Humane Agents weather hot and cold temperatures to rescue pets

Do you prefer hot or cold weather? For neglected animals in Franklin County, both of these temperature extremes drive a large percentage of the 6,000 calls run each year by the humane agents at the Capital Area Humane Society.

Outside temperatures consistently exceeding 90 degrees impacts not only animals (and humans) left in parked cars, but also animals kept outside or abandoned without access to shelter and food and water.

Dehydration, severe sunburn, heat stroke, and even death are all possible outcomes of this inhumane treatment. If it’s too hot for you, it’s WAY too hot for them! The law does not address a specific temperature at which pets cannot be left outside or in cars. The risk varies according to the type of pet and its age, health, breed, etc.

Puppies Hazel and Ava were left alone in a parked car at the Ohio State Fair while their young owners took their infant to the fair. Ohio State Highway Patrol Troopers noticed the animals in the car around 11am and called the number on the back windshield sign advertising “Puppies for Sale” to ask the owners to return to the car and then called the Capital Area Humane Society. The puppies were both saved and Trooper Justin Valentine even adopted Hazel!

Weather doesn’t just affect dogs and cats. On August 2nd, humane agents rescued an iguana left outside in a cage in a backyard in Whitehall. According to a neighbor, Stubby (the iguana) was routinely put outside for sunning briefly each day. However, Stubby’s owner did not foresee being arrested, which resulted in his pet suffering outside for four days in extremely hot temperatures until rescued.

Miss Piggy was kept outside in a backyard in the Hilltop area with no shelter. The poor girl had visible third degree burns from the sun on her back. Luckily a concerned neighbor called and reported the situation. Our veterinary services team treated her and she went to Potbellied Pig TLC rescue in Northern Ohio for rehoming.

As temperatures become moderate, pets are still at risk. People who would never leave a pet in a car in 80-90 degree weather think it is safe to do so in 70 degree weather, when the temperature can rise 20 degrees in the first ten minutes (source: AVMA).

Saving lives is a partnership. Every animal rescued by the Capital Area Humane Society also owes his or her life to the person who intervened, the one who cared enough to report the abuse or neglect. When the thermometer drops below freezing, the risk to animals rises again. If you see a pet outdoors who may need help, keep these tips in mind and help spread the word!

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Sponsorship Salute!

Schoedinger Pet Services is the newest Premiere Partner of the Capital Area Humane Society, sponsoring our STEPS volunteer training program.

“Schoedinger Pet Services has long admired the tremendous dedication of the CAHS Volunteers. Personally I have been involved with CAHS for years and am constantly amazed at how committed the volunteers are to animals, and without their volunteer hours, CAHS wouldn’t exist. When Schoedinger was looking at where to give back to our animal community, the CAHS volunteer program was the obvious choice. Thank you to all the volunteers!” said Randy Schoedinger, CEO of Schoedinger Funeral & Cremation Services and a member of the Capital Area Humane Society Board of Trustees.

Since 1995 Schoedinger Pet Services has provided a place to help people mourn, memorialize, and honor the life they shared with their beloved pet. Emulating over 150 years the grace and dignity of Schoedinger Funeral & Cremation Services, Schoedinger Pet Services offers pet families the same type of compassionate care and healing opportunities. For more information, visit SchoedingerPetServices.com or call (614)224-0100.

Welcome Kerry!

The Capital Area Humane Society welcomes Kerry Shaw as Director of Development and Communications. Kerry previously held a similar position with Local Matters for over two years and prior to that was a Program Officer with the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations. Kerry holds a Masters in NonProfit Management from Franklin University and a Bachelor of Science from Ohio University.

“Kerry brings a wealth of experience coupled with a deep personal connection to our mission. I’m grateful to add her skill and expertise to our team and I’m excited to see where we can grow from here!” says Rachel D.K. Finney, Executive Director.

“I am incredibly excited to join Rachel and the team at Capital Area Humane Society! Animal rescue has long been a passion of mine – from fostering for an all-volunteer rescue group to volunteering at Celebrity Chef back in the day. Having the opportunity to work here is a dream come true!” says Kerry.

Kerry lives in Clintonville with her spouse, Brent Brown, their bulldog, Maddie, and two cats.
Dear Friends,

Every animal at the Capital Area Humane Society is unique and special. Some need a whole lot of TLC, medicine and extensive surgery before they are ready for adoption. Some just need a neuter, a bath and a belly rub and they’re good to go. One of my favorite things about this organization is that we stand ready and equipped to make it happen, whatever is needed—every single day of the year.

On page 4 you’ll learn more about our veterinary services department and the incredible technical team we have in place to provide the very best care to pets in need. Led by our Director of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Audra Hanthorn; our team heals the sick and injured, prevents the spread of contagious diseases and even practices forensic medicine (think CSI for pets) in partnership with our cruelty investigations team to hold abusers accountable for their actions. Throughout this newsletter you’ll meet some resilient animals who triumphed in our care thanks to this team and YOUR generous support.

