



Fundraising

Artist prints, dog walk, corn maze to raise funds

When Joe Evans purchased 1,000 C.W. Vittitow prints after the artist's untimely death, it was among his intent to carry on the artist's legacy.

Evans plans to donate about 500 of his Vittitow prints to the Humane Society of Nelson County. The Humane Society, in turn, will sell the prints and put the proceeds back into the non-profit organization.

The Humane Society plans to sell the prints at a significantly reduced price, in hopes of raising money for the organization. Judy Cooke, executive director, will receive the prints from Evans and sell them during Bardstown's 225th birthday celebration.

"We're planning on selling large prints for \$20, medium prints for \$10 and small prints for \$5," Cooke said.

Contact the shelter 349-2082 for more information.

Corn maze

The 5th annual Humane Society Haunted Corn Maze is once again scheduled for every Saturday night in October, from sunset to 11 p.m. The maze may also be used at other times by supervised school, church, or community groups; call 349-2082 for information.

The location will be the same, 2345 Deatsville Rd., in Cox's Creek. The usual ghoulish characters will be hiding in the maze, waiting for visitors, and there are some new frights, purchased from Psychopath last year. Admission will be \$5/person. The maze may be a little too scary for very

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A NEW LIFE FOR SHELTER DOGS

Local shelter dogs join Vine Grove police force

Asap and Justice among six dogs to become K-9 officers

If you are driving through Vine Grove, you may be pulled over by a police officer. If he says, "Get out of the car, ASAP," he may not be speaking to you. Asap is a black German Shepherd, and he is the K-9 partner to David Evangelista.

If you inform officer Evangelista you are seeking justice in this situation, another police car may stop to assist. Justice, another black German Shepherd, may hop out of the car. Justice is the K-9 partner of Victor Williams.

Asap and Justice are former shelter dogs. They are the fifth and sixth former Nelson County Animal Shelter dogs to become law enforcement K-9 officers. Asap and Justice were adopted in March 2004.

Asap began training in drug detection, but put that on hold for patrol training. He has had 200 hours of training in patrol work and is highly trained in the area of obedience. He can clear out a building and track the fresh scent of criminals or articles. Asap and his partner have been training with multiple agencies. Asap can also search luggage, and he knows how to protect human officers. Asap is part of Officer Evangelista's family, and when Asap is home, he thinks he's a lap dog. He is protective of Officer Evangelista's children, and he plays well with the other dog in the home.



Asap and Justice are two of six dogs from the Nelson County Animal Shelter who have become K-9 officers. The two dogs now work for the Vine Grove Police Department.

Justice also fits in well at home with Officer Williams' family. His first night home, he helped himself to the turkey dinner on the kitchen counter. Justice is laid back and gets along well with people, especially small children.

Justice's training has been concentrated in narcotics. He has also been working on civil obedience. Justice began training on April 2, 2004, and now has 800-900 hours of training. He initially trained five days a week and worked his way down to two.

Justice can detect hash, marijuana, heroin, cocaine, Exstasy, and meth.

Justice appeared before some judges to demonstrate his skills and abilities, so that the judges can then state that the dog knows how to do his job. Training is never over, and the dogs must re-certify every year. The officers are still hoping their city council will sanction the canine program.

Officers Evangelista and Williams began as partners, but they have become a team with Asap and Justice.

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THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF NELSON COUNTY

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

Animal Shelter

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Adoption and Receiving Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday,
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Visit us online at
www.petfinder.com to see
photos of our cats and dogs
awaiting adoption. Also visit
the Web site we share with
Nelson County Animal Control
at www.ncanimalservices.org

WISH LIST

Clean carpet cut into 12"x18" or
2'x2' pieces
Towels, small rugs and
toilet seat covers, place-
mats and blankets
Puppy and kitten food
Pet carriers (any size)
Dog crates (any size)
Cash donations



Improvements continue for animal services, shelter

With the first of a three-phase expansion project complete, Humane Society of Nelson County Director Judy Cooke is optimistic about the future of animal services in Nelson County.

In January, the Humane Society moved into a new surgical facility that is being used to spay and neuter shelter pets. It is also used to spay and neuter cats for individuals in financial need.

The new clinic replaces a rented space that was used on West Stephen Foster Avenue. The new space is located adjacent to the existing animal shelter at the Nelson County Fairgrounds.

The surgery clinic is 1,000 square foot and benefits the Humane Society in a number of ways, Cooke pointed out. The clinic is designed specifically for the use, unlike the older location downtown, which was converted office space. It helps the Humane Society save money by eliminating rent and other expenses that were associated with that office.

