



# Society Scoop

## TOBY FINDS LOVE AND A PERMANENT HOME

Over the course of a year the Humane Society is involved in numerous cases of animal cruelty, abuse and neglect. Fortunately, however, not all outcomes for these little creatures are bad. Toby is one such case. The following is a letter from **Angie Gordon** who was instrumental in rescuing one little dog and helping him find a better life for himself and a richer, more rewarding life for those who care for him.

*"About a year ago I received a phone call from a lady who was very upset. She said she had just witnessed a small dog being abused by its owners. I drove to the location of this little guy only to find it wasn't the owners inflicting the abuse, but rather some neighborhood children who were "bored". I got him home and immediately went to work. At this point all I could truly see of him was his very large sad eyes. Every move I made left him cowering in fear. Beneath all of the matted hair were thistles and thorns, some of which were in his skin.*

*Seven and a half hours later a Shih Tzu appeared. I began to make many phone calls. I knew I wanted to find him a forever home, but while that was being taken care of, he also needed medical help.*

*I called our local shelter for help. Without any hesitation, they took him in and began the next phase. Toby, which he is now called, got a new chance at life. Today Toby's only concern is to love and be loved. Living amongst our grandmas and grandpas in a local nursing home, Toby has found his forever home.*

*A special thanks to that anonymous caller and to the Nelson County Humane Society"*



### *Trim Masters Charitable Foundation Awards*



### *Grant to Humane Society for Ongoing Programs*

Trim Masters, Inc. (parent company, Toyota Boshoku) staff recently visited the Humane Society of Nelson County to view the facility and see for themselves how the \$4,000 grant will be used to fund ongoing Spay/Neuter and Adoption programs. In appreciation of this generous grant, a permanent plaque bearing the Trim Masters logo has been placed on the door of an attractive indoor/outdoor dog run in the Adoption Kennel, and another plaque on a cat colony in the cat adoption room. Pictured from left to right are: Steve Hesselbrock, Dennis Brock (Vice-Pres., Humane Soc.), Jeff Nichols, Carol O'Daniel, Geoff Fritz, Shari Stackhouse, Frank Downs, and Mary Jo Abell (President, Humane Society).

Trim Masters is the 6th business in our area to support the Humane Society by naming a kennel run. Others are Wilson and Muir Bank and Trust Co., Town and Country Bank and Trust Co., Salt River Electric, Buzick Lumber & Home Center, and Kentuckiana Monuments. There are still four remaining kennels to be named, one cat colony, and one isolation dog pen used for sick or recovering dogs. A minimum donation of \$2,000 is required for each dog run and cat colony, and \$1,000 for an isolation kennel. If you, your business, or a group of individuals would like to support the Humane Society in this way, call 349-2082 for more information.

# A Letter from the President

Looking back, I think I was destined to be volunteering with the Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic. As a young child living on a mini-farm I had an array of animals over the years. There was "Freddy" the hamster and "Johnny" the flying squirrel, who would hide in my shirt pocket. My little dog rode on my tricycle and on my mare "Dolly" with me. The parakeet would push a toy baby buggy and do other tricks. I had a pet pig, "Oink Oink", and baby chicks and ducks. I even had a wild steer that I tamed, so he would come and eat out of my hand,

One summer after my friend moved to the city, I brought home her mother cat and 9 kittens. My cousin and I helped feed them with a doll bottle when the mother cat didn't have enough milk. I think you get the idea ...that I LOVE animals! I now have 17 cats that I feed and care for...15 outside and 2 inside. Missy is our old cat who sneaked into our basement/garage to have her kittens, so we let her stay. Then there were our beloved cats "Sylvester" and "Socks" who had cancer and now the mischievous "Sammy", our Lynx Point Siamese.

Professionally, I have worked for Salt River Electric while still in high school and the Credit Bureau of Nelson Co. for 17 yrs. I then worked at Farmers Bank & Trust Co (now Town & Country) in Bookkeeping, as a Teller, in Accounting, as Mgr. of the Loan Dept. and Credit Dept. and as an Officers Asst. I retired in 2002 after 26 years, but then stayed on part time for 5 more years. My childhood church was New Salem Baptist. After my marriage to Edgar Abell I moved to Bardstown Baptist where I have now been a member for 48 years. I currently serve as Asst. Treasurer and teach Children's Church. I served as Finance Chair for their new Fellowship Hall, and have also served as Treasurer and Children's Sunday School Teacher and on the Finance Committee.

