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From the Mailbox

Please Adopt

I just wanted to share. This is Jake. We adopted him from you guys 14 years ago. This is the best dog I've ever had. He is the most loyal, gentle dog I've ever been around. He was an owner surrender because he was chewing on everything. With some time and patience he became what he is today. Moral of the story: Just because one owner can't control a dog doesn't mean he can't be controlled. Please adopt.

Darrell Poppell

Mommy's Girl

On June 26, 2014 we adopted “Mary” from the Feeders Supply on Preston Highway. Her name is now Emmie, and she is very much a mommy’s girl, as you can see. She is growing and being a typical kitten. This little girl is very much loved and cared for.

Tara Miller Henderson

The Joy of Fostering

I just wanted to share a photo of Cersei Cattister, our KHS foster kitten, enjoying a wonderful nap.

Nicole Boatman
Dear Friends,

The Louisville Community lost an incredibly kind and generous man with the passing of Mr. Sam Swope in December, and the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS) family extends its deepest condolences to the Swope family. His passion was helping the most vulnerable members of our society, particularly animals and children. He always rooted for the underdog, and his soft spot was for those who had a rough start in life or needed a little extra help on their path to a happy future. This led to his most recent contribution to the Kentucky Humane Society, a lead gift to launch the building of a facility dedicated to the rehabilitation of shelter pets that are medically fragile or behaviorally challenged.

I loved to hear Mr. Swope tell stories of the pets with whom he had shared his life. Molly, Buffy and Katie were just a few dogs he had loved and lost in his lifetime. Mr. Swope’s most recent adoption was a dog named Lilly Bell, a unique mix of Corgi and blue merle Australian Shepherd.

She was brought to KHS as a stray and was still nursing a single puppy. No one knew what happened to the other pups. The puppy was adopted quickly, and Lilly came to my home for foster until her milk dried up and she could be spayed. Once available for adoption, she caught Mr. Swope’s attention. He was taken with her beautiful blue eyes and her gregarious personality, and knew she was the dog for him. Lilly was a great traveling companion and made the trek to Florida and back many times with Mr. Swope, who spent winters in the sunshine state. Lilly now lives with members of the Swope family and is still very much loved.

Mr. Swope was a giant in the world of philanthropy, and we will be forever grateful for his generosity. With his support and that of his family, KHS has been able to save thousands of animals. We will miss him terribly, but we will continue to honor his legacy by doing the work that would make him proud.

Any gifts given to KHS in memory of Sam Swope will be allocated to building the Sam Swope Treatment and Lifesaving Center. I think he would have liked that.

Sincerely,

Lori Kane Redmon
President and CEO

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.
Chester’s Journey

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Shelter life can be hard on pets – especially on senior pets who lived with loving families before their lives so abruptly changed. And it was hard on Chester.

Chester, a 12-year-old beagle mix, came to the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS) when his owner could no longer care for him. Chester took the move hard, and he was depressed for a time. He wouldn’t look at the people who came near his kennel, and he didn’t bark for attention or carry on conversations with the other dogs. Chester was scared, confused and wanted to go home – to his home.

Chester’s responses are not uncommon behaviors for homeless dogs and cats. While our staff and volunteers do everything they can to enrich their lives and make their stay as pleasant as possible, a shelter will never be a home, and a loss of place and people is difficult for many pets. It can be particularly hard for older pets who have been with the same family for a long time.

After a while, Chester accepted his new surroundings. He began to like the people who came and fed him, talked to him, gave him treats and took him for walks. He adjusted to his new life. He never forgot about his family and previous life, but he became more comfortable at the shelter.

Chester was ready for a new family, and now the waiting would begin.

Like most senior pets, Chester was prey to the same concerns and misconceptions that keep people from adopting an older pet. Will he be healthy? How long will he live? While there are no guarantees for any pet, potential adopters are often saddled with those fears when they consider senior pets, and often older animals wait longer in the shelter because of it. Chester was no exception. Days turned into weeks. Weeks turned into months, and still Chester waited.

Then on a Saturday in late September, KHS hosted its first-ever Empty the Shelter event. The goal was to place every adoptable pet at our Main Campus in a loving home that day. The community came out in droves, inspired by the idea of an empty shelter. By that evening, a record 84 animals had found their new homes.

