



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.

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From the President & CEO

It is a bit of a strange feeling to write a column for the newsletter for the last time. My career with Capital Humane Society has been a long one, which began on January 30th, 1984. Thirty-six and a half years, more than half of my life.

As I think back, there are so many highlights that are meaningful to me. A few of those are as follows.

I was able to get dog and cock fighting changed from misdemeanor offenses to felony offenses in the State of Nebraska. Of course there was help along the way in accomplishing that. First, I received help from two investigators with the Nebraska State Patrol in discovering evidence of both activities in the state. Then came the privilege of working with State



Senator Don Wesely and his staff, Tim Becker and Tammy Ward. **We worked together on introducing legislation and advocating for passage of that legislation over a three-year span.** There was surprising background resistance, but it did become law.

I also was able to get early-age neutering of puppies and kittens introduced in Lincoln and ultimately in Nebraska. This would not have been possible without the willingness of three local veterinarians to work with me on this. They are Dr. Bill Collins, Dr. Rick Sitzman, and Dr. Mark Wachal. I brought in two veterinarians from California

who had been performing these procedures for some time. They worked with these three local practitioners so Capital Humane Society could spay and neuter all animals going to its adoption program. **This was important in stopping the cycle of adopting out pets from the shelter who gave birth to litters that came back to the shelter.**

Another true highlight was the building and opening of the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center. It was the culmination of years of research and fundraising that made this possible. The support that was created for this was highlighted by the wonderful gifts made by Mark Pieloch and Mary Jo and Dave Livingston. The impact this facility has had on the number of pets adopted is significant.

There are so many names of people I have met and worked with along the way. Donors, volunteers, board members, and especially staff. There are too many to list here and to omit any would not be fair. What is fair to say is they all played a part in making Capital Humane Society what it is today compared to what it was in 1984.

I am going to miss the work and miss it dearly. I was given the chance to do something good with my life by being selected to lead this organization back in 1984, and I consider that a blessing. **My final request of you as I depart is to continue to support the work of this organization in any way you can.** Donating, adopting, volunteering, they all make a difference.

My heartfelt gratitude to all of you.

Robert A. Downey,
President & CEO

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Remy's Rocky Road

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



Shortly after Valentine's Day this year, a concerned citizen found a little Blue Heeler puppy in north Lincoln. **A car had likely hit the little puppy that was only about two months old.** The citizen promptly brought her to us for care, as she could not put any weight on her left rear leg.

Upon arrival, our veterinary team examined her and suspected a severe fracture. Radiographs were taken and showed a salter fracture of the distal femur. Our veterinarian, Dr. Kelly Anderson, was able to perform an orthopedic surgery to insert an IM pin into the femur to realign the bone. This was no small feat given the age of the puppy and the size of her femur. We were cautiously optimistic the pin would hold and the femur would heal properly.

One of our Customer Care Staff members, Liz, had fallen in love with the puppy, now named Remy, and took her home to foster her. For six weeks, Remy had to wear a splint while the pin was in her leg. In late March, the pin was removed and her leg was healing well. Her leg was stiff and lacked muscle development. So over the next four weeks, Remy would come to work with Liz at the Admissions & Assessment Center to hang out in the front office and work on her physical therapy exercises.

We are happy to share Liz officially adopted Remy at the end of April, and she is doing very well! Because of supporters like you, we are able to provide care for pets like Remy!



Club Paw Print

By Sara Quandt, Director of Fundraising & Development

The animals we serve here at Capital Humane Society need help, love, and care in good times and bad. We are not able to take a break from caring for them, despite what may be going on around us. It is a full-time job, all year long. **It is also a job that we would not be able to do without the generosity of supporters like you.** Thank you for being the power behind our work and helping us provide the best care to each and every animal that enters our doors.

To help the animals we care for, consider becoming a monthly donor. **Joining the Capital Humane Society's Club Paw Print is the safest, simplest, and most effective way to support animals in our communities as we adapt to ever-changing circumstances.**

Visit www.capitalhumanesociety.org for more information or to schedule your Club Paw Print donation now.

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.

Odin

This is Odin, formerly Edward. I adopted him at 9 weeks. He was one of the project #84 kittens. He is doing well and is so full of life with a big personality. His hobbies include fetch, chasing the dogs, and putting random objects in the dog's water. We personally want to thank the people who worked so hard to help all those kitties.



Dawn and Abbey

On January 3rd, 2019, we were blessed to adopt Prairie Dawn "Dawn" and Abbey Cadabby "Abbey." They have filled our lives with much love after losing our other two Guinea pigs. They love to be held as well as free to investigate. We are so happy to have found these two. Our days would be empty without them!



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Ziggy

I have a success story for my cat Ziggy (originally Johnny). Ziggy is a true Chicagoan after making the 8-hour journey out east. He loves to look out the window and watch all the birds and chipmunks go by.



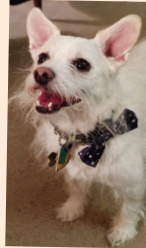
Slim Shady

This is Slim Shady, formerly known as Gage. We adopted him {last} February after our cat passed away. Although you can never replace a lost pet, it brought us comfort knowing we were able to provide him with a happy home and all the cuddles he could ever want.



Charlie

We adopted Charlie from CHS back in 2012. When we first met him, he was a sweet, anxious little thing, with a whine that cut right through your heart. He's the quirkiest dog I've ever met, and still has many puppy tendencies, but he has nothing but love and cuddles to give.



