

Wish List

- Dog and cat food, especially puppy and kitten food (Prefer dry food -- Purina, Science, Iams or 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
- Post-it notes any type
- Postage Stamps

Membership Meetings 2010

All meetings are open to the public and are held on Thursdays, at 6 pm at the Humane Society. February 4, May 6, August 5, November 4

Thomasina, the Tree Top Kitty

This sweet, six month old tortoiseshell was discovered on a cold, rainy morning, sitting atop a utility pole behind the Animal Shelter. After hours of coaxing with food and kind words, she moved into the nearby trees, but couldn't seem to make a change in altitude. A volunteer began calling businesses that had cherry-picker trucks, and finally got lucky. Very soon, good Samaritans from Salt River Rural Electric arrived with a bucket truck. Dwayne Thomas went up in the bucket to retrieve this frightened kitty—so you can see why we named her Thomasina. She is now spayed and ready to be adopted into a home where she hopes to become a lap cat. No more cold weather for her.



THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF NELSON COUNTY

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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
Denise Brock, Vice President
Jason Cheek, Treasurer
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Tom Evans
Jane Hagan
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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.



Society Scoop

Maurices' Rescues & Runways

Maurices, a women's specialty retailer with over 700 stores in 44 states, has undertaken a new initiative which will benefit over 700 animal shelters across the nation. The Humane Society of Nelson County was honored to participate in the fashion show on October 3. Our four volunteers who modeled at the show were even allowed some very unusual accessories—dogs! The adoptable dogs in the show were on their best behavior, and made the event a lot of fun.

Also, as part of this program, Maurices also held a donation drive at their store near Krogers, collecting pet food and supplies for our shelter. In the spirit of being true partners and giving back to local communities, Maurices plans to make Rescues and Runways an annual event. We're already looking forward to next year's show.

Thank you, friends at Maurices



Pictured with canine companions, from left to right: Gailyn Brock with Mocha, Laura Higgason with Ziva, Emily Powell with Oscar, and Judy White with Minnie McDuff.

Maker's Mark Ambassadors Club Event

Once again, during Bourbon Festival, Maker's Mark has allowed the Humane Society to participate in one of their festival events. This year, three of our Board members volunteered to sell tickets and help with the auction held at the Old Kentucky Home Country Club. The result--\$2,000 raised in one evening! We are sincerely grateful to our friends at Maker's Mark.

A Young Author and His Dog

Drew Russman, currently a second grader at St. Joseph's School, wrote a story entitled, "My Family Loves Dogs," for his first grade Young Authors Book. Pictured here are Drew and his "brother," Chance. Chance is a 3 year old American Bulldog who is a gentle giant and a friend to all.

In his book, Drew recalled the day when Chance had a malignant tumor removed. In Drew's words, "That night when Chance came home, he was so sad he didn't even waggle his tail." Chance is now cancer free, and is enjoying the good life. He spends his days curled up on the couch, snoring and snorting loudly. Drew enjoys going to the farm and jumping on the trampoline with Chance. Drew and Chance even share a favorite sport. Soccer!



Tributes

Received July 1 through October 31, 2009

In Memory Of

Carole Crume Hobbs given by Johnnie Colwell, Sazerac Company Inc. (formerly Barton Brands), Ed and Linda Goepper, Gary and Marsha Holt, Craig and Nichole Beam, Bob and Jo Mathews, Joe and Judy Johnson, Ron Wagner, Berry Plastics Corp, Mark and Vicky Pulliam, Vicki Hobbs, Margaret Lewis, Ernestine Whitehouse, Dr and Mrs. Steve Auslander, Donald and Karen Nord, Fred and Bonita McMillen, Phyllis Parish, Shapira Foundation Inc, Guffy and Julie Wilson, Jim and Darlene Pack. Betty H. Seay, Billy and Linda Baker, John and Virginia Barnes, Paul and Janet Bradley, Danny and Etta Cheatham, Charles and Margaret Downs, Lee G. Evans, Randal and Patsy Parrott, William G. and Barbara Mattingly, Benny and Sara O'Daniel, Dan and Mary Stewart, Geoff and Kathy Tatman, Joseph and Rosemarie Taylor, Ron and Lynda Weeks, Rhodie Wheeler, Robert and Denise Wooldridge, Terry and Glenna Bean, Emily Greenwell.

