A Shadow of a Chance

Sam Swope gives $1 million to help fragile pets
Tuxes & Tails Gala
From Throwaway dog to S.N.I.P. ambassadog
From the Mailbox

A Happy Family

This is our Jada with my son. We adopted her from you all a couple years ago. She is the best!

Amy Moore

Filling a Void

I’d like to thank the Kentucky Humane Society for their compassion and helping me fill the void in my heart from losing Buster. As you can probably tell, the healing effects of the amazing Dottie are in full swing. She is an extraordinary, wonderful girl. She is an absolute clown. She doesn’t let being deaf slow her down the least bit! I am excited and dedicated to the challenge of learning sign language and training her new signs. It is a real chance to bond. I love this awesome girl; she has not left my side! If you are looking for a pet, I am telling you, this is the only place I would ever go. The employees care about the pets and the families who adopt them.

Donnie Hardin

Love at First Sight

This is Pumpkin. I fell in love with him when I first saw him on a Thursday in May. He would not get off my lap, and I knew I had to adopt him. He has become a wonderful, loving and playful cat. He has become my next best friend. This photo shows him a month later. I am so glad I adopted him.

Thank you, Kentucky Humane Society!

Sarah Greenberg
$1 Million Gift to Help Our Most Fragile Pets!

Dear Friends,

Exciting news: right before this issue went to press, we announced that Mr. Sam Swope, founder of Sam Swope Auto Group, gave $1 million to the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS)!

This incredible donation—the largest single gift from an individual donor in our 130-year history—will allow us to save the lives of Kentucky’s most fragile pets.

Tragically, dogs and cats throughout Kentucky suffer from abuse, neglect, trauma, illness and behavioral challenges. For many of these pets—especially those in overwhelmed public shelters or rural communities with limited resources—the Kentucky Humane Society is their only hope. Mr. Swope’s generous donation will allow KHS to increase considerably the number of pets we shelter who are in dire need of medical or behavioral intervention, and it will allow us to offer assistance on a statewide level. This gift will make it possible for these victims of circumstance or cruelty to become the happy, healthy companion animals they were intended to be.

Mr. Swope has long been a friend to people and animals in need. He has adopted many animals over the years and has fond memories of Buffy, Molly and Katie, just a few of the dogs that shared his home and warmed his heart over the years. Mr. Swope also generously supported our Main Campus Improvement Project, which allowed us to renovate and expand our main shelter in 2010.

In addition to his support of companion animal initiatives, Mr. Swope has served on the boards of many children’s, health and human services charities. Currently, he is a member of the University of Louisville Board of Overseers and is Chairman Emeritus for Norton Healthcare, Kosair Charities and Republic Bank & Trust Co. Mr. Swope was recognized as the 2009 “Louisvillian of the Year” by the Advertising Federation of Louisville for his contributions to the community.

Mr. Swope’s lead gift solidified our plans to proceed with a capital campaign and future construction of the Sam Swope Pet Treatment & Lifesaving Center (TLC), to be named in his honor. The Sam Swope Pet TLC will be built adjacent to our Main Campus in South Louisville. I look forward to sharing the details of the exciting project in future issues of the Paw Street Journal and on our website, kyhumane.org.

Every day I feel humbled and full of gratitude for the support provided to KHS and the animals in our care. Every donation, large and small, helps fuel our lifesaving mission. In fact, we simply could not save 6,000+ animals and spay or neuter 10,000+ pets in the community annually if it wasn’t for your support. Thank you for helping those that cannot help themselves.

Sincerely,

Lori Kane Redmon
President and CEO
A Shadow of a Chance

Left for dead, cat now healed & in forever home

A lone in the cold and wet, unable to move and in pain, Shadow waited by the side of the road. She had been hit by a car and left for dead. Vehicles continued to drive by, and no one stopped to help. Days went by. While the rain left her cold and miserable, at least she had water to drink to try to fill her empty stomach. But she had nothing to ease the pain.

