When Disaster Hits

KHS helps animals in hurricane areas
Putting the pieces together
Healing dogs at our Pet Retreat
A horse named Twiggy

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From the Mailbox

Taking It Easy

We adopted Bailey (previously Scrubs) from the East location last Wednesday. To say the least, I think she is settling in comfortably! She is sound asleep in this picture! We love her!

Stephanie Zimmerman

Update on Ziggy

Ziggy the kitten has a loving forever home with myself and her big sister, Chunky Monkey. Ziggy is doing wonderful despite being shot 3 times, once in the head. KHS believed in her and gave her the chance to live. Thank you. She is so precious and very much loved. Also, thank you to Nancy, her foster mom, you allowed me to adopt her, forever happy.

Lisa Szpunar

Fast Friends

I recently adopted a two, now three, month old kitten Bennett and he is doing great! He and my dog, named Roo, have become fast friends!

Maria Laine

Good Therapy

We want to introduce this new man to you. He was adopted from the Kentucky Humane Society and is so sweet. He has the thickest mane and tail we’ve ever seen and beautiful dun markings. We are thrilled to give this guy a new chance and show everyone what he can really do.

Seven Oaks Farm Miniature Therapy Horses

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Dear Friends,

As a supporter of the Kentucky Humane Society, you already know the power of giving. Your donations help us care for and find homes for thousands of dogs, cats and horses each year.

But thanks to a generous donor, now is an especially powerful time to give. Through Dec. 31, 2017, PetFirst Pet Insurance will match donations, dollar for dollar, up to $10,000.

Now is the perfect time to double the impact of your gift to help homeless animals.

Throughout this issue, you’ll meet just a few of the animals who were saved because of your donations:

• Lego, a shepherd mix puppy. During surgery to repair a life-threatening birth defect, Lego’s heart stopped. Our veterinary team not only brought him back to life, they also gave him a fantastic future.

• Twiggy, a horse who had been intentionally starved almost to death. We rescued her, and she’s now well on her way to recovery. After a few more months of rehabilitation, she’ll make someone a wonderful companion horse.

• Tully, who had been abandoned and left to fend for himself for months without human interaction. He was afraid of people – and being abandoned again – until our team at the Sam Swope Pet Retreat helped him learn to trust and love.

• All the animals evacuated from disaster areas who were given shelter, medical care and love. The tireless work of our entire KHS community saved countless lives.

Each of the animals at KHS has his or her own unique story to tell. Many were once loved very much. Some experienced the tragedy of their humans passing away. Others were born unwanted. And still others were abandoned, abused or neglected. For each of our animals, your gift provides hope and help.

To donate, you may return the enclosed envelope, or give online at www.kyhumeane.org. Or you may mail a check to the Kentucky Humane Society, 1000 Lyndon Lane, Louisville KY 40222. To speak to someone about your gift, call Frank at 502-515-3143.

Thank you for being a friend to animals. Your generosity this holiday season will make a great difference in the lives of so many.

With gratitude,

Lori Kane Redmon
President and CEO
On August 27, 2017, Hurricane Harvey hit Texas. The Category 4 storm devastated Houston and many coastal communities. Both people and companion animals were injured and displaced by the storm. Local shelters – many already at capacity before the storm hit – were now faced with hundreds of lost animals, and pets given up by their families after the storms.

These shelters needed support, and the animals needed safety and comfort. We knew we had to act.

Helping Harvey Animals

The Kentucky Humane Society (KHS) took in 7 horses from Houston SPCA and 10 Texas animals from Animal Rescue Corps. It was just the beginning.

To support exhausted shelter workers in the disaster area, KHS deployed four employees to Texas. Transport Driver Jon Crocker, Development Director Alisa Gray, VP of Animal Welfare Karen Koenig and Veterinary Technician Angela Mikesell spent 10 grueling days in Houston caring for animals at an emergency shelter, transporting animals to veterinary appointments, and delivering supplies and food.

“It was emotionally and physically draining work, but we are thrilled we were able to help so many pets and families,” said Alisa.

Irma Evacuees

Just two weeks after Harvey reached Texas, Florida braced for Hurricane Irma. Again, we were asked to help. We agreed to evacuate shelter pets ahead of the storm.

