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**CAPITAL AREA
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SOCIETY**
New Home. New Hope.

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Capital Area Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The shelter receives no tax dollars, government funding, or donations made to national humane organizations. A local, private, and independent animal welfare organization, the Capital Area Humane Society was founded in 1936, and all donations and gifts directed to CAHS are used to assist the animals in the greater Lansing community.

Mission: To promote the humane treatment of companion animals through protection, placement, education, and example.

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From the President

Each year in March, we set aside time to celebrate our volunteers at the annual Golden Paw Banquet. In this issue of Paw Prints, you will see some highlights from this wonderful event. We truly can't say thank you enough for the thousands upon thousands of hours of service donated to our organization by so many kind and selfless people in our community. We would not be able to help so many animals without the strength of our volunteer force.

Walking through the shelter on any given day, you will see a volunteer doing laundry, entering medical records, walking dogs, weighing cats, taking photographs for the website, comforting a fearful animal, teaching manners to a rambunctious puppy, mopping floors, holding an animal recovering from surgery, providing enrichment, taking home foster puppies or kittens, unplugging a sink, cleaning cages, or any other number of things that are asked of them to help the animals. The work they do is never glamorous, and it clearly comes from the heart.

To our volunteers, we celebrate you. Thank you on behalf of all the animals you serve at CAHS. Thank you for understanding that one of the most fulfilling purposes in life is to give of yourself. It is my sincere wish that your reward is knowing you most certainly make a difference.



CREATING HOPE COMPLETING FAMILIES

We are excited to announce we are in the beginning stages of fundraising for the next phase of our capital campaign. **The Creating Hope, Completing Families** campaign will allow us to renovate the dog, puppy, and kitten adoption areas. This renovation will create animal spaces that are less stressful and will address many challenges related to disease control. This campaign will also allow us to create an animal anti-cruelty department and expand our cruelty prevention services.

Construction on this phase will begin when fundraising is complete. Expenses are estimated at \$2.3 million. *If you would like to be a part of this exciting project, contact Julia Willson at jwillson@AdoptLansing.org or (517) 626-6060 ext. 117. There are a multitude of giving opportunities, as well as open positions on the fundraising committee.*

2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

Thousands of animals came through our doors searching for hope in 2018, and they found it in the loving arms of our staff and volunteers — thanks to your generosity. Because of you, we were able to provide them with the comfort and care they needed and find them loving families for the rest of their lives. Your support did so much last year!

ADOPTION AND SPAY & NEUTER

3,604

Total Animals Adopted



1,900 Cats • 1,530 Dogs
174 Small Animals



8,825

Total Spay and Neuter Surgeries

6,892 Spay & Neuter Clinic

1,933 Shelter Animals

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

182 Foster Families

54 Special Needs Animals Placed in Foster Homes

282 Animals Adopted from Foster Care

1,900 Active Volunteers

36,000 Donated Volunteer Hours

ONLINE SUPPORTERS



52,721
Facebook Followers



3,177
Instagram Followers

Look for Us in the Media

Radio:

89.7 WLNZ FM

Pet visit the fourth Thursday of each month

97.5 WJIM

Pet visit each Friday at 8:00 a.m.

99.1 WFMK

Pet visit each Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Television:

WILX TV 10

Pet visit each Friday at 6:50 a.m.

WLNS TV 6

Pet visit each Wednesday at 12:25 p.m.

Handy Numbers

Primary Number

(517) 626-6060

Become a Volunteer

Lexy Ritenburgh

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Become a Foster Parent

Samantha Miller

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Lexy Ritenburgh

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Fundraising Events

Jamie Fuhr-Matwiczuk

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Planned Giving/ Commemoratives

Samantha Hegeman

(517) 626-6060 ext. 125

Fund Development

Jamie Fuhr-Matwiczuk

(517) 626-6060 ext. 120

Behavior Help

(517) 626-6060 ext. 141

Spay & Neuter Clinic

(517) 908-0756

Hours of Operation

Main Shelter

Monday – Friday

12 p.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Off-Site Spay & Neuter Clinic

Monday – Friday

By Appointment Only

Phone Hours

9 a.m.-3 p.m.



HAPPY TAIL - FRANCESCA

Not all animals come to the Capital Area Humane Society with a feel-good story. In fact, a lot of them have a sad, or even unknown, past. With your generosity and support, we can provide them with the opportunity to finally have a happily ever after.

Francesca came to the shelter in November 2016 after being rescued from a hoarding case involving nearly 100 cats. She was afraid, underweight, and in need of compassionate care.

After spending five months in a foster home, she became available for adoption. After 2 days, she went home with her new family. However, she was still very fearful of humans and needed a special amount of time to acclimate to her new environment. Because of this, she was returned to the shelter more than once.

