



# Dippin' Dogs

## A Day at the Pool Fundraiser

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# Society Scoop

Saturday, August 18, 2012 was a real Dog Day of Summer for about 88 dogs and their owners at the Bardstown City Pool. Thanks to Stephanie Davis from 102.7 WYSB radio and Donna Paschal of the Parks Department, dogs from Bardstown and the surrounding area came to enjoy a day at the pool.



*Dogs and their owners enjoy the Puppy Pool.  
Dogs also had access to the large pool.*

The gates opened at 9:00 a.m. and dogs large and small, freed from their leashes, ran from the Olympic size pool to the baby pool, playing with each other and chasing an endless supply of tennis balls. The diving pool was fenced off for the dogs that were competing in the dock jumping events. A “Dog Olympics” provided a number of different events to participate in, such as Longest Jump, Smallest and Biggest Splash, and Best Dressed Dog.

If anyone had concerns about dogs getting along, those worries were soon transformed into sheer enjoyment and laughter. Everyone just sat back and watched the dogs enjoy their freedom—running, swimming, and playing with their newfound friends.

Everyone who came to “Dippin Dogs” left hoping that this would be a yearly event. The success of the day falls squarely upon the vision and organization of Stephanie Davis and the generosity of the Parks Department and Donna Paschal making the City pool available. The many volunteers who helped throughout the day also deserve much thanks for making things go “swimmingly” for everyone. Last but not least, a big thank you to the sponsors and different groups that set up booths.

The icing on the cake is that this was a fundraiser for the Nelson County Humane Society and Bourbon City Bark Park. The Humane Society is very appreciative to be a recipient, but having been there on August 18, I wasn't thinking of the money, but just joined everyone in the pleasure of watching all the dogs go “DIPPIN.”



*Lexi Hand with her dogs “Newt” and “Hassle.”*



*Volunteers (from left to right): Jane Hagan, Sarah Bradford, Trudi Maish, and Mary Jo Abell.*

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# Tributes

May 1, 2012 through November 3, 2012

## In Memorial

**William Bradley Arms**, given by Nancy and Richard Zielke, and Mary Ann and Joe Welch, Lee Wheatley  
**Beulah Barlow**, given by Juanita Parrott  
**Laurie Johnson Boone**, given by Deidre Anne Dawson  
**Natalie Muir Brown**, given by Natalie Muir Cole  
**Mary Buntain**, given by Barbara "Kitty" Greenwell  
**Hilda Cassity**, given by Margaret Scites, Estelle White, Ann Brussell, and E. H. Puckett  
**Carl Collins**, given by Rosemary Collins  
**Charlie Cummins**, given by Natalie Muir Cole  
**Charlene Davis**, given by Cornelius Bogert, Lois Cecil Yadack, Veronica Greenwell, Leigh Williams, Virginia Hicks, and Joanne Johnson  
**Jo Ann Downs**, given by Pam Valley  
**Becky Edelen**, given by Sally Mattingly  
**Snookie Green**, given by Rosemary Parrish  
**Barbara Hadorn**, from Everyone at Mr. Tubs  
**Margaret S. Hagan**, given by Peggy Hagan  
**Bob and Jody Heaton**, given by Dick Heaton  
**Judy R. Johnson**, given by Joseph Johnson and Nancy and Joseph Neel  
**Margie Johnson**, given by William Leslie Keene, Jr., Margaret Scites, Alice Johnson Lee, Janine and Steve Auslander, George Ballard, Marian Boone, Ralph and Judy Buckley, Susan Elmore, Mark and Karen Johnson, and John and Sally Newcomb, and Mary Lee Nelson  
**Betty Lamont**, given by Dr. Lisa Sloan Woody  
**Marvena Livers**, given by Linda Broaddus  
**Harold Moran**, given by Ben and Libby Burr  
**Jamie O'Daniel**, given by Pat and Diane Yates, Vicki and Stephen Hobbs, Ray Jenkins, Pam Hamilton, Bonnie Cecil, Bob, Pam, Jennifer and Anna Delle Robinson, Robin and Paul Garcia, Dennis Eckert and David Skellenger, Joyce Turner, The Josephine Hall Family, Bernice Hamilton, Dan and Linda Workman, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mills, Phil and Lynne Bowling, Keith

