Louisville Agencies Collaborate to Save More Lives
Life Now Complete

For a while now life hasn’t been quite complete. We’ve tried and tried to find a missing puzzle piece for us and our little alley cat, Wittlez, but to no avail. Until the other day when we walked into the Kentucky Humane Society on Steedly Drive and saw a little girl with black lipstick and a lot to say lying on her perch, did we think we were going to fill that void. Her name is Tobey and she had already taken on the role of protector of the house. Although she’s a little older and not what “most people” are looking for, she was exactly what we needed. Thank you so much, Kentucky Humane Society, for our daughter and new best friend, Tobey.

Holli and Krystle

Thank you to previous owner

Thanks to the Kentucky Humane Society and Feeders Supply on Dixie Hwy, we have a new best friend. He already knows how to sit, stay, wait, shake, and we are working on not digging or barking at all other dogs. We believe someone spent a lot of time with Nixon, as he knew so much. Someone loved him. Whoever gave him up for whatever reason, we thank you too.

Robin Hallstrom via Facebook

Maidey learns to give hugs

Maidey is a great dog and a wonderful addition to our family. The girls (Meghan and Sarah) have taught her how to give hugs, and she gives them a hug every day when they get home from school. Her favorite thing to do is to play ball—she loves her tennis balls! She also loves playing tug with her toy skunk and running around outside with the girls in the backyard. We are SO glad we found her!

Patricia McGraw

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Dear friends,

When I began my career with pets 22 years ago, I believed that someday pet homelessness would end and that every pet would have a permanent, loving home. I firmly believed that by uniting concerned citizens, nonprofit animal welfare agencies and public shelters, we could create a humane future.

I am thrilled that our community is one step closer to realizing this vision. After a vigorous review process, the ASPCA chose Louisville to be its 2013 Partner Community. This is a tremendous honor to our city. And most important, it will result in more animal lives being saved.

The three partner agencies who will lead the Community Partnership are the Kentucky Humane Society, Louisville Metro Animal Services and Alley Cat Advocates. With the ASPCA’s help, the agencies will implement sustainable, data-driven plans and programs with the goal of increasing positive outcomes for Louisville’s homeless pets.

While there are three main agencies involved in this partnership, we know that we can only be successful if everyone who cares about pets joins us. To this end, the ASPCA hosted a community orientation event in August and invited representatives from various animal welfare groups. We spent the day sharing ideas about how to increase adoptions and create a more humane Louisville. The three partner agencies will use the group’s recommendations to create a blueprint for the future. You’ll be hearing more about this plan and its rollout in future issues of this magazine.

There is also a role for you in this partnership. You can help by choosing to adopt; by spaying and neutering your pets as well as community unowned cats in your neighborhood; by telling others about the importance of adopting and altering pets; by giving of your time at one of our nine adoption centers or our S.N.I.P. Clinic; or by making a donation to help our cats and dogs.

Thank you for taking this journey with us and for doing your part to help our community’s pets. Together, we will accomplish so much!

Sincerely,

Lori Kane Redmon
President and CEO
Every day, hundreds of people in the Louisville area work tirelessly to save the lives of cats and dogs. Some work individually, taking in stray or sick animals. Some work with breed rescues, local animal shelters or advocacy groups.

More and more, these people and groups are working together—all with the goal of saving more lives.

“It’s amazing how much our community has changed for the better over the last 10 years,” says Lori Redmon, KHS president and CEO. “There are now more than a dozen rescue, shelter or animal welfare organizations just in the Louisville area, many more if you include specific breed rescue groups. What’s really exciting is when everyone works together on a shared vision—to end pet homelessness.”

A great example is the lifesaving collaboration between the Kentucky Humane Society, an independent, nonprofit agency; Louisville Metro Animal Services (LMAS), the city’s public, tax-supported animal shelter; and Alley Cat Advocates (ACA), a volunteer-driven agency devoted to spaying and neutering community, unowned cats (often called feral cats).

The three organizations—which are the largest animal sheltering agencies and spay/neuter organizations in Louisville—are working together to save more lives. And in August the ASPCA (the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) came to town to recognize the agencies’ efforts and to empower them to do more by naming Louisville its 2013 Partner Community.

