



Second Annual Dippin' Dogs Fundraiser

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Society Scoop

Last year Dippin' Dogs was a great success, and this year it was even bigger and better. This year the event was held to raise money for three Bardstown organizations: the Humane Society of Nelson County, Barktown Rescue, and Bourbon City Bark Park. All three organizations share the desire to make life better for the dogs of Nelson County, and all were on the same page when it came to making Dippin' Dogs a day of fun at the city pool.

August 17th started early with organizers, sponsors, vendors and volunteers getting set up and ready for the arrival of the dogs and their people. The fun began as soon as the dogs and people signed in, checked tags, and walked through the gates. Leashes were removed and then the dogs were off--big dogs, small dogs, and all in between! There were Chihuahuas, pugs, labs, dachshunds, golden retrievers, beagles, heelers, boxers, bassets, greyhounds, German shepherds, bulldogs, Jack Russells, and more.

They were all there to swim, play with their people and other dogs, and some would compete in the Dog Olympics. Our own Denny Brock was one of the esteemed judges of such events as Biggest Splash, Longest Jump, and Best Costume. Dock Diving Dogs competed again this year and they were a favorite of all those attending.

This year there were more sponsors, vendors, and volunteers. Stephanie Davis was again the event organizer and, like last year, did a great job. We want to thank the Parks Department for the use of the city pool, and we send a very big thank you to our sponsors without whom we could not have this special fundraiser. Last, but not least, we want to thank our volunteers: Denny and Gailyn Brock, Jane Hagan, Sarah Bradford, Nora Ballard, Gail Hart, Kayce Humkey, Gayle Sullivan and Sr. Rita Davis.

If you missed the fun this year, please remember next year when the summer comes to an end and the city pool closes. That's the time to get ready to put on your flip flops, get your dogs in the car, and come on down to the pool for Dippin' Dogs.



Vicki Renisch and Nancy Grimshaw with their adopted dog, Lulu.



Denny Brock carrying out his judging duties.

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Tributes

In Memory

Ralph A. Brescher, given by Janine and Steve Auslander
 Jerry Crompton, given by David and Sandra Allen
 Officer Jason Ellis, who gave his life to protect us, given by Vicki Hobbs
 Marjorie Jane Smith Gordon, given by Susan and Charles Lee Thomason, Bernard and Rosetta Mudd, Doug and Judy Hubbard, Joan Krausen, and Janine and Steve Auslander
 Eric Gutierrez, given by John and Mary Ellen Haydon, Anne Arnold, Edward and Nancy Hord
 Catherine Hershberger, given by Elizabeth Willoughby, Mardi Jones and Janine and Steve Auslander
 Judy Johnson, given by Joe Johnson, and Joseph and Nancy Neel
 Billy and Maxine Keene, given by William Leslie Keene, Jr.
 Rita Kelley, given by Jack and Deanna Kelley
 Jamie O'Daniel, given by Sara and Benny O'Daniel
 Mary Phelps, given by James Phelps
 Reggie Pike, given by Patricia Jenkins
 Glen Richardson, given by Sandy Noe
 Vivian Talbott, given by Jolene and Bruce Reynolds, Dan and Freida Bayliss, Nancy Talbott, and Salt River Electric Board of Directors and Employees
 Freda Wallace, given by Carol Hawkins

"Abacus, Boone, and Tyson," given by Caroline Keeling
 "Charlie and Molly" Carter, given by Trudi Maish
 "Clea," given by Diane Nordstrand
 "Daphney" Donaldson, given by Penny Spalding
 "Dusty," given by Penny Spalding
 "Hank and Higgins," given by Ruth Colvin
 "Lady" Johnson, given by Jane Hagan
 "Maggie," given by Jennifer Bewley
 "Misty," given by Dave and Cathy Herbst
 "Moe," given by Lisa and Willie Edelen
 "Molly," given by Penny Spalding
 "MS," given by Bonnie Cecil
 "My deceased pets," given by D. Nugent
 "Oscar," given by Gary and Lori Boblitt
 "Polly," given by Donna Bookley
 "Rags," given by David and Cathy Herbst
 "Reese," given by Ben and Libby Burr, and Tom and Carla Evans
 "Samantha" Smith, given by Judy and Jeffrey Reynolds
 "Snickers," given by Penny Spalding
 "Swain," given by Mary Nancy Todd
 "Tucker," given by Penny Spalding, and David and Sandra Allen
 "Zoey," given by Penny Spalding, and David and Sandra Allen

