



# SHELTER SHARING

SUMMER 2011

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

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Call for schedule

☞ **Fist Aid Classes For Dogs and Cats**  
Call for schedule

## From Despair to Hope

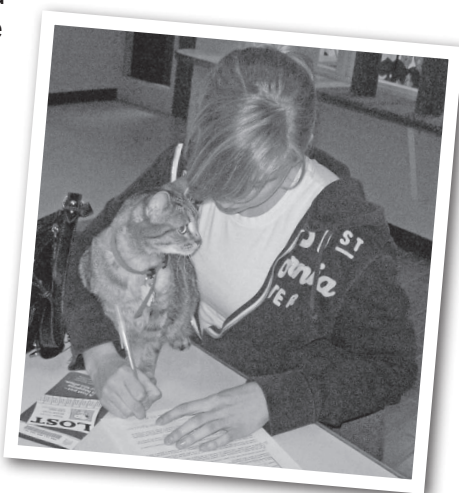


sickened to learn why. Our vet exams and x-rays revealed that she had been shot. She had a wound through her nose and tongue, exiting the bottom of her mouth. Also, one paw was swollen and bloody.

The kitty was named "Hope" – for we all hoped that with extra care she would beat the odds and survive this despairing experience.

Her wounds were repaired surgically, but to allow her to survive the healing time needed for her mouth, a feeding tube was inserted. We housed her in a rolling kennel in one of our offices, so she would have quiet (a rare commodity in a shelter). For weeks our animal care staff carefully fed her through the tube. Amazingly, through it all Hope never lost her trust in or affection for people. She always shared a purr, nudge or a gentle meow to anyone passing by. As she gained strength, she decided she should take over the office, perching on a chair, the desk or in the middle of the room soaking up the afternoon sunlight.

After 5 weeks of rehabilitation, Hope was eating on her own and was ready to begin a new life in an adoptive home. One of our volunteers fell for Hope and offered a home with her very own padded window seat. Now Hope's life is filled with all the things a cat expects . . . a warm and secure environment, along with plenty of love and attention.



One day in March a young man was practicing at a shooting range near Pawnee Lake. He was surprised to find a cat abandoned in a nearby closed dumpster. The sheriff's office called Capital Humane Society to the rescue. Our on-call staff went "dumpster diving" and brought the cat to the shelter. We were very concerned that she wasn't eating and were

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## From the Executive Director



It is such a pleasure to be involved in the effort that will culminate in a new adoption center for Capital Humane Society on the southeast corner of 70th and Highway 2.

Capital Humane Society was able to acquire this land as a result of the generosity of Dave and Mary Jo Livingston.

The visibility of this facility should be very helpful in adopting more animals. The facility itself will not only create a more comfortable and stress free environment for animals but will do the same for visitors too. The current facility at Park Boulevard will continue housing the lost and unwanted animals in Lincoln and Lancaster County and will become a transition facility to move animals to the new adoption center.

Your support in our efforts to raise the funds to make this happen is truly appreciated. This project as well as the funding for our existing programs depends on our donors and the community as a whole. I am truly grateful for all you do to support Capital Humane Society.

Don't forget you can find more information about the campaign on our website at [capitalhumanesociety.org](http://capitalhumanesociety.org).

Thank you.

## Capital Campaign Update

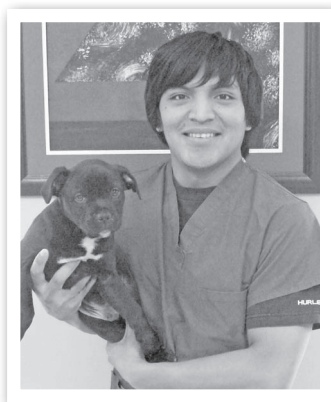


Thanks to your kindness, \$1,762,870 million has been raised towards the \$2.9 million needed to break ground! Thank you for helping us build this desperately needed new Animal Adoption Center. To learn more about making a donation and to see our plans visit [capitalhumanesociety.org](http://capitalhumanesociety.org) and click on "Celebrate Me Home."

## SAVE THE DATE –

On September 15, 2011 the well-known Wheezetones will be in concert at Red 9. Enjoy a spaghetti feed and listen to a great concert with all proceeds going to the "Celebrate Me Home" campaign.

## Staff Profile - Martin Heidbrink



Martin Heidbrink

Martin Heidbrink has been a member of the Animal Care staff since July, 2010. Marty grew up on the farm and has always enjoyed working with and being around animals. So it seemed a perfect fit for Marty to join the CHS staff.

Marty enjoys his daily interaction with the animals, along with meeting pet owners who share his passion of animals. He does get a bit sad when an animal that he has become attached to leaves to join a new family. "It seems a bit selfish, but I am still very happy to see the shelter animals adopted into new homes".

Marty has attended Southeast Community College as a student in the Fire Fighting and EMT program. He hopes one day to fight wild fires. Marty has trained and is a certified instructor with the Red Cross. He has taught a group of co-workers First Aid and CPR classes and plans to continue teaching classes through the American Red Cross.