Just three dogs were left that night. One of those dogs was Chester. He found himself alone in his kennel, listening to the silence and wondering where all the dogs had gone. He received a lot of love and attention that next day from the Canine Coach volunteers and staff, but he didn’t find a home that day either.

That next week, KHS PR/Marketing Director Andrea Blair brought Chester to visit WFKP’s Paws Report with DJ Laura Shine. Andrea told Chester’s tale of not being selected to go home during the Empty the Shelter event. She asked for a compassionate adopter to come forward and take Chester home.
David Krauss happened to be listening to the Paws Report that day. His heart ached for this poor old dog who had been left behind when so many had gone home. He had sworn that his 11-year-old coonhound, Elvis, would be the last dog he had, but Chester’s story “just broke my heart,” he said.

Chester’s story kept gnawing at him. He talked it over at length with his friend Kathy, who listened to his arguments for and against getting another dog. She listened to David weigh the pros and the cons. She heard him try to talk himself out of it, but he kept coming back to Chester and what that dog needed.

Finally, she told him, “David, just go and get that dog.”

So he did.

David called Laura Shine on the radio the very next day to find out if Chester was still up for adoption. Laura gave David contact information for KHS. David learned that Chester was still there, still waiting.

David came to the Main Campus on Saturday, October 4. He brought his dog, Elvis, to make sure he and Chester would get along. They did. David filled out all the paperwork and took Chester home that day. He says Chester and Elvis get along well, sometimes “snuggling up like two puppies.” They love to run outside together, and Chester is delighted to let Elvis take the lead.

When asked about the decision to adopt an older dog, David says, “I’m getting on up in age myself, and I don’t want them to outlive me.”

In addition, David says that he remembers the puppy years and is glad Chester and Elvis are past that. “I don’t want to go through all the puppy stuff, the house training, the chewing. It’s just better that they are older.”

We want to thank David for making the decision to adopt an older dog like Chester. He’s given Chester a new lease on life, and we hope that David, Chester and Elvis have many happy years together.

Adopting a Senior Pet

In shelters, senior pets are often overlooked in favor of younger animals. But senior pets have many qualities that make them excellent companions – and often adopting an older pet is a wiser choice than taking home younger, more exuberant pets. Here are just a few reasons why adopters should consider giving a home to a grateful senior pet:

• **What you see is what you get.** With a senior pet, you know how big your pet will be; what kind of grooming the pet will require; and you can quickly gauge the pet’s temperament.

• **Training is easier.** We have all heard the old saying, “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks,” but that is far from accurate. Senior pets have longer attention spans than young pets. They “get” that you are trying to tell them something, and they will try to do just that.

• **Senior pets are loving.** Senior pets seem to know that they have been rescued. They are devoted and loving and focused on the family.

• **Senior pets aren’t as much work.** Puppies and kittens need constant supervision. They will get into just about anything. They get bored. They get into trouble. Senior pets are more laid back, and they don’t get into mischief as much as the younger generation.

• **Less mess.** Senior dogs are often house trained. And if they are not, they train quickly. They have larger bladders and can “hold it” while you are at work. Senior cats are almost always litter-box trained and are unlikely to have an accident.

• **The living is easy.** Senior pets have generally mellowed out. While they still want to walk and to play, they don’t expect play marathons and are happy to chill with their loved ones.

• **They need you.** Senior pets are often the last to be adopted. They stay at shelters longer, and no matter how hard we try to make shelter life positive for these pets, it’s not the same as having a forever home.

The next time you are planning to adopt a shelter pet, let the others ooh and ah over the puppies and kittens. Take a minute to look into the eyes of a senior pet, and you will see that there’s life and love in those eyes. And just maybe you’ll find your soul mate.
For This, We Are Grateful

Team members reflect on our many blessings

The winter months are a time of reflection. As staff and volunteers reflected on this past year, we had many reasons to be thankful. Below, we share just a portion of the reasons that we are grateful.

“We are so very grateful for the constant support from our community! The countless participation and enthusiasm at our events and the generosity of our donors enable us to continue our lifesaving programs. We could not do so much and save so many lives without you!”

– Alisa Oertner, Donor Relations Manager

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“I am thankful for our P.R.O.U.D. (Prisoner Rehabilitation of Untrained Dogs) program, which changes the lives of animals and humans. It takes dedication and hard work of our inmate-handlers to change the behavior of dogs who would otherwise be difficult to adopt out. This great program brings future employment opportunities and personal growth to inmates and an opportunity for the dogs and their new families to have a great start. Thank you to Kentucky State Reformatory, our dedicated shelter staff, KSR and KHS trainers and all the big hearted adopters of P.R.O.U.D. dogs!”

