



# Capital Humane Society

# SHELTER SHARING

FALL 2013

*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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Pieloch Pet Adoption Center  
6500 S 70th Street  
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August 19 – September 6

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October 18

## New Center Sees Big Jump in Adoptions



Words can't even begin to describe how happy we feel about the number of animals that have been adopted so far at the new Pieloch Pet Adoption Center. Putting more animals into loving homes is exactly what we had hoped to achieve. It's just so great to see it happening this early on. Mission accomplished.

The level of adoptions we are witnessing couldn't have been possible without the many individuals willing to open their hearts and their homes to homeless animals. The community has really come together and shown so much interest in the new center. This has also led to the boost in our adoption figures. We are blown away by the count. The number of adoptions we are seeing make us go to bed every night with a smile on our face. Let's keep it coming!

The new adoption center opened its doors to the public on July 2nd. Approximately 400 people flooded the hallways and twelve animals were adopted on opening day. Tuesdays are oftentimes the slowest day of the week, but not that Tuesday. It was wall to wall people once the doors opened and that trend continued for a couple of hours.

We are so proud to call the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center our new adoption home. This project couldn't have been accomplished without the generosity of so many people. Capital Humane Society is very excited about the future and we hope that the trend in the adoption figures continue to knock our socks off. We are off to a great start.

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## From the President & CEO

As I write this message on August 2<sup>nd</sup> we have just completed our first month of operations at the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center. It was exciting to get the doors open and be able to show the facility to the community but more importantly is the percentage increase in adoptions over last July. That rate is up by over 30% for cats and dogs combined over July of 2012. I will really be interested in seeing if this momentum can be maintained through the end of the year.

There are a lot of people to be thanked including every donor to this project. Every gift, regardless of size, made construction of the adoption center possible. Additionally the architects, Bahr Vermeer Haecker, the engineering firm of Engineering Technologies, Inc. and Hampton Commercial Construction have done a marvelous job of creating a facility that Lincoln can be proud of.

If you have not visited the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center yet I invite you stop by and visit. You never know, you might leave with a four legged friend and that is what we want!

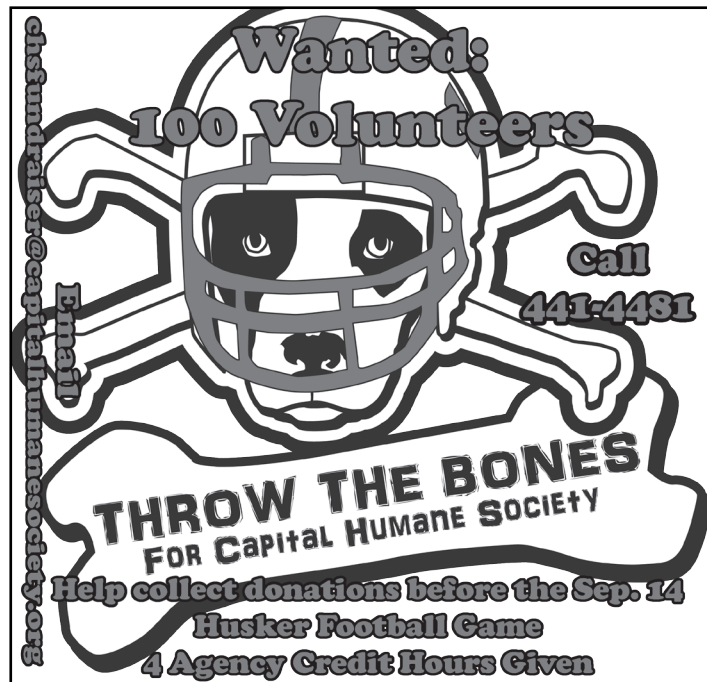
Thank you,



Robert A. Downey



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**Wanted:  
100 Volunteers**

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**Help collect donations before the Sep. 14  
Husker Football Game  
4 Agency Credit Hours Given**

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# Volunteer Spotlight: Dave & Kathy Cook

By Charleen Engberg, Director of Education & Volunteers

In the past 2 1/2 years, the Cook family has welcomed 78 shelter animals into their hearts and home. They are a volunteer foster family for Capital Humane Society and we know they are there for us when we call them about a pet in need.

