Owen Finds His ‘Mama’
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Join Me at Waggin' Trail!

I have been a part of the Kentucky Humane Society team for 19 years because I believe in our mission and have a passion for making our community a better place for animals and the people who love them.

I am once again raising money for our 25th annual Waggin' Trail Walk for Animals, and I am inviting you to do the same! Waggin’ Trail, sponsored by Hill’s Pet Nutrition, will take place June 9 at the Louisville Water Tower, 2-5 p.m.

Why should you join me at Waggin’ Trail? Because your participation means the world to horses like Owen and Winnie, dogs like Valentine, and cats like Audi (check out their stories in this issue). Proceeds from our annual fundraising walk help us care for and find wonderful homes for Kentucky’s homeless pets.

Plus Waggin’ Trail is fun! In addition to the walk, this dog-friendly festival has booths, music, food and beer, children’s activities, adoptable dogs and horses, and beautiful riverfront views.

This year VCA Fairleigh Animal Hospital is matching Waggin’ Trail donations, up to $10,000, giving each of us an added incentive to join and raise money for the animals. Sign up at support.kyhumane.org/wtrail.

I hope to see you there!

Lori Kane Redmon
President and CEO

Happy Tails!

Audi, our beautiful blind kitten, hit the jackpot when he was adopted by Yuko and her family! Yuko is an employee at the Purrfect Day Cat Café and an experienced foster parent of the Kentucky Humane Society, having fostered over 125 animals since 2015. Thanks, Yuko, for adopting and for all your help with our fosters!
Owen, a wobbly-kneed Appaloosa, was orphaned at just two days old this spring. He was heartbroken when he called out for his mother, and she did not respond.

Being without a mother is very hard on little foals. Without the proper nutrition and love their mother provides, their future is often bleak.

But Owen was one of the lucky ones: he was rescued by the Kentucky Humane Society.

At the KHS Rescue Barn, Owen became the barn greeter with his vocalizations and larger-than-life personality. He was best buddies with another orphaned foal whom KHS rescued; the two were inseparable, and even drank milk replacer from the same bucket together.

But young foals without their mothers are very fragile. Sadly, Owen’s friend became ill, and KHS rushed her to an equine hospital to save her life.

Without his friend, Owen lost interest in eating. His little heart had been broken not once, but twice, in a matter of weeks.

A few stalls away, Winnie nickered at Owen. His little ears perked up, and he called to her. Could she be his mother? he wondered.

Winnie had been rescued by KHS after she was found tied to a tree without access to food or water; this senior girl was extremely underweight and suffered from parasites and poor dental care. But with medical care, nutrition and love provided by the KHS staff, Winnie has blossomed into a beautiful and sweet mare.

The staff had an idea: would Winnie accept Owen as her own? We carefully introduced the little foal to the senior mare. It was love at first sight!

Winnie quickly accepted the little foal, and he snuggled up close to her. While Owen must still be fed from a bucket, Winnie provides Owen with the love and security he craved. Owen is again a confident, outgoing foal, and Winnie has found new purpose as a foster parent.

Two hearts that were broken have been made whole thanks to our Equine staff, and to caring people like you. Owen’s and Winnie’s rescues were made possible by your help. Thank you!
Valentine's Journey to Love

Sweet Valentine had a broken leg and a broken heart.
She was abandoned by her family after she was hit by a car. They couldn’t afford the operation to remove her shattered leg. And neither could the rural animal shelter that took her in.

But eight-month-old Valentine had a chance. She was brought to the Kentucky Humane Society, where we promised we would do everything we could to help this wonderful girl. That’s because of generous friends like you.

At KHS, our veterinary team went right to work to save this sweet pup, amputating her leg and starting heartworm treatment. After her operation, Valentine learned to navigate the world with three legs. We gave her reassurance, nourishment and love.

Through our new Love 120 project – designed to help positively impact animals in all 120 of Kentucky’s counties we take in needy dogs and cats from overcrowded shelters. We also provide spay/neuter surgeries and veterinary care to reduce suffering in rural communities.

With your support, we nursed Valentine through recovery. We were there when she met her new mom, Holly who had recently lost her three-legged rescue dog to cancer.

Holly didn’t think her heart would ever be whole again. But then her father sent her an email about a little black dog at KHS. It was February 14 – Valentine’s Day.

She’s my heart, says Holly. There was just something about the look in Valentine’s eyes that touched me.

We knew that look: the look of love.

