



Capital Humane Society

SHELTER SHARING

SPRING 2015

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

Capital Humane Society
Admissions & Assessment
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- + Tails 'N Trails Pet Walk & Festival: May 16th
- + Give to Lincoln Day: May 28th



Help Make a Difference in the Lives of Pets In Need!

Our Tails 'n Trails Pet Walk & Festival is the biggest party for people and pets!

Saturday, May 16th Pinewood Bowl Gates open at 11:00 a.m.

Vendors open at 11:00 a.m. Short Program at 12:00 p.m.

King & Queen of the Walk Ceremony: 12:15 The walk begins 12:30 p.m.

The day includes the walk, a live band, all sorts of vendors, caricatures, pupcake walk, King & Queen dog ceremony, cutest costume contest, bobbing for hot dogs, dog demonstrations, man vs. dog peanut butter licking contest, best howler contest, Mutt Mutt Golf, a bouncy house, great food and much more. Everyone is welcome, with or without a pet!

Our goal is to raise \$60,000 and have 750 participants! If we had 750 people attend and everyone raised \$80 each, our goal would be met! Proceeds will benefit a number of programs including foster care, humane education, pet adoptions and spaying/neutering.

Here are just a few ways your fundraising efforts for our Tails 'n Trails Pet Walk & Festival will benefit our pets:

- *If you raise \$10, it will help vaccinate two animals.
- *If \$25 is raised, it provides heartworm testing for five dogs.
- *A gift of \$50 allows us to microchip five animals.
- *\$100 will cover the cost of supplies needed to spay and neuter eight pets.

Fundraising Ideas:

- *Hold a Jeans day fundraiser at work
- *Bring your pet to work day for \$5 per employee
- *Ask your employer if they can offer a paid vacation day as a prize for the person who raises the most money
- *Raffle off that coveted parking spot at work for a year
- *Raffle off the chance to catch some extra Zs and come in late to work on Friday.
- *School/Office bake sale
- *Invite your friends over to watch and cheer during March Madness. Charge admission at the door.
- *Invite all of your friends to come and charge admission for a wine and cheese tasting party *Collect aluminum cans
- *Ask your friends and family to donate for your birthday or special occasion

Register and start fundraising by going to our website, CapitalHumaneSociety.org or by calling 402.441.4481.

New This Year: Free Registration!!

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From the President & CEO

The possibility of weather disasters is something we all would rather not think about. However given that we reside in an area of the country where weather events such as tornados can have a devastating impact on our community it is important that we be prepared.

Every person should have their own plan in place for themselves, their family and their pets when it comes to disaster preparedness.

Community preparedness is also important. Capital Humane Society in partnership with Lincoln Animal Control has been working to prepare itself to help our community should we ever be called to do so. Preparedness is a forever on going exercise even if we never have to respond.

Two important things we are doing in the month of February are training key staff in FEMA's Incident Command Structure. The opportunity for this training is being provided to us through the Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management Office and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Following that training we will also be participating in a city-wide tabletop exercise coordinated by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. We are grateful for the opportunity to be included in these trainings which are key to Capital Humane Society as an organization to be able to assist our community if called upon in a disaster situation.



Foster Homes Making an Impact

Capital Humane Society is lucky to have a dedicated group of foster families to help care for animals at the shelter. Foster homes give these animals a temporary home in which to rest, relax, and heal. Animals are in foster care for varying amounts of time; anywhere from a few days to a few months. Pets that go into foster care are those that are ill, recovering from a surgery or procedure, or just need to be socialized before going up for adoption. In 2014, 577 cats, dogs, puppies, kittens, and rabbits went into the care of foster parents. These homes are a vital part of the shelter, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our foster families for their dedication and hard work:

*Kristi and Amelia Ambroz
Dr. Laura Andersen
Sharon Baker
Janelle Byam
Alyssa Connealy
Dave & Kathy Cook
Catherine Delaine
Sue Dempsey
Brooke Downing
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Michelle Sloup
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Joel & Lisa Spomer
Ashley Stark
Corey & Jenny Stager
Vickie Sundquist
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Sara Ward
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Ross Young*

Capital Humane Society is always in need of new foster families! If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact the foster care program coordinator office: (402) 477-3270 or foster@capitalhumanesociety.org

Puppy Socialization Tips

By Shelby Backhus – Animal Behaviorist



Spring is a happy time of the year when birds are chirping, the sun is shining, and the world is full of new life. Spring is also a very popular time for families to bring a new puppy home. The first few months of a dog's life serve as a critical learning window. This learning window is from about 3 weeks to 20 weeks of age. Puppies are just like toddlers in the sense that during this learning window, their minds are constantly absorbing and taking in the surrounding environments.

Many owners ask about socializing their new puppy. Socialization for dogs means training and teaching life skills. People tend to think that socialization

is only about how their dog plays with other dogs. It is so much more than that! Socialization means providing your dog with as many positive experiences as possible. Socialization is teaching your dog how to behave in all kinds of situations.

