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From the Mailbox

A P.R.O.U.D. Dog Lives Here

We met Buddy (P.R.O.U.D. graduate) on Friday and fell in love. He was so happy he practically crawled into our laps, not an easy task with a 70+ pound dog. We returned on Saturday and were leaving with him within an hour. We could not be happier. He still has some training to work on but is responding great, even to the kids. This photo shows his first day home. We figured we would burn off some of that kennel energy by taking a walk down by the river. Thank you, Kentucky Humane Society!

Kyle Cooper and Katie Cooper

Monster Mac

This is Mac. We renamed him Monster Mac because he is very hyper and playful. We adopted him in March. The photo shows him all tuckered out and snuggled up sleeping after a long day of play. I’m so glad we were able to adopt him into our family. Thanks, Kentucky Humane Society.

Stephen Foster

St Patrick’s Day Fun

Jack (P.R.O.U.D. graduate) and I both had a wonderful time walking in the St. Patrick’s parade in March. Thanks for letting us join in. He was sure happy to see the people who took care of him while he was at the Kentucky Humane Society.

Joey Robinson

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Dear friends,

As supporters of the Kentucky Humane Society, you may already know that KHS is often at the forefront of introducing new initiatives to help pets in need. Thanks to your donations and continued support, KHS is a regional and national leader in terms of adoptions and proactive programs that help keep pets in their original homes and out of shelters.

One of our most recent initiatives is Cats Around Town (CAT). We created this off-site adoption program to help re-home adult cats outside the typical shelter environment. Local, cat-loving businesses can sign up to host adoptable cats in “cat condos” in their lobbies or other public spaces. By placing cats in unexpected locations like boutiques, bookstores, garden supply centers, auto supply stores or veterinary clinics, we can increase each cat’s exposure to potential adopters and allow us to care for more homeless cats than would be possible in our permanent adoption sites. Any business with “foot” traffic can qualify as a CAT host.

Business owners who sign up to be CAT hosts agree to care for the cats and provide socialization and enrichment. KHS brings them the cat condo and cat, along with all the necessary supplies, including food, litter, bedding and toys. If a customer is interested in adopting a cat, the business provides them with a KHS adoption form, which is faxed or emailed to our Main Campus. A KHS adoption counselor then completes the adoption process over the phone. Qualified adopters can then take their new family member home.

This innovative program allows KHS to take in more homeless cats, increasing the number of pets we can help. This program also increases visibility for our cats by placing them in unique locations and exposing them to new opportunities.

CAT is a great way for business owners and employees to become involved with KHS and to have a direct role in matchmaking and adoptions. Employees become excited when “their” cat finds the perfect new home, as they know they helped a homeless cat find their forever companion.

If you are a Louisville-area business owner or an employee of a cat-friendly business, consider becoming a CAT host. Not only will your coworkers and clients enjoy meeting adoptable cats in unexpected places, but you’ll have a direct role in helping homeless cats find their forever homes.

To learn more about this new program, please contact Customer Care Manager Angie Durgasingh at customercaremanager@kyhumane.org or (502) 515-3137.

Proactive programs like CAT are made possible by donations. Thanks to your continued support, KHS is constantly innovating, introducing new programs designed to save and improve the lives of companion animals. Thank you for partnering with us in our lifesaving mission.

Sincerely,

Lori Kane Redmon
President and CEO

By the Numbers
(January 1 – March 31, 2014)

1,510
homeless pets found homes Jan. 1 – March 31, 2014. Of those, 413 were felines and 1,097 were canines.

2,310
pets were spayed or neutered at our high-quality, donor-supported S.N.I.P. Clinic. Since opening in 2007, the clinic has altered more than 65,000 cats and dogs from Louisville and surrounding counties.

Our Mission
KHS advocates the humane treatment of companion animals through leadership and proactive solutions to pet overpopulation, including adoptions, education and spay/neuter efforts.

On the Cover
Over 40 animals were rescued from a Nancy, Ky., puppy mill in January this year and welcomed into our shelter. Front cover photo courtesy of the ASPCA.

