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Dear Friends,

When you look back on challenging times in your life, what do you recall most?

For me, it’s the helpers. Those people who saw I was struggling, reached out, and gave me a hand. They helped turn a difficult time into one of hope and healing.

That’s the approach we take at the Kentucky Humane Society.

When rural animal shelters in our state are struggling and ask us for assistance, we do what we can to help. Sometimes that means we take in pets when shelters are overcrowded. Other times it means we give advice, such as how to host successful adoption events, when to vaccinate, or how to keep pets healthy and happy through enrichment.

Our team works tirelessly to help not only companion animals in Jefferson County, but animals throughout Kentucky. And while we are working intensively in three rural communities through our Love 120 initiative (see page 8), we don’t stop there. Last year we helped animals from over 35 Kentucky counties.

With your support, we can continue this important, lifesaving work. Please give Kentucky’s animals a hand by making a gift to KHS. You can be assured that KHS is an excellent steward of your donations, and that your gifts will make a real difference.

Thank you for all you do for animals in need!

With gratitude,

Lori Kane Redmon
President and CEO

www.kyhumane.org
At just six weeks old, little Cranberry was critically ill. Cranberry had been turned in to another shelter, unwanted. The little pup was depressed and lonely. And then she became very, very sick.

The other shelter reached out to us, asking if we could take Cranberry in as an emergency case. The poor puppy was so weak from dehydration, vomiting and diarrhea that she couldn’t hold her head up, and her body was shedding her intestines through her stool.

We agreed to take her in, and our veterinary team immediately went to work trying to save her life. Cranberry tested negative to all the usual pathogens, such as parvo. But her white blood count was plummeting, and she was not responding to treatment.

“The only hope she had was an emergency blood transfusion,” said Dr. Emily Bewley, our Shelter Veterinarian. “It was a long shot, but we were determined to try to save her.”

Thanks to supplies donated by Supplies Over Seas, a Louisville-based charity known for providing medical help for overseas patients as well as local charities, that blood transfusion was possible.

All that was needed was a willing donor. Dr. Bewley knew just the candidate: our very own special needs shelter dog, Goofy!

Goofy had been with the Kentucky Humane Society for some time, so we had a clear record of his vaccinations and knew he was healthy enough to participate in the blood transfusion. Immediately after the transfusion, Cranberry’s color began to come back, and she could stand. By the next day, she had begun eating on her own!

Cranberry spent the next several weeks in foster care where she was able to gain weight, socialize and become healthy enough to go up for adoption.

After less than two hours on the adoption floor, Cranberry found her forever home with the Roden family. Her new parents say that she is being spoiled rotten and fits right in with her canine big brother.

When this magazine went to press, Goofy was still looking for his own permanent home. Goofy is a loving, special needs dog who had some neurological issues or trauma in the past which gives him a unique look. One of his eyes is higher than the other, but that doesn’t impact his loving, goofy nature. To see if he is still available for adoption, visit kyhumane.org/dogs.

Cranberry Saved by an Unlikely Hero

Cranberry (left) was extremely ill when she arrived. She was saved by a blood transfusion from Goofy (right) and by your support.

Help Special Needs Pets

It’s because of compassionate people like you that we can take in and save animals like Cranberry and Goofy. Thank you for all that you do! Your donations are so very much appreciated! You can support our animals by making a gift at kyhumane.org/donate or by returning the enclosed envelope. Or call 502-515-3143 to make a gift over the phone. KHS is a nonprofit, and we rely on supporters like you to care for needy animals.
Seventeen-year-old Rocky found himself at the Kentucky Humane Society when his owners became very ill and could no longer care for him. Being that Rocky is an older guy at the shelter, we thought it would be a challenge to find Rocky a loving home. We knew we had to give him everything we had!

We featured Rocky on our weekly "Wet Nose Wednesday" segment, a partnership between KHS, radio station 99.7 DJX and Studio 351 where a shelter animal is highlighted in a Facebook live video. The "Wet Nose Wednesday" star has a reduced adoption fee of $9.97 and the adopters get a free photoshoot with the animal at Studio 351.

