



Capital Humane Society

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

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Saturday May 18, 2013
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Call for dates and times

Celebrate Me Home

The Pieloch Pet Adoption Center from the Ground Up



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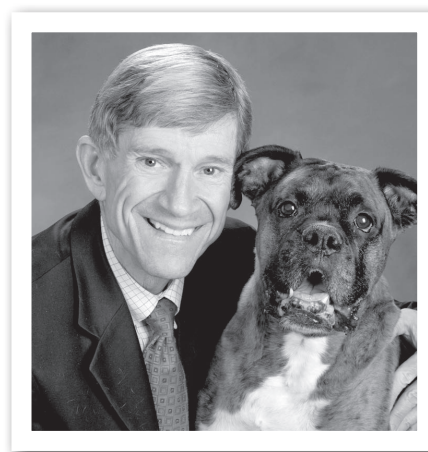
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From the President & CEO

What an exciting year this will be for Capital Humane Society as we near the completion of the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center.

This facility should have a significant impact on Capital Humane Society's adoption program. There have been many changes over the years in the way new animal shelters are designed. The Pieloch Pet Adoption Center is no exception, and will provide a healthy and less stressful environment for the pets that reside there.



Just as important will be the environment for visitors. Features of the new facility include a comfortable, odor-free environment with reduced noise, where visitors can take their time choosing a pet that they may want to adopt.

The Pieloch Pet Adoption Center will open to the public in early June (close to the first of the month). There is no question in my mind that people will be amazed when they visit. There is also no question in my mind that this was made possible by every contributor to the project. Each and every one had a role in bringing this project to fruition. My heartfelt thanks to you.

Your continued support of Capital Humane Society will remain important going forward. Operating two facilities means more staff and expenses as we strive to provide better care and more adoptive homes for animals that come to our organization. I will always be grateful for what you have done and what you will do to make our work possible.



PHON-A-THON

Thank You

Capital Humane Society would like to say thank you for taking our call during the 2013 Spring Phon-a-thon! Your kindness and generosity will make a difference in the lives of all animals entering the shelter doors.

A special thank you to the following businesses, restaurants and individuals for donating food for the phone agents during the phon-a-thon:

Russ's Market

Randy's Donuts

Runza

Toppers Pizza

Godfather's

Pizza Hut

Mr. Goodcent's

Raising Cane's
Chicken Fingers

Kentucky Fried
Chicken

Volunteer Spotlight: April Parkison

A recent study revealed that less than 25% of people choose to adopt a shelter pet because they perceive the animals as problematic. As many satisfied adopters will attest, that is simply not the case. Pets looking for homes are loving and loyal and it is important that their photos on the website demonstrate that. At Capital Humane Society, we are very fortunate to have volunteers to take photographs that capture the colorful expressions and personalities of the beautiful pets looking for new homes.

April Parkison has been volunteering for the last two years and focuses on taking pictures of the dogs in adoption. When asked why she volunteers, she said, "To be honest, as much as I want to be a selfless philanthropist, I wanted to volunteer at the humane society for one -- no, two -- very selfish reasons." The reasons, she revealed, were cuddles and puppy kisses. "I love being around animals and because of living in an apartment, I found I was having cuddle withdrawal. My solution was to volunteer."

Like most people, April is busy juggling many activities, and yet makes volunteering at Capital Humane Society a priority. "I've always been one for schedules," she explained. "I need to know when, where, and how long. So when I decided to start volunteering it became one of my top priorities. I usually schedule other things around when I want to volunteer, rather than scheduling volunteering around everything else."

April comes in several times a week to photograph dogs for adoption and also donates her time at special events. "My favorite time of year to photograph for the humane society is around the holidays when we do the pictures with Santa," she said. "Meeting all the different types and breeds of animals is an experience. Getting everyone, including Santa, to look at the camera is a hoot at times. Then to hear the stories of the rescues by some of the owners is heartwarming."

Her sense of humor and warmth come through in her photography and when she talks about her own cats, Alethia and Nyssa. April said, "Both girls, being hairless, love to snuggle and steal body heat from anyone who will put up with them. They are quite a joy. And yes, they do have a full wardrobe."

We are very grateful to April and all our volunteer photographers for sharing their talent. Their work reveals the very charming and clever qualities of pets at the shelter waiting for new homes.

Volunteering at Capital Humane Society gives individuals the opportunity to be of service and to be part of a compassionate organization. April said, "I love learning new skills and techniques that will help these lovely dogs get adopted. Plus, everyone on staff is so nice and entertaining to be around. The atmosphere is wonderful."