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A lone dog, chained to a tire, cold, scared and covered in motor oil, watched tiredly as the vans pulled up. She was cautious, hiding beneath an old truck, trying to make herself small. She didn’t trust people. She didn’t trust people at all. This girl didn’t know it then, but the people coming in the vans were coming to give her the help and love that she had never had before.

Betty was one of over 40 dogs and two cats the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) and the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS) pulled from a puppy mill in Nancy, Ky.

After numerous complaints and an undercover video from the Humane Society of the United States, the Pulaski County Sherriff’s Office and Pulaski County Attorney’s Office knew they had enough to charge Dennis Bradley, the owner of Dream Catcher Kennels, with cruelty to animals in the second degree.

But what would they do with the animals at the kennel? They did not have the space or the resources to house the animals, much less give them the care they needed.

The ASPCA agreed to take the animals, and the owner surrendered them to the ASPCA’s care in a plea agreement brought about by the County Attorney’s office. The ASPCA, in turn, asked KHS to help in the animals’ removal and care as the ASPCA evaluated and prepared these animals for a new life.

The dogs—ranging from Chihuahuas to bloodhounds—were living in filthy, deplorable conditions. Many had untreated medical issues and were found living with little or no shelter in below-freezing temperatures.

While disgusted by the conditions, this was not the first time members of the ASPCA or KHS teams had seen animals treated in this way.

“People who run facilities like this are interested in making a profit, not in the well-being of the animals,” said Kathryn Destreza, director of investigations for ASPCA Field Investigations and Response.

“As is true for most puppy mill dogs, these dogs appear to have gone most of their lives without basic necessities or much exposure to humans. We will give these dogs much-needed medical treatment and place them quickly into new homes where they can learn what it means to be a pet.”
KHS staff worked with the ASPCA throughout the process, from the removal and transport of the animals from Pulaski County, Ky., to Louisville, to the care during evaluations.

Preparing the Dogs for Their New Lives

Once evaluations were complete, 27 dogs and the two cats entered the Kentucky Humane Society’s shelter. The remaining dogs were sent to the Columbus (Ohio) Humane Society for adoption or went to the ASPCA’s Behavioral Rehabilitation Center in New Jersey for intensive care.

Those animals who remained under our care were prepared for the adoption floor. Socialization continued, and our staff rejoiced in seeing the dogs and cats come to life through our work.

While there are many challenges to socializing a puppy mill dog, the rewards are great. We have many success stories. Dogs unable to tolerate human touch learned to enjoy the feel of a hand on their fur. Dogs who were entirely shut down are now happy, joyful pets.

By April, all of the puppy mill dogs under KHS’ care found loving, permanent homes, including Betty. Both cats found homes as well.

“The love, patience and generosity of our community in the face of these animals’ heartbreaking situation were a joy to see,” said KHS President and CEO Lori Redmon. “We are fortunate to have so many compassionate people in the area.”

The Kentucky Humane Society was proud to partner with the ASPCA to remove these animals from intolerable conditions. And we thank those who adopted or donated to support all our pets in need.

We Still Need Your Help

While the excitement of the puppy mill rescue has calmed, the flow of animals into our shelter continues. Many animals we receive have suffered in situations similar to the puppy mill dogs. These shelter pets need your help to begin new lives. We need adopters; we need volunteers; and we need donations. We need you to help us make an impact on the lives of the pets who come through our door every day. Can you help?

Please donate to the Kentucky Humane Society. You can use the enclosed envelope or make a donation online at kyhumane.org/donate. To talk to someone about making a gift, call Laura at (502) 515-3144.
Care and Compassion

Summer Camps at KHS help children connect to pets

Each summer, the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS) offers fun, pet-focused camps for children and teens. Camps this year are Lifelong Friends for ages 6-12, Animal Advocates for ages 12-16, and our newest camp, Kids & Canines for ages 6-12.

Kids & Canines

This new camp will let children take their dogs to camp with them! Dogs must pass a behavior evaluation prior to camp and be spayed/neutered and current on vaccinations.

