



Capital Humane Society SHELTER SHARING

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

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Three Legs? No Problem!

By Matt Madcharo, Director of Fundraising & Operations – Admissions & Assessment Center

Earlier this summer a concerned citizen brought us a little kitten they found near Crete. The little kitten, with cute calico markings, weighed barely a pound and a half. Upon her arrival, it was clear something was wrong with one of her front legs.

Our veterinary staff examined the kitten and found her right front leg was lacerated and paralyzed from a condition called brachial plexus avulsion. How this occurs is when there is trauma resulting in pulling or stretching of the leg causing the nerves to be damaged. While we have no way of knowing exactly what she experienced, we believe she most likely caught her leg somewhere. As a result of trying to pull her leg free, she sustained the injury.

Even with her injury and inability to use her leg, you would have no way of knowing because this little kitten, named Kallie by our veterinary staff, was still active and happy. She still wanted to play with her toy ball in her kennel despite her injury!

Luckily, she was brought to us and received the veterinary care she needed! Our veterinary staff proceeded with amputating the paralyzed leg. After the procedure, Kallie went into foster care with one of our licensed veterinary technicians to heal. In a couple of short weeks, she was ready for her new home and found her new family immediately!

We are able to help animals like Kallie because of the support from people like you and for that, we are extremely grateful!

Clear the Shelters Returns

By Matt Madcharo, Director of Fundraising & Operations – Admissions & Assessment Center

For the third year in a row, we are thrilled to be participating in Clear the Shelters! This event was started several years ago in Texas and has grown into a national single-day adoption event. This event shines the spotlight on pet adoption and encourages the public to visit their local shelter and consider giving a homeless pet a new home!

During the past two years, we have found homes for nearly 100 animals on the two event days alone! During the warm weather months our intake of homeless pets, especially cats and kittens, increases drastically and events like this help us find homes for these animals.

We encourage you to keep an eye on our website and social media pages for more information about this year's Clear the Shelters event. Even if you aren't in a position to adopt, we appreciate your help spreading the word to make this our most successful Clear the Shelters event yet!



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Proper Dog Introductions *By Shannon Alfer, Animal Behaviorist*

Now that it's summertime, we are out and about, which means you will likely run into another dog. Whether you are out on a walk, at the dog park, or just brought home a new dog, here are some tips to starting things off smoothly!

- **Always ask the other owner before letting dogs meet.** Sometimes dogs are in training or might be fearful or aggressive, which can result in an altercation. If the other owner says no, respect their decision because there is usually a good reason!
- **When introducing dogs, try to avoid a face-to-face greeting.** This seems like the most logical way for dogs to meet each other, but it can actually make them feel very uncomfortable and feel the need to defend themselves.
- **The best way for dogs to meet is to start off far away.** Note how your dog is acting: friendly, not interested, overly excited.

Cross each other's path a few times without the dogs getting close so they can smell where the other dog has been and get more information about them. If both dogs are overly excited then take more time to let them calm down. Excitement/arousal can quickly turn into an altercation.

- **Once the dogs seem more comfortable with each other's smell, you can let them greet using the three-second rule.** They can greet for three seconds and then you will walk away. This way the dogs have enough time to smell each other but don't feel too much pressure. Try to have a loose leash! The tension of a tight leash can cause tension in the dogs! If they are both still acting friendly, you can drop their leashes and let them interact. Keep the leash clipped to their collar in case you need to quickly separate them. Once they are fully comfortable together, you can let them off leash and enjoy watching them play!

No Fleas Please *By Kelly Anderson, DVM, Director of Veterinary Medicine*

No one wants fleas on their pets or in their homes. Not only do they cause discomfort to our animals, they can spread diseases as well.

Let's review what we do know about the flea. The most common flea is the Cat Flea (*Ctenophalides felis*). After a flea gets on your pet, she will lay eggs at a rate of 40-50 per day and within 24 hours. Those eggs fall off your pet into the environment. The eggs hatch within 2-10 days into larvae. After 1-3 weeks these larvae go into pupae stage and can lay dormant for up to 200+ days. Motion, humidity, and temperature affects how long this stage lasts, but once they emerge, the cycle starts all over again.

Therefore prevention is the goal. An infestation can take 3-8 weeks to control once the environment is infected. So the objectives are:

1. Kill all the fleas on all of your animals. There is a myriad of products available that are highly effective. Ask your veterinarian which may be right for your pet(s).
2. Apply residual insecticides with growth regulators to stop reproduction of the flea.
3. Use year round preventative products to prevent further infestation possibilities. There is a myriad of products available that are highly effective. Ask your veterinarian which may be right for your pet(s).

Hopefully this review of the flea gives some clarity and inspiration to prevent those nasty fleas this summer and fall!

The Good Life

By *Shelby Backhus, Director of Operations – Pieloch Pet Adoption Center*

We always love to hear how pets adopted from us are doing in their homes! If you have an adoption update for us, we would love to hear from you! Send us a message on Facebook or email us at chsfundraiser@capitalhumane.org and include your name, your pet's name, and the best way to get in contact with you.



