Prison Dogs

Raising gentle kittens

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From the Mailbox

To celebrate July 4th, we invited our adopters to send us their “Pet Independence Day” stories—their memories of the day they adopted their pets, and what their pets mean to them. Here are just a few we received. To read more, visit kyhumane.org/independence-day.

Fran, the Bite-Sized Kitty

Fran is a bite-sized kitty, topping out at a mere five pounds, but that doesn’t stop her from giving our other cat—who’s twice her weight—a run for her money! She’s playful, always frolicking around the house like a deer and darting upstairs like a jack rabbit. No one’s a stranger to Fran, except perhaps, the neighborhood cats whom she spots from the windows.

We picked Fran out at the Kentucky Humane Society in 2010 on a visit where we intended to “just have a look.” She’s now three years old and loves summertime! Being so small, she gets cold during the winter and only wants to stay under the blankets until spring. But when it’s warm, she’ll bask in the sunlight and try to catch bugs. She’s happiest exploring our backyard (during supervised outings) and receiving lots of affection from anyone and everyone.

Sara Ulliman

Diamond Is a Girl’s Best Friend

This is Diamond. Formerly, named India. We adopted her when she was just 10 weeks old. She is the sweetest pup. Her name comes from the fact that I got diamond earrings for Christmas, but I wasn’t crazy about them. When asked what I wanted instead... I said a puppy. A few days later, I got my Diamond for Christmas. Thanks, KHS! She is the perfect addition to our home.

Janette Constantino

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Dear friends,

Every day at the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS), we receive calls from people who want to surrender their animals to us. The reasons run the gambit: Some can no longer afford to care for their pets. Others are exasperated that their new puppy is destroying the furniture, or that their older cat has stopped using the litter box. Some are under threat of eviction unless they rehome their pets.

So often these well-intentioned pet owners don’t want to give up their companion animals, but they simply don’t know there are other options. That’s why the Kentucky Humane Society concentrates on pet retention programs—initiatives that are designed to keep pets in their original homes and out of shelters, or to connect pet owners to alternative local resources.

Last year KHS launched a free Pet Help Line, a proactive program designed to help reduce the number of pets coming in to local shelters. By calling 509-4PET, anyone in the community can receive free advice on whatever pet issue they have.

Finances a problem? The Pet Help Line can refer pet owners to local pet food banks, low-cost spay/neuter surgeries and low-cost veterinary services.

Behavior issues? We can provide free advice over the phone. For more serious issues, the Pet Help Line can provide referrals to experienced behavior trainers who can provide one-on-one training.

Landlord issues? The Pet Help Line can provide a list of Louisville-area rental properties that welcome pets.

In addition to the free Pet Help Line, KHS offers many other services to strengthen people’s relationships with their pets. These include fun, effective Behavior Training classes for dogs; Humane Education programs, which teach children to be the next generation of pet guardians; and high-quality, affordable spay/neuter surgeries at our S.N.I.P. Clinic, which can help with health and behavior issues.

At KHS, we would like pet owners to view surrendering their pets to shelters as a last resort. While we will always be here for cats and dogs who are truly in need, often the best option for pets and their people is to repair that human-animal bond, and to provide pet owners with the resources they need to keep their pets.

We are able to provide these proactive services thanks to the support of donors like you. You help us empower local pet owners—and provide excellent care and adoption services for pets who have nowhere else to go.

In gratitude,

Lori Kane Redmon
President and CEO
On a warm Kentucky summer day beneath a cloudless blue sky, a dog trainer confidently gives a command.

"Stay, Sky," Nakia says, as he drops the leash at his feet.

The four-year-old white boxer obeys. She sits at Nakia’s feet, looks up expectantly, hears the familiar sound of the “clicker” and receives a treat Nakia pulls from the pouch on his belt.

In two weeks, the dog’s training will be finished, and she will be eligible for adoption from the Kentucky Humane Society. Her issues of bolting when someone opens a door will be behind her, and she’ll be one step closer to finding her forever home.

The dog trainer, on the other hand, won’t be going anywhere. He isn’t eligible for parole any time soon.

Nakia the dog trainer is an inmate at the Kentucky State Reformatory, serving a 70-year sentence for attempted murder, robbery and kidnapping.