Our expertise doesn’t just benefit the animals—we are helping to train the next generation of veterinarians, too. Every fourth year veterinary student at The Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine spends two weeks at the Capital Area Humane Society and this experience is consistently ranked highest by the students.

Speaking of ranking high, I’m pleased to report that our EmBARK transfer program, which brings dogs from other shelters here to CAHS for adoption, won the “Bright Idea Award” for the Great Lakes Animal Conference! Your support reaches dogs from all over Ohio AND drives award-winning, life-saving innovation. Just another reason to raise a glass at Party with the Pets -- hope to see you there! Thank you for being a part of our mission!

Sincerely,

Rachel D.K. Finney, CAWA
Executive Director

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**Feed your Love for Animals**

**PARTY with the PETS**

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Capital Area Humane Society**

Join us for appetizers and drinks as we raise money for our feeding program at the shelter

Tickets are $35 at cahs-pets.org. For more information, contact Emilie Zion at ezion@cahs-pets.org or 614/777-7387 ext. 242.

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**www.cahs-pets.org**
Veterinary Services

When visiting the Capital Area Humane Society, you meet many of our staff members, volunteers and adoptable cats, dogs and pocket pets. But of course, there is a lot more that goes on behind the scenes, especially in our Veterinary Services department. A tremendous part of our mission takes place here. This is the team responsible for adoption readiness, which includes medical exams, diagnostic testing, vaccinations and spay or neuter surgery.

Go Bucks! Every 4th year student from the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine comes to the Capital Area Humane Society for a two-week surgical/shelter medicine rotation. These students helped us spay and neuter over 3,600 animals last year! Their patients included adoptable animals, clients of our Animal Support Center, rescue partners and free-roaming cats brought in through our Community Cat Initiative.

Drs. Gaffke, Horvath and Hanthorn assisted by 7 Registered Veterinary Technicians and 3 Veterinary Assistants.

Forensic veterinary medicine is also an important part of the work of our team. In addition to treating abused animals, our veterinarians need to be skilled in forensics to support the work of our humane agents to win court cases and hold animal abusers accountable for their actions.

When you support our mission, you are part of success stories like these:

Sweet Tea came to us in February with multiple untreated injuries. Two of her legs were badly injured and she only had vision in one eye. Her left front leg was surgically repaired at Ohio State with a metal implant. Sweet Tea had to recover and grow strong before her other surgeries. When she couldn’t go out for walks, our volunteers would carry her so she still had socialization and fresh air when she went outside for potty breaks. After weeks of recovery, Dr. Hanthorn surgically removed Sweet Tea’s right rear leg. She was doing great on three legs and removing her injured leg reduced her chronic pain. In addition to all this,

The mutually beneficial relationship between the Capital Area Humane Society (CAHS) and the Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine is longstanding and based upon shared values and principles. This experience provides the students the opportunity to hone their clinical, technical/surgical and professional skills while being exposed to and learning the importance of civic responsibility and community service.

- Rustin Moore, DVM, PhD
  Diplomate ACVS Dean,
  College of Veterinary Medicine
  The Ohio State University

Our veterinarians are able to dramatically improve the quality of life for animals in need of orthopedic surgery, heartworm treatment, dental surgery, tumor/mass removal and so much more. Dr. Audra Hanthorn is the Director of Veterinary Services, assisted by Staff Veterinarian Dr. Ryan Gaffke. Dr. Stephen Horvath oversees the senior veterinary students as a faculty member at the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. They are

Sweet Tea with Dr. Hanthorn
Sweet Tea had spay surgery and dental surgery. Everyone who cared for her loved her brave spirit and gentle manner and wished her well when she was adopted in June.

Moe is a handsome two-year-old kitty who was brought in to us suffering from cerebellar hypoplasia, which is underdevelopment of the part of the brain that controls fine motor function (coordination and movement). He also had a severely damaged front leg, which required surgical amputation. The Veterinary Services team was thrilled to see Moe’s affectionate personality blossom as he recovered. He was adopted into a great home and even has a kitty sibling to share his life with!

Moe at home

Savannah and Jasper are two young Cocker Spaniel mix pups who were surrendered to our humane agents back in January. The dogs were both suffering from “cherry eye” (Jasper had the condition in both eyes), a prolapsed membrane in the eye that Dr. Hanthorn was able to surgically correct. The pups were shy and uncertain with new people and had yet to master potty training and basic etiquette. They were devoted to each other and loved to play with their toys. They were placed in our Special Adoptables program after they recovered from their eye surgeries to receive extra socialization and care in finding just the right home. Late in May they were adopted – together!

Max supervising

Handsome Max is a two-year-old Labrador Retriever/ Pit Bull mix who was surrendered to the Capital Area Humane Society for rehoming on May 1. As part of his intake medical exam, he was tested for heartworm which saved his life! Max has been in our care all summer, undergoing heartworm treatment which includes exercise restrictions and the need for a calm environment. His volunteer friend Pam would take him outside with her when she worked on landscaping so he could enjoy companionship and fresh air even if he couldn’t go on long walks. Max was adopted right before this article was finished!

