

**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF NELSON COUNTY**
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Society Scoop

HEARTLAND CORVETTE CLUB DONATION

The Humane Society was recently the recipient of a generous gift from the Heartland Corvette Club. According to member Benny O'Daniel, this social group of Corvette enthusiasts recently disbanded and agreed to donate the remaining funds in their account to sponsor an isolation kennel at the shelter. Isolation kennels are routinely used to house ill, recovering, or newly received animals. A permanent plaque acknowledging this gift has been placed at the entrance to the isolation area.

Sponsorship of adoption kennels and cat colonies has been an important means of fundraising for our humane society. Companies, organizations, individuals or groups can provide a business logo or names to be placed on a permanent plaque which is attached to the door of the kennel or cat colony; memorial and honorary gifts can also be acknowledged in this way. There are 4 remaining kennels and one cat colony remaining to be named, each for a donation of \$2,000. Donations received for these plaques will be used specifically to pay off our remaining debt from the extensive construction and remodeling project that we completed in the last few years. Please come visit or call for more information.



Benny O'Daniel, 2nd from left, presenting a check to our President, Mary Jo Abell, Vice-Presidents, Dennis Brock and Trudi Maish are also present.

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** Donors at the \$250.00 and above levels will be recognized with a plate in the humane society lobby.*

**Make checks payable to the
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Kendyl & Boogers

**Join us at our next meetings,
August 5th and November 4th
at 6:00pm at the Humane Society.**

Easter Pony Rides

This year at New Haven's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Kendyl Alayna Corbin took her pony, "Boogers," and they raised over \$100 for our Humane Society. There were 53 cowboys and cowgirls who stood in line to ride Boogers. Thank you so much, Kendyl and Boogers!

In Memory

Jerry Crompton . . . given by Sandra Allen
 Gary Morley . . . given by Rosemarie Taylor
 Carole Hobbs . . . given by Parker and Linda Beam
 Lelia Roberts Hardy . . . given by B. Marvin Hardy II, Dr. and Mrs. Steve Auslander,
 and Bardstown High School Class of 1962
 B.B. Reed . . . given by P. Berry
 Ann Ewing . . . given by Roger Ewing
 Doris Ratliff . . . given by Donna Ratliff MacDonnell
 Ida Bodine . . . given by Bettye Kay Davenport
 Artie Shain . . . given by Greg Peterson
 Patricia Aldridge . . . given by UFCW Local 23D
 Dave Montgomery . . . given by Shirley Mayer, Peggy Hagan and Jane Hagan
 Jeff Rogers . . . given by Ben and Libby Burr
 Janet Bee . . . given by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris
 Billy Richardson . . . given by Tommy and Patti Clark, Joseph and Nancy Neel, Fred and
 Diana Banks, Sally Mattingly, Joyce Pyle, and Mary Joanne Johnson
 Laverne Brucker . . . given by Fred and Janna Stair
 Dot Corwin . . . given by Joseph and Lynn Fowler
 "Cyril" . . . given by Deborah and Gary Parsons
 "Nellie" Hall, beloved pet of Willie and Mary Ann Hall . . . given by Penny Spalding
 "Teekie" and "Angel" Allen, beloved pets of Dave and Sandy Allen . . . given by Penny Spalding
 "Harley" Anderson, beloved pet of Matt and Valerie Anderson . . . given by Penny Spalding
 "Hershey" Shrewsbury, beloved pet of Ron and Jennifer Shrewsbury . . . given by Penny Spalding
 "Sammie", beloved pet of the Schultz family . . . given with tender sympathy and in tribute, by Don
 and Deb Perkins. "If there is no God for thee, Then there is no God for me"
 "Bailey" Chesser, beloved pet of Martha and Glenn Chesser . . . given by Penny Spalding
 "Molly" beloved pet of Diana and Jack Post . . . given by Penny Spalding
 "Sassy" beloved pet of Jackie Reeve . . . given by Penny Spalding
 "Bella" . . . given by Janine and Steve Auslander
 "Scuffa" . . . given by Sheila Keeling
 "Mitchell" beloved and loyal pet of Peggy Hagan . . . given by Jane Hagan and Bonita McMillen
 "Benjamin" Perkins . . . given by Bonita McMillen
 "Midnight" . . . given by Lyda P. Moore
 "Scout" . . . given by Trudi Maish
 "Misty" Stackhouse . . . given by Gayle Sullivan
 "Frankie" Cooke . . . given by Caroline Keeling and Bonita McMillen



