

Paw Street Journal

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Letter from Lori

COVID-19 Update

Dear Friends,

I hope you and your family are keeping safe during these uncertain times, and that if you have a companion animal at home, that you are deriving as much comfort from your animals as I am from mine.

Much has changed at the Kentucky Humane Society over the last several weeks, as they have for every household, business and organization in Kentucky, the nation and the world. It breaks our hearts to see so many suffering families, and to know that companion animals are also suffering because of these unprecedented times.

To reduce costs, we have changed the format of the spring edition of the *Paw Street Journal*. You are a critical part of KHS, so we want to make sure you are informed about how the coronavirus pandemic is impacting KHS, and how you can support the animals.

We've had to change or temporarily suspend many of our services to comply with government requests aimed at containing the pandemic and protecting human life. But we remain committed to helping needy dogs, cats and horses now and into the future. The mission of Kentucky Humane Society has never been more relevant than it is now.

Donations have never been more critical. We anticipate that more dogs, cats and horses will suffer and will need our help as the economic impact of the pandemic continues. If you have the capacity to donate, the animals helped by KHS would be so grateful. Your donations during this difficult time help KHS continue to be a vital resource for companion animals and to our hurting community.

Sincerely,



Lori Redmon
President & CEO

P.S. Thank you again for your support of the animals! Find up-to-date information about how KHS is responding to the pandemic at kyhumane.org.



Lori Redmon



Helping Shelter Animals

To help protect human life from the deadly coronavirus and practice social distancing, we temporarily closed our adoption centers and shelter operations to the public on March 27. Before we closed, over 600 animals were either adopted or placed in loving foster homes in March. We are so grateful the animals are riding out the pandemic in homes instead of the shelter! We couldn't ask for more amazing adopters, fosters and staff. Together, we are **#TeamKentucky**.

Amazing Adopters

When COVID-19 first began impacting our community, we put a call out to our supporters, asking them to help us by adopting. Incredibly, over 260 animals were adopted in just two weeks! It was so heartwarming to see so many excited families step up to help animals in need! In April we began offering "virtual adoption counseling" to people interested in adopting KHS animals directly from foster homes. This will continue until pandemic restrictions are lifted.



Foster Families to the Rescue

We asked, they answered: our amazing foster volunteers stepped up to provide temporary homes for our needy shelter animals. In a matter of days, over 240 animals were settled into foster homes. Many are young puppies and kittens, some are senior pets looking for a quiet place to relax, and others are dogs or cats healing from medical issues. "Cat daddy" Robert (photo to the left) took home three adult cats – Tommy, Baker and Michael – to foster! We are thankful for our amazing foster families who provide temporary homes for our animals during the pandemic.

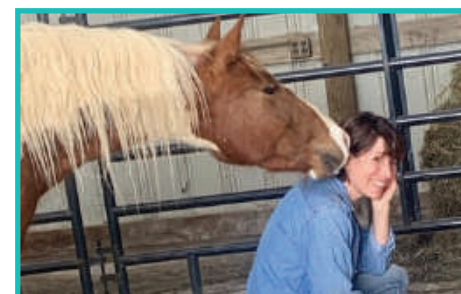
Heroic Shelter Staff

We are thrilled that so many of our animals are in homes thanks to our compassionate community. But we are still caring for animals at the shelter – those who need medical care or behavioral help before they are ready for adoption or a foster home. We are providing lifesaving care to puppies with parvovirus, kittens with upper respiratory infections, dogs positive for heartworms, and animals recovering from traumatic injuries. Our shelter staff are working tirelessly to provide each animal at the shelter, as well as the hundreds of animals in foster care, the support they need.



Keeping Pawsitive

Do you follow on social media? If not, you should! We provide inspiring and feel-good stories about animals and the people who love them. On Facebook, we also offer at-home enrichment tips for your pets as well as "quaran-train" videos: showing you how you can train your dog at home. By staying "pawsitive," we'll get through this pandemic together! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at **@kyhumane**, and follow our Equine department on Facebook at **@khsequine**.



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Helping Our Community

KHS cares not only about shelter animals, but also about our hurting community. During the pandemic, we are providing vital services to help keep owned animals and their families together and [#SaferAtHome](#).



COVID-19 Pet Food Bank

KHS opened up a COVID-19 Pet Food Bank to help local families impacted by the economic crisis be able to feed their beloved animals. In the first week, over 700 families received free food for their dogs and cats. GreaterGood.org's Rescue Bank and Eukanuba Nutrition donated over 41,000 pounds of dog food to launch the pet food bank, and Mister "P" Express, a local transportation company from Jeffersonville IN, donated the use of a semi-trailer to store the donations. Hill's Pet Nutrition and local supporters have been providing additional cat food and dog food donations. Do you need pet food assistance, or do you want to help needy families? Visit kyhumane.org for more information.

Pet Help Line Counseling

With so many people out of work, many families are having trouble affording such basics as pet food and cat litter, not to mention emergency veterinary care or behavioral help. Our Pet Help Line counselors return calls seven days a week and are here to help stressed pet owners. And thanks to restricted grants, we can sometimes offer financial assistance to the neediest pet owners. If you or anyone you know needs help or has pet questions, please call 502-509-4738 or email helpline@kyhumane.org.

Donating PPE to Hospitals

PPE (personal protective equipment) has been in an extraordinarily short supply during the pandemic. Hospitals are desperate for this resource, which is vital to protecting healthcare workers and their patients. Our Veterinary Services team loaded up a KHS transport van with extra PPE and donated it to local hospitals in need.



Ways Your Are Helping the Animals



We are amazed at the generosity and thoughtfulness of our supporters! From those who give online or via mail, or drop off pet food for the food bank, it all makes a difference for needy animals. Here are other ways you can help:

Choose KHS as your charity for Kroger Community Rewards and AmazonSmile. Every time you shop, these companies donate to KHS at no cost to you.

Want to donate "wish list" items? See what are needs are at kyhumane.org/wishlist.





Happy Tails

Meet some of our recently adopted animals and pets in foster homes.



Shooting survivor Knox with his adopter



Scarlet's "mom" was all smiles



Lexie steals a kiss in her adoption photo



Sky, a long-term resident, adopted



Archie going home with his new "dad"



Tina, adopted by her foster family



Mia and her kittens in foster



Tigger the puppy and Vivian enjoy the backyard



Stevie and Bianca, both blind, in foster

Send Us Your Stories

Do you have a special animal in your life? Tell us your pet's "gotcha" story! Are you finding creative ways to stay "pawsitive," such as in-home enrichment, going for daily walks, snuggling on the couch with your pet, or caring for your horse? We would love to hear from you! Share your stories on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/kyhumane](https://www.facebook.com/kyhumane). Remember, we are all in this together! **#TogetherKentucky**

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