

Central Nebraska HUMANANE SOCIETY

Spring/Summer 2009

A NEW RECORD FOR CNHS! 103 ADOPTIONS IN MARCH!

Dear Friends of CNHS,

Thanks to all of you, great things are happening at the Central Nebraska Humane Society! There was a time not long ago when the goal of adopting 50 pets a month into new homes was just that—a goal. In 2008 that goal became a reality with an average of 71 adoptions per month for a heartwarming total of 994 adoptions in a year! In 2009 our adoptions are even higher. We have local families *and* families from out-of-state coming to adopt our animals. Our shelter is a very happy place.

Our Mission Statement

The purpose of the Central Nebraska Humane Society is to provide shelter to lost and homeless animals, to educate the community about the humane care and treatment of all animals, to advocate animal welfare, and to further the bond between people and animals.

We have achieved the first part of our mission statement—providing shelter. This July will be our second anniversary in the new facility. Your support provides shelter for 70 puppies/dogs, 70 kittens/cats and a variety of little critters on a daily basis. We continue to work every day on the second part: educating the community about the humane care and treatment of all animals, advocating animal welfare and furthering the bond between people and animals. We do this through out-reach education, tours, fund-raisers, activities and legal action. Check out the Walk For The Animals and more of our success stories on page 3. We still need your help in everyway. See how you can help on page 2, and know that every pet at CNHS—past, present and future, thanks you from the bottoms of their furry little hearts.

Your continued support of the Central Nebraska Humane Society helps us do all of this!

Thank you,

Laurie Dethloff
Executive Director, CNHS



WE WANT YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS!

Join our ANI-MAIL (e-mail) list! We will share our adoption stories, show you what's new or special at the Bark Avenue Gift Shop, and tell you about up-coming events, activities or classes at CNHS. Send your e-mail address to Robyn Mays at robymays@charterinternet.com.

You will PAWSitively love hearing from us!

If we have your e-mail address, we can save \$1/yr/person in printing, postage and mailing!

Please help us control our costs and send us your e-mail! Thanks!

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BE A PART OF OUR SUCCESS IN 2009!--BECOME A SPONSOR!

DOG KENNEL SPONSORSHIP

For \$500, we will display a plaque with your name on the front of a dog kennel at CNHS. Your donation will assure that CNHS can provide a safe place, medical care, nutrition, comfort and companionship for the dogs that reside in your kennel during the year of your sponsorship.

CAT KENNEL SPONSORSHIP

For \$250, we will display a plaque with your name on the front of a cat kennel at CNHS. Your donation will assure that CNHS can provide a safe place, medical care, nutrition, comfort and companionship for the cats that reside in your kennel during the year of your sponsorship.

PET OF THE WEEK DISPLAY AD OR CLASSIFIED AD

Your donation of any amount will help us advertise our homeless animals so they can quickly find forever homes. The ads are placed in The Grand Island Independent with the animals' photos and bios. Your name will appear as a sponsor in the display ads.

DESIGNATED FUNDING—WILL YOU HELP?

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We still need \$179,833 to complete our campaign drive of \$1.5 million. We have been in our new facility for 2 years and have negotiated a successful contract with the City of Grand Island and Hall County. Will you help us complete our campaign goals? With our new shelter, we have tripled our capacity and doubled our adoptions!

ENDOWMENT FUND

A contribution to our Endowment Fund goes into an account and the principal will be protected and only the interest from the account will be used to support the activities and needs of our shelter. Donating to our Endowment Fund is a great way to insure the financial safety and stability of CNHS.

SPECIAL PROJECTS—A FUN WAY TO CONTRIBUTE!

SIDEWALK PROJECT

We have a program named "Walk a Hound, Lose a Pound". It is a program that allows people from the community to come out to the shelter and walk a dog. In the first six months of this program we had 250 people who gave more than 450 hours of exercise and companionship to our animals. What a difference it made in their lives—the animals as well as the volunteers! Our goal is to create a 1/4 mile sidewalk around the perimeter of our property to provide a safe and fun place for everyone to walk. The cost will be \$26,000 for a poured concrete, 5 ft. wide sidewalk, with appropriate drainage. Our donors so far are:

Sandy J. Sevy & Mary Puente

Frank & Donna Hawk

Willard & Gertrude Claussen

Bridget O'Neil

Dick & Judy Briggs

Dori Wanitschke

Jason & Ellen Hornady

Ray & Diane Miller

Ron & Marcia Ward (for Buddy)

Judy Endorf (for Pooky & Rhubarb)

Geordie Wheat

Judy O'Sullivan

Barbara & Bruce Schorle (Schorle Dachsies)

Betty Swallow

Cindy Cornette

Anonymous

Waneta Gibson

Our total donations for the sidewalk are \$4,402. We have just received an offer of a matching donation for \$5,000 from a long-time friend of CNHS. If we can raise another \$5,000 for the sidewalk, they will match that with their donation of \$5,000. That would put us at \$14,402!! **Just think of the enjoyment a sidewalk would bring to all of our dogs and community volunteers!**

CLIP AND FILL OUT THIS FORM TO HELP WITH CNHS PROJECTS

Enclosed is my check for \$_____

___to sponsor a cat kennel (\$250/yr)

Name:_____

___to sponsor a dog kennel (\$500/yr)

Address:_____

___to build the sidewalk (\$20/ft. linear sidewalk)

Phone:_____

___Pet of the Week Display Ad (\$90) or Classified Ad (\$45/mo)

___Capital Campaign (any amount)

___Endowment Fund (any amount)

You can now donate on-line at www.tails.petfinder.com!!!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA HUMANE SOCIETY AND RETURN IN THE ENCLOSED

ENVELOPE—1312 SKYPARK ROAD—GRAND ISLAND, NE. 68801—308-385-5305

Our Success Stories!