On Sept. 8, Patty Barnes with the KHS Healthy Pets Clinic and Kristin Binkowski with the Development Office drove to Columbus, Ohio, to meet a plane with shelter animals evacuated from West Palm Beach and Ft. Lauderdale. When the plane arrived, KHS took 29 dogs and cats back to Louisville. At 2 a.m., our tired staff arrived at the Sam Swope Pet Treatment & Lifesaving Center on Steedly Drive. Karen, along with Shelter Manager Angie Durgasingh, her husband and son were there to help find a comfortable kennel for each pet.

That same day, Community Relations Manager Frank Hanlon and PR Director Andrea Blair drove a rescue vehicle to Jacksonville, Fla., before the hurricane hit. They arrived at Jacksonville Animal Care & Protection Services at 3 a.m. They spent two hours loading up four dozen animals – mostly large dogs and adult cats – and then our team made the long trip back home. Around 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Frank and Andrea arrived at our main facility. A team of dedicated KHS employees and volunteers were there to walk each dog and find each dog and cat a comfortable place to stay.

A Marathon, Not a Sprint

Animals who made it out of Florida before Irma hit arrive at the Columbus OH airfield before being transported to our intake facility, the Sam Swope Pet TLC on Steedly Drive.
In the days to come, KHS took in more and more displaced animals. Mary Rose Cissell with our Equine CARE team and her husband, Brett, brought back 20 animals from an ASPCA temporary shelter in South Carolina. And Frank and Andrea hit the road again to bring back almost 50 Florida animals from an emergency shelter set up in Atlanta.

Preparing Animals for Adoption

Dr. Emily Bewley and our Shelter Services team worked nonstop preparing each Irma- and Harvey-impacted animal for adoption, as well as the other animals coming through our doors. Each received a medical examination and was spayed or neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped. Some of the animals had special needs, and they required more time before they were ready for adoption.

Our adoptions staff cared for each of the animals, got to know them, and helped them find loving, permanent homes. Everyone at KHS took on additional responsibilities so we could help these displaced pets. We are grateful for their cheerful willingness to take on each new challenge.

Community Helps by Adopting

With so many animals in our care, we needed compassionate people to choose to adopt. With support from BISSELL Pet Foundation, KHS waived adoption fees for any animals coming from hurricane-impacted areas. The response was overwhelming! We are so happy to see that so many evacuated pets have found loving, permanent homes. We are thrilled to be part of such a compassionate community!
Lego, a 10-week-old shepherd puppy from Eastern Kentucky came to the Kentucky Humane Society with his siblings in June. The tiny pup was half the size of his siblings. While his brothers and sisters romped and played, poor Lego seemed unable to move. It took all of this tiny pup’s energy just to breathe.

Our team was unsure if the little puppy with soulful eyes would make it, but they were determined to give it their best. Our veterinarian, Dr. Bewley, suspected a heart defect. She ordered an x-ray and what she saw on the screen shocked her.

His organs were pushing up into his lungs and heart. There was a hole in his diaphragm. Dr. Bewley knew she needed to repair this hole immediately or he wouldn’t survive.

While he was on the operating table, Lego’s heart stopped. Our staff performed CPR to bring him back to life. The vet team gently breathed for him through a tube, filling his tiny lungs up with air.

Miraculously, his heart began to beat again. While our team cried with relief, they knew that Lego’s fight was far from over. Lego required round-the-clock care. For the first few days, it was touch and go. But Lego was stronger than he looked.

With the comprehensive care he received from our team, he began to grow. Each night he went home with one of the veterinary team, and each day he came to work with them.

After months of caring for Lego, Dr. Bewley’s family realized they couldn’t imagine life without him and voted unanimously to keep Lego forever.

Today, Lego is an adorable, energetic and happy puppy. He sleeps each night next to the person who saved his life. Of course, Dr. Bewley couldn’t have done it without the support of amazing people like you. Thank you.

Because of You...

From life-threatening illness to disasters, your support of the Kentucky Humane Society allowed us to meet these crises head-on. Without your help, we would not have had the resources to take in and care for so many animals in need. Without your help, we would not have the resources to care for suffering pets like Lego. We want to be prepared for any animal emergency: from a hurricane on the coast to a tornado in our back yard. You can help us be prepared.

Please make a gift today. Your gift will provide lifesaving care to animals who’ve suffered for too long. They deserve safety and humane care. Supporters like you can make sure they get the lives – and the love – they deserve.

Donations are gratefully accepted at kyhumane.org/donate or via mail at Kentucky Humane Society, 1000 Lyndon Lane, Louisville KY 40222.

