



Capital Humane Society

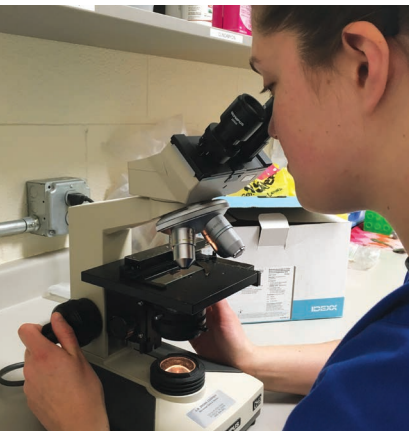
SHELTER SHARING

Summer 2018

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

A Lesson In Shelter Medicine

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



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Capital Humane Society has a close knit, ever busy veterinary medical staff. It consists of Dr. Kelly Anderson, our Director of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Dean Frey, our part-time veterinarian, four licensed Veterinary Technicians, and numerous veterinary student volunteers and interns.

Shelter medicine isn't typical companion animal medicine, it's herd health management of companion animals. The main goal in shelter medicine is always disease prevention! Upon intake, animals are vaccinated, dewormed for common parasites, given flea/tick preventative treatment, and a physical exam by trained Animal Care Staff. If there are any abnormalities at intake, the veterinary staff is alerted immediately. Vaccines are given to shelter animals upon intake, more frequently and for a longer duration than in typical small animal practice, since they are at high risk for infection. Animals are housed according to their age and health status to lessen any spread of disease.

An animal's behavioral health is very important. When animals are stressed they are vulnerable to disease. Our Animal Behaviorist and Animal Care Staff provide daily enrichment with a schedule of different toys, treats, and scents. Our Animal Behaviorist works with various animals on behavior modification and training prior to

adoption, and some animals spend time in foster homes for socialization.

Animals entering CHS are from all walks of life, ranging from newborn to geriatric. Many staff members take home kittens to bottle-feed and many geriatric animals are put up for adoption after a thorough exam and blood work panels are run. Rabbits can come in with respiratory infections, which must be treated, and guinea pigs can come in pregnant requiring a stay in foster care to give birth.

Numerous health exams, blood tests, fecal tests, fluids, and medications are administered throughout the day, and wounds and abscesses are cared for. Depending on the time of year, 12-20 animals undergo surgery daily including spay, neuter, lump removal, laceration repair, amputation, cystotomy, dental cleaning, dental extractions, and some orthopedics. Dr. Frey performs surgery for our Low Cost Feline Spay/Neuter program for low-income cat owners and our TNR (trap/neuter/release) Program for feral cats.

With all of this ongoing each day, the veterinary staff certainly stays busy! No two days and no two patients are the same. They are a committed team striving for health and placement into forever homes these animals deserve.

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The Escape Artist

By Shelby Backhus, Animal Behaviorist

Summer can be a great time to get outside and enjoy the weather with your dog. This is also a common time of year for dogs to wander away from home. The safest bet for your dog is to always keep them on a leash or in a securely fenced yard when they are outdoors.

Dogs who like to jump over or dig under fences can be a challenge. Some dogs do well when left unattended outside, but the vast majority of dogs become bored and decide to create their own fun. Dogs that have escape artist tendencies should never be outside without supervision. Training a dog to perform a rock solid recall is great but for those dogs who do not come when called going outside on a leash is a safe alternative.

If your dog is an escape artist, there are a few measures you can take to be reunited, should an escape be successful. Microchipping your pet is a great idea! Veterinary clinics are able to implant a small chip, about the size of a grain of rice, under the dog's skin near their shoulder blades. If your dog happens to wander off all



The more avenues there are to reach you, the more likely there will be a happy outcome!

veterinary clinics, shelters, and animal control agencies are able to scan for the microchip, which will produce a unique numerical code. By contacting the microchip company, your contact information can be used to reunite you with your pet. The most important thing to remember with microchips, is to keep your contact information current. If you move, change your phone number, or get a new email address remember to call the microchip company and update your information. Attaching an identification tag to your dog's collar is another great option. This will allow you to customize what information to include. For example, the dog's name, a phone number, a home address, and even if the dog has medical concerns can all be printed on the tag. Lastly, it is also important for your dog to wear its rabies and city license tags.

Summer Pet Tips

By Kelly Anderson, DVM

Director of Veterinary Medicine

Summer means time for cookouts, trips to the lake, and other fun outdoor activities. It is also a time to remember that our furry friends need special care during those bouts of high temperatures and high humidity.

Hyperthermia (heatstroke) can be a real problem for our pets. Our pets do not sweat, instead, they pant to evaporate moisture from their lungs to cool themselves. However, heat is not the only issue, as high humidity levels lead to a decrease in evaporation. Signs of heat stroke include heavy panting, labored breathing, glazed eyes, rapid heart rate, dizziness, lack of coordination, vomiting, and could result in death. A rectal temperature over 103 degrees should be treated with suspicion and a temperature over 104 degrees is a serious concern.

Prevention is key to avoid this serious condition. Provide your pet with ample shade, access to water at all times, and consistent airflow. For outdoor dogs, access to wade pools is a great



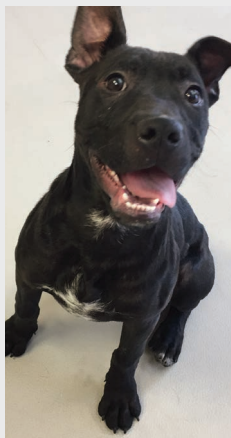
idea. Remember to keep wade pools in shaded areas to prevent the water temperature from getting too hot. When exercising your pet, alter the exercise time according to conditions. After exercising, cool your pet down with wet towels or a hose.