and Cathy Gartland, Ethel Hamilton, Mary Keith Hite, Hope Mattingly, Gayle Mingus, Betty Nalley, Joe and Nancy Neel, Lonnie and Karen Parrott, Mark and Brenda Rapiet, J. D. Riggs and Ceci Ritchie, Mike Rogers, Hamilton and Elaine Simms, Bert and Mary Spalding, Jeff and Kathy Tatman, Gillian Werner, Steve and Elaine Whitlow, Mary B. Willett, Joyce Reddick, Joe and Reta Yates, Jean and John Brussell, Lois and Freddy Carrico, Anna Dragoon, Jim Donahue, Mary E. Duncan, Tera and Stuart Edelen, Lynn and Ken Farnsworth, Billy Gardner, Bobby and Susan Hamilton, Jim and Gina Hagan, Bobbi and Stuart Mattingly, Phyllis Mattingly, Louise Medley, Merrill Rogers, Greg and Kathy Settles, Jane Sims, Margaret Thompson, Frank and Jane Thompson, and Ben Barber, and Frank and Shari Stackhouse

**Wandola Perkins**, given by Ben and Libby Burr  
**Mary Phelps**, given by "Cricket" and Jim Phelps  
**Ruth Taylor Reed**, given by Patricia Reed Jenkins  
**John C. Rogers**, given by Lyda Moore, designated for **Don Perkins Memorial Fund**  
**Sissy Russell**, given by All at Mr. Tubs  
**Grace Svihovek**, given by Gladys Smith  
**Dr. Emmett Wood**, given by Joan Krausen, Barbara Greenwell, Denny and Peggy Greenwell, Mr. and Mrs. George Hoffman, Elizabeth Spalding, Larry and Randi Olson, Marion and Delores Proffitt, Frank and Bridgett Wilson, Alex and Mary Hamilton, Ben and Libby Burr, Carolyn and Chet Miller, The McCann Worldgroup Family, Bonnie Cecil, Mary Sue Campbell, William and Sally Carlsen, Lea Ann Colvin, J. L. Newcomb, Mardeth Jones, Ginna Hoffman Schroeder and Family, Kathryn Hahn, Margaret Ann and Bill King  
**Anna Yaden**, given by Dawn Powell  
**"My Pets,"** given by Jo Ann Stich  
**"My Three Beautiful Pekingese,"** given by Rebecca Hopkins  
**"Bear,"** given by Betty McGirk  
**"Hope Autumn,"** given by Travis Carter  
**"Rockne" Oliver**, given by Betty

Willoughby, Marianne Wheat and Penny Spalding  
**"Zoey" Pendergrass**, given by Trudi Maish and Bonita McMillen  
**"Buddy" Reynolds**, given by Jeff and Judy Reynolds  
**"Trooper,"** given by Rice Sutherland  
**"Victoria,"** given by Ed and Linda Goepper  
**"Oscar,"** given by Lori and Gary Boblitt  
**"Polly,"** given by Donna and Walter Bockley  
**"Buttons"** and **"Randy,"** given by Irma and James Greene  
**"Cappy"** and **"Whitey,"** given by Donald Nugent  
**"JJ" Chesser**, given by Penny Spalding  
**"Baxter" Coulter**, given by Penny Spalding  
**"Zoey"** and **"Buddhaman,"** given by Pam Hawkins  
**"Harley,"** given by Lee Smithkier  
**"Maxwell,"** given by Becky Hayden  
**"Smidget,"** given by Anita Allen  
**"Buddy,"** given by Cindy and Darrell Holloway  
**"Lady,"** given by Ann King  
**"Rose," "Tom," "Punkin,"** and **"Dorothy" Howe**, given by Penny Spalding  
**"Rebel" Allen**, given by Penny Spalding  
**"Carmen" Corum**, given by Caroline Keeling  
**"Lady,"** given by Juanita Parrott  
**"Dusty" Sullivan**, given by Gail Sullivan, Shari and Frank Stackhouse

## In Honor

**Gladys (Nonie) Smith's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday** (donors not previously acknowledged) Lee Smithkier, Gregory Smithkier, Betty Veneklase, Mary Jo Abell, Nancy Grimshaw, and Vicki Renisch  
**Bonnie McMillen**, given by Trudi Maish and Mary Jo Abell  
**Trudi Maish**, given by Patricia O'Toole  
**Sarah Ann Bradford, on her birthday**, given by Jerry and Sharon Klein  
**Patsy O'Toole, on her birthday**, given by Trudi Maish  
**Patron's Home and Rental Center Staff**, for caring for my lost dog, given by Juanita Parrott  
**"Hannah,"** given by Jane and Doug O'Keefe  
**"Molly,"** given by Ginny Thomas  
**"Our Pets,"** given by Randal and Patsy Parrott

# My Eagle Scout Project

By Derek Akridge

My name is Derek Akridge and I have been in scouting since a tiger cub at age eight. I am currently in Troop 136 of Bloomfield, Kentucky. Now I am a 14 year old life scout working on my Eagle rank.