In Honor



Vicki Renisch . . . given by Jane Thompson
 Mardi Jones . . . given by Jane Thompson
 Deborah and Don Perkins . . . given by Judith Mitchell
 Catherine Newton M.D. . . . given by Nancy Tietge and Gayle Strauss
 Judy Cooke, Fred and Bonita McMillen, Mary Jo Abell, Patsy O'Toole, Nora Ballard, Jane Hagan,
 Mardi Jones, Nancy Grimshaw, and Vicki Renisch . . . given at Christmas by Trudi Maish
 Pen and Brenda Bogert . . . given by Kim Bogert
 Natalie Muir Brown . . . given by nieces Susan Muir, Marylou Muir Crume and Natalie Muir Cole
 Rose Pendergrass, Chris Mattingly, Lynn Dotson and Ariel Gobert . . . given by Trudie Mattingly
 Vicki Renisch and Nancy Grimshaw . . . given by Debbie Karwoski
 Lynn DeMarco in honor of her 60th birthday . . . given by Janine and Steve Auslander
 Vicki Renisch and Nancy Grimshaw . . . given by Judy Cunio-Quigley
 Trudi Maish, in honor of her birthday . . . given by Judy Cooke
 Vicki Renisch . . . given by Judy Cunio-Quigley
 Nancy Grimshaw . . . given by Judy Cunio-Quigley
 Natalie Muir Brown . . . given by Natalie Muir Cole and Susan Muir
 Nora Ballard . . . given by Trudi Maish
 Trudy Sutherland . . . given by Gail Hart
 "Reese" . . . given by Libby and Ben Burr
 "Leia" . . . for her 5th birthday . . . given by Danny and Ann Blincoe

WISH LIST

- Dog and cat food, especially puppy and kitten food (Prefer dry food - Purina, Science, Iams and Pedigree)
- Towels, blankets, rags, pillow cases
- Laundry detergent - Liquid HE (our washer can only use High Efficiency)
- Dish soap (Dawn preferred)
- Printer/copier paper
- Inkjet Printer Cartridges (HP 21, 22)
- Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Tractor Supply, other stores for pet supplies

Hilltop Haven Animal Rescue/Halfway House

By Delsie Williams, Director

Hilltop Haven Animal Rescue/Halfway House was established in 2008. Our goal is to reduce the number of adoptable animals euthanized in shelters throughout Kentucky. With weekly transports to no-kill rescues through the Northeast United States, HHAR has been able to save over 3,000 dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens since opening. HHAR mainly works with shelters. We need temporary foster homes to house animals 1 or 2 weeks, long term fosters (1-2 months), transport drivers (local and long distance), and pet supplies (crates, collars, leashes, beds, food, toys, etc.)

Even if you can not have a pet of your own, you can help save the lives of those that are waiting in shelters. Each \$10.00 donation will ensure an animal a ride on a transport to freedom. Donations can be mailed to the Hilltop Haven, c/o the Humane Society of Nelson County, 2391 New Haven Rd., Bardstown, KY 40004. Be sure to designate that the donation is for Hilltop Haven.

If you are interested in helping us make Kentucky No-Kill, please email us at hilltophavnres@aol.com. You can also find our pets available for adoption at www.petfinder.com/shelters/ky299.html. Don't buy while homeless pets die! Spay and neuter your pets!



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

Adoption Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday
 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 or by appointment.

