T.R.O.T.

National equine transport program launched

Jewel's miraculous recovery

Winter care for pets
From the Mailbox

Glued to the Set

We adopted Silas (now Scout) in November. He’s really very fond of the TV. Here he is on his first day home. Glued to Law and Order SVU.

Terri Whelan Burgan

Following Your Heart

I adopted this sweet girl during the Hurricane Refugee adoptions. She’s a true example of when an animal picks you, and you didn’t pick them. She doesn’t leave my side, and I just wanted to say how much I love her and am happy that I followed my gut in getting her.

Lynzy Rice

We Always Adopt

You may not remember him, but we adopted this sweet boy, Knox, 4 years ago. It wasn’t easy at first, but he got my heart pretty quick. You all trained him well and I appreciate all you and your volunteers do! We will always adopt!

Jaclyn Hughes

National Cat Day

Happy National Cat Day! My Carter is my best buddy. He makes my life exponentially better, and I love him so much! I found this sweet boy at the Kentucky Humane Society.

Hayden Ristevski
Dear Friends,

With your support, 2017 was an amazing year for the animals – and the people – we serve. While the Kentucky Humane Society is most known for helping animals, it’s important to remember that without people, there is no KHS.

From our adopters, foster caregivers, donors, volunteers, board members and staff, you are key to our lifesaving work. Your support made it possible for more than 6,000 dogs, cats and horses to find second chances and new homes with excited families last year.

Here are just a few of the amazing milestones we reached in 2017.

- Our S.N.I.P Clinic performed its 100,000th spay/neuter surgery in October. This incredible achievement has resulted in 50% fewer animals in Jefferson County’s animal shelters.

- In April we opened the Healthy Pets Clinic on Steedly Drive, providing low-cost vaccines and basic veterinary care five days a week. Our goal is to ensure that all pets, regardless of their owners’ income, have access to lifesaving vaccines and preventatives.

- In January we opened the Sam Swope Pet Retreat in Jeffersontown to provide behavioral rehabilitation to fragile shelter pets. More than 200 pets have received specialized care at the Retreat and found homes.

- Last spring we renamed our Main Campus the Sam Swope Pet Treatment & Lifesaving Center, to reflect the advanced veterinary care we now provide at our intake facility.

- Our Pet Help Line, 502-509-4738, expanded to answering calls 7 days week; over 14,000 pet owners were assisted in 2017.

- KHS helped not only needy animals in Kentucky, but also in other regions. When hurricanes impacted Houston, our staff was there to help. We also assisted overcrowded shelters in Texas and Florida by taking in more than 250 unowned dogs, cats and horses.

Our accomplishments are only possible because of you. We are so appreciative of your belief that every companion animal deserves a loving home.

From my family to yours, I wish you a wonderful year, full of happy tail wags and contented purrs.

In gratitude,

Lori Kane Redmon
President and CEO

By the Numbers


6,058 shelter pets found homes in 2017. Of those, 2,497 were cats, 3,521 were dogs and 40 were horses.

9,646 pets were spayed or neutered at our donor-supported S.N.I.P. Clinic from January through September. Since opening in 2007, the clinic has altered nearly 102,000 cats and dogs from Louisville and surrounding counties.

On the Cover

Pepper, a Houston horse, frolicking in a Kentucky field. Photo by Mary Rose Cissell.

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We are delighted to report that the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS) was awarded a $150,000 grant from The Right Horse Initiative to create a national equine relocation program.

KHS was one of four finalists competing for The Right Idea Grant Challenge for the most innovative plan for boosting equine adoptions.

“The Right Horse is thrilled to support the Kentucky Humane Society to launch their new equine transport program. Innovative new programs such as this will be an important part of achieving our goal of massively increasing horse adoption in the United States,” said Christy Counts, President of The Right Horse Initiative.

Funding will help KHS’ Equine C.A.R.E. (connect, assist, rescue and educate) program to create a transportation network called T.R.O.T. (Transport Relocation Operation Team). T.R.O.T.’s goal is to increase the diversity of breeds and types of horses available for adoption at KHS and at partner organizations across the country, resulting in more owners choosing to adopt their next horse. The system is similar to successful transportation models already being used to increase dog and cat adoptions in many areas of the country, including Louisville.