Rocky's "Wet Nose Wednesday" feature was one of our most watched segments, with more than 9,500 views from potential adopters. It wasn't long until the video caught the attention of the Mabe family who came in to meet Rocky. Sarah and her partner decided they couldn't leave our East Campus adoption center without him.

Rocky is now living the calm and cushy life of a beloved cat with his forever family, and we couldn't be happier for him. A big thank you to his new family for adopting him!

Con'cat'ulations to Joey, the 1,000th KHS cat adopted at Purrfect Day Café! The adoption took place June 8, exactly 10 months after Louisville’s first cat café opened on International Cat Day.

The café is located at 1741 Bardstown Road in Louisville and features coffee, tea, “meow-cohol,” and cat-themed treats for people, plus a separate cat room where guests can cuddle with adoptable felines.

KHS and the café’s "purrprit"tor, Chuck Patton, initially set a goal to find homes for 300 cats in the first 12 months.

“We are overwhelmed and grateful for the success of this unique partnership, and for all of the amazing, compassionate people in our community who have chosen to adopt a new feline family member!” says Robin Vincent, KHS Shelter Operations Director.

Follow Purrfect Day Café at facebook.com/purrfectdaycatcafe or instagram.com/purrfectdayky.
Finding a forever home for a senior horse can be challenging. Add to that a senior that has been a stallion his entire life makes it even more difficult, as stallions are typically best suited to only have geldings as pasture mates. Then add a senior that can’t be ridden due to wear and tear from previous years. Dale met all of these barriers.

But when we received a call from Louisville Metro Animal Services requesting our help with a senior horse, we knew we had to help.

Dale, a Quarter Horse, was found abandoned on a farm in Jefferson County. He was covered in burrs, thin, and his feet were in need of attention. We attended to his nutritional and medical needs and gelded him.

The odds were stacked against Dale, but the KHS equine staff were committed to finding him his forever home. It was out there, somewhere.

That home was found over 400 miles away, in Michigan. Dale’s new adopter, Lisa, had recently lost one of her senior horses. While she wasn’t quite ready for another horse, her other gelding, Ruger, was grieving the loss of his pasture mate, so Lisa wanted to do right by him. Ruger is a spunky boy who does best with a strong leader. Lisa has a special place in her heart for senior horses, but they are typically lower on the equine social hierarchy, so finding the perfect fit was a bit like finding a needle in a haystack.

Luck would have it that we had the perfect fit! Dale met all the criteria that were no longer seen as negatives but were positives to finding a forever home!

While he’s a senior, he’s confident, yet kind, and is an amazing leader. Lisa is a very hands-on owner, and Dale has impeccable ground manners, making him a joy to work with.

Lisa has renamed him Flynn, and his bond with Ruger was almost immediate, as if they’d always been together. Lisa said Ruger willingly supports Flynn’s role as the leader, and Flynn is in his forever home where he is loved dearly.

Equine Program GFAS Certified

We are pleased to announce that the KHS Equine Program is now Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries accredited! Accreditation signifies that our Equine Program meets GFAS’s rigorous and peer-reviewed equine care standards, which are confirmed by a comprehensive site visit. Accreditation also signifies adherence to standards addressing the sustainability of the organization, ethical principles, finances, staffing, education, outreach, security and safety and other operational aspects.

Help Our Horses

Did you know that last year KHS found homes for almost 100 horses? We are proud to find the right home for the right horse! Learn more about our Equine Program by following us at facebook.com/khsequine.

Want to help our equines? Donations are gratefully accepted at kyhumane.org/equine-donate or by calling 502-515-3143.
Local Kohl's Gives Back

Through Volunteer Grant Program

On June 11, a group of local Kohl’s employees volunteered their time at Dog Day Nights at Slugger Field, a fundraising event supporting KHS. The wonderful team of volunteers helped check in a record-high 859 dogs at the stadium, and we couldn’t be more grateful for their help and support.