A woman saw Shadow by the roadside near her home. The cat was so still, she could not imagine the poor creature had survived. A few days passed, and the woman was troubled by the still body by the side of the road. She thought if it were her cat who had died, she would want someone to tell her. 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 her shock and with rain pouring down, Shadow looked up and meowed at her. In horror, the Good Samaritan scooped Shadow up and brought her to the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS), hoping we could save her.

Throughout her examination, Shadow was sweet and loving. She was unable to move, but she purred her happiness at being saved and hungrily ate the food our concerned staff gave her. In spite of her pain, she seemed to know that we were here to help. She gladly accepted love and attention and continued her wait for her trials to be over.

Donations Bring Hope

In cases like Shadow’s, we need to take extraordinary steps to give the animal a fighting chance at a happy life. We couldn’t do this without the help we receive through donations.

“Shadow’s surgery was expensive,” says Shelter Operations Director Susan Oppel, “but she had such a great personality and such a determination to survive, we really wanted to give her a positive outcome. The generosity of our donors let us help her.”

On April 4 the KHS team transported Shadow to Metropolitan Veterinary Services 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.
Fostering Health and Love

Shadow did well in surgery and went into foster care with KHS volunteer Marilyn McLendon to recover. It was a long recovery, with weeks of cage rest as Marilyn ministered to Shadow’s needs.

Marilyn has appreciated Shadow’s sweet personality and says, “She loves to head bump and loves to be petted. I wouldn’t describe her as a lap cat, but she enjoyed being with me and lying on the bed next to me.” Marilyn thinks Shadow has never met a stranger: “Shadow happily greeted my friends who checked on the cats while I was away.”

When asked about the difficulty of maintaining a cat on cage rest, Marilyn said that with Shadow, it wasn’t too great a challenge: “I’m sure that some cats really would fight it, but Shadow was fairly tolerant. She would cry to get my attention, but for the most part she was cooperative with the process.”

Shadow’s progress rests in no small part with her time with a foster caregiver, and we thank Marilyn and all our foster volunteers for caring for animals in need.

The Last Step in Recovery: Home

After more than three months in foster care, Shadow’s broken body healed, and she returned to KHS for adoption. In mid July, Shadow found her forever home with Samantha Cogar. Samantha was immediately attracted to Shadow because of her own experience. “Several years ago, I was in a bad car accident, and Shadow’s story resonated with me,” she says.

Samantha says Shadow has the run of the house, and she is very happy she was adopted. We wish Samantha and Shadow the best and thank Samantha for giving her a chance for happiness.

We Still Need Your Help

Shadow is just one example of a pet who needed all our help—from our staff and volunteers to you. Without your generous support, we would not be able to continue our lifesaving mission, and pets like Shadow would suffer because of it. Every year, costs for food and housing of the animals go up. Every year, costs of veterinary supplies and services rise. Unfortunately, so do the number of pets who need our help. We need your support now more than ever. Please consider donating to the Kentucky Humane Society. Last year, your tax-deductible donations helped us save over 6,000 animals. This year, we’d like to save even more. Will 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.

Top: Shadow waits for surgery.

Middle: Shadow’s x-rays paint a picture of pain and serious damage.

Below: Shadow and foster caregiver Marilyn McClendon meet Lil BUB, a special needs cat and Internet sensation.
The first thing most people notice when they meet Henry is his wide smile. With an infectious grin and wiggly back end, it’s hard not to smile at this big lug of a dog.

But for others, the first thing they notice is that Henry is a pit bull terrier. “Pit bull terriers are the dog most misunderstood and discriminated against,” says Susan Oppel, Kentucky Humane Society Shelter Operations Director. “But at the end of the day, a pit bull is just a dog, like every other dog. They need love, training and kindness.”