Thank you to all of the students, volunteers, and staff members who share their love with these special patients. We all grow extremely attached the longer they are with us and love to receive photos and updates! Please share to our Facebook or Instagram pages or email us at adoption@cahs-pets.org.

The Capital Area Humane Society gratefully acknowledges the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, the Ohio State University Veterinary Medical Center – Dublin and MedVet Hilliard for their assistance with special and after-hours veterinary care.
Thank you to all who participated, volunteered, donated, sponsored and otherwise supported the 10th Annual Defend Your Friend 5K!

Thank you also to:

Rife’s Autobody/Jon McKnight - outdoor billboard on Dublin Road!
Niagara Bottling, Community Grounds and Panera Bread (German Village location) for their in-kind donations!

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According to the Ohio Revised Code, a pet left outside for any extended length of time needs access to shelter, nutritious food and fresh (not frozen) water. Giving a dog access to a garage is often not adequate protection against outside temperatures. Dog houses can be a good solution, but size matters. A dog house needs to be large enough for the animal to stand up and turn around, but small enough so that the dog can warm the space with his or her own body heat alone. Blankets are a warm, cuddly option for people, but not pets. For warmth and insulation—clean, dry straw is preferred over blankets which often become damp and freeze. Elevating a dog house so it doesn’t sit directly on the ground will also help keep a dog warm. Of course, the best option is to bring the pet inside!

The Capital Area Humane Society is responsible for investigating reports of suspected animal cruelty, neglect and abandonment within Franklin County so please remember to call (614)777-7387 ext. 250 or visit www.cahs-pets.org if you suspect any mistreatment or neglect. All reports are confidential.

Everyone can be an animal advocate! If you have a friend or family member who is not giving their pet the life they deserve, suggest they consider rehoming options if they aren’t willing or able to care for their pet. A life on a chain in a backyard or locked in a garage is no life. For assistance in rehoming a pet, contact the Capital Area Humane Society’s Animal Support Center at (614)777-7387 ext. 208 for a help session appointment.

On behalf of Hazel, Ava, Miss Piggy and Stubby, thank you for supporting the mission of the Capital Area Humane Society!
Two Paws Up!

(A) Big Lots for holding an employee involvement day at the Capital Area Humane Society as part of their sponsorship, including tours and learning sessions as well as volunteer activities.

Companies and organizations volunteering as a group for a day to help the animals: Aeropostale, Cardinal Health, Casto, Nationwide Network Service Team, NiSource, State Auto Insurance and Stone Oak Retirement.

Schoedinger Funeral and Cremation Service Northwest Chapel hosted a recognition dinner for our volunteers.

(B) Massage Envy locations for hosting Hearts for Paws campaigns at their locations for the entire month of August: Massage Envy Bethel Road, Massage Envy Westerville, Massage Envy Gahanna, Massage Envy Pickerington, Massage Envy Worthington Mall, Massage Envy Blacklick.

Homage for contributing a portion of the proceeds of their "Dog Day" dog shirts to help the animals.

The following held events to benefit the animals:

Bend Active and Pilates Innovations for holding fundraisers for CAHS.

Kroger Westerville for holding a supply drive.

SOGETI USA for hosting a Putt Putt for Pets to benefit the Capital Area Humane Society.

Camak Productions for hosting an event at the Party Studio.

Tail Wags Playground and Sip & Dipity Paint Bar for hosting a "Paint with Pooch Party" on August 13 and donating a portion of the proceeds to CAHS.

For picking us to receive Jeans Day employee donations: BMI Federal Credit Union, State School Employees Retirement System

Thank you for special assistance with animals and rehoming:

Wendy at Potbellied Pig Tender Loving Care Rescue
Kristin Florey for rehoming our duck friends

(C) Volunteer Karen Winstead for fostering a parvo puppy during its recovery.

The Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust awarded the Capital Area Humane Society a grant to assist with our new animal enrichment initiative.
Alexís K. and Erin B. held a lemonade stand for the animals (A).

Elizabeth & Josie donated in honor of Elizabeth’s 5th birthday and Josie’s teacher Miss Farmer (B).

Ellie T. celebrated her 10th birthday by asking for donations for the animals (C).

Hanna, Riley and Yuri from Thomas Elementary sold bookmarks and had a lemonade stand to raise money for the animals (D).

Heather (right, with friend Hanna) celebrated her 8th birthday by collecting donations for the animals (E).

Jackson (left, with brother Brady) celebrated his 8th birthday asking for presents for the animals (F).

Jameson and Fiona did chores to raise money to donate to help the animals (G).

Julie did a Capstone project at Hilliard Crossing to help the animals (H).

Norwich Elementary student council collected donations for the animals (I).

Owen collected lots of supplies and toys for the animals in lieu of birthday gifts (J).

See Kids Dream – Penny Harvest events were held by Beacon Elementary, Darby Creek Elementary and Hilliard Horizon Elementary

Mrs. Richardson’s third grade class at Hilliard Crossing Elementary contributed $250.

Deer Run Elementary second graders held a garage sale and contributed $500.

Dublin Thomas Elementary fourth grade class contributed $110.

THANK YOU!