Thank you for caring about animals. And thank you for supporting us. 😊
Adoption Event Makes Room for Evacuees

Thanks to a gift from Bayer and the support of Feeders Supply, the Kentucky Humane Society held the Keep Louisville Furry Tent Adoption Event on Sept. 9 at the Springhurst Feeders Supply. We found homes for over 60 animals at this event, making room for our first hurricane evacuees.

“The timing worked beautifully. We had around 60 animals coming in, in front of Hurricane Irma over the weekend, and the adoption special helped make room for those who needed to be evacuated,” says Shelter Operations Director Robin Vincent.

We so appreciate the support of Bayer during this event, and we are very grateful for our partnership with Feeders Supply.

BISELL Empty the Shelters Offers Hurricane Relief

On Sept. 23, 86 dogs and cats were adopted from the Kentucky Humane Society during BISSELL Pet Foundation’s EMPTY THE SHELTERS Hurricane Relief initiative.

This included 30 animals from hurricane-impacted areas. By the end of the evening, just 2 dogs and 14 cats remained in KHS’ 10 adoption centers.

Before the EMPTY THE SHELTERS event on Sept. 23, BISSELL Inc. paid adoption fees for any KHS pets impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Harvey from Sept. 13-22. During this time, 98 hurricane-impacted pets were adopted from KHS. Since Sept. 9, KHS had taken in over 250 dogs and cats and 7 horses who were in Texas or Florida shelters before the storms hit. The goal was to help relieve overcrowding and to make room for animals lost or surrendered because of the storms.

We want to thank all those who adopted, and BISSELL Pet Foundation for making this adoption special a great success.

Disaster Funds Aid Our Efforts

We would like to thank Banfield Foundation and PEDIGREE Foundation for their support of the Kentucky Humane Society during the recent disasters. Their contributions supported our transports and care for the injured and the frightened animals coming from Texas and Florida, allowing us to care for the most fragile pets. Thank you.

Grey Muzzle Supports Senior Dog Evacuees

The Grey Muzzle Organization provided medical funds for some of the most vulnerable pets evacuated to the Kentucky Humane Society: senior dogs. With their support, KHS provided medical treatment for dogs like Harold, a senior mastiff mix who was heartworm positive. Harold is in a foster-to-adopt home, and KHS will pay for his treatment until he is heartworm negative thanks to The Grey Muzzle Organization.
Introducing a New Cat to the Household

by Sherri Williams, Pet Help Line Coordinator

After you have had a faithful companion for a while, you may think it’s time to adopt a new companion. After all, your resident dog or cat may want a friend. However, it takes time for the original pet to get used to a new pet.

Adding a new cat means adding extra resources. The first thing that you will want to do is make a quick checklist and ask yourself these basic questions:

- Do I have space for multiple (uncovered) litter boxes? Cats typically need one litter box each, plus one. So, a home with two cats will ideally need three litter boxes.

- Do I have multiple feeding stations? Food and water is just as important. An animal who feels threatened is not going to feel comfortable eating from another’s food dish.

- Do I have plenty of surface levels? Cats love and need to have varying heights as places of territory. Even if you have a small apartment or house, provide both horizontal and vertical space for your cats. It is going to make them feel a lot safer. Cat trees are very popular, but you can also include something as simple as a nearby shelf, a pop up cat tunnel, cardboard boxes, etc.

- Do I know the other common ways to aid in a cat’s anxiety? If your new cat appears stressed or anxious, you can try using what is called interactive play, which uses the play-hunt-eat cycle that cats naturally experience in the wild. (See Paw Street Journal Spring 2017 for more on interactive play.) Products like Feliway plug into an outlet and emit pheromones much like those cats produce in the scent glands on their cheeks. You can also use those pheromones by taking a sock and rubbing the cat’s cheek, then rubbing that scent along surfaces around the house.

Introducing Your Pets

Once you bring in your new cat, separate and introduce them slowly. Cats take a longer time to adjust than a dog typically would. Start with your new cat in a separate room where they can have a litter box of their own, food, water, etc. Let them live in this room for about a week. This will allow the current cat to approach the door and get used to the other cat’s scent. You may also want to give each cat a towel or blanket to sleep on and exchange these once they have the cat’s scent, to further help them become familiar with each other’s smells.

After this, start the basic introduction process by allowing limited contact. You can do this by opening the door and putting up a baby gate so the cats can meet each other, or by allowing monitored interactions for small amounts of time.