Valentine didn’t give up. And we’ll never give up on animals in need of love, care and the promise of happy lives. Thank you for all you do on behalf of Kentucky’s homeless animals. Your love makes a difference.

Kitten Shower

We’d like to thank Purrfect Day Café for helping us host a kitten shower on April 14. The event gave guests a chance to hang out with adorable kittens, learn about kitten care and meet foster caregivers to learn how they can help expand the shelter walls and help us save the tiny lives of kittens who come into our shelter.

Taking care of kittens is a big job, and we rely on fosters and donations to ensure we can save kittens from other shelters and take care of their many needs.

Would you like to become a foster caregiver? Visit kyhumane.org/foster or contact our foster coordinator at foster@kyhumane.org to learn more.

Kitten Supplies

To gear up for all these little ones, KHS needs items like KMR (kitten milk replacer), bottles, heating pads, soft food, litter and toys. The need is great and will continue throughout summer.

Learn how to help by visiting kyhumane.org/wishlist.
Gayle is a senior citizen who struggles to make ends meet, so when her dog, Missy, had an unexpected litter, she knew she had to find homes for the puppies and get Missy spayed.

But Gayle lives in rural Southwestern Kentucky, and access to affordable spay/neuter services is limited.

“I love Missy and want to do what’s best for her, I didn’t have the money for surgery,” says Gayle.

Thanks to a Kentucky Humane Society pilot project called ‘Love 120’, Gayle was able to get Missy spayed and up-to-date on her vaccinations.

Love 120 is a three-year program funded by WaterShed Animal Fund, which provided a $1.2 million grant to help KHS impact rural pets in three targeted areas across the state. The goal is to eventually impact animals in all 120 Kentucky counties.

During the three-year pilot phase, KHS is working intensively with municipal shelters in three communities: Mayfield-Graves County Animal Shelter in Southwestern Kentucky, Kentucky River Regional Animal Shelter in Eastern Kentucky, and Breckinridge County in Central Kentucky.

Thanks to WaterShed Animal Fund, we’ll be taking KHS’ proactive programs and bringing them to rural parts of the state,” explains Kat Rooks, KHS’ new Kentucky Initiatives Director.

In March KHS and the partner shelters had planning sessions. Goals include reducing the number of animals surrendered to rural shelters by providing access to affordable spay/neuter surgeries and wellness services to owned pets; improving shelter conditions by reducing overcrowding and improving health; and helping shelters increase their lifesaving capacity. KHS expects over 8,700 animals will be impacted over the three years.

“The WaterShed Animal Fund is deeply committed to assisting animals in rural American communities. KHS’ Love 120 project is exactly the type of program that has the potential to make a lasting impact in underserved areas,” said Christy Counts, President of the WaterShed Animal Fund.

In March Kat Rooks was named KHS’ Kentucky Initiatives Director, a position created to oversee the Love 120 project and other statewide priorities. Kat has managed our Behavior Department for 11 years. In that time, she implemented progressive, lifesaving programs that allowed KHS to treat over 200 behaviorally compromised dogs each year. She is passionate about outreach and has worked with other shelters across the state to implement low-cost behavior solutions and has presented at state and national conferences.
An Inside Look at the Pet Help Line

by Carley Williamson, KHS intern

Laughter can often be heard coming from the Pet Help Line office. Walk into their space and you will immediately be greeted by smiles and two dogs who are just as friendly. Shelby, Val and Sherri are the first point of contact for overwhelmed pet owners needing help. Shelby came to KHS with a background in social work. Sherri used to be a teacher. Val was determined to become a Pet Help Line Coordinator after the services helped save her cat’s life. Together they share a love for animals and work hard to guide, educate and connect people with resources. Their goal is to keep pets inside the home and out of shelters.

A typical day in the Pet Help Line office is busy. Coordinators speak to an average of 85 people a day and receive over 1,000 calls a month. They answer calls, emails and text messages seven days a week. They are in constant contact with the community, local organizations and KHS departments, like Behavior Training and the S.N.I.P Clinic. To stay organized, the office uses large white boards, decorated with bright colors and animal magnets. They keep a Good Things Wall to share positive outcomes, thank you notes and photos of animals helped.

“I love to see the impact. Helping people lets us help animals. Helping people shows our grantors there is a need and then we get to help even more people and animals,” Shelby says.

Posters hang in the hallway to remind them of where they want to improve. They never stop striving to be better for the people and animals they serve. They list books, webinars, and goals, and check them off as they’re completed.