Patrick and Elizabeth Padgett adopted Henry in March 2012 when he was two years old. Henry had been breeding stock and kept isolated in a basement. His only value was seen in the puppies he produced for his owners, who, like so many, thought they could make money as breeders. When the family moved, they left Henry and another dog behind, locked in the house to die. Tragically, the other dog did die, but Henry was taken in by a good Samaritan and later adopted through Saving Sunny, a local pit bull rescue.

The Padgetts had both grown up with dogs, and they were eager to shower Henry with the love he had never known. They enjoyed Henry’s energy, which required long walks daily, and his desire to learn. Henry enrolled in dog training classes, where he excelled and earned his Good Canine Citizen certification.

“I had always heard that ‘it’s all in how they are raised,’” says Elizabeth. “But it’s how they are treated now. Dogs that are trained, socialized and loved are capable of overcoming so much.”

Elizabeth says she knows that because of Henry’s size and breed, “he has to be held to a higher standard.” Henry has become an ambassadog for pit bull terriers—an example of their exceptional qualities. Henry’s story also educates people on the importance of spaying and neutering.

“Henry is a good example of why spaying and neutering is so important,” says Patrick. “He was thrown away after his owners were done using him for breeding purposes.”

Nationally, pit bulls are the dog most likely to end up in shelters because of overpopulation and discrimination. To address this, the KHS S.N.I.P. Clinic offers free spay/neuter surgeries to pit bulls. This year the clinic will alter approximately 900 pits and pit mixes at no cost to their owners, thanks to grants from the ASPCA and Best Friends Animal Society and donations from people like the Padgetts.

Elizabeth also volunteers at the clinic, where she helps pets recover from surgery.

“I am so impressed with the staff at the S.N.I.P. Clinic,” she says. “They treat every animal with such kindness and respect.”

In addition to their gift to fund spay/neuter surgeries for pit bulls at the S.N.I.P. Clinic, the Padgetts also made a gift to help pit bull terriers at KHS get adopted faster. And this year, they are sponsoring a table at Tuxes & Tails in honor of Henry.

Recently the Padgetts added another dog to their family, Roxy, whom they adopted from Louisville Metro Animal Services after meeting her at this year’s Waggin’ Trail.

Roxy is about half Henry’s size, but she’s very confident when playing with him or encountering new things. Henry has been patient with Roxy as she bounds about with near-puppy energy. And Roxy has learned from Henry the joy of a nice walk followed by a long nap.

KHS Is Best Friends Network Partner

The Kentucky Humane Society was recently named a Best Friends Animal Society No More Homeless Pets® Network Partner. The Network focuses on building relationships and working with rescues and shelters across the U.S. committed to saving the lives of homeless pets through active adoption and/or spay/neuter programs.

As a Network partner, KHS received $41,080 in grants for 747 spay/neuter surgeries for pit bulls at the S.N.I.P. Clinic. This will increase surgeries for this breed by 43% this year, leading to fewer dogs in shelters and less suffering.

Also named local Network Partners were Saving Sunny, a nonprofit dedicated to saving pit bull terriers; Louisville Metro Animal Services, the city’s municipal shelter; and Alley Cat Advocates, which protects and spays/neuters community unowned cats. All four agencies are working together to help pets most likely to end up in shelters.
Interested in having your pet in the KHS annual Pet Calendar? We offer a great calendar in which all entrants are included in a Lifelong Friends Collage.

**Give $25 per photo entry**

For just $25 per photo submission, 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), and 12 chances to be a Runner Up (Runner Up photos are approximately 3x4 inches).

Submit your photo online using the link kyhumane.org/calendar-contest or fill out the form below and send along with photo to KHS.

All photos submitted for $25 will enter into a contest to be judged by our calendar committee. Committee members will judge photos based solely on the quality of the photo—judges will not know who submitted which photos. Each $25 submission fee will support KHS’ lifesaving adoption, spay/neuter and education programs.

