



Capital Humane Society

# SHELTER SHARING

SPRING 2014

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

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Admissions & Assessment Center  
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☞ Give To Lincoln Day: May 29th  
Maximize your gift by donating to Capital Humane Society on this day!

☞ Puppy Kindergarten Classes  
Call for dates and times

☞ Closed Easter Sunday



## Help Make a Difference in the Lives of Animals In Need!

**Our Tails 'n Trails Pet Walk & Festival is the biggest party for people and pets!**

**Saturday, May 17th  
Fallbrook Town Center  
Gates open at 9:30 a.m.  
The walk begins at 10:30 a.m.  
Vendors open at 11 a.m.**

The day includes food, vendors, doggie created art, man vs. dog peanut butter licking contest, best fetcher contest, dog races, a life-sized Jenga game, Mutt Mutt Golf, a bouncy house and much more. Take a walk on the limestone trails. Everyone is welcome, with or without a pet!

Our goal is to have 500 participants attend and raise \$60,000! Ask your friends, family, co-workers, friends at church and in your club to come together and help the animals in our community! Proceeds will benefit a number of programs including foster care, humane education, animal adoptions and spaying/neutering. Register today by going to [CapitalHumaneSociety.org](http://CapitalHumaneSociety.org)

**Registration Fee: \$25 per person**

## Mother & Daughter Recognized For Their Commitment To Our Community

The calendar gets pretty full for the dynamic volunteer duo of Kim and Pat Wiseman. The energy that they put into their volunteering is benefitted by many local organizations, including Capital Humane Society. Even though their calendar includes so much charity work, they are not bashful about offering a helping hand to us.



*Pictured from left:  
Pat Wiseman, CHS President & CEO  
Bob Downey, Kim Wiseman.*

Kim and Pat have been awarded KFOR's and The Legacy Retirement Communities Jerry Joyce Living Legacy Award for their dedication to volunteering. Thanks to Kim and Pat for their hard work in the community and for presenting Capital Humane Society with a portion of their gift.

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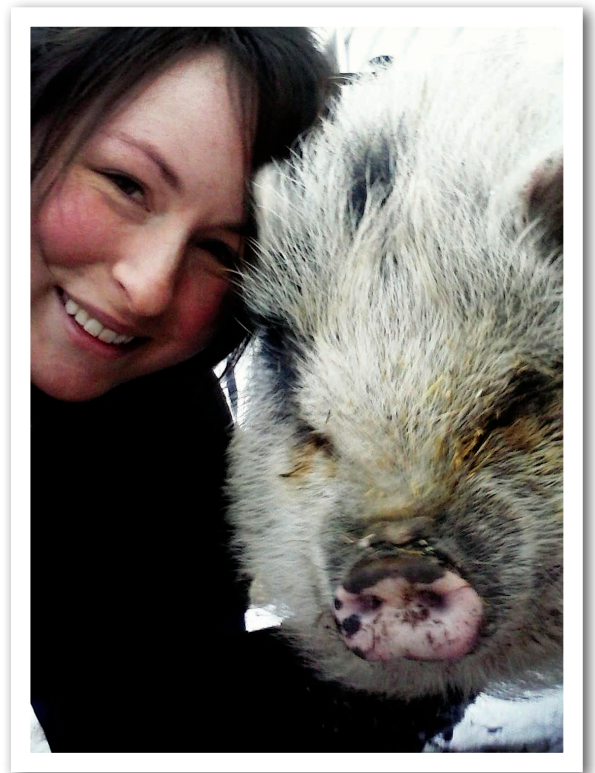
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## Staff Profile:

Lauryn Nobbe

Lauryn's love for animals is very apparent, not only in her career but also in her home. She and her husband Adam live on what Lauryn calls a funny farm with two cats, two goats, a pot belly pig, chickens and six dogs. She was raised in Hickman and her husband was raised on a farm. They both love animals and she says they both have a habit of bringing animals home.