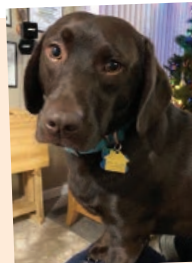
Ella

Coming up on Ella's (formerly Kala) one-year anniversary of her adoption date from CHS. When I got her, she was very skinny because she had just gotten over having worms (thank you to CHS for saving her!) and now after almost a year living with me, she's a plush and chonky girl who loves cuddling and playing with hair ties.



Frank

We thought you might like an update about Frank, the little chocolate bassador we adopted last September. He is quite the character — even though he is short in stature, he makes up for it in personality! He adores his big sister Millie, our beagle/border-collie mix. Frank loves toys, treats, and running around in our backyard.



Daisy

Daisy was adopted from Capital Humane Society on October 27th, 2016. She was the last kitten of her litter to be adopted, but she has been the light of our life since we brought her home with us that day. Daisy is a female orange tabby, which is quite rare from what we have been told by our veterinarian.



Karen

This is Karen from Finance, or more commonly just referred to as Karen. I'm so lucky to have found her, she truly has made my life better. I've never had an animal be so attuned to my emotions, and I never in my wildest dreams thought that two years ago I would be homing my best friend.



Ginny

This is Ginny, previously known as Cindy. I adopted her in August. She was shy at first and still is around strangers, but she loves to cuddle with me. She is always in the same room as me and loudly complains when I leave her alone too long. She truly did rescue me and not the other way around.

Buddha

My husband and I recently added Buddha the rabbit to our rescue family! We have adopted all but one of our pets from Capital Humane Society, and love to support a great organization by acting as foster parents for cats, kittens, and critters.



Max

Our Max will be turning 6 in April. We adopted him when he was 6 months old and just a tiny boy. He weighs 16 pounds now! Max is now toothless due to Feline Stomatitis, and he's a California boy now, but he's doing very well!



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
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Thursday, 6:55am

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Jillayne Nelson

By Charleen Engberg,
Director of Education & Volunteers

"I knew I wanted to foster when I bought my house," said Jillayne Nelson, an outstanding foster volunteer. "It has a big backyard that is perfect for dogs to run and play."

She chose to volunteer for Capital Humane Society because she felt dogs in the shelter could be the most in need. "Maybe they have never had a happy home, cozy bed, playful friends, and loving snuggles before," she said.

Jillayne is pleased to provide the care, exercise, and training the dogs she fosters need. She especially enjoys seeing their confidence grow as they learn commands and receive rewards. "I can always see a beautiful change in their spirit," she said.

While she mostly fosters dogs, she has also taken in cats and said her own dogs benefit from the foster experience and "love to make new friends."

Jillayne never misses a chance to praise the work of the Capital Humane Society staff. "They take into account so many important factors when pairing a foster animal with the right home," she said.

Last year, more than 570 pets needed foster care.

Common reasons include a mother cat or dog that needs a quiet place to nurse her litter, pets that need time to recover from illness or surgery, or young kittens that need time to gain weight before being spayed or neutered and placed in the adoption program.

Jillayne's first foster dog was named Magic, and they formed a close bond. After their time together, she planned to visit him at the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center, but, to her delight, she found out that he was quickly adopted by a staff member. "He now lives on a few acres outside of town where he gets to use his Heeler herding skills," she said. "I was so happy to hear that."

Foster volunteers are great friends to animals in need at Capital Humane Society. Each pet has a story and deserves a chance at a better life. Thanks to the remarkable dedication of Jillayne and our other amazing foster volunteers, their stories can be happy ones.

You can find more information and an online application on our website at CapitalHumaneSociety.org.



Socializing Pets During Social Distancing

By Shannon Alfer, Animal Behaviorist

Getting a dog or puppy during a time of social distancing can be very rewarding, but people are often concerned about socialization. Some dogs that are adopted from the shelter need socialization, especially new puppies. Even though we are in a time of staying apart, socialization can be achieved. Socialization is not all about just having your dog meet new people. Here are a few tips to come out of the "shelter in place" with a well-socialized pup.

- **Explore different surfaces with your pet:** grass, tile, concrete, grates, and carpet to make sure they are comfortable walking anywhere.
- **Listen to different noises:** the vacuum, blender, doorbell, and dishwasher. These will be everyday noises your pet will need to get used to. Make the experiences positive by playing with toys or enjoying tasty treats.
- **Meet new people:** family members within your home or healthy family can meet the puppy. They can also explore people from a distance with their eyes and nose.

For more information on socializing your pets, visit the Pet Owner Recourses tab at CapitalHumaneSociety.org.

From The Vet

Dr. Kelly Anderson, DVM,
Director of Veterinary Medicine

It's been a crazy year so far! However, our pets don't understand or care about the coronavirus. All they know is they love the stay-at-home orders and are getting all kinds of extra attention. In all the extra pet playtime, don't forget about the little things our pets need from us.

Fleas and ticks have little regard for social distancing! Don't forget the multitude of wonderful products out there to protect our pets from these perennial pests. Mosquitoes also have no regard for the coronavirus, so don't forget your heartworm preventatives. Most of these products have the added bonus of being a dewormer, as well.

So don't fall victim, as often happens in times of chaos, of letting our guard down on doing the routine things to keep our pets healthy. Have a fun, healthy, and safe summer out there!