



Capital Humane Society

SHELTER SHARING

Spring 2018

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

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One Big Family

By Matt Madcharo, Director of Operations – Admissions and Assessment Center

Last fall, we had two dogs surrendered to us at our Admissions and Assessment Center by their owner who could no longer care for them. The two dogs were named Raven and Hunter and both were full of energy. Well as it turns out, Raven and Hunter were both unaltered and of the opposite sex but living in the same home. During Raven's health assessment our veterinary staff performed an ultrasound and confirmed she was pregnant.

We turned to our foster program and go-to foster mom, Jenny Stager, for pregnant dogs and puppies. Of course, she agreed to foster Raven through her pregnancy and until the puppies were big enough to be placed in the adoption program. Raven was still a ways off from giving birth but she spent her days soaking up all the love and attention from her foster home in a calm, quiet environment as her belly grew. Finally, about a month after Raven and Hunter arrived she gave birth to six puppies!

Over the next two months, Raven nursed her puppies, as they grew big and adorable. Their foster mom named them Ruby, Rainey, Reba, Rex, Rosie, and Roman. It is no small feat caring for six puppies along with their mom and we are extremely grateful to have amazing foster parents willing to provide care for animals like Raven and the puppies.

In mid December, the puppies were of age and big enough to be spayed/neutered before they were placed in the adoption program to find their new homes just in time for the holidays. We are happy to share that all six puppies, Raven, and Hunter found their new, loving people before the holidays!



SAVE THE DATE

Tails 'N Trails
Pet Walk & Festival
May 19th
Fallbrook Town Center

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From the President & CEO

This past year was marked by several accomplishments to improve the care of pets at Capital Humane Society.

First, the finishing up of a remodel and expansion of the veterinary facilities at the Park Boulevard shelter doubled the size of our in house clinic.

Through a grant from the Abel Foundation, a gift from the Lincoln Community Foundation and your gifts, we were able to hire a half time veterinarian to add to the existing veterinary staff. This allowed us to increase the number of spay/neuter surgeries we did for low-income cat owners in the community. It also allowed us to spay/neuter over 45 cats on a single rural property just northwest of Lincoln that otherwise would have continued to reproduce and send litters of kittens to the shelter during our busiest times. Finally it enabled us to provide very low cost spay/neuter surgeries to one of the trap neuter release groups working with feral populations in the city.

Our relationship with veterinary students at UNL continues to grow and we have recently hosted interns from both Iowa State University and Kansas State University in our clinic. This coming summer we hope to have as many as three paid intern students from the UNL School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences with us thanks to the Mentors Foundation.

All of this leads to better care for pets at the shelter and outside the shelter.



1969 CORVETTE RAFFLE



Due to slow ticket sales for raffling off the 1969 Corvette donated to Capital Humane Society we have sought permission from the State of Nebraska Charitable Gaming Division and the City of Lincoln to extend the date for selling tickets. Permission has been granted by both entities and we will now be selling tickets through June 30, 2018. The drawing date has been set for July 9, 2018. Should all tickets be sold prior to June 30, 2018 we reserve the right to move up the drawing date. The intentions of the donor of this vehicle were to raise an amount of money comparable to its value to help pets at Capital Humane Society. We have taken this action to protect the donor's intent. We are sorry for any inconvenience this will cause for those who have already purchased tickets.



Decoding Body Language

By Shelby Backhus, Animal Behaviorist

Observing what our cats and dog are communicating through body language is key to understanding them. Many people say "My cat just bit me out of nowhere!" Most of the time animals give us warning signs when they are uncomfortable, we just miss them.

A frightened animal is going to attempt to hide. He will curl his tail under, tuck his legs in, flatten his ears, dilate his eyes and make himself as small as possible. If the threat continues, a fearful cat or dog may become aggressive as a defense mechanism. Picking up on these warning signs early is the secret to preventing a bite.

Agitated or stressed out animals can also act out when their warning signs are not acknowledged. Nervous, stressed out or anxious dogs will display calming signals such as yawning or licking their lips. These signals are red flags that the dog is uncomfortable and would like you to stop. Cats will also lick their lips and sometimes vocalize when they are on edge. The vast majority of people miss these signals and continue to upset the animal, which often times leads to a bite.