Board of Directors:

Mary Jo Abell, President
 Becky Arms
 Dennis Brock, Vice President
 Jason Cheek, Treasurer
 Judy Cooke, Shelter Director
 Tom Evans
 Jane Hagan
 Mardi Jones
 Carol Keeling, Secretary
 Trudi Maish, Vice President
 Rose Pendergrass

Pass it On

When you are done with this newsletter, please give it to a friend or neighbor who doesn't know about us.

Special Thanks

Bloomfield Middle School,
“Pennies for Pups” collection.

5th Grade 4H at
St. Joseph’s School

Nelson County 4H
Pocket Pets Club

OKH Middle School
For donation in honor
Of Emily Russman

Daisy & Brownie Troop #401

4H Outriders Club

Bardstown High School

Bluegrass Christian Academy

Grace Bradstock and
Isabella Purdy
Goshen, KY

Tom Moore Distillery
For the generous donation
Of a much-needed copier

Glen MacPherson
Duplicator Sales and Service

Keene’s Depot

Save-A-Lot



The Most Important Volunteer

By Dennis Brock

Often when we get a new or potential volunteer, we are asked, “What is the most important job that we can do?” There is no quick answer! It depends on the time and who you are talking to.

To Gerda, Laura, or Lisa, it may be someone who is willing to jump right in and get their hands dirty. They may help with the cleanup of the cat cages or the dog pens. Or it may simply be one of the people who answer phones, schedule spay and neuter clinics, and field the many questions that are asked. Often it is sweeping, window cleaning or general cleaning.

Equally important are the volunteers who walk the dogs, socialize both dogs and cats, or foster animals. To the animals, these are probably the most important volunteers! Volunteers are also needed for transporting animals to other rescue organizations, both within Kentucky and out of state.

In a nutshell, the most important volunteer is you! There are no most, or least, important jobs. Your help is valuable, needed and appreciated. Keep up, or start, the good work, and bring a friend!

Volunteer orientations are held the first Saturday of every month, from 10 a.m. till noon, at the Humane Society. If you’re under 18, your parent will need to sign your application. For more information, call 349-2082.



Christmas Parade 2009

We had a great “Home for the Holidays” parade float, thanks to the efforts of Dennis and Gailyn Brock, and Laura and Josh Higgason. Several volunteers walked shelter dogs, with the result that two were quickly adopted. Our mascot was a large white bunny who reminded everyone, “Don’t let your pets multiply like rabbits. Spay or neuter!”

LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAMS

If lack of funds is the only reason you haven’t had this important surgery for your cat or dog, the Humane Society may be able to help:

Cat Clinic

These clinics are held once a week and are intended for people who cannot otherwise afford these surgeries. To help cover expenses, the Humane Society charges \$30 for females, and \$20 for males, but no one will be turned away for inability to pay. These fees are below actual costs for us. Cats must be at least 3 months old and weigh 3 pounds or more. All will receive rabies shots at no additional charge.

Last year, during “kitten season,” which stretches from May through November, the shelter received 950 kittens, an increase over the previous year. Only 140 of these kittens were adopted; over 800 were euthanized. Please, please don’t allow your cats to breed. Call 349-2082 to make an appointment.

New Low-Cost Program for Dogs, for Qualifying Owners

The Humane Society recently started a new program to assist dog owners who cannot afford to spay or neuter their pets. Owners must demonstrate financial need by showing a current Food Stamp, Passport Insurance, or Medicaid Card, or documents verifying enrollment in programs like SSI, SSD, or KTAP. If not enrolled in a government program, owners may still qualify if household income (total of incomes from all people living in household) is below certain levels, proven by paycheck stubs, bank statements, W2’s, or tax returns. Call for details. 349-2082



Dogs, Cats, and Us

By Rachel Szabo

Most people do not enjoy the stray dog who roams the neighborhood and knocks over everyone’s trash cans, or the cat who constantly walks through your yard, driving your dog crazy. Pet overpopulation does not just cause annoyances though. It causes death to about four million dogs and cats in the U.S. every year. As the world’s caretakers, we must take action. Simple stewardship and responsibility are the only needs to help reduce this number.