Lauryn is one of our licensed vet technicians and has been working at the shelter since April 2013. She received her Associates Degree in Veterinary Medicine from Northeast Community College in Norfolk. Prior to her employment with us, she worked for Animal Care Clinic, Wilderness Kennels, Southridge Animal Clinic and Nebraska Animal Medical Center.

Lauryn says that her job in high school as a kennel worker really pointed her in the direction of wanting to work with animals. Lauryn's favorite things about working at the shelter are helping a debilitated animal progress into a healthy one and Facebook success stories from adopters. She says these are boosts of encouragement to never give up on an animal.

Something unique about Lauryn is that she has a Facebook page called Neglected Nebraska. One of her hobbies is taking pictures of neglected farmsteads, houses, churches and schools across Nebraska. She has about 10,000 fans. Lauryn's other hobbies include walking her dogs, and spending time with her animals, friends and family.

Lauryn's love for animals fits in really well with our work at Capital Humane Society and on her funny farm.

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.



# Mable's Story

By Matt Madcharo, Admissions & Assessment Center Director of Operations



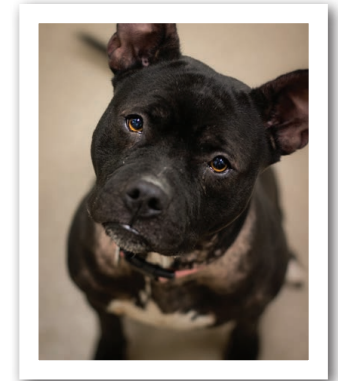
On the morning of November 6th, animal care staff arrived for another day of work at the Capital Humane Society. As with every morning, they checked the overnight kennels for any animals dropped off during the previous night. When they opened one of the dog kennel doors, they were met with an unsettling sight. Inside

they found an emaciated, sad faced, female mixed breed dog. She was almost hairless, and we soon discovered it was due to infections of demodex mites, bacteria, and fungus.

CHS staff was not discouraged and the process of rehabilitation for the sad faced Pitbull mix began. After receiving immediate wellness care, she underwent a behavioral assessment, which she passed with flying colors. She had several weeks of vet check ups and was

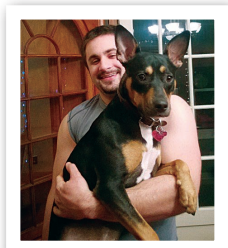
in foster care with one of our loving volunteers. We almost didn't recognize Mable when she walked back through our doors. Her hair had almost completely grown back and she'd returned to a healthy weight!

Mable's story is not one meant to anger or upset anyone but rather show how compassion, care, and love from a team of dedicated individuals can result in something beautiful. What started as a sad case of neglect has turned into a happy, tail wagging, resilient companion. One person may have caused her condition or at least allowed it to deteriorate but an amazing group of people worked together and gave Mable a second chance at life. We are happy to report she was recently adopted!



# Volunteer Spotlight: Rodrigo Mataloun

By Charleen Engberg, Director of Education & Volunteers



"There really is no typical day," said Rodrigo Mataloun when asked to describe his volunteer duties at Capital Humane Society. "Basically I put my volunteer vest on and I am up for whatever comes my way."

Mataloun's awesome attitude and willingness to go with the flow is appreciated.

"Saturdays would be utterly impossible without Rodrigo's help with adoptions," said staff member Celia Schinkel.

Mataloun volunteers on both weekend days to do adoption counseling. Additionally, he comes in another day each week to exercise the dogs in the adoption program, and also helps out at special events.

"I used to be extremely afraid of animals, especially dogs," he explained. His parents encouraged him to feel safe around their family dog and he soon bonded with her.

"Whenever I came home from school and it was all dark and nobody was home," he said, "I would hang out in the yard with the dog thinking she would protect me if there were any intruders."

"I really hadn't had much contact with cats and other critters before coming to the U.S. But after living on a farm for a year, I learned to love cats," Mataloun remarked. "I feel like every animal deserves the same kind of respect and to be treated humanely."