Designed to strengthen the bond between children and their pets, Kids & Canines Camp teaches children the many facets of proper pet care—and a few training tricks, too. Children can connect with family pets and shelter pets. As a part of this camp, children will experience specific training techniques to use on a current or future pet; discover how proper grooming helps keep pets healthy; play games designed to help children understand dog behavior; and create toys and treats for their pet.

Kids & Canines Camp is held at the East Campus, 1000 Lyndon Lane. The weeklong camps begin every Monday of the summer.

Lifelong Friends

Lifelong Friends Camp is our oldest and most popular camp. Campers learn to be animal ambassadors, while making new friends—two- and four-legged. Activities empower campers to make a difference for companion animals. Campers learn to help our furry friends by making toys and treats for them; bathing and brushing adoptable pets; taking a behind-the-scenes tour to see our lifesaving mission in action; and playing with dozens of adoptable puppies, cats and kittens. Lifelong Friends is an exciting shelter-focused camp that includes animal-related crafts, games and guest speakers.

This camp is held at our Main Campus, 241 Steedly Drive. The weeklong camps begin on Mondays during the summer.

Animal Advocates

Animal Advocates Camp is designed for teenagers who have a sincere passion for animals and want hands-on experience with our shelter while learning about animal welfare issues and careers. Along with caring for shelter animals, campers get an in-depth behind-the-scenes tour of the shelter; meet behavior trainers, animal welfare experts and veterinarians; explore animal welfare issues, including puppy mills and dog fighting; and take a field trip to the KHS S.N.I.P. Clinic to view spay/neuter surgeries.

The camp is limited to two sessions in the summer, and children must submit an essay to be approved for the program. Animal Advocates Camp is held at our Main Campus, 241 Steedly Drive.

For more information or to register your child or teen for any of our camps, visit kyhumane.org/camps or contact Humane Education Manager Valerie Merrifield at (502) 515-3149 or education@kyhumane.org.
Fostering Growth and Healing

After a long, harsh winter… spring is finally in the air! And with spring, the staff at the Kentucky Humane Society knows that kittens soon follow.

“Spring is the start of ‘kitten season,’ the time of year when the majority of kittens are born,” explains Kristin Seaman, KHS animal care manager. “We usually see hundreds of tiny kittens needing our care starting in early spring through the summer months.”

To gear up for all these little ones, KHS held a Kitten Shower in mid-March to collect items needed to foster kittens. Kitten supporters by the dozens came out to donate much-needed items such as KMR (kitten milk replacer), bottles, heating pads, soft food, litter and toys. In all, more than $1,000 worth of supplies was donated, enough to care for 15 litters of kittens. Shower attendees also learned the ins and outs of foster care from people who live it on a regular basis.

The supplies will be used by KHS foster caregivers, who provide loving, temporary homes. Some kittens need just a few weeks in a home to be socialized and grow, while others need round-the-clock feeding and care. KHS foster caregivers work tirelessly to provide loving homes for these kittens while they grow old enough to be spayed or neutered and then adopted.

What is Foster Care?
Each year KHS takes in more than 1,000 pets who need a little time in a home before they can be adopted. Typically pets need temporary homes because they are too young to be spayed/neutered and adopted, or they are recovering from illness, injury or surgery.

Foster caregivers help KHS “expand our shelter walls” by providing a temporary home to these needy animals. They are also the animal’s biggest cheerleaders! Many foster families help find loving homes for the animals in their care.

We Need You
KHS is always looking for more foster caregivers. Caregivers choose when and who they foster. Some foster one litter a year. Others always have a foster pet at home. We are grateful to each and every foster caregiver working with us.

If you have an unaltered pet at home or know someone who does, visit www.kyhumane.org/snip or call (502) 636-FIX1 to schedule an appointment.

The Solution: Spay and Neuter
As cute as kittens are, our region has a cat overpopulation problem. To help, KHS provides low-cost spay/neuter surgeries at our donor-supported S.N.I.P. Clinic. In 2013 the clinic spayed or neutered almost 6,200 cats and 4,200 dogs. These surgeries help end suffering by ensuring fewer unwanted pets are born.