May 1, 2013 – October 30, 2013

Memorials directed to the Don Perkins Memorial Fund for Indigent Animals

Dr. Rachel Maidens, given by Lyda Moore
 "Roxy" Montgomery, given by Deborah Perkins
 "Skye" Perkins, given by Deborah Perkins, Jane Hagan, Judy Cooke, Fred and Bonnie McMillen, Mary Jo Abell, and Trudi Maish

In Honor

Joe and Sharon Filiatreau, given by Ben and Libby Burr
 Mardi Jones, for her birthday, given by Jane Thompson
 Continued caring and caregivers at the Animal Shelter, given by Pam Hawkins
 Volunteers at the Humane Society of Nelson County, given by Max Howard
 "Figo," canine companion of the late Officer Jason Ellis, given by Vicki Hobbs and Caroline Keeling
 "Gus and Grinch," given by Barbara Bell
 "Kansas," given by Peggy McNulty
 "Oreo and Smokey," given by Betty McGirk
 "Reese," given by Kathy Jones
 "Sparky," given by Nancy Clawson

Don't Miss Photos with Santa!

Bring your children, your pets, or both to the shelter on Saturday, December 14th, 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.



Is De-Clawing Your Cat Cruel?

by Jane Hagan

The simple and short answer is “yes”. De-clawing is not like a manicure. It is a serious surgery and should not be considered a “quick fix” for unwanted scratching. Your cat’s claw is not a toenail, but closely adhered to the bone. To remove the claw, the entire bone of each toe has to be removed, which means ten separate amputations. This is an unnecessary, inhumane act—a painful surgery and recovery period during which the simple acts of walking, climbing and using the litter box cause significant discomfort. In some cases, infection and tissue death can result, as well as lameness, and litter box avoidance. At the shelter, declawed cats are often surrendered because of temperament issues, including an increased tendency to bite, especially when aggravated by small children or other pets. It is worth noting that in some countries, including England, Ireland and Australia, de-clawing is illegal or severely restricted, and only allowed for medical reasons such as a tumor on the cat’s foot, or to protect an owner whose own health is challenged by immune suppression or a bleeding disorder.



Most people agree that it is not acceptable to de-claw a cat that goes outdoors, but there are also many compelling reasons why you should never de-claw any cat. Claws provide many important functions in the life and well-being of a cat, ranging from grooming and marking territory to climbing and protecting itself. De-clawing interferes with a cat’s natural ability for hunting, a skill which might be necessary for survival if the cat ever gets separated from his home. It is not unusual for the shelter to receive a stray cat found outside, only to discover that it has been declawed.

Fortunately, there are numerous effective and safe ways to protect your furniture without de-clawing. One of the simplest solutions is to provide a well-constructed scratching post. The post should be tall enough for the cat to extend to his full length in order to get a completely satisfying stretch. The post should be stable with a base large and heavy enough to support the cat’s weight during a vigorous scratch. If it wobbles, your cat won’t like it, and if it topples over, your cat won’t go near it again. The best material for a scratching post is sisal, preferably fabric, not rope. The woven material provides great texture for shredding. Don’t replace the shredded material once your cat “breaks it in.” They prefer it that way. Posts are good for cats that are vertical scratchers, but some prefer horizontal scratching, and they may use the carpet. Berber carpet is virtually indestructible, as opposed to carpet with loops of fabric that a cat can tear out.

Location for a scratching post is important, given that scent marking is an important part of the need to scratch. The cat has scent glands on his paws and wants to mark objects as “his” in areas where he socializes with his people or other pets. Cats also scent-mark with glands on their chins which they rub on walls, furniture, and people they like. Damage from scratching can also be decreased by confining a cat to “a room of his own,” with his food, bed and litter box, when no one is home.

As far as deterrents to scratching furniture or other objects, double-sided sticky tape can be purchased at pet stores and works very well without harming furniture. But, you will still need the scratching post nearby, so that the cat will have ready access to a more acceptable option. Another way to decrease a cat’s destructiveness is to periodically trim the sharp tip end of each claw, if you can do so safely. Many cats tolerate this procedure, especially if introduced to it when young and rewarded with treats. A cat with trimmed claws that strays from the post from time to time will do little or no damage to the sofa. More information is available at the shelter regarding these and other alternatives to declawing. This information will be mailed to you if you call the shelter at 349-2082.

