

Tails 'n Ties Annual Dinner & Benefit Wrap Up

Tails 'n Ties Annual Dinner & Benefit was held on Sept. 29th at The Cornhusker, A Marriott Hotel. Guests enjoyed musical pieces played by Noteworthy Ensemble during dinner. Greg Ford auctioned animal themed desserts and a few special items. Winners of this year's raffle included Leah Harris – a ride over Lincoln in a WW 2 bi-plane and Stef Bowers – golf for four at Firethorn Golf Club. Robert A. Downey presented information and plans for the new Animal Adoption Center being built on the corner of 70th and HWY 2.

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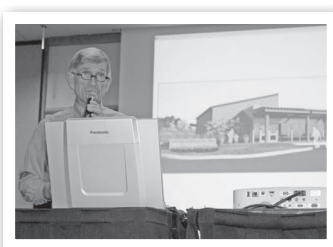
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A special thanks to the Capital Humane Society Board of Directors & Staff who donated desserts for the live auction.

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Cupcakes & More



Jock and owner/shelter volunteer Timoree greeted guests as they arrived at the dinner.



Bob informs the guests of the plans for the new Animal Adoption Center.



The Dog Bowl donated by Butterfly Bakery, was one of the many cakes bid on by guests.



Bob thanks board members Jeanelle Lust, Bob LeZotte & Nancy Mitchell, who will be leaving the society after serving two terms on the board of directors.



Guests make decisions on the dessert they would like to bid on.

Fall Events and Gifts



Spay It Forward
Spaghetti and music filled Red 9 for the Spay It Forward fundraiser this fall. The Wheezetones performed for over 300 attendees during the Sept. 15th event. Nearly \$2,400 was raised to help with the Spay/Neuter Clinic at the Capital Humane Society and the Spay/Neuter Grant program at Animal Control.

Sponsors of the evening included Three Eagles Communications, The Wheezetones, Red 9, Budweiser and Nebraska Animal Medical Center. Capital Humane Society is so grateful for the support of this event. You can't beat a night of music by the Wheezetones and some pasta to go along with it.



First Graders Give

First graders at Beattie Elementary went as far as emptying out their piggy banks for Capital Humane Society in October. Friends and family of the students also pitched in and gave to the cause. When it was all said and done, the students raised \$650 for the shelter. Bob Downey was very pleased to make a trip to the school and be presented a check on behalf of the shelter.



First grade students with a check to be presented to Bob Downey.



First graders meet adoption dog Zoe and Bob Downey.

Their efforts were part of a challenge through Windstream to win \$25,000 for Technology at Beattie. One of the criteria was to put together special projects that would benefit the Lincoln community. Beattie first graders chose to raise money for the new Animal Adoption Center.

A plaque will be put up at our new adoption center, recognizing the Beattie first graders. We hope all of that hard earned money and time spent will win them Windstream's challenge. It's such a great feeling to know that our young people are making a difference in our community.

Furry Friends Wish List

- Bleach
- Shoe Boxes
- Aluminum Cans
- Collars & Leashes
- Non-Clumping Cat Litter
- Rubber Gloves
- Cat & Dog Treats
- Dish Soap
- Washable Cat Toys
- Hard Rubber Chew Toys
- Paper Towels
- High Efficiency (HE) Laundry Detergent
- Wooden Chewing Blocks
- Blankets/Towels
- Dishwasher Detergent

- Aspen Bedding for Small Animals
- Little Critter Food
- Shirt Boxes
- 9 volt Batteries
- Cotton Balls
- Dryer Sheets
- Zip Lock Sandwich bags
- Purina Dog Food
- Purina Puppy Chow
- Purina Cat Chow
- Purina Kitten Chow
- Glass Cleaner
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Carpet Samples



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WINTER 2011

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Coco Is Happy To Be At Home Again

From Robert A. Downey, Executive Director

Reuniting a dog with her beloved family is my Christmas present for 2011 – for me, one of the best Christmas presents ever. I want to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.



In October, tears testified to the joyful reunion of a dog and her family at the shelter. It was a poignant reunion, for circumstances had forced a separation that fortunately turned out to be a temporary one. Some time ago, a woman and her son walked into the shelter with their Chihuahua, Coco, with their eyes filled with tears. Changes in their living situation forced Tomika and her family to surrender their dog, a tough decision with no alternatives.

Coco had been a happy member of the Williams family for the past six months, and her outgoing and loving personality made a strong attachment inevitable. The feelings were definitely mutual.