– Justine Saudan, Strategic Initiatives Director

“We are grateful for our volunteers, co-workers and clients who help reduce suffering and the number of homeless dogs and cats in our community through spaying and neutering.”

– The S.N.I.P. Team
“I am grateful for an amazing team of behavior trainers (including Gabriel Miller, shown here with a canine client) and volunteers who always go above and beyond for their students, including staying late to answer questions, sending tips and advice on their off-time, and devoting hours of time and loads of energy to continuing education to push themselves to be able to better serve their clients.”

– Kat Rooks, Community Behavior Manager

“‘We at the Pet Resorts are thankful for our clients. We have some amazing people walk through our doors every day who we are lucky to be able to build lasting relationships with. We love their babies as if they are our own!’

– Allison Lauder, Fern Creek Pet Resort and Eastpoint Pet Resort Manager

“I am thankful for all of our wonderful and dedicated volunteers. They spend their time walking, bathing, fostering, making enrichment toys and loving our animals. They are truly the heart and soul of KHS, and we couldn’t do it without them!”

– Whitney Hobbs, Volunteer Coordinator

“I am grateful for all the wonderful people in our community who choose the adoption option. As a three-time KHS adopter (most recently of Scooter, shown here learning the command for ‘sit’ from my son, Ryan), I know how committed these people are to our mission.”

– Britney Chaney, Chief Operating Officer

“I am proud to be part of an organization with an incredibly passionate group of employees and volunteers. Without this passion, it would be impossible to complete 10,000 spay/neuter procedures annually or offer fantastic options for boarding pets. Most importantly, they would not be able to improve the lives of thousands of dogs and cats every year by finding them loving families. What is most impressive to me is KHS’ ability to save 95% of the animals who came through their doors in 2014, despite an annual intake in excess of 7,000 pets.”

– Eric Furlan, Chair, KHS Board of Directors

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“The Working Cat Program places cats who are not considered candidates for indoor adoption into good outdoor homes such as barns, warehouses and garages. Since its inception in 2011, the Working Cat Program has saved the lives of over 350 cats who would have been considered unadoptable at many other shelters. I am so thankful that I work for an organization that is progressive and forward-thinking enough to offer such a program to these cats. I am also extremely thankful for the hundreds of adopters who have opened their barns, garages, warehouses and sheds to these very special cats and made them a part of their families!”

– Tammy Siers, Cat Coordinator

“We’re grateful for the team, for puppy kisses and cat purrs and for the Help Me Heal fund. We’re grateful that we have positive solutions for pets with behavioral and health issues and for the record number of adoptions this year. We’re grateful for our dedicated team and volunteers. Without them, we could not achieve our goals. Finally, we’re thankful for our community’s awareness about the importance of companion animals and spaying and neutering, which has led to the extreme decrease in shelter intakes in our community.”

– Shelter Services team
Winter Care for Pets

Keeping your pets warm and safe this winter

Winter is here, and we need to pay close attention to the weather and to our pets. Here are some tips to help ensure your pet’s safety this winter season.

Don’t leave pets outside. If it’s too cold for you, it’s too cold for them. It doesn’t take long for a pet to get frostbite in subfreezing temperatures. When the weather is cold, limit your pet’s time outdoors and find ways to keep him or her active with indoor fun.

When pets go outside, watch for spilt antifreeze. This liquid is poisonous but tastes sweet, so pets are likely to give it a taste. Also, watch out for salt and chemical melting products. Wipe down your pet’s feet carefully when you return inside to ensure no chemicals cling to his or her fur and get ingested.

While outside, don’t let your dog off leash. The snow and cold can mask scents, making it difficult for your dog to find his way home.

Puppies can have more difficulty with house training in the cold. If they have not gotten into the habit of pottying outside, it may be quicker and easier on them – and you – if you paper train them now and ease them into outside pottying when the weather warms.

If you are a caregiver for community unowned cats, make sure they have access to a warm shelter. There are directions on Alley Cat Advocates’ website, alleycatadvocates.org, that explain how to use a Rubbermaid container to create a warm, wind-proof nest for them to use during the cold season. Outdoor cats need more calories to keep warm in winter, so increase their food, and be sure they have access to clean, unfrozen water.

