



# Capital Humane Society SHELTER SHARING

Spring 2020

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

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## From the Board of Directors

**The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the hiring of Shannon Martin Roebuck as Executive Director of Capital Humane Society.** Shannon will be working with Bob Downey, CEO and President of Capital Humane Society, until his retirement later this year at which time she will become leader of the organization.

Shannon grew up around dogs, spending her youth around her grandmother's Shetland Sheepdogs and their family dog, a German Shepherd named Caesar. Her aunts and uncles, who would get together for dinner every Saturday and Sunday, also had pets and she has fond memories of playing with all of their animals. Having worked in the nonprofit and education sectors for nearly twenty years, Shannon holds a master's degree in Nonprofit Management and a BA in Art History. **While seeking her master's degree, Shannon's ultimate goal was to move into a position that would allow her to pair one of her passions with her work.** Capital Humane Society presents such an opportunity, and she is thrilled to be here and enjoying getting to know the very dedicated and hardworking staff.

Shannon and her husband are the proud parents of one son, two dogs, and a cat. She is thrilled to be back home in the Midwest

and closer to her family and very inspired by the warm welcome that she has received in Lincoln. What strikes her most about Lincoln is the sense of community and the support that she sees local businesses receive. **She looks forward to continuing the great legacy that Bob has created in the Capital Humane Society and working with the Lincoln and animal welfare communities.**

"Ms. Roebuck comes to us well prepared through education and experience. Her leadership and collaborative skills will continue to serve our communities and the commitment we make to animals and the impact they have on people," says April Rimpley, Board Chair.

**Bob started his journey with CHS on January 30th, 1984, and plans to retire on June 30th, 2020.** He is looking forward to experiencing a second childhood involving lots of travel and bike trips along with the ability to spend more time with his wife, Sheri, and their Boxers, SamE and GizMoE.



You just brought home your new puppy or dog, now what? **Here are some tips on turning your new pup into the perfect companion.**

When bringing home a new pet it will take them awhile to decompress and get used to their new surroundings. Puppies will adjust more quickly than older dogs but can take up to 3 months to truly get into the swing of things! **The biggest thing to focus on is relationship building!** Even though spending time with your new pet is important,

it is equally important that they have time to themselves where they can learn to cope by themselves. This is a key step to preventing things such as separation anxiety. **Try to section them off in a room or in a pen but give them plenty of toys and a bone.** Over time you can increase how long your pet can be without you.

**Another important part of getting a new pet is socialization and training.** A lot of shelter pets are overlooked because they lack socialization. It is critical to get proper socialization as puppies to help them succeed in the future. **A good form of socialization is an obedience class with other dogs or puppies.** Training your dog will also strengthen your bond.

Best of luck to you and your new puppy or dog!

Visit [www.capitalhumanesociety.org](http://www.capitalhumanesociety.org) for information about training classes or behavior tips, under Pet Owner Resources.

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## Join Us For The 2020 Tails 'N Trails Pet Walk & Festival

*By Sara Quandt, Director of Fundraising & Development*

Calling all canines! It's almost time again for Capital Humane Society's Tails 'N Trails Pet Walk & Festival. This is a great opportunity to get out and exercise your human! **Not only is there your choice of a leisurely half or full mile walk around the beautiful Fallbrook Town Center, but there will also be lots of games and activities for all the members of your pack.**

This year the Tails 'N Trails Pet Walk & Festival will be on Saturday, May 16th. The day will begin at 11:00am with activities, food trucks, and vendors. The walk will begin at 12:30pm with the option of the half mile or full mile. After the walk it is back to the fun and activities!

This year our goal for the walk is to raise \$37,000 and have over 500 participants! **If we have 500 participants and everyone raises \$75 each, we would meet our goal!** We need your help to achieve this goal and help support the animals at the shelter. Every bit helps! All proceeds support our

many programs, including foster care, humane education, low cost feline spay/neuter, and adoptions!