I have really enjoyed scouting. Some of the things I have done throughout my scouting career are summer camps, camping with my troop, National Youth Leadership Training camp, hiking, canoeing, collecting for Scouting for Food, backpacking, helping at Relay for Life, helping at a cub scout day camp, attending high adventure at Sea Base this past summer, archery, swimming, orienteering, and much more.

I have been thinking about my Eagle project since my first rank as a tenderfoot at age 11. I got the idea of where I wanted to do my project when I volunteered for the Humane Society for service hours. I felt like the dogs needed to have something to play on. I had thought about a playground, but after some research, found that would be too expensive. Then I decided that an agility course would be better. I stuck with that idea for two years.

After several months of planning and about three days of building, my Eagle project, an agility course, was installed at the Nelson County Humane Society on August 18, 2012. I feel like it was a BIG success. I hope the community enjoys this course as much as I have enjoyed planning and building it for them.



*Derek Akridge and "Newt" on the agility course.*



*Boy Scout Troop 136, Bloomfield, Kentucky*

# Special Thanks

The Humane Society is sincerely grateful to the following businesses, organizations, and individuals who have donated in various ways between May 1, 2012 and November 1, 2012.

- Bardstown Mills
- Brown and Company, CPA's
- Boone's Butcher Shop
- Buzick's Lumber
- Cash Express
- Chemco Federal Credit Union
- Dee Vernon, for inviting us to the Hillbilly Run
- Duncan and Daughters Septic Service
- Ellie Smith Photography
- Gabby's Consignments
- JT's Consignments
- Kroger Company, for allowing us to keep a "collection wagon" at their store for many years
- Mark Corvin and Glenda Mattingly, for all their help with our Trader's Mall Booth
- PC Doc
- Queen of the Commonwealth Organization
- Schiller, Osbourn, Barnes and Maloney, PLLC
- SpecialPets Healthcare, for continued help and support, and Dog SNAP Program
- St. Catharine Volleyball Team
- St. Vincent DePaul for blankets
- Susan M. Thompson, for so many generous contributions
- Tower Automotive
- Tru-Catch Manufacturing Systems, South Dakota, for donating the very best humane "fat cat" trap
- Wal-Mart, for providing us with much needed pet food and supplies
- Frank Welch Glass, Inc., for donated labor and supplies
- Women of Steel, Local Union 1241, American Fuji Seal

## **New Workroom/Storage/Laundry Room Addition**

Made possible with donations of materials and labor given by:

Bob Blair, Jr. Masonry  
Emmanuel Ballard  
Carey Heating and Air  
Filiatreau Floor Covering  
Howard's Metal Sales

Troy Mouser, Guy Fulkerson & Steve Mattingly

*And last, but not least, all our many, many donors and volunteers who contribute year after year. We couldn't survive without you. Every gift, no matter how small is appreciated. If we have omitted anyone, we apologize—it doesn't mean we aren't grateful!*



## Special Thanks Snapshots



*Ashley & Rachel Hampton, on their 9<sup>th</sup> birthday, chose to collect cash, food, treats, toys and towels for the Humane Society, instead of presents for themselves.*



*Taylor Milburn, former Miss Nelson County, organized another Country Cuties Productions pageant in Elizabethtown, which again benefited our humane society. There were 30 contestants, ranging in age from "babies" to "Mrs." who brought in a total of 400 pet items to donate to our shelter.*

## **This Year's Raffle for Catered Italian Dinner**

Our thanks to Richard and Martha Nest who have again donated the proceeds of this raffle to the Humane Society. We also want to thank the winners of the raffle, Mike and Susan Lenberger, who chose to donate their dinner to the staff and volunteers at the Humane Society.