While on the subject of community cats, tap on your hood or honk your horn before starting your engine on cold days. Outdoor cats sometimes find the engine block of a car warm and will curl up to sleep in your car. Give them warning before you start your engine.

By keeping your pets indoors as much as possible and by providing proper care for community cats, you can help keep animals safe during the winter.

Thanks to Donations, Injured Kitten Gets New Lease on Life

In October, a 1.4 pound kitten was found “de-gloved” – parts of his skin by his back hips and anus were ripped off, perhaps from another animal – and brought to the Kentucky Humane Society. KHS consulted a veterinarian, who believed the kitten, named Smokey, would heal from his injuries but that the poor kitten needed emergency surgery to reroute his urethra. The veterinarian needed to create a new pathway for urination because Smokey’s urethra was damaged from the trauma he suffered. Surgery at such a young age is risky, but it was the only chance Smokey had at survival.

Smokey survived the surgery like a trooper, and he made tremendous progress, healing far sooner than we had expected. After this lifesaving surgery, Smokey could potty without pain, and soon the de-gloved parts of his body were healthy, with fur growing back. Because of the Kentucky Humane Society and our veterinary partners, Smokey has been able to live a happy, healthy kitten life.

In late November, Smokey was ready for adoption, and he was soon adopted by Linda Barton, who happily took Smokey to her home.

Because of donors like you, Smokey was able to make a full recovery and have a happy life. Your donations fund both regular care for animals and emergency care for pets whose plight may have at one point been seen as hopeless. 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.
Preparing for the Worst

If disaster arrives, will you and your pets be ready?

Power outages that leave you no choice but to leave your home, tornadoes, floods ... Are you prepared? More to the point, have you made plans for your pet in the event of a disaster? From having food on hand to last for a multiple-day emergency to knowing where you will keep your pet, it’s better to think about these things now than to wait for the day you need those answers. Below are issues to consider so you can be ready if disaster strikes.

Rescue Sticker

Display a rescue sticker in a visible location that gives the number and species of pets you have in your home and your veterinarian’s name and telephone number. Naturally, we all want to take our pets with us. But what if you are not at home and cannot return? This sticker will help emergency responders locate and save pets left at home. If you can take your pets in an evacuation and have time, mark the sign with “Evacuated” so responders do not look for pets who are not there.

A Place of Their Own

Arrange a safe place for your pets to stay. Many emergency shelters do not allow pets. If you can, make arrangements with friends or relatives outside the immediate area to care for them. You can also choose a reputable pet boarding facility, such as the Kentucky Humane Society’s Eastpoint or Fern Creek Pet Resorts, or keep a list of hotels that accept pets in your area. Have this information ready in case you need to leave quickly.

Supplies at the Ready

Have emergency supplies and a travel kit ready. Plan on keeping the following:

- Pet first-aid kit
- 3-7 days’ worth of food (remember to rotate)
- Disposable litter trays and litter or paper towels
- Liquid dish soap and disinfectant
- Disposable garbage bags for clean-up
- Feeding dishes
- Extra collar and leash
- Photocopies of medical records and two weeks’ worth of medicine (again, remember to rotate)
- Seven days’ worth of bottled water
- A traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier, one for each pet
- Flashlight
- Blanket (for scooping up a fearful pet)
- Recent photos of your pets (in case you are separated and need to make “Lost” posters)
- Especially for cats: Pillowcase or EvackSack, toys, scoopable litter
- Especially for dogs: Extra leash, toys and chew toys, a week’s worth of cage liners.

Who Do You Trust?

Designate someone you trust who is generally home as a caregiver to evacuate your pets if you are not home. Choose someone who knows your pets and is comfortable around them. This person may have to care for your pets for some time before you are reunited.

We may prefer to avoid the idea of a disaster striking home, but being prepared can save you and your pet from stress and fear. For more disaster preparedness tips, visit the ASPCA’s website, aspca.org. 🐾
House Training 101

By Katy McClellan, Pet Help Line Coordinator

I peed on your bed.

Question
I just brought home a puppy this winter and can’t seem to get her house trained. What do I do?

Answer
Congratulations on your new family member! I hope she brings your family lots of joy and love for many years to come. House training shouldn’t be too hard, but it is time consuming. The trick is consistency.

