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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.

**Moving?** Send your change of address to:

Capital Area Humane Society  
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# From the President

## Creating Hope – Completing Families

When you hear the term humane society you probably think of homeless animals. After all, humane societies were created to help animals. While the earliest humane organizations focused on the plight of working horses, over time (partly due to the automobile replacing the horse as the primary mode of transportation) the focus shifted more to companion animals. The Capital Area Humane Society was founded in Lansing, Michigan in 1936, to protect companion animals of the Greater Lansing Region.

While we pride ourselves in all the good work we do for the animals, we also take great pride in helping families. Helping people goes hand in hand with our mission to serve animals. In this issue of Paw Prints, you can read about programs and services that help families, such as our education programs, pet food bank, and our reduced adoption fee program for seniors and veterans. We provide these services because we truly understand that pets are family and the role that pets play in the human experience. We hear stories daily about how shelter pets have impacted the lives of their people, and the impact their unconditional love has on their families.

At the Capital Area Humane Society, we are creating HOPE for homeless animals, so they can complete a family in our community.



## Giving Tuesday

**December 3, 2019**

On Giving Tuesday, charities, families, businesses, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give.

Join us for our Giving Tuesday campaign aimed at raising funds and awareness. More details will be available on our website, [www.AdoptLansing.org](http://www.AdoptLansing.org), in mid-November.



# VOLUNTEERING

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. We simply could not do our jobs without them!

Want to join these amazing heroes? Visit [www.AdoptLansing.org](http://www.AdoptLansing.org) to sign up for an orientation. Volunteer roles may include: helping with adoption and fundraising events, writing thank you cards, animal enrichment, clinic duties, data entry, laundry, and animal TLC.



## 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.

## HAPPY TAIL-MILO

Not all animals come to CAHS with a happy story. In fact, many have a sad, or even unknown, past. Your generosity and support provides these pets with the opportunity to find a second chance at their happy ever after.

Milo came to CAHS after being abandoned. At 6-years-old, and only weighing 4 pounds, he was underweight, severely shut-down, and had numerous missing teeth.

After spending three weeks with our caring volunteers and staff, Milo was beginning to come out of his shell, and was ready for adoption. It only took one day for Milo to find his person! Milo's adopter recently sent us the following update:

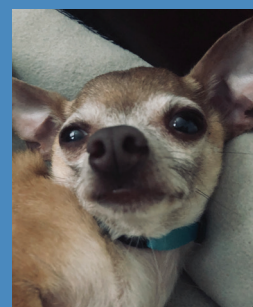
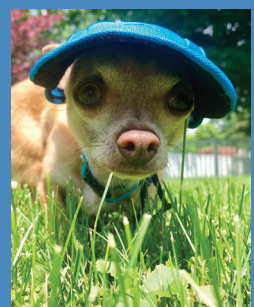
"At a whopping 4 pounds, this little old man is taking on the world with newfound confidence and excitement. He effortlessly brings joy to everyone he meets — especially when wearing his sun hat or taking a snooze with his tongue out.

Milo is still learning to trust, and I am in awe of his capacity to adjust to change and let his tiny, tiny guards down.

Milo's favorite thing to do is bask in the warm sunshine. Milo also likes to help run errands around town — all from the comfort of his doggy backpack carrier, of course.

Despite his older age and lack of teeth, he is willing every day to navigate the world in a new way. I sometimes feel sad that we didn't find each other until his senior years, but I am nourished every day knowing that we are together now.

Every dog deserves a soft place to land. Especially sweet Milo."



## Handy Numbers

### Primary Number

(517) 626-6060

### Become a Volunteer

*Lexy Ritenburgh*

(517) 626-6060 ext. 111

### Become a Foster Parent

*Samantha Miller*

(517) 626-6060 ext. 121

### Education Programs

*Lexy Ritenburgh*

(517) 626-6060 ext. 111

### Fundraising Events

*Jamie Matwiczuk*

(517) 626-6060 ext. 120

### Planned Giving/Commemoratives

*Samantha Hart*

(517) 626-6060 ext. 125

### Fund Development

*Jamie 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.