Kohl’s is part of a Dollars for Doers program, where their company donates money to KHS based on the hours their employees volunteer. Thanks to their volunteer efforts, KHS will be awarded a $1,000 donation. We want to say a special thank you to the Kohl’s employees for their impact on our shelter animals!

Does your company participate in a volunteer grant program such as Dollars for Doers? Not sure? We are happy to look up the information! For companies with volunteer grant programs, we can arrange a puppy or kitten visit to your office to talk more about volunteer opportunities. Please contact our Volunteer Manager, Savannah, at volunteer@kyhumane.org for info.

Join Me in Becoming a Lifelong Friend

By Kristin Binkowski, Development Manager

Animals have always been a part of my family, but it was an abused stray named Barkey that changed my life forever. Barkey showed up on our doorstep with a rope tied around his neck, hungry and scared. He was also riddled with birdshot. I remember counting 52 pellets in all. Barkey had a rough start in life, but his unconditional love brought our family so much joy.

Barkey inspired me from an early age to help animals in need. I donated my birthday money to our local animal shelter. As I got older, I participated in fundraising events, and would often visit the shelter bringing treats for my furry friends. Barkey taught me all pets deserve a second chance at finding a loving home.

Today I share my home with four rescues, and helping pets continues to be a lifelong mission for me. I’m proud to work for the Kentucky Humane Society, and I can’t think of a better way to ensure the future success of programs and services benefitting shelter pets than my decision to include KHS in my estate plans.

KHS is ever-evolving (since 1884) and has embraced positive change for our community and its pets. Thus it was an easy decision to mark KHS as a beneficiary of my IRA and will. I hope to inspire YOU to become a Lifelong Friend to animals as well by including KHS in your estate planning.

If you wish to learn more about KHS and our planned giving program, give me a “howl” at 502-515-3147 or kbinkowski@kyhumane.org. If you have already established KHS in your estate plans, thank you! (I hope you will let me know. I will respect the wishes of those who want to remain anonymous.)
Friendship can best be described as a relationship of mutual affection between two people. Friends are the folks you seek out during challenging times, the ones you want to share exciting experiences with, whom you can say anything to and share interests with. Most importantly, friends are people you trust.

When I think about the relationship I have with my personal dogs, I think about it as a friendship. I feel this way because of the bond we share with each other. Most importantly, we trust one another. Developing this trust did not happen overnight.

The notion that dogs can be our friends has been the foundation of how I approach most of the behavioral challenges I am faced with as a professional dog trainer for KHS. No matter what sort of challenge is presented, I start each case with the same question: How do I establish a line of communication and trust?

Finding common ground with our dog is the answer! One of the most effective ways we approach this is through positive reinforcement training. We figure out what our dog wants out of life and use this to reward desired behavior. Is it food? A ball? Taking a car ride? We then can share this joyful experience with our dogs and provide it when they need it most.

It is when we find this common ground with them that they begin to connect with us, spend more time with us, and they develop trust and communication with us. This is the very basis of how we overcome challenges together. Isn’t this how all friendships are established? All we have to do is try.

Ready to establish a long-lasting friendship with your dog? Sign up for a Kentucky Humane Society dog training class. We offer everything from Positively Puppies to Manners for Life, as well as specialized classes that help you teach your dog how to overcome common behavioral challenges. Visit kyhumane.org/behavior-training to learn more.
KHS Pup in Training to Help Vets

Early Times Kentucky Whisky has a special addition to its family — the one-year old rescue puppy adopted from the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS).

Early Times is raising and training Earl to become a service canine as part of its longtime partnership with K9s For Warriors, a nonprofit organization committed to training service canines for military veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury, and other trauma resulting from post-9/11 military service.