The Pet Help Line has become so busy and popular thanks to our team’s efforts, they have just hired a fourth person, Carrie. They hope this will allow them to reach even more people in ways they haven’t been able to before.

Moving forward, Val says, “We have more resources than people think, and if KHS can help, we will.”

They urge owners to focus on positives and celebrate small victories when it comes to working with their pets. Most importantly, they say surrender is not the first option.

Sherri asks people to contact the Pet Help Line early, before they feel defeated saying, “If people call us, we can help.”

Banfield Supports Pet Parents

We are thrilled that Banfield Foundation has awarded KHS a grant to support our Pet Help Line, 502-509-4738. The Pet Help Line provides pet owners with free advice seven days a week, as well as access to pet resources.

Banfield Foundation has been supportive of the Pet Help Line since the beginning, says Shelby. “With their help, we look forward to keeping more families together.”

KHS created the Pet Help Line in 2012; that first year, almost 800 calls were answered. Thanks to support from Banfield Foundation and other grantors, KHS has expanded the service, and in 2018, over 13,000 calls were answered by KHS Pet Help Line staff. Learn more about Banfield Foundation at banfield.com/banfield-foundation.”
New Horse Help Line
*Service Helps Owners Keep their Horses*

Are you having trouble keeping your horse? The Kentucky Humane Society wants to help!

Thanks to a $50,000 grant from the ASPCA (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), KHS created a Horse Help Line, 502-495-3881, to field calls from overwhelmed owners and to offer resources to help struggling owners keep their horses.

Thanks to the ASPCA’s support, we can provide temporary assistance to horse owners in crisis, including counseling, veterinary assistance, feed assistance and more, said Shara Wiesenauer, KHS Equine Director. “Our goal is to help keep horses in their homes when that is in the best interest of the horse, and to help owners find safe placement if they are unable to keep their horses.”

The ASPCA Equine Welfare Safety Net Innovation Grant Program inspires new thinking and initiatives to improve equine welfare and expand safety net services for horses.

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Planning Ahead for Your Pets

Ann Leonard cares deeply about her dogs, Jack and Chloe. Both were rescued from local shelters, but Ann doesn’t see it that way. “I’m lucky they picked me,” she says.

A KHS Board and Lifelong Friend member, Ann recently learned about the Pet Guardianship Program and didn’t hesitate to enroll her dogs.

“KHS is a fabulously well-run organization. I have complete confidence they will find the best possible home for Jack and Chloe in the event I am not able to care for them. I wouldn’t trust just anyone with this task! It gives me complete peace of mind knowing an all-important service, like the Pet Guardianship Program, is in place,” she says.

Ann is among a growing number of pet owners making plans in case their animals outlive them or who are worried circumstances may change for a caretaker.

“If you’re worried about who will take care of your pets when you are no longer here to do so, we hope the Pet Guardianship Program will ease your mind,” says Kristin Binkowski, Development Manager for KHS.

The Pet Guardianship Program is available to anyone who sets up a planned gift such as a will or IRA that benefits KHS, and is open to dogs and cats, with a limit of five pets per person.

There is no set dollar amount for an estate or beneficiary gift, but there is an initial enrollment fee of $100 per pet.

Contact Kristin Binkowski at 502-515-3147 or kbinkowski@kyhumane.org to receive a free estate planning packet or more information about our Pet Guardianship Program.

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Make a gift through your will to be a champion for companion animals! Request a free copy of our Lifelong Friends Estate Planning Packet at kbinkowski@kyhumane.org or 502-515-3147.
Summer Camp Fun!

Lifelong Friends Camp is back at our East Campus! Lifelong Friends campers will learn how to be ambassadors for our shelter animals. Camp activities are designed to empower campers to make a difference in their community while having fun with friends two-legged and four-legged! This camp includes:

- Learning about pets and pet responsibility, including training techniques and dog body language;
- Meeting a variety of adoptable pets;
- Being a veterinarian! Performing a mock spay surgery;
- Competing in Guardian Games, designed to promote team building;
- Participating in a service project to benefit the animals of the Kentucky Humane Society.

There are still spaces available! Visit kyhumane.org/camp to register today.