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

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 am

KFOR 1240 AM

Tuesday, 6:50 a.m.

Thursday, 8:45 a.m.

KFRX 106.3

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

www.FROGGY981.com

Click on Pics/Videos to
find Frogs for Dogs



Web Site

www.capitalhumanesociety.org

Bloodhound Gets “A New Leash” On Life

A big and beautiful bloodhound stole the hearts of many while spending time at Capital Humane Society during the winter months. Sonny's friendliness and large howl for attention made employees stop by her kennel often and give her much-deserved affection. She was a lost dog that was never reclaimed by the owner.

Shortly after we started caring for her, a shelter employee discovered a small mass on her rear. A decision was made to go the extra mile for this big sweetheart and have the mass removed and tested for cancer. With fingers crossed, and a very long two-day wait, the results of the mass were received – “BENIGN.” The news of her results made everyone's day! Sonny was adopted shortly after her surgery. Her new family is so lucky to experience her fun-loving personality day in and day out.

The surgery that Sonny had to undergo was expensive, but it was well worth it. We want to thank our staff and volunteers for giving this canine friend the extra care that she needed while staying with us. It is their dedication that helps us to accomplish our mission of caring for animals. We will always have a special place in our hearts for this big and beautiful bloodhound named “Sonny.”



Staff Profile: Kim Collins

“LOVING THEM ALL” best describes the favorite part of this animal care staff's day!

Capital Humane Society met Kim when she began volunteering during the spring of 2011. Kim had finished online courses through the Penn Foster Career School and had received a Career Diploma in Veterinary Assistance. As a shelter volunteer, Kim gained experience working with a variety of animals. In June, Kim's dream came true when she was offered a full-time staff position and became a dedicated member of the animal care team.

Kim enjoys ‘country living’ with her boyfriend Greg and his family. Together they care for the farm fowl; 2-year-old cats Angel and Midnight that Kim found when they were four weeks of age; Harley, a 9-year-old Basset Hound; Herbie, a 1-year-old Dachshund; and three hamsters named Herbie, Bijou and Daphne.

When Kim finds a few extra moments, she is busy embroidering, crocheting, building model cars and working in the flower garden. Kim loves spending time with her family, especially the occasional “girls day out” and the “online chats” with family members living a distance away.

Planned Giving today will help the animals of Capital Humane Society tomorrow! To ensure that your gift will go to the Capital Humane Society, please speak to your attorney or financial planner. Use the shelter's formal name in all documents:

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of Nebraska

Capital Humane Society is a member of the Community Service Fund. Capital Humane Society is also listed with the Lincoln and Lancaster County Area Combined Federal Campaign and Heart of the Midlands Combined Federal Campaign. Designate your payroll deduction to help the shelter animals.

Wish List

Bleach

Shoe Boxes

Aluminum Cans

Collars & Leashes

Non-Clumping Cat Litter

Rubber Gloves

Cat & Dog Treats

Washable Cat Toys

Hard Rubber Chew Toys

Paper Towels

Peanut Butter

High Efficiency (HE)

Laundry Detergent

Wooden Chewing Blocks

Blankets/Towels

Aspen Bedding for

Small Animals

Little Critter Food

Shirt Boxes

Dryer Sheets

Ziploc Bags - Gallon Size

Purina Dog Food

Purina Puppy Chow

Purina Cat Chow

Purina Kitten Chow

Glass Cleaner

Toilet Bowl Cleaner

Carpet Samples

AA & AAA Duracell or

Ever Ready Batteries

Distilled Water

Yesterday's News Litter

Scrub Tops & Bottoms

Lint Rollers

Hand Sanitizer

Puppy Potty Training Pads

Help! My Cat is Not Using the Litter Box!

By Lynn Fry Collins, DVM

When your cat starts going outside the litter box it can be upsetting and frustrating. This problem can be difficult to resolve; however, there are a few basic guidelines that may help you with the problem.

First of all, if your cat is straining or crying when trying to urinate, this usually indicates an infection or obstruction. You should take the cat to your veterinarian as soon as possible. A urinary obstruction can be life threatening.

