 13 medals in state competition; and
- Planned an on-campus "Mock Disaster Day" with the head of the O.R. as a guest.

For this dynamic teacher and her Lincoln Middle students, there's never a dull moment!



Marie Chirico



pet ownership and animal care

Be pet smart!

By Julie Gillies

Is your pet as cool as 007? While your pet obviously can't call you from a phone tucked into the heel of his shoe, he can be micro-chipped, allowing you to find him or any stranded pooch, kitty, or even your pet iguana. A tiny microchip, the size of a grain of rice, can be easily and permanently implanted by your vet, providing you with the security of always knowing where to find Rover. The microchip is then registered with a national service, which is accessible 24/7. Farmers use microchips to track their cattle. Even the government uses microchips to track salmon. In Europe, where permanent animal identification is required, the "Return To Owner" (RTO) rate is 51%. Here in the United States, the RTO is a mere 14%. You don't have to be James Bond to figure out that animal microchips can save you a lot of lost-pet heartache.

Would you be surprised to learn that you have the ability to add three years to the average life of your pet? According to Dr. Paul Gartenberg, owner of The Pet Clinic on S.R. 64 in East Bradenton, an important element of pet care is often overlooked by many pet owners—your pet's smile! "The importance of good oral hygiene, including regular cleaning by a veterinarian, can prevent bacteria from migrating from the mouth to other body parts such as the heart and lungs," said Dr. Gartenberg. Clean teeth also can prevent tooth pain, loss of appetite, and a downward spiral of general health. Dr. Gartenberg also remarked that there are two new ways to make pet care a breeze. The recently introduced six-month heartworm vaccine and a three-year rabies vaccine offer relief to forgetful pet owners.

Does your dog like to hang his head out the car window? Now you can protect his eyes with "Doggles"—sunglasses for your canine friend. They offer 100% UV protection, as well as head and chin straps to keep them firmly in place. Does your cat yearn for the wild outdoors? Take him camping indoors or out with a comfy "Cat Tent." Do your pets crave treats? How about a gumball-style "Treat Machine" which dispenses their favorite snacks? Did you know that there are ergonomically designed "Raised Pet Dishes" with the proven health benefits of reducing stress on front paws, neck and back? Your dog may not join you in a game of "Dog-Opoly," but he might enjoy a rousing time with "My Dog Can Do That!," a dog-friendly training game.

What does 007 have that your pet doesn't? Okay, besides his own airplane and computer access through his watch, there are a lot of cool new pet gadgets out there.

And your vet can offer modern care to help your pet live a healthy, happy life. But only you can add the love and attention all pets crave. Even James Bond would agree!

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Interested in getting a new pet? Whether you are considering a dog, cat, hamster or something more exotic, make certain that the pet you choose is a good fit for your family. The library has tons of books about all types of pets. You can also talk with friends who own pets. Owning a pet is a big responsibility, and can be a long-term commitment depending on the lifespan of the animal you choose. Below are some guidelines to help you decide if pet ownership is right for you.

GET INFORMED – Read and learn all you can about the pet you're interested in. Consider the financial costs involved in owning a pet. Costs may include food, vaccinations, vet visits, and paying someone to care for your pet while you are on vacation.

MAKE A FAMILY DECISION – A new pet affects all your family members, and you will need your parent's permission.

VISIT ANIMAL SHELTERS – Learn all you can, ask questions, hold different animals for yourself! If you are selecting your pet from a shelter, see which pet responds to your touch and voice. One pet owner went into the dog pen and called out "SIT!" He wanted to choose an obedient pet!

REALIZE THE RESPONSIBILITY – A pet requires fresh water, food, as well as time, attention and exercise. Are you willing to work this hard? Don't promise your parents that you'll be helpful and then later ignore your pet's needs!

DESIGNATE – Get help from your family, if they are willing. Decide who is responsible for which pet chores. Make it a family project!

CHOOSE – your pet wisely. Don't go for a greyhound if you live in a tiny apartment with no yard. Match your new pet to your home environment.

ENJOY – your pet! Feed them, play with them, but most of all, love them!



The following jobs involve working with animals. You can find out more at your local library.

- Pet-Sitter**
- Animal Groomer**
- Kennel Owner**
- Veterinarian**
- Veterinarian's Assistant**
- Animal Hospital Staff**
- Animal Surgeon**
- Animal Trainer**
- Animal Obedience School Owner**
- Farming**
- Animal Photography**
- Animal Breeder**
- Pet-Store Owner**
- Pet-Store Worker**

For more career information see your school counselor and get information on-line at:
<http://jobstar.org/tools/career/spec-car.cfm>
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<http://www.acinet.org/acinet/default.asp>



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