

# Pediatric Spaying & Neutering

By Lynn Fry Collins, DVM

Controlling pet overpopulation is one of our primary goals at the Capital Humane Society. At this time of year, we are once again reminded of this important goal as we have a steady flow of puppies and kittens come through our doors. To help attain this goal, all of the cats and dogs that are in the adoption program have been surgically altered so that they cannot reproduce. For male pets, the procedure is called a neuter, in females it is a spay. To assure that pets adopted from CHS do not add to the overpopulation problem, even puppies and kittens are altered. Traditionally, this surgery was done after six months of age; however no long-term studies have been done to determine if this age is ideal. Most animal shelters and rescue groups throughout the country have adopted an early age spay/neuter policy.

Pediatric patients need to be six to eight weeks old and weigh at least two pounds in order for them to have surgery. If they are too young or small, they are placed into the foster care program until they reach the required size. For a veterinarian that has not performed surgeries on such small pets, the procedure can be challenging. Pediatric pets metabolize anesthetics differently than adult animals, so the anesthetic drugs and protocols must be tailored to the needs of these young patients. In addition, surgical procedures themselves require some experience to master handling the fragile tissues of these young animals.

In general, pediatric pets handle surgery very well. They wake up quickly, and are eating in less than an hour after surgery. In addition, since the organs are so small, the surgery is less traumatic than in adult animals. The incision is small, and they rarely lick at their stitches.

Though pediatric spays and neuters have been practiced for many years, some veterinarians still don't feel comfortable with the procedures for a variety of reasons. The veterinarians at CHS have many years of experience with pediatric spays and neuters and have coached some local practitioners in the procedures.

Providing pediatric spays and neuters are one of the ways that Capital Humane Society helps ensure that the pets that are adopted from our facility do not contribute to the pet overpopulation problem.

## Furry Friends 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
- High Efficiency (HE) Laundry Detergent
- Wooden Chewing Blocks
- Blankets/Towels
- Aspen Bedding for Small Animals
- Little Critter Food
- Shirt Boxes
- Dryer Sheets
- Zip Lock 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

# 2012 Tails 'n Trails Pet Walk & Festival

Nearly 340 dogs enjoyed walking their people the afternoon of Sunday, May 20th, visiting with vet clinics, pet supply, training & specialty vendors, and animal welfare groups as well as creating paw print art or bobbing for a hotdog in the wading pool. Dogs stepped up to the Peanut Butter Lick challenge, and treats and toys awarded their feats at the Duckie Retrieve Pond. Walkers munched on Fairbury hotdogs grilled by Ayars & Ayars, Pepsi products and popcorn while the Star City Cloggers performed.

A yearly tradition, CHS alumnae led the way in the one-mile or ½ mile walk around the park. Following the National Anthem, sung by Jonathon Rife, Brad Anderson with 10/11 Cares, started it off with Terrier's, Chihuahua's, Beagle's, Shepherd's, Pyrenees, Great Danes and Irish Wolfhounds along with every other breed of dog in attendance following close behind.

The following sponsors and vendors participated in the events of the day, with over \$40,000 benefitting the shelter adoption program, foster care program and education program.

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We would also like to thank the many **VOLUNTEERS** who make this day such a great event for pets and their owners; Capital Humane Society volunteers and volunteers from Allstate Financial Services.



# Capital Humane Society

# SHELTER SHARING

SUMMER 2012

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

## Addison

Each day people walk through the shelter doors, but you can never predict which ones will change the lives of the animals within. In December, 2011, a nine year girl and her friend, along with Mom and 2 brothers, made the trip to the Capital Humane Society to drop off \$87.80 earned from summer lemonade stands and Friday Spa Days.



While at the shelter Addison and Grace, Isaac & Tripp met the adoption dogs and cats that would benefit from the fundraisers they held during the previous summer months. The smiles on their faces were big enough to warm everyone's hearts.



Donations in memory of Addison

Addison shared her dreams of making the world a better place for all animals by caring for them and starting her own pet sitting service and her love was infectious. She designated that this year's birthday gifts be items selected from the shelter's wish list, in addition to setting a goal of raising \$200 in 2012 to help the animals at the Capital Humane Society.

On that December day, shelter staff met a young lady who wanted to make a difference

in the lives of animals. Addison continues to make a positive impact in the lives of all creatures, even as her battle with leukemia has ended and she is no longer with us. She touched the lives of her peers, parents everywhere and even strangers, who she inspired to help, not just meet but exceed her fundraising goal, raising nearly \$8,000 in her memory.

Because she touched the hearts of people, she will touch the lives of animals for a very long time. At the new Pieloch Animal Adoption Center, a special dog kennel bearing Addison's name will pay homage to this sweet young lady and remind visitors of her generosity and dreams of a kinder world. Thank you Addison, and thank you to the family of Addison, who instilled a deep and lasting love for all living creatures in this young lady.