The best way to stop pet overpopulation is well-known—spay or neuter your pet. According to the Humane Society website, spaying or neutering does not have to be expensive and will not harm the life of your pet. Spaying or neutering will reduce pet population growth. Steps can also be taken to help the animals already in existence.

If you or someone you know is thinking of getting a dog, the Humane Society says adopt from a shelter. Many puppies in pet stores come from puppy mills. Puppy mills raise hundreds of dogs in terrible conditions which can cause health or behavioral problems. The mills are also contributors to pet overpopulation, since not all the bred puppies will find homes. Instead of supporting these institutions, adopt from a local animal shelter.

(Ed. Note: Rachel is a recent graduate of Campbellsville University. She and a fellow classmate, Amanda Kanode, researched and wrote this article for a mass communication class project. Though we could not publish the article in full, we wanted to include it and express our gratitude to the students for their efforts and for choosing this topic. Our humane society has low cost spay/neuter programs for cats and dogs of low income owners. Call 349-2082 for more information.)

Rabies Clinic in New Haven

On May 22, the Humane Society sponsored a rabies clinic at the New Haven City Park. Information on dog bite prevention and humane education was also given to interested pet owners. Pictured from left to right: Betty Veneklase, Lisa Powell, Laura Higgason, Emily Powell, Dr. Detra Bryant, and Claudia Dombrowski.

Italian Dinner for Four, Catered in Our Home

by Tom Evans

Generosity comes in many forms. It can come in the form of monetary donations, or time given in personal contact, or even taking a special skill or beloved hobby and turning it into an act of kindness where everyone involved benefits. The latter brings us to the introduction of two very special people new to our community.

Meet Richard and Martha Nest who came to us from Maine just a few short months ago. They dropped in to the Humane Society in an effort to find a playmate for their poodle, J.J. J.J. is a very sweet and gentle dog, but Richard and Martha felt that by adopting an orphaned dog, then the two would be companions. Unfortunately all did not go as intended. We humans have such ideas, and K-9's just think, "Ho hum".

Thus came the birth of a wonderful idea and gesture that could only benefit all involved - a meal, no not just a meal, an epicurean delight; a five star delight served in the comfort of our own home for a \$100 donation to the Humane Society.

Richard and Martha came into our home and prepared a variety of antipastos including shrimp, olive varieties, crabmeat pastries, and a variety of Italian meats that a hometown Kentucky boy can't begin to pronounce. We cleansed our pallets with bread and Italian butter.

Our main entrée was a wonderful spaghetti dish with Italian sausage followed by a light but delightful dessert of strawberries and a handmade whipped cream blend. All this was washed down by a variety of chosen wines.

Add in the pleasant company of two people who love cooking and the fantastic evening of eating and helping the Humane Society was a great experience.

This was a wonderful and generous experience for us; it benefited the Humane Society; and new friends were welcomed to the community. Maybe you have a skill or loved hobby that could be turned into a benefit for the animals and a way to be a part of a fun experience.

Donate now, and enjoy this catered dinner in your own home! Send your \$100 donation to the Humane Society, with a note that you would like to have this dinner at your home. The number of dinners is limited, on a first come, first serve basis. You will be contacted for more information after your donation is received.



Daisy and Brownie Troop #401 with group leader, Pam Iseral.

The troop donated pet food and treats, then took a tour of the facility and learned about Safety and Bite Prevention. They also made cat and dog toys.

Ways to Give

Come visit us or send a gift by mail to:

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(Please enclose the donation form printed on the back of this newsletter.)