Marty spends his free time golfing, running and working out, along with playing Texas Hold'em.

## Past Employee Stays Connected Through Fostering



Carrie with daughter Cecilia and foster kittens

There is no down side to fostering, according to CHS volunteer Carrie Knievel. For the past six years, she has been taking care of shelter cats and kittens. Her entire family pitches in. Her husband Matt and daughter Cecilia help with everything from scooping up the litter to giving the felines lots of TLC.

Carrie worked as an office clerk and on the Animal Care staff at CHS from 1998 to 2005. She apparently missed her animal fix and helping so many of them. Carrie has fostered at least 50 pets since her departure. Carrie and her family have lots of fond memories of the pets they've taken care of. They have even adopted two of the cats, Silas and Sid.

Carrie says, "From a cat or kitten's point of view, it has to feel pretty nice to have a more homey place to recuperate, stretch out in a bigger space and enjoy extra attention. Having foster pets is a great thing to do as a family - it is an invaluable learning experience for kids, and comes with a million built-in rewards for any animal lover."

Carrie and her family have a natural knack for opening up their home, especially if it involves shelter pets. For more information on the foster care program, contact Capital Humane Society.

## Capital Humane Society Out & About

### Critter Corner

Time Warner Cable, Ch 13

Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Thursday, 5:30 pm

Saturday, 4:00 pm

Sunday, 7:30 pm

### Lincoln Journal Star

Pet of the Week - Friday

### Neighborhood Extra

1st Saturday of the month

### KOLN-TV 10/11

Thursday, 12:15 pm

### KLKN-TV 8

Every Wednesday, 11:50 am

### KZUM 89.3 AM

Saturday, 10:15 am

### KLIN 1400 AM

Thursday, 6:45 am

### KFOR 1240 AM

Tuesday, 6:50 am

Thursday, 8:45 am

### KFRX 106.3

Thursday, 9:00 am

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### Web Site

[www.capitalhumanesociety.org](http://www.capitalhumanesociety.org)



# 2011 Tails N Trails Pet Walk & Festival

A cool and damp spring day brought over 250 dogs and their faithful owners to Haymarket Park on Sunday, May 15th. Dogs and walkers enjoyed visiting with vet clinics, pet supply, training & specialty vendors, jewelry, and animal welfare groups as well as creating a Doggie DaVinci or bobbing for a hotdog in the wading pool. Dogs enjoyed the new Peanut Butter Lick challenge and the duckie retrieve pond with treats and toys awarded for their endeavors. Paul Zanderholm, artist, drew lines as he created caricature drawings of pets and owners. Fairbury hotdogs grilled by Ayars & Ayars, Pepsi products, popcorn and cotton candy were also enjoyed by the walkers.

A number of CHS alumnae attended the walk, leading the way in the 1 mile or ½ mile walk around the park. Jade Fung (2010 Top Dog), Brad Anderson and Erica Tallan (Channel 10/11 personalities) led the way 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.



## 2011 Top Dogs

First Place – Jade Fung (\$3,108.85)

Second Place – Lisa Tompkin (\$1,137.69)

Third Place – Jennifer Brolhorst (\$685.00)

## 2011 Top Teams

First Place – Ameritas Fallbrook (\$2,619.26)

Second Place – Crooks n Stuff (\$1,485.47)

Third Place – Security First Bank (\$1,012.00)

## Over \$31,000 was raised with the help of the following sponsors and vendors who participated in the events of the day:

Lincoln Saltdogs  
Wachal Pet Health Center  
KFOR  
Assurity Life Ins.  
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Union Bank  
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Superior Vet Care  
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Ayars & Ayars  
Jackson's Cage Boarding & Bath  
Animal Control  
Kevin & Kim Fischer at the Photo booth  
PetSmart  
American Red Cross – Cornhusker  
Chapter  
A Pause for Paws  
Nellie's Pet Snacks/Helen's  
Boutique  
Dee's Love Shelties  
Designer Dachshund Dog Clothing  
Border Collie Rescue  
Central Financial Services

Airedale Rescue  
Nature's Logic  
Teacher's Pet  
Advanced Chiropractic  
Kenl Inn  
Mindy Shortridge, LMT  
Dog Pack Treats  
Ruskin Place Apartments  
Silpada Jewelry  
Maizie Daisies  
Oxbow Animal Health  
Paws N Art – Doggie DaVinci's  
Scentsy  
Wimmers/Fairbury  
Pepsi  
Hy-Vee

## Raffle prizes were donated by the following businesses & friends:

Kevin Fischer  
Scentsy  
Capital Humane Society  
Barbara Thomas  
Nellies Pet Snacks  
NE Lottery

Bayer Healthcare LLC Animal Health  
Pam Webb  
A'door'ables  
Raising Cane's  
Mindy Shortridge

## Winners of the Contests were:

Littlest Dog – 'Zoe' Brown  
Biggest Dog – 'Lou' Hardesty  
Best Trick – 'Jackson' Want

Best Costume – 'Dexter' Greenmaki  
Biggest Shedder – 'Buddy' Schneider  
Pet/Humane Look-a-like Contest –  
Mallory & Ghillie Johnson



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, Kappa Alpha Theta from the University of Nebraska and Kim Searcy and her Affirmation Class students.