**RULES FOR PHOTO ENTRY**

You can enter this contest by submitting a digital or hardcopy photo. All entries must be in color, with a horizontal layout and contain ONLY animals. Hardcopy photos should be no smaller than a 4x6 inch photograph. We do not accept Polaroid photos or copyrighted, professional photographs. Photos cannot be returned. For clarity and quality photo reproduction, please do not stamp or write on the back of photos.

For digital photos, we require well-focused, sharp images that are at least 300 dpi (dots per inch) at the size of 4"x6" and in JPEG (JPG) or TIFF format. Send digital images to pr@kyhumane.org and include the name on your entry form.

All entries that meet these requirements and are postmarked by August 31, 2014, will be included in the 2015 Calendar. Winners will be notified by phone or e-mail, and the calendar will be available in November 2014.

All entries will be blind judged by KHS staff, with the top seven photos featured as “Pets of the Month” and 12 runners-up included in smaller photos within the calendar portion of each month’s page.

All photos will be included in the calendar as part of the “Lifelong Friends Collage.”

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**2015 CALENDAR ENTRY FORM**

I’d like to enter ____ pictures @ $25 each for the 2015 Calendar Contest.

- [ ] I am enclosing a check for $______
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For additional entry forms, visit www.kyhumane.org or call (502) 515-3147.

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Please mail by August 31 to:

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1000 Lyndon Lane, Suite B
Louisville, KY 40222

Or submit your entry online at kyhumane.org/calendar-contest
Destruction and Your Dog

By Katy McClellan, Pet Help Line Coordinator

Question

My dog tears up the house when I leave, and I’m afraid she is going to hurt herself. I need to be able to leave my house without worrying she is going to be injured when I come back. I don’t want to give her up. What can I do?

Answer

There could be many reasons that your dog is tearing up the house as you leave. The dog could be bored, could suffer from separation anxiety or it could just be more fun to chew your couch pillows than the bone you left for her. If you think your dog has separation anxiety, please contact a trained professional immediately. Separation anxiety can be a very tricky issue to overcome, and professional advice and training is the best solution. If your dog is destroying your house because of boredom, in order to reduce the damage in your home and keep yourself from having a costly vet bill because of what Fido ingested, you will need to manage the environment and give Fido exciting alternatives to your throw pillows.

There are many different ways to manage your environment, and finding the one that works best for you and your dog is the key to peace and happiness in the house.

1. **Crate train your dog:** A dog who is properly crate trained will feel like her crate is her den, her safe spot and her home. If she is stressed, tired or needs a break, she will willingly go into her crate to relax. Putting her in her crate when you leave means she doesn’t have access to the rest of the house to be destructive. Give her a frozen Kong or other long lasting treat to chew on before you leave. If you don’t have a crate, closing her in a bedroom, bathroom or baby gating a room like the kitchen is another good alternative.

2. **Exercise:** If she is being destructive because she is bored, make sure she is getting plenty of exercise before and after you leave. If she has just had a good walk around the neighborhood, she may not be as inclined to do “puppy zoomies” around your house and over your end table, so things will stay off the floor and out of her mouth.

3. **Give her an alternative:** Fido is not going to want to chew on the couch legs if she has a nicely stuffed Kong to chew on instead. She isn’t going to want to eat your throw pillows if she has a plush toy of her own. It is important to give dogs exciting alternatives to your furniture to chew. Don’t leave all the toys down at once though. Only give her 1-2 at a time and keep the rest put away. Every couple days, pick up the “old” toys and give her “new” ones. This will help keep her entertained, prevent her from getting bored with the toys and keep her teeth off the furniture.

4. **Break up the day:** If she is okay for a few hours but gets bored and destructive after that, consider coming home on your lunch break to take her for a walk or hiring a dog sitter to do the same. If someone coming over mid day is not an option, consider a timed toy dispenser. It will shoot out a toy at set intervals so your dog gets a new toy or treat to keep her occupied.