- Make a gift in honor or memory of a loved one. An acknowledgement card will be promptly sent to the family or to the person being honored.
- Make a secure gift on-line at www.ncanimalservices.org. Click on "Donations" in the left side bar to use PayPal. All major credit cards are accepted.
- Set up an automatic electronic withdrawal from your checking account. Call us for an authorization form.
- Make the Humane Society a beneficiary of your will or life insurance policy.
- Consider a charitable gift annuity
- Bring out supplies for our animals (see wish list in this newsletter).
- Consignment donations
 - Gabby's, 200 East John Rowan Blvd., Bardstown, 331-9002 • Clothing
 - J. T.'s Consignments, 222 N. 3rd Street, Bardstown, 349-6837 • Clothing
 - Traders Mall, Booth 37 (near Wal-Mart on Hwy 245, in Corvin's Flooring Building), 3465 John Rowan Blvd, 348-7474. • Home décor, books, furniture, and clothing for babies, DVDs, toys, etc. in good condition:

If you have questions about what to donate, call 349-2082, Ext. 201.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 19, Saturday, 10:00 – 2:00 – “Adopt-a-Pet Day” at Walgreens.

Walgreen's, at the corner of John Rowan and North 3rd, has generously offered to set up a tent for us in their parking lot, for the comfort of the shelter animals and their visitors. Refreshments will be available, with all proceeds going to the Humane Society. Walgreen's will give pet kits and a certificate for a 5 x 7 photo to people who adopt an animal that day.

June 26, Saturday, 10:00 – Noon – Bloomfield Post Office “Animal Rescue, Adopt a Shelter Pet” Stamps Promotion and Adopt-a-Pet Day.

Volunteers from the Humane Society will be present to show pets available for adoption from our shelter. Information on dog bite prevention and pet care will also be available.

July 7, Wednesday, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. – “Free Fred and Tom from Our Kennels” Phon-a-thon and Pizza Party at the Shelter

Tom Isaac of PLG-TV and Fred Hagan of WBRT Radio have generously volunteered to be held captive in one of our adoption kennels until their friends and other Nelson Countians bail them out. If you'd like to join in the fun, make some phone calls, and enjoy some pizza, come out to the shelter. You can also mail or bring a donation, designated Phon-a-thon. Our goal is to raise \$2,500 for the purchase of a much-needed new sterilizer for our spay/neuter clinic.

July 17, Saturday – Rabies Vaccination Clinic in Boston

The Humane Society is sponsoring a rabies vaccination clinic which will be staffed by a licensed veterinarian. The clinic will be held Saturday, July 17, at the Boston Community Center, from 9 a.m. till noon. The fee for a one-year rabies shot is \$10. Other vaccines and de-worming medicine are also available for additional fees. All dogs must be at least 3 months old, and must be on a leash, in a carrier, or in arms at all times. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call 349-2082.

August 28, Saturday, 11:00 – 2:00 -- Strut Your Mutt

The annual Strut Your Mutt event will be held at United Methodist Church's Second Campus on Louisville Road (4 miles north of intersection with Hwy 245). There will be food, entertainment, and the following contests: most senior dog, best costume, owner-pet look-alike, best trick, doggie kiss off, biggest dog, smallest dog, and musical sit.

The microchip booth will be staffed by SpecialPets Healthcare. The charge for a chip is \$10.00 per dog and includes registration of the chip with 24PetWatch.

Registration begins at 10:30. There is a \$10.00/car cover charge. Everyone is invited, with or without a pet. All dogs must be leashed and wearing a valid rabies tag. Female dogs in heat cannot participate.

Sponsors and vendors are needed to make this event a success. The cost to sponsor is \$100 and to have a booth, \$25. Please contact Rose Pendergrass for more information at 349-0026 or bardstownwellnes@bellsouth.net.

November 13, Saturday, 8:00 – 2:00 – Yard Sale

Donated items can be dropped off Friday, 4 – 6 pm, or early Saturday a.m., at Bardstown Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 3rd and Brashear. If you must get rid of small items before November, bring them to the shelter on Tuesday or Thursday between 10 a.m. and noon, and someone will transport them to a storage facility until the yard sale; for larger items, please call first. We also have a booth at Bardstown Traders Mall where items can be taken any time of the year. Check our website, www.ncanimalservices.org, or call 349-2082 for more information.