



Capital Humane Society

SHELTER SHARING

Winter 2017

Mission: To fulfill the promise of animals, Capital Humane Society shelters animals, protects animals and teaches compassion and respect.

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Basic Obedience Classes
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• Ends December 31st

Holiday Bulbs
• Available now



A Baker's Dozen

By Matt Madcharo, Director of Operations & Co-Director of Fundraising

On June 20th, 2017 a citizen brought a very pregnant, American Bulldog mix to our Admissions & Assessment Center after they found her running loose. Upon arrival, our veterinary staff examined her and an ultrasound confirmed she was pregnant. After her holding period passed, and no one came forward to claim her, we named her Dolly and placed her in a foster home so she could give birth and raise her puppies in a quiet environment.

In foster care, Dolly gave birth to 14 puppies on July 5th! Unfortunately, a couple days later one of the puppies failed to thrive and passed away. However, the other 13 puppies were all doing great along with Dolly. Over the next 8 weeks, the puppies grew and became more and more rambunctious!

In late August, they came back to the shelter to be spayed/neutered before they were made available for adoption. On the first day they were available for adoption, every single puppy found a new home!

After the puppies moved onto their new homes, Dolly spent a little more time in foster care to dry up before she was spayed to prevent any additional litters. On September 9th, Dolly also found her new, loving home!

LAST CHANCE



Donated by Mark Pieloch

Raffle Tickets
\$100

This raffle is ending soon. Get your tickets before December 31st. Act quick there will only be 1,070 tickets sold. Must be 18 years of age or older. Tickets are available at both Capital Humane Society locations and at DuTeau Chevrolet. More information at capitalhumanesociety.org

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Protect Your Pet From Winter Hazards

By Vickie Sundquist, Licensed Veterinary Technician

During the winter season, your pet can be exposed to many potential hazards. One of the biggest hazards is ethylene glycol. Ethylene glycol is a toxic chemical for pets that can be found in many common items in your home and neighborhood. The Humane Society Legislative Fund estimates that 90,000 animals a year are poisoned by ethylene glycol. Just one teaspoon can be fatal for felines and one tablespoon can make a dog sick.

PRODUCTS CONTAINING ETHYLENE GLYCOL

- Antifreeze
- Motor Oil
- Paints
- De-icing Solutions
- Solvents
- Hydraulic Brake Fluid

Follow these tips to avoid toxicity in your pet(s) this winter season:

- Keep these products stored out of reach of pets and closed tightly.
- Dispose of empty containers properly.
- Do not spill antifreeze.
- Clean up all spills immediately.
- Check your vehicle for radiator leaks.
- Don't let your pets roam free, where they could be exposed.
- After a walk, wipe your dog's feet, legs and stomach area to prevent ingestion of salt or dangerous chemicals.
- For your own walkways, use a pet-friendly ice-melt product.

If you believe your pet may have been exposed, watch for these symptoms:

- Seizures
- Increased Urination
- Vomiting
- Difficulty Walking (acting "drunk")

Contact your veterinarian immediately, if you think your pet has been exposed. Don't wait!



Help Decorate

Our TREE

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT CAPITAL HUMANE SOCIETY

BUY ONE OF OUR CHRISTMAS TREE BULBS FOR \$10 AND HANG IT ON OUR TREE IN HONOR OF A BELOVED PET OR PERSON.

Volunteer Spotlight – Jenifer Snook

By Charleen Engberg, Director of Education & Volunteers

"I resisted volunteering for a long time thinking that I would be tempted to take them all home. Which, I always am," Jenifer Snook said with a smile. She volunteers as an adoption counselor and at special events for Capital Humane Society. "But I realized that was selfish and my desire to help was greater."

"I help people find their new companions and get the privilege of helping animals find their new forever homes," she explained. "Most recently, a woman came in just to look and I let her pet this little dog I was holding before putting him back into his kennel. It reminded her of her previous dog who had just passed away and she had tears in her eyes. She ended up adopting the little dog, saying 'I can't leave without him!'"