Never push it, even if it is going well. A short greeting that ends on a good note is going to go much further than an hour-long one that ends with a fight. If introductions go well, slowly over the next week increase their time together little by little, always supervised. Continue to move forward until they are both out in the open with each other without incident. If something goes wrong, backtrack a few steps to where they are comfortable, and try again.

Ask the Experts

Got a pet-related question? Call or text our Pet Help Line to receive free advice and connect to local pet resources, (502) 509-4PET or visit kyhumane.org/help. Our Pet Help Line is made possible by grants from PetSmart Charities, Inc. and the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). The Pet Help Line is designed to help keep pets in their homes and out of shelters by giving owners the tools they need to have healthy relationships with their pets.
Healing Dogs at Our Retreat

Pancho has some trouble with calming down. Siracha doesn’t know the best ways to play with people. Emilio gets upset when he sees another dog. These are just a few of the dogs treated at our Sam Swope Pet Retreat, where shelter dogs with behavioral challenges find new ways to interact with people and other animals.

“The Sam Swope Pet Retreat works because the behavior team has control of every interaction the dog has,” explains Behavior Manager Kat Rooks. “Because we handle everything from walks and behavior sessions to feeding and cleaning, we can do so in a way that most benefits the individual dog and prepares them for adoption.”

The peaceful setting in Jeffersontown has been enormously beneficial to shy and fearful dogs, who find the noise and energy of a traditional shelter difficult to process. Other dogs benefit from working one-on-one with a particular staff member.

While the Pet Retreat is a great place for animals to adjust, the Kentucky Humane Society is looking at other ways to help all animals put their best paw forward when meeting potential adopters.

We are starting a research project in conjunction with the University of Louisville to study the effectiveness of in-shelter training.

“We are always working to learn ways to improve the quality of care,” explains Rooks. “The Pet Retreat is a fantastic resource, but we can always find new and additional methods to support all the animals who come into the shelter.”

Tully’s Transformation

Tully came to the Sam Swope Pet Retreat through a transfer partnership with Animal Rescue Corps after being found on an abandoned property. He had been abandoned for months without human interaction. He was terrified of people and panicked when presented with a leash.

When Tully arrived at the Pet Retreat, his fear and panic were still evident. The behavior team began a slow process of allowing Tully to interact with dogs who were great with both dogs and people while the staff maintained a comfortable distance.

As time progressed, Tully began coming to the staff first for treats, then for attention. The team slowly helped Tully overcome his fear of the leash and before long, he was enjoying long, relaxing walks around the Pet Retreat property.

Tully has since been adopted to a wonderful couple with a dog who is Tully’s new best friend. They fully understand that a dog with his history will always be a bit cautious in new settings but recognize him for the sweet, lovable, playful dog who was buried under all the fear.
**Successful Dog Days**

The Kentucky Humane Society held its last Dog Day at the Park of the season at Slugger Field on August 29. This was the third day for 2017.

Through the Dog Days promotion, The Louisville Bats and Slugger Field donated $3,324 to the Kentucky Humane Society. We want to thank everyone in attendance, the Louisville Bats and Slugger Field for making this such a successful fundraiser! 🐾

**Yappy Hour**

On Sept. 29, Apocalypse Brew Works held its annual Yappy Hour, a great event where people can sample a variety of brews with their pups. A portion of the proceeds went to the Kentucky Humane Society.

We want to thank Apocalypse and brewers from ABW and the LAGERS Homebrew Club. 🐾

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**Picture Your Pets with Santa**

For the 30th year in a row, Santa Claus and over 600 volunteers will take time to help local homeless animals.

The annual Picture Your Pets with Santa at all Feeders Supply stores will be held the first two weekends in December on Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Event proceeds benefit five animal welfare organizations, including KHS.

“Picture Your Pets with Santa is the largest pets with Santa photo event in the region,” says Alisa Gray, KHS Development Director. “We expect over 4,000 families to participate.”

December 2-3 and 9-10 pet owners can get professional holiday portraits and gift items of their family members and help local homeless animals at the same time. Last year’s event brought in more than $100,000 for local animal welfare agencies.

Photos are offered in various packages, starting at $12. Gift items featuring the pet’s photo, including ornaments, mugs and key chains are also available, starting at $14.

This year’s event is sponsored Park Community Credit Union. 🐾
A Horse Named Twiggy

In July our Equine C.A.R.E. team received a call from a municipal shelter about a severely emaciated horse wandering in a field. They didn’t have the resources to help and needed our assistance.

We rushed to this remote spot and found the thinnest horse we had ever seen. She was close to death, and we weren’t sure she would even survive the ride in the trailer to the veterinarian.

