



Saving Bobo, A Rescue Story

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Society Scoop

In February of 2013, National Great Pyrenees Rescue was notified of a Pyrenees mix that had wandered onto a farm in Boston, KY. The farmer wanted to shoot the dog because he owned prized hunting dogs that he didn't want the stray around. A hunting friend talked him into calling a rescue for the dog which was when NGPR became involved.

The dog, a Pyr/Labrador mix, called Hobo for his wandering ways, showed no aggression but would not let anyone touch him. When the farmer was working around the farm, Hobo would follow and take treats from him. It wasn't until the end of May that the farmer and his friend were able to corral him in a stall so that Animal Control could transport him to the shelter.

Hobo, renamed Bobo by NGPR, was a feral dog unused to human contact, and was traumatized when anything was placed around his neck. He would fight the leash, bite the air around him, urinate and defecate, in a state of pure canine hysteria. This was a real problem for us since almost all of our foster homes have to be able to move dogs around on a leash. We placed him in a wonderful boarding facility in Kentucky with indoor/outdoor runs owned by a former vet technician who was dedicated to working with him. It only took a week before she could pet him and put a collar or harness on him, but it took her until the end of August to get Bobo to accept a leash. During that time she discovered he was deaf and he was terrified of cars, possibly due to bad experiences dodging cars that he didn't hear coming.

Eventually, Bobo was moved to a foster home in North Carolina to get him used to living inside a home, walking down streets, and being around vehicle traffic and many people. Almost a year to the day when Bobo was first discovered on a farm in Boston, KY, he was adopted to a wonderful couple in North Carolina. The woman has a Master's Degree in Spe-

cial Education, is fluent in sign language, and runs a non-profit store staffed by autistic adults. Bobo goes to work every day with his owner and helps the adult employees de-stress in the Quiet Room with his calm, loving demeanor--quite a change from a feral dog that was afraid of humans the year before.



Bobo standing outside of the quiet room at his place of employment.

Great Pyrenees have become popular with farmers in Kentucky. Consequently, backyard breeders have sprouted up all over the state which overpopulates this breed. In addition, not all Pyrs will bond with livestock and will roam, ending up as strays. Some Pyrs that would rather play with livestock than guard them, also end up at shelter, as well as those adopted by people who fall in love with a cute white fuzzy puppy only to find themselves with a 100 pound dog a year later in a tiny apartment.

National Great Pyrenees Rescue, along with Nelson County Humane Society and other Kentucky shelters, fight a daily battle to save as many of these dogs possible. No shelter, no rescue and no single person can do this alone. It takes cooperation, trust and a network of volunteers to save even one dog. But look what these rescued dogs are capable of giving back to the society that at first rejected or neglected them. In the right home, with the right socialization and training, they give back every day of their lives.

Editor's Note: People often ask us why we send dogs to rescue organizations rather than placing them with individuals in our county. The fact is that rescue organizations are devoted to their particular breed, know the special needs and characteristics of the breed, and can focus on finding the most suitable home. Most have strict requirements for adopting, and many do home visits before placing the pets. Also, if purebreds can be transferred to reputable organizations, our facility has more room for mixed breed dogs that deserve a home just as much.

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Tributes

In Memory

Belle Beam, given by Parker and Linda Beam
 Janet P. Bee, given by Debora Monin
 William Herbert Bowman, given by Steve and Janine Auslander
 Natalie Muir Brown, given by Susan Muir
 Mary Helena Culver, given by Steve and Janine Auslander
 Bruce Dahl, given by Nancy Dahl and Children
 Cindy Ethington, given by Joan Altman
 Mindy Filiatreau, given by Lisa Cissell
 Margaret Hagan, given by Jane Hagan
 William Hahn, given by Steve and Janine Auslander
 Carolyn Hall, given by Jeanne Bidwell
 Carole Hobbs, given by Parker and Linda Beam
 Tony Houchin, given by Steve and Janine Auslander
 Judy Johnson, given by Joseph Johnson and Diane Thompson
 Billy and Maxine Keene, given by Les Keene
 Elsie Krinke, given by Rick Krinke
 Lois Lashly, given by Joseph and Evalyn Basloe
 Brenda Coomes Maras, given by Maria Caudill
 Tom MacDonell, given by Susie Corder
 Kathy and Samantha Netherland, given by Eugene and Linda Mc-
 Mahan, Vicki Hobbs, and Shelby County Humane Society
 Jamie O'Daniel, given by Sara and Benny O'Daniel, Donna
 Monin/Bardstown Florist and Gifts, and Parker and Linda
 Beam
 Louise Metcalf O'Keeffe, given by Judith Hiss
 Mary Phelps, given by Jim Phelps
 Harry Ritchie, given by Kristi Brady
 Joseph R. Seay, given by Judy and Marion Creech, Charles and
 Karen Crume, Jo Ann Howard, Danny and
 Elizabeth Gillis, John and Jan Rogan, Doris Seay,
 Wally and Nemola Stark, Vicky Tingle, Roy and Jacqueline
 Drake, Amos and Shirley Gritton, John and Laurenda Snid-
 er, Billy Seay, Hilda Sigman, Norma Emerson, Annette C.
 Smith, Mary M. Hoch, C. Melinda Desposito, Leigh Dauph-
 inais, Robyn Bandinel, Jo Anne and Alan Barrish, H. Edwin
 and Barbara Pulliam, and Bloomfield Christian Church
 Clyde Tribbey, given by Moe and Gillian Werner
 Freda Wallace, given by Carol Hawkins
 Michael Wathen, given by Joe and Janice Carter
 All those who didn't get adopted, given by Suzi Rainey
 All of our beloved pets, Skunky, Charcoal, Skippy and Twinkles,
 given by Dave, Ginny, and Sylvia Horlander
 "Beau, Sadie, Lexi, Zoey, Shadow, Holly, Rudy, Summer, Ginny and
 Lily," given by Sandra Allen and Penny Spalding
 "Bitsy," given by Lee Evans and Mardi Jones
 "Buddy," given by Norma Jean Haydon, and David and Mary
 Stuart Haydon
 "Bullseye and B.J.," given by Randy and Joan Bramel
 "Cyril and Roxie," given by Debbie and Gary Parsons
 "Cleo" Tatman, given by Vicky Pulliam
 "Copper," given by Kelly and Beth Corbett
 "Dusty," given by Gayle Sullivan
 "Emmie," given by Daphnia Johnson
 "E.T. and Puddles," given by Sacha Downs
 "Fancy" Chesser, given by Penny Spalding
 "Ginger," given by Joe and Joyce Rogers
 "Isis, Cleopatra, Ramses, and Osiris," given by Charles and Ramona

