Kitten Season
Welcome spring
Help! I found some kittens
Tully finds confidence
Waggin’ Trail Festival is June 10
From the Mailbox

Completed Our Family

Jabba the pup has completed our family, and we are so in love! The kids have named him Jax, and he has adjusted so well to being home! Thank you for all that you do to facilitate all these animals and find them homes!

Courtney Rigney

Twice as Nice

Sophia loves her new home, loves my shoes, loves her brother Harley. They are equally rambunctious, make the same trilling bird noise and gallop like buffalo. I call them my pigeon buffalo. I was happy with 1 cat, but 2 are twice as nice.

Hope Corsette

Happy Little Guy

Yesterday was the one-year anniversary of adopting little Wolf! He’s such a happy little guy and loves playing with every toy he can find, getting head scratches and loving on his big brother Shadow!

Amy Johnston

Happy We Found Him

Bear (left) is such an amazing boy! He has gained some necessary weight and has transitioned into the family seamlessly. His big sister, Venus, has been a great help in showing Bear the ropes. So happy we found him!

P.T. Priesing

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Dear Friends,

In March, the Kentucky Humane Society team gathered at the University of Louisville Rauch Planetarium to celebrate the lifesaving achievements of our staff.

Every day, our compassionate team saves and improves lives. From our kennel attendants who provide daily care for the animals to our adoption counselors, from our Pet Resorts staff to our veterinary teams, from our fundraising folks to our Pet Help Line staff: everyone at KHS is dedicated to helping animals and the people who love them.

At this celebration, we unveiled our new core values, which I want to share with you. Core values are the fundamental beliefs that our staff live by every day. These guiding principles highlight what the Kentucky Humane Society stands for.

- **Always Pawsitive**: Embracing optimism at all times with animals, ourselves, each other and our community.
- **Compassion Matters**: Meeting everyone with an open mind, kindness and respect.
- **Inspire Others**: Encouraging collaboration, perseverance and dedication for our mission.
- **Ever-Evolving**: Leading the change our communities need.

You may notice these core values and their symbols on staff T-shirts, posters, printed materials and the KHS website. We live and breathe these values every day.

As a Kentucky Humane Society supporter, your core values are probably very similar to ours. You demonstrate compassion when you adopt or foster. You exhibit “pawsitivity” when you volunteer or attend KHS events. You inspire others when you share why you support KHS. And you lead the change our communities need when you donate to KHS.

Thank you for being a KHS supporter, and for demonstrating our core values every day.

In gratitude,

Lori Kane Redmon
President and CEO

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**By the Numbers**

(Jan. 1, 2018 – Mar. 31, 2018)

1,244 shelter pets found homes in the first three months of 2018. Of those, 404 were cats, 832 were dogs and 8 were horses.

1,928 pets were spayed or neutered at our donor-supported S.N.I.P. Clinic. Since opening in 2007, the clinic has altered over 11,500 cats and dogs from Louisville and surrounding counties.

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**On the Cover**

Very young kittens without mothers require round-the-clock care from foster caregivers.

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The look in Tully’s eyes as he took his first tentative steps toward our staff was unforgettable. The young Labrador mix was terrified, but he summoned up his courage and put one foot in front of the next as he walked into the Kentucky Humane Society.

He had no idea that kind people like you even existed, much less that you were in his corner, ready to give him everything he needed and more love than he ever dreamed possible.

All Alone
Tully had never been loved. In fact, at less than a year old, he was abandoned by his owner on a rural piece of property in northern Tennessee – and left with no human contact for months. He was discovered by local authorities, who asked Animal Rescue Corps (ARC) for help. ARC then brought Tully to our doors.

Tully was assisted by our Sam Swope Pet Retreat, a unique rehabilitation center for shelter pets. Our behavior experts discovered that Tully loved other dogs, so they paired him with “helper dogs” who taught him how to relax. Within a few weeks, Tully went from hiding in the presence of staff, to seeking out games and affection. Before long, he was ready for a forever home where he could be cherished.