The vet took one look and was surprised she could even stand. He gave her a 1 out of 9 on the Body Condition Score and immediately started her on fluids, supplements, and antibiotics—if he had given actual food to a horse so emaciated, she would have died.

We wondered how this gentle horse came to be in such a desperate condition. An abandoned horse would have foraged for food, so she would have been in better health. This horse had to have been purposely starved by her owner and then left to die. While we could not understand how anyone could do this, we knew we had to do everything in our power to help her.

For the first few weeks, the horse’s life hung in the balance. “Every day we visited the animal hospital, expecting to learn that she had passed,” says KHS President and CEO Lori Redmon, “But instead she grew stronger.”

Once we knew that our new friend was going to survive, we named her Twiggy, after the famous 1960s fashion model. She began to grow healthy, and her body weight improved.

Twiggy is now well on the road to recovery. She is sweet as can be … loves people … and plays with other horses. She still has a long way to go. She’s still too thin for a saddle, so we can’t yet test her for riding.

She still has to become much stronger before she can be put up for adoption, but we are now confident she will survive and become a healthy, happy horse.

Equine C.A.R.E.

Twiggy is just one of dozens of horses we’ve helped in the last year. Learn more about our program by following us on facebook, or by visiting kyhumane.org/horses.

Happy Adoption Day!
The Kentucky Humane Society would like to thank the following donors for their generous contributions between July 1, 2017 and Sept. 30, 2017.

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One-year-old LoMein came to the Kentucky Humane Society with three tiny kittens. Her kittens are adopted, and this sweet cuddle bug is waiting for you at our East Campulsion.
Six-year-old Sissy came to the Kentucky Humane Society from an overcrowded shelter. Now this sweet, loving Boxer mix is waiting for you at our adoption center in the Fern Creek Feeders Supply.

The S.N.I.P. Clinic team hit a milestone this week: they performed their 100,000th spay/neuter surgery since opening in 2007! Sleepy Teddy, a seven-month-old Pomeranian mix is waiting for you at our adoption center in the Fern Creek Feeders Supply.

Congratulations to our amazing, hardworking S.N.I.P. Clinic staff, and a huge thanks to all the owners who spay or neuter their animals. You are truly saving lives!
Meet our volunteer of the quarter, Kay Williams-Krueger! Growing up in rural Missouri, Kay and her family always had animals. Her father was an avid hunter who raised Plott Hounds and her mother loved taking Kay to the local shelter every summer when she’d visit. After her mother passed away in 2014, Kay decided to honor her memory by becoming a volunteer for the Kentucky Humane Society.

Kay volunteers in the KHS photography program where she plays the important role of Photography Assistant. As the photography assistant, Kay retrieves the dogs and cats from their kennels, brings them to the photography room, helps dress the animals for their photo shoot and then uses a variety of toys to get the animals to look at the camera.

“We really want these animals to look adorable for their website photo, and we try to bring their personality out in their photos. We want people to look at the photos and say, ‘Oooo, I want that one!’ It really increases their adoption potential. Sometimes it can be very challenging, but it is always rewarding!”

While Kay spends most of her time volunteering as a photography assistant, she also helps out other departments when things get hectic at the shelter. During busy times, Kay has been known to walk dogs, wash and fold laundry, clean kennels and has even volunteered at our St. Matthews adoption site. She says that working with the animals is therapeutic and she has met so many kind and compassionate people through her volunteering.

“If you’re considering becoming a volunteer, my advice is to do it! The animals really need you and there’s so much you can do to enrich their lives while they’re waiting to be adopted. If you love animals, are a team player and have a few hours a week or even once a month to give, become a volunteer.”

When Kay isn’t volunteering, she works full time throughout the school year as a kindergarten assistant. She is also active in her church, loves traveling and attending concerts and plays with her husband. Kay currently has two cats that she adopted from KHS, Mabel and Mimi, and one dog, Moe, who she adopted from Louisville Metro Animal House.

Love animals and want to give back? Volunteer at the Kentucky Humane Society! Photo volunteers help us by photographing our pets, helping them show interested adopters their personality and beauty through photos. Interested in learning more? Visit our website, kyhumane.org/volunteer or email volunteer@kyhumane.org.
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Saturdays
December 2 & 9 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Sundays
December 3 & 10 (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

at all Feeders Supply locations

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Photo packages starting at $12 and gift items starting at only $14.

Your pet’s participation can bring holiday joy to homeless animals this season.