

WINTER 2020

# Shelter Sharing

### We Still Need Your Help

**By Sara Quandt**, Director of Fundraising & Development

The coronavirus pandemic has affected everyone in different ways, including our ability to hold fundraising events in person. During a normal year, we would have all gotten together for our Trails N' Tails Pet Walk & Festival in the spring and our Ties N' Tails Annual Dinner in the fall. This year we were unable to hold either of these events. We depend on these events and your generosity to allow us to continue to provide the best care possible to the homeless animals of Lincoln and Lancaster County. Not holding these events is stretching our limits, and now we need your donations more than ever. Please consider a year end donation to help the homeless animals in our communities.

Thank you for your support during these uncertain times.

# A Letter from the Executive Director

#### It is my honor to serve as the new Executive Director of Capital Humane Society.

Although this year has been difficult for all of us, I've witnessed great strength and resilience in this community that I am proud to now share with you. My thanks go out to all of our staff, volunteers, donors, fosters and adopting families who continue to share their lives and hearts with pets in need.



### Through October of this year, your generosity helped 2567 homeless pets find new homes and reunite 973 lost pets with their families.

As some families may be forced to face very difficult decisions about surrendering their fur babies as the pandemic continues, the shelter needs your continued support to continue serving as a resource for community members. Please consider becoming a Club Paw Print member to help animals in need through monthly giving by visiting our website and selecting Monthly Giving from the Ways to Give drop down menu.

To keep our staff, volunteers, visitors, and pets safe we will continue adoptions by appointment only. Please watch for new programs that we will be implementing to help meet community needs such as Seniors for Seniors and E-Learning opportunities.

Shannon Machin Roebuck

Shannon Martin-Roebuck Executive Director

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# Mission

Capital Humane Society serves the community by sheltering homeless pets, advocating for animal welfare, and educating the public about responsible pet care.

# Upcoming Events

*December 16, 2020* Don & Millie's Dine to Donate

**December 2020** Holiday Ornaments & Calendars

Directors

Jon Gross

Vicki Huff

Dustin Bauer Barb Bettin

Lori Hampton

John Hyland

Kayla Muhleisen

Sue Quambusch

LeRoy Sievers

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# Leadership Team

Shannon Martin Roebuck *Executive Director* 

Kelly Anderson, DVM *Director of Veterinary Medicine* 

Shelby Backhus Director of Operations — Pieloch Pet Adoption Center

Charleen Engberg Director of Education & Volunteers

Dean Frey, DVM *Veterinarian* 

Matt Madcharo Director of Operations — Admissions & Assessment Center

Sara Quandt Director of Fundraising & Development



### **Road Trip to the Good Life**

By Matt Madcharo, Director of Operations - Admissions & Assessment Center

In early June, we were contacted by another animal welfare organization about a situation in rural Kansas. A local sheriff's department in Kansas had seized over 20 animals, as part of a neglect investigation. Through the court proceedings, which continued for almost three months, the animals were finally awarded to the county. During this time, all of the animals were cared for by a local veterinarian due to the lack of an animal shelter in the area. With little to no adoption options in the rural community, they reached out to Nebraska No Kill Canine Rescue here in Lincoln.

Through collaboration between Nebraska No Kill Canine Rescue, The Cat House, and Capital Humane Society, we were able to help with all of the animals. On a stormy and windy Tuesday in mid-June, a caravan of two of our transport vans, and a representative from Nebraska No Kill Canine Rescue, made the drive to meet the veterinarian and bring all of the animals back to Lincoln. We accepted 21 dogs and puppies into our care, and Nebraska No Kill Canine Rescue transported several cats to The Cat House.

In all, there were eight adult and juvenile dogs, and two of the adults had litters of puppies with them. One mom had a litter of eight and the other had a litter of five puppies. Through the rest of the week, our veterinary team worked to spay/neuter and prepare those ready for the adoption program.

Our foster coordinator found a foster home for one mom and her litter of puppies, so the pups could grow big and strong before adoption!

We are happy to share all 21 dogs and puppies have found their new homes! Through collaboration with these local organizations, we were able to help all of them find loving families!