A New Life
The day Tully went home was one that our behavioral team will not soon forget. In a recent update, Tully’s new mom and dad said that Tully is now a happy dog who loves going for walks, getting treats and spending time with his people. Tully bounds around their yard with sheer, unbridled joy with their other dog, Brice. Tully finally knows what unconditional love is. That’s what all dogs deserve.

The Kentucky Humane Society is a safety net for animals like Tully whose roads bring them to our front door. With your help, these animals step across the threshold and into the possibility of a happy, healthy future. Your support literally saves their lives. Thank you.

So Much Depends on You
Help an animal like Tully today by making a tax-deductible donation to the Kentucky Humane Society. Your gift will give animals in crisis the time and the resources to heal.

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

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

Thank you for caring about animals. And thank you for supporting us.
Welcome, Spring!

April means spring flowers, showers... and baby animals at the Kentucky Humane Society—all who need love, nutritious food, medical attention, and eventually loving homes. Want to help? Here are two great ways!

Kitten Foster Homes & Supplies Needed

Spring is the unofficial start of “kitten season,” when the majority of kittens are born. And it’s a busy time at the shelter! So far this year, over 100 kittens have been placed in KHS foster homes.

To prepare for the influx of felines, KHS hosted a Kitten Shower at its East Campus on April 15. The public was invited to bring “wish list” donations for the kittens and learn about fostering opportunities, kitten care and spaying and neutering.

If you weren’t able to make it, you can still help. We are collecting items such as: cans of soft pâté kitten food (Science Diet, Fancy Feast, Iams and Royal Canin are preferred); Feeder Supply gift cards; KMR (kitten milk replacer) cans and powder (we do not need 2nd Step); heating pads or microwavable heating discs and covers; unscented baby wipes; gram scales; and cash donations.

Wish List items are gratefully accepted at the Sam Swope Pet Treatment & Lifesaving Center at 241 Steedly Drive and all KHS adoption centers.

In addition, we are looking for families to provide temporary foster homes to kittens for a few weeks until they are old enough to be spayed/neutered and adopted. Learn more by emailing foster@kyhumane.org.

Guests at our Kitten Shower enjoyed meeting new friends.

Two orphaned foals meet someone to teach them how to be a horse.

Buffalo Trace Matches Gifts to Help Foals

Each spring, the Kentucky Humane Society Equine C.A.R.E. team rescues foals like Alice who have been orphaned.

And thanks to Buffalo Trace Distillery, donations to help these babies and other KHS horses will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to a total of $10,000, through May 31.

“Without a mother to care for them, these foals are very fragile,” explains Equine Director Shara Wiesenauer. “Our equine staff and volunteers provide round-the-clock feedings. Because horses are highly social animals, we pair each foal with another orphaned ‘buddy’ or a gentle adult horse so they are not alone.”

When the foals are stable and mature enough, KHS finds loving homes in Kentucky and across the country. The process can take months, and the costs add up quickly. For example, one bucket of milk replacer costs $75 and feeds one foal for five days, and medical care is often hundreds of dollars per foal.

Alice is just one of the many orphaned foals KHS has taken in this spring. The goal is for each one is to become a happy, successful companion horse who is beloved by his or her family.

How to help

Learn about our foal program at kyhumane.org/orphan-foals. Donations are gratefully accepted at kyhumane.org/equine-donate or by returning a donation envelope.

#HelpAHorse

We are excited to partner with the ASPCA’s national #HelpAHorse campaign! Follow us at facebook.com/khsequine to earn more.

Kittens under the age of eight weeks need time in foster.

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Free the Shelter Found Homes for 96 Pets

We’d like to thank PRAI Beauty for sponsoring our Free the Shelters Adoption Special March 9-11. Because of them, and all those out there willing to adopt, we found homes for 37 cats and 59 dogs in one weekend. Throughout the weekend, adoption counselors met with potential adopters, going over the responsibilities of pet ownership and ensuring our pets went to loving homes. We appreciate the support of PRAI Beauty. They helped make a lot of animals’ and families’ dreams come true.