In April 2017, a family came into the shelter to adopt a cat that could be a sister to their family feline. When they arrived, all of the cats had been adopted, except for Francesca. They were told she was incredibly fearful, and no one was willing to adopt her because of her complicated history.

The mom and dad explained this to their children and told them Francesca may never be a cat they can

snuggle or play with. She also had partial paralysis in her face that may need special care as she gets older. To their surprise, their daughters said, "We want her." The family was understanding of Francesca's story and were willing to provide the consistent patience and love she had yet to experience. On April 29, 2017, Francesca was adopted for the third time.

Over the next year, the family slowly started to see Francesca's personality. She would jump on the couch and sit next to someone, play with her fur sister, meow for treats, and she even discovered her own tail. Her forever family was elated — they had provided Francesca with the patience and love she needed to start coming out of her shell. What the family had yet to see, however, was Francesca showing an interest in snuggling.

On January 8, 2019, the mom was sitting in their living room chair when Francesca came over, popped her head up, and with a little encouragement, jumped up onto the mom's lap. A breakthrough no one ever expected. Francesca was officially a "lap cat", and in that moment, her family knew she had what she needed — patience, love, safety, understanding, and her happily ever after.

REMEMBERING PAM

The Capital Area Humane Society lost a very dear friend in March 2019. Pamela Ann Brukner-Bishop was selfless and generous to every person and animal she encountered. Pam dedicated her life to helping people and animals in need, not just in the Lansing area, but all over the world. We are honored to have been chosen by Pam as one of the charities she supported.

Pam became involved with CAHS in the early 1980's. While she preferred to remain behind-the-scenes, she found time for important activities, such as fundraising, participating in dog walks, and attending meetings and special events. Pam will forever be missed, and her legacy will live on in the lives of everyone she touched, and through the animals she so passionately cared for.



Pam receiving a lifetime donor vase from former Development Director, Eric Langdon.

TALES TO TAILS READING PROGRAM

Benefits Both Children and Animals

Did you know being read to can help fearful dogs and cats learn to relax around people, and it can also teach high-energy dogs that calm behavior is desirable? When children read to shelter pets, it also helps to develop their reading skills.

Children, ages 5 to 13, are welcome to participate in the Tales to Tails Reading Program. We have a wide variety of books including Leap Frog Readers, and comfy seat cushions.

The program is at no-cost, but pre-registration is required. Please contact Lexy at education@AdoptLansing.org for more information.



SUMMER CAMPS FILLING QUICKLY AT CAHS

We offer seven weeks of camps for children ages 4 to 16. Through pet interactions, educational lessons, crafts, games, and field trips, campers learn how to care for and respect our animal friends.

For more information and to register, visit www.AdoptLansing.org or contact Lexy at education@AdoptLansing.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Walk for the Animals

PAWS IN THE PARK

Saturday, October 5
FITZGERALD PARK IN GRAND LEDGE

Contact events@AdoptLansing.org
for more information



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16th Annual Fur Ball

"Happily Ever After" a Success!

The "Happily Ever After" Fur Ball Gala was held on April 27 at Eagle Eye Golf Club. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who attended, volunteered, planned, donated items, and opened your heart to the animals and mission of CAHS!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS OF THE EVENT:

Dowding Industries, Inc., Taco Bell, Global LT, Grewal Law, PLLC., Meijer, George, Lisette, and James Poletes, Purina, Heat N Sweep, Doggy Daycare & Spa, Lansing Chiropractic Clinic, Lansing Urgent Care, Schaefer Dental, MSUFCU, Dart Bank, RKD Alpha Dog, Lansing Board of Water & Light, Michigan Orthopedic Center-Dr. Chip Taunt, Bartlett Plumbing and Heating, Spartan Motors, Soldan's Pet Supplies, Leo's Lodge, Williams Autoworld-A Subaru Company, and The Elegant Pooch.

A SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO OUR TABLE SPONSORS AT THE EVENT:

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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

Fur Ball Planning Committee, Iryshe Photography, Townsquare Media Lansing, WLNS, Absolute Gallery, Adam's Outdoor Advertising, Two Men and A Truck, Kristine Olson, Eagle Eye Golf Club, Foresight Group, ShutterBooth, and Twiggies.



HAPPY TAIL- EZIKA

Ezika, formerly Myra, was surrendered to CAHS in early January 2019. She was overweight, had skin, ear, and hip issues, and a urinary tract infection. Your donations enabled our medical team to immediately diagnose and begin treating her numerous health needs. She went into a foster home where she continued to heal, and found her happily ever after in February 2019.



According to her family: "Ezika is acclimating well. Her skin, ears, and UTI are completely healed, and she's losing weight and romping in her bunny hop way. The vet recommended a food for joints and weight loss, so we have high hopes that by next winter her hips will be feeling a bit better. She is now best friends with my son, and they are inseparable. Thank you for all you do!"

