

# Capital Area Humane Society

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## Our Mission

To fight animal cruelty, help animals in need and advocate for their well-being.

## Our Vision

All animals live free of suffering and all companion animals are valued members of loving and caring families.

## Our Attitude

- We provide only the highest quality of care.
- We strengthen our community's capacity to serve animals in need.
- We protect animals from cruelty and eliminate suffering.

## Our Goals

Ensure each healthy and treatable companion animal in our care finds a loving home.

Provide professional, timely and effective enforcement of local and state animal protection laws to ensure that no crime against an animal in our community goes unaddressed.

Decrease the number of companion animals requiring admission to our shelter for rehoming by impacting and enriching lives beyond our walls with innovative, effective and strategic community education programs targeting populations with the most critical needs.

Allocate and fully engage all of our available resources to secure our organization's ability to fulfill our mission and achieve our vision.

## Service Changes

The Capital Area Humane Society is changing how we provide services to make the best use of our limited resources while providing only the highest quality of care. We must adapt to the effects of the economic slowdown on our budget, but we are treating this as an opportunity to focus on those areas where we can do the most for the animals and people who need us.

**We will no longer offer on-demand services for an unlimited number of animals. Instead we will be shifting to an admissions-by-appointment process to help manage the flow of incoming animals. We will always accept any companion animal in immediate danger of abuse, neglect or abandonment.**

### Effective August 1, 2009

Admission services for homeless or unwanted pets are available Thursday through Monday (closed Tuesday and Wednesday). All other services are available 7 days/week including adoptions, lost cat assistance and animal cruelty investigations.

The holding period for a stray cat who appears to likely be owned is two full days (not including the day of admission or disposition). Apparently un-owned stray cats are held for one full day.

### Effective September 1, 2009

We will serve healthy feral cats by helping to coordinate spay or neuter services only. Healthy feral cats will no longer be admitted to the Humane Society for euthanasia.

We will serve healthy momma cats with un-weaned kittens by providing support and supplies for the caregiver until the kittens are no longer nursing. Admission of these kittens and/or their mom will be guaranteed to the caregiver when the kittens are 8 weeks of age.

Stray cats from outside of Franklin County will no longer be admitted to the Capital Area Humane Society. Lost cats should remain in the community they were found for the very best chance of finding their way home.

The Capital Area Humane Society offers a wide range of programs and services to help animals and people in need, for more information please visit our website at [www.caahs-pets.org](http://www.caahs-pets.org).