Fields

"Fields (formerly Damien) wasted no time settling in. He was comfortable here from day one. He enjoys lots of attention but is also cool doing his own thing. He is very vocal, in true Siamese fashion. He enjoys watching nature shows on tv and sitting in the window admiring the squirrels. River was pretty confused by his new sibling at first but is getting used to having Fields as his little shadow. Thank you for bringing this little guy into our lives!" -Justine Jeanne Chapin



Layla

"We adopted Layla (formerly Cloudberry) back in August of 2018. She's grown from a tiny 8-week-old kitten to a 13-pound cat and is still growing! She's living her best life and loving all the birds that spring has brought to our yard. I'm wondering if all her littermates are just as crazy and fluffy as she is! Thanks for all you do to bring wonderful animals into our homes! #adoptdontshop" -Leslie Schuster Alessandro



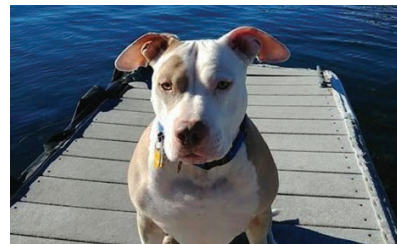
Pepper

"Pepper is very happy in his new home! Thank you! He's gotten used to the back yard and loves to chase all the squirrels around. He's perfectly potty trained and loves cuddling on the couch for a movie! Such a loving dog, we're very happy to have adopted him. Pepper loves to go to the dog park and play with the biggest stick he can find! He's a big goofball that's 90 pounds of love! We've had him since mid-December and adopting him was the best decision we've made!" -Aaron Docter



Jelly Bean

"Jelly Bean is fitting right in at our home! Her new BFF, Sweetie Pie Princess (also a former piggie of yours) and her are getting along great now! They bickered a bit at first, but once they stopped stealing each other's food, they instantly bonded. Their favorite activity is their evening time feeding of lettuce and the occasional strawberry. Jelly Bean LOVES to eat and she will definitely let you know when she's ready, even 5 minutes after she had her evening feeding! She's just a sweetheart and she's working on getting comfortable snuggling with my son! We're so glad she could come home with us! My son is absolutely in love with her and takes such good care of her!" -Jen Bales



Buddy

"A little over a year ago, my family grew by one. I adopted Boo Boo, who was a 3 year old Pit Bull mix. The first thing I did after I got him home was change his name to Buddy. Capital Humane Society made sure Buddy and I were a good match and that I was willing to take good care of him. And true to his name, he has been a joy ever since! I had him in the Strut Your Mutt event in Brownville on the 4th of July and he won the grand prize and was named King of Brownville. In addition, I work at Peru State College and Buddy has been a part of school, as he has attended several events and is well known by students. He walked in student events and in the homecoming parade. Buddy traveled with me to California over Christmas and we spent two weeks traveling around visiting family and friends. In addition, I am a full-time student and Buddy has helped me with my homework and I'm a 4.0 student at school with his help! I thank Capital Humane Society for allowing me to adopt Buddy and making my life so much happier!" -Amanda Cole

Capital Humane Society Out & About

Lincoln Journal Star
Pet of the Week - Friday

Neighborhood Extra
1st Saturday of the month

KOLN-TV 10/11
Monday, 5:50am
Thursday, 12:20pm

KLKN-TV 8
Wednesday, 6:40am
Wednesday, 11:50am

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Hannah Manley

By Charleen Engberg, Director of
Education & Volunteers

"Fostering is a truly rewarding experience. And it also saves lives," said Hannah Manley, who has been an outstanding foster volunteer since 2016.

"My favorite part of fostering is getting to know the kittens' different personalities and watching them grow," she commented.

Kittens may come to Capital Humane Society on their own or as part of a litter. Sometimes it will be a pregnant cat that needs to go into a foster home, where she can give birth and raise her kittens in a calm environment.

Some kittens arrive because their family surrenders them. People may be moving or simply don't have the time or means to care for them. Other kittens arrive as lost/strays that people find on their property or in their neighborhood.

Felines are the most common pet Capital Humane Society receives. We work hard to place them in new homes and are grateful to members of the community for choosing to adopt a cat when they are ready to acquire a new friend for life.

Hannah said she often hears people say they don't think they could foster because they would get too attached. To that she says, "Yes, you fall in love with every foster, but then you get to send them off to a family who will also love them."

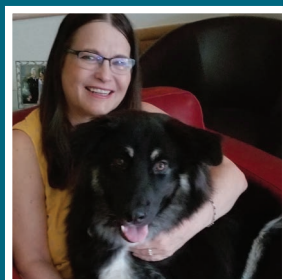


When it comes to fostering, Hannah added, "I think it is something all animal lovers should experience."

Even with two buildings, Capital Humane Society has limited space. By opening her home to a pet in need, Hannah frees up room at the shelter to accommodate animals that can't go or don't need to go into a foster home. We need and deeply appreciate her dedication.

Last year, 1,781 fabulous felines found homes through our adoption program. These included happy cats, shy cats, baby cats, big cats, smart cats, charming cats, polydactyl cats, snuggly cats, goofy cats, and lots more.

With the altruistic assistance of volunteers, like Hannah, and the continued support of our generous community, we look forward to helping many more cats, each with unique personalities, to find loving homes in which to purr and prance.



STAFF PROFILE

Katherine Clinch

By Michaela Ashby,
Administrative Assistant

Katherine joined Capital Humane Society as our Donor Records Clerk and

Fundraising Assistant in May 2017. We have been thrilled to have her as a part of our team ever since!

Katherine grew up in Nebraska and has been a long-time resident of Lincoln. In her spare time, she enjoys being with her family including her two cats, Lola and Lassie, as well as her Australian Shepherd, Fozzie, all of which she adopted from Capital Humane Society.

Both Lola and Lassie were just kittens when Katherine opened up her home to them,

and she has continued to love and spoil them into their senior years. Fozzie, on the other hand, stole the hearts of Katherine and her husband, Jerry, about a year ago while Fozzie was in our Foster Care Program and has been a member of the family since. Katherine also enjoys soaking in the outdoors by taking Fozzie to the dog park, as well as relaxing with a good book or listening to music.

Katherine has enjoyed the chance to get to work alongside our Director of Fundraising, Matt, on a variety of fundraising activities. She says she appreciates Matt's direct communication style and dedication to Capital Humane Society. We greatly appreciate Katherine and everything she does for Capital Humane Society!