“We believe the right horse is often in the wrong place, and that more people will choose adoption if there are trained, marketable and diverse horses in their communities,” said Lori Redmon, KHS President and CEO.

In 2017, KHS’s Equine C.A.R.E. team completed 60 adoptions. They also removed more than 40 horses from life-threatening situations and are working to save even more in 2018.

The Right Horse Initiative is funded by the WaterShed Animal Fund, a division of the Arnall Family Foundation dedicated to improving the lives of companion animals. Their goal is to massively increase the number of successful horse adoptions in the United States by working together to reframe the adoption conversation and shatter the stigma surrounding horses in transition. Learn more at therighthorse.org.

The Kentucky Humane Society’s Equine C.A.R.E. program helps Kentucky’s at-risk horses. Over the last few years, the program has assisted hundreds of horses through adoption, transport and winter feedings. Learn more at kyhumane.org/horses.
Harvey Horses Find Help – and Homes – in the Bluegrass

In early September, Hurricane Harvey devastated much of southeastern Texas. The people and animals of Houston were hit particularly hard, with thousands losing their homes.

A few days after the hurricane, our Equine C.A.R.E. (connect, assist, rescue and educate) team was contacted by the Houston SPCA with a special request: did we have room for some of their needy horses? Houston SPCA had many equines in care before the storm, and they were expecting over 100 more would need shelter as a result of the hurricane.

“We knew we had to help,” says Lori Redmon, KHS President and CEO. “Our team quickly mobilized to get the horses to Kentucky, as time was of the essence.”

KHS contacted Equine Express of Texas, which offered to transport seven horses to Kentucky for a discounted price.

On Sept. 14, the herd arrived, and our staff began the process of training and assessing the horses for adoption. Our goal was to find local adopters for some of the horses, and to provide others with transport to equine rescues.

Four of the Texas horses were part of a group of over 200 Quarter Horses that were confiscated after their owners were charged and found guilty of animal cruelty. Among them was Pepper, a shy chestnut who had trouble trusting people. In October, KHS staff and Pepper attended a Buck Brannaman Clinic in Lexington. Brannaman is a world-renowned horse gentler. Under the guidance of KHS Equine Manager Mary Rose Cissell, Pepper continues to make progress, and she has started in the saddle.

Dallas, a Paint/Quarter horse who was also from the cruelty case, has been adopted by a Kentucky family, as has Abilene, a Palomino.

“We are grateful for the compassion of our adopters and supporters,” says Lori. “We couldn’t do it without them.”

Thanks, ASPCA!

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) recently gave KHS two grants totaling $7,000 to help pay for the transport and medical care of adoptable dogs, cats and horses impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Funds were provided by the ASPCA’s FIR (Field Investigations and Response) Partner Placement Grant and the ASPCA Equine Fund Grant. We are grateful for their support of the animals impacted by the storms.

Abilene, a Palomino from Houston, has been adopted.
Jewel came to KhS at the end of September. When little Jewel arrived, she was under a month old and in dire shape. The kitten was suffering from multiple fractures to her ribs, pelvis and vertebrae. She was extremely lethargic, couldn’t stand or walk. We weren’t sure whether Jewel would have the strength to survive, but we knew she deserved a chance.

Jewel was cared for by our veterinary team while we searched for the right foster home for her. Nancy Jo, who has fostered many injured kittens/cats for KhS, brought Jewel home. The first few days were rough for Jewel and Nancy. Jewel would cry any time Nancy tried to move her. This made feeding Jewel difficult, but Nancy wasn’t ready to give up on the injured tabby.

Still unsure of her prognosis, Nancy took Jewel with her to work, so she could keep a better eye on her. By the end of the work day, the curious side of Jewel emerged, and she used her front legs to crawl so she could greet Nancy’s coworkers. Things were starting to look up for the young kitten.

A week later Jewel began sitting up on her own. Within a month, Jewel could walk down the hallway to follow Nancy wherever she went.

By the end of November, Jewel was strong enough to go up for adoption.