Sky is a participant in the Kentucky Humane Society’s P.R.O.U.D. (Prisoner Rehabilitation of Untrained Dogs) program. In partnership with the Kentucky State Reformatory (KSR) in LaGrange, KHS offers an intensive training program where behaviorally challenged dogs are matched with inmate handlers. The inmates and dogs are together 24/7 for 30 days, and the inmates use positive reinforcement techniques to address behavior issues and teach the dogs basic manners and skills.

“What we’re trying to avoid is having the dogs returned to the shelter because of behavior problems,” Nakia says, using the word “we” as naturally as a member of the KHS staff would. “This is all about the dogs. It’s about making sure the dogs get to their forever homes.”

At any given time, there are more than 2,000 inmates living on the 43-acre medium security facility 30 miles northeast of Louisville. Now, each month, a group of 20 behaviorally challenged dogs cycles through the P.R.O.U.D. program at KSR. They are paired with inmates who through good behavior have earned the privilege of living and working with the dogs 24 hours a day.

Inmates are taught by Kentucky Humane Society behavior trainers and earn $2 a day while on the job. Handlers learn professional skills that they can put to use when they leave prison, and are taught the responsibility and structure of a daily work environment. The dog training jobs are sought-after positions among LaGrange inmates.

“This prison rehab program doesn’t mean the rehab is just for the dogs,” Nakia says. “We take a lot of pride in this work. These dogs have been good for me.”

Already more than 54 dogs have “done time” at LaGrange. They enter the P.R.O.U.D. program exhibiting undesirable behavior issues—such as extreme excitability, lack of manners, food guarding or dog reactivity—and emerge with a second chance at a new life.

“Dogs who would have been previously overlooked by adopters because of significant behavior issues are now given the extensive training they need prior to being placed for adoption,” says Lori Kane Redmon, CEO of the Kentucky Humane Society. “We are excited to partner with the Kentucky State Reformatory to be able to help both the dogs and the inmates.”
As evidence of how much help the program is providing for dogs and inmates alike, a prisoner named Oscar recently talked about working with Avery, a two-year-old black Labrador retriever mix. Avery is receiving training to address chewing issues.

Oscar and Avery were on their way to the prison’s Hospice unit, where Oscar reads to terminally ill patients and writes letters to their relatives, while Avery does what dogs do best—climbing into bed with the patients and providing comfort.

“I love this,” says Oscar, a former gang member who is serving 58 years for armed robbery and possession of a deadly weapon. “I didn’t know if I would be able to manage my time between dog training and working at Hospice, but it is working out. I like seeing the joy the dogs bring to the patients.”

Amy Robey, a unit director at LaGrange, oversees the program and regularly witnesses the benefits for inmates.

“Some of these prisoners used to care only about themselves,” she says. “Now, they’ve learned to care for something other than themselves. They are very protective of ‘their’ dogs.”

Graduates of P.R.O.U.D. are in demand with dog lovers who have chosen the adoption option. Over the course of the month, the dogs receive training for their specific behavior issues and are taught commands such as sit, down, drop, off, stand, stay and wait. They receive potty training and crate training, and their handlers practice bathing, brushing, clipping nails and cleaning the dogs’ ears.

After 30 days, dogs who graduate from the P.R.O.U.D. program are a step closer to finding their forever homes. And their inmate trainers say good-bye to their dogs on the same day a new group arrives.

Ask any of the 20 trainers, and they’ll tell you that the dogs aren’t the only ones who are getting a second chance through P.R.O.U.D.

“It’s a big benefit to get to help the dogs,” says Robert, as he watches his P.R.O.U.D. dog named Vesta play with another dog in the LaGrange prison yard.

“They help us as much as we help them.”

With that, the man serving 60 years for murder and who is not eligible for parole, gets back to his job teaching a hound mix puppy how to “sit.”

Support P.R.O.U.D.
The Kentucky Humane Society’s P.R.O.U.D. program teaches lifelong skills to shelter dogs with behavior problems, ensuring our “repeat offenders” are not returned to shelters. Learn more about this program at kyhumane.org/proud-dogs.

This program is funded by donations. To support the P.R.O.U.D. program, you may give online at kyhumane.org (type “P.R.O.U.D.” in the comments line). Or use the donation envelope in this magazine and write “P.R.O.U.D.” in the envelope. To learn more about this program and how your gift can help KHS help more dogs, contact Beth Hobson, development director, at 502-515-3131 or bhobson@kyhumane.org.
Question

My new kitten is so energetic and fun. But sometimes she gets so wound up when I play with her that she bites and scratches me. I know she’s just being playful, but it hurts! What can I do?

