



# Capital Humane Society

## SHELTER SHARING

SPRING 2012

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

Capital Humane Society  
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Apr. 3 & 10, 5:30-7:00 pm

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May 20, 12:00-3:00 pm

### Building a Solid Foundation

Ahh, Spring!! January may have been the beginning of the New Year, but let's face it, everything really starts in the spring. Trees blossom, flowers bloom, the scent of freshly cut grass fills the air. It's a chance for a fresh start, time for some spring cleaning. Perhaps your dog needs some spring cleaning as well. But I'm not just talking about a trip to the groomers. How about a mental fresh start?

Don't be too alarmed if your dog's a bit wound up this spring. Aren't we all a little anxious to get out and do something after the long winter? We're also likely to be a bit rusty with some of our favorite hobbies that we've been absent from doing during the winter months, and that includes working with our dogs.

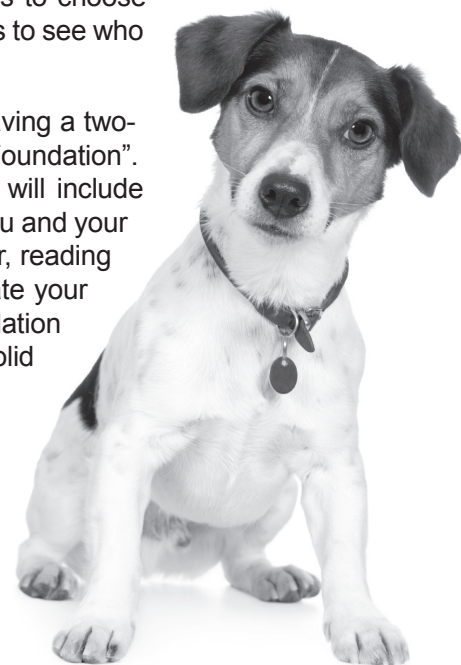
So let's see a show of hands — who has been working diligently throughout the winter with their dog...congratulations to both of you. As for the rest of us, it's time to get to work. For those that have been through training, I'm sure your trainer would be more than happy to give you a refresher course. For those looking for a dog trainer, I have a few suggestions.

There is an old saying that goes, "The only thing two dog trainers can agree on is what the third dog trainer's doing wrong." Although there may be some truth to this, the fact is, most trainers use the same basic theories and techniques with their own personal touches. We are very fortunate in the Lincoln and surrounding areas to have a large selection of competent trainers to choose from. Simply pick two or three and do interviews to see who you feel most comfortable with.

For those that need a jump start, we will be having a two-part seminar in April entitled, "Building a Solid Foundation". It will consist of two, 90-minute sessions that will include lecture and hands-on, one-on-one work with you and your dog. We will cover understanding dog behavior, reading the body language of your dog, how to motivate your dog, and getting started with some solid foundation exercises. Every well-built structure has a solid foundation.

Seminar dates are Tuesday April 3 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday April 10 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The cost for the seminar is \$32.10. Please register early as space is limited.

Until next time, "Don't Complain, Train!"



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## Tails 'n Trails Pet Walk

Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 20, 2012 for the Tails 'n Trails Pet Walk & Festival! Join us at Haymarket Park for a leisurely walk with your 'best friend' after visiting with vendors, and watching demonstrations on the amazing things dogs can do.

The day will also include a food court, doggie created art, local personalities, and contests. Come prepared to participate in the following contests:

Best Costume

Best Pet Trick

Largest Dog

Smallest Dog

Pet/Human look-alike

Registration and check-in begins at 12:00 Noon. The CHS Alumni Trot will begin at 1:00, followed by the Endurance Trot and Stop & Smell the Hydrant Trot. Prizes and the raffle drawing will follow the walk.

Register today by completing and returning the following form to Capital Humane Society, 2320 Park Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68502 or register online at [www.capitalhumanesociety.org](http://www.capitalhumanesociety.org)

Please fill out and return to the Capital Humane Society at 2320 Park Blvd, Lincoln, NE 68502

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

My pet is a Capital Humane Society Alumnus (he/she was adopted from CHS)

T-shirt size (circle one): Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large  
Additional t-shirts are available for \$15.00 each.