First rule, follow the puppy rule of age: for every one month of age, your puppy can hold her bladder for one hour. A two-month-old puppy can only hold her bladder for two hours at most. For most dogs, this rule works until the dog is about four to five months old. Then you can start helping your puppy learn to hold it longer. This means you will need to provide your puppy with potty breaks every two to three hours for the next couple months; even at night.

The second rule of house training is supervision. Keep eyes on your puppy at all times. If you can’t do so, he needs to be crated or confined to an area where he can’t get in to trouble. Baby gates or play pens are a great way to keep your puppy in the same room as you so you can watch for the circling and sniffing that most dogs do when they need to potty. If your dog sneaks off and potties away from you, just clean it up with an enzyme-based cleaner and move on. Don’t make a big deal of accidents and don’t punish your puppy for mistakes. That will only teach him to hide when he needs to potty.

The third rule of house training is to go outside with your puppy on a leash. Yes, even if you have a fenced in yard. Give your puppy 15 minutes to potty, and if she doesn’t go, bring her back in and put her in her crate. Repeat every 30 minutes until she has gone potty outside. When your dog pees and poops outside, reward with a treat right away while still outside, then let her play. This helps a puppy learn potty happens right away and prevents spending 30 or more minutes outside playing without doing her business.

Follow these steps and you should have a house trained puppy in no time.

Positively Puppies & Puppy Socials
Looking for a way to help your puppy become the best dog he can be? Enroll him in our Positively Puppies training class. Or sign him up for our Puppy Socials where he can socialize with other dogs his age. kyhumane.org/dog-training.

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.
Waggin’ Trail May 16

Waggin’ Trail, the area’s original walk for the animals, is celebrating its 21st annual walk on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at Waterfront Park, Big Four Lawn. Since implementation, this signature fundraising event has generated more than $1 million for the lifesaving, proactive mission programs of KHS.

Have you walked for the animals before? Why not get a team together this year and enjoy yourselves even more.

Never walked? Join us this year. You’ll be in good company with other people who care for shelter pets.

There will be booths, food and fun at this year’s event, so save the date!

Tuxes & Tails, August 15

Save the date! Our biggest fundraiser of the year, Tuxes and Tails, will be held August 15 at the Galt House Louisville in the Archibald Cochran Ballroom.

The event’s theme this year is the Great Gatsby and the Barking 20s. Imagine the fun of a 1920’s party. Now imagine that you will be attending this great event.

The party will include an open bar with hors d’oeuvres, an elegant meal, silent and live auctions and dancing. We’ll see you there!

Khloe, a Pit Bull Terrier mix, Kayce Loucka & Louisville Cardinals legend Luke Hancock

“Khloe loves watching basketball, playing with dogs and cuddling. When Luke returns home from basketball trips, Khloe jumps as high as she can to give him kisses and runs laps around the house.”

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Apocalypse Brew Works hosted another Yappy Hour in September 2014. They served LAGERS club beers from the garage, and Johnny’s Diner and Jam Pan were there to sell food. All proceeds from beer sales and tips went to the Kentucky Humane Society to support its lifesaving mission. Because of the event, Apocalypse Brew Works was able to donate $4,250 to the Kentucky Humane Society.

Part of the proceeds from Yappy Hour went to our Working Cats program. Apocalypse has two of our Working Cats monitoring their grain stores at the brewery.

We want to thank Apocalypse Brew Works for their support for the Kentucky Humane Society and all our animals.
Paw

Six-year-old Shanel is a wonderful mix of love and fun. She loves to be brushed. Shanel has found her forever home with a happy family.

Wiley Garter
by Ms. Cheryl Chapman

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Eldie B
by Ms. Mary D. Howard

Ellen Hancock’s 30th Birthday
by Ms. Libby Hancock

Ellen Yearny’s 7th Birthday!
by Ms. Sharon Yearny

Girl Scouts
by Ms. Gretchen Davis

Haley Gradel
by Shawn & Tiffany Cardwell

Honey, my spoiled Brabbr
by Mr. Mark Whalen

Holly
by Barbara & John Southard

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by Sejum Jiva

Honey & Henry
by Mrs. Edith P. Hankey

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by Richard Owen

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by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Rose

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by Mrs. & Mr. Joseph Sanders

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by Ms. Jen Olson

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by Ms. Patricia F. Neely

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by Mr. & Mrs. Billy N. Hoycraft