Doris Ratliff given byHattie Medley, Joyce Pyle, Catherine Feltner, Don and Deborah Perkins, Wilma Skaggs, Cancer Support Group at Memorial United Methodist Church

Patsy Tharp given byEverett and Kay Weymouth and Sky Blue Tharp

David "Bo" Beam given by Pam Blackburn, Steve Eslinger, Sharla Siemens, Kathy Mongeon, Wayne Yates, Marcia Williams, Robin Wicker, Sam York, Jan Newsome

Alice Cunio given by . . . Gladys Smith, Lee Smithkier, Mardi Jones

Jetta B. Sorrell given by . . . Starr Gobert Caldwell

Mother of Dr. Mickey Anderson given by . . . Dr. and Mrs. Steve Auslander

Molly Michelle Fortier given byDaniel and Natalie Muir Cole, David and Mary Lou Simpson, Susan W. Muir, Jackie and Mary Lou Crume, Friends of Gene and Katie Aiken, Virgil and Ann Hahn, Judith Ray Hahn, Dwight and Katherine Girouard, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Knight

Sister of Mrs. Ed. Hord given by . . . Dr. and Mrs. Steve Auslander

Connie Moore III given by . . . Ed and Linda Goepper

"Squiggles" beloved cat of Anne Arnold given by . . . Annie Herbert

"Tate" Calhoun, beloved dog of Chris, Ellen, Abbie and Grace Calhoun given by . . . Winnie Calhoun

"Scarlet" Mangeot given byTrudi Maish and Susan Gatz

"Molly", "Tecko" and "Angel" given by . . . Sandra Allen

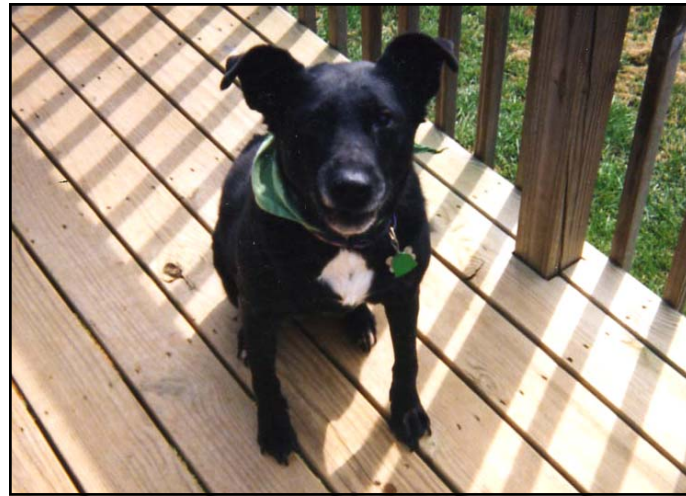
"Scoofa" Keeling given by . . .the Kevin Smith family

IN HONOR OF

Darlene Reed given by . . . Bill and Shannon Gentry

All Workers given by . . . Helen Redmon

Cinders – Friend to All



The Humane Society lost a good friend last year. Cinders was a black Border Collie/Lab mix who came to the animal shelter in the winter of 2003. No one knew how old she was, but we estimated her age as 10 or so. That's often the way it is with shelter animals who come in as strays with no history.

Cinders was not at the shelter long before Ellen Baxter took her home as her foster dog. Cinders quickly fit in with Ellen's other dogs and two cats. Before long, Cinders became a local celebrity, appearing on the front page of The Kentucky Standard, walking in the Christmas parade, and participating in the first "Strut Your Mutt" event.