In closing, we want to remind everyone that we nearly always have declawed cats available for adoption. Rather than adopting a cat and putting it through this painful procedure, consider adopting one already declawed. They are adult cats, already fully vetted, and they often linger in the shelter for months because the right indoor home is not available.



Special Thanks

The Humane Society is sincerely grateful to the following businesses, organizations, and individuals who have donated in various ways between May 1, 2013 and October 31, 2013.

- Bardstown Baptist Church, for providing yard sale space
- Brown & Company, CPA's
- Cedar Creek Quarry
- City of Bloomfield & Mayor Rhonda Hagan, for including us in Barkfest
- Joey Desormeaux, Infinite Irons, Boca Raton FL, for new tattoo equipment
- Gabby's Consignments
- Laurel Guthrie, for her donations & artwork
- JT's Consignments
- Kroger Company, for allowing us to keep a "collection wagon" at their store
- Joey Nalley, Creative Design Tattoos, Bardstown, for assistance with tattoo equipment
- Resp-a-Care
- Skyward Images, Ashley Patterson, for many beautiful pet photos
- Tractor Supply
- Wal-Mart, for providing us with much needed pet food and supplies

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!

Cats-and-more-Cats E-book

Our thanks also go to Patrick Hundley, for his creation of Cats-and-more-Cats, an e-book of beautiful photographs he took of our cats and kittens awaiting adoption. This e-book can be purchased for \$4.99 and half of all proceeds go to the Humane Society. To view this book, visit

www.scribd.com/doc/179573427/Cats-and-more-Cats

Special Thanks to Jenny Boone Design Studio, LLC.

We want to thank Jenny for re-designing & improving our website, www.ncanimalservices.org, as well as for managing it for years. Our website lists animals available for adoption, & has information about spay/neuter services, lost/found reports, volunteering, the county ordinance, & more.



Girl Scout Troop 550, from left to right, Jillian Abell, Shelby Roberts, and Carlee Kulig, plus Katie Carmine and Jordyn Wade not present for photo. This troop of girls collected 550 pounds of much needed cat litter and delivered it to our shelter in June. In addition, they spent hours caulking and painting the exterior of the Adoption Building.



Bracelet Fundraiser. Olivia Bradford (left) and Lily King raised over \$50 for the Humane Society by selling these colorful bracelets that they made. Thank you Lily and Olivia!

Home for the Holidays 2013

Home4theHolidays is a pet adoption campaign that is now in its 15th year. Sponsored by the Helen Woodward Foundation in California and Blue Buffalo this year, this program has grown from 14 participating shelters in California in 1999 to over 3,500 shelters in 17 countries.

To promote adoption during this period, which runs through January 2nd, the Humane Society of Nelson County will offer a 50% discount on adoption fees for any cat or dog that has been in our shelter for over 2 months. Our regular fees are \$70 for cats and kittens, and \$120 for dogs and puppies. The fees help us cover the cost of spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations, treatment of fleas and internal parasites, and a microchip. Dogs over 6 months of age are also heartworm tested, and all cats and kittens are tested for Feline Leukemia Virus.

Anyone interested in adopting a pet is required to fill out a pre-adoption application which can be done at the shelter or online by going to our website and clicking on Adoptions. Adoption Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment. We will close at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Call 349-2082 for more information or visit our website, www.ncanimalservices.org where you can view photos and descriptions of pets available for adoption.

Basic Dog Training

Behavior Control and Leadership/Obedience

by Michelle Pasquale

Patience, patience, patience!

Being a patient, careful teacher who takes care to communicate clearly will earn you more respect than shouting unknown verbal commands which can be both confusing and frightening to your pet.

To train your dog to be obedient, you must first be an effective trainer/leader/owner whom your pet will look up to. A relationship based on trust and respect is an essential foundation for good behavior. You cannot force your pet to respect you. Respect needs to be earned!

When training your pet, be sure to minimize outside distractions such as kids playing, other pets, and anything that might take your pet's attention.

Key Essentials:

Don't chase a dog that does not come on command. This only makes a game of it.

Don't train after a long walk that makes your dog so tired that he loses interest and fails to obey. On the other hand, some high-energy dogs may pay better attention after exercise.

Before you train your dog:

Make sure you have in mind which commands you are going to work on.

Have on hand your training tools, such as treats, toys, balls, etc., so you can immediately reward your dog for proper responses to commands. Walking away to get a reward will confuse the dog and prevent him from associating his response with the reward.