I do not wish to receive a t-shirt. Please use this to help the animals.

My check for \$25 is enclosed. (single)

My check for \$35 is enclosed. (Family)

My check for \$100 check is enclosed. (Multi-Family)

My check for \$100 is enclosed. (Team)

Liability Waiver: I hereby indemnify and hold harmless the Capital Humane Society, its employees, directors, representatives, independent contractors, volunteers (including the Tails n Trails Pet Walk Committee), the Saltdogs/Haymarket Park (including but not limited to its affiliates, employees, and independent contractors) and any other individual or group associated with the Capital Humane Society's Tails n Trails Pet Walk for liability for any injury or damage to (or caused by) me, my pet(s) or guest. I intend this waiver and indemnification to be legally binding on myself, my pet(s), my heirs and administrators, personal representatives, assignees or any party holding a durable power of attorney for me.

# Raising Cane's

Raising Cane's has been donating \$1 to the Capital Humane Society for each Combo Meal purchased when you present a coupon. This benefit will continue to help the shelter animals through March 31, 2012. Coupons for this special deal can be found and printed from the shelter website at [www.capitalhumanesociety.org](http://www.capitalhumanesociety.org) or the shelter's Facebook site. You may also pick up a coupon at the Capital Humane Society.

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## Cause for Paws

Cause for Paws presented the "Fashion with Compassion" runway fashion show on Saturday, March 3, 2012. Attendees not only saw the latest fashion styles, but also could help the local animal organizations and rescue groups. Fashion with Compassion was held at The Cornhusker Marriott with models being escorted on the fashion runway by shelter/rescue dogs.

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# A Tribute to a Beloved Volunteer, Sharon Wiese

By Alisa Eichorn, Director of Education & Volunteers



Life at Capital Humane Society will not be the same without Sharon Wiese around. Neither will the world: in her soft-spoken, compassionate way, Sharon taught us to always think about others before thinking about ourselves, that kindness and diplomatic grace inspire more respect than flashier charisma. To know Sharon was to love her.

We were sad to learn of her passing on January 16, 2012 and we already deeply miss her amazing smile and contagious laugh. Her willingness to help will always be remembered.

Sharon began volunteering with us in 2006 and continued to actively do so until the later part of 2011. She came in several days a week to help with adoptions, pet therapy and socializing pets. She also helped with foster care and events on occasion.

Sharon also helped create a volunteer opportunity for adoptions. She saw a clear need to help the staff show pets to potential adopters and suggested we provide that opportunity. Because of her, SO many pets have been adopted out by trained volunteers. She helped train volunteers to show potential adoptees, as well as several other opportunities.

Sharon was more than a volunteer: she was family. We know that Sharon is watching over us with a herd of pets around her and that unforgettable smile. Her death is such a loss to all those who knew Sharon, two legged, four legged and beyond.

The Titanic theme song "My Heart Will Go On" played at the very end of Sharon's memorial service, and I can't imagine a better tune to describe Sharon. Her heart will go on in all of those that knew and loved her.

## Capital Humane Society Out & About

### Critter Corner

Time Warner Cable, Ch 13  
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

### Lincoln Journal Star

Pet of the Week - Friday

### Neighborhood Extra

1st Saturday of the month

### KOLN-TV 10/11

Monday, 6:20 a.m.  
Thursday, 12:20 p.m.

### KLKN-TV 8

Every Wednesday, 11:50 a.m.

### KZUM 89.3 AM

Saturday, 10:15 a.m.

### KLIN 1400 AM

Thursday, 6:45 am

### KFOR 1240 AM

Tuesday, 6:50 a.m.  
Thursday, 8:45 a.m.

### KFRX 106.3

Thursday, 9 a.m.

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# Training Tips on a Well Behaved Dog: Dog Training 101

By Randy Yager, Animal Behavior Specialist

Dog training is simple — not to be confused with easy. It takes love, patience, time, willingness and perseverance.

The two main components to dog training are consistency and timing. First, let's talk about consistency. Consistency is an absolute must. It is not fair to the dog, nor should we expect the dog to learn if we are changing the rules all the time. For example, what if they changed the speed limit on the street we take to work every day and didn't post the change? See what I mean?