We Love Our Volunteers!

Volunteers are the heartbeat of our organization. They give so much of themselves to ensure our animals receive the best possible compassionate care during their shelter stay.

Our Golden Paw Awards celebrated the amazing work our volunteers do each and every day. This event highlighted individuals who have gone above and beyond in service, and given more than 50 hours to CAHS in 2018. Their day-to-day work transforms and saves lives! Congratulations to all the award winners, and a special thank you to our Volunteer of the Year: Kevin Eedy and Foster Volunteer of the Year: Alexis Butler.

Thank you, volunteers, for your continued commitment to advancing the welfare of animals and promoting positive relationships between animals and people. We have said it before, and we will never stop saying it: we simply could not do our jobs without you!

Want to join these amazing heroes? Visit www.AdoptLansing.org to sign up for an orientation.



Join the Rescuer Club Giving Society

Are you in the process of estate planning? If you are writing a will and would like to make a commitment to homeless animals, you may consider becoming a part of our Rescuer Club Giving Society. Members have committed to a planned gift, which will provide critical funding down the road. There is no minimum amount required for these gifts, and all information is strictly confidential. Members who wish to be recognized will receive a plaque in the lobby of the shelter, demonstrating your enduring commitment to our valuable work.

Questions? Contact Samantha at (517) 626-6060 ext. 125 or Shegeman@AdoptLansing.org.

Become a Constant Companion Donor Today!

We are incredibly honored to have you as a partner! Donors, like you, are the heart of what we do at the Capital Area Humane Society. Did you know we offer a recurring option to make donating easier? By setting up an automatic gift each month, you ensure there are resources to help care for every homeless animal who comes through our doors. Sign up to be a Constant Companion today! Simply visit our website at www.AdoptLansing.org, click on the "Make a Donation" button, and choose the "Recurring Donation" option. Alternatively, you can mail back the appeal slip that accompanies this newsletter with your information, gift amount, and giving frequency to automatically deduct.

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Cooper-Adopted January 2019



Blue-Adopted January 2019



Hyacinth-Adopted January 2019



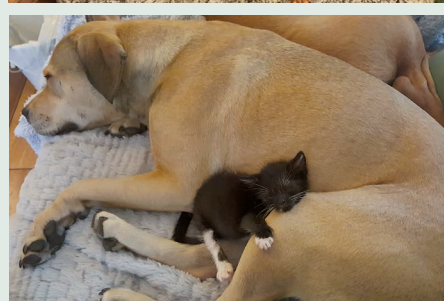
Petrie-Adopted February 2019

Foster Homes Needed This Summer

YOU PROVIDE THE LOVE. WE PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES.

Our wonderful foster families provide temporary in-home care for animals until they are ready to return to the shelter for adoption. They help us provide the best possible care for our animals, and play a very important role in CAHS's highly successful adoption rates.

For more information about becoming a foster home, and to complete an application, please visit our website at www.AdoptLansing.org.



IT ONLY TAKES ONE BITE

Heartworm is a FATAL disease that is 100% preventable by giving your dog a monthly heartworm preventative. At our Spay & Neuter Clinic, clients often dismiss preventative because their dog only goes outside to use the restroom. That is all it takes. One moment outside, and one mosquito bite.

WHAT IS HEARTWORM DISEASE?

Heartworm disease is caused by foot-long worms (heartworms) that live in the heart, lungs, and associated blood vessels of affected pets, causing lung disease, heart failure, and damage to other organs.

HOW IS HEARTWORM DISEASE TRANSMITTED FROM ONE PET TO ANOTHER?

There's only one way — through a mosquito bite. It cannot be spread from one pet to another. Mosquitoes become infected by biting an animal that has the disease. The infected mosquito then bites an animal and passes microscopic larvae to them.

HOW CAN I PREVENT HEARTWORM?

Heartworm preventives come in different forms, including monthly chewable pills and topical "spot on" medications, as well as an injectable medication. They are available by prescription from a veterinarian.

While there is a treatment available if your dog is heartworm positive, it is painful, time consuming, and very expensive, with no guarantees. Prevention is the very best course of action to protect your animal companion from this fatal disease.

Our Spay & Neuter Clinic offers heartworm testing and preventatives at reasonable rates. To schedule an appointment to have your dog tested, please call (517) 908-0756 or email Clinic@AdoptLansing.org. To purchase heartworm preventative at our clinic, bring a prescription from your veterinarian. Prices range from \$5 to \$7 per dose, depending on the size of your dog.

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..... WISH LIST

- Martingale dog collars
- Soft dog treats
- Cat Kuranda beds
- Mini-sized Milk Bones
- Digital kitchen food scales
- "Snuggle Safe" microwavable heat pads

For our full wish list, please visit www.AdoptLansing.org.

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