Happy endings to training sessions:

End each session with an exercise the dog knows well. Your pet will be more receptive to your next lesson when he's been rewarded for the good work he's done. Remember that your dog wants to be loved and will give back in return.



Michelle and her dog Hershey

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 organization



Farewell to Tom Isaac, PLG-TV.

At Tom's retirement party, the Humane Society presented him with a small plaque to express our gratitude for his constant support over the years. Tom hosted the Pet of the Week segment on the local news, covered special events and animal-related stories, and even allowed himself to be "jailed" in one of our kennels in order to raise funds for surgery equipment. We will miss him and wish him a very happy retirement.



Ways to Give

Come visit us or send a gift by mail to:
Humane Society of Nelson County
2391 New Haven Road
Bardstown, KY 40004



(Please use the donation envelope printed in 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 sidebar to use PayPal. All major credit cards are accepted.
- Set up an automatic electronic withdrawal from your checking account. Use the authorization form below.
- 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 decor, books, furniture, and clothing for babies, DVDs, toys, etc., in good condition.

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

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 an entry in error.

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This authority is to remain in full force and effect until HSNC and BANK have received written notification from me (or either one 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) _____

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SIGNATURE _____

IMPORTANT! You must attach a voided check to this form. Mail to:
Humane Society of Nelson County, 2391 New Haven Road, Bardstown, KY 40004

Tackling our county's "cat problem" with help from PetSmart Charities®

by Judy Cooke, Shelter Director

In spite of 10 years of low-cost spay/neuter clinics for cats, our shelter still takes in between 1,500 and 1,700 cats every year, with nearly 900 of those being unwanted kittens. It's little consolation that the number hasn't actually increased with our growth in human population. Adoptions for cats and kittens remain at about 250 in a good year, and over 80% are euthanized because there are no good homes for them. The adoption rate for dogs and pups has increased to nearly 60%, largely due to help from other rescue organizations like Barktown and non-profits that take specific breeds, but very few such agencies exist for cats.

The only solution to the problem of unwanted cats and kittens is to prevent their breeding. Thanks to a generous grant from PetSmart Charities®, we have a new program which targets "free-roaming cats," by allowing us to offer FREE spay/neuter surgeries for these cats. Free-roaming cats fall into several categories: feral, owned, and "loosely owned" or neighborhood cats.

Feral cats are domestic cats that have reverted to "wild," in that they are unaccustomed to human contact and live in colonies near a food source. Feral cats are terrified in a shelter setting, and are dangerous to anyone attempting to handle them, so they are generally euthanized. Neighborhood cats are those, friendly or not, who are fed by one or more people but not claimed by anyone. Unsterilized owned cats allowed outside are the third type of "free-roaming cats," and often contribute unplanned litters of kittens that are surrendered to the shelter or are given away as "free kittens." Free kittens are often acquired on impulse, never receive veterinary care of any kind, and go on to produce more kittens, which in turn grow up and produce more generations of kittens. Cats can breed at 5 months of age and have up to 3 litters in a year.

The PetSmart Charities® Free-Roaming Cat Program is limited to Nelson County for the time being, though our regular Tuesday/Thursday clinics will still be able to help people with cats in surrounding areas. Our regular fees have remained at \$30 for females and \$20 for males for many years. All cats receive a rabies shot and flea/ear mite treatment included in that fee.

The PetSmart Charities® program is designed for cats in feral colonies, neighborhood cats no one is willing or able to pay for, and owned cats primarily in barns, stables, or other situations where the population is out of control and beyond the owner's ability to pay. Farmers who need cats as mousers are encouraged to use this program, and we can assure them they'll have healthier cats to do the job. For caretakers of feral colonies, we must know that there is no significant objection to the existence of the colony on public or private property, and that someone is committed to feeding and monitoring the colony, letting us know if any cat becomes sick or injured, or if a new cat joins the colony.



The other advantage to this new program is that our coordinator, Kayce Humkey, can assist with trapping and transportation of cats to the Friday clinic dedicated to this program. For more information on this PetSmart Charities® Program or our regular clinics, call 349-2082. Though we have many expenses and always need funds, no one is turned away for inability to pay.



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.

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Monday – Friday
10am-4pm
Saturday 10am-2pm

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2014 Meeting Dates

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May 1
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Come and shop for household items, furniture, pet supplies, books, DVD's, CD's, and great miscellany. To donate items, bring them to the church on Friday, Nov. 15th between 4 & 6 pm. Donations are tax-deductible.

Call 349-2082 for more information.