Though Cinders could have basked in the glory of her status and good fortune, she found her true calling in working with children and the elderly. When Ellen tied a bandana on Cinders, the dog knew it was time to go to work. She was a frequent and welcome visitor to the facility formerly known as Federal Hill. She also enjoyed visiting classrooms at Bardstown and Nelson County schools, allowing students to pet her and enjoy her sweet and accepting disposition.

Cinders brought joy and love to all she met, whether human, canine, or feline. We will miss her.



Iron Horse Festival Parade

Lisa Powell, Betty Veneklas, and Emily Powell walking shelter dogs.

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

Organization Name: Humane Society of Nelson County Tax ID No. 61-1266246

I (we) authorize the Humane Society of Nelson County (HSNC) to initiate credit and/or debit entries into my (our)

// Checking // Savings account (select one) indicated below, and the depository named below, hereinafter called BANK,

to debit and/or credit the same such amount, and if necessary, to initiate an adjustment entry for any entry in error.

BANK NAME _____ BRANCH _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TRANSIT/ABA No. _____ ACCOUNT No. _____

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until HSNC and BANK have received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford HSNC and BANK a reasonable opportunity to act upon it.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____ AMOUNT TO DEBIT EACH MONTH \$ _____

IMPORTANT! You must attach a voided check to this form. Mail to:

Humane Society of Nelson County, 2391 New Haven Rd., Bardstown, KY 40004

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and possibly Sunday afternoon.

\$80 for an 8 week group class

\$20 per hour for individual session

10% discount on any dog adopted from any humane organization

Please call **Laura Higgason** for information on dates and times.

Cell 270-304-6371 or

email: laurahiggason@hotmail.com



Last summer, this Brownie Troop from St. Joseph's visited the shelter, bringing blankets, towels and pet food and supplies. They had a tour of the facility, and then made dog toys for shelter pets and their own dogs. Daisy Troop #401 visited on another day with their donations, and also made toys, under the direction of our Humane Education Coordinator, Laura Higgason.

Help the Humane Society Become Debt Free in 2010

Considering the construction, remodeling, and improvements we've completed in the last five years, our Humane Society has done very well, thanks to the generosity of our community. However, we still owe a balance of \$15,000 on our construction loan, and our goal is to eliminate this debt in the coming year.

As part of our capital campaign, we offered naming opportunities for specific rooms in the facility, and for dog runs, puppy pens, cat colonies and cat condominiums. Many permanent plaques are in place for businesses and individuals who made this type of contribution. We would be very close to retiring our debt if we could manage to obtain donations for the following:

Four indoor/outdoor Adoption Dog Runs, at \$2,000 each

One cat colony, at \$2,000

One isolation (pre-adoption) dog kennel, at \$1,000 each



Donations can be made to honor or memorialize people or pets, or a community group may choose to raise money as a service project. Businesses can elect to display their company logo, showing their community involvement to the public passing through our facility.

We also have two lobby plaques, each with a number of brass plates, which can be engraved for donations of \$250 or more. Of course, all donations of any amount are appreciated. They all add up!

Convenient Ways to Donate

Online. Using any major credit card, donate through PayPal. Just go to our website, www.ncanimalservices.org, then click on "donations" in left sidebar, and follow the directions.

Automatic Withdrawal. You can authorize your bank to electronically transfer a designated amount each month from your account to ours. Simply fill out the form on page 7, attach a voided check, and mail or bring it to Humane Society of Nelson County, 2391 New Haven Rd., Bardstown, KY 40004.