### Don't miss out on the Early Bird Registration!

- Now until April 11th registration is only \$20 for individuals & \$30 for families/couples
- After April 11th through the event day registration is \$25 for individuals & \$35 for families/couples

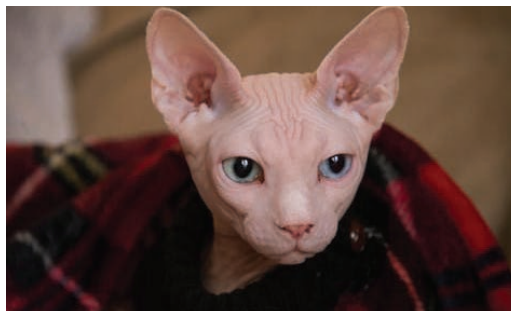
Don't have a dog? You can still join the fun! Come out and enjoy all the festivities and entertainment the Tails 'N Trails Pet Walk & Festival has to offer.



**Can't attend the walk but still want to help? Get your friends together and form a virtual team to fundraise for the animals!**

### Are you ready to get registered and start fundraising?

Visit [www.capitalhumanesociety.org](http://www.capitalhumanesociety.org) or call Sara Quandt, Director of Fundraising, at 402-441-4481 or email — [chsfundraiser@capitalhumanesociety.org](mailto:chsfundraiser@capitalhumanesociety.org)!



## Alopecia

*By Dr. Kelly Anderson, DMV,  
Director of Veterinary Medicine*

You came into the Pieloch Adoption Center and found your new furry friend, thank you very much by the way, and you go home and notice some hair thinning or areas of hair loss. The big doctor word for this, as I like to say, is "alopecia." If this occurs, don't hesitate to give us a call and inquire, as this can happen. Here are some of the most common scenarios that happen in the shelter world.

**Flea allergy dermatitis (FAD) is very common and is characterized by hair thinning or hair loss over the tail head region.** These animals are actually allergic to flea saliva. All pets are treated for fleas upon arrival at the shelter and may be in the process

of growing their hair back. Occasionally another treatment application may be indicated.

Many of our animals may have incurred minor injuries or dermatitis prior to arrival. All of these conditions are addressed upon intake. **There will be instances where flare-ups occur and we are happy to extend their course of treatment in those cases.**

Sometimes, although quite rare, kittens may present with hair loss on their toes, ears, and face post adoption. These kittens are suspects for ringworm (which is actually a fungus). These situations occur because there may be spores on the kitten or in the environment. Most cats are actually carriers of ringworm spores but do not exhibit symptoms. However, coming to the shelter can be stressful for a cat or kitten. The change of surroundings of coming to the shelter, other animals, new sounds, new smells, surgery to be sterilized, and then new surroundings of a new home can incur stress, which causes their immune system to weaken. **Therefore, occasionally ringworm can develop post adoption even though there were no lesions or symptoms prior to going home.** If this were to occur, please call with these cases and we can help get them back to health.

Thanks again for supporting Capital Humane Society, and may your hair coats be full and shiny!



# 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](mailto:chsfundraiser@capitalhumaneociety.org) and include your name, your pet's name, and the best way to get in contact with you.



## Elsa, Rowan, Molly, Mimi, and Lydia

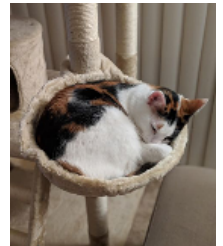
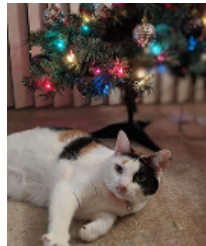
Our fur-family includes 3 dogs and 2 cats, all of which we adopted from CHS. Our newest addition is the super-snuggly Rowan (formerly Farrah), the little white puppy that we adopted in September. Rowan is part St. Bernard, so we're taking bets on how big she'll get. She's learning the ropes from Elsa the GSP and Molly the super-mutt, both adopted in 2014. Our feline fur-babies are Mimi (formerly Miss Dolly) and Lydia (formerly Marley), both adopted in 2018. Mimi is quite a fan of our 3-year-old son, and Lydia has never met anyone she didn't want to snuggle with. Thanks CHS for all you do!



## Willow and Bon

We originally brought Bon home after separation from Burt. 2 days later we brought him home and are so glad we did. They are best friends! Double the work, but oh well!

They are such sweet bunnies.



## Kali

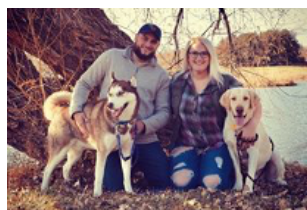
We are coming up on our year adoption anniversary for Kali and just wanted to share some pictures of this cutie. She was very nervous at first but has warmed up and made a wonderful sister to her brother Joey!