Trying this tips should help your dog be calmer and less destructive at home during the day. If you would like more tips, please call the KHS free Pet Help Line at (502) 509-4PET.
ASPCA Grants Help Kentucky Animals in Need

The ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) awarded $73,500 to the Kentucky Humane Society this year—all to help local animals in need.

The money is targeted for a number of proactive programs designed to help reduce the number of pets turned in to shelters. Specifically, the grant monies are being used for:

- Pet Safety Net programs are designed to give pet owners the tools to keep animals in homes and out of shelters. One such program, the KHS Pet Help Line, provides free advice for all things pet related. The Pet Help Line’s newest program is a Courtesy Re-homing Service, which allows owners to post pets they must rehome on the KHS website and counsels them on how to screen for good homes. This lets pets remain in the comfort of their own homes and out of shelters until appropriate new homes can be found.

- Free spay/neuter surgeries at the KHS S.N.I.P. Clinic. The funding has paid for 162 surgeries for pit bull terriers and 54 cats—animal populations most at risk in shelters due to pet overpopulation.

- Joint adoption specials between KHS and Louisville Metro Animal Services (LMAS), the city’s public municipal shelter and an ASPCA Community Partner. By hosting joint adoption specials, KHS and LMAS are better able to raise awareness about pet adoptions and ensure more pets find their forever homes.

- A part-time veterinary assistant, who aids the KHS veterinary team. This team provides medical assessments and care for more than 7,000 needy pets a year.

- Scholarships that allowed staff members to attend a planned giving conference and the Humane Society of the United States’ Animal Care Expo, a world-class educational conference for animal welfare professionals. KHS staff learn what other progressive communities are doing to save more lives.

“We are so grateful for the ASPCA’s commitment to reducing the number of homeless pets in Kentucky and for their expertise and leadership in animal sheltering. Together, we are creating a model humane community right here in Louisville,” says Lori Redmon, KHS President and CEO.

The ASPCA chose Louisville as its 2013 Partner Community, with participating agencies KHS, LMAS and Alley Cat Advocates, a local nonprofit dedicated to spaying and neutering unowned cats. Just one city a year is chosen to join this prestigious alliance.

Through the five-year partnership, Louisville’s participating agencies receive expert advice, data analysis and funding opportunities. The goal is to jointly save more animal lives by increasing the number of pets who are adopted, increasing spay/neuter surgeries and expanding programs that reduce the number of pets turned in to shelters. Learn more at kyhumane.org/aboutus.

ASPCA grant monies help promote joint adoption specials between the Kentucky Humane Society and Louisville Metro Animal Services, our city’s municipal shelter. During the Let Freedom Ring adoption special June 28–July 3, the two ASPCA partner agencies found homes for 276 pets, including Tonto.

Funds from the ASPCA were used to hire a veterinary assistant to help our shelter veterinary team provide care for more than 7,000 homeless pets a year.
Get your best outfit and powdered wig ready. Prepare to dine in the style of Marie Antoinette. We’re off to Versailles. The theme of this year’s Tuxes & Tails Benefit Auction & Gala is Fur-sailles: Let Them Eat Treats!

The Kentucky Humane Society’s 21st annual Tuxes & Tails will be held Saturday, August 16, at the Galt House, downtown Louisville. Individual tickets are $175, and sponsored tables start at $1,800. Proceeds benefit cats and dogs at the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS). Tickets may be purchased online or by calling 502-515-3147. This event is the city’s premier fundraiser for homeless pets.

“This is our single largest fundraising event. Last year’s gala raised more than $200,000, and we hope to raise even more this year—which will allow us to impact the lives of even more homeless cats and dogs in our community,” said Lori Redmon, KHS President and CEO.

Our evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a silent auction, hors d’ouevres and adoptable pets. Dinner follows, and there will be an exciting live auction. The party continues until midnight with music, dancing and other decadent surprises. The Galt House will offer special room rates and a VIP “take the elevator home” package for Tuxes & Tails guests.