"We had some friends that had fostered in the past and told us about it," Dave Cook explained. "We thought it sounded like a great way to have some fun with different animals, while at the same time being able to help them out in the process of finding permanent homes."

Every foster situation is unique. It may be a litter of puppies that are too young to be spayed or neutered and need care until they are older. Sometimes it's a cat with upper respiratory infection that requires medication and a low stress environment to recover before it goes back into the adoption program.

Dave said treating medical conditions is often part of what is needed in foster care. He added, "But just as important is simply giving them the love they need and playing with them to get them socialized and ready for a permanent home."

"Our whole family has always loved animals," he said. He and his wife, Kathy, have been married for 23 years. Their daughters, Amber and Lauren, are also involved in taking care of the foster pets. He noted, "This is a great way for families to experience lots of different pets all while contributing to the great cause of finding homes for animals that need our help!"

One foster dog, they named Cola, did manage to secure permanent residence with the Cook family. They decided she was a perfect fit. Kathy said, "She is a sweetheart and just loves hanging around and doing everything with us and Brandy, our Boxer."

Another development that resulted from fostering is that Dave and Kathy have both managed to get over their cat allergies. "We weren't able to be around them or even in a house that had previously had cats without our eyes swelling up and other symptoms," Kathy explained.

"The first couple times we fostered cats, we did experience some slight symptoms, but each time we cared for new cats, they seemed to diminish. By gradually exposing ourselves to different cats a little at a time, our immune systems must have adjusted themselves and now we don't have any problems."

We are so grateful to the Cook family for being so generous with their time and providing excellent care to shelter pets in need of a foster home.

"Even if you aren't able to commit to fostering at the level we have and can only take in a foster pet every once in awhile, every little bit is so helpful," Kathy told us. "All of the animals we have fostered have contributed to our happiness and we have many wonderful memories of them that we'll keep forever!"



## 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, 6:55 am

### KFOR 1240 AM

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

### KFRX 106.3

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

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# Children And Dogs Living In Peace and Harmony

By Randy Yager, Animal Behaviorist

Living with a pet can be beneficial to children. Pets can enhance a child's self-esteem, teach them responsibility and help them to learn empathy. However, children and dogs are not always going to start off with a wonderful relationship. Parents must be willing to teach the dog and the child acceptable limits of behavior in order to make their interactions pleasant and safe. Many people have a "warm fuzzy" image of a puppy and child growing up together. If you have a young child and are thinking of adopting a puppy there are a few things to consider.

Puppies require a lot of time, patience, training and supervision. They also require socialization in order to become well-adjusted adult dogs. They need to be taken places and exposed to new things and people. If you have a young child who already requires a lot of care and time, will you have enough time to care for a puppy as well?

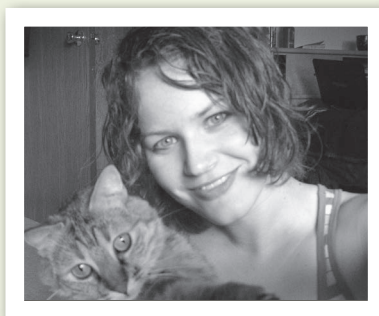
Puppies, because they're babies are somewhat fragile creatures. A puppy may become frightened, or even injured, by a well-meaning child who wants to constantly pick him up and hug him.

Puppies have sharp teeth and claws with which they may inadvertently injure a small child. Puppies also tend to jump up on small children and knock them down. All interactions between your child and your puppy will need to be closely supervised in order to minimize the chances of either being injured.