Fern Creek Pet Resort is an ASPCA ‘Way Station’

If your dog or cat is a client of the Kentucky Humane Society’s Fern Creek Pet Resort, chances are you’ve seen a big white and orange transport vehicle emblazoned with the ASPCA logo in the driveway.

In March 2017, Fern Creek Pet Resort became an overnight way station for the ASPCA’s WaterShed Animal Fund Rescue Ride.

Each week, up to 80 lucky shelter dogs spend a night in a separate building at the Pet Resort before continuing their journey to shelters where excited families are waiting to adopt them. These dogs are transported by the ASPCA from overcrowded animal shelters in Mississippi, Alabama and surrounding states to shelters in Wisconsin and beyond.

“Our staff is thrilled to be a part of saving lives,” says Cheyenne Utley, Fern Creek Pet Resort Manager. “Not only do the revenues from boarding, grooming and day care from our clients help shelter animals at KHS, but we are also caring for shelter dogs who – without this program – may never have been given a second chance.”

Happy adopters found the perfect pet at our Free the Shelter event. Our thanks to PRAI Beauty for making these pets’ dreams come true.
Help! I Found a Litter of Kittens!
What to Do, Who to Call

by Sheri Williams, Pet Help Line Coordinator

Springtime is here and alongside spring rains and warmer days, we also find baby animals. One of the most common are little kittens, either with or without their mom. But what do you do?

Kittens around one week and under fit just into the palm of your hand. Their eyes are still closed and they rely on their mother completely. As their eyes begin to open they slowly gain sharper eyesight as they grow, still needing mothers milk until about 6-8 weeks of age.

Found: Tiny Kittens
Our first instinct when we find kittens is to scoop them up and carry them away to be taken care of, to find a shelter, or to attempt to feed them milk or wet food. But this may not be the best first move. Our milk can actually make cats sick, and some kittens you find will be unable to eat wet food. If you happen on a litter of kittens without the mother around, keep in mind that the mom has to leave them to hunt. She usually leaves them somewhere she thinks they may be safe, then returns later to feed them and then move them again if she needs to.

However, we don’t always find kittens in places that are safe. Sometimes we find them in our yard when we are mowing, on a sidewalk, behind a dumpster. These may not be the best places for the kitten, but keep in mind that they may not have been abandoned. The mom could be hunting or they could just be moving the kittens to a new location and unable to carry more than one at a time.

Though you may bring them to the shelter with good intentions, their chances of surviving is so much less with replacement milk that just cannot match the nutrients and antibodies that mom passes to them. If you are able to, the first step should be to wait and see if mom returns within a few hours. You can do what you can to make sure the kittens are warm, dry and safe, then try to keep your distance and keep an eye out for mom. Touching the kittens is okay.

Still No Sign of Mom? Here Are a Few Options.
Contacting your local shelter for guidance will help. For instance, the Kentucky Humane Society’s free Pet Help Line has a packet we can provide that goes over basic information for caring for kittens. We can also provide you with a bottle and some Kitten Milk Replacement (KMR) formula to feed them until we can take them in, as well as guide you through stimulating them and keeping them warm/healthy. We are also able to email the care packet to you.

If you are able to hold on to them until they are able to eat on their own, this can help your shelter tremendously. Kittens who are eating on their own, around 6-8 weeks, are kittens who are almost ready for adoption. This will mean less time in the shelter before being able to find their forever homes.

Ask the Experts
Got a pet-related question? Call or text our Pet Help Line to receive free advice and connect to local pet resources, (502) 509-4PET or visit kyhumane.org/help. Our Pet Help Line is made possible by grants from PetSmart Charities and Dogs Trust Worldwide. The Pet Help Line is designed to help keep pets in their homes and out of shelters by giving owners the tools they need to have healthy relationships with their pets.
Where There’s a Will, There’s a Way

Carrie Ritsert believes everyone deserves a second chance – especially misunderstood dogs. “I want to give to the animals because they need us to survive and did not ask for the bad situations they are put into. Animals just want to be loved.”