Like Earl, the primary source of dogs for the K9s For Warriors training program is rescue animals. Early Times partnered with KHS to help identify potential canine companions, and upon finding Earl, the KHS team immediately knew he was special.

"Earl is the total package — confident, intelligent, resilient and eager to engage with his people. He’s going to thrive in his new career!" said Kat Rooks, KHS Kentucky Initiatives Director.

Earl will remain in Louisville until the end of summer, where he will continue his formal service training with K9s For Warriors. Ultimately, he will be matched with a veteran at the completion of the fall 2019 program.

"The K9s For Warriors program saves lives, and by rescuing Earl as a candidate for the program, we know that more than one life was changed," said Early Times Senior Brand Manager Dallas Cheatham, who is fostering Earl.

In addition to training for the K9s For Warriors program, Earl is exploring Louisville and enjoying visits with his foster family at the Brown-Forman Distillery, where Early Times is produced.

Fans 21 years and over can follow along Earl’s journey by visiting Early Times’ website, www.earlytimes.com.

2020 KHS Calendar Contest

Do you have a great photo of your elegant equine, favorite feline or precious pooch? Or a furry friend who missed his or her calling as a super ani-model? Don’t miss this chance to guarantee your favorite animal friend a spot in the sought-after annual Kentucky Humane Society Pet Calendar!

Your entry donation will support KHS’ lifesaving mission to help local homeless animals. In addition, everyone who submits a photo is guaranteed to have their animal’s photo printed in the Lifelong Friends Collage. Plus, each entrant will be mailed a 2020 calendar in November.

Photo submissions are just $25. For that donation, you will have the chance to have your pet as the Featured Pet of the Month. There are eleven chances to be a Featured Pet of the Month (printed photos are approximately 8.5x11 inches in horizontal mode), and 24 chances to be a Runner Up (Runner Up photos are approx. 2x3 inches).

All photos submitted will enter into a contest to be judged anonymously by KHS staff. Each submission donation will support KHS’ lifesaving adoption, spay/neuter and education programs.

Submit your pet’s photo online at kyhumane.org/calendar-contest.
Are you ready for an unforgettable evening? Our 26th annual Tuxes & Tails Gala, presented by Mister "P" Express Inc., will take place Saturday, August 17, at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. The Signature Sponsor is Brown-Forman.

The event draws in animal lovers not only with its important mission of helping homeless pets, but with a fun and festive theme. This year’s theme is "Catsino Royale: For Your Paws Only," and features a silent auction, open bar, appetizers, casino tables and adoptable pets, followed by dinner and a spirited live auction, music by "From Paris" and an after party.

"Proceeds support KHS’ lifesaving work, including adoptions, spay/neuter and pet retention programs," says Alisa Gray, KHS Vice President for Outreach. "And during Tuxes & Tails, we ask guests to make special donations to our TLC Fund, which helps pay for medical or behavioral care for our most fragile animals so they can be adopted."

Black tie is optional. Tickets are $200 per person, or sponsorship tables start at $2,000. And for those who want to skip dinner and arrive in time for the after party, we offer tickets to the Tuxes & Tails Lounge for $75.

To purchase tickets or become a sponsor, call (502) 515-3131 or visit kyhumane.org/tuxes-and-tails.

Wow – we had a blast at the May 7 and June 11 Dog Day Nights at Slugger Field! Hundreds of dogs and their families came out to enjoy baseball and support KHS!

Our next Dog Day Night is Tuesday, August 13. The game begins at 7 pm. Fans making a donation of $3 per dog to KHS get to bring their pooch to our very own V.I.P. (Very Important Puppies) section and receive a special doggie bag (First 500 dogs). You can even sign up to participate in the dog parade!

Tickets for humans are $8 per person. 100% of the dog admissions price is a donation to KHS. Learn more at kyhumane.org/events.

Waggin’ Trail Walk and Festival for the Animals was a bit soggy this year, but we want to thank everyone who came out to the Water Tower on June 9. With your help, we raised over $96,000 for the animals!