Adult dogs require less time and attention once they've adjusted to your family and household routine, although you'll still need to spend time helping your new dog with the transition to his new home. You can better gauge how hardy and tolerant an adult dog will be of childish enthusiasm and can work with the shelter to adopt a dog with a history of getting along well with children. Although puppies can be fun, and it's exciting and rewarding to help them grow into wonderful companions, they do require significantly more time to train and supervise than an adult dog.



## Staff Profile: Celia Schinkel



It all started on one bright and sunny day in May of 2011. The air was crisp and the birds were chirping. Celia Schinkel walked through our doors at Capital Humane Society and began volunteering as a dog walker. She eventually

started volunteering in the office. Her journey through the shelter has now led her to an animal/client care position at the new Pieloch Pet Adoption Center.

Celia has a Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She grew up near Kearney, Nebraska and is the middle child of five kids. Celia grew up on a farm with pets of all kinds. She now has a three-year-old tabby cat named Lethe. She adopted her cat after being without one for a year. Celia says she was miserable at college without any animals around and decided that she had to go out on a limb. She changed schools to make it possible to own a cat. Now that's an animal lover. What a lucky cat.

Celia's hobbies include writing and biking along Lincoln's many great trails. The Bison Trail might be her favorite. Imagine paying off your student debt in three years. Well that's one of Celia's goals and a great one to have. Her other goals include finding a living situation that will allow her to foster pets in the next year or two and she would also like to go camping a few more times this summer.

"What I like most about working here is how heartwarming it is to watch long-term animals finally find a home," Celia says. It makes her day when that special someone walks through our doors and decides to make the commitment and adopt a pet that's been here for awhile. Join us in welcoming Celia Schinkel to the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center.

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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Community  
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Capital Humane Society is a member of the Community Services Fund. Capital Humane Society is also listed with the Lincoln and Lancaster County Area Combined Federal Campaign and Heart of the Midlands Combined Federal Campaign. Designate your payroll deduction to help the shelter animals.

## Wish List

Bleach  
Shoe Boxes  
Aluminum Cans  
Collars & Leashes  
Non-Clumping Cat Litter  
Rubber Gloves  
Cat & Dog Treats  
Washable Cat Toys  
Hard Rubber Chew Toys  
Paper Towels  
High Efficiency (HE)  
Laundry Detergent  
Sticky Notes  
Whiteout Ribbon  
Wooden Chewing Blocks  
Blankets/Towels  
Aspen Bedding for  
Small Animals  
Little Critter Food  
Shirt Boxes  
Dryer Sheets  
Ziploc Bags - Gallon Size  
Purina Dog Food  
Purina Puppy Chow  
Purina Cat Chow  
Purina Kitten Chow  
Glass Cleaner  
Toilet Bowl Cleaner  
Carpet Samples  
AA & AAA Duracell or  
Ever Ready Batteries  
Distilled Water  
Yesterday's News Litter  
Scrub Tops & Bottoms  
Lint Rollers  
Hand Sanitizer  
Puppy Potty Training Pads

## Fall Pet Health Tips

By Dr. Lynn Fry-Collins, DVM

This time of year means Husker football, crisp air, and colorful trees. It's a great time to get outside with your pet; for a dog, there's nothing like a romp in the leaves, while for cats, midday sunbeams have never felt better as the days get shorter and the nights get colder. When it comes to keeping your pet healthy and helping him enjoy fall, there are some things to keep in mind.

### Rat and Mice Poisons

Fall is the time of year when mice, rats, and other rodents start to scurry for warmth. And where do they find it? You guessed it – your home! Be careful when it comes to mouse traps and rodenticides like rat and mouse poison. Nobody wants an infestation of mice, but many poisons that are currently on the market can be very harmful to dogs and cats. Direct ingestion can be deadly. Even if you don't have a rodent problem or choose to deal with mice and rats humanely using live traps, you never know what methods your neighbors are using. The carcasses of rodents that have been killed by rodenticides can also be dangerous, so if you see the telltale tail dangling from your pet's mouth, make sure he drops it, keep an eye on him and call your veterinarian for advice.