As a Partner Community, the participating agencies will receive expert advice, data analysis and funding opportunities from the ASPCA. The goal is to jointly save more animal lives.

"By continuing to collaborate—as these agencies have already done with joint adoption events and spay/neuter clinics—we know our partners will be able to affect positive changes for animals most at risk in the Louisville community," said ASPCA President and CEO Ed Sayres.

“They’ve displayed tremendous potential for progress and we look forward to the future success of the program.”

An example of this collaboration is the creative use of the KHS S.N.I.P. Clinic. About once a week LMAS staff bring...
pets to the S.N.I.P. Clinic to be spayed or neutered; they are then taken to LMAS’ adoption center, Animal House.

“By using the S.N.I.P. Clinic for spay/neuter surgeries, our full-time veterinarian can concentrate on kennel wellness for animals at our Manslick Road facility,” said Justin Scally, LMAS director. “This results in better health of our shelter population and ensures pets are ready for adoption faster.”

All three agencies also collaborate to help community, unowned cats. In April Louisville Metro Council passed an ordinance protecting these cats and giving people and humane groups the right to use T-N-R (trap, neuter, return). This ordinance change was the result of LMAS and ACA sharing information with council members about the effectiveness and humaneness of T-N-R. Now when LMAS officers receive a feral cat complaint, ACA volunteers ride with the officers and help citizens with T-N-R efforts. Cats are spayed or neutered at the S.N.I.P. Clinic or at the ACA’s monthly spay/neuter event called the Big Fix, then returned to their neighborhoods.

“Allley Cat Advocates couldn’t save as many lives as we do without the help of Louisville Metro Animal Services and the Kentucky Humane Society,” says Karen Little, ACA founder. “This partnership is critically important to these cats.”

Approximately 96% of all owner-surrendered animals and strays in the city are taken in by either KHS or LMAS. But every animal group has a role. When the ASPCA was in town in August, they hosted a community orientation that included representatives from a number of groups. More than 40 people attended this orientation. They shared their ideas of what a humane Louisville will look like and how the community can get there. The three partner agency leaders will use these ideas to craft specific goals for Louisville.

The ASPCA Partner Community is a five year program with alumni status possible for an additional five years. This year the ASPCA is benchmarking the organizations and gathering baseline data. By January 2013 the three agencies will agree on joint goals for the community, including the percentage increase in the number of lives saved and how the agencies will continue to work together on behalf of pets.

“The ultimate goal,” says Lori, “is to make Louisville an exemplary community for animals, where every adoptable cat or dog finds a loving, permanent home, and pet overpopulation is a thing of the past.”

It’s a lofty goal, but one that Lori, Justin and Karen believe is possible.

“We know we’ll get there,” says Lori. “Our animals deserve it. By working together, Louisville will become a model humane community.”

The ASPCA’s three partner agencies collaborate frequently to help needy cats and dogs. One such example are the regular transports of pets from Louisville Metro Animal Services to the Kentucky Humane Society.

Twice a week KHS staff bring cats and dogs from LMAS. It’s a lifesaving collaboration that helps relieve overcrowding at the city’s public shelter—which takes in more than 9,500 cats and dogs a year—and gives more homeless pets the opportunity to find homes.

This summer KHS transferred in Maedel, a two-year-old boxer who was picked up as a stray by LMAS officers. When they found her, she was extremely emaciated—the staff could count every rib.

Maedel also had heartworms, a parasitic worm spread by mosquitoes that, if left untreated, can lead to a slow and painful death. Heartworms are easily prevented with a monthly preventative. But once an untreated pet contracts heartworms, medication is very expensive and can be physically draining on the animal.

Maedel responded well to treatment at KHS, and soon she was ready for a “foster-to-adopt” home. KHS places heartworm positive dogs in the homes of potential adopters and continues to pay for and administer treatment. Once pets are heartworm free, their caregivers can formalize the adoption.

In her foster home with Annie Duncan-Ponvert, Maedel put on weight. After two months, she was declared heartworm free, and Annie adopted her.

“She’s such a lovely dog,” says Annie. “Very well mannered and a joy to be with.”

Maedel (above) and her new owner, Annie Duncan-Ponvert, are pictured in the right side of the photo on p. 2.
Five-year-old Molly found herself at the Kentucky Humane Society when her owners had to move.