All proceeds benefit the lifesaving mission of the Kentucky Humane Society, a nonprofit, private organization dedicated to ending pet homelessness. KHS is the state’s largest pet adoption agency and oldest animal welfare organization. 🐱

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Center left photo: Tuxes & Tails Committee Chair Sarah Beth Johnson; center right photo, Sam Swope and his daughter, Pattie Swope; bottom photo: Vicki Moore and Quinn Hart.
A WAGGIN’ Good Time

Thanks to everyone who attended our 20th annual Waggin’ Trail Walk for the Animals. We had a great turnout with more than 750 people in attendance. The site, Beckley Creek Park at the Parklands of Floyds Fork, was beautiful. We had great weather, and we were delighted that people enjoyed both the walk and the booths available.

The walk raised more than $80,000, which all goes back to the Kentucky Humane Society’s lifesaving mission. Our top fundraiser was KHS board member Rick Maynard, and the top team was Rick’s KFC/Yum team. This is the tenth year in a row that Rick and the KFC/Yum team have been our top individual and team fundraisers. The team has raised more than $100,000 since it started participating in Waggin’ Trail in 2004.

Without events like the Waggin’ Trail, KHS wouldn’t be able to serve the thousands of homeless pets they do each year. In 2013, KHS set a record and found homes for more than 6,300 pets and educated more than 5,000 children about responsible pet ownership. Since opening in 2007, our S.N.I.P. Clinic has performed more than 67,000 spay/neuter surgeries on owned pets.

On behalf of the thousands of animals saved by the Kentucky Humane Society each year, thank you! We can’t do it without you.

Dog Day at the Park

Our second Dog Day at the Park was held June 17. The weather was once again lovely, although the doggy pools did get a little more use. We want to thank everyone who came out. The cost of the doggy ticket goes directly back to the Kentucky Humane Society. This year we raised $3,015 through our two Dog Day at the Park dates.

Thanks to all who attended the events, and thanks, too, to Louisville Slugger Field and the Louisville Bats for inviting us to the games and making Dog Day at the Park an annual event.

Pints for Pets at Gerstle’s

We want to thank Gerstle’s on Frankfort Avenue and West Sixth Brewing for hosting Pints for Pets on June 21. The fundraiser was a fantastic way for people to get together with their dogs, relax and enjoy a few brews. This event raised more than $900 for our Help Me Heal Fund, which provides medical and behavioral help for our most fragile shelter pets.

Lyndon Summer Festival

The Lyndon Summer Festival was also a great time to see people, learn about the community and raise money for KHS. We were the recipient of the raffle proceeds, and we thank everyone who took part.

Lil BUB in the House

On June 28, we had a celebrity at our Main Campus. Lil BUB, the Internet sensation, came down from Bloomington, Ind., with his owner, the Dude, to celebrate her birthday. Lil BUB visited with over 175 of her fans during a three-hour event that raised over $6,700. Half the proceeds will go to Lil BUB’s Big FUND at the ASPCA, which helps special needs shelter pets. The other half will go to KHS.

Lil BUB and the Dude went around the country in June, celebrating her birthday and raising money. We thank Lil BUB and the Dude for spending time with us.
The Kentucky Humane Society would like to thank the following donors for their generous contributions between April 1–June 30, 2014.

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Grandpa Tyler
by Mr. Brian Schulman
Gaynor Good
by Ms. Lauren Doebel
Helen Burnham
by Ms. Catherine Koelin
Henry - beloved dog of the
Wendelbush family
by Stephen Willis & Bob Volpert
Henry Balck
by Claire, Greg & Charlie Simms
Henry Tucker
by Ms. Carol Marlowe
Jake
by Mr. Andrew McKean
James A. Hillsby
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by Paul & Barbara Nybolt
by Richard & Kim Neely
Two-year-old Coors loves to chase feathers. He is waiting for his forever home at the Kentucky Humane Society adoption center at the Hikes Point Feeders Supply.
Honoring Others & Helping Pets

There are times when we want to honor or memorialize a person or pet. Birthdays, weddings, holidays, in memory of someone, or just because. If the person you wish to honor is a pet lover or if you wish to honor or remember a pet, consider a donation to the Kentucky Humane Society in his or her name.