I have one son, Jim. My husband and I have a farm and raise Angus cattle. We support a mission in eastern Kentucky called "Love in a Diaper Bag" by taking a load of children's things there each year.

I only hope I can do just half as good a job as Judy Cooke has done over the past 11 yrs. She has volunteered hundreds of hours of her time for the animals and we owe her a big debt of gratitude. We would not have the wonderful facility that we have now if she had not worked so hard, along with all the other volunteers and contributors, to build it.

Your new President,  
Mary Jo Abell

## **Mission Statement:**

Our mission is to prevent cruelty to animals, relieve suffering among animals, and extend humane education.



## **Membership meetings:**

All meetings are open to the public and are held on Thursdays at 6:00 PM at the Humane Society. The remaining meeting for this year will be on November 5.



## **Paw Prints**

Did you know that your local animal shelter can receive free cat and kitten beds with a little help from our friends? When you purchase Fresh Step cat litter, a Paw Print Rewards coupon is located on specially marked bags and boxes. Our staff member, Laura is currently collecting these points for listed free cat supplies. Just clip and turn them in at our Humane Society office. Remember, every "litter bit" helps!



Visit our local website [www.ncanimalservices.org](http://www.ncanimalservices.org)

HSNC gratefully acknowledges the generous support of the Pedigree Foundation and Petco Foundation. Their grants help fund agency programs and projects at our animal shelter

# Animal Adoption

When you consider adoption there's more to ponder than "Awwww...how cute is *that*?" Think about your circumstances and the "nature of the beast". Some of the following tips could help maximize the potential for stable placements of happy animals with satisfied human adopters. Lifestyle factors such as money, time and space paired with probable animal needs and behaviors can predict success. No one wants the emotional situation of needing to return an adorable puppy or kitten than seems to have morphed into a monster.

---Get a realistic idea of the on-going **cost** of the animal. Our front-end expenses of adoption at the NCHS are between \$60 and \$100. However, a well-cared-for pet can represent a sizable chunk of change over the 10-15 years you might be signing on for. There is food, veterinary expenses, shelter (if it is an outside animal) plus boarding or pet-sitting if you intend to travel. Perhaps you will opt for obedience classes, leashes, collars, micro-chipping, toys...even "clothing" or "accessories"!

---How's your **time** schedule? Animal requirements for attention and activity vary greatly, but all of them will need some of both. The accepted stereotype is that dogs need more than cats, but there are wide differences within each species based on breed, size and personality. Do you want a companion for a daily 10 block walk to the park to throw Frisbee or one to snuggle unobtrusively while you watch TV? Most pet owners are in-between, but take a few minutes to visualize how much you and your family members want to interact with an animal on both a busy workday and a leisurely week-end.

---Your living **space** is a definite factor in choosing an animal. Will your pet live indoors or out? Do you have big rural space, a fenced yard, or no yard? How close are your neighbors and how pet-friendly are they? How tolerant are you of the inevitable small (or large) messes that accompany pet ownership...house-training accidents, adolescent chewers and scratchers or shedding? Sharing a space with a human doesn't turn an animal into one, so you may need to be willing to adjust expectations and take extra walks or devote more time to grooming.

---Try to get a reasonable view of what needs and behaviors you can expect from the individual animal you are considering: diet, grooming, activity, etc. What size will it be as an adult? What

activity level is it likely to need? Will it work with children or other pets? Sometimes it is easier to answer such questions about adult animals than make accurate predictions about puppies or kittens.

The joys and advantages of being a pet owner are enormous. Some are objective, like the potential to statistically increase your life expectancy while others are more personal: the unconditional love and warm feeling that comes with a wagging tail or soft purring voice. Making an informed choice up front can only increase these benefits.



At the Nelson County Humane Society, to adopt:

You must: be 18 years old and have the permission of your landlord if you rent.

Pay \$100 for dogs and puppies, \$60 for cats and kittens. Fees include spay/neuter surgery, micro-chipping, initial vaccinations and worming, Feline Leukemia test and Nelson County license and tag.