When she walked through the Admissions door, it was clear to the staff that the yellow Labrador retriever was in distress. She panted and paced frantically. She even tried to jump out a window during her behavior assessment.

Then the KHS staff noticed that she squatted frequently to urinate, and there was blood in her urine. Veterinary assistant Bobbie Eason felt bladder stones through Molly’s abdomen and alerted KHS’ veterinarian, Dr. Shawn Williams. Dr. Williams decided to operate immediately. She removed more than two dozen bladder stones—some an inch in diameter. Using money from Fund a Need, a special donor-supported fund used for medical and behavior rehabilitation, KHS had the stones tested: they were struvite stones. These stones are created when dogs have a specific type of bladder infection. To prevent infection and future stones, Molly would need to be on a prescription diet for the rest of her life.

“Poor Molly had probably been in terrible pain for months, if not longer,” says Susan Oppel, operations director. “But as uncomfortable and as nervous as she was, she would still sit and shake hands and show us her tricks.” Molly’s behavior improved a bit once she was no longer in constant pain. But she was still anxious and often barked frantically. Many potential adopters visited Molly, but they turned away after learning about her expensive diet regimen and seeing how nervous she was.

Then Molly was featured as a Pet of the Week in the “Neighborhood” section of the Courier-Journal. She caught the eye of Phyllis McMurry Tate. Phyllis and her husband, John, had had two yellow Labrador retrievers, both adopted from shelters. Their last one had passed away recently, and Barney, their rescued five-year-old English shepherd, was lonely.

“It just wasn’t the same without a yellow Lab around the house,” says Phyllis.

Phyllis found herself thinking about Molly. Then her friends started calling to ask if she had seen Molly’s photo in the paper.

Phyllis knew she had to meet this dog. She drove to the Springhurst Feeders Supply. By the time she arrived, Molly had been brought back to the KHS Main Campus so the staff could better monitor her special needs.

“Steedly Drive is a long way from my home in Shelby County,” says Phyllis. But the next day she drove to South Louisville. She met Molly and talked to the adoptions staff about Molly’s nervousness and health issues.

“I think I have good instincts about dogs,” says Phyllis. “I had this feeling that Molly was upset with all the change in her life. I felt that if she could just get into a home, she would be fine.”

Phyllis decided to take the chance that her instincts were right. She talked with an adoptions counselor about Molly and about her home: Molly would live on a 75 acre horse farm. She would have Barney to play with—
Resident Cat Boots Brings Joy to Alzheimer’s Patients

The soft purr of a cat. The gentle tail wag of a dog. For Alzheimer’s patients, interactions with pets can spark memories, fulfill emotional needs, reduce social isolation—and bring joy, says Eric Hall, founding chief executive officer of the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America.

More and more, residential facilities welcome therapy pets as visitors. Some facilities—such as Barton House in Louisville—even allow cats and dogs to live with their patients full time. It’s a win for both pets and people alike: pets get round-the-clock attention, and residents get to cuddle with and talk to the animals.

Angelique Wells, executive director of Barton House, visited the Kentucky Humane Society in August, looking to adopt a pet for the facility. Angelique says the staff originally wanted to adopt a dog from KHS, but an eight-year-old gray cat named Boots had other plans for them.

“Boots’ beauty caught my eye first. Her outgoing personality won me over completely. She is the perfect cat for our environment,” says Angelique.

Before Boots joined Barton House, she had spent six months at the KHS East Campus, looking for her forever home. She was loved by the adoptions staff and visitors alike, but adopters kept on passing her by.

Boots refused to live in one of the cat colony areas. She didn’t mind dogs, but she did not enjoy the company of other cats. Instead, she preferred to sit on the counter or greet people at the front door as they came in.

“She liked to lie on the sign-in clipboard on the counter, requiring everyone who tried to sign-in to pet her first,” says adoptions counselor Kayla Saylor.

Angelique says Boots has some quirky, dog-like traits—helpful since the facility also has a resident dog named Emily. The two get along well.

“We refer to Boots as our ‘cat-dog’ as she has a great vocal greeting and has different vocal expressions for her wishes,” she says.