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For Pittie’s Sake

S.N.I.P. Clinic offers free spay/neuter

Nationally, pit bull terriers and pit mixes make up approximately 25% of all dogs in animal shelters.

“Pit bulls are terribly misunderstood,” says Susan Oppel, KHS shelter director. “These dogs are just like every other dog: they need love, consistency and positive training. Sadly, some people are breeding them for the wrong reasons, and shelters across the country are overwhelmed.”

To address the local pit bull terrier overpopulation, the Kentucky Humane Society’s S.N.I.P. Clinic offers free spay/neuter surgeries for pit bulls and pit mixes. And to spread the word, KHS recently launched an advertising campaign, “Love the Breed? Do the Deed.” The campaign encourages people to spay or neuter their pit bull terriers.

The free surgeries are made possible by grant monies from the ASPCA® (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) and donations from concerned citizens who appreciate the breed. The S.N.I.P. Clinic has enough funding to spay or neuter more than 900 pit bull terriers this year at no charge to their owners.

“We know that spaying and neutering is the best way to end pet homelessness and suffering,” says S.N.I.P. Clinic Director Karen Koenig. “Since our clinic opened in 2007, we have altered more than 65,000 local cats and dogs. This has helped lead to a 38% decrease in the number of pets surrendered to Louisville’s shelters.”

Owners can visit kyhumane.org/snip or call (502) 636-FIX1 to learn more about this free service.

Working Cats Earn Big Dividends

Lucy is a beautiful cat. Her markings are lovely, and her coat shines. She is healthy, happy and loves people. The problem? Lucy refuses to use a litter box. Nothing we tried at the shelter made a difference. No health reasons were discovered. She simply didn’t use a litter box.

A few years ago, Lucy’s outlook would have been bleak. Who would want to bring a cat who never uses a litter box into their home?

But what about their barn?

With this idea in mind, in 2011 KHS created our lifesaving Working Cats Program. We find adopters who have suitable shelter for cats—such as horse barns, garden sheds and garages. Cats in this program have behavior issues that make them unsuitable for home adoption. Some don’t use the litter box, others are unsocialized to humans. Some are friendly, and some are shy.

Kentucky Humane Society has many healthy cats like Lucy who would love to be put to work. All cats are spayed/neutered, microchipped and vaccinated. You only need to provide daily food and water, protection from the elements and long-term care. After a short period of secure confinement, the cats should accept their new home.

If you have a barn, warehouse or shed, consider adopting a Working Cat.

Learn more about our working cat program at kyhumane.org/adoptions/working-cats.
Have you joined Waggin’ Trail yet? It’s not too late to sign up, form a team and raise money for homeless dogs and cats at KHS! Sign up at kyhumane.org/wtrail.

The 20th annual Waggin’ Trail Walk for the Animals, presented by Hill’s Pet Nutrition, will be held Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at a new location—the Egg Lawn in Beckley Park at The Parklands of Floyds Fork.

The Parklands at Floyds Fork offer some of the most beautiful and varied trails in the area, and Waggin’ Trail participants will be able to choose from a number of walks. Built by 21st Century Parks, The Parklands is one of the nation’s largest and most exciting metropolitan parks projects. KHS is pleased to partner with this park system for this year’s walk.

Once you’ve finished with your walk (or instead of walking) join us for pet-focused booths, food, music, games and fun for you and your four-legged friends. We will also announce the team and individual who raised the most money for the walk.

Waggin’ Trail is one of KHS’ biggest fundraisers of the year, and your participation helps ensure we can continue our lifesaving mission. Because of fundraisers like this, we can serve thousands of homeless pets each year. In 2013, KHS set a record by finding homes for more than 6,300 pets. We also educated more than 5,000 children about responsible pet ownership, and spayed or neutered more than 10,000 local cats and dogs at our donor-supported S.N.I.P. Clinic.