# Summer Cat Care

Lynn Fry-Collins, DVM

Cats do not get a vacation from the dog days of summer, and they need your help to keep summertime problems at a minimum. Even though many cats have the luxury of living indoors in a comfy air conditioned house, these cats are also affected by some of the changes that warmer weather brings. Cats that spend some, if not all of their time outdoors, need even more care to keep them healthy. The following tips are to help you keep your cat healthy if he lives indoors or outdoors.



Make sure your cat always has clean fresh water available.



Never leave your cat in a locked car.



Grooming is very important. Cats tend to shed more in the summer. Keeping them brushed out on a regular basis will decrease shedding and therefore; make it less likely that they will vomit hair balls. A healthy hair coat keeps them warm in the winter and cool in the summer.



Check with your veterinarian to make sure your cat's vaccinations are current. All cats should have an annual fecal sample to test for parasites. This is especially important for outdoor cats; in fact, "hunters" may need deworming 2 times per year. Your veterinarian can make the best recommendations for your cat.



Fleas and ticks are a common problem for cats in the summer. Fleas can be a problem in cats that do not go outside if other pets in the house go outdoors. Monthly topical treatments are a safe and easy way to protect your cat. Ask your vet for the best choice for your cat.



A special word about outdoor cats. Obviously the outside world has many potential dangers for a cat. However, providing good preventative healthcare, as previously discussed, will help decrease some of the risks. In addition, make sure your cat has a means of identification. Tags with a break-away collar or a microchip are both adequate forms of ID. If you use a microchip, make sure your contact information is current with the manufacturer, or registry.



# Summer Safety



Summer is a great time of the year! We spend as much time outdoors as we can, soaking up the sun, working in the yard, playing in the park and going to the lake. All of these activities may or may not include our faithful friend by our side. During the summer months you can keep your pet safe by following these simple rules:



Don't let your pet ride in an open truck bed – sudden stops and starts can toss your pet onto the highway causing serious injury.



Keep your dogs head and paws inside the car – wind can seriously irritate mucous membranes and blow pieces of grit or pebbles into their eyes.



Check your pet's collar – you should be able to slip two or three fingers between the pet's collar and neck. Tighter than this can cause pain or trouble breathing.



Identification – make sure the city license and rabies tags are on your pet's collar. This makes for easy identification if your pet should wander from home.



Keep your cat indoors – avoid outdoor dangers and parasites by keeping your cat safely indoors.



Be aware of extreme temperatures – heat exhaustion is often caused by leaving pets in parked cars or over-exercising pets during hot weather.

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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The Capital Humane Society is a member of Community Services Fund. Designate your payroll deduction to help the shelter animals.

# Finding Comfort in Carly's Presence

After much deliberation, Carly's new owner agreed to visit the shelter. When walking through the dog adoption kennels, she spotted the irresistible brown eyes of a 6 month old cocker spaniel who was wagging her tail with her whole body. This cocker had been in the adoption kennel a short 15 minutes when her new owner determined that they were meant to be together."

Carly's time at Capital Humane Society was much longer than 15 minutes though. She made her way into the shelter after being lost in a city park. CHS did its best to find Carly's owner, but no one reclaimed her. The CHS staff fell in love with her bubbly personality, especially Director of Operations Pat Williams. So much in fact that Pat decided to foster the puppy until she was ready for adoption. Carly was born with two cherry eyes (prolapsed lower eyelids) and needed corrective surgery, which CHS provided.



During her reoperation, the pup fit in well with Pat's pack. Carly's ability to love and trust everything around her made it easy. It was hard for Pat to bring Carly back, but she knew the pooch would find a home in no time at all. Little did we know that it would only be fifteen minutes.

Since adopting Carly, her owner has kindly brought her in to visit the shelter a couple of times. Each visit is like a homecoming, as the little dog seems to remember the people who helped her when she was in need.

This lost puppy's story is one of the many reminders why we are truly passionate about animal welfare.

Pets can sometimes be the best therapy a person can receive. They are just what the doctor ordered. Animals are the greatest teachers of understanding, acceptance and unconditional love. They have the ability to touch our lives in ways we can't even describe. Carly is no exception.

## Furry Friends Wish List

- Bleach
- Shoe Boxes
- Aluminum Cans
- Collars & Leashes
- Non-Clumping Cat Litter
- Rubber Gloves
- Cat & Dog Treats
- Dish Soap
- Washable Cat Toys
- Hard Rubber Chew Toys
- Paper Towels
- High Efficiency (HE) Laundry Detergent
- Wooden Chewing Blocks
- Blankets/Towels
- Dishwasher Detergent
- Aspen Bedding for Small Animals
- Purina Kitten Chow
- Little Critter Food
- Shirt Boxes
- 9 volt Batteries
- Cotton Balls
- Dryer Sheets
- Zip Lock Sandwich bags
- Purina Dog Food
- Purina Puppy Chow
- Purina Cat Chow
- Glass Cleaner
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Carpet Samples