See our web-site for more detailed information on adoption. [www.ncanimalservices.org](http://www.ncanimalservices.org)

## Volunteer Opportunities

Most animal-lovers are limited in the number of animals we can own or how much money we can donate to worthy organizations like the Humane Society. However, there are additional ways to contribute which involve mainly matching an individual's skills, interests, and available time with the needs of the organization. Not all jobs involve actually being on-site. Consider some of the following possibilities:

- Bathing and/or grooming animals.
- Exercising and/or petting animals.
- Acting as receptionist at desk, scheduling or in-take for clinic.
- Preparing supplies for spay/neuter clinic (folding drapes for surgery, filling rice bags for post-op warmth and comfort, sterilizing surgical packs, etc)
- Being a foster home until adoption can occur. This helps socialize animals and increases the chances of adoption...plus gives you a dose of puppy or kitty love!
- Transporting animals to newly-found owners. We cooperate with many breed-specific rescue agencies as well as other Humane Societies.

Tailoring *your* specialized skills and talents to Humane Society needs: clerical, social, medical, legal, education, artistic, etc. By taking the time to provide details about yourself when you apply, we can use you most effectively.

The website <http://ncanimalservices.org/index.htm> provides a volunteer application when you decide to take the plunge and get involved! Become involved and add not only your energy and efforts, but also your vision!



# Tributes



Received between October 2008 and June 2009.

## MEMORIAL AND HONORARY GIFTS

The following acknowledgments reflect those received through June 30, 2009

### *In Honor of for Christmas . . . . .*

**Max Sewell**, from Michael Sewell and Judy Cooke  
**Deb and Don Perkins**, from Judith Mitchell  
**Mary Jo Abell and Judy Cooke**, from Trudi Maish  
**Pen and Brenda Bogert**, from Peter and Kimberly Bogert  
**Sharron Blincoe**, from Cam Blincoe II and Fox Demoisey  
**Natalie Brown**, from Daniel and Natalie Muir Cole  
**Reece**, from Ben and Elizabeth Burr  
**Nancy Grimshaw and Vickie Renisch**,  
 from Judy Cunio-Quigley, Mary Stone, Stephen and Deborah Karwoski and  
 Catherine Haney  
**Patricia Logan**, from Lee Smithkier  
**Susan Gatz and Trudi Maish**, from Patsy O'Toole  
**McKenna and Emerson Mudd**, from John Saltsman  
**Catherine Newton M.D.**, from Gayle Strauss, Duncan Strauss and Nancy  
 Tietge  
**Central Kentucky Vets and Staff**, from David and Nicole Hahn

### *In Memory of . . . . .*

**Hillman "Fuzzy" Blanford** from James and Rose Marie Taylor  
**Thelma Spalding** from Mr. Tubbs  
**Jerry Compton** from Sandra and David Allen  
**Kenneth Allen Humes Jr.** from Mad Dash Courier, Inc.  
**Landon Martin** from Richard "Dick" Dye  
**Betty Brumley** from Bailey and Lois Pressgrove  
**Jerry Compton** from David and Sandra Allen  
**Jane Davis** from Joseph and Rose Marie Taylor  
**Geraldine Allender** from Carol Keeling  
**Paul Edward Harvey Sr.** from Joseph and Patricia Hall, Earl and  
 Nancy Spriggs and friends  
**Rosie Waggoner** from Donna Blincoe  
**John Mudd** from Joseph and Rose Marie Taylor and Errol and Johnye Mouser  
**Ruby Price** from Bettye Kay Puckett  
**Charlotte Riddle** from Fred and Bonita McMillen and Roger and Ann Ewing  
**Damon Sonne** from Tyson Foods, Inc. and Carolyn Henley  
**Maurice Sullivan** from Steve and Janine Auslander  
**Edward Poirier** from United Food and Commercial Workers Local 23D  
**Cole Frazier** from Joyce Gray and Thomas and Judith White  
**Carl Schroeder** from Steve and Janine Auslander  
**Ann Ewing** from Roger Ewing and Bonita McMillen  
**Frances Evelyn Muir** from Bruce and Jolene Reynolds  
**Ron Filkins** from Bruce and Jolene Reynolds  
**Kimberly Hawkins** from Bruce and Jolene Reynolds