"I started volunteering at Capital Humane Society because I lived in the dorms and couldn't have any pets there, so it was a great way to get my

animal fix," he said. "I always try to make my schedule around volunteering." Since 2010, Mataloun has helped in many capacities. One vivid memory he has is when he was asked to show a dog to a couple who had been missing their dog for three years. A dog had come in to the humane society with a microchip that had them listed as the owners. The dog immediately walked over and sat his head on the owner's lap. It was a beautiful reunion and one that Mataloun will never forget.

Once he moved into a house, Mataloun was ready to adopt his own dog.

"When I saw Koko, I had never heard of her breed," he explained. "As I did my research, I discovered she was exactly what I was looking for and adopted her the next morning."

"Now, she knows a ton of tricks and she really keeps me active," he said, "and I have yet to find a person that doesn't think she is adorable."

Mataloun is from Brazil and his family is still there. He attends UNL, likes watching college football and enjoys physical training.

"My ideal day would be spent hanging out at the beach with my friends and my dog, but there's no beach in Nebraska."

His volunteer support is really important to us. So though it is not the ocean, we suggested Branched Oak as a possible beach destination. We want to do all we can to encourage him to stay around as long as possible!

A heartfelt thanks goes out to him and to all of our dedicated volunteers for their invaluable support.

## 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.

[www.FROGGY981.com](http://www.FROGGY981.com)

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find Frogs for Dogs



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### Web Site

[www.capitalhumanesociety.org](http://www.capitalhumanesociety.org)

## Spring Training

By Randy Yager, Animal Behaviorist

Spring is approaching! Winter in Nebraska can be long and somewhat depressing. The short days and cold weather can get to some of us as we're waiting for spring. Our pets suffer from the same thing, so do not be surprised if your dog is a bit wound up this spring. We are all a bit anxious to get out and do something after the long winter.

For those that have been through dog training classes, I'm sure your trainer would be happy to give you a refresher course. For those looking to train your canine, we are fortunate, in Lincoln and the surrounding areas we have a large selection of competent trainers to choose from. Pick two or three and do interviews to see whom you feel the most comfortable with.

Dog training is a joy, not a burden. It is fun, and will increase the bond between you and your furry friend. Happy Training!

## Easter Alternatives; Let Peter Cottontail Keep Hopping Down That Bunny Trail

By Dr. Laura Andersen, DVM



Eggs, chicks, and rabbits are often associated with spring and Easter. For those considering getting a pet rabbit, chick, or duck this year for Easter, I would like to encourage you to ponder that decision carefully. Rabbits can live a decade or more and their care during their lifetime can exceed \$4,000. City of Lincoln requires permits for owning chickens and/or ducks and there are strict limitations on how and where they can be housed. Instead of bringing home one of these animals for Easter this year, I have some suggestions for alternatives that will be just as enjoyable.

When I was growing up, the Easter bunny often filled my Easter baskets with art supplies. Colored pencils, crayons, paints, clay, and the like can help encourage creativity while the colors celebrate the coming of spring. Egg-shaped chalk is a great idea since it keeps within the theme.

Seed packets and small pots or gardening tools are another way to help herald in the coming of spring. Why not create a "basket" out of a planter filled with seeds for flowers to brighten the windowsill or herbs for the kitchen? You'll have the pleasure of watching the plants grow and even using the flowers to decorate your home or the herbs for cooking meals together.

Even better are gifts that allow for activities with your child or loved one. How about a book you can read together or DVD to watch on family or date night? Tickets to the zoo, movies, or other local event that you can enjoy together also fit nicely into one of those plastic eggs or in an envelope in their Easter basket.

Of course, if you can't resist a cute Easter bunny, how about getting a stuffed animal instead. They're just as cuddly and require significantly less work. There's always chocolate bunnies or even bunny-shaped graham crackers and marshmallow peeps if you prefer edibles. If you want to help an animal in need, make a donation for a zoo animal or shelter pet in your child's name so that they can sponsor the animal.

If you really do have your heart set on a new pet, start with a book on the care for that animal to ensure you and your family are well prepared for the new addition. Then come visit your local shelter to find a deserving animal in need of a good home. You'll have that cuddly new pet you've been yearning for and the satisfaction of knowing you've helped save a life.