# VOLUNTEER CORNER by Mary Mattingly

Want to know where the real action is at the Humane Society? At the front desk of course! This is the hub, the communications center if you will, and it is manned almost entirely by volunteers. Myself (Mary Mattingly), Dennis Brock, Sarah Bradford, Debi Floyd, Claudia Dombrowski, and Jean Young, make up the small cadre of volunteers who spend our days at the Humane Society answering phone calls, greeting visitors and doing whatever we can to make the tough job of running a top notch animal shelter a little easier on the staff. You'll find one of us here most days from 10:00 in the morning until late in the afternoon.



*Volunteer Receptionists, Mary Mattingly (left, with "Cosetta") and Claudia Dombrowski*

One of our main duties is answering the phone. Some days it never stops ringing. We make spay/neuter appointments, give out information about adoptable pets, and answer questions about the adoption process. Since this March, we also answer the Animal Control line during working hours, and dispatch county animal control officers to pick up strays, answer animal-related complaints, and protect the public from aggressive animals. Many calls are from people who have either found a stray or lost their pet. We check to see if the pet is in the shelter, take written lost or found reports, and advise the caller on ways to help find their pets.

Reuniting lost pets and owners is one of the best parts of this job! One day a woman

called who had found a lovely, friendly female dog with long red fur and a green collar. She wanted to keep the dog at her house, but gave me all of her contact info in case the dog's owner called looking for her. About 5 minutes after I hung up the phone, I answered another call from a very worried woman who was looking for her red female dog named Lucy. When I asked if Lucy was wearing a green collar, she asked how I knew. I was so happy to be able to tell her that Lucy was safe, and at a home not too far from her own.

We also greet visitors to the shelter. In that role we are greatly assisted by our official Humane Society greeter cats: Barney and Roxanne. If you have visited the shelter you are no doubt familiar with the gorgeous black male and frisky calico diva that love to make visitors welcome. Barney is always happy to let visitors relax by giving him a nice rub. Roxanne likes to hop up on the counter and help with adoption applications. Sometimes they just nap quietly, hardly moving a muscle. More than once a startled visitor has gasped "oh, my gosh, that's a real cat!" when the cat stretches out to get comfortable. Yes, they are definitely real cats.

On one occasion Roxanne and I were manning the desk when a man called and told me he was at the front desk and couldn't find the dog he had driven up from Nashville to adopt. Roxanne and I looked at each other baffled. It took a few minutes, and an odd "who's on first" type of conversation, for us to figure out that he had gone to the wrong shelter and ended up in Brandenburg instead of Bardstown – oops. Luckily the man had an abundance of patience and real desire to adopt a beautiful Rottweiler mix puppy from us, so he got back on the road and made his way to our Humane Society. He and his family were a great match for the puppy, and after a long afternoon of driving the width of Kentucky, headed home to Nashville with their new family member. And that, after all, is the most rewarding thing about being a volunteer at our Humane Society – finding the right home for our beautiful animals.

Want to help? Call 349-2082 for more information. Roxanne and Barney are anxious to meet you.

### WISH LIST

- MONETARY GIFTS, always preferred because we have such limited storage and because it can be used for veterinary supplies and other specialized items
- Pet food (Purina, Pedigree, Iams or Science dry food)
- Cat litter, clay or clumping
- Towels, washrags, blankets, sheets, pillow cases
- Liquid laundry detergent (must be HE type) and bleach
- Paper towels, cotton balls, Q-tips
- 13 gallon kitchen garbage bags
- Furnace filters (20 x 20 x 1 and 20 x 16 x 1)
- Printer ink (Canon 240/241)
- Scotch tape refills, white out liquid
- Postage stamps and post-it notes
- Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Tractor Supply, Kroger, or Target for needed supplies
- Gift cards for gasoline to drive pets transferred to distant breed rescue or other placement organizations

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Volunteers at the Humane Society are the backbone of our organization. We are always looking for people who want to help. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact us at 349-2082 or visit our website at [www.humanesociety.org](http://www.humanesociety.org). We would love to have you on our team!



## Why Isn't the Nelson County Animal Shelter "No Kill?"

by Judy Cooke, Nelson County Shelter Director

The simple answer is – because we are an “open admission” shelter, meaning that no companion animal from our county is refused entry. Open admission shelters do not turn animals away because of lack of space or because a particular type of dog or cat is difficult or impossible to re-home. Only privately run shelters and rescue organizations have that option—not county shelters.