But our circumstances change and we pet owners sometimes find ourselves in difficult situations. Such was the case for Tomika and her family. An increasingly tough financial situation forced the Williams to move from place to place, and Tomika had no luck finding a place within their price range that permitted dogs.

I witnessed Tomika and her son dropping Coco off at the shelter. They were obviously very upset, but I could not get over how sad the boy was. My heart went out to them. I did not want this to be the end of their story.

Three weeks later, our Animal Behaviorist called Tomika to see if her living situation had changed. As a matter of fact, it had. What Tomika didn't know was that one of our volunteers had been fostering her dog in hopes of one day returning Coco to her.

Our volunteer raced down to the shelter with Coco that day, and Tomika, filled with emotion and gratitude, came right down. As soon as Coco laid eyes on Tomika, Coco jumped around with excitement. From all directions, tears flowed as Tomika thanked us again and again, and hugs were exchanged—again and again.

Our Animal Behaviorist, Randy, describes that day as one of the best days at the shelter since joining the Capital Humane Society. These kinds of things make the world go round. Talk about warm fuzzies all day long and a Christmas gift to outlast the holiday and year.

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Upcoming Events

📅 Closed for the Holiday
Dec. 25 & Jan. 1

📅 2012 Spring Phonathon
Jan. 30 - Feb. 16

📅 Puppy Kindergarten Class
February
Call for date and time

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Does My Pet Need a Sweater?

By Lynn Fry Collins, DVM

In the past few years clothing for pets has become very popular. The "Paris Hilton purse Chihuahua" prompted sales of everything from formal wear to designer sweaters. With a cold Nebraska winter just around the corner it brings up the question.....Does my pet really need a sweater?

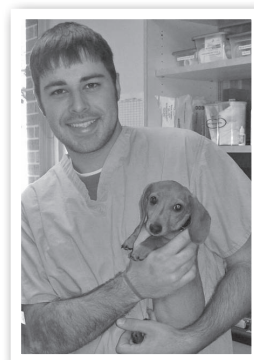
First of all, a well groomed coat is the best natural insulation that your pet can have, especially in longer coated animals. A healthy hair coat may eliminate the need for any winter clothing. Some types of cats may need a little extra "coat." Most cats will not tolerate a sweater, nor need one. The hairless, or extremely short-haired breeds, like a sphinx or rex really need a sweater or at least a blanket to bury in during the winter even when kept indoors. With a little patience, they will adjust to wearing a sweater and learn to love it.

Most large dogs do not need winter wear unless the weather is extremely frigid. One exception is greyhounds and whippets. They naturally have low body fat; therefore, little insulation. A sweater will keep them comfortable when going outdoors. Small breed dogs will frequently benefit from wearing a sweater or coat. The toy breeds (Chihuahuas, Maltese, Yorkies, etc.) are especially susceptible to the cold. Very old, young or debilitated dogs of any breed will be grateful for a sweater when the temperatures dip.

These suggestions are directed toward pets that spend most of their time indoors. However, we all know that many pets live outdoors and do fine as long as they have warm shelter, food and water. These animals are acclimated to their environment and only suffer from extreme cold.

Of course there is a concern that pets will get too warm when wearing outerwear. Excessive panting and thirst may indicate your pet is too hot. So if it sounds like your pet might benefit from some type of winter wear, maybe you can find a matching sweater for you!

Staff Profile: Parker Harbaugh



Parker Harbaugh

Parker Harbaugh has spent his entire life around animals. With his mother being local veterinarian, Kathy Calvert, Parker spent many years starting his day at the clinic before the school day began. Through junior high, high school and beyond, it was not uncommon for Parker to be working at the clinic. So it was a natural fit for Parker when a position became available at the shelter in April 2010.

Parker enjoys his daily routine of assisting the shelter vet staff with health exams and on occasion with surgery preps. Two years of pre-vet studies has given Parker a good basis for working at the shelter. He can't see himself doing anything other than working with animals.

In his free time, Parker brews his own beer, works on home improvement projects and watches his favorite football teams, the Huskers and Detroit Lions. He also cares for three lizards named Charizard, Grizzly Bear and Godzilla (adopted from CHS) and his Irish Terrier named Waffles, also adopted from the shelter.

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Volunteer Spotlight: Our Volunteers Make the Impossible Possible

By Alisa Eichorn, Director of Education & Volunteers

Our volunteers save us day in and day out. They might not feel like they do, but they do. I found it hard to feature a particular volunteer in this newsletter because all of them have done so much for us. I can't even begin to choose ONE volunteer.