Everyone at Barton House seems to enjoy Boots’ company. The residents laugh, pet and talk to her. The staff report lower stress levels. And Boots loves her morning and evening brushes and frequent belly rubs, provided by the residents.

“Shes truly one of a kind, and we are blessed to have her in our home,” says Angelique.

Fund a Need

The Kentucky Humane Society has a special fund for pets who need extensive medical or behavior help. Called Fund a Need, this fund pays for medical and behavior care above-and-beyond normal shelter care. The funds are used for medical diagnosis and treatment and for advanced behavior help.

If you would like to donate to this special fund, write “Fund a Need” on the inside of the enclosed donation envelope. Or donate online at www.kyhumane.org—type in “Fund a Need” in the comments section.
1  **Spay and Neuter**

Spaying and neutering is the number one way you can help pets in our community. By ensuring your pet is not adding to pet overpopulation, you’ll prevent future suffering—and your pet will have fewer behavior issues. If your pet is already spayed or neutered, encourage your friends and family to alter their pets.

2  **Choose the Adoption Option**

If you are looking for a cat or dog, please make adoption your first option. KHS takes in thousands of needy pets a year. Chances are, we have exactly the type of cat or dog you’re looking for! If we don’t, keep checking our website, as we add newly adoptable pets on our website every day. If you still can’t find what you want, check other animal shelters or breed rescues. By adopting instead of buying a pet, you give a needy pet a second chance.

3  **Get Involved in T-N-R**

Have community, unowned cats in your neighborhood? Become a caregiver by giving them food, water, shelter—and most importantly, getting them spayed or neutered at the S.N.I.P. Clinic or through Alley Cat Advocates’ Big Fixes. T-N-R (trap-neuter-return) is humane and ensures cats already in our community can live out their lives without creating more kittens.

4  **Volunteer**

KHS has more than 400 volunteers who do everything from walk dogs to socialize cats, work events to answer phones. They even proofread this magazine and take photos of adoptable pets—and play Santa for “Picture Your Pets with Santa”! Together, they donate more than 300,000 hours a year. That’s equal to more than $2.4 million in free services! Our volunteers find the experience to be rewarding, as they know they are positively impacting pets.

5  **Foster**

Love pets but can’t adopt a permanent addition? Become a foster parent! Our 180+ foster parents take pets into their homes temporarily—usually just for a few weeks or months. They help “expand our shelter walls” by providing temporary housing to 1,300 pets a year. Animals who need foster care include mother cats and dogs with their nursing babies, orphaned kittens and puppies, pets recovering from illness or surgery, and very shy pets who don’t do well in shelters. By becoming a foster volunteer, you’ll directly help a needy pet and also make room for another pet to come into our shelter.

6  **Donate**

KHS is a 100% local, nonprofit organization. We are not an affiliate or branch of any national animal welfare agency—so when you give to KHS, you are assured that your money stays in our community, helping local animals. And you are assured we will use your donation wisely. Charity Navigator and Worth Magazine has ranked KHS one of the top 10 most fiscally responsible charities in the nation.
7 Attend or Host a Benefit for KHS

KHS has fun events throughout the year that raise money for our pets. These include Picture Your Pets with Santa, Dog Day at the Park, Tuxes & Tails Benefit Gala and Waggin’ Trail Walk for the Animals. Or consider hosting a benefit for KHS. Our supporters have hosted car washes, lemonade stands, sports competitions, bake sales, garage sales, silent auctions, Wish List supply drives, benefit nights at restaurants or shops—you name it, they’ve probably done it!

8 Teach Kids to be Good Pet Guardians

Help create a more humane future by teaching children to be pet ambassadors. Have your child’s next birthday party at KHS, or encourage your child to become a KHS volunteer. Kids as young as 10 can volunteer with a parent or guardian. Or teach your child the importance of giving. Once your child has raised money or gathered supplies from our Wish List (see below), call KHS and ask for a tour of our Main Campus or East Campus. Your child will have the satisfaction of knowing that he or she is directly helping needy pets.

9 Report Animal Abuse

If you know of an animal who is being abused or neglected, contact your county’s agency that has jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute cruelty complaints. In Jefferson County, that is Louisville Metro Animal Services, 502-363-6609. If you live in another county, contact animal control or the sheriff’s office.