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## Upcoming Events

**Puppy Kindergarten Class**  
Call for date and time

**Building A Solid Foundation Seminar**  
Call for date & time

**Fall Phonathon**  
August 20 –  
September 7, 2012

**Tails 'n Ties Annual Dinner & Benefit**  
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## From the Executive Director



I continue to be impressed by the groups of young people who hold events to raise funds to either help with the new adoption center or operations of the existing facility. One of the recent groups who have done so is *Rabbits "R" Us 4-H Club*. The members of this club raised \$300 by holding a dunk tank event and donated the proceeds to Capital Humane Society to be applied to construction of the new adoption center.

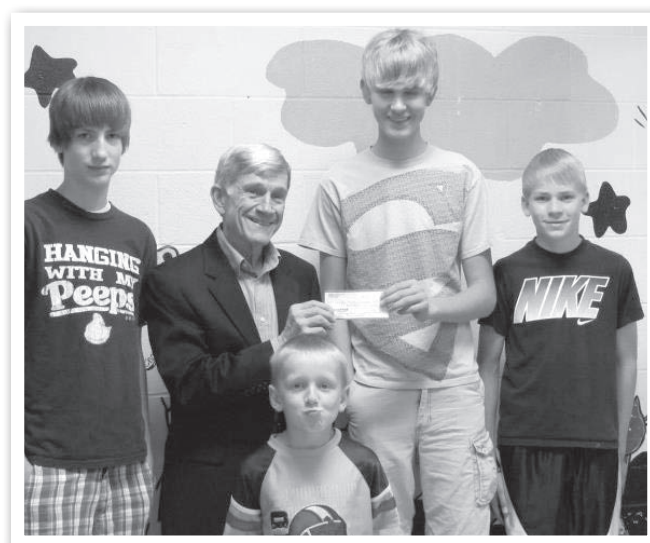
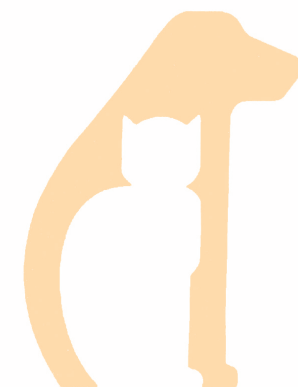
These young folks make you realize the future of Lincoln and other communities will be in good hands.

Construction is moving along well on the new *Pieloch Pet Adoption Center* at 70th and Highway 2. All grading and soil compaction was completed in March and early April. In addition, the basement area, which will house a portion of the mechanical equipment, was poured. The footings for the building are in and some support portions for kennel walls have been poured. I am writing this on May 6th and by the time the newsletter is published and you are reading this, a lot more will have been completed on the project.

I am very impressed with the contractor, Hampton Commercial Construction, and know that Capital Humane Society will have a great building to work with. I still believe we will be able to open the adoption center to the public in late April of 2013.

We are in good shape financially on this project but can still use some help in donations to help equip the building. It will take around \$200,000.00 to equip the center. If you would like to help please send contributions marked for the new adoption center to Capital Humane Society, or if you have questions please call Lindsay Wallasky at 402-441-4489.

Thanks for all you do to help the pets at the shelter.



Rabbits "R" Us 4-H Club presents Bob Downey with a donation.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Mary & Lauren Schieke



Lauren Schieke has loved cats since she was a very little girl. She used to tell her parents that she was part cat and always asked if she could have one. When the Schieke family moved to Lincoln ten years ago, Lauren's mother Mary and father Greg felt that they could manage a cat, along with a big dog. So, off they went to Capital Humane Society to pick out a cat. On their way to the shelter, Greg announced they would be adopting one adult cat that had been spayed/neutered and declawed. They all thought that sounded reasonable.

When they arrived, there were only two kittens available for adoption. So they played with the kittens, which happened to be littermates. The yellow tabby was outgoing and cute. The tortie was very shy, but adorable. In typical pet-loving fashion, they fell in love with both. They convinced Greg to adopt both! Today, their family consists of a daughter who lives in South Dakota, Toby, the yellow tabby, Lily the Tortie, their newest cat and The Count or Duke, a Golden Retriever.

Despite having a house full of their own pets, Mary and Lauren have found time during this past year to volunteer almost every week to care for the shelter adoption cats at the PetCo Store located at 48th & O St. Mary and Lauren have been volunteering since CHS began the PetCo adoption program and have been very dedicated and reliable volunteers, often graciously offering to pick up open shifts. They have even recruited dad, Greg, to help out during times of need!