Answer

Kittens need to learn how to play appropriately with humans—before they become full-grown cats. To teach your kitten to play gently, it’s important to first understand how cats like to play. Cats use play time as “practice” for hunting prey. They like to chase, catch and “kill” their toys, so a good play session will have them chasing a toy, allowing them to catch it and then letting them play with their “food.”

When playing with your kitten, never use your hands or feet as play toys. If you play rough with your kitten, don’t expect her to know the difference between your arm the play “prey” that must be wrestled to death and the toy “prey” that must be wrestled to death. If your kitten is already using your arm as prey, stop play time before she gets excited.

Appropriate play with your kitten can include dragging a string across the floor or through the air, throwing toy mice or little balls for your cat to chase, or purchasing a toy that your cat can hold with her front paws and kick with her back paws. This last type of play mimics how kittens play with each other.

Kittens generally have a lot of energy, and if you have a breed that is known for being extra energetic, like the Sphinx or Bengal, you will need to allow for extra play sessions throughout the day. Setting up a schedule for play time as well as meal time will help your cat be more balanced and can avoid the “midnight crazies” or bursts of energy at inappropriate times. Use play to your advantage and let your kitten hunt a toy before you feed her. Play with her before bedtime and let her food just be a little treat instead of a whole meal. After your cat plays and eats, she will probably groom herself and go right to sleep—saving up energy for the next fun play session she has with you.

Question

My male cat is a sweetheart, but he has started to not use the litter box. Is he mad at me?

Answer

Your cat isn’t mad at you, but he may be trying to tell you something—perhaps that he isn’t feeling well, or that there is something wrong with the litter.

The first thing to do is to have a veterinarian examine your cat. Cats, especially older males, can suffer from bladder infections. Also, cats in pain or who are not feeling well may change their habits. And if your cat is declawed, ask your vet to check for arthritis. Declawed cats often suffer from this, and scratching in the litter box can be painful to them.

If medical issues are not the cause, follow this simple rule: one litter box plus one for every cat in the house. If you have two cats, have three litter boxes. Make sure the boxes are easy for your cat to reach and that they are not covered. And of course, make sure they are clean: scoop once or twice a day. If your litter has chemicals and perfumes, try a more natural litter; some cats are allergic and may prefer shredded newspaper. If your cat goes in the same place, move a litter box to that location. And if you have multiple cats, spread out the litter boxes so that cats can get away from each other.

Litter box issues can often be solved—it’s just a matter of making sure your cat is healthy and that you understand what he is trying to communicate with you.

Ask the Experts

Got a pet-related question? Call our Pet Help Line to receive free advice and to connect to local pet resources, 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.
Do you have a great photo of your favorite feline or most precious pooch? Or a furry friend who could be a super “ani-model”? Don’t miss this chance to guarantee your favorite animal a spot in the 2014 Kentucky Humane Society calendar!

Submit your entry online at kyhumane.org or complete the following form and include the entry fee of $25 per picture, and your pet is guaranteed to be included on the pages of the Kentucky Humane Society’s 2014 calendar! All proceeds support KHS, and by entering the “Make Your Pet a Pin-up” contest, you’ll automatically receive a free 2014 calendar!

Tips for Photographing Your Pet:

Location & Background
• Look for a location where your pet will be relaxed and natural.
• Photograph your pet against a color that contrasts with his coat.

It’s in the Eyes
• Focus on your pet’s eyes, as they will convey personality the best.
• Avoid shooting in low light situations where flash is required and your pet’s eyes are likely to glow.

Black & White Coats
• When working with dark animals, make adjustments to properly expose the image.
• When photographing animals with very light coats, make sure the lighting is not too bright.

Patience is a Virtue
• Don’t get frustrated. Stay relaxed, have fun and your pet will too!
• Enlist a helper or squeak toys to get your pet to look at the camera.

THE RULES:
You can enter this contest by submitting a digital or hardcopy photo. All entries must be in color, with a horizontal layout and contain ONLY animals. Hardcopy photos should be no smaller than a 4x6 inch photograph. We do not accept Polaroid photos or copyrighted professional photographs. Photos cannot be returned. For clarity and quality photo reproduction, please do not stamp or write on the back of photos. For digital photos, we require well-focused, sharp images that are at least 300 dpi (dots per inch) and in JPEG (JPG) or TIFF format. Send digital images to khsdevelopment@kyhumane.org and include the name on your entry form.