“As soon as I walked in to the kitten room at East Campus, Jewel came up to me and starting climbing on me. She was so friendly,” Jamie says.

Jewel, now named Moana, lives her life like any other kitten. Playing, eating and cuddling are some of her favorite pastimes. And she has a wonderful best friend, a five-year-old girl who loves her very much.

“They are inseparable,” says Jamie.

Snooki and Benji came to the Kentucky Humane Society in terrible shape. They had been abandoned in a rusty cage on the side of a road. It was clear they had been neglected for years. It was also clear that shy little Benji deeply loved Snooki and depended on her. Wherever Snooki went, Benji followed. We were committed to finding them a home where they could remain together. They were, after all, best friends.

Our veterinary team gave them lifesaving medical care. Then our behavioral team at the Sam Swope Pet Retreat taught Benji that people can be good and kind. Both dogs spent months with our staff, who healed their physical and emotional wounds. Benji learned to trust, and soon – like Snooki’s – his little tail was going a mile a minute.

Finally, they were ready for adoption. That’s when Kelly and Tom learned about Snooki and Benji from a KHS volunteer. They felt they could offer these little dogs the love and understanding they needed.

“We’d gone through a hard time, and so had they,” says Kelly.

Kelly’s father had recently passed away, and her mother was ill. Then their dog of 14 years passed away. Kelly and Tom felt that Snooki and Benji could help heal their hearts – and that they could do the same for them. Today Snooki and Benji are the center of the universe for Kelly and Tom. They can’t imagine life without them.

The hope we have for helping animals like these hinges on the support of generous, caring people like you. Thank you for helping us give pets like Benji and Snooki a chance.

Jewel, aka Moana, began life in fear and pain, but with the help of our supporters, she healed and found a forever home.

Want to help more pets like Jewel? As a private, nonprofit organization, KHS relies on kind volunteers and supporters like you to save animals in our community. Donations are gratefully accepted at www.kyhumane.org/donate.

www.kyhumane.org
With temperatures dropping throughout the region, what can pet owners do to keep pets warm and healthy? Follow these tips provided by the Kentucky Humane Society’s free Pet Help Line, 502-509-4PET:

- Do not leave pets outdoors when the temperature drops. If you have outdoor dogs, bring them inside. Pets are at risk of frostbite, hypothermia and death during extreme cold snaps, and wind chill is particularly dangerous. Exposed skin on noses, ears and paws can quickly freeze and suffer permanent damage.

- If you care for community, unowned cats (often called feral cats), be sure they have access to fresh water – use deep bowls rather than wide ones, and refill them with hot or warm water twice a day. Feed cats on a regular schedule and increase their caloric intake. Protect them from the elements by providing cat shelters. You can build one yourself or convert Rubbermaid storage bins or Styrofoam coolers into shelters.

- During the winter, community cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are community cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine.

- Like coolant, antifreeze is lethal for pets. Thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol.

- Avoid salt and chemical melting products. They can be toxic to animals and harmful to their paws.

- Wipe your pet’s paws and stomach when she comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. She could ingest salt, antifreeze or other dangerous chemicals while licking them.

- Do not let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm: dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost.

- Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs and may be difficult to house train during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train her inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take her outdoors only to relieve herself.

- Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater.

More Pet Safety Tips
For more tips, call the Kentucky Humane Society’s free Pet Help Line, 502-509-4PET or visit kyhumane.org/help. The Pet Help Line provides advice for all things pet-related and is made possible by grants from Dogs Trust Worldwide and PetSmart Charities.
Brink Bloembergen and Linda Johnsen have always worked to help the underdog and those who cannot speak for themselves. Both love animals passionately and currently have four dogs (three 13-year-olds: Romeo, a Newfoundland, Cocker Spaniel Lady, and Blackjack, a miniature Schnauzer who is blind, and a 2½-year-old Shepherd mix named Cooper) and two cats (Sassy and Sydney) who live with them on eight acres of land in Shelby County. Brink and Linda have lived in the Louisville area for 14 years, and Brink has been involved with the Kentucky Humane Society for nearly as long.