I never give the dog a command unless I am willing, and prepared, to follow through with the appropriate correction to make it happen the first time I give it. I never repeat a command. Note, I said command, not request. I never ask my dog to do anything. I tell my dog what to do. I love my dog! But I am Master, and dog is dog, and the sooner we make that clear the better. Secondly, you'll notice I give the command once. If I'm constantly repeating my commands without enforcing them, why should the dog do it the first time, or second, or perhaps at all?

In a nutshell, I give the dog a command once, enforce it, and reward the dog. The dog learns that there is no choice, it must do it, and the quicker it does it, the quicker it gets its reward. And this will become a habit that the dog will continue throughout training.

The importance of timing; dogs live in the moment, perhaps something we humans should try more often. The timing of our corrections, as well as our praise and reward, is crucial, and sometimes there are only moments between the correction and the reward.

Let's use a common problem as an example: dog jumping up on you. In this case the correction, a firm NO, should come as the dog is jumping up, as well as a leash correction or perhaps a knee. Now, just a moment later as the dog is sitting in front of you, it should get praise and a reward.

If I am consistent with this, the dog will learn to avoid the negative consequences of jumping up, and instead, try to do the behavior that will result in positive consequences.

In closing, RELAX, dog training is a joy, not a burden. Done properly it is fun, and will increase the bond between you and your furry friend.

Happy Training!

## Staff Profile: Randy Yager

Randy Yager first joined the Capital Humane Society staff in the mid 1970's as a junior high student. During his summer breaks and after school, Randy worked with the animal care staff cleaning kennels. After owning his own business for 19 years, the failing economy forced Randy to look at other options. Randy saw that the shelter had an opening and was hired to rejoin the animal care staff in November, 2010. In June, 2011, Randy was named the Animal Behavior Specialist/Foster Care Coordinator. For Randy, "this is a dream come true" as his favorite part of the job, along with training, is counseling potential adopters in finding the animal that will best fit into their family. "When the connection is right, you see a light not only in the human's eyes, but the animal's eyes also."

Randy and his wife Mary live on a small acreage near a local lake and share their home with Ava, an 18-month-old Belgian Malinois; Bracke, a 4-year-old English Pointer; Senta, a 4-year-old Wiemeraner; Corgan, a 4-year-old Rottweiler; Winnie, an 8-year-old Schipperke; Talon, a 7-year-old Ragdoll; Torti, a 1-year-old short haired cat; Pipper, a 6-month-old cat; and Chip, a 3-year-old Chinchilla. Five of Randy's pets were adopted from the Capital Humane Society.



Randy & Raker

During his free time, Randy participates in the International Dog Sport of Schutzhund and relaxes at the fishing hole with adult sons Nick, Scott and Zach.

**Planned Giving today will help the animals of Capital Humane Society tomorrow! To ensure that your gift will go to the Capital Humane Society, please speak to your attorney or financial planner. Use the shelter's formal name in all documents:**

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**The Capital Humane Society is a member of Community Services Fund. Designate your payroll deduction to help the shelter animals.**

# New Remedies for Thunderstorm Phobia

By Lynn Fry Collins, DVM

As Spring approaches, thunderstorms can't be far behind. For many dogs and dog owners this can be a stressful time of year. Fear of thunder, fireworks and any loud noises can induce anxiety in some dogs. If your pet suffers from this you know the signs all too well: pacing, panting, hiding and frequently destructive behavior, usually when trying to escape the noise. Not only can this cause property damage, but it can also cause injury to the dog.

Fortunately, there are new products and techniques to help these stressed out dogs.

1. **Keep calm.** Your dog takes many behavior cues from you. When a storm approaches, keep calm, and adhere to your routine. If your dog starts to get "wound up", don't pet and cuddle; this reinforces that behavior. On the other hand, never discipline or yell at the dog for his behavior. It will further escalate his anxiety. Try to distract the dog if possible, by playing with a favorite toy.
2. **Safe place.** Some dogs feel safer in a den-like area; a kennel, basement, bathroom, under the bed. Also if you plan to leave your dog unattended, clear the area of things that the dog could destroy or somehow injure himself with.
3. **DAP (Dog Appeasing Phermone)** mimics the effects of the phermones released from a canine nursing mother and provides a calming, soothing effect. This is available in an extended release collar, spray, and room diffuser.
4. **Body wraps** provide constant gentle pressure and make dogs feel more secure. Thundershirts and Anxiety wraps are available from many pet supply stores, veterinarians and online. They are safe and easy to use.
5. **Homeopathic medications** are now available for thunderstorm anxiety. These usually work best in dogs with mild symptoms.