All entries that meet these requirements and are postmarked by Aug. 31, 2013, will be included in the 2014 Calendar. Winners will be notified by phone or e-mail, and the calendar will be available in November 2013.

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

2014 CALENDAR ENTRY FORM
I’d like to enter _____ pictures @ $25 each for the 2014 Calendar Contest.

☐ I am enclosing a check for $_________
☐ Please charge $______ to my ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Am. Express ☐ Discover

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Signature: ____________________________________________________________

Pet’s Name: __________________________________________________________

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________

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Phone (Home): ___________________________ (Work): ______________________

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Would you like to be added to our e-mail list?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please mail by August 31 to:
2014 Pet Calendar Entry
Kentucky Humane Society
1000 Lyndon Lane, Suite B
Louisville, KY 40222

For more entry forms, call 502-515-3147 or submit your entry online at kyhumane.org/calendar-contest.
Jamenson is a special dog whose life began in a dark place. He was one of 14 dogs the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS) received from a hoarding situation in Bullitt County, Ky. Living in a chaotic home where he was forced to contend with crowded and disheveled conditions was especially difficult for Jamenson, as he also has a disability. Jamenson is blind.

Upon arrival at KHS, Jamenson was also diagnosed with heartworms, a dangerous but treatable disease. Thanks to donations to the KHS Help Me Heal fund, which funds advanced medical and behavior help for shelter pets, Jamenson received life-saving medication.

At the shelter Jamenson enjoyed his slow-paced walks. He learned to nudge his nose behind the knee of his walking companions, using them as a guide.

While Jamenson adjusted well to his new life at the shelter, the KHS staff worried about him: who would want to adopt a three-year-old blind dog who was also heartworm positive?

Little did Jamenson—or the KHS staff—know there was a very special family waiting for him.

Laurianne Matheson was browsing the KHS website, considering a playmate/assistant for her current dog, Matey. “I myself am visually impaired,” says Laurianne, adding that her condition has steadily worsened. She had trained Matey to help her with tasks such as alerting her when they reach a stair step and other daily challenges. Matey was doing a great job—but Laurianne felt she might enjoy the company of a canine friend.

Suddenly, Laurianne noticed Jamenson. She clicked on his picture simply because his name was so similar to that of her parents’ best friends, the Jamesons. Out of curiosity, she read his profile and learned that he also is visually impaired.

“I thought, ‘wow.’ This could be the perfect dog for my parents. They have been searching for a medium-sized dog who would not be able to jump a fence, and he looked like a perfect fit,” Laurianne says.

She immediately called her parents to tell them about Jamenson. It was easy for them to feel a great amount of empathy for a blind dog, given that their daughter suffers the same malady.

The only catch here? Carol and Tom Proctor (Laurianne’s parents) live in Virginia, roughly 600 miles away from Louisville.

“We loved the descriptive bio on Jamenson and the details it held,” says Carol. “It was so helpful to get a true picture of his personality. We have a special place in our heart for the visually impaired because of Laurianne’s disability and we knew—we had to come get him.”

The Proctors quickly made plans for an impromptu visit with Laurianne in order to adopt Jamenson.
Louisville, during which they would also meet their new best friend. The retirees arrived at the KHS Main Campus after a long day of travel. They spent some time getting to know Jamenson, and enjoyed his sweet, playful demeanor. They left for the evening, enchanted by Jamenson and ready to adopt him the next day. Before they left, they placed a new toy and one of Carol’s shirts in Jamenson’s kennel, so he could get used to their scent. They returned the next morning to officially adopt him and take him to his new home.

“He has settled in nicely,” says Carol. “Even the drive back to Virginia was fine, after he seemed to settle into the rhythm of the road, feeling the turns and sways. You don’t think about how wild a drive is for one who can’t see!”

The Proctors say that Jamenson settled into his crate and slept the entire first night, happy to finally have a place to call “home.” He also managed to find Tom’s favorite chair and make himself comfortable.

After more than six months in his home, Carol says that James (his new name) has “really come into his own.”

“He seems to run the house,” she says. “He has also become quite vocal and will let us know if he is standing right next to us and would like a pat on the head. And he rings a little bell hanging on the door when he needs to go outside.”