10 Tell Others About KHS

Spread the good news about what KHS is doing for pets! You can share this issue of the Paw Street Journal with friends or neighbors. Or tell them why you are a KHS supporter. Your experience will spark others to learn more about KHS.

Interested in learning more about KHS? Attend Pet Tales, a monthly “lunch and learn” at the Main Campus. At Pet Tales you’ll get to meet staff and pets, hear about KHS’ programs and impact—and tour the facility, from Admissions to Adoptions. Call 502-515-3147 for info.

7 Paw Street Journal

Instead of receiving shower gifts, Dodie Wrocklage-Harp and Brent Harp asked family and friends to donate items for KHS shelter pets. We appreciate their thoughtfulness and send them best wishes on their recent marriage!

KHS Wish List

In addition to monetary donations, KHS is always in need of supplies for our shelter pets. Items from our Wish List are accepted at the Main Campus and East Campus and at KHS Adoption Centers in Feeder Supply stores. For larger items, please call 502-366-3355 to arrange a drop off time and location.

- Baby wipes
- Bandanas
- Blankets & comforters
- Bleach
- Canned cat & dog food
- Cat and dog toys
- Cat & dog treats (soft or chewy)
- Chicken or beef broth
- Collars
- Distilled water
- Dog crates
- Dog sweaters
- Easy Cheese (squirt cheese)
- Freezer (small, chest-style)
- Garbage bags
- Gasoline gift cards
- Kong toys
- Kuranda dog beds
- Latex gloves (large)
- Laundry detergent
- Litter (non-clumping)
- Nylabones
- Microwaveable heating pads
- Towels (paper & cloth)
- Vacuum cleaner (bagged, upright)
- Washer & dryer

Children Raise $200 at Lemonade Stand

The children of Chicago Bulls center and former UK basketball player Nazr Mohammed and his wife, Mandy, held a fundraiser for the Kentucky Humane Society in August. Through a lot of hard work, the children and their friends made $200 to help KHS pets!

They sold lemonade—complete with curbside service—and tug toys, which the Mohammed children learned to make at KHS summer camp last year.

Happy puppy barks and kitten purrs to Savanna Silver; Amani, Sir and Sanaa Mohammed; Cierra and Camryn Collins; Tarryn Long; and Aubree Littlejohn. What an inspiring group of kids!
Mission Driven. Pet Approved.

Laura Larkin remembers well the first time she saw her dog Daisy almost seven years ago. Laura was at the Kentucky Humane Society looking for a pet to adopt.

“It was her color that initially caught my eye, and when I met her, she jumped up and kissed me,” says Laura. “I recognized her curious, playful behavior from when I had Labs growing up—and I knew I had to have her.”

Daisy was just over a year old when she came to live with Laura. Still a puppy, Daisy had a lot of energy to burn. After reading an article about the Kentucky Humane Society’s Pet Resorts, Laura brought her bouncy, ball-loving Daisy to Doggie Daycare at the Eastpoint Pet Resort.

“I wanted her to be able to have fun and get some exercise when I was at work, and I didn’t want to worry about leaving her outside,” says Laura.

Daisy is now a regular guest at Eastpoint and comes for both boarding and daycare.

“She likes to sit up at the front desk. She thinks she works there,” says Laura. “I never have to worry because she knows everyone there and she knows the routine.”

Routines are very important to Daisy. Recently, Daisy and Laura went to a pet psychic, who told Laura that she does an excellent job setting Daisy’s schedule.

“I also found out that those sad hungry looks are just a ploy for extra food,” says Laura with a laugh.

The Eastpoint Pet Resort staff love the weekly visits from Daisy and are happy to keep her in her routine.

“She can’t wait to get there so she can have Mark take her out for her morning walk.”

Laura loves the excellent care Daisy receives at the Eastpoint Pet Resort. She also appreciates that all proceeds from the Kentucky Humane Society’s two pet resorts support KHS’ lifesaving mission. In fact, the Pet Resorts contribute about $350,000 annually for the needy homeless pets KHS takes in.

As KHS community programs director Justine Saudan explains, “What sets us apart from other pet resorts are our experienced staff members who uphold our mission. The Kentucky Humane Society advocates for the lifelong companions that our shelters offer—and at our Pet Resorts, we pride ourselves in understanding the unique needs of each pet and his or her owner.”