As a successful lawyer and animal lover, Carrie feels strongly about supporting the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS) and the community. She has volunteered at many KHS events. Recently, Carrie included KHS as a beneficiary of her will and wants to help fellow animal lovers create a will for FREE if they wish to remember KHS in their estate plans.

“I don’t just want to write a check (to KHS). I want to initiate a ‘no cost will’ program with KHS,” says Carrie.

Carrie was inspired by a recent visit to our Sam Swope Pet Retreat, which helps shelter dogs who need behavioral assistance before adoption. “I really like the Swope rehabilitation program. It gives hard to adopt dogs a second chance.”

Her dog George, a 75-pound English Bulldog, is a great example of how training and love make a difference. “I rescued George from a family who had no time for him. He was two years old, had no manners and didn’t even know his name.”

Today George and Carrie are inseparable and want to help more second chance dogs, like George, find forever homes.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this free service, contact Kristin Binkowski at 502-515-3147 or kbinkowski@kyhumane.org, and mention this article.

Peace of Mind for Your Pet’s Future

At the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS), we understand pets are more than just companions. They are family.

What would happen if you were no longer able to care for your pets?

KHS’s Pet Guardianship Program helps provide a bright future for pets who outlive their adopters. Pets enrolled in the program are placed into loving new homes after tragedy strikes, giving current owners peace of mind knowing their pet will be taken care of after they are gone.

This program is a special benefit of KHS’s Lifelong Friends Society, which is open to anyone who has included KHS in his or her estate plans.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Lifelong Friend member and enrollment in our Pet Guardianship Program, please contact Kristin Binkowski at 502-515-3147 or kbinkowski@kyhumane.org.

Louisville Health Kick Festival Helped Shelter Pets

We want to thank Hwang’s Martial Arts for letting us partner with them at the 2018 Louisville Health Kick Festival in April. The event raised almost $37,000 for the Kentucky Humane Society!

We want to say a big thank you and congratulations to all the students who raised money for us. Over 500 students participated in the event, and many received a puppy pizza party to thank them for their great work raising support for our animals.

We also want to thank Grandmaster Hwang and his family for their support of KHS and the Louisville community. This event not only helped KHS, it also provided resources to the community about healthy living.
Grants

KHS Gets New Transport Van
The Kentucky Colonels, a voluntary philanthropic organization, and Mister “P” Express Inc., a truckload contract carrier, provided funds for a new transport van! Seven days a week, our drivers deliver animals from the Sam Swope Pet Treatment & Lifesaving Center on Steedly Drive to 10 adoption centers throughout Louisville. We couldn’t do this without a reliable transport vehicle. Thanks, Kentucky Colonels and Mister “P” Express!

PEDIGREE Foundation Supports Shelter Dogs
Kentucky Humane Society received a $10,000 grant from PEDIGREE Foundation to expand our Saving Kentucky’s Shelter Dogs project. The funds will help KHS increase the number of at-risk dogs transferred to KHS from municipal shelters, place them for adoption and empower shelter partners to increase the number of dogs they save in their communities through behavioral and other KHS training support.

“We are thrilled to partner with PEDIGREE Foundation again,” says Kristin Seaman, KHS Transport Manager. “This program will help us save the lives of hundreds of shelter dogs.”

PetSmart Charities Funds Spay/Neuter & Pet Retention
Did you know that PetSmart Charities Inc. is one of our top supporters? Since 2005, they have given over $422,000 to support our lifesaving work. This year, PetSmart Charities gave funds to spay or neuter 700 pit bull type dogs at no cost to their owners. And they recently gave a grant for our Pet Help Line and Pet Retention Programs, which help owners keep their pets out of shelters. The next time you shop at PetSmart, please say “thank you” to the staff on behalf of KHS. Each year, millions of generous PetSmart shoppers help pets in need by donating to PetSmart Charities using the pin pads at checkout registers inside PetSmart stores. Learn more about PetSmart Charities at petsmartcharities.org.