“He’s really quite smart and amazing,” Carol continues. “James’ acute hearing means that he misses nothing, and he insists on greeting everyone and every dog that we meet on our walks.”

The first command that James learned in his new home was “step.” When he hears this word, he feels for the step with his front paw and navigates up or down the steps without bumping or stumbling.

Carol says that no one who meets James believes her when she says he is blind, as he walks so confidently.

“Of course, Jamenson does not know that he is different,” she says. “He just enjoys life as it comes, and we enjoy him.”

Homes for All

Jamenson was one of 14 dogs who was seized from a hoarding case in a neighboring county last January. The county animal control agency had received a concerned call from a neighbor, and they investigated. They learned that Jamenson’s owner, an elderly man, was well intentioned—but he was in over his head and unable to adequately care for the dogs. In exchange for giving up his animals, the animal control agency agreed it would not pursue legal action against the owner.

All 14 dogs were brought to the Kentucky Humane Society. Three, including Jamenson, were blind. Eight tested positive for heartworms—a devastating disease that can lead to a slow, painful death if left untreated. One dog, a little beagle named Venus, had a rare neurological disorder that caused her to shake uncontrollably. In addition, six of the 14 dogs were extremely shy and had never been properly socialized; they required help from our behavior experts to gain confidence and to learn to trust new people.

Within just a few months, all 14 dogs had received the medical and behavioral help they needed and had found their forever homes. Jamenson’s blind sister, Maggie, is currently being trained to work as a therapy dog. Her new owner works with children who have suffered severe trauma, and Maggie helps the children relax and assures them they are safe. (Photo of Maggie and her family above.)

“It’s amazing how compassionate people in our community are,” says Shelter Operations Director Susan Oppel. “When we took in these special needs animals, we were worried that it would take a long time for them to find homes, given their physical and psychological needs. But in each case, a compassionate adopter came forward.”

Help Me Heal fund

Advanced medical and behavior help is made possible by donations to the Kentucky Humane Society’s Help Me Heal fund. Taking care of special needs animals is expensive, and funds in the Help Me Heal fund have diminished. In just the last year, KHS has used more than $30,000 in Help Me Heal donations.

“To continue to take in our community’s most fragile animals, we need more donations to Help Me Heal,” says Oppel. “All the money in this fund is used specifically for either medical diagnosis and treatment or behavior modification to heal our most vulnerable cats and dogs.”

To donate to Help Me Heal, give online at kyhumane.org and type “Help Me Heal” in the comments field, or return envelope in this magazine (write “Help Me Heal” inside the envelope). Or contact Beth Hobson, KHS development director, at bhobson@kyhumane.org or 502-515-3131.

Baby, a one-year-old tabby, was brought to KHS after she had been attacked by an animal. Baby had painful abscesses on her front legs and a fractured leg. At KHS she received an x-ray, antibiotics and a splint, made possible by our Help Me Heal fund. She is in foster care.
Pets Celebrate Independence Day Early

Record-Breaking 224 Pets Found Homes

In honor of July 4th, the Kentucky Humane Society invited the public to help homeless pets enjoy “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” by adopting before the holiday weekend.

Adoption fees were just $4 for cats and dogs over age 4 months, and half off for kittens. Adopters came out in droves—taking home 224 pets between June 29 and July 3. It was a record-breaking adoption special at KHS. By the end of the Pet Independence Adoption celebration, almost every pet at KHS had found a home.

Between Jan. 1–June 30, KHS found homes for more than 3,000 pets. 🐾

UXES & TAILS Has New Orleans Theme

The Kentucky Humane Society’s 20th annual Tuxes & Tails Benefit Auction & Gala is Aug. 17 at the Louisville Downtown Marriott. This year’s theme is Mardi Paws, and there will be plenty of New Orleans-style surprises.

“This is our single largest fundraising event. Last year’s gala raised more than $200,000, and we hope to raise even more this year—which helps homeless cats and dogs at KHS,” says Beth Hobson, KHS development director.

The gala kicks off at 6 p.m. with a silent auction, hors d’oeuvres and adoptable pets, followed by dinner and a spirited live auction. Black tie and masks are optional.

The presenting sponsor for the 2013 gala is Brown-Forman, and the media sponsor is the Courier-Journal. Silver sponsors are Dr. Rick Adrio, Kelly Hammons Realtor, Underwriters Safety & Claims, Cathy and Earl Zion/Today’s Woman magazine, and Impressions Inc.