## Zeppelin

The Christmas spirit has inspired me to reach out to the team at Capital Humane Society with a hearty and sincere "thank you." We adopted Zeppelin in

late 2017, and she has been the best addition to our family. Her sister (Tonks, a 6-year-old sheltie) appreciates having a best friend to play with when we're at work, and Zep's quirky personality has made us laugh so many times over the last two years. We just wanted to share this photo from our most recent vacation to Massachusetts (she loved hiking) and say thank you for taking such good care of our baby until we could bring her home for good.



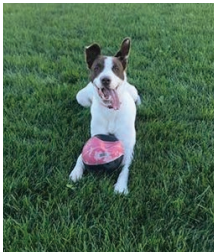
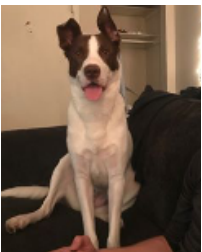
## Dooley

Dooley has been a wonderful addition to our family!!



## Captain and Chief

Just wanted to say we adopted Luke and Cooper, now Captain and Chief, earlier this week. We love them to pieces. Our older kitty is still getting used to them, and our dogs have been super curious about their baby brothers.



## Kanga

We adopted Kanga on September 29th! I just wanted to share some photos of her at her new home. She is very loved and loves to run and play! She is also very curious. She has gotten so healthy and is happy to be in a new home. I hope whoever sees the photos enjoy them, and know that she is in a safe home with people who love her! Have a great day.



# 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, 6:25am  
Thursday, 12:20pm

KLKN-TV 8  
Wednesday, 11:50am

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Thursday, 8:30am

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Hillary Brandt

*By Charleen Engberg,  
Director of Education & Volunteers*

Volunteer Hillary Brandt wears a variety of hats for Capital Humane Society. **She is an adoption counselor at the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center and helps in our veterinary department, where she is gaining knowledge about shelter medicine, including the importance of preventative care, as she completes her veterinary technician studies.**

"It is a blessing to see the full circle from when the pets come to us to when they are adopted," she said. "By volunteering in the vet department, not only do I get to provide an incoming animal with proper care and love, but I also get to make sure they are healthy and happy before they go to the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center."

Hillary finds it very rewarding to match adopters with the right pet. **"Listening to their needs while answering their questions is important when helping them choose a new member of their family,"** she said.

In addition to volunteering at both of our locations, Hillary also volunteers to care for our cats up for adoption at Petco. Volunteers clean out the litter box, provide food and water, tidy up, and socialize the cats at the store. She understands

how important it is to be dependable so the cats are getting proper, daily care while housed offsite.

**We also can count on Hillary to help when Capital Humane Society is invited to be present at special events in the community.** She recalls a time when

she was approached by someone at an event whose adoption she had completed. "It took me a minute," Hillary recalled, "but I realized she had adopted a dog that coincidentally had the same name as her. She showed me the cutest pictures of her happy adopted dog with her new family! It warmed my heart to see that this beautiful dog found her forever home with the right people."

"I am truly grateful for the opportunities that Capital Humane Society has given me by allowing me to volunteer," she said. "It encourages me to do more to better the lives of these animals."

**Hillary's valuable contributions are vital in Capital Humane Society's efforts to help the thousands of pets that arrive at our organization every year.** We are so grateful to her and all of our dedicated volunteers that put their love of animals into meaningful action.



## STAFF PROFILE

### Allison Bergmeyer

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

Allison Bergmeyer is one of our valuable Animal Care Staff and Adoption Counselors at our Pieloch Pet Adoption Center. She has been with

us since August 2019. During her time here she has shown great commitment to helping animals in the Lincoln community. **Allison has fostered 15 animals that required a little TLC before they were ready to move to adoption.** On top of fostering and taking care of her own three dogs and two cats, Allison loves photography.

When asked if she could name her favorite animal, Allison said that is too difficult of a question, she loves them all! One could say Allison's love for animals started early. Ever since she was five years old, Allison has been riding horses. **Before working at Capital Humane Society, Allison spent the last six years showing horses on the national level.** While showing horses, Allison also attended College of Charleston.

When asked what her favorite part about working at Capital Humane Society was, Allison stated that she loves getting to know the animals' likes, dislikes, personalities, and their backstories. **Allison finds joy in learning all that she can about the pets at Capital Humane Society so that she can match the pet with the perfect home.**