### More Food Please!

It's getting colder out there, and cool temperatures mean more energy is needed to stay warm. You'll probably need to feed your pet a bit more food – food generates body heat, so pets who spend a lot of time exercising outdoors need to eat more than in the summer. However, don't start dishing out more food just yet – make sure you talk to your veterinarian first, as every pet's needs are different.

### Antifreeze Toxicity

In preparing for the winter months ahead, people tend to use fall to winterize their cars. This often involves changing fluids such as anti-freeze, which can be deadly for pets. Consider this: one to two teaspoons of the stuff can kill a 10-pound dog! Less can kill a 10-pound cat. Part of the problem is ethylene glycol, a substance in antifreeze that has a sickly-sweet smell that entices pets to lap it up. That's why it's important to clean up spills immediately and make sure your pets steer clear of the garage while you're working on your vehicle.

### Chocolate and Hearty Foods

The fall and winter parallel our holiday seasons, when we ramp up our intake of hearty, heavy foods and sweets. It's important to make sure your pets don't get into any foods that can make them sick; for dogs, this means chocolate, grapes, and raisins are off limits because they are toxic. Just because some foods aren't technically considered toxic to pets doesn't mean they're safe. Rich, high-fat foods can cause stomach problems such as diarrhea and gastroenteritis and even more serious conditions like pancreatitis. Also, think about small food items that can be choking hazards, like turkey bones around Thanksgiving.

Fall is a great time to enjoy your pet. Taking a few precautions will insure that your pet will have a safe fall as well.

*Some information was provided by [PetHealthNetwork.com](http://PetHealthNetwork.com)*

# An Evening to Support Our Cause

A spectacular evening is planned for Friday, October 18th. It's our Tails 'N Ties Annual Dinner. This is one of the organization's major fundraisers each year. It will be held at the Cornhusker Hotel with doors opening at 5:45 p.m. This event will include a silent auction, live auction and animal themed dessert auction. All proceeds will benefit the adoption program at the new Pieloch Pet Adoption Center.

This is a classy event that will be featuring some delicious dishes from the Cornhusker Hotel. Enjoy complimentary wine and beer and savor a piece of dessert from our animal themed live dessert auction. Adoption and alumni pets will parade down the runway throughout the evening as our live auctions take place. We will also showcase some very special stories about animals and their families.

Our dinner generates a great crowd filled with animal supporters, business people and community leaders. It's an event that generates some of Lincoln's finest individuals.

Some of the items that you will see at our event this year include 2 Husker Football season tickets, 4 tickets to the Nebraska vs. Iowa football game that includes access to the Champions Club and one parking spot, a sushi tasting for six, a once in a lifetime experience flying throughout the city of Lincoln in a WWII bi-plane, a 32' flat screen television, a \$500 landscaping package, tailgating at the Governor's mansion package and much more.

We need your help. Our goal is to raise \$45,000 for this event and to have approximately 425 people in attendance. Individual tickets are \$45. Sponsored tables are \$450 and \$550. Other sponsorships include: \$2,500 headline sponsor, \$2,000 & \$1,500 corporate sponsorships. To join us for this year's Tails 'N Ties Annual Dinner, call 441-4481.



## Naming Opportunities

There are still naming opportunities available at the new Pieloch Pet Adoption Center. It's a great way for donors to personalize their commitment with either the name of the donor or with the name of another individual. It's also a special way to honor or memorialize a beloved pet.

**Education and Training Center**  
(Multipurpose Space) **\$250,000**

**Courtyard**  
**\$50,000**

**Cat Sanctuary**  
**\$100,000**

**Get Acquainted Room**  
**\$35,000**

**Cat Condo Area**  
**\$100,000**

**Puppy Room**  
**\$25,000**

**Dog Isolation Room**  
**\$50,000**

**Cat Colony**  
**\$25,000**

**Cat Isolation Room**  
**\$50,000**