# NAILED IT!



Sometimes nail trimming can be intimidating for you and your canine friend. **CAHS now offers a 12-week course to help you become more comfortable and confident cutting your dog's nails at home, making it less stressful for everyone.** This class includes learning how to do force-free nail trims using a doggy nail file, muzzle training, and fun exercises to help your dog become more comfortable with handling.

Rosie recently attended the class with her owner, who sent us this review:

"Before the Nailed It! class, my twelve-pound dog, Rosie, was TERRIFIED of nail trims. Biting, scratching, screaming--the whole nine yards. **After taking the class, Rosie now willingly lays down and offers her feet to me to continue training!** We're applying skills learned from class to trips to the vet, too! I strongly recommend this class for all dogs, not just ones afraid of the clippers!"

Visit [www.AdoptLansing.org](http://www.AdoptLansing.org) for more information and to register.

## ADOPTION DISCOUNTS FOR SENIORS AND VETERANS

The Capital Area Humane Society recognizes the incredibly important role that pets play in our lives--they provide us with unconditional love, support, and a connection to the world.

When a companion animal can help a veteran or senior in exchange for a loving home, everyone wins! For adopters, age 60 or older, and to those who have so selflessly served our country, we are happy to provide a \$50 discount on any CAHS adoption fee.



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## CAHS PARTNERSHIPS

Did you know CAHS partners with AmazonSmile and Kroger Community Rewards? Please choose Capital Area Humane Society in Lansing, MI as your charity of choice if you shop on AmazonSmile or at Kroger, as our shelter will receive a percentage of your total purchase price. **Because of you, CAHS has received over \$10,400 from these partnerships!**

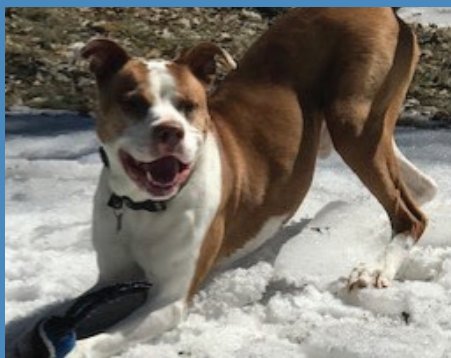
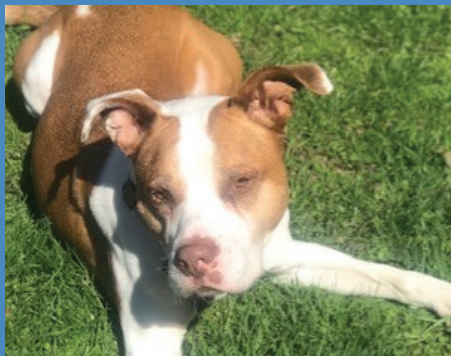




# PET FOOD BANK

Our Pet Food Bank keeps dogs and cats in their loving homes and out of the shelter when financial difficulties occur, and purchasing pet food is a hardship. Temporary assistance, for up to 6 months, may be available. Anyone in need of support can call the shelter at (517) 626-6060.

We depend upon the kindness of our donors, like you, to offer this program to our community. We are always accepting donations of canned and dry dog and cat food. Donations may be dropped off at the shelter Monday-Friday 12-7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



## HAPPY TAIL-KINGSTON

Kingston came to CAHS as an 11-year-old, through no fault of his own. Thankfully, he was adopted within two weeks, to a very loving home. His new family recently sent us the following update:

"Kingston is truly the bright light in our lives!!! Every single person that has met him, has fallen just as in love with him as we are. Every day, we find it so hard to believe he is an 11-year-old. He has so much energy and spunk. He lives on 6 acres, out in the country, and enjoys hiking on our property by the river with us every day. He 100% loves his toys and his treats and gets along perfectly with his three kitty siblings. He has not met another dog he has disliked. "The King" is a super sociable, loving, and obedient boy. He even has a new found love for lounging on the couch and cuddling in bed with us. He is simply the perfect fit with our family and we feel like he's always been with us. It amazes me that he was at the shelter at 11-years-old, but it ended up being the perfect blessing for us. We are so honored to be able to give him his best years yet!!"