# Thank you for helping these pets find their people!

By Shelby Backhus, Director of Operations - Pieloch Pet Adoption Center

Keta



Lars

Lars (formerly Baldur) is probably the most important thing in my life,

and I am obsessed with him. I could easily give you a 1,000 photos, but here are just a few. He loves naps and yogurt with fruit compote (just a tiny bit!).



### Jaggers

This is Jaggers (formerly Twix) whom

we adopted one year ago from the Humane Society. He has guickly made himself the most important and funniest thing in our house. Thank you!



### Stewart

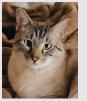
Stewart had been with Capital Humane Society for less than three days when

I stopped in to see him. He was timid, frightened, and terrified of the world. He no longer is, now he's best buddies with his Dads and his 25-pound, house panther brother.



Keta has alwavs been full of love and very playful. She has a

sister named Lily, and they play together all the time. She loves cuddles and tennis balls. Since we got her we have taught her to lay down, stay, high five, and the word "ball". We are so happy with our decision and love her so much. She is doing wonderful in her forever home.



#### Dan

We adopted Dan from Capital Humane Society in August

2018. He has grown into the sweetest, most gentle boy that loves playing with wrappers. The vet said we were super lucky to get such a beautiful boy. We're so thankful for you guys!

Lily



We adopted Lily in March, and we have absolutely fallen in love. She fits right into our family!

### Niles

We adopted Niles two vears ago from Capital Humane Society,

and he is amazing. He loves cuddles and chewing on his bones. He's either running around really hyper, or he's passed out somewhere around our home. He loves meeting new people and going to the dog park to make new friends. He makes us happy every day, and we're so thankful for our baby boy!



### Caramel & Molly

Caramel and Molly bonded almost

immediately. Before the weekend was over, they were inseparable. They still are. Molly helped to heal our hearts. She has so much love to give. She snuggles in close, tooth purrs, and gives plenty of bunny kisses. I don't know who rescued whom. I just finished my Master's degree, and even though I couldn't walk, Molly (black and white) and Mel got in on the celebration too.

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 fundraisingassistant@capitalhumanesociety.org and include your name, your pet's name, and the best way to get in contact with you.



# 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, 11:50am

*KLIN 1400 AM* Thursday, 6:55am

*KFOR 1240 AM* Monday, 6:15am Thursday, 8:30am

*KFRX 106.3 FM* Monday, 6:25am Thursday, 8:40am

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### Volunteer Spotlight: Mike Eckel

"I am encouraged to see most of the dogs I walk are adopted within a week or less," said Mike Eckel, an outstanding volunteer at Capital Humane Society.

There are always new canines for Mike to meet when he comes in to volunteer, and he enjoys getting to know their personalities. Thanks to a caring community that choses adoption as a way to acquire a new furry companion, some of the dogs find homes the same day they are made available.

Others, with behavioral challenges or medical issues for example, can take a little longer. While they wait for a permanent home, Mike is one of the awesome volunteers who teaches them basic obedience skills, and helps give them a good quality of life at the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center.

"I also enjoy getting to know the staff members," Mike added. "They are all friendly and demonstrate how much they care about providing the animals the best environment and fur-ever homes possible."

Mike was an officer in the Air Force and, then for 11 years, he was a police officer with the University of Nebraska Police Department. He holds degrees in criminal justice and computer programming, and currently works as an IT Applications Developer for the State of Nebraska. Even with his very



busy schedule, Mike makes time each weekend to provide the dogs in the adoption program with exercise and training. He also volunteers at special events, such as our annual dinner. His calm, capable assistance brightens the day for both people and pets at Capital Humane Society.

"After leaving the police force for a programming job, I was looking for a way to continue giving back to the community," he explained. "My family has a long history of adopting animals from the humane society, and my dog Baxter was adopted from the humane society. So all these factors, combined with my love for animals, made my choice to volunteer easy."

### Dedicated, competent volunteers, like Mike, play a vital role in our operational success.

We are grateful to him and all the generous people in our community that support our work so we can continue to provide critical services, even during these challenging times.

Save the Date

Capital Humane Society's Annual

Wine & Whiskers Gala

Friday, May 7th, 2021

The Marriott Cornhusker Hotel