All donations, large and small, make a big difference to the animals in our shelter. Consider that:

- $50 provides one day’s worth of food and water to 25 pets in our care
- $100 provides supplies for 10 surgeries in our donor-supported S.N.I.P. Clinic
- $250 provides a medical exam, vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery and micro-chip for an adoptable pet
- $500 pays for one heartworm positive dog to receive medication
- $1,000 pays the bills to rehabilitate an abused or neglected cat or dog

We look forward to seeing you at Waggin’ Trail, and we thank you in advance for helping us raise money for our lifesaving mission!

The 2014 Waggin’ Trail is presented by Hill’s Pet Nutrition. The Gold Sponsors are Feeders Supply and Park Community Credit Union.

Media sponsors are The Courier-Journal, WDRB and WXMA 102.3 the Max. Other event sponsors include Raising Canes and The Ramsey’s.

Top: Waggin’ Trail is fun for all ages and species.
Middle: We will have our tie-dye booth again this year.
Bottom: KHS Photography Volunteer Sharon Matisoff will have a booth with her gorgeous paintings of dogs and cats at Waggin’ Trail. One half of every purchase will go to the Kentucky Humane Society. Sharon can also create custom paintings of owned pets.
To Declaw or Not

By Katy McClellan, Pet Help Line Coordinator

Question
I have a cat who scratches my couch. Some of my friends have suggested declawing her, but I’m not so sure. Help!

Answer
Declawing. Say that word to a group of cat owners, and you will get multiple reactions. Everything from “Absolutely do it!” to “Never. It’s inhumane!” So what is declawing, and why is it controversial? Why does it seem okay for some owners and others are so set against it? Understanding cats and the purpose of their claws helps answer these questions.

What is declawing?
Declawing is the removal of the claw in the cat’s paw. However, it is not simply removing the claw but removing the bone the claw is attached to. The equivalent of declawing in humans would be removing the first digit of your fingers so you never have to clip your fingernails again. Declawing is done surgically at a veterinarian’s office. Declawing causes the cat to walk differently, and declawed cats can have pain long after they are healed from surgery (think phantom limb pain in amputees), which can lead to litter box issues, biting and early arthritis.

At the Kentucky Humane Society, we believe in exhausting all other alternatives rather than declawing a cat. The pain, potential long-term health issues and potential biting behavior are all reasons to attempt other solutions.

Why do cats have claws?
Understanding why cats have claws and what they use them for may help shed light on why your cat wants to scratch at your new leather sofa. Cat’s claws are for more than just scratching. Claws are defense mechanisms against predators, help cats catch prey and are used for scent marking. Cats need to scratch, and removing the claws will not stop the scratching behavior, just the effect of scratching in the wrong place with unclipped nails. Cats who lose the ability to scratch for protection will often resort to biting, and a cat bite can be much more dangerous than a cat scratch.

Living in harmony with a clawed cat
If your cat is causing damage to you, your furniture or your other pets because of inappropriate scratching, there are many things you can do to help your cat keep his claws and you keep your cat.

1. Trim his nails. Use treats to make your cat associate nail trimming with treats so it is a positive experience.
2. Provide lots of alternate scratching places in appropriate places. A good scratching post allows the cat to fully extend his arms and scratch above his head. Scratching posts can be vertical or horizontal and come in all sorts of designs. Put the post next to the inappropriate scratching place and reward your cat for choosing the right spot.
3. Invest in kitty nail caps. Nail caps are available at feeders Supply and other pet supply stores. These caps are glued to the cat’s nail and help prevent damage when scratching. They need to be replaced as your cat’s nails grow, but just like nail trimmings, your cat can learn to tolerate and even enjoy her monthly “pedicures.”

These tips are just the start of solving a basic clawing issue or preventing one from starting. For additional tips and advice, please call the Kentucky Humane Society’s Pet Help Line at (502) 509-4PET or visit kyhumane.org/help.