**Ralph Ohrt** from Rose Marie Taylor  
**"Freckles" McMillen our beloved dog** from Fred and Bonita McMillen  
**"Freckles" McMillen**, from Judy Cooke, Trudi Maish, JoEtta Gentry, Donna  
 Blincoe and Mary Jo Abell  
**"Freckles" and "Whiskey" McMillen**, from Ann Early Sutherland  
**"Freckles", "Max", and "Buddy", you are missed every day** from Allison  
 Nally  
**"Cletus" Jones, in loving memory of the best boy!** from Mardi Jones  
**"Cletus" Jones** from Fred and Bonita McMillen, Elizabeth Willoughby, Trudi  
 Maish, Mary Jo Abell, and Vicki Renisch  
**"Brutus" beloved cat of Traci Askins and Travis Daulage** from Joyce  
 Dawson  
**"Big Foot Bailey " Maish** from Fred and Bonita McMillen, Mary Jo Abell,  
 JoEtta Gentry, Lee Smithkier, Vicki Renisch and Mardi Jones  
**"Big Foot Bailey" Maish, "Mookie" Hall and "Freckles" McMillen** from  
 Penny Spalding  
**"Coco" beloved dog of Virginia Goff** from Joyce Dawson  
**"Midnight"** from Lyda Moore  
**"Sadie" beloved pet of Mary McCann Salmon** from **"Poochie"**, beloved  
 pet of Mike and Diane Bleemel  
**"Lady Rambo" and "Smokey" Weymouth** from Everett and Margaret  
 Weymouth  
**"Sammie" our beloved cat** from Kathleen Zawrotney  
**"Effie" Walsh** from Carol Waggoner  
**"Izzy" Calhoun** from Winifred Calhoun  
**"Toto" our beloved Carrin Terrier** from Bruce and Nancy Dahl  
**"Pinky" our cat** from Roy and Jacqueline Drake  
**"Skippy" and "Twinkles", beloved cats and "Charcoal" and "Skunky",**  
 beloved dogs from David and Virginia Horlander  
**"Andy" our shelter dog** from Ann and Troy Jennings  
**"Molly Sue" pet of Nancy Grimshaw and Vicki Renisch** from Steve and  
 Janine Auslander  
**"Minnie"** from Randall and Patsy Parrott

### *In Honor of . . . . .*

**Good Neighbors David and Rose Mary Royalty**, from Dennis Eckert and  
 David Skellenger  
**"Teddy" Welcome Teddy to your Divine New "Digs"** from Gladys Smith  
**Suzanne Smith, for College Graduation, In memory of all the animals**  
**we have loved and lost** from Willie and Patsy Smith and Rachel Briney  
**Molly, a wonderful pet adopted from HSNc**, from Virginia "Ginny"  
 Thomas

### *In Honor of for Birthday . . . . .*

**Nancy Grimshaw**, from Judy Cunio-Quigley  
**Vicki Renisch**, from Judy Cunio-Quigley  
**Natalie Muir Brown**, from the Muir girls, Mary Lou, Susan and Natalie





# Ways to Give



**Cash:** Any size donation is appreciated and will be used to fund our programs. Refer to our website to print out our dues/donation form and mail or bring to

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- Automatic systematic withdrawal
- Make a secure gift on-line @ [www.ncanimalservices.org](http://www.ncanimalservices.org). Make a donation through our PayPal account. All major credit cards accepted
- Make a gift by mail
- Make a gift in honor or memory of a loved one – gifts are recognized in our newsletter
- Make the Humane Society a beneficiary of your will or Life Insurance Policy
- Consider making a gift to the Humane Society and be paid back for the rest of your life with a Charitable Gift Annuity.
- **Supplies for our Animals:** Refer to our “Wish List” in this newsletter

**Consignment Donations:** Two Bardstown Shops accept and sell clothing and household items to benefit the Humane Society of Nelson County.

**Gabby’s**  
200 East John Rowan Blvd  
331-9002

**Consignments, Etc Bardstown**  
222 North Third Street  
349-6837

**\*Traders Mall, Booth #37**  
(near Walmart on Hwy 245)  
Corvins Flooring Building  
3465 John Rowan Blvd, 348-7474

\*Please take donations of home décor, books, furniture, and clothing for babies, DVDs, toys, etc in good condition. If you have questions about what to donate, please call 349-2082, ext 201

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**Nelson County Animal Services**  
 2391 New Haven Road  
 Bardstown, KY 40004  
 (located at the fairgrounds)  
[www.ncanimalservices.org](http://www.ncanimalservices.org)

**Humane Society of Nelson County**  
 (502)349-2082  
 to adopt or surrender a pet or apply for  
 spay/neuter assistance

**Nelson County Animal Control**  
 (502) 348-1865 to report stray, lost,  
 abandoned or abused animals  
[ncac@bardstown.com](mailto:ncac@bardstown.com)