Open admission shelters are often referred to as “kill” shelters, or even “high kill shelters,” depending upon their statistics for euthanasia versus live release. The terms are offensive and divisive, but also sadly true to the extent that if a shelter, especially in the Southeastern United States, takes all animals brought in, it is virtually impossible to find good homes for all of them. It is estimated that over 4 million companion animals are euthanized in shelters in the United States, every year.

The No Kill Movement has gained strength over the past decade, and some communities have actually succeeded in making their shelters “No Kill.” “No Kill” does not mean that euthanasia is never performed, but that it is limited to dangerous animals, or those too ill or injured to survive. The current, accepted definition for No Kill is that 90% of animals are not euthanized, or that there is “90% live release,” which is a combination of pets returned to owners, adoptions, and transfers to other placement organizations.

**Staggering Stats:** At the Nelson County Animal Shelter, intake has averaged 3,500 animals per year for the last 5 years. Half are dogs and puppies, and half are cats and kittens. Every year about 250 pets are reclaimed by their owners, and, with the help of other local and distant rescue organizations, over 900 will find new homes.

Cats and dogs have very different live release rates. In 2011, the overall adoption/transfer rate was 40% for dogs, and 16% for cats. Adding “return to owner” numbers, the live release rate for dogs was 55%, but only 17% for cats. Because cats are such prolific seasonal breeders, during summer months, nearly 90% of cats and kittens entering the shelter will be euthanized. *Please spay or neuter your cat before next February!* Keep in mind that cats can breed at 5 months of age.

### What would it take for the Nelson County Shelter to become No Kill?

It would take a community-wide effort, involving the public in general. The 90% live release goal will never be achieved by “animal lovers” alone. Shelter staff, humane society volunteers, responsible pet owners, and other people concerned with companion animal welfare have done more than their share for years, with limited results.

### To decrease number of animals coming into the shelter, every pet owner must:

- **Be a responsible pet owner:** This means taking care of your pet in a way that is kind to the pet, considerate of your neighbors, and above all else, includes spaying and neutering all pets to prevent unwanted litters that contribute to pet overpopulation. With the development of low cost programs in our county, the excuse of “too expensive” is no longer valid. Encourage friends, relatives and neighbors to spay/neuter also.
- **Don't give up on your pet:** In addition to pet overpopulation, there are many other reasons that pets end up in a shelter: behavioral problems, family problems, moving, expense of care, allergies, etc. Many of these problems can be solved with patience and effort. Our Humane Society can provide advice, literature, and can recommend training programs to help owners keep their animals.
- **Take an active role in your community on behalf of homeless animals.** If you are aware of feral cats or stray dogs and cats, call the shelter. We may be able to reunite lost pets with owners. Feral cat colonies can be managed in a humane way and prevented from breeding if there is a committed caretaker. Many puppies and kittens brought to the shelter come from these stray and homeless animals.

### To increase the number of animals leaving the shelter alive, please:

- **Adopt, don't purchase a pet:** Rescue a pet that is in a shelter waiting for a new home or is being housed by a foster-based rescue organization. Do not encourage a commercial or backyard breeder to continue contributing to pet overpopulation. If you are a breeder, consider quitting. The breeds most commonly received in our shelter are Labradors, beagles, and pit bulls, and they are consequently the hardest to place. We receive some of nearly every type, including small breeds like Chihuahuas.
- **Volunteer:** Offer foster care for cats or dogs that would otherwise be in the shelter. Help trap and care for feral cats. Help at the shelter or with fundraising or off-site adoption events. Donate to the Humane Society to help fund spay/neuter and adoption programs. Get involved with Humane Education for school children and community groups. And finally, educate yourself. There are many great sites on the Internet that discuss the massive problem of unwanted companion animals. American Humane Association, Humane Society of the United States, and ASPCA all have useful information.
- **Don't give up.** It will take years to accomplish the goal of a No Kill community. Please educate others by sharing this information with relatives, friends, and neighbors.



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

### Animal Shelter Hours:

Open to the Public:  
Monday – Friday  
10am-4pm  
Saturday 10am-2pm

### Board of Directors:

Trudi Maish, President  
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Becky Hayden  
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### 2013 Quarterly Meeting Dates

All meetings are open to the public and are held on Thursday, at 6pm at the Humane Society.

**February 7**  
**May 2**  
**August 1**  
**November 7**

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### **Photos with Santa**

Bring your children, your pets, or both to the shelter on Saturday, December 15th, 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.