To reflect their unique mission, the two resorts have adopted a new slogan, “Mission Driven. Pet Approved.”

“It’s just another way to get the word out about just how great the KHS community is,” says Justine. 🐾

The Kentucky Humane Society offers luxury pet boarding at its Eastpoint Pet Resort and a rustic setting with nature trails at its Fern Creek Pet Resort. Both resorts offer Doggie Daycare, all-breed grooming and extra care and attention for your cat or dog. Expertly run by true pet lovers, the pet resorts also support KHS’ lifesaving mission.
Tuxes & Tails 2012

It was a night to remember: adoptable pets, elegant women and dapper men, dinner, dancing, auction items for every taste and budget, and a signature drink created by Presenting Sponsor Brown-Forman. And all for the benefit of the cats and dogs at the Kentucky Humane Society.

When it was all said and done, the 2012 Tuxes & Tails Benefit Auction and Gala Aug. 18 raised more than $200,000—the most ever in the gala’s 18-year history. More important than the amount is what this will allow KHS to do: save the lives of thousands of abandoned animals over the next year.

A hearty thanks to Presenting Sponsor Brown-Forman; Platinum Sponsor Cathy and Earl Zion; and Silver Sponsors Jean Frazier, Sam Swope Auto Group, Today’s Woman and The Underwriters Group; our many auction donors and table sponsors; and to the 450 guests who came out in support of our pets. Thanks also to emcees Angie Fenton of WHAS11/The Voice Tribune and Brian Goode of WAVE 3 and to auctioneer Rick Wardlow. And thanks especially to the Tuxes & Tails committee, who worked tirelessly and enthusiastically to ensure this year’s success.

The icing on the dog biscuit? All 10 adoptable pets who attended the gala have found their forever homes—including happy nine-year-old Oliver (above right).

25 YEARS of Picture Your Pets with Santa

This year Feeders Supply and the Kentucky Humane Society are celebrating their 25th year of Picture Your Pets with Santa. This annual event is a tradition for many pet families, who every December go to a Feeders Supply store to have professional portraits taken of their beloved pets—cats, dogs, even chickens and bunnies!

Pet parents can choose to have their photos printed professionally or on-site, or provided on a thumb drive. Photos can also be made into Christmas ornaments, mugs, iPhone covers and key chains among other options.

Feeders Supply provides advertising and space at their stores at no cost to the Kentucky Humane Society and to other local animal welfare groups. Last year Picture Your Pets provided almost $50,000 for KHS’ lifesaving mission! This is in addition to the rent-free adoption centers that Feeders Supply provides KHS at seven of its stores. Half of all KHS pets are adopted at a Feeders Supply.

Picture Your Pets with Santa is held the first two weekends in December. See the back of this magazine for store hours and more information. This year’s Picture Your Pets with Santa is sponsored by Natural Balance Pet Food Inc.
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Looking for a great gift this season? Purchase the Kentucky Humane Society’s 2013 Calendar for your family and friends…and for yourself! With more than 150 photos of beloved pets from our community, the calendar also includes $100 in coupons for KHS grooming, behavior training and adoptions, plus a free dog wash at Feeders Supply—and all proceeds support KHS.

Calendars will be available for purchase at Feeders Supply stores and at KHS locations in mid November. Don’t have a Feeders Supply or KHS location near you? Or call 502-515-3152 to purchase calendars.
The following people donated $50 or more in honor or memory of a loved one between July 1–September 30, 2012.

Visit Stooge, a five-month-old kitten, at the KHS adoption center at the St. Matthews Feeders Supply.
Chai, a six-year-old cat, is available for adoption at the KHS Main Campus.

Two Paws Up!

A ‘Beery’ Successful Event

Jane Krauth, treasurer of the LAGERS Homebrewers Club and S.N.I.P. Clinic volunteer, and Leah Dienes, partner and head brewer of Apocalypse Brew Works, presented a $2,500 check to KHS communications director Andrea Blair, representing the Kentucky Humane Society. They raised the money at Yappy Hour, a dog-friendly event held during Louisville Craft Beer Week in October. More than 500 people came out to Apocalypse Brew Works to sample beers, enjoy burgers from Grind food truck and donate to KHS. Thank you, everyone!