Ask the Experts
Got a pet-related question? Call our Pet Help Line to receive free advice and to connect to local pet resources, (502) 509-4PET or visit kyhumane.org/help. The Kentucky Humane Society’s Pet Help Line is made possible by grants from the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) and the Banfield Charitable Trust. The Pet Help Line is designed to help keep pets in their homes and out of shelters by giving pet owners the tools they need to have healthy relationships with their pets.
March 15 was a beautiful day for a parade, and our volunteers came out to celebrate at the annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade along Bardstown Road in Louisville. There were over 150 groups in attendance, including the Kentucky Humane Society. Our dogs proved themselves both popular and well-behaved.

Our thanks go out to everyone who walked with us and demonstrated what wonderful pets we have here at KHS!

Warm weather was great for walking

Kathie Renck and Sherilea Nichols preparing for the Parade

Luck of the Irish

This year’s Spring Pet Portrait event grossed $4,500 for KHS.

Spring Pet Portraits

On April 5, Feeders Supply provided a new spring opportunity to have a professional portrait taken of your pet. A limited number of locations held the event to gauge interest. And, as is the case with Picture Your Pets with Santa, proceeds from the event went to local animal welfare organizations, including KHS.

We found that there was a definite interest in the spring portrait sessions and are pleased to report that KHS grossed $4,500 from the event. We want to thank those of you who came out to get your new pet portrait, and we thank Feeders Supply for opening their doors to us and allowing us to run this successful event.

Kibble Club

Kibble Club is a great way to eat good food and support KHS. Tumbleweed will host Kibble Clubs May 13 at the Bashford Manor location and June 16 at the Waterfront, both in Louisville. Come for the food and fun, and stay to make a difference. Print out the flier or show it on your phone and Tumbleweed will donate a portion of your bill to KHS, kyhumane.org/kibble-club.

We’d like to recognize the Village Anchor for hosting Kibble Club three times in the past 12 months. We so appreciate your concern for the animals.

Dog Day June 17

The first Dog Day at the Park was held April 22. Thanks to the Louisville Bats for giving us the chance to enjoy the game and relax with the pets we love.

The next Dog Day at the Park will be June 17. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. Bring your pet, your family and your friends to this great event. Spend time in the VIP (Very Important Puppy) section and support KHS pets. People tickets are $7; all dog admissions ($3 each) benefit KHS. For tickets, call the Louisville Bats Ticket Office, (855) 228-8497.

Tuxes & Tails August 16

This year’s annual Tuxes & Tails Benefit Auction & Gala will take place Saturday, August 16, at the Galt House. This black-tie optional gala will bring the palace of the Sun King to life with the theme “Fursailles: Let Them Eat Treats.”

Tickets are $175 per person or $1,400 for a table of eight. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Contact Development Director Beth Hobson at (502) 515-3131 or bhobson@kyhumane.org to order tickets or learn about sponsorship opportunities.
The Kentucky Humane Society would like to thank the following donors for their generous contributions between January 1 – March 31, 2014.

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Hailey, a six-year-old domestic short-hair cat, awaits adoption at our Main Campus.
Broken Bodies, Strong Spirits

Two severely injured cats came to the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS) in early April, both requiring emergency surgery.

Daisy

Daisy was found in a storm drain in Murray, Ky., when a passerby heard her tiny meows for help. An animal control officer climbed down 20 feet to retrieve the kitten. Little Daisy had a severely broken humerus and was in terrible pain. She was brought to KHS, and our veterinary team amputated Daisy’s leg.

Daisy was a little shy at first, but she had been in a lot of pain. She is currently in foster care, where she will have time to heal and to learn that people truly love and care for her.

Shadow

Shadow was found on the roadside after she had been hit by a car. Her rescuer saw the injured cat and assumed she was dead. For the next two days she saw the body and was troubled. As weather got worse and rains became heavier, she decided to stop and examine the body for tags so she could alert the owner. Instead, much to the woman’s shock, Shadow looked up and meowed at her. The rescuer scooped Shadow up and brought her to KHS, where our veterinary team discovered Shadow could not use her back legs. X-rays determined both legs were in bad shape and required surgery.