Received between **Nov. 1, 2013 & May 27, 2014**

Parrish
 "Joey," given by Charles and Linda Clark
 "King," given by Suzanne Edelen
 "Layla," given by Sarah Bradford
 "Polly," given by Donna Boekley
 "Pokey," Beloved Pet of Peggy Hagan, given by Dave Ritchie,
 Norma Jean Haydon, Jane Hagan, Peggy Hagan
 "Oscar," given by Lori and Gary Boblitt
 "Reese," given by R.J., Ben, and Jack Farrell
 "Rosie" Christensen, given by Penny Spalding
 "Rufus and Sadie," given by Jackie Newcomb
 "Shy," given by Johnny Samuels
 "Socks," given by Katherine Houghlin
 "Sweetie Pie" and "Sindi," given by Yvonne Beam
 "Tips," given by Judy Hiss
 "Tucson," given by Tom and Carla Evans, and Ben and Libby Burr
 "Will Ferrill," given by Judy Hiss
 "Zoro," given by James and Mary McCubbins

In Honor

Employees and Volunteers at the Humane Society of Nelson County,
 given by Jane Hagan
 The Volunteers at the Humane Society of Nelson County, given by
 David Calisti
 Judy Cooke, given by Liz Ubelhor
 Tracy Gibson, given by Aubrey Gibson
 Jane Hagan, given by Anita Hagan
 Karyn Hutchins, on her birthday, given by Nina and Robert
 Hutchins
 Trudi Maish, given by Judy and Jeff Reynolds
 Fred and Bonita McMillen, given by Jo Etta M. Gentry
 Cathy Newton, given by Nancy Tietge and Mike, Colleen, and
 Duncan Strauss
 Zayne Payton, on his birthday, given by Robert and Amy Farrell
 Deborah Perkins, given by Judith and Maurice Mitchell
 Dr. Sewell and Dr. Duber, given by office staff at 875 Pennsylvania
 Ave.
 Herb Swartz, at his retirement, given by David Williamson
 "Annabelle" (Fable) Kitten, given by Kathy Barton
 "Barley and Molly," given by Kim Lacy
 "Bruiser," given by Donna Mitzner
 "Della and Rosie," given by Janice and Ava Hall
 "Molly," (adopted from Nelson County), given by Ginny Thomas
 "Sally," given by Vi Lloyd
 "Smidget, Frosty, Brat, Spot and Shorty," given by Anita Allen
 "Tucson," given by Tom and Carla Evans
 "Willow and Spice," given by Gayle Sullivan

Memorials directed to the Don Perkins Memorial Fund for Indigent Animals

In Memory of:

Don Perkins, given by Linda Akers
 "Sky" Perkins, given by Sam Clements

In Honor of:

Judith and Maurice Mitchell, given by Deborah Perkins
 Blanche Moran, given by Lyda P. Moore

Barktown Rescue's New Facility

by Suzanne Bridwell

Volunteers at Barktown Rescue are working hard to prepare their new building for Grand Opening in early June. Barktown Rescue will be located at 295 Petersburg Road in Boston. This building was formerly Boston Elementary School. The 22,000 square foot building will serve as a commercial boarding facility and a place to shelter dogs and cats until they are adopted. Barktown will also continue to use its foster home service to save more animals.