The shelter has had a couple of really tough weeks this fall. Two weeks come to mind in particular when we had at least four events each week, some weeks with two or three in one day. I could only shake my head and hope for the best. Little did I know that volunteers would fill those events and activities in no time at all. Our volunteers have disproved my doubts more than a few times.

One thing that I've learned from this job is that all you have to do is ASK our volunteers. Someone is always there to pick up the pieces. There are some days when I don't know where we'd be without our volunteers.

It is with much heart that I thank those volunteers who have contributed to the Kirk Nelson memorial kennel. This kennel will be constructed at our new adoption center in memory of my late brother Kirk. While I solicited my friends and family to donate to Kirk's kennel, I did not solicit our volunteers because they do so much for us already. I wasn't about to ask them for something else.

A very special volunteer named Carrie Didrichsons found out about Kirk's kennel. She took it upon herself to reach out to other volunteers and ask them to donate to this effort. Much to my surprise, the shelter has received several checks in the mail over the past couple of months to go towards Kirk's kennel. One of the checks was for \$500. I am overjoyed, humbled, emotional and astonished to say the least. I have always truly admired our volunteers and everything they do for us, but in this particular instance . . . the words fail me.

It is such an honor to work with all of our volunteers. They are truly a gift to our animals and our organization. They are more than just volunteers. They are friends of the shelter. From all of us at Capital Humane Society, we want to thank our volunteers for stepping up and giving so much of themselves for a few precious licks and wags in return.

Capital Humane Society Out & About

Critter Corner

Time Warner Cable, Ch 13
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Lincoln Journal Star

Pet of the Week - Friday

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1st Saturday of the month

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Training Tips on a Well Behaved Dog: Dog Training 101

By Randy Yager, Animal Behavior Specialist

Dog training is simple, not to be confused with easy. It takes, love, patience, time, willingness and perseverance.

The two main components to dog training are consistency and timing. First let's talk about consistency. Consistency is an absolute must. It is not fair to the dog, nor should we expect the dog to learn if we are changing the rules all the time. For example; what if they changed the speed limit on the street we take to work every day and didn't post the change? See what I mean.

I never give the dog a command unless I am willing, and prepared to follow through with the appropriate correction to make it happen the first time I give it. I never repeat a command. Note, I said command, not request. I never ask my dog to do anything. I tell my dog what to do. I love my dog! But I am Master, and dog is dog, and the sooner we make that clear the better. Secondly, you'll notice I give the command once. If I'm constantly repeating my commands without enforcing them, why should the dog do it the first time, or second, or perhaps at all?

In a nutshell, I give the dog a command once, enforce it, and reward the dog. The dog learns that there is no choice, it must do it, and the quicker it does it, the quicker it gets its reward. And this will become a habit that the dog will continue throughout training.

The importance of timing; dogs live in the moment, perhaps something we humans should try more often. The timing of our corrections, as well as our praise and reward is crucial, and sometimes there are only moments between the correction and the reward.

Let's use a common problem as an example; dog jumping up on you. In this case the correction should come as the dog is jumping up, a firm NO, as well as a leash correction, or perhaps a knee. Now, just a moment later as the dog is sitting in front of you, it should get praise and a reward.

If I am consistent with this, the dog will learn to avoid the negative consequences of jumping up, and instead, try to do the behavior that will result in positive consequences.

In closing, RELAX, dog training is a joy, not a burden. Done properly it is fun, and will increase the bond between you, and your furry friend.

Happy Training!

Real World Experience For Vet Students

More than a half dozen Kansas State vet students have come to CHS this year, searching for more hands on experience with our animals. The majority of these students have done one week externships in order to graduate.



Michelle Mazur

The students have been a great short term addition to our vet staff. They have helped in the vet clinic with various tasks. Some of the procedures they assisted with were physical exams, vaccinations, microchipping, deworming, heartworm testing and feline leukemia/FIV testing, among other things. In the surgery suite, students assisted with and performed spay and neuter surgeries, under the guidance of the shelter vets.

Michelle Mazur was one of the students who completed her externship with us.

"The Capital Humane Society was a great chance for me to see the intimate workings of a shelter. I am certainly glad that my veterinary career took me through Lincoln to volunteer at the shelter," says Michelle.

Our team of vets and technicians has done a tremendous job of educating the students in helping prepare them for the future.

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