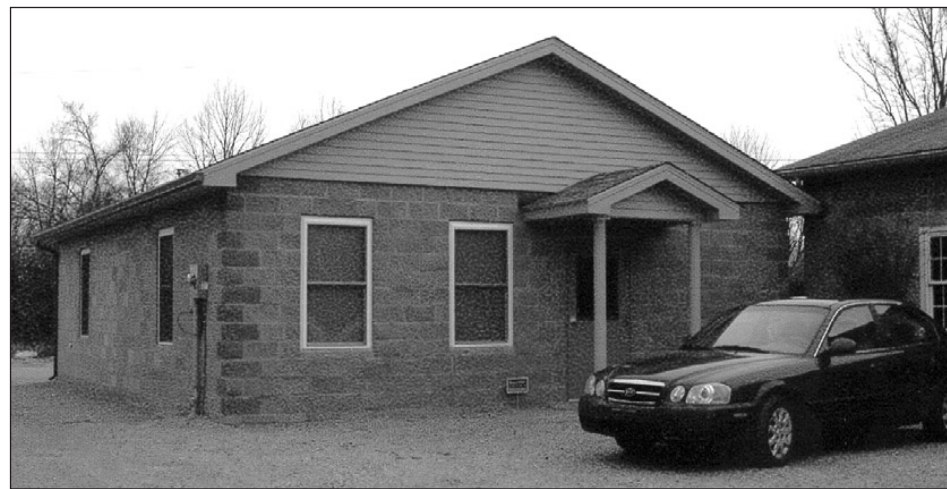
There is an obvious benefit to both the animals and the staff by having the surgical clinic located on site with the shelter, Cooke said. It will no longer be necessary to transport animals from the shelter to the downtown clinic.

In 2003-2004, the clinic did spay or neuter services for 800 owned cats and all the about 600 cats and dogs that were adopted from the shelter.

It cost about \$55,000 to build the new clinic. About \$30,000 was raised to pay for that, plus a bequest to the shelter assisted with its funding.

"It will meet our needs indefinitely," Cooke said of the new facility. "It's really, really been great."

With the surgical clinic complete, the focus now is on the last two phases of animal service expansions. The next phase to be



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tackled will be adding about 800 square feet for an adoption kennel. The kennel will be built to the rear of the surgery clinic and beside the existing shelter. It will replace the outside gravel area where some dogs are now kept during the day in pens.

When it is built, the kennel will make it easier for the pens to be sanitized and deodorized, will provide adequate noise abatement and will make it easier for volunteers and potential adopters to interact with dogs.

It is estimated the new kennels will cost about \$50,000.

The final phase of the project will be remodeling of the existing shelter building to create a new adoption/volunteer services building. This building will have more space for the office, as well as more adequate space for cats. It will also have a room for volunteer activities and dog training.

There will be a get-acquainted room for potential adopters as well as a meeting room for educational activities and a break room for staff and volunteers.

The adoption/volunteer services building is estimated at a cost of \$50,000.

In addition to these changes, Nelson Fiscal Court has landed a \$50,000 grant to build a new stray/holding area for animal control.

How much work is done and how quickly it happens is dependent on funding. The shelter has an ongoing capital campaign.

A core group of Humane Society volunteers have led fundraising efforts by going to local businesses and industries and requesting financial contributions.

Individual donations have also been sought. There are a number of ways individuals can help from making a one-time donation, to a donation spread out of a several years and bequests. There are also several naming opportunities for the facilities and spaces inside that are designed to raise more money for the project.

A packet detailing the project is available for anyone interested in learning more. For more information about expanded services or to help, call the Humane Society of Nelson County at 349-2082.

Would you know what to do if you lost your beloved pet?

Keep your pet at home — Dogs and cats are required by county ordinance to be "restrained" at all times, which means they should be confined to the owner's property, or if off the property, should be under control of a responsible person. Besides getting lost, animals running at large may be injured, cause a traffic accident, and may aggravate or harm neighbors. Animal control is often called to pick up cats and dogs found roaming. Once located, they are brought to the shelter, resulting in a fine, if the owner can be located.

Keeping identification on your pet is its immediate ticket home. You can use a handwritten tag (available for free from the Humane Society) or an engraved tag with your phone number. In addition, state law requires a rabies tag. Your veterinarian will

give you a rabies tag when your pet receives its vaccination. A county license can be bought at a vet's office or at the Animal Shelter.

Start looking for your pet as soon as possible. The longer you wait, the farther the pet may roam and more danger may be encountered. Responsible pet owners know where their pets are at all times. Search the neighborhood while calling for the pet, rattle its food dish and call your neighbors.

If your pet is missing, call the Animal Shelter at 348-1865 immediately; they may have already had a call from someone who has found your pet. You can leave your name, number, and a description of your pet so you can be notified if the animal does come into the shelter.