If your pet does show signs of heatstroke, move your pet to shade and try to cool them with wet towels or cold packs to its extremities. The goal is to reduce the pet's body temperature gradually to prevent shock. At this point, seeking medical care is critical.

Lastly, during the fun summer months don't forget to keep up on your flea, tick, and heartworm prevention to ensure a safe, healthy, and happy summer!

Charming Charles

By Matt Madcharo, Director of Fundraising &
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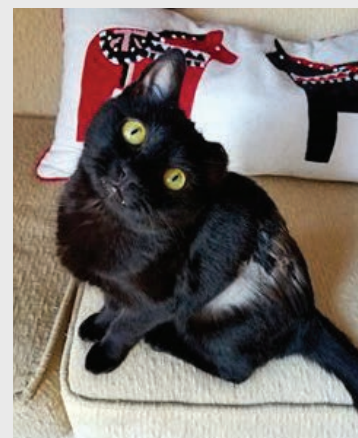
When Charles arrived back in February, the day before Valentine's Day, he was in extremely poor condition. His little puppy body was missing almost all of his hair and he was in need of extensive veterinary care.

Upon arrival, our veterinary staff examined him and found he had severe pyoderma and alopecia; plus, he was positive for demodectic mange. They immediately started him on treatment, including antibiotics for the pyoderma and ivermectin for the mites. Each week, they performed a skin scrape to check on the mites. Each week, Charles had more and more hair filling back in. After five weeks of treatment, his skin scrape was finally negative for demodectic mites. The following two weeks produced the same result and Charles was ready for adoption!

Nearly two months after his hairless arrival, Charles was moved to the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center with a full body of hair. It didn't take but a couple of days and he found his new, loving family!

Zach's Recovery

By Matt Madcharo, Director of Fundraising &
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Earlier this year, a concerned citizen brought in an approximately six month old, male, kitten he had found with severe wounds. The kitten had a large wound on his left side and a smaller wound on his right side. There were also wounds on his tail and left ear. We don't know for sure what caused the wounds, but we suspect the kitten was the victim of an attack from wildlife or a dog.

Our veterinary staff examined and cleaned his wounds, and prescribed antibiotics and pain medication. No owner came forward to claim him, so he was placed in foster care with one of our staff members. There, he was named Zachary and spent the next five weeks healing from his wounds. Zachary lost part of his left ear and the tip of his tail due to his injuries, but he doesn't mind one bit. In fact, he thinks it makes him quite unique! Zachary found his new home with a former CHS staff member and is now named Vincent van Gogh!

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STAFF PROFILE – Katelyn Rempe, L.V.T.

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



Capital Humane Society is proud to announce the addition of Katelyn Rempe as the newest addition to our Veterinary Department!

Katelyn is from Grand Island, Nebraska. She attended UNK for pre-vet courses before

deciding to become a Veterinary Technician. She attended Northeast Community College in Norfolk, NE where she graduated as a Licensed Veterinary Technician.

After college, Katelyn worked at a few local veterinary clinics. However, she has always wanted to work in shelter medicine. She actually completed part of her internship, prior to graduating from Northeast Community College,

at Capital Humane Society. Once she heard we were hiring, she applied. For us, bringing her on board was an easy decision.

In her free time, Katelyn enjoys reading science fiction and fantasy novels, especially Harry Potter. She also likes running, and ran the Good Life Halfsy last year and the Lincoln Half Marathon in May.

Katelyn is an animal lover, of course! All of her pets are rescues. Her cat, Cricket, was left at a veterinary clinic at 4 weeks old. Due to a bacterial infection, Cricket needed to have her leg amputated. Her dog, Lucy, was only 7 weeks old when Katelyn adopted her. Lucy is a Jindo mix, which is a North Korean breed. Lucy is now 7 years old and still runs agility. Katelyn also has Frankie, a Persian cat; Barney, a Chihuahua; and Mona, which she adopted from CHS during her internship.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT – Ann & Olivia Clancy

By Charleen Engberg, Director of Education & Volunteers



"I always enjoy watching the animals grow calmer over the weeks," said Ann Clancy. "They come in scared, but you can see a marked difference over time in how they settle down with each interaction."

Ann and her daughter, Olivia, volunteer to socialize and care for the small critters in Capital Humane Society's Adoption Program. Each year, we receive hundreds of small pets, like guinea pigs, rabbits, hamsters, gerbils, and pet rats. Occasionally, we also receive more exotic small animals, like chinchillas, ferrets, and hedgehogs.

Many small animals are surrendered because their previous owner is moving or no longer has time to care for them. These little creatures deserve love and proper care, too. So it's wonderful to have volunteers, like Ann and Olivia, who are dedicated to providing them with a good quality of life while they wait to be adopted. "We got involved with CHS because Olivia wanted to spend more time with animals," Ann explained. "I want to encourage her interests, but have always enjoyed animals myself."

Just like dogs and cats, small animals are unique individuals, each with their own special charm. Some are outgoing and others are shy. Ann and Olivia give each one personal attention. "We hold them, talk to them, and give them time to run around outside of their cage," they explained. "It is always interesting to get to know each animal's personality."

There are great handouts available on our website at www.capitalhumanesociety.org that describe the needs and behaviors of different species of pets. Training and behavior modification techniques are explained, as well as advice on how to interpret body language and sounds. The more you know, the more you will appreciate these intelligent, sentient small animals.

Olivia said one of her favorites was a rabbit named Laser Lemon. "He would crawl onto her lap and snuggle with her the whole time," Ann explained. Volunteers make the day happier for pets like Laser Lemon by selflessly donating their time. We are so grateful to Ann and Olivia for showing kindness towards animals of all shapes and sizes.