In Appreciation

At this time of year, we would like to acknowledge the following businesses, institutions, and community groups which have been so generous to the Humane Society by donating services and facilities:

- Bardstown Baptist Church, for allowing us to use their fellowship hall twice a year for yard sales.
- Bardstown United Methodist Church, for allowing us to use their Second Campus for Strut Your Mutt
- Bardstown Rotary Club
- Brown and Company, CPA's, for their invaluable services
- Jenny Boone Design Studio, LLC (www.jennyboone.net) for all the help with our website
- Bluegrass Pest Control, for taking care of our building
- Glen Downs Plumbing, for improvements and never-ending maintenance
- Reed's Grooming, where Darlene makes our dogs even more beautiful
- Brownie and Daisy Troops, and 4-H Pocket Pets Club

The following individuals continually help us in a variety of ways:

- The Amburgeys, who donate frequently to an emergency fund for injured stray animals
- Josh Higgason, our very own IT guy
- Gary Parsons, our Saturday Supply Guy, who shows up cheerfully on Saturday morning, bearing food and cat treats
- Patsy O'Toole, for a wonderful DVD about the Humane Society which we can show at community gatherings
- Dennis Eckert for cutting and folding hundreds of surgical drapes
- Our volunteer "receptionists" who answer phones and greet visitors at the front desk—
Dennis Brock, Claudia Dombrowski, and Sarah Bradford
- The ladies who keep our cat rooms so clean—Judy White, Donna Heywood, and Chris Kolb
- and last, but not least, all our **many, many donors** who contribute year after year, whether \$10 or \$1,000, we couldn't do this without you



Correction of last newsletter – In listing all the wonderful groups of young people who made last Christmas a happy one, we failed to mention our friends in the Nelson Co. 4H Small Animal Club. We apologize to them, and to anyone else we overlooked.

New Animal Rescue Group Formed to Help Nelson County Dogs and Puppies

In June of this year, Bardstown residents, Suzy Bridwell and Chrissy Foreman, began working to reduce the number of adoptable dogs and puppies that are euthanized due to overcrowding at the shelter. Realizing the tremendous need in our county, Suzy and Chrissy decided to form their own rescue group, Barktown Rescue. The animals are housed in foster homes until permanent homes can be found through adoption to individuals or transfer to other rescue organizations.

To date, Barktown has rescued nearly 200 dogs and pups by moving them into breed rescue and other placement organizations, often in northeastern states where shelter dogs are more easily placed. Barktown Rescue also adopts out to individuals whose applications are approved. All animals are spayed and neutered before release to new homes.

If you would like to adopt an animal, volunteer, or make a donation, contact Suzy or Chrissy at 502-264-1477 or barktownrescue@yahoo.com. Available animals can be viewed through www.Petfinder.com.

Halloween Party



Pictured above is Merlin, the Chihuahua, winner of the Pet Costume Contest at the First Annual Humane Society Halloween Party, held October 24. Activities and treats for pets and people included costume contests, beanbag toss, peanut butter licking contest (for pets), and raffle baskets for dogs, cats, and their humans.



Santa Claus is Coming to Town



Photos with Santa

Bring your children, your pets, or both to the Shelter on Saturday, Dec. 12, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to have their photos made with Santa. Photos are \$5 each and will be printed while you wait. Refreshments for people and pets will also be available.



Christmas Open House at the Shelter

We are planning a combined Volunteer Appreciation/Open House event at the Shelter on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments, and to tour the shelter and see our adoptable cats and dogs.

As in past years, the Humane Society of Nelson County will participate in Home4theHolidays, a national promotion sponsored by the Helen Woodward Foundation and Iams. This promotion, in its 11th year, is designed to draw attention to the overwhelming number of companion animals awaiting adoption in animal shelters. The Christmas Open House will be a great time to view the animals in our own shelter.



Join us for the Annual Bardstown Christmas Parade
Thursday, December 3rd

Christmas Gift Wrapping Volunteers Needed

The Humane Society has signed up to wrap gifts at the Elizabethtown Barnes & Noble Bookstore, located at 1980 N. Dixie Hwy., behind Rafferty's Restaurant. At least two volunteers are needed on site at all scheduled times. You can sign up for 2, 3, or 4 hour shifts, or even more if you like. All gift wrapping material is provided by the store. The Humane Society is allowed to keep the donations made by patrons having their gifts wrapped. Last year, nearly \$300 was raised at this event. We also take this opportunity to display photos of animals awaiting adoption.

