



KIDS IN THE NEWS

We are excited to introduce you to the 2022 Connecticut's Kid Governor Makhi Ettienné-Modeste. Makhi's platform is "Protecting Our Pets." The Connecticut Humane Society (CHS) is excited to support his platform and help spread his message. Makhi's platform has three components: educate students about the signs of animal abuse and showing kindness towards companion animals, create posters to raise awareness of showing kindness towards companion animals, and donate to shelters to help animals that have been abused.

CHS' Community Outreach Manager, Ashley Marshall, participated in Makhi's online program to help educate students across the state about showing kindness towards companion animals and how to notice signs of animal abuse. You can watch the interview and learn about how you can show kindness to pets here: CThumane.org/kidgov

Are you interested in donating supplies to an animal shelter?



- Pet food
- Wand toys
- Clay cat litter
- Kitten bottles
- Small animal toys
- New/like-new towels and blankets
- Dog toys
- New litter boxes
- New/like-new pet beds
- Newspaper

KITTENS AT CHS



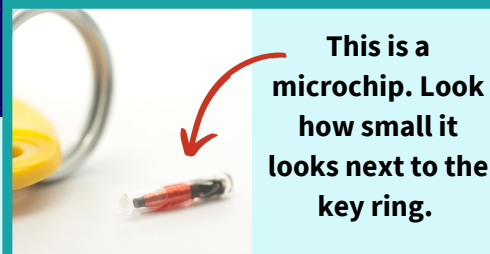
In the springtime, CHS sees lots of kittens at the pet wellness and adoption centers. Once a kitten arrives, a veterinarian will give her an exam to make sure she is healthy and growing. The veterinarian will also listen to the kitten's heart and lungs and make sure they are in tip-top shape. Kittens who come to CHS and are at least 6 weeks old can begin to receive vaccinations to help keep them healthy. Sometimes the kittens are too small and need to wait to receive vaccinations until they are bigger. Young pets who are still growing spend their time with a foster family instead of at the shelter. This helps the kittens learn how to socialize with people and get used to living in a home. The kittens will hear different noises, like pots and pans in the kitchen, cars rumbling outside, and people talking and laughing. This helps the kittens get ready for their new home when they are ready for adoption. Kittens are ready to meet their new families when they are 2 months old.

Visit: CThumane.org/adopt to see if there are any kittens (or adult cats) available for adoption.



WHAT IS A MICROCHIP?

With the weather turning warmer, people start spending more time going in and out of their homes. It's important to make sure your pet is prepared in case they get out of your house and become lost. A microchip is one way we can help ensure our pets return home safely. A microchip is an electronic chip (about the size and shape of a grain of rice) that electronically links your pet back to you if they get lost. The chip goes between your pet's shoulder blades under their skin and is painless. The microchip has a number on it and when a veterinarian or animal control officer scans the pet with a special wand, the information from the chip will appear on the scanner. It's important to know that a microchip does not track where a pet is. It cannot tell you the exact location of your pet, but if someone finds your lost pet, the chip will have your information. Dogs and cats with microchips are more likely to be reunited with their families than pets without one. Pets can get a microchip during a veterinary visit. Ask your adult if your pet is microchipped and if they are unsure, ask your veterinarian to scan for one.



This is a microchip. Look how small it looks next to the key ring.



This dog is being scanned for a microchip.

Collars with identification tags are an extra way to identify your pet. Make sure the tags have contact information such as a phone number, address and email.












TRIVIA

Hamsters love to run. How many miles does the average hamster run per day?



SPRINGTIME FLOWERS & PETS

Spring is in full bloom! It's important to know that not all flowers are safe to keep around our pets. If you have a curious cat or dog, keep all flowers out of their reach. Below are some common flowers. Those with a red "X" are poisonous to pets. Flowers with a green check are not poisonous, but should still be kept out of reach.

<p>Rose</p>  <p>✓</p>	<p>Sunflower</p>  <p>✓</p>	<p>Daffodils</p>  <p>✗</p>
<p>Daisy</p>  <p>✗</p>	<p>Orchid</p>  <p>✓</p>	<p>Tulips</p>  <p>✗</p>
<p>Geber Daisy</p>  <p>✓</p>	<p>Peony</p>  <p>✗</p>	<p>Marigold</p>  <p>✓</p>

Flowers are not a part of a dog or cat's diet and should never be eaten, even if they aren't poisonous to the pet. If you think your pet has eaten any part of a flower, contact your veterinarian or poison control for more information.



Trivia answer: 5 miles

ACTIVITY

Directions: Search for the words below that were mentioned in this newsletter.

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Dog	Microchip	Kitten	Foster
Cat	Leash	Flower	Adoption
	Collar	Spring	Kindness