Your gift will be recognized several ways:

• We’ll send a special card to the individual or family you have honored
• Your tribute will be listed in the upcoming issue of this magazine (if it’s $50 or more)
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• Make a secure gift online at kyhumane.org/donate
• Call (502) 515-3144
• Return the enclosed envelope, or send a check to Kentucky Humane Society, 1000 Lyndon Lane Suite B, Louisville, KY 40222

Please include who the gift is in honor/memory of, as well as a name and address of where to send a card.

Hill’s & Public Radio Team Up to Feed Pets

Hill’s Pet Nutrition worked with Louisville Public Media (LPM) to support the Kentucky Humane Society. For every pledge made to LPM during their spring 2014 pledge drive, Hill’s Pet Nutrition donated one pound of pet food to the Kentucky Humane Society. This equaled 3,000 pounds of food for our shelter pets!

Thanks to Hill’s Pet Nutrition for partnering with Louisville Public Media to donate food for every person who became a member of LPM. And thanks for everyone who supported LPM.
Photos Help Pets Get Adopted Faster

By Jordan Miller, PR Intern

Looking for a fun, rewarding way to help local homeless pets? Become a Kentucky Humane Society volunteer. In this article, we focus on pet photographers. Pet photographers help pets by creating beautiful photographs of the animals. Working with assistants, these photographers help the pets truly show off their personalities. These photos are often the first thing that a potential adopter sees of the pet. It may be the very reason a person comes in to adopt. If you would like more information on this and other volunteer opportunities, contact Whitney Hobbs at volunteer@kyhumane.org or (502) 515-3145 or visit kyhumane.org/volunteer.

Meet Mareike Yocum, one of our pet photography volunteer photographers. Mareike chose to volunteer at KHS because of her keen interest in dog rescue. She had been helping rescue dogs for years, but the organization she had helped is located out of state. Mareike missed the hands-on contact with the animals. When she met Volunteer Coordinator Whitney Hobbs at a volunteer fair and learned about pet photography and canine coaching, she knew KHS was right for her.

Mareike loves working with pet photography because she loves helping pets find homes. She says, “I have seen it many times. Pets had been on the website for weeks, and after having their professional picture taken, they find a home quickly.”

Mareike also says that she loves working with the pet photography assistants because, without them, it wouldn’t be as much fun and the pictures wouldn’t turn out as well.

Mareike says the hardest part about volunteering at the shelter is “seeing animals that are stressed about losing their family and home and don’t understand why they have been given up.” However, she says, “knowing they are just starting a new and better life makes everything better!”

Mareike and her husband have three dogs of their own: Emmie, Harley and Charity, who are like their children.

Not only does Mareike volunteer for KHS, but she and her husband started a charity in Louisville called Active Heroes in 2011. It is dedicated to reducing suicide among veterans. Mareike and her husband have also walked across America twice to raise money for military families. When she is not photographing animals, Mareike is taking photos for Active Heroes.

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Mareike says, “Even if you can only come out once or twice a week or maybe even once or twice a month, any minute you can spend helping us with the animals is so appreciated.”

She says that not only do the animals love it, but the staff appreciate the help, too, because it helps make the animals feel more comfortable and helps them get adopted more quickly. 🐶

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September

1 Labor Day, Main Campus, East Campus, S.N.I.P. Clinic and Pet Resorts are closed
7 Derby City Run Club Summer Run Series, Brunch Run, 11 a.m.
25 Pet Tales, Main Campus, noon

October

23 Pet Tales, Main Campus, noon

November

27 Thanksgiving, all offices, admissions and adoption centers are closed