# *Pet Overpopulation*

## **Pet Overpopulation is at Crisis Level . . . but solutions are available**

An analysis of local and national statistics in 2007 suggested that adoptions alone could not solve the area's pet overpopulation crisis. Each year endless streams of companion animals find themselves on the doorstep of animal welfare organizations. According to Spay USA, one unsprayed female dog and her offspring can reproduce **67,000** puppies in six years and one unsprayed female cat and her offspring can reproduce up to **11,600,000** kittens in nine years. If these statistics aren't staggering enough, the Humane Society of the United States estimates that the number of cats and dogs entering shelters each year to be between **6-8 million**. The number of cats and dogs euthanized by shelters each year is between **3-4 million**.

What can we do? **First**, spay or neuter your pet. Though statistics are staggering, we can stop this endless cycle. Not only will an altered pet live three to five years longer, but more importantly, a spayed or neutered animal will help prevent thousands of

unwanted pets in the future. The Humane Society of Nelson County offers a low cost spay/neuter service for pet owners with financial situations that may prohibit them from utilizing local veterinary services or have special situations (feral cat caretakers, etc.) Applications and scheduling are available at the local shelter. Please call 349-2082 for more information and to schedule your pet for surgery.

**Second:** Consider the "adoption option" when looking to add a pet to the family. According to the HSUS only 20% of people acquire their pet from a sheltering agency. It is obvious that we need to make more people aware of the benefits of adopting a canine or feline companion. Last year the Humane Society and Animal Control received **3,231 dogs and cats, 1788 dogs and puppies and 1,443 cats and kittens**. Of those, **368 dogs** (21%) and **198 cats** (14%) were adopted to individuals or placed into new homes through breed rescue or other organizations. Additionally **246 dogs** were returned to their owners (14%) and **21 cats (barely over 1%)**

Our local shelter rates higher than the national average however for live releases. Combining the adoptions with the returned to owners, our percentages average 35% for dogs (nationally 15-30%) and 15% for cats (nationally 2-5%). Although this is very gratifying in one respect, it must also be noted that 65% of all dogs and pups entering the shelter will be euthanized along with 85% of all cats and kittens.

Though the "adoption option" is a great deal financially, it also means more importantly that a homeless pet is getting a second chance at happiness.

**Lastly**, we must educate the next generation of pet owners to be responsible pet owners and stewards with a continuing and on-going effort. At our local HSNC, staff employee Laura Higgason, as part of Humane Education and Pet Therapy goes to Flaget Hospital on Mondays with her dog Tater Tot, and goes to OKHMS every Monday for a TV spot on the morning announcements. Laura also performs orientation of Junior Volunteers at the shelter one Saturday each month.

## *Special Thanks and Appreciation*

**Special Thanks and Appreciation** to All of Our Contributors this past year who donated money, their time, brought supplies or performed any effort to ease the burden we face to provide care and comfort for our little creatures. In addition to numerous individuals, several groups that went an extra effort last Christmas by bringing supplies, food, treats and toys were: Nelson County Key Club, Nelson County 4-H Outriders, Todd and Trish Martin, and Mr. Quisenberry's class at OKH Intermediate School who "adopted" the Humane Society for Christmas.

On the Pennies for Pups, Coins for Kitties, **ongoing collection** of coins, here's what Becky Arms wrote in March, plus the two other major groups that participated.

"Both teachers and students at Cox's Creek Elementary pitched in to help raise money for the HSNC. Together they raised \$487 which will be used to help pay for shelter expenses. Other schools helping to make this project a success were New Haven Elementary and OKH Middle School." Special thanks to Morgan Ford for the money she raised selling candy.

We hope the coins will keep coming in and invite all school and community groups to participate.

## Wish List

**All donations are tax deductible**

- Dog / cat food (especially puppy and kitten food)
- Dog / cat treats and toys
- Towels, blankets, rags and pillowcases
- Laundry detergent (liquid HE), bleach
- Dish soap, prefer "Dawn"
- Printer / copier paper
- Inkjet Printer HP 21, 22
- Gift cards
  - Walmart
  - Tractor Supply Company
  - Gasoline (needed to transport rescue animals to other shelters)
- Newspaper
- Garbage bags, sandwich bags
- Grooming supplies, clippers, shears, razors
- Paper towels, toilet paper
- Tube socks, rice ( not "minute") for warming packs



**DON'T MAKE ME BEG!**



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