The dates and times are:

Monday, Nov. 30, 10 am to 10 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1 pm to 10 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1 pm to 10 pm

Thursday, Dec. 3, 1 pm to 10 pm

To sign up, please contact Laura Higgason at 349-2082 or humane-societync@att.net.

Holiday Shopping at Trader's Mall

If you are in need of a gift for someone special, don't forget to shop at the Humane Society Booth at Corvin's Trader's Mall. Booth 37 is packed with nice items at great prices, plus the added bonus of giving to the Humane Society. Handcrafted gift bags and tags are available that let the recipient know that their gift helped the Animal Shelter.

There is a large display of cups and mugs for our "Cups for Pups" Promotion, and we have recently received a large collection of cookbooks, always a popular gift. We truly appreciate all the nice donations that have come in. Anyone who has small household items to donate may leave them at the booth under the skirted table, in the box marked "donations," or call Gailyn Brock at 502-641-1958 for pick-up.

Other shops that accept clothing and household items to benefit the Humane Society are Gabby's and Consignments, Etc.

Spay and Neuter Programs

Past, Present, and Future

Gratitude for Grants Received

Since 1998, we have assisted over 6,000 pet owners who were unable to afford spay/neuter surgery for their pets without financial help. Initially, we paid for these programs through donations and fundraising, but the demands quickly overwhelmed our budget. We found that the best way to obtain funding was through grants from charitable organizations dedicated to companion animal welfare. At this time, we want to recognize and thank three of these major contributors:

The DJ&T Foundation. Since the end of 2002, we have had yearly grants from the DJ&T Foundation, which was started by Bob Barker who ended every "Price is Right" with, "Remember to spay or neuter your pets." DJ&T has enabled us to help nearly 1,000 pets, primarily dogs, and to buy equipment for our own clinic.

Two Mauds, Inc.. The second organization we'd like to acknowledge is Two Mauds, another non-profit that focuses on helping smaller organizations, like ours, in the Southeast. We've had the maximum number of grants they award, three consecutive years, all designated to subsidize our low-cost Cat Clinic. Two Mauds has enabled us to help over 1,600 cats of low-income owners.

Kentucky Dept. of Agriculture. Our own state government has issued two grants to us, allowing us to help 100 dog owners. This funding is made possible by the sale of spay/neuter license plates now visible on many cars. These plates are available at through the county clerk's office, so please consider buying one next time you renew.

Now for the bad news, grants are not awarded year after year to the same recipients. Many foundations ask on their applications about an organization's plans for future funding and self-sufficiency. It is time for us to find new sources of funding if the spay/neuter assistance program is to continue. We recently received a grant from **Wal-Mart Foundation**, just when we were running out of voucher money, and we would like to express our appreciation at this time. Any individuals, businesses, or community groups wishing to donate to this specific program are urged to do so.

Though we will continue to search for ways to help pet owners, we also want to ask that they do their part, too. If you plan to get a pet, start saving for the spay/neuter surgery right away. Even \$5.00 per week will add up quickly, especially if you start when the dog or cats are very young. Get all family members involved—even kids can help and will learn that veterinary care is part of responsible pet ownership.



Christmas Catnip Clinics



On Saturday Dec. 5 and Tuesday, Dec. 8, we will be holding Christmas Cat Nip Clinics. This is the perfect time of year to get your cats spayed and neutered, **before** next February and March when many cats over 5 months old are already pregnant with their first unwanted litters.

We ask for a \$30 donation on females, and \$20 on males, but no one will be turned away for inability to pay. If you are not financially stressed, we urge you to use a private, full-service veterinary clinic. Cats must be at least 3 months old and 3 pounds in weight. The cost also covers a rabies vaccination, required by state law. Please bring your cats in and help us prevent the birth of unwanted kittens next Spring and Summer. Call 349-2082 to schedule your appointment. Other clinic days are also available.

The Pedigree Foundation



We would like to thank the Pedigree Foundation for another generous grant that we recently received.

The Pedigree Foundation awards numerous grants to animal shelters throughout the nation.