



Capital Humane Society SHELTER SHARING

Winter 2019

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

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Skittles Pack

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

Earlier this year, Skittles, a Dachshund mix, was found by a citizen and left in our overnight kennels at the Admissions & Assessment Center. After her previous family did not claim her, we began the process to get her ready for the adoption program. During her health assessment, we learned she was pregnant and an ultrasound confirmed she was indeed carrying a litter of puppies!

Skittles was moved into our foster care program so she could be comfortable as she carried her pups. About three weeks after she arrived, she gave birth to seven puppies! Unfortunately, two of the puppies did not make it but over the next two months Skittles nursed and raised her five puppies in her foster home until they were big enough to find homes of their own. We are extremely grateful to have amazing foster parents willing to provide care for animals like Skittles and her puppies!

In mid September, the puppies were ready for adoption and went to our Pieloch Pet Adoption Center. They all found new, loving families in no time at all! About a month later, Skittles also went up for adoption and quickly found her new family! Because of support from donors like you, we can help pets like Skittles and her puppies!



From The President & CEO

Looking back to January of 1984 when I began work for Capital Humane Society, I have to marvel at the difference we are able to make for pets being placed up for adoption. At that time, placing a pet up for adoption meant possibly giving it a bath and then moving it from the restricted area of the shelter into the adoption area of the shelter. Nothing more. We employed no veterinary staff and had no facilities on-site for veterinary care.

Today, we employ a full-time veterinarian, a half-time veterinarian, and three full-time licensed veterinary technicians. Facility wise, we have a surgery room with two tables, another surgery room with one table, a pre and post surgery room for cats, the same for dogs, a second recovery room for cats, an exam room for both species, and a full dental room. Obviously, preparing pets for adoption is more sophisticated today and we are able to offer adopters a healthier new member of the family.

By the end of 2019, we will have performed 2,670 spay/neuter surgeries and 330 other surgeries including dental surgeries, broken bone repairs, hernia repairs, amputations, and more. That was all in just one year and none of this happens without the support we receive from our donors. Thank you for making all of this possible.

I would like to close by wishing you a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous 2020!

Robert A. Downey, President & CEO



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Winter Canine Activities

By Shannon Alfer, Animal Behaviorist

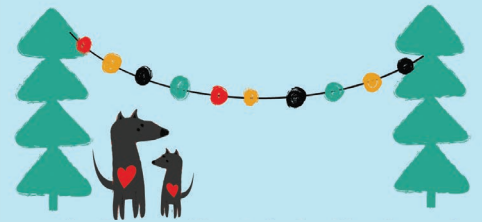
The cold weather and bad conditions outside can often leave us with stir-crazy dogs! Here are some tips to beat the winter madness:

- > **Most dogs still enjoy going for walks during the winter weather.** We can protect them from the elements by putting on doggie boots and jackets. The boots will help protect sensitive feet from the ice/snow and will protect them from being exposed to ice melt. The best suggestion is to go for short walks throughout the day.
- > **Being cooped up inside is the best time to work on obedience training with your pup.** Work on basic commands such as sit, down, and stay so by the time the warm weather comes, they will be a pro! If your dog already has these skills, you can always teach them new tricks! Instructions on how to teach tricks can be found on YouTube!
- > **Mental stimulation will help wear dogs out when physical stimulation is not possible.** Buy your pup a fun treat puzzle to see if they can crack the code! Or you can get them a Kong feeder toy to keep them occupied for hours. You can find creative recipes online to fill their Kong with so your pup doesn't become bored!
- > **Utilize indoor dog areas at local businesses. Multiple businesses offer indoor play where you can wear out Fido and enjoy a nice and peaceful evening!**

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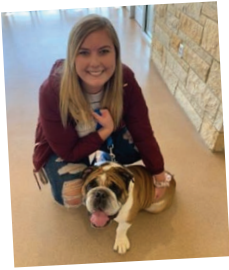
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FOR \$10 AND HANG IT ON OUR TREE IN
HONOR OF A BELOVED PET OR PERSON.

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

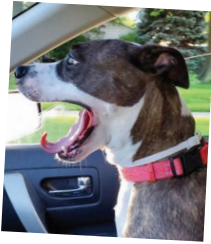


Diesel

"Just wanted to let everyone at Capital Humane Society know Diesel is loving life at his new home! He loves playing fetch and inspecting his cat siblings. We love him so much and he's quite the hit in the neighborhood. Can't believe we ever did life without him."

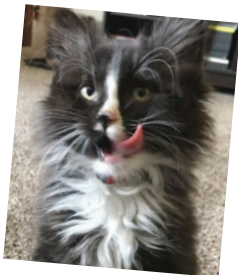
Sofrito

"We adopted Sofrito (Genevieve at CHS) 2 years ago. She walked up to the window of her room, sat down, and looked over her shoulder at us while shivering. We knew we were being played but didn't care. She had a few little bumps in adjusting to her new home, but who doesn't? When she first came home, I actually Googled "should my dog sleep this much?" but I guess getting adopted is simply exhausting. She's a big fan of morning walks, afternoon snacks, and still believes multiple naps are the key to success. Sofie is a very good girl and enthusiastically greets everyone she meets. We're happy to have her in the family!"



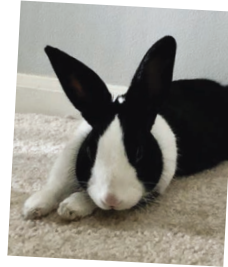
Binx Bartholo"meow"

"This is Binx Bartholo"meow" (aka Krieger) who we adopted right before Christmas. He's a complete goofball and a complete joy! He's fit right in with our two older cats and we love having him in our family. Thanks for all you do!"