Dogs Trust Worldwide Helps Owned Dogs
In December, the Kentucky Humane Society became the second organization in the United States to receive a grant from Dogs Trust Worldwide, sister charity to Dogs Trust – the United Kingdom’s leading dog welfare charity. They are supporting our Pet Retention Programs, covering three areas: temporary foster care costs for dogs owned by domestic abuse survivors and low-income owners seeking secure housing, the running of our Pet Help Line which assists over 2,400 dog owners a year, and financial assistance vouchers for low-income pet owners’ veterinary bills. We are honored to have our life-changing work recognized by an international organization.

Schweitzer Fund Supports Orphaned Foals
We are grateful that the Albert Schweitzer Animal Welfare Fund is supporting our orphaned foal program this spring. Without a mother, these babies are very fragile and expensive to raise. A grant from this Fund is helping pay for medical treatment, milk and daily care. In honor of the Fund’s support, our first foal of the season, Allie, was named for Albert Schweitzer. The Fund was established in 1981 and named for the famed scientist and humanitarian in recognition of his philosophy of Reverence for Life.
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Dog Days at the Park
This year, Dog Day in the Park will take place May 8, June 19 and August 21. Dogs are welcome at the ballgame, so make plans to bring the entire family out. Our thanks to the Louisville Bats and Slugger Stadium for hosting this event. The $3 dog ticket price goes back to the Kentucky Humane Society.

Waggin’ Trail is June 10
Includes Lure Coursing for Dogs!

Our Waggin’ Trail Walk & Festival for the Animals is June 10 at the beautiful Louisville Water Tower Park. Have you signed up yet? This walk and festival is one of our biggest events of the year, and it’s successful because of people like you! So register, start/join a team, invite friends and family, and help us raise money for the animals!

After the walk, we’ll have a lure course for dogs, which you and your pup won’t want to miss! Plus adoptable dogs, KHS horses, animal-themed booths, music, food trucks, beer and children’s activities. Register at support.kyhumane.org/wtrail2018.

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Tuxes & Tails Gala Wants to Take You to the Disco!

Save the date! The Kentucky Humane Society will be hosting its annual Tuxes & Tails Gala on August 11. This event is hot, and promises to be a Disco InFURno!

Tuxes & Tails will again be held at the Marriott East. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available at wedoauctions.net/khs2018. Make reservations today! 🐾

Purrfect Day Café Comes to Louisville

We’re excited to announce a partnership between the Kentucky Humane Society and the Purrfect Day café. The cat café will be located near the intersection of Bardstown Road and Speed Avenue.

The café will offer wines, coffees and local beers all while guests hang with Kentucky Humane Society cats and kittens who will temporarily call the café home until they’re adopted.

“We think this one location will help us find homes for at least 300 cats a year,” said Kentucky Humane Society’s Andrea Blair.

Watch for the café in late June or early July. Learn more by following the café’s Facebook page, purrfectdaycatcafe. 🐾
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Eighty-year-old Boogey is a Pit Bull Terrier Mix who is missing his family. He needs a special someone to give him a forever home. He’s waiting at our adoption center in the St. Matthews feeders Supply.
Paw

One year-old Bryn is the perfect combination of beauty and sweet disposition. She loves to spend her time with human companions and hang out with other cats. Bryn is waiting for you at our East Campus on Lyndon Lane.

Thanks

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by Vetterl "Tail" Kennels, Inc.

All the cats who don’t have a home
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To give each shelter pet the healthiest start possible, VCA Fairleigh Animal Hospital, 1212 Bardstown Rd. in Louisville, provides a complimentary health exam to every dog and cat adopted from the Kentucky Humane Society, as well as complimentary follow-up care within the first 14 days of adoption.