SAPPHIRE (& HANK)

Happy 2009 to my friends at CNHS! Sapphire here. It's been 6 weeks in my new home and I'm learning lots! As you can see, I still LOVE Hank. We've been taking hour-long walks down the gravel road near our house, and Mom says I've been behaving really well on my leash. I am afraid of the big cows at the feed lot. I have learned to sit, shake, lie down, stay and give a high-five! Thanks again for all you do for critters like me!

Love,

Sapphire & the Kozeals



KEESHA

I am hoping you remember Bianca (now Keesha). We adopted her from CNHS on March 1, 2008. She was a stray that had been turned in. She is a keeshond mix. WONDERFUL dog! She went to the county fair last year and my daughter got a purple in showmanship with her. Keesha also did great in obedience. Soon to be learning agility. As you can see from the photo, she has even become a surrogate "mom" for some of our kittens—who don't really even need a surrogate mom— even though she is spayed and has never had pups.

Thank you,

Suzi Dearmont & Family



GERTIE

Last February we received a call from a concerned citizen. They had found a small Australian shepherd running in circles in the parking lot of a local bus depot. Animal Control Officer Libbie Dethloff was dispatched to help, and she found Gertie trembling and scared.

On further inspection at the shelter, we discovered Gertie was blind and deaf. Since Gertie was so frightened, she was placed with a foster family at night and spent her days in the shelter office where she could be touched and loved. Using all of our contacts and resources, we found a "temporary" home for Gertie with a family that had a big gentle therapy dog named Gilligan.

That was months ago. She is still there today! Gertie had blossomed into a wild child within a matter of hours, bursting with energy and confident with her big, gentle friend at her side. Gilligan became Gertie's therapist, she became his girlfriend, and a new journey has begun for them both, one filled with LOVE.

This is the magical kind of work that goes on at the shelter every day. YOUR contribution is needed to make sure it continues. Please fill out the form on page 3 and become a part of our wonderful success!

Sapphire, Keesha and Gertie thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

WALK FOR THE ANIMALS

PIER PARK
SATURDAY MAY 2nd
8 A.M. — NOON
9A.M. -10A.M. Registration
9:30A.M.-Free Obedience Class
10:30A.M.-Walk Begins
11:30A.M.-Awards

PUTTS FOR MUTTS

FONNER VIEW GOLF COURSE
SATURDAY, JUNE 13th

HOGS FOR DOGS

July 25th
Car & Bike Show at CNHS
Poker Run
B-B-Q at Harley Central

BUNKO TOURNAMENT AT CNHS EDUCATION ROOM

July 16th
\$25 entry fee
Refreshments & Lots of Prizes!
Tours of shelter: 6:30PM-7PM
Tournament starts: 7PM



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NON-PROFIT ORG.
US POSTAGE
PAID
GRAND ISLAND, NE
PERMIT NO. 28

Connecting People With Pets

By Robyn Mays

Daily, I am challenged to help every animal at CNHS find a loving new home. This challenge has led me to participate in an extraordinary world of animal rescue. "Connecting People With Pets" is the mission of the Nebraska Animal Rescue Group and that is exactly what we do.

We communicate through the internet regarding adoptions, foster needs, transport requests, home visits and just about anything else pet-related. This dedicated group finds homes for animals who would be otherwise neglected or euthanized.

The collaboration with this group provides opportunities beyond the shelter to find homes. I have found help for our dogs with special health issues and homes have been found for some of our older dogs that are harder to adopt due to their age. We help with one of Central Nebraska Humane Society's largest over-population issues: black labs.

In addition to the Nebraska rescue groups, we have been able to get help from Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri and South Dakota. We exchange information, options and ideas with extremely knowledgeable people who have worked tirelessly for years in the fight for animal welfare.

Being a part of this group has opened up doors of opportunity that we could not have achieved by ourselves. Working with these groups has saved the lives of animals across the region and our animals are reaping the benefits of this amazing collaboration!

"Viva Paws Vegas"

This year was our 6th annual Fur Ball. Our theme was "Viva Paws Vegas". We had great attendance and the fur was flying over our live and silent auction items along with the casino gambling. The Fur Ball was a very successful event and our four-legged friends will benefit from the proceeds that were raised.



OBEDIENCE TRAINING AT THE SHELTER!

We are pleased to announce obedience classes are now being offered at CNHS in our Education Room! We are partnering with Dog Stars, Inc. to bring this opportunity to our community. Classes will start Wednesday, May 6th and go for 6 weeks. The time will be 7PM to 8PM and the cost is \$60. The owners & trainers are Michelle & Kali Kohlhof and their assistant trainer is Megan Collamore. Classes are open to all dogs at least 6 months of age. The dogs must be current on their vaccinations. Enrollment is limited so sign up today!

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ADOPTION HOURS:
Tuesday thru Friday: 10AM—6PM
Saturday thru Monday: 1PM—5PM