On April 4 the KHS team transported Shadow to Metropolitan Animal Hospital in Louisville where their dedicated orthopedic team implanted a steel plate to help Shadow’s mangled leg heal and made significant repairs to the other leg for stabilization.

Throughout her ordeal, Shadow has remained friendly toward people. It’s almost as if she knows we are here to help. She is now in foster care, where she will have time to heal.

Help Daisy and Shadow

Both cats needed the support of KHS’ Help Me Heal fund to recover from their injuries. Help Me Heal is a special, donor-supported fund that pays for medical help for our more fragile animals. In 2013 this fund helped more than 200 dogs and cats.

You can help Daisy and Shadow and other animals facing expensive treatment and rehabilitation by donating to our Help Me Heal fund. To do so, give online at kyhumane.org/donate and type “Help Me Heal” in the memo field or return the enclosed envelope (write “Help Me Heal” on the inside flap). Learn about other ways to give at kyhumane.org/give.

Top: Daisy was fearful before the amputation. Bottom: Shadow waits for surgery.
Sisters with a Common Goal

By Sarah Busche, PR Intern

Looking for a fun, rewarding way to help local homeless pets? Become a volunteer at the Kentucky Humane Society. In this article, we focus on Canine Coaching and Animal Enrichment. Canine Coaches exercise and socialize adult dogs by walking them around campus and teaching them basic commands. Volunteers involved in Animal Enrichment distribute treats and toys to the pets up for adoption, helping make their stay with us more enjoyable and interactive. Both volunteer opportunities take place at the Main Campus or East Campus. If you would like more information on these and other volunteer opportunities, contact Whitney Hobbs at volunteer@kyhumane.org or (502) 515-3145 or visit kyhumane.org/volunteer.

We cannot say enough good things about our volunteers here at the Kentucky Humane Society. The time and dedication they put in mean so much to our adoptable cats and dogs. Twin sisters Barbara Robertson and Bev Metzler are just two of the many volunteers we are lucky to have. While they each have their own respective duties, one as a Canine Coach at the Main Campus and the other as an Animal Enrichment volunteer at the East Campus, their hearts remain on the same mission: caring for animals whom they love.

Barbara Robertson

Barbara Robertson, a dedicated KHS volunteer since 2005, loves all animals. While she has four kitties of her own at home, Barbara spends most of her time at KHS as a canine coach, helping to socialize and exercise adult dogs. She loves interacting with each and every one because at the end of the day, Barbara knows that the love she feels for these dogs is always reciprocated.

Barbara started volunteering for KHS shortly after traveling all the way to Louisiana to help in shelters during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

“I decided that if I could drive 18 hours to work in a shelter down there, I could certainly drive the 30 minutes it takes to help at home,” says Barbara. She also spends time volunteering locally at Alley Cat Advocates, KHS’ ASPCA Community Partner.

Since becoming a KHS Canine Coach, Barbara does all she can to ensure that the time these dogs spend in the shelter is as rewarding and stimulating as possible. She finds it equally as rewarding for herself, saying, “I leave every day ready to come back again.”

Bev Metzler

Bev Metzler has also been volunteering with KHS since 2005. What started as a post-retirement goal of giving back to her community, Bev now considers some of the most rewarding work she has ever done.

“I get more satisfaction doing this than I ever did working for pay,” she says.

An Animal Enrichment volunteer at the KHS East Campus, Bev frequently takes the time to make yummy treats for the animals. She also pets and massages them, making sure they get the love and attention they each deserve. “The dogs need you so much. They need to have someone loving on them, making their stay easier,” says Bev.

While she used to volunteer with several other organizations, Bev has since decided to focus solely on KHS. She encourages others to join her, saying, “You’ll get more out of helping at the Kentucky Humane Society than anything you’ve done before.” 🐾
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26 Pet Tales, Main Campus, noon
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4 Independence Day, Main Campus. East Campus, S.N.I.P. Clinic and Pet Resorts are closed
24 Pet Tales, Main Campus, noon

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28 Pet Tales, Main Campus, noon