Jenifer found her own dog at Capital Humane Society. "I adopted Whiskey in 2010. He had been at the shelter twice in one year," she said. "He had so much energy that I started running with him, and by 2011, I ran my first half marathon! He trained with me every step of the way and he's been my running buddy ever since."

When her cat passed away, Jenifer said she could tell Whiskey was lonely so she came to Capital Humane Society to look for a friend. "The staff immediately showed me a 25-pound cat named Boo. He had been brought to the shelter twice as well," she noted. "While I was sitting in the colony with him, another cat named Jasper approached me. He put his two paws on my lap and looked at me with his sad eyes. Jasper had me at hello." She ended up adopting both cats. All three pets get along great, Jenifer said. "Of course, I am biased, but I am lucky to have the best rescue animals!"

Volunteers like Jenifer, who put their love of animals into meaningful action through service and adoption, are key to the success of Capital Humane Society. We wish her and all our outstanding volunteers a very happy holiday season.



**Capital Humane
Society**

Out & About

Critter Corner

Spectrum LCC-TV, Ch. 1302

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

**Neighborhood
Extra**

1st Saturday of the month

KOLN-TV 10/11

Monday, 5:50 a.m.

Thursday, 12:20 p.m.

KLKN-TV 8

Every Wednesday,

11:50 a.m.

KZUM 89.3 AM

Saturday, 10:15 a.m.

KLIN 1400 AM

Thursday, 6:55 a.m.

KFOR 1240 AM

Monday, 6:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:45 a.m.

KFRX 106.3

Monday at 6:25 a.m.

and Thursday 9:00 a.m.

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Bringing Home a New Pet

By Shelby Backhus, Animal Behaviorist

So you adopted a new pet, now what?!
Bringing home Fido or Fluffy for the first time can be an exciting yet stressful time.
Here are some tips to keep you and your new furry friend calm:

- Introduce two new dogs on neutral territory so the resident dog does not have an advantage over the new dog.
- Try to have relaxed leashes, if letting two dogs meet on a leash. A tight leash will create unwanted tension and could escalate the situation.
- Walk the new dog and the resident dog together. It will help create a positive connection between the two of them.
- During the first week or so, pick up all food and toys so the dogs do not have items to become protective over.
- Working with all dogs in the home on obedience training will help everyone involved settle in.
- When introducing a new cat to the home try to keep them in their own room for the first week

or two. This will help the new kitty adjust to their new digs without being overwhelmed by meeting all of the other pets. After settling in, let the new cat explore their new home in baby steps. It is best to slowly let cats acclimate to their new home.

- Whether there is a cat already present in the home or if you are bringing a new cat home, creating a safe place for the cat to retreat to is a good idea. If there are dogs present in the home, a safe place higher up and out of reach from the dog is a great option.
- Pheromone products, such as Adaptil or Feliaway, can be used to help keep the animals in the calm. These products can be found at most local pet stores.
- Create a routine and try to stick to it. This will help your new friend know what to expect.

STAFF PROFILE – SABRA GILBERT

By Lindsay Wallasky, Director of Operations & Co-Director of Fundraising

Sabra Gilbert joined the Capital Humane Society team in June of 2016 as one of our amazing office staff members at the Admissions and Assessment Center.

Sabra grew up in Lennox, South Dakota. She moved to Nebraska with her husband, Simeon, once he was accepted as a grad student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Sabra and Simeon share their home with Fox, a 1 ½ year old Catahoula Corgi mix, Ashe, a 1 year old Blue Heeler mix, Odette, their year old cat and Chino their 7 year old Chinchilla.

Sabra enjoys reuniting pets with their owners and her favorite part is calling owners and letting them know their pet is safe and sound. She recalls a phone call she made to a woman whose cat went missing 3 years ago and turned up at Capital Humane Society. We were able to reunite the cat with its owner because the cat had a microchip!

Sabra also helps the shelter out by being one of our many foster parents who welcomes and tends to animals that need a little extra care before entering the adoption program. She has fostered several kittens and puppies that needed to be bottle fed, which is no small task.

We are so delighted to have Sabra on board at Capital Humane Society, and the pets and owners she has helped reunite are thankful for her as well!