Lilly, Sophie & Castle
by Drs. Christopher & Kim Williams

Maggie He
by Ms. Jennifer Legson

Maril Wilson & Christopher Bates
by Ms. Susan Mackey

Maximus, my cat
by Melissa Cave

May & Lucy
by Mr. & Mrs. George McNair

Milly
by Ms. Barbara Cochran

Murphy & Bitty
by Ms. Jonica Wise

Navy Lodge’s Birthday and all of her paws pals
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Paws & Tales
by Mr. Stephan Junion

Praiaus
by Mr. Richard T. Crawford

Pinecrest
by Amy Banton

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by Lliaun Hoppman

Punkin
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by Ms. Jeannie Williams

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by Ms. Jean W. Frazier

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by Bill & Kathy Fantester

Tomy
by John Swijscholm

Tulip & Sade
by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mullinix

Willy
by Ms. Dawn Morrison

Wesley Batcher
by Mr. Wesley Batcher

Women in the Family
by Ms. Amy Hurst

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For more information, call 502-515-3149 or email vmerrifield@kyhumane.org.
One of Santa’s Helpers in Action

By Caitlin Brooks, 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 our Special Event Ambassadors. These volunteers provide assistance at KHS events by working booths, handling money, and answering questions. Our signature annual events are Waggin’ Trail, Tuxes & Tails and Picture Your Pets with Santa. If you would like information about becoming a Special Events Ambassador or other volunteer opportunities, visit kyhumane.org/volunteer.

Every holiday season, the Kentucky Humane Society presents Picture Your Pets with Santa at Feeders Supply stores in the Louisville area. Pet lovers can bring their furry friends and get professional portraits with Santa Claus himself. Picture Your Pets with Santa is one of KHS’s most popular events throughout the year, and it takes a lot of help from our volunteers to keep it running smoothly. One of the volunteers who works diligently to make Picture Your Pets a success each year is Autumn O’Neal.

Autumn has been volunteering for Picture Your Pets with Santa for 10 years now. She worked with the co-chair in her first year of volunteering and took over as co-chair the following year at the Elizabethtown Feeders Supply. Autumn says the Picture Your Pets event is always fun, and everyone loves working together with the animals. She says, “It is a nice change to work with animals who are in loving homes. Working with shelters, we all see so many that don’t have that.” Autumn says since she has volunteered with Picture Your Pets for so long, she has gotten to see the same people and pets year after year and watch those children and pets grow up.

Picture Your Pets is a big event to run, but Autumn says she and the many volunteers who work the event have it down to a science. Autumn says she has a great group of volunteers who sign up every year as well as some new faces who want to help. Together, they work hard to make sure the event runs as smoothly as possible.

Autumn volunteers because she has a passion for animals and wants to help those in need as much as possible. With seven cats, two dogs, a husband, and two young children, Autumn can’t take in any more animals. However, she continues to help animals in need by volunteering.

Autumn says everyone who volunteers for Picture Your Pets with Santa has a great time. She also says if you love animals, then you’ll love helping the Kentucky Humane Society with an event like this. We can’t thank Autumn and all of our volunteers enough for making Picture Your Pets possible.

Santa’s Record Year

Another December, another successful Picture Your Pets with Santa at Feeders Supply. This year, our annual fundraiser brought in nearly $74,000 – a record for us! The weather was ideal for Santa and pets alike. We had many visitors who make this an annual tradition, and we saw a number of new faces as well.

Thank you to all who came out to the event, volunteers and customers alike.

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**February**

7 Volunteer Orientation, Main Campus, 10 a.m.
10 Volunteer Orientation, East Campus, 5 p.m.
21 Housetraining Your Dog, Main Campus, noon

**March**

2 Student Volunteer Orientation, East Campus, 5 p.m.
7 Volunteer Orientation, Main Campus, 10 a.m.
10 Volunteer Orientation, East Campus, 5 p.m.
25 Loud Pet Problems, Main Campus, 6:30 p.m.

**April**

5 Easter, all locations closed for the holiday
14 Litter Box Issues, East Campus, 6:30 p.m.
18 Volunteer Orientation, Main Campus, 10 a.m.
21 Volunteer Orientation, East Campus, 5 p.m.

**May**

2 Main Campus Closed
16 Waggin’ Trail, Waterfront Park, Big Four Lawn
23 New Pet Care, Main Campus, noon

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