Call back to the shelter often because

new animals come in daily and the staff cannot always match up lost and found reports without your help. It may be best to actually come into the shelter and see if your pet is there. Descriptions are not always reliable.

Put an advertisement in the newspaper, on television or on the radio. Put up posters in your area. A picture is worth 1,000 words when finding lost pets. Take or mail a picture to the Animal Shelter.

Don't give up too soon. Although the longer the pet is gone, the less likely it is to be found, there are many cases when an animal returns or is found after weeks or even months. Sometimes lost pets are taken in by people wanting to help them so there may be a period of days or even weeks before a pet is brought to the shelter or tries to return home on its own.

VOLUNTEER CORNER: KELLY MATTHEWS

When PLG News-13 first got started in June 1999, the staff had the idea of getting the Humane Society involved with the newscast.

At first, Ann McMichael went to the shelter and shot a spot about the animals there. Different people from the Humane Society volunteered with the animals on camera.

Eventually, director Judy Cooke asked volunteer Kelly Matthews if he would appear on the taped spots.

"I realized on the first shoot Kelly was a natural," McMichael recalled. Matthews, she later learned, was used to being in front of the camera

because he used to be a media spokesperson for a large police department.

Eventually, Matthews was asked to bring animals into the PLG building, which shares office space with The Kentucky Standard, for the spots. Matthews started on air then with news anchor Tom Isaac. Over the years, Matthews has appeared with other PLG regulars like Kim Huston, McMichael and Brandy Cheatham.

"It's been a popular part of our newscast for the past seven years," McMichael said. "Kelley has to get up every Tuesday morning, go to the

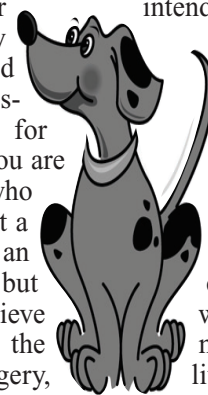
shelter, sometimes bathe the animals and get them ready for the camera debut."

Because of his dedication to the Humane Society and the PLG program, Matthews has been deemed by some to be the "Pet Man" where even trips to the local grocery store end in someone noticing him from the PLG segments.

Kelly recently taped his last PLG segment. He is moving away and will be leaving Bardstown. His services to the Humane Society will truly be missed. We thank him for his dedicated service to the Humane Society.

Shelter offers low-cost spay/neuter programs for pet owners who are in need of financial assistance

Most of our readers 2082. Our programs are intended to help people know that our Humane Society has had spay/neuter assistance programs for years now. If you are a pet owner who wants to prevent a pet from having an unwanted litter, but you do not believe you can afford the cost of the surgery, please call us at 349-



with financial difficulties who cannot take their pets to a private veterinary clinic. We will also spay/neuter barn cats and feral cats who produce many unwanted litters that end up at the shelter.



MEMORIALS AND HONORARY GIFTS

(Received between June 15, 2004 and June 20, 2005)



In Memory of Elizabeth Collins,

Given by Norman and Anna Lee Parrish, Craig, Erin, Jessica and Garrett Smith, and Sally Dugan

In memory of Jerry Crompton,

Given by Tammy Hicks and Judy Kessler and by Dave and Sandy Allen

In memory of Hank and Misty Lema,

Given by Ricky and Donna Godfrey

In memory of Jane Sturgeon,

Given by Cathy Newton and Gordon Strauss

In memory of Freda Wallace,

Given by Carol Hawkins

In memory of Ann Tucker,

Given by Juanita Parrott

In memory of Ernest Combs,

Given by Ethylgene and Joe Josh, Mrs. Matt W. Houston, Walter and Donna Boekley, Friends at National City Private Client Group

In memory of Dennis Neal,

given by Pamela Neal

In memory of Reba,

Given by Sister Betty Dorr

In memory of "Jasmine" Parker,

Given by Lyda Moore

In memory of Fuzzy, beloved dog of

Peggy and T.W.Cantrell

Given by Jodi Jenkins

In loving memory of Lacey, much-missed dog of Jodi Jenkins and

Angie Howard,

Given by Jodi Jenkins

In memory of "Daisy Mae" Reid, beloved

Westie of Donna and Archie Reid,

Given by Deborah Perkins

In memory of "Athena" Pendergrass,

Given by Bonnie McMillen, Judy Cooke

In memory of "Cricket," dog of

Blake Raisor,

Given by Carol Keeling

In memory of "Sadie," beloved dog of

Danny and Ann Blincoe,

Given by Bonnie and Fred McMillen

In memory of Carol, George, Pepper, Carl and Ben,

Given by William H. Franklyn

In memory of our dogs, Rambo and Nick,

Given by David and Carole Hobbs

In memory of my Golden Retriever,

"Bourbon,"