Mary and Lauren decided to volunteer at the Capital Humane Society for several reasons. While many parents have to plead with their children to read, Lauren could often be found reading on her bed surrounded by the cats. Mary says "I think volunteering is also a great way to teach responsibility. Lauren knows that the PetCo cats are depending on us so we need to be there when scheduled. We need to do a good job so they stay healthy. The number of cats that need a home is sometimes overwhelming, so this is our way to make their lives a little better." Mary and Lauren say every time they go to PetCo, it's fun to spot who has been adopted, who is new and who is still there.

Besides reading, Lauren loves photography and writing. She has hundreds and hundreds of pictures of their cats. A sophomore at Pius X, Lauren writes for the school newspaper. Mary is a Lecturer at UNL. She loves the students and is so impressed with their talents. She also enjoys quilting and gardening in her spare time.

Since the adoption partnership began over a year ago, the shelter has adopted out approximately 100 adult cats at the 48th & O Street Petco store, and the mother-daughter volunteer team represent a large part of the success. Because adult cats typically take the longest to get adopted, that's a number that Mary, Lauren, and all Lincolnite animal lovers should be proud of.

## 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.

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## A Peek into the Future

With the new Pieloch Animal Adoption Center under construction and operating as early as next spring, we will be able to expand our programs relating to companion animal behavior. Ready in the wings to launch will be the "Match-up II Shelter Dog Re-homing Program", which complements our existing "Meet your Match feline-ality program" for our adult cat adoptions.

The "Match-up II Shelter Dog Re-homing Program" is a multi-part system designed to help shelters learn about the personality and needs of each dog so that behavior interventions can be implemented and successful matches can be made. The "Match-up II Shelter Dog Re-homing Program" consists of five parts:

- 1 BEHAVIOR HISTORY
- 2 BEHAVIOR EVALUATION
- 3 PERSONALITY SCORES
- 4 BEHAVIOR IN THE SHELTER
- 5 BEHAVIOR TRIAGE

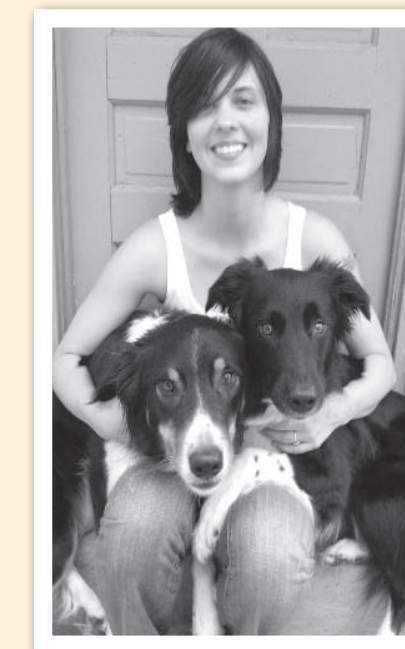
In a nutshell, the program will assess the dog in numerous categories such as fearfulness, excitability, aggressiveness, trainability, and energy level. This will help enable the adoption counselors match the correct type of dog with the appropriate potential adopter, which should help to avoid returns and help our canine friends find the perfect forever home.

## International Internship Program

The Capital Humane Society hosted interns through the Humane Society International Program in May. Tom Sandi traveled from The Centre for Sustainable Healthy Environment and Animal Welfare (CSHEAW-SL), now renamed Campaign Against Cruelty to Animals in Sierra Leone (CCA-SL). Krishna Singh traveled from Animal Nepal (AN) an innovative NGO based in Lalitpur District, Kathmandu Valley. Tom and Krishna spent the week at the shelter, Antelope Creek Veterinary Healthcare Center, and Animal Control. They shadowed employees and observed animal care in the kennels, veterinary health and learned about laws and ordinances in the city of Lincoln.

While in Lincoln, Tom and Krishna stayed at the home of Larry and Michelle Schmieding and their three children. Tom and Krishna returned to their homes after attending the HSUS Expo following their stay in Nebraska.

## Staff Profile: Jessica Novak



Jessica Marty & Tegan

Jessica Novak found the job she had been hoping for when she was hired as a member of the Animal Care Staff on June 7, 2010. She had been working several part time jobs in animal related fields, but wanted more time working with animals. Today you will find Jessica wearing a contagious smile as she improves the lives of animals and brightens the day of people who cross her path in search of a new family pet.

Jessica spends her free time with her fiancé Kelly remodeling a home they purchased last year. Both animal lovers, they have built two large saltwater reef tanks with coral in their home. They also spend a great deal of time with border collies, Marty & Tegan; cats, Fletcher, Maya & Logan, a Panther Chameleon and too many fish to name.

Jessica and Kelly will travel to Breckenridge in June where they will be married in the scenic mountains. Jessica plans on returning to the University of Nebraska to finish her Bachelor of Science degree in the Fisheries & Wildlife program this fall.

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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