Tickets are $175, and sponsorships start at $1,800. Visit kyhumane.org or call 502-515-3147 to learn more. 🐾

Shop for a Cause

Purchase a $5 “Shop for a Cause” card to receive special savings at Macy’s on Saturday, Aug. 24. Enjoy a day of spectacular discounts (up to 25% off), entertainment and special events at Macy’s. KHS receives 100 percent of the proceeds from every shopping pass. To purchase a pass or to help us sell them, contact our Meghan Mack at 502-515-3147 or khsdevelopment@kyhumane.org.

Dine Out for Pets

Enjoy eating out? Participate in KHS’ Kibble Club. Once a month a Louisville-area restaurant donates proceeds on a select day to KHS. Visit kyhumane.org/kibble-club to view upcoming dates and locations. It’s a fun, easy way to support our lifesaving mission.
Waggin’ Trail 2013 had the largest attendance on record, with more than 730 people and pets participating in the 19th annual benefit run/walk May 18. They raised more than $100,000 to support KHS’ lifesaving mission!

In addition to the 5K run and walk, Waggin’ Trail featured booths from KHS, Feeders Supply, and animal rescue groups, cake walks, raffles, games and a tie-dye station for T-shirts and dog bandanas. Music was provided by 102.3 The Max.

Top runners were: John Campbell (fastest male), Danielle Meriweather (fastest female), Alan Goldman (fastest male with a dog), Erika Kohler (fastest female with a dog), Timothy Wagner (fastest boy), Lexa Cardwell (fastest girl).

The top individual fundraiser was KHS board member Rick Maynard, who raised an incredible $6,000, and the top corporate team fundraiser was Team KFC/Yum, which raised more than $10,000.

Thanks to our Presenting Sponsor Hill’s Science Diet and Gold Sponsors Feeders Supply and Park Community Federal Credit Union. Media sponsors were WDRB, The Courier-Journal and 102.3 The Max. Event sponsors were Kosair Charities and Raising Cane’s.

Motorcycle Ride Raises $3,000

Despite overcast skies and rain, more than 100 motorcycle enthusiasts came out in support of KHS on Saturday, April 27, for Bluegrass Harley-Davidson’s “Sons of Anarchy” Poker Run/Ride. The riders raised more than $3,000. “Sons of Anarchy” stars Ryan Hurst (Opie) and Tommy Flanagan (Chibs) led the ride as grand marshals.

“We are so grateful to Bluegrass Harley-Davidson owners Rick and Judy Bennett who chose KHS to be the beneficiary of this ride,” says Beth Hobson, development director. “Their compassion for pets means so much.”

Pets and People Love Dog Days

Dog Day at the Park at Louisville’s Slugger Field is a popular event for pets and people alike. This pup shows his appreciation to his “dad” for bringing him to the June event.

Dog Day at the Park at Louisville’s Slugger Field just keeps getting better and bigger. At the June 11 event, more than 700 dogs and their families showed up to cheer on the Louisville Bats and to support the Kentucky Humane Society. Each $3 dog admission was a donation to KHS. Dogs and owners alike enjoyed the beautiful weather, great food and drinks, fabulous baseball and meeting other dog families.

The June event was the largest Dog Day on record. In 2013 the two Dog Days at the Park raised $3,192 for KHS’ lifesaving programs.
The Kentucky Humane Society would like to thank the following donors for their generous contributions between April 1–June 30, 2013.

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Paw, an affectionate, six-year-old cat, was recently adopted from the KHS adoption center at the Dixie Feeders Supply.
Injured Kitten Treated After Suspected Abuse

In July a woman was walking by the locks of the Ohio River in Louisville when she heard a tiny cry. She looked down and saw a three-month-old kitten. The friendly orange tabby rubbed against her legs and meowed, obviously very hungry. Then she noticed he was seriously injured.

The kitten’s lower lip had torn away from the jaw line, exposing an open wound. She also saw a puncture wound on the left side of his mouth. In addition, his tail was unnaturally bent—probably from an old injury that had healed incorrectly.

The Good Samaritan brought the kitten to the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS). She also generously donated to the Help Me Heal fund, which provides medical and behavior help for our most fragile pets.

