



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.



Three-Legged Timmy

By Matt Madcharo, Director of Fundraising

In early May, a little five week old kitten was dropped off at our Admissions & Assessment Center by Lincoln Animal Control. The kitten, barely more than a pound, was missing his back left foot, and the end of the leg was infected.

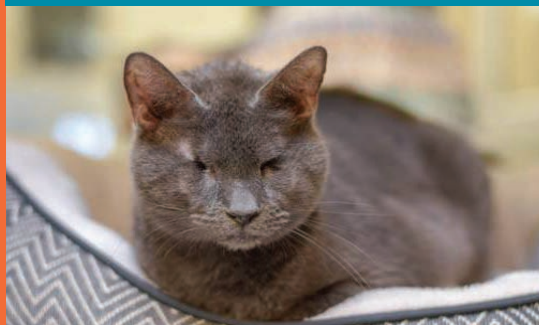
Our veterinary team cleaned the end of his leg and made him comfortable through his required holding period. No one came forward to claim him, so our veterinary team

moved forward with amputating his leg just above the knee.

After surgery, Timmy moved to foster care with one of our staff members so his leg could heal. A couple of weeks later, he returned for the veterinary staff to look him over and remove the staples. He was ready for adoption. It didn't take Timmy long to find a new home, given how sweet and cute he is. He was adopted the first day he was available!

Special Felines

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

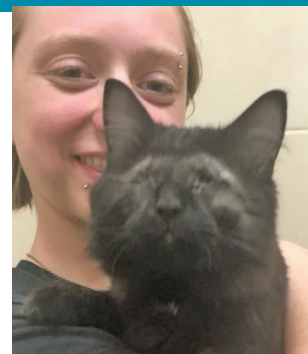


Special felines enter the shelter every day. The two pictured have a particular thing in common: they are both blind. Even though they don't have their sight, visually impaired cats still make wonderful pets. With just a few adjustments, they are purrrrrfectly happy in their home.

Nick Fury came to the shelter as a lost cat with his left eye underdeveloped and his right eye previously injured and non-visionary. The veterinary staff removed the right eye and what remained of the underdeveloped left eye. Nick was quite the attention seeker while in our care, always nudging your hand and asking to be pet. After a month of recovery, he found his new home with Victoria!

Claudia was surrendered to us with both eyes already removed. She also had an upper respiratory infection upon arrival. She was instantly a staff favorite because of her sweet nature. After being treated for the upper

respiratory infection for over two weeks, the veterinary staff performed a dental cleaning and she was made available for adoption. It only took five days and she found her new, loving home!



Without eyesight, these cats use other senses, such as hearing, smell, taste, and touch to get along in their new home. Their whiskers help them feel around, too! By leaving their litter box and food/water dishes in the same spot, keeping toilet lids closed, and gates in front of steps they learn the layout of their home and do very well!

Since blind cats cannot see, make sure they know you are approaching. Say hello so they aren't startled. If you are going to pick them up, pet them first. They also very much enjoy noise making toys, especially anything that squeaks or crinkles!

One very important tip: they should never be let outside without supervision! If you do take them out, keep them on a harness/leash or keep them inside an enclosure like a catio. With these simple accommodations, blind cats make impeccably special companions.

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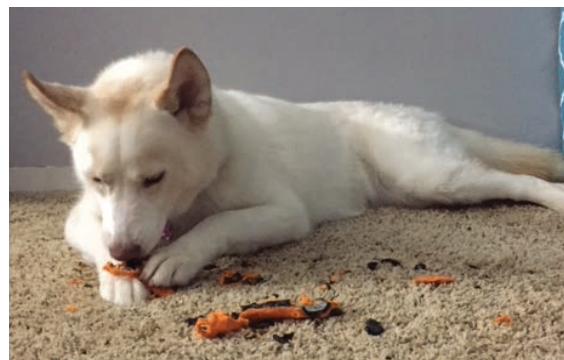
Separation Anxiety in Dogs

By Shelby Backhus, Animal Behaviorist

Do you receive noise complaints from your neighbors because your dog barks when you are gone? Is your dog destructive when left alone? Some dogs that have never been taught how to be alone become very uncomfortable when their people leave. Common signs of separation anxiety in dogs are: excessive panting and drooling, excessive vocalizations, pacing, massive destruction, and self-harm.

Playing background noise, such as a TV or radio, can provide dogs with comfort. For mild cases of separation anxiety, crate training can also do wonders. When dogs are taught how to stay in a crate it offers a safe haven. Proper crate training can take time. By showing dogs a crate is a positive thing, however, most will take to a crate just fine. Crate training also prevents dogs from destroying household items, which could cause them harm.

Daily exercise is also very beneficial for dogs that do not like to be left alone. Worn out dogs are more likely to rest when they are left alone. Man's best friend thrives on routine. Dogs that



routinely have potty breaks, meals, exercise, crate-time, playtime, and bedtime tend to not be as anxious because they know what to expect.

A calming pheromone product called Adaptil has been proven to be successful for dogs with anxiety. This product emits pheromones, which provide comfort to dogs but are odorless to humans. Adaptil comes in a variety of forms including a collar, a diffuser, and a spray. For extreme cases, speaking with your veterinarian is recommended. Some clinics can prescribe a sedative to dogs, so training can take place. Once training is under control, the dog can be weaned off of the medication. You can visit our website for more information on separation anxiety and crate training your dog.

Senior Pet Care

By Kelly Anderson, DVM, Director of Veterinary Medicine

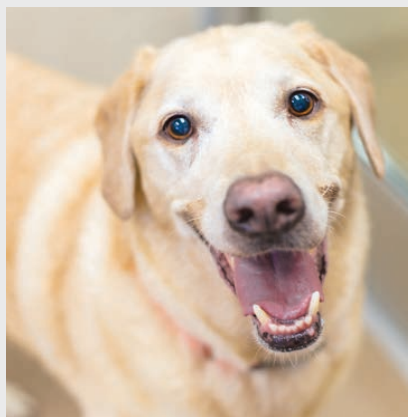
Even though it is still warm outside, the change of the season will soon be upon us. Just as the weather and seasons change, our pets also go through changes in their lives. Because of advances in nutrition, veterinary care, and the overall increase in awareness of our pets, we are seeing more and more pets that make it to their senior years.

The transition of our pets into a senior citizen can be a subtle, gradual process that we sometimes do not readily recognize. It's the little details that give us hints things are changing for them. We may notice they are sleeping more, unwilling to jump up or down off the couch, or even changing their eating and drinking habits.

Older pets develop a whole different set of ailments than our younger pets. It is important we try to prevent as many of these senior issues as we can. Proper weight control and adequate exercise can go a long way to prevent conditions like osteoarthritis and diabetes.

More frequent visits to your veterinarian are highly recommended; twice yearly visits can sometimes catch conditions in their early stages, and provide a much happier outcome. Newer diagnostics, treatments, and medications can make a significant difference for your pets.

A short list of geriatric afflictions includes: heart disease, cancer, vision and hearing loss, kidney disease, diabetes, senility, and osteoarthritis, to name a few. Our older pets may also exhibit behavioral changes and mood alterations that may be a result of a medical condition.



Always remember to keep up with preventatives for heartworm, fleas, and ticks, as they are just as susceptible, or even more susceptible, as they age. Hopefully your pet will live a long and healthy life, so you can both enjoy the golden years!

32nd Annual Tails 'n Ties Dinner



Save the date for Friday, October 26th for our 32nd Annual Tails 'n Ties Dinner at the Cornhusker Hotel. Doors will open at 5:45pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. There will be a live auction, silent auction, and the inspirational story auction! Some of our adoptable pets will be on hand to meet you and find their new homes. In addition to the auction items, the always popular wine pull will return, along with the heads or tails game where you can win half the proceeds! You will also be able to unlock the dessert at your table, too!

This wonderful evening will bring together over 400 animal welfare supporters and business and community leaders to help

raise funds to support our programs! In previous years, some of the auction items included golf outing packages, sporting event tickets, vacation getaway packages, and more! Our goal is to raise \$90,000, and we need your help to get there!

Individual tickets are \$55 per person, but a ticket of \$75 will purchase a ticket for the event AND provide vaccinations to four shelter pets. There are also numerous sponsorship and table opportunities available. If you are interested in being a sponsor, purchasing a table, or donating an auction item, contact Matt Madcharo at chsfundraiser@capitalhumaneociety.org or (402) 441-4481.

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You can help support Capital Humane Society by purchasing tickets to select Kansas City Chiefs games this year! Tickets are available for only \$30 (plus processing fees) and \$10 from each ticket sale is donated by the Chiefs to us! Visit www.chiefs.com/tickets/ticketfundraiser and use promo code CAPHUMANE!



ENTER TO WIN SKYBOX PASSES

Enter for your chance to win a pair of skybox passes for Husker games this season! Raffle tickets are available for \$20 at both of our locations and ticket sales will end the Wednesday before each game. These passes were donated by Mark Pieloch and are valued at \$1,500 per pair. Passes are being raffled for the Sept 1st (three pairs), September 8th (two pairs), September 15th (two pairs), and Sept 29th (two pairs) home games.

STAFF PROFILE – ADELYNN MUELLER

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

**Capital Humane
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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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Saturday, 10:15am

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Thursday, 6:55am

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Thursday, 8:35am

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Thursday, 8:50am

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We are grateful to have had extra help in the veterinary department of Capital Humane Society this summer. Thanks to a Mentors Foundation grant, three veterinary student interns have been assisting the veterinary staff since May.

One of those student interns is Adelynn Mueller, who has wanted to be a veterinarian since she was seven years old. She started her time at

Capital Humane Society as a pre-vet volunteer when she was a sophomore at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She added to her veterinary experience by working at a local veterinary clinic and as a mouse lab attendant at the UNL Life Science Annex. These experiences lead to her becoming a veterinary student at UNL.

As an official vet student, Adelynn made her way back to Capital Humane Society via her Foundations of Veterinary Medicine class, which includes a rotation at the shelter. As part of this rotation, she performed physical exams and blood draws as well as administered vaccines and microchips. Following her first experience she came back to the shelter as part of an elective summer class to perform spay/neuter surgeries under the direct supervision of her instructors. Now, she is an intern, putting all those experiences together to assist the shelter veterinary staff for the entire summer.

After her internship, Adelynn will head to Iowa State University to complete veterinary school. The veterinary school program consists of two years at UNL plus two years at ISU. She plans to practice companion animal medicine in a clinic setting or shelter after veterinary school, a dream close to 20 years in the making. Wherever the future may take Adelynn, we're happy for the time she chose to spend at Capital Humane Society!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT – AMELIA BURKINSHAW

By Charleen Engberg, Director of Education & Volunteers

Amelia Burkinshaw, a pre-vet student, is a dedicated volunteer and says walking dogs at Capital Humane Society is one of her favorite parts of the week. She also works on teaching them basic commands, using reward-based techniques to reinforce positive behavior.

Dogs are so intelligent, and focusing their attention on learning is very beneficial. It also helps them burn off energy in a positive manner.

Some dogs may have never had anyone take the time to work with them before they arrived at Capital Humane Society. It's a joy to see their faces light up when they comprehend a new command and to watch their tails wag proudly when they hear "good dog!"

Amelia's volunteer service has also influenced her professional interests.

"The humane society made a huge impact on me deciding that I want to go into veterinary medicine, because I was undecided at the time I started volunteering," she said.

"Many animals arrive in poor condition, so watching their progression to health is very motivating and amazing to see," she said.

The competent assistance of our volunteers, like Amelia, allows us to care for the many pets that arrive at our doors in need. The experience has also helped her learn valuable skills.

"The entire vet staff has taught me so much and given me a lot of hands on experience," Amelia added. "I help prepare animals for surgery, medicate animals, and assist with vet checks. I seem to learn something new every week."

"Currently my goals are to get into vet school and then most likely go into a small animal practice," she said.

We are grateful for Amelia's diligence, positive attitude, and reliability. Our heartfelt thanks to her and all our wonderful volunteers for enriching the lives of the animals we serve.