If you are looking to socialize your puppy, go exploring and use any new environment as a training experience. When out for a walk with your puppy, ask strangers to properly greet your puppy. You can also sign up for a training class or enroll your puppy in doggy daycare. Trainers and doggy daycare employees are experienced in reading dog body language and can make sure your puppy is having a positive experience. Another way of creating a positive training opportunity is to ask your Veterinarian if you can stop in for a quick visit. Have the staff give your puppy a few treats and show your puppy that visiting a Veterinarian is fun. When socializing your puppy, one thing to remember is that no one should ever rough house with your dog. Rough play leads to nipping which turns into biting. The key to socialization is training early and continuing training as the dog ages.

Volunteer Spotlight: Tish Hughes

By Charleen Engberg, Director of Education & Volunteers

Tish Hughes was inspired to start volunteering at Capital Humane Society by her daughter, Virginia. For several years, they volunteered as a team. When Virginia went on to college, Tish continued as a volunteer and said she found her niche doing humane education tours and presentations.

"I speak to people of all ages and love to get them excited about caring for animals," she explained.

Her presentations are lively and interactive and Tish speaks on a number of different topics, which can include the importance of spaying and neutering, how microchips work, pet first aid, dog bite prevention, and reasons why animals come to the humane society.

Humane education is one of the critical programs at Capital Humane Society and each year hundreds of people learn about responsible pet care, the role of the humane society, and the importance of being kind. Tish and the other volunteers who assist with presentations teach people how every person can impact the world with their actions.

"It is rewarding being part of the process to educate," Tish said. "I get back more than I give."

Her family adopted their dog, Ramone, from the humane society in 2009. He is a cherished pet that she describes as a wonderful "ambassador dog".

We are very fortunate to have Tish's support in so many ways including with education efforts. She is a role model for kindness and puts her passion into action, making the world a better place for people and pets.



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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

Neighborhood Extra

1st Saturday of the month

KOLN-TV 10/11

Monday, 6:20 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, 6:50 a.m.

Thursday, 8:45 a.m.

KFRX 106.3

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

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Spring Pet Hazards *By Laura Andersen, DVM*

Surrounded by deep snow drifts, it may feel like spring is far away, but it will be here before we realize it. While we are dreaming about blooming flowers and warmer weather, now is a good time to make sure our homes are safe for our pets as springtime approaches.

Just like during the winter holidays, certain human treats we enjoy during the spring and especially at Easter can be dangerous for our pets. Chocolate is poisonous to dogs as are grapes and raisins. At family parties, kebab skewers, alcohol, and bones are particularly dangerous BBQ hazards for both dogs and cats.

While it is enjoyable to spend time in the garden as the weather warms up, there are potential hazards for pets there as well. Insecticides such as permethrins are especially toxic to cats. Slug or snail baits often contain metaldehyde and exposure to only a small amount can be poisonous. Other dangers in the yard or garden include certain plants such as azaleas, lilies, daffodils, and other spring bulbs. Be on the lookout for signs of excessive drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle spasms, twitching, tremors/seizures, and uncoordinated movements as these may indicate your pet has been exposed to one of these toxins. If these signs are observed, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Spring is a time for insect numbers to be on the rise. Wasp and bee stings are not usually an emergency unless the pet is allergic to the sting in which case you might notice swelling and difficulty breathing. Mosquitoes are more numerous so it is important to keep your pets on heartworm preventive since this disease is spread via mosquitoes. Fleas and ticks also increase in numbers and ticks can carry several diseases. Keeping pets on regular flea and tick preventives will reduce the risk of them getting tick borne diseases and keep them, and you, more comfortable.

Lastly, spring is the time when intact animals feel the call of nature. Hormones will drive them to roam in search of a mate and they are at risk for getting loose, lost, or even injured. Spaying or neutering your pet will make them happier, reduce or eliminate certain unwanted behaviors, and prevent accidental pregnancies that result in unwanted/homeless pets.

Staff Profile *Kathryn Lenz*

Kathryn Lenz has worked for Capital Humane Society for almost two years. She started off as an Animal Care staff worker and then became our Donor Records Clerk about a year ago.

Kathryn grew up in Lincoln. She graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries and Wildlife. When asked why she chose Fisheries and Wildlife, Kathryn said it was because she's been to Colorado every summer, except for one, since she was three months old. She loves all animals but if she had to choose, Kathryn is definitely a cat person.

Kathryn's family includes her husband, Jason, alumni dog Stella, alumni cat Theodore and a grey tabby named Daisy. She also played piccolo in the Cornhusker Marching Band for four years and still plays in the Big Red Alumni Pep Band.

Kathryn's most memorable pets who've been adopted from Capital Humane Society are Gemini, a pitbull mix and a large and in charge cat named Mya. Her favorite memory from work was when she adopted out a puppy to a family with two small girls. They returned a week later with handwritten thank you letters for Kathryn. To this day, those letters have a special place on her fridge at home.

We are so delighted to have Kathryn on board at Capital Humane Society. Her attention to detail and great people and animal skills make her a very valuable employee to our organization.