# COMMUNITY CAT PROGRAM

Are you feeding feral/free roaming cats and need help getting them spayed or neutered? Our Spay & Neuter Clinic can help through our Community Cats Program.

### The following assistance is available through this program:

- Free use of live traps.
- Instruction from our trained staff on how to trap safely and quickly, as well as support during the trapping process.
- Free spay/neuter for your community cats (feral/free-roaming).
- Free vaccines: rabies, FVRCP.
- Free ear tipping (ear tipping is mandatory).
- Other emergency medical needs.

Email [CommunityCats@AdoptLansing.org](mailto:CommunityCats@AdoptLansing.org) for more information.

A huge thank you goes to the donors who make this program possible. We truly couldn't do this work without you! If you would like to donate to the Community Cats Program, please visit [weblink.donorperfect.com/CommunityCatFund](http://weblink.donorperfect.com/CommunityCatFund).





# Walk FOR THE ANIMALS 2019

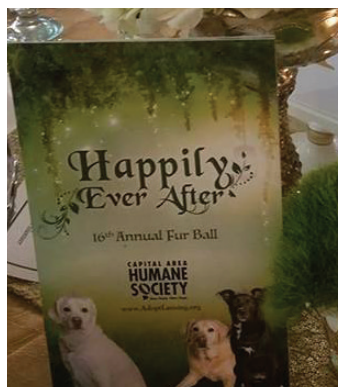
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## WALK FOR THE ANIMALS A SUCCESS!

Our Halloween-themed Walk for the Animals was held on Saturday, October 5 at Fitzgerald Park. We would like to thank everyone who came out to support our mission and raise funds for our animals!

Attendees enjoyed fun events, in addition to our 1-mile walk, such as: a timed obstacle course, doggy costume contest, 50/50 raffle, dancing and trick dog demonstration, and much more!

Special thank you to our sponsors: Taco Bell, Emergent BioSolutions, Lansing Chiropractic Clinic, Doggy Daycare & Spa, Williams Subaru, Lansing Board of Water and Light, MSUFCU, AT&T, First National Bank of Michigan, Chapman Siding, Inc, Merrill Lynch Azar Glaser Group, Heat N Sweep, Dart Bank, Partridge Enterprises, LAFUCU, Invisible Fence Mid-State, Lansing Sanitary Supply, Bayer, MessageMakers, and Townsquare Media.



## SAVE THE DATE:

# 17TH ANNUAL FUR BALL

Our largest fundraiser of the year, the Fur Ball gala will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2020. All proceeds raised will benefit the animals of CAHS. This year's Fur Ball — Happily Ever After — was our most successful event ever, and saw 440 attendees and 35 dogs. We hope you will join us for this fun evening next spring!

Preparation has begun and we are in need of sponsors for the event, as well as new donated auction items. **For more information and to donate, please contact Jamie Matwiczuk at (517) 626-6060 ext. 120 or [events@AdoptLansing.org](mailto:events@AdoptLansing.org).**

## SAVE THE DATE:

# HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendars! Saturday, December 7 is our Holiday Open House. Join us at the shelter from 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. for adoption specials, photos with Santa, and a bake sale. **If you have questions or would like to donate to the bake sale, please contact Lexy at (517) 626-6060 ext. 142 or [Iritenburgh@AdoptLansing.org](mailto:Iritenburgh@AdoptLansing.org).**



# COMMEMORATIVE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

## Commemorative Options Available

CAHS has many options for commemorative giving, including bricks, tiles, benches, and more. These unique opportunities will honor a cherished pet, person, business, or event, while supporting the animals we care for annually.