If the problem is behavioral, the following tips may easily remedy the situation:

- 1 Number of boxes:** You should have one for each cat, plus one more. So if you have two cats, you should have three boxes. Cats are fastidious creatures, and some like one box for urination and another for defecation.
- 2 Box type:** No covers! A covered box is like a stinky port-a-potty. Cats like to potty where it is clean, that's why your bed or tub seems like a good alternative to a stinky box.
- 3 Litter:** Cats may prefer certain types of litter. As a general rule, stay away from perfumed litters, and instead use unscented. Though clumping litters may be easier to clean, many cats prefer the old-fashioned clay litter. You may have to try several types of litter to find the one that suits your cat.
- 4 Cleaning the box:** It must be done! Scoop poop daily. Thoroughly clean weekly, dump the litter, and clean with hot water; no chemicals.
- 5 New boxes:** Replace the box at least once, maybe twice a year. Odors can embed in the plastic and be offensive to your cat.
- 6 Liners:** A no-no. Just don't use them.
- 7 Clean the spots where the cat has urinated outside of the box:** Use an enzymatic cleaner; many are available. Try to keep cats away from the spots. Cats hate citrus smells; spray lemon juice in the area of the spot.
- 8 Cultivate a healthy urinary tract:** Cats are usually poor water drinkers. Always provide clean, fresh water. Some cats prefer running water; there are special bowls that this type of cat would love. One of the easiest ways to increase water intake is to feed canned food. However, any diet change should be approved by your veterinarian.

These are just a few ideas to help encourage your cat to use the litter box. If the problem persists, your cat needs to see a veterinarian. Your veterinarian will first eliminate the possibility of any physical problems that may contribute to the issue, and then do a behavioral assessment. The longer a behavioral problem goes untreated, the longer it takes to resolve. Early treatment can prevent more difficult problems in the long term.

Let's Talk About Cats

By Randy Yager

Cats are wacky, weird, and wonderful. Nevertheless, we love them, and most folks even have multiple cats, not just one. My focus today is introducing a new cat to your existing resident animals.

It is important to have realistic expectations when introducing a new cat to a resident cat. Some cats are more social than other cats, so it's important to have a basic idea about the personality of the resident animals as well as the newcomer. Cats are territorial and need to be introduced to other animals very slowly in order to give them time to get used to each other before a face-to-face confrontation. Slow introductions help prevent fearful and aggressive problems from developing.

Confine your new cat to a room with its litter box, food, water and bed. Feed your resident pets and the newcomer on each side of the door. This will help them associate something good (eating) with each other's smell. After a week or so, try propping the door open with a doorstop, just enough so that they can see each other.

Once your new cat is using the litter box and eating comfortably in the confined room, switch living areas so the cats have a chance to become accustomed to each other's scent. Avoid any interactions that result in either fearful

or aggressive behavior. You can expect mild forms of this behavior, but don't let it intensify. If it does, separate them and start the process over with very small, gradual steps.

Dogs can injure a cat very easily, even if they're only playing. Some dogs have such high prey drive that they should never be left alone with a cat. Dogs usually want to chase and play with cats, while cats can become afraid and defensive. Use the techniques mentioned above to begin introducing your new cat to your resident dog.

Begin face-to-face meetings in a controlled manner. Have the dog on a leash on one side of the room in a "down-stay" position. Have another family member or friend stay with the cat on the opposite side of the room. If the dog stays in position, it should be rewarded for its good behavior or given a fair leash correction for unwanted behavior. Start with slow, easy and short sessions. After the dog and cat seem to be relaxed in the situation, allow your cat the freedom to explore the dog at its own pace. Supervise all interactions with the dog on its leash until you are certain that the cat will be safe.

This all takes time and patience. Nevertheless, it's worth it. I have three house dogs and three house cats that live together harmoniously. Sometimes I think they conspire against ME, but that's another story.

save the date

Tails 'n Trails Pet Walk & Festival

Saturday, May 18, 2013
Fallbrook Town Center
570 Fallbrook Blvd

Join in the Fun and
Events of the Day!

For more information, visit
www.capitalhumanesociety.org



Tails 'n Trails Pet Walk & Festival Registration

Register online at www.capitalhumanesociety.org or complete the registration form and return to: Capital Humane Society, 2320 Park Blvd, Lincoln, NE 68502

Participant Name: _____

Pet Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-mail : _____

Veterinarian: _____ Phone: _____

☐ My pet is a Capital Humane Society Alumnus (he/she was adopted from CHS)

Raise \$100 in pledges to receive a 2013 Tails 'n Trails Pet Walk t-shirt!

☐ My check for \$25 is enclosed. (Single)

☐ My check for \$35 is enclosed. (Family)

☐ My check for \$100 is enclosed. (Team)

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