Your veterinarian is your best source for advice on managing thunderstorm phobia. Some severe cases may require prescription medications to manage your dog's problem.

Don't take thunderstorm phobia lightly, even if the problem seems minor in your dog. Handled badly by owners, it can get worse, and dogs have been known to jump through glass windows during storms, and some have fled fenced yards. This is a major problem that calls for intelligent handling at the first sign.

There is no one answer for managing storm phobia; usually it will take a combination of products and techniques. However, a caring owner working with their veterinarian can make spring thunderstorms a less stressful time for dogs and owners.

## Furry Friends Wish List

- Bleach
- Shoe Boxes
- Aluminum Cans
- Collars & Leashes
- Non-Clumping Cat Litter
- Rubber Gloves
- Cat & Dog Treats
- Dish Soap
- Washable Cat Toys
- Hard Rubber Chew Toys
- Paper Towels
- High Efficiency (HE) Laundry Detergent
- Wooden Chewing Blocks
- Blankets/Towels
- Dishwasher Detergent
- Aspen Bedding for Small Animals
- Little Critter Food
- Shirt Boxes
- 9 volt Batteries
- Cotton Balls
- Dryer Sheets
- Zip Lock Sandwich bags
- Purina Dog Food
- Purina Puppy Chow
- Purina Cat Chow
- Purina Kitten Chow
- Glass Cleaner
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Carpet Samples

## PHON-A-THON

# Thank You

Capital Humane Society would like to say thank you for taking our call during the 2012 Spring Phon-a-thon! Your kindness and generosity will make a difference in the lives of all animals entering the shelter doors.

A special thank you to the following businesses, restaurants and individuals for donating food for the phone agents during the phon-a-thon:

Russ's Market	Alisa Eichorn
Randy's Donuts	Mr. Goodcent's
Papa John's	Kentucky Fried
Runza	Chicken
Raising Cane's	Godfather's
Chicken Fingers	Judy Wilson
Pizza Hut	

## From the Executive Director

By the time you read this column we will have had our groundbreaking ceremony for the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center operated by Capital Humane Society located at 70th and Highway 2. The facility, which has been designed by Bahr Vermeer Haecker Architects, will be built by Hampton Enterprises with an estimated build out time of one year. That means the building could be ready for use by March or April of 2013.



We are looking forward to the positive impact the adoption center will have for homeless animals in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Participating in such an exciting part of Capital Humane Society's history is truly a privilege.

There is still opportunity for anyone to help with this project. The total cost of the building is slightly under 3.7 million dollars. Additionally, \$200,000 of equipment will go into the building. Naming opportunities still exist and you can inquire about those by contacting Lindsay Wallasky at 402-441-4489.

Once construction has started you will be able to follow its progress on our website. Thanks to everyone who has helped get us to this point.

*Bob Downey*

## Celebrating Birthdays with CHS



Kira Stahly asked her friends to donate to Capital Humane Society in honor of her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. She brought in donations of cat and dog food, bleach and kitty litter. Happy Birthday Kira and thank you for your kind gesture!



*Katie and Rachel meet Willow when dropping birthday donations at the shelter.*

Alivia Ulrich celebrated her 7<sup>th</sup> birthday with friends and family at Capital Humane Society in January. They enjoyed cake, games, gifts and play time with the animals. Thank you for your kind donation for our fuzzy friends!

### Birthday Dance

Best friends Katie Curtiss and Rachel Nissen celebrated their 16<sup>th</sup> birthdays by hosting a Winter Wonderland Dance for their friends. Guests were encouraged to bring an item or donation for the animals at the Capital Humane Society. The girls collected numerous items from the wish list along with \$328 in cash donations. Happy Birthday Katie & Rachel and thank you for thinking of our furry friends!