We’d like to thank our sponsors:

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Horse Hero: CVCA

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Kids Love Our Camp

In 2019, the Kentucky Humane Society hosted its 32nd year of summer camp! The Lifelong Friends Camp, offered June through the beginning of August, helps young animal lovers build a sense of kindness, respect and responsibility towards companion animals. Campers enjoyed activities designed to empower them to make a difference in their community while having fun with friends two-legged and four-legged. A big thank you to all the wonderful campers who joined us this year and made it our best year yet! This year’s camp was sponsored by Feeder’s Supply.

The Kentucky Humane Society’s S.N.I.P. Clinic offers affordable, high-quality spay/neuter surgeries, at $50 for male cats and $60 for female cats. Help end pet overpopulation. Spay and neuter.

You can support our mission by purchasing a Charity Debit Card.

DO the DEED. Don’t Let Them BREED.

In the last issue of the magazine, we announced that KHS received a grant from WaterShed Animal Fund to provide intensive resources to help three rural shelters raise the bar for animal welfare in their communities.

We are happy to report that in the first six months of the three-year grant, we provided 135 spay/neuter surgeries and 196 wellness services to owned pets in Perry, Graves and Breckinridge Counties. We also counseled the partner shelters on how to host successful adoption events, implement best practices for shelter care and increase their lifesaving capacity.

We are excited about the changes these communities have already implemented, and look forward to seeing what they accomplish within the next three years!

Our vision is to eventually improve the lives of dogs and cats in all 120 Kentucky counties. It’s a lofty goal, but with your help, we’ll get there! Not only do your donations help animals in Louisville, but your support makes it possible for KHS to assist animals in over 35 Kentucky counties.

Mayfield-Graves County Animal Shelter hosted a “pay it forward” adoption event that resulted in six adoptions in one day.

Park Community’s Debit Card program has raised over $45,000 for the Kentucky Humane Society’s lifesaving mission!

- Alisa Gra, KHS VP of Outreach

Charity Debit Cards!

Available with a checking account and a $5.00 minimum donation.
Congratulations, Savannah!

Savannah Gregorchik, our Volunteer Manager, received the 2019 Ruth Anderson Volunteer Administrator Award. This award honors an outstanding volunteer administrator for their work within their organization and as a leader through the Kentuckiana Association for Volunteer Administration. Two volunteers, Jeanine and Gary Blazin, helped with the nomination. The ceremony was very special, and we are so proud Savannah was recognized for her work on behalf of our volunteers!

Become a Volunteer
For more information or to complete an application go to www.kyhumane.org/volunteer.

Happy Tails!

You might remember Owen, the orphaned foal, and Winnie, the senior mare, from our last issue of The Paw Street Journal. Owen was a frightened, fragile foal without his mother, and Winnie was rescued by KHS after she was found tied to a tree without access to food or water. Both had suffered heartache and loss. But when we put them together, it was love at first sight! Winnie quickly accepted the little foal, and he snuggled up close to her. We knew we couldn’t separate the two.

Well, we are thrilled to report that Winnie and Owen are doing great in their forever home! Here they are pictured with their adopter’s grandson. Winnie is still the ever patient, loving “mother” that she was while she was in our care. And Owen, well, Owen is still the mischievous boy with a larger-than-life personality. They are both loved dearly by their new family!

Nine-year-old Chip was abandoned on our property at night in the middle of a storm, but he remained optimistic and quickly became a staff favorite. Rose had adopted a Rat Terrier from KHS a few years ago named Bella. After Bella’s doggy friend passed, Rose began looking for a new companion for Bella. And what do you know — Chip happened to be posted on our Instagram just in time for her to fall in love with his cute face! A big thank you to Rose for choosing our sweet boy!

Send Us Your Happy Tails
Do you have a great tale about your KHS animal? We’d love to hear it! Sent us your pet’s photo and story as a private message at facebook.com/kyhumane.
Contact Us

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