Within the first two weeks of adoption, VCA Fairleigh will cover up to $250 in treatment for recently adopted KHS pets for common issues like upper respiratory infections, internal parasites, eye and ear infections, kennel cough and urinary tract infections. Each Kentucky Humane Society (KHS) pet is examined by a veterinarian before being placed for adoption, but illnesses can occur soon after adoption from stress.

“Going from the shelter to their forever homes can be stressful for pets, so it is not uncommon for them to get a stomach ache or catch a cold,” says Dr. Meredith Hope, Medical Director at VCA Fairleigh Animal Hospital.

“We love giving back to the community,” she says. “Our relationship with KHS helps ensure that every shelter pet gets a wellness exam and basic services so that families can concentrate on the joys of having a new family member.”

In the first six months of the program, VCA Fairleigh donated over $47,000 in wellness exams, medications and diagnostics to KHS adopters. This does not include free first doses of flea and heartworm prevention, which they provide to each adopter.

“As a long-term Louisville resident, and after 13 years in the veterinary field locally, I love that VCA can help us to provide such great care and support to KHS pets and their adopters,” says Todd Kuvin, VCA Fairleigh Hospital Manager.

Matching Gift for Waggin’ Trail
In addition to providing complimentary exams and treatment to shelter pets, VCA Fairleigh Animal Hospital is providing a $10,000 matching gift to Waggin’ Trail Festival for the Animals for the second year in a row. The first $10,000 that walkers raise this year through registrations and fundraising will be matched – dollar for dollar.
Love animals and want to give back? Volunteer at the Kentucky Humane Society! Visit kyhumane.org/volunteer to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

The Kentucky Humane Society (KHS) is fortunate to have passionate volunteers who devote their time and energy to help KHS. While over 850 people volunteer at KHS a year, one volunteer stood out in 2017. Kaye West was named Volunteer of the Year for 2017.

Kaye began volunteering in 2014 at our S.N.I.P. Clinic and Pet Photography Program when she retired from being an elementary school principal. Kaye fell in love with photography and took a class at the University of Louisville so she could hone her skills. After completing her course, Kaye began volunteering three days a week with Pet Photography. She quickly became a familiar face around KHS, and her work has helped countless shelter pets find homes.

Kaye is also involved in our foster program and she does many “odd jobs” as well! When our Santa suits were in need of quick repair, Kaye volunteered her sewing abilities. She also spends her time giving comfort to shy shelter animals who need a little TLC. Whether she’s behind the lens of a camera, cleaning cages or assisting other volunteers, Kaye is always ready to help. When asked her favorite part about volunteering, Kaye says seeing the animals she loves get adopted.

“One thing about volunteering at KHS is it’s never boring! Maybe an animal has ‘shut down’ and doesn’t want anyone bothering them. You spend some time with them, getting to know them and before long, they recognize your voice, even your walk, and they come to life when they see you. When you see an animal who has touched your heart in some way find a home, that’s my favorite part of volunteering.”

Kaye says her love for animals and the great people at KHS are what make volunteering so rewarding for her. She has made many friends through volunteering and couldn’t be happier to spend three days a week giving back to the animals and her community.

“My advice about volunteering at KHS is to be persistent and go for it! There are so many ways to get involved. Talk to the KHS Volunteer Manager about ways to help, befriend another volunteer to shadow them and join our Facebook page for volunteers! No job is too small and no time is ‘not enough’ for these wonderful pets,” she says.

When Kaye isn’t volunteering, she enjoys playing piano, sewing, crocheting, painting and woodworking. In addition to her hobbies, Kaye loves spending time with her friends, family and furry companions. She adopted her dog Missy, a Finnish Spitz, after fostering her and her four puppies last August for KHS. In addition to Missy, Kaye has a Chihuahua named Penny, a seventeen-year-old cat named Dixie and a “tuxedo” kitten she adopted from KHS, Walter.

Thank you, Kaye, for all you do for the animals and people at KHS! 🐾
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