Purpose
For 130 years, the Capital Area Humane Society has been sheltering homeless animals, fighting animal cruelty and neglect, and offering programs to address the needs of animals in our community. We’re not just a shelter.

Our mission is to fight animal cruelty, help animals in need and advocate for their well-being. We stand for maximizing the quality of life of a pet and enhancing the lives of pet owners. Our board, staff and volunteers are passionate about our mission and about the animals in our care. What makes us really unique is our unparalleled knowledge and compassion for animals, as well as our quality of care. We treat each animal like they’re our own pets until we find their perfect forever home—which gives us the opportunity to help the next animal that needs it.

Impact
More than 90 percent of our funding is provided by donations and fees for services. We are not a government agency, and we do not receive operating support from national organizations. The Capital Area Humane Society relies on the support of private donors and volunteers to make our work possible.

Our partnership with Ohio State’s College of Veterinary Medicine is among the first in the country to require a two-week rotation in shelter medicine and surgery for all fourth-year veterinary students.

This rotation is consistently rated No. 1 by students, as they get hands-on experience and make a meaningful impact on the well-being of animals in need. Our chief veterinarian holds a faculty position at Ohio State and works with our staff veterinarian and professors from OSU to oversee the work of 6-8 students in each rotation.