Brink began supporting the Kentucky Humane Society in 2004, by joining the Board of Directors, volunteering at events and by donating. In addition to quarterly donations and a capital donation to support the Sam Swope Pet TLC and Pet Retreat, Brink and Linda have decided to leave a legacy gift to the Kentucky Humane Society in their wills.

“We love all animals, both companion animals and wildlife,” explains Brink. “We don’t have children or grandchildren, so we have that much more time and savings to devote to our six companion animals and others in the community looking for their forever homes. I have seen KHS’s commitment to building a compassionate community. It has become a favorite charity.”

We are grateful to Brink and Linda for their decision to continue their legacy by guaranteeing long-term support for homeless pets in our community.

You, too, can support our lifesaving work far into the future by becoming a Lifelong Friend. For more information about building a compassionate community that cares for all companion animals, please contact Kristin Binkowski at 502-515-3147 or kbinkowski@kyhumane.org.
Dancing with the Stars February 18

Douglas Spalding is competing in “Dancing With Prospect Stars” on February 18 to raise money for the Kentucky Humane Society.

Doug, a mortgage loan originator for Park Community Credit Union, will raise money for our animals as a part of the dancing competition. Each dollar donated in Doug’s name will count as a vote. Go to kyhumane.org to vote or learn how to reserve space at the event to cheer on Doug.

Health Kick Festival April 14

On April 14 from 12-4 p.m., Hwang’s Martial Arts (HMA) will have their annual spring fundraising event, The Louisville Health Kick Festival, held at the Kentucky Fairground and Exposition Center, and Hwang’s has chosen the Kentucky Humane Society as its charity this year!

The Louisville Health Kick Festival was designed to provide local families the opportunity to have fun and get healthy together! The event provides health screenings and a host of booths provided by local businesses along with many fun family activities. Students will raise money for KHS as part of the event.

Learn more on kyhumane.org.

Waggin’ Trail June 10

Get ready to have fun and fundraise! The Kentucky Humane Society’s walk and festival for the animals is in June, and we want you to sign up and help us raise money for the animals. Start a team or go solo. Walk, or just rest and relax at the festival. This is your chance to help spread the word about KHS to your friends and family and help us save even more animals! Our fundraising website is support.kyhumane.org/wtrail.

Picture your Pets

We want to thank everyone for a successful 2017 Picture Your Pets with Santa. This annual event, held at all Feeders Supply locations, is a big fundraiser for a number of area animal welfare organizations, including the Kentucky Humane Society. This year, we raised over $65,000! Thanks to Park Community Credit Union for sponsoring Picture Your Pets with Santa.

We also want to thank our many volunteers who make this event possible. Their dedication at such a busy time of year never ceases to amaze us! 🐾

NEW PUPPY?

The Kentucky Humane Society can help you start your newest family member off on the right paw. Our Positively Puppies class focuses on basic training, socialization and confidence building to help your puppy grow into a well-adjusted adult. Our instructors use positive techniques that help strengthen the human-animal bond—and proceeds help shelter pets. New classes starting all the time.

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10-year-old Sissy is a Lhasa Apso mix who loves people. Sissy gets anxious when left alone, but she is being treated for her anxiety. Would you have a place for this girl? She’s waiting at our adoption center in the North Dixie Feeders Supply.

Thanks
Nine-year-old Trina came to the Kentucky Humane Society from Florida and is looking for a nice, warm home with calm, loving people to enjoy her golden years. She's waiting for you at our East Campus on Lyndon Lane.

Thanks

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We are thrilled that the Sam Swope Family Foundation was named the 2017 Philanthropist of the Year (Organization) at the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) of Greater Louisville’s annual luncheon in November. The Foundation was nominated by the Kentucky Humane Society and The Center for Women & Families, in honor of their support of the most vulnerable in our community.

One of the Swope family’s interests is the Safe Haven Program, a partnership between KHS and The Center that helps victims of domestic violence and their pets escape from their abusers.

In 2017 KHS named our main facility the Sam Swope Pet Treatment & Lifesaving Center and our new rehabilitation center the Sam Swope Pet Retreat, in honor of the family’s long-term support of the animals at KHS. We are grateful for the Swope family’s compassion. 🐾
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JUNE 10

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