Paw Pillows

Isa has developed an organization called Paw Pillows to help distribute pillows to shelter animals. This 9-year-old set out on a mission to give dogs and cats in animal shelters a "little piece of home" while they wait for their forever homes. Putting her sewing skills to use, Isa began making soft, comfortable fleece beds, stuffing them with a combination of poly-fiber filling and clean, torn cotton shirts. The final product is a bed that is durable, machine washable and dryer friendly! We couldn't be more grateful or proud of this awesome lady. Thank you so much, Isa!

Isa dropped by with some much-needed beds for our shelter animals.
A Special Place for Moms and Puppies

Tina and John Dotson have devoted time and love to care for nursing dogs and puppies who come to our shelter. Last year, they cared for more than 10 mothers and their pups.

They love fostering and have even renovated their home to take in even more nursing moms and puppies. They are devoted to these mothers and little ones.

John explains, “Foster dogs offer so much unconditional love that it is an emotional and mental recharge every day. As humans, we could learn so much from our pets—empathy, loyalty, and, you, even love.”

Tina adds, “It is so rewarding watching these little ones develop their own personalities. I fall in love with each one! They grow, we play, I clean lots of messes. But I love every minute of it. Knowing that I am here for these families and helping them have a good chance at life warms my heart. I wish that I could help so many more.”

We are so grateful to the Dotsons and all those who foster our shelter animals.

Want to Learn More?

Our fosters provide love, socialization, safety and comfort to the animals in their care. The Kentucky Humane Society provides food, medical attention and crates to to support foster parents. Would you like to learn more about the fostering process? Visit kyhumane.org/foster or contact our foster coordinator at foster@kyhumane.org.

Caught in Volunteer Action

Our volunteers braved the cold this past winter to walk and socialize our shelter dogs. Even when it’s chilly, our animals enjoy their socialization time with volunteers like Tracy and Cindy (pictured right) provide that love and socialization to the pets at our Sam Swope Pet TLC.

Interested in volunteering? Visit kyhumane.org/volunteer for more information or email our volunteer manager, volunteer@kyhumane.org.
Happy Tails!

Blaze spent two months at the Kentucky Humane Society looking for the perfect home. After meeting the Youngs, Blaze knew he found his people! They decided to adopt the sweet tabby from our Springhurst Feeders Supply adoption center, and we couldn’t be happier. Congrats, Blaze! 🐾

Happy Tails!

Cupid came to the Kentucky Humane Society with a badly broken leg that required amputation. In addition, the poor pup had scarring that left him blind in one eye. The Adams family saw right past that to the wonderful boy he is inside and adopted him from our Hikes Point Feeders Supply adoption center. Congrats, Cupid! 🐾

Date with a Dog

KHS launched Date with a Dog out of the Sam Swope Pet Retreat on February 22. The Pet Retreat is a rehabilitation center for shelter dogs who need some extra help. Through this program, volunteers can pick up a dog from the Pet Retreat and take them out for an adventure in the park, a stroll through a dog-friendly business or even a relaxing afternoon at home. This program gives dogs a break from the shelter and provides valuable feedback on their behavior in a real-world environment. While it is currently only available to dogs at the Pet Retreat, we will be expanding to adoption locations soon. To be a part of this program, you need to be an active volunteer or foster. Visit kyhumane.org/volunteer to sign up.

Creative Fostering Study

We’d like to thank Maddie’s Fund for sponsoring a nationwide study that looks at the impact of creative fostering of shelter dogs, like Date with a Dog. 🐾

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Check out some of our favorite moments from Date with a Dog!
Waggin’ Trail June 9 at the Water Tower. Help Us Save Companion Animals!

Get ready to have fun and fundraise! Waggin’ Trail Walk and Festival for the Animals, presented by Hill’s Pet Nutrition, is Sunday, June 9, and we want you to sign up and help us raise money for companion animals!

This annual event is one of our largest fundraisers of the year. But it’s so much more! There will be food, drinks and fun for adults, kids and dogs! It’s an opportunity to have fun with like-minded people while helping KHS.

Our fundraising website is support.kyhumane.org/wtrail.

We want to thank our wonderful sponsors for making Waggin’ Trail such an amazing event.

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Dog Day Nights

Once again in 2019, the Louisville Bats will offer three evenings where dogs are welcome to join you in enjoying a baseball game. At these games, dog tickets will be $3, and all proceeds from these tickets go to the Kentucky Humane Society to support our mission! All three Tuesday night games will start at 7 p.m., with a doggie parade prior to the game. Join us May 7, June 11 and August 13 for a great time!
Contact Us

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(502) 515-3145
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Horse Help Line
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