Given by Col. Edwin Goepper

In memory of Ima Jean

Given by Mary R. Dawson

In memory of Dillon Maish,

Given by Trudi Maish

In memory of Reba,

Given by Sister Betty Dorr

In honor of "Tyson,"

Given by Carol Keeling

In honor of Sheila and Bill Harned,

Given by Beth and Bill Daugherty

In honor of Steve Auslander,

Given by Thomas Brelage

In honor of Steve Auslander,

Given by his office staff

In honor of Nora Ballard & Patsy O'Toole,

Given by Diane Thompson & David Ballard

In honor of Trudy Sutherland,

Given by Gail Cox Hart

In honor of Vicki Renisch,

Given by Judy Cunio-Quigley, Debbie and Stephen Karwoski,

Catherine Haney, and Evelyn Ruff

In honor of 65th Anniversary of Joe Mason and Natalie Muir Brown,

Given by Marylou Muir Crume and Susan Muir Brauch

In honor of Natalie Muir Brown on her birthday,

Given by Natalie Muir Cole

In honor of our beloved cats, Shadow, Tubby, Lucy and Molly, and In memory of Amica,

Given by Joseph and Judy Johnson

In honor of "Millie" Durbin,

Given by Jane Durbin's co-workers at Smith Bros. Distributing Co.

In honor of "Sadie,"

Given by Diana Davis

In honor of "Cletus,"

Given by Mardi Jones

In honor of "Swain,"

Given by Mary Nancy Todd

In honor of "Toto,"

Given by Nancy and Bruce Dahl

In honor of "Barker" and "Sundae,"

Given by Sandra Loveless

In honor of "Peepers,"

Given by Mary Blake

In honor of Stormy Durbin, Downey Smith, Baxter and Max Coulter,

Given by Smith Bros. Distributing Co.

In honor of "Tyson,"

given by Carol Keeling

In honor of JP, Shere Khan, and Katie,

Given by Mary K. Drake

SHELTER DOGS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Take two dogs and call me in the morning

Most of the visitors to Federal Hill Manor Nursing and Convalescent Center are of the two-legged variety. Once a month, there is a four-legged visitor.

On the second Saturday of each month, Cinders or Truman visit the residents at Federal Hill. They put on a clean bandanna and canine cologne prior to making their rounds.

Cinders and Truman are former shelter dogs. Cinders is a nine-year old Border Collie/Lab mix. She has been living with her human companion

for two years, while Truman has been with the same human companion for four years. Truman is a five-year old black Lab.

In addition to being pet therapy dogs, Cinders and Truman presented a humane education program at 4-H Camp in Bullitt County this past summer. Cinders also "speaks" to elementary students regarding responsible pet ownership.

Truman and Cinders really enjoy their visits with children and seniors. It is difficult to decide who enjoys the visits more.



Older pets make loving companions for seniors

Mary Ann Wimsett has been a widower for a few years and is retired from Jim Beam Distillery where she worked for 35 years. For a companion she adopted a 10-year-old black lab from the shelter named Zeuse. She also has a Boston Terrier named April that is 10-years-old. Both dogs are house dogs. Zeuse is a good guard dog. He barks when someone is outside. April is full of energy and is a professional door greeter. She sleeps on her couch every night. The dogs are getting old and gray, but the love she has for them keeps her young at heart. Wimsett takes her dogs riding almost every day. Zeuse weighs 130 pounds and takes up the whole backseat. April rides up front and she is well behaved.

EVENTS

Continued from Front young children.

Volunteers, at least 12 years of age, are needed to work as haunters. You can pick up a volunteer application at the shelter or download from the website, ncanimalservices.org. If you are interested in helping plan this

event, or any other fundraiser, please come to our Aug. 4 Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., at the Surgery Clinic Building next to the Shelter at the Fairgrounds.

Strut your Mutt

The Humane Society is launching a new event this year — Strut Your Mutt — from noon-4 p.m. Oct. 1 with a rain date noon-4 p.m. Oct. 2 at

the Nelson County Fairgrounds.

There will be many vendors and crafts, booths, foods, entertainment, T-shirts for sale, a raffle and 50/50's. Owners can collect pledges to participate in the Strut Your Mutt dog walk to benefit homeless animals. Dogs available for adoption will be on site. Dog and owner contests.

Contact Leah Riggs or Judy Cooke at 349-2082.

JOIN NOW!

Membership in the Humane Society is a major way to continue funding our programs. Use this form for yourself or give it to a friend.

Humane Society of Nelson County
2391 New Haven Road
Bardstown, Ky. 40004

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

DONATION:

I do not wish to be a member, but here is my donation for \$ _____

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