The KHS staff cleaned his wounds and fed the hungry kitten, whom they named Lenard. Despite the pain he was in, Lenard craved attention. As
COACHING Canines

Looking for a fun, rewarding way to help local homeless pets? Become a volunteer at the Kentucky Humane Society. In this issue, we focus on Canine Coaches. Canine Coaching involves walking and socializing dogs, and teaching them basic commands. Canine Coaches receive training on dog behavior and how to use positive reinforcement techniques. They volunteer at the KHS Main Campus and East Campus. To learn more about Canine Coaching and other volunteer opportunities, contact Whitney Hobbs at volunteer@kyhumane.org or 502-515-3145 or visit kyhumane.org/give/volunteer.

Julie Weihe

Julie Weihe has volunteered for seven years at the Kentucky Humane Society. After putting in a full day of work at LG&E, where she is a gas regulatory associate, she heads over to the KHS Main Campus a few times a week to volunteer as a Canine Coach.

“Volunteering here is very rewarding; it is good exercise, it keeps you motivated and, most importantly, it helps the animals get adopted!” Julie says.

Even outside of volunteering at KHS, Julie is always trying to help the animals in the community.

“I always feed the community cats at work, and when I can catch them, I take them to the S.N.I.P. Clinic to be spayed or neutered,” she says.

Julie has three big dogs at home and claims she can’t, no matter how cute they are, take anymore with her.

Kathie Renck

When Kathie isn’t traveling for her son’s hobby of BMX racing or working as a registered nurse at Passport Health Plan, she is usually at the KHS Main Campus, where she volunteers as a Canine Coach. Kathie has been volunteering at the Kentucky Humane Society for about six months.

“This is my fun, it’s my therapy—and it’s free.” Kathie says. “I love the smiles I get from the dogs. It’s a great feeling when they are so excited to see you.”

In her short time at KHS, Kathie has become friends with many of the staff members and the other volunteers.

“You meet so many great people here, people that I can call my friends,” says Kathie.

Helping animals doesn’t stop at the Kentucky Humane Society; in fact, Kathie has brought in three stray pets that she has found.

“When I bring in a stray cat, I ask the staff if I can take them. Kathie lets pets stay with us, and we love her for that. She is always there to help.” says Whitney Hobbs, volunteer coordinator.

“Julie, Kathie and all our volunteers contribute so much to the well-being of our dogs and cats,” says Whitney Hobbs, volunteer coordinator. “They help our pets be relaxed, happy and well mannered, which helps them find their new homes faster.”

By Emily Stines, PR Intern

soon as the staff left him in his cage, he became frantic. He yowled and threw himself against the bars. The staff were afraid he would make his injury worse, so they called Marilyn McLendon, a long-time KHS cat foster caregiver, to ask if she could take him in. As soon as Lenard was in her home, he relaxed.

“Lenard is a friendly, affectionate little boy who just wants to be with people. His wanting to get out of the cage wasn’t because he was scared or claustrophobic or had separation anxiety—he just couldn’t stand to be around people without being with them,” she explains.

After a weekend in a foster home, Lenard was relaxed enough to be taken to Lyndon Animal Hospital, where he was examined by Dr. Kurt Oliver.

These types of injuries, he explained to Marilyn, are almost always from a hard hit to the chin. They are usually seen in cats who have fallen from high windows or who have been thrown against something or thrown out of a car. Given where the cat was found, the KHS staff speculate he may have been thrown from a car, and he may have suffered abuse in the past, given his broken tail.

Dr. Oliver gave Lenard stitches, but it is unclear if Lenard’s torn lip will heal back together. Regardless, Lenard can still eat and groom himself and is expected to have a normal life, though he may have a malformed lip.

After a few weeks of treatment, Lenard will return to Marilyn’s home for recovery until he is well enough to come back to KHS for adoption.

Become a Foster Caregiver

Interested in providing a temporary home for pets recovering from injuries or illnesses, or fostering puppies and kittens until they are old enough to be adopted? Email foster@kyhumane.org or call 502-366-3355.
The Kentucky Humane Society invites you to the

2013 Tuxes & Tails Benefit Gala & Auction
Saturday, August 17 • 6 p.m. • Louisville Marriott Downtown

The party’s in August, but that’s no reason not to celebrate Mardi Paws! Join the Kentucky Humane Society in a New Orleans themed celebration benefiting homeless cats and dogs.

Dinner • Dancing • Live & Silent Auction
Adoptable Pets • Black Tie & Masks Optional • Mardi Paws After Party

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