**Each option below includes a personal inscription of your choice:**

### Engraved Brick-\$250

Bricks are 4" x 8" in size, engraved, and placed in the brick patio located outside our main entrance.

### Wall Tile-\$2,000 / Wall Tile with Photo-\$2,500

Tiles are 6" x 6" in size, made of clear acrylic plastic, and placed on the wall in our lobby. You may also choose to include a color photo on your tile. High-resolution photos are recommended.

### Engraved Bench-\$5,000

Engraved benches are made of weather resistant recycled material. They will be placed within our outdoor brick patio.

### Other Options

Larger options, such as having a large image of your pet placed on our lobby windows or wall, are also available.



**To purchase a commemorative option and for more information, please visit our website at [cahs-lansing.org/support/commemoratives](http://cahs-lansing.org/support/commemoratives), or contact Samantha at [Shegeman@AdoptLansing.org](mailto:Shegeman@AdoptLansing.org).**



## MAKE A LIFE-SAVING DONATION OF STOCK

Did you know that when you donate long-term appreciated securities, including stock, bonds, and mutual funds, directly to charity, you can usually deduct the current fair market price rather than the original purchase price? This is typically true if you have held these assets for more than one year. In addition, if you donate stocks or other investments, you pay no capital gains tax.

**To donate long-term appreciated securities to CAHS, please contact Jamie Matwiczuk, Director of Development, at (517) 626-6060 ext. 120 or [jfuhr@AdoptLansing.org](mailto:jfuhr@AdoptLansing.org).**



## HAPPY TAIL-FRIDA

This sassy little lady with a face to match is Frida, formerly known as Ruth during her stay at CAHS.

Frida was with us for many months, and quickly became a staff favorite. Here's an update from her new family:

"She's loving her new home! They were right about her being misunderstood- she may look intimidating, but she's a big softy who loves to welcome me

home and cuddle! She's super sassy and vocal, we are a match made in heaven!"

We are so happy Frida found a home that loves her, and that she loves just as much!

Do you have a CAHS alumni who you would like featured in this newsletter or on Facebook?

**Email [IrRichardson@AdoptLansing.org](mailto:IrRichardson@AdoptLansing.org) with your pictures and story.**



## 2019-2020

# EDUCATION CALENDAR

Please consider having your student join us for the following events during the 2019-2020 school year. More information and registrations are available on our website [www.AdoptLansing.org](http://www.AdoptLansing.org).

### CHAT Club | Ages 8-14

Second and fourth Tuesday of Every Month | 4:30-6:30 p.m.

#### 2019 Dates:

September 10    November 12  
September 24    November 26  
October 8        December 10

*\*There is no CHAT on October 22 and December 24*

#### 2020 Dates:

January 14        March 24  
January 28        April 14  
February 11       April 28  
February 25       May 12  
March 10          May 26

#### Cost:

\$30 September-December 2019  
\$40 January-May 2020

### Mini Winter Break Camp

December 26 and 27 | 12-4 p.m. | Ages 4-8 | \$75  
January 2 and 3 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Ages 9-12 | \$100

### Spring Break Camp

April 6-10 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Ages 8-12 | \$200

### Tales to Tails Reading Program

#### 2019 Dates:

September 12 | 4:30-6 p.m.  
October 9 | 4:30-6 p.m.  
November 5 | 12-1:30 p.m.  
December 23 | 12-1:30 p.m.

#### 2020 Dates:

January 20 (MLK Day) | 12-1:30 p.m.  
February 17 (President's Day) | 12-1:30 p.m.  
March 11 | 4:30-6 p.m.  
May 30 | 12-1:30 p.m.

SAVE  
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DATE

## WISH LIST

- Break-away cat collars
- Canned cat and dog food (any brand)
- Six-foot nylon dog leashes
- Cardboard cat scratchers
- Martingale dog collars (medium and large sizes)

For our full wish list, please visit [www.AdoptLansing.org](http://www.AdoptLansing.org).

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