S.N.I.P. Clinic ‘Prims’ 94 Dogs in August

Thanks to a generous grant from PetSmart Charities Inc., 94 pit bull terriers were “primped” at the KHS S.N.I.P. Clinic in August.

The dogs were spayed or neutered and received a nail trim, bandana and other accessories for just $20. It was part of PetSmart Charities’ “Primp Your Pit” Campaign, to encourage owners of pit bull terriers to spay or neuter their pets.

Sadly, pit bull terriers and cats are the two animal populations most in danger of ending up in shelters because of overpopulation. Spaying and neutering pets is the most effective way to keep pets out of shelters.

In February the S.N.I.P. Clinic hosted “Beat the Heat” to spay female cats, also funded by PetSmart Charities. A total of 91 cats were spayed at no cost through this program.

PetSmart Charities is also generously funding a grant to spay and neuter cats and pit bull terriers in the 40214 and 40215 zip codes for free. Free transportation in these zips is also provided. Call the S.N.I.P. Clinic for more information, 502-636-FIX1 (3491).
KHS board member Karen Krinock knows quite a bit about the rewards of volunteering. As the employee volunteer coordinator at Brown-Forman, she connects hundreds of her coworkers to fulfilling volunteer opportunities.

“My advice to everyone is to find something you are passionate about—and just do it,” she says.

It’s a philosophy that Karen lives by.

“I have always had such a soft heart for animals,” she says. “It sounds like a cliché, but animals have no voice. It’s up to us to protect them and to educate others about humane treatment.”

Ten years ago Karen decided she could help pets by joining the KHS Tuxes & Tails Benefit gala & auction committee. She had experience working events, and she was passionate about KHS’ mission.

Karen has chaired this signature event for the last eight years. This year’s gala on Aug. 18 raised a record amount—more than $200,000—and attracted a record-breaking crowd of 450. All proceeds benefit KHS’ lifesaving mission.

“Thankfully, I have an incredible committee. We have fun and laugh, and over the years we have become such good friends. And on the evening of Tuxes & Tails, we get to see all our efforts pay off.”

With this year’s Tuxes & Tails now over, Karen and her hard-working team are already looking forward to 2013.

“We already have an idea for next year’s theme,” Karen says with a gleam in her eye. “It’s going to be fabulous.”

Become a Volunteer

The Kentucky Humane Society is grateful to have wonderful volunteers who provide their time and talent to help our animals. We rely on volunteers to walk dogs, socialize cats, take photos of adoptable pets, answer phones and work events.

Interested in becoming a KHS volunteer? Visit www.kyhumane.org or call 502-515-3145.

Kentucky Humane Society - Animal Rescue League
241 Steedly Drive
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Calendar

**NOVEMBER**

13 Volunteer Orientation, Main Campus, 5:30 p.m.
14 Pet Tales, Main Campus, noon
22-23 Main Campus and East Campus closed
23 Feeders Supply adoption centers closed

**DECEMBER**

1-2 & Picture Your Pets with Santa, Feeders Supply stores
8-9
11 Volunteer Orientation, Main Campus, 5:30 p.m.
12 Pet Tales, Main Campus, noon
24-25 Main Campus and East Campus closed
25 Feeders Supply adoption centers closed

**JANUARY**

1 All KHS locations and Feeders Supply stores closed
9 Pet Tales, Main Campus, noon

**Picture Your Pets with Santa**

Celebrating 25 years of helping area pets

**Feeders Supply**

Saturdays December 1 & 8 (10 a.m.–6 p.m.)
Sundays December 2 & 9 (noon–5 p.m.)
at all Feeders Supply locations*

Professional photos of your pets with Santa. Photo packages starting at $10 and gift items starting at only $12.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE KENTUCKY HUMANE SOCIETY AND OTHER AREA ANIMAL WELFARE AGENCIES.

Last year Picture Your Pets with Santa raised almost $50,000 for KHS’ lifesaving mission!

*Baxter Avenue location hours: Saturdays 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sundays noon–4 p.m.

Your pet can bring holiday joy and a forever friend to homeless animals this season.