The building was donated to the organization by Bruce Flint, a lawyer who lives in Texas. Flint will partner with Barktown Rescue to manage the building. If interested in volunteering at the new building, contact Suzanne at 502-264-1477 or via email, Suzanne@barktownrescue.org. Items of need for the building are cleaning supplies and gently used towels or blankets.

Bourbon City Bark Park Update

by Jolene Reynolds

The Bourbon City Bark Park was established in March of 2011 for the purpose of establishing an off-leash dog park in Nelson County. The Board of Directors has been laying the foundation of this project by establishing the Bourbon City Bark Park as a 501 C 3 non-profit organization. This status was granted in March 2014. We also worked for two years to secure land for the off-leash dog park. In June of 2013, a 15-year lease was signed with the Kentucky Department of Parks and Recreation for land at 671 Loretto Road, also known as the Sportsman Club ball field. We are now well on our way to bring this project to fruition with the hard work of volunteers who have a love of their dogs and believe in the mission of the dog park.

People may ask, Why Build a Dog Park?

A dog park is an area that has been designated for dog owners to exercise, train and socialize their dogs off-leash and have fun in an environment under the supervision of their owners. It is a place where well-behaved dogs can run in a safe environment without endangering or annoying people, property or wildlife while promoting responsible pet ownership. These are just a few benefits of an off-leash dog park.

Bourbon City Bark Park's Distinctive Features

We believe the design of our park will be a model park for Bardstown and surrounding counties. The park was designed with cutting edge features that set us apart from other dog parks in the region. We give a huge Thank-You to David Kulsveen, a landscape architect who donated many hours to design our park. The park will include a small dog area, a large dog area and a training/education area. Shelter will provide shade and coverage in inclement weather. Amenities will include walking paths, fountains for dogs, water features, and a doggie wash station. The park will be constructed in two phases. We are in the fundraising process to get phase 1 open in 2014.

How can you help?

VOLUNTEER! There are four committees presently working on various tasks to get the park up and running. Each of these committees is seeking dedicated, committed people who will work to get the dog park open in 2014. Committees include a Facilities Committee, Membership Committee, Events/Fundraising Committee and a Public Relations/Marketing Committee. If you wish to volunteer on any of the committees, contact Jolene Reynolds- Jolene.reynolds@icloud.com or 349-0803.

DONATE! Talk to friends, co-workers and family members about a monetary donation to the park- any monetary gift is appreciated. We offer ADOPT A FENCE signs, available as In Memory, In Honor or Donated By. Become a Sponsor of the park- we have various sponsorship levels for individuals or businesses OR purchase items from our WISH List! For information about donating to the Bourbon City Bark Park, please contact Jolene Reynolds- jolene.reynolds@icloud.com or 349-0803.

Special Thanks

The Humane Society is sincerely grateful to the following businesses, organizations, and individuals who have donated in various ways between November 1, 2013 and May 14, 2014.

- American Legion Post
- Abby Crowe, who collected donations for pets on her birthday
- Ava Hall, who collected donations for pets instead of presents on her 8th birthday
- Bardstown Elementary School 5th Graders, who collected food, beds, toys, supplies and cash for their "Four Legged Food Drive"
- Bardstown Mills
- Brown and Company, CPAs
- Boone's Abattoir
- Chemco Federal Credit Union
- Dr. Pat Disponett for donating an ultrasonic dental scaler, and Dr. Steve Auslander for installing it and showing us how to use it
- Estelle Schulze and Friends at Culpeper Street Wilson & Muir Bank
- Gabby's Consignments
- JT's Consignments
- Local Burrito
- Kroger Company, for allowing us to keep a "collection wagon" at their store
- Nelson County High's National Honor Society and Leadership Class SHIELD
- Resp-A-Care
- St. Gregory School
- Tractor Supply
- Trader's Mall booth volunteers (at Corvin's Furniture & Flooring Store), Glenda Mattingly, Randall Bartley and Kelsey Wiseman
- Trim Masters Charitable Foundation, Inc.
- Wal-Mart, for providing us with much needed pet food and supplies
- Wilson & Muir Bank and Trust
- Zayne Payton, who collected gifts for our animals instead of himself on his birthday

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!



Emily Knapp collected gifts for the animals when she participated in the Star One Pageant. Thank you, Emily.



Students at Bloomfield Middle School collected over \$200 and many supplies during their "Pennies 4 Puppies" drive.



Sean Kranz and Rene Vernon, representing our many supporters at Orbis Corporation, present a generous check to name Adoption Kennel #10. The Orbis logo can be seen on the right. It has taken over 7 years to get all kennels named. There is still a single cat colony left to be sponsored by a company, individual, or group of individuals.

Spay/Neuter Clinic - Busier Than Ever

Prevent animal overpopulation-
Spay or Neuter your pets today!



Our clinic now runs three half days a week—generally Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 am to 1 pm. We spay and neuter cats every day, with Friday reserved for feral and free-roaming cats in the PetSmart Charities® Program which is limited to Nelson County. We will do surgeries for cats from other counties on Tuesday and Thursday.

Dog owners must qualify as low-income, either by enrollment in a government assistance program or by showing a household income of less than