Relaxed cats and dogs are going to have very fluid or loose body movements. There should be no tension in the body or in the facial expressions. One tip to stay safe is let the cat or dog approach you. If an animal wants attention they will seek it out. Cats will approach and then begin to rub on your legs or headbutt. In dogs, you can look for big open tail wags and loose smiles.

Pesky Parasites

By Dr. Kelly Anderson, Director of Veterinary Medicine

Spring is right around the corner! After the extreme cold temperatures we have experienced this year, it is hard to believe that spring will soon be upon us. For pet owners, that brings up the external and internal parasite protection that our pets require.

TICKS

These little guys will be the first to come out as the weather warms. Ticks, besides causing irritation to our animals, also can carry several debilitating diseases. Lyme's, Ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and Anaplasmosis to name a few. These diseases often mimic other problems and can be very expensive to treat.

FLEAS

Although they may be prevalent year around, warm weather increases their survival and population. They can cause mild to severe skin diseases in addition to transmitting tapeworms. Tapeworms can be detected by the presence of white rice like proglottids around the rectal area.

HEARTWORMS

Spring and warm weather brings out the mosquito. When mosquitoes bite and feed on your pet, they can transmit heartworm into your pet. Detection is done with a blood test. The disease is potentially fatal and treatment can be very costly.

For all of these parasites, prevention is the best course of action! There are many great products on the market that are extremely effective. Consult with your veterinarian on which product would be best for your pet and have a great and parasite free spring!



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

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Volunteer Spotlight – Michelle Garner

By Charleen Engberg, Director of Education & Volunteers



“There is never a dull moment and the challenges are different each day,” said Michelle Garner, who volunteers in the veterinary department at Capital Humane Society.

“I love incorporating my knowledge and skills as an RN to help care for the animals,” she added. “My duties range from stocking supplies to holding animals for anesthesia prior to surgery. I try to be flexible and assist the amazing veterinary technicians in whatever way is needed.”

Volunteers like Michelle, along with the many veterinary students who help in a similar capacity, are very important contributors to our vet services. Under the direction of our veterinarians and vet technicians, they help with a variety of important tasks, to include prepping pets for surgery, sterilizing and preparing instruments, drawing up medications, and comforting pets as they recover from procedures.

“Before moving to Lincoln I volunteered at an animal shelter in another city. The experience was so positive and rewarding that the decision to sign up at Capital Humane Society was easy,” she said. “I love interacting with the animals. They are amazing and you get back so much more than you give!”

“Getting to be with the animals has been great therapy for me since recently losing my 13 year old Springer Spaniel. I tend to fall in love with the pets each day I volunteer,” Michelle said warmly. She added that for her, it is the puppies that especially tug at her heartstrings.

Michelle’s dynamic and bighearted personality, as well as her extensive health care knowledge are welcome qualities. The vet staff also appreciate her witty sense of humor and willingness to jump in whenever needed.

Capital Humane Society is very grateful for the crucial assistance Michelle, and all our other wonderful volunteers, provide in helping the thousands of animals that come through our doors each year in need of competent and compassionate care.

STAFF PROFILE – MICHELE PEÓN-CASANOVA

By Vickie Sundquist, L.V.T., Director of Operations - Pieloch Pet Adoption Center



Capital Humane Society is happy to welcome our new Director of Fundraising & Development, Michele. She chose CHS because she knows the importance of the work that we do. She loves animals and working in the non-profit world. She does not consider what she does work because she is passionate about the mission of CHS. In fact, she has adopted 2 cats from us in the past.

Michele’s love of animals started very young in York, Nebraska where she grew up with horses, dogs, cats, and even ducks! She moved from York to Lincoln to attend UNL and has enjoyed living here since. She comes to us with many years of experience fundraising at NET. She loves Lincoln and refers to it as a “big little town” and a great place to raise a family.

Michele has a son who attends UNL and is majoring in Journalism. At home, Michele has three cats. Terra is part Siamese, Kira is a tabby, and Maya is a black Domestic Short Hair. Besides animals, Michele enjoys the outdoors, gardening, reading, running and biking. She is planning to run the half marathon in May. She absolutely loves to bike the awesome trail system around Lincoln. Michele has a welcoming smile and is going to be a wonderful addition to our team!