Finnigan

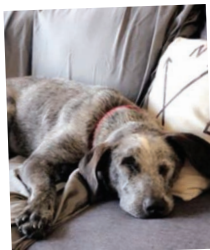
"Hello! I wanted to send an update about a foster-turned-foster-fail cutie. Back in early July, I was sent a foster request for a stray four-month-old bunny that had been found on someone's back porch. Initially, the plan was to foster this little girl until she consistently reached three pounds. Over the next month, Bella stayed with me as she gained weight and became stronger. When it was time to return her to CHS to be spayed and put up for adoption, my heart just couldn't let her go. I quickly put down the adoption fee and couldn't wait to bring her home."



Adding this little peanut to the family has been so wonderful! Even though we found out that Bella was actually a male bunny (which explained why my other male bunny, Bandit, did not want to bond with him after their initial meeting at CHS), this little guy has been such a blessing. Finnigan, as he is known now, loves being affectionate, wants to constantly be by my side, and is so energetic! I knew being part of the CHS Foster Program would be fulfilling, but never would I have imagined this!"

Goose

"Goose, formerly known as Champ, has been the greatest addition to my household! He's learned everything from stay, sit, shake, lay down and much more! Thank you for making me a proud dog dad! He's my favorite and really has made my life so much better!"



Henry

"Mogi (now Henry) is doing great!! He is so sweet and friendly and playful! We love him! Thanks for taking such great care of him!!"



Apollo

"I adopted Apollo in July and couldn't be happier! He's the best boy and we spend a huge amount of time together. Thank you SO much!"



George

"I just wanted to share a quick update on my kitten George. He was adopted

back in November of 2018 when he was just 3 months old. George enjoys sitting out on our balcony and watching birds, he also likes playing in the bathtub! Thank you for the amazing opportunity to adopt George!"



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
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Wednesday, 11:40am

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Thursday, 6:55am

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Thursday, 8:30am

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Cathy Beltz

By Charleen Engberg,
Director of Education & Volunteers

Last year, more than 3,000 pets were adopted from Capital Humane Society. Cathy Beltz is one of our outstanding volunteer adoption counselors. She helps match pets in need with the people who adopt them and give them a forever home.

"When Cathy walks in, we all know our day will be better," said lead animal care staff, Natsumi Rosenau. "She helps with adoptions and all kinds of tasks including laundry and dishes! Her bubbly vibe brightens our day."

"I love working with families who are looking for their perfect companion," Cathy explained. "In discussing what the family's situation is, we can find the perfect pet for them, where both the family and their new pet will be happy."

Adoption counselors review each pet's medical and behavior history, then educate potential adopters about what the animal will need in a new home. They also provide handouts with useful information on topics such as house-training, working with a fearful pet, the importance of establishing a routine, and how to do proper introductions with existing pets.

It takes patience and attention to detail to be an adoption counselor. In addition to those qualities, Cathy brings positive energy and kindheartedness to her volunteer service.

"It is amazing how Cathy interacts with customers," Natsumi said. "They all end up with a big smile on their face."

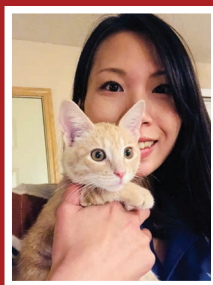
The days are very busy at Capital Humane Society and the animal care staff do everything from cleaning, feeding, medicating and animal enrichment to customer service. Cathy said she has witnessed the dedication of the staff and is impressed. We are so grateful for her willingness to lighten the load by coming in to volunteer two or more times each week.

Cathy helps in other ways too.

"I also volunteer by fostering kittens who need a bit of special attention before they can be adopted," she said. "Usually they need to gain a little weight or they may need some additional socialization. It's hard not to get attached, but it's gotten easier as time goes on."

"I did have one foster fail when I adopted my foster kitten, little Bubba," Cathy added. "He now weighs 18 pounds, likes to take naps with me, and is the friendliest cat I have ever met."

Awesome people like Cathy are vital to the continued success of our programs. We appreciate every volunteer, adopter, and donor! One on-going area of volunteer need is foster care. To learn more, please visit our website's Get Involved page and complete the online application.



STAFF PROFILE

Natsumi Rosenau

Natsumi Rosenau joined Capital Humane Society as an Animal Care Staff & Adoption Counselor at our Pieloch Pet Adoption Center in July 2016.

She is currently one of our Lead Animal Care Staff & Adoption Counselors at the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center.

Natsumi was born in Niigata, Japan where she was always surrounded by pets. Her family lived in a mountainside area where lost pets were common. Natsumi believes her love of animals came from her parents, as they always showed love and compassion to the pets that wandered onto their property.

Natsumi moved to Lincoln in 2012. She now resides here with her husband, Matt, dog, Kai, and two cats, Fez and Mio. All three pets are Capital

Humane Society alumni! Mio (pictured) is actually a graduate of our foster program! Mio was in foster care because she had an upper respiratory infection and had undergone a leg amputation. Over the month Natsumi and her husband cared for little Mio they fell in love and could not let her go, so they adopted! Natsumi's favorite thing about participating in our foster program is the chance to make room for more animals in the shelter and getting to experience the little kittens in their cute and playful stage, as they grow and learn socialization skills.

Her favorite part about working at Capital Humane Society is the chance to work with animals every day. She loves the knowledge and skills she has gained that will last her a lifetime. Days can be hard, at times, but she enjoys helping the pets find new homes. When she is not at work she enjoys relaxing while listening to music, watching movies, or getting out to hike with her husband and Kai.

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

