



# Capital Humane Society

# SHELTER SHARING

Winter 2016

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

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## Family Matters

By Matt Madcharo, Director of Operations

On May 5th, 2016 we received two Beagle/Dachshund mixes named Holly & Hana when their previous owner surrendered them to us. Upon arrival both girls, which we believe are sisters, were pregnant!

Our veterinary staff checked them over to make sure they were healthy and able to carry their litters to term. We looked for a foster home for them but this proved difficult because neither one cared to be around any other dogs except for each other. In the meantime, we decided to move them to a quieter housing situation at the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center until a foster home could be located for both of them. While they were at the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center they gave birth to their litters a week apart and both gave birth to five puppies!

Shortly after they gave birth to their litters, we located an awesome foster home for each mother and their puppies where the puppies could nurse, grow, and be weaned. While in foster care Holly & Hana were amazing mothers as they cared for their litters till they were big enough to come back to the shelter and be placed up for adoption. In late July, all ten puppies were adopted and found their new homes!

Holly & Hana were reunited in the same foster home after the puppies returned to the shelter so they could dry up before their spay surgeries. They were very happy to be reunited and we knew we needed to try to find a home for them to stay together! On August 9th, they were adopted and found their new home where they could stay together!



# Year End

By Jennifer Schall, Director of Fundraising and Development

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Capital Humane Society will enter its 115th year saving lives and sheltering animals in Lincoln and Lancaster County in 2017. We provide care for over 6,500 animals each year including dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, pigs, chickens and even a mule this last year! The high level of quality care, shelter and TLC that we provide would not be possible without you. We feed them, medicate them and keep them safe. Your donations no matter if they are big or small, in-kind or the gift of time, help save lives of homeless pets.

In a year, just for cats, it is estimated we use:

**10,000** pounds of cat food that costs **\$13,000**

**1,600** microchips cost **\$16,000**

**6,000** doses of vaccines cost **\$45,000**

**55,000** pounds of litter cost **\$10,000**

How can you help? When we call in February and September for Phonathon, give a gift. April is our Kitten Shower to prepare for all the baby kittens we'll soon receive- make a donation. In May get your team together and come out and walk with us for Tails 'N Trails. When you receive our newsletter, send in a gift. Do you have free time? Call us to see what volunteer opportunities are available. Check out our Amazon wish list and shop for us.

We are so grateful and blessed to have such a supportive community. We look forward to a new year and we'll see you in 2017.

## Thank you to Our Seasoned Staff

By Jennifer Schall, Director of Fundraising and Development

The work that goes on behind the scenes every day at Capital Humane Society is not glamorous. Indeed, it is often thankless work. However, without the countless hours of work from our volunteers and staff members, we would not be able to find homes for the pets that fill our buildings. These folks are the unsung heroes of Capital Humane Society. When visitors come into our shelter to pick up their missing pet or find their new family pet they probably aren't considering the labor it took to prepare every kennel, run and room in the shelter. As we close out 2016, I want to take time to honor some of our staff that have been here for a number of years.

2 years: Shelby Backhus, Amanda Carson, Raina Keel and Alexis Philson

3 years: Liz Lawver, Lauryn Nobbe and Beth Gomez

4 years: Charleen Engberg

5 years: Kim Collins

6 years: Vickie Sundquist

7 years: Lisa Spomer

9 years: Matt Madcharo and April Cruse

10 years: Chrissy Mattox

11 years: Lindsay Wallasky and Lindsey Wilson

14 years: Lynette Hansen

32 years: Bob Downey

Thank you for your years of service. For your wisdom and guidance and for being a friend to so many pets over the years. You have not gone unnoticed. Thank you.



## Message from the President & CEO

As the holidays come around again I am once more reminded of how generous the community is to Capital Humane Society. We are truly a fortunate organization.

As support has grown over the years I have been here programs have been put in place that make a difference for animals and people who care about them. Some of that support comes from children who have chosen to help animals at the shelter through different activities. It might be a garage sale, a lemonade stand or a birthday party where the gifts brought are donated to the shelter. The undertakings of these young folks speak well of their generation. I am impressed by their sharing.

I want to thank all of you who have supported Capital Humane Society in 2016 by giving, by volunteering or by adopting from the shelter. I also want to thank the shelter board who stand by me and support my efforts to achieve our mission.

I especially want to thank the staff of Capital Humane Society for the work they do day in and day out to help animals entering the shelter. The physical and emotional stamina they have for their work is amazing. I wish them all the best for the holidays and new year.....

and I wish you the same.



## Winter Tips for Your Pets

*By Shelby Backus, Animal Behaviorist*

Winter can be a delightful time of the year. Trees are covered in white fluffy snow and the air is crisp and quiet. Winter can also be a difficult time of the year. Snow and ice make venturing outside dangerous. The cold air makes it hard to breath and our animals can feel the pain of winter just as we do. Here are some tips to keep your furry friends safe and warm this winter.

- When using ice melt check to make sure it is pet friendly. Some salts can burn paws if left on the skin. Rinse off your pet's paws after being exposed to ice melt to reduce the chance of burns.
- Check your pet for ice or snow stuck in their paws or fur. This can cause irritation and lead to wounds.
- Short walks multiple times during the day are better than long strolls in the bitter cold. Walking when it is the warmest part of the day will help make your outing more enjoyable.
- Winter coats and booties can be purchased for pets that need extra layers in the winter. For animals not accustomed to wearing clothes, it may take them time to become acclimated to their new wardrobe.
- We encourage all pets to be brought inside during the bitter cold months. If your pets must stay outside, please make sure they have a warm dry place to stay. Fresh water also needs to be available to pets outside. Heated bowls can help prevent water from freezing.
- Make sure to check your vehicle before starting it. Cats and other small animals can climb up near the engine of your car seeking warmth.

**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, 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.

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Monday, 6:15 a.m.  
Thursday, 8:45 a.m.

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## Volunteer Spotlight: Linda Lee

By Charleen Engberg, Director of Education & Volunteers

In addition to being smart and caring, Linda Lee, is also very funny. She has been volunteering at our Admissions & Assessment Center since 2011. Linda has the ability to lighten the workload and the mood in an environment that can be very busy and stressful.

"She livens up the office with her fun laughter and Yiddish expressions," said Lisa Spomer, a staff member.

Her long list of administrative tasks include answering phones, greeting people, computer work, generating reports, filing, mailings, and more. There are stacks of projects to be done and Linda jumps into action when she comes in each week.

Linda adopted her Pomeranian, Petey, from Capital Humane Society and also provides foster care to pets in need.

"Most recently I fostered a cute little Chihuahua who had a broken leg and recuperated with me and my Petey until her leg was healed and she could go up for adoption," she said.

"We can always depend on Linda when we have a small dog in need of foster," Chrissy Mattox, the foster coordinator, explained. "She is a blessing to the staff and animals at Capital Humane Society."

Last year, a family whose dog had been hit by a car didn't know what to do, so they brought the dog to the shelter. The humane society's vet was gone so they headed to an emergency vet hospital.

Linda was working in the office that day and said, "I realized that the vet was not open yet, so I hopped in my car and went to the emergency vet." She met the family and led them to another vet that was open, and where the dog received treatment. The family wrote the next day to express their gratitude to Linda for her exceptional assistance.

Linda's acts of kindness are numerous. We are very fortunate she chooses to share her time, skills, and warm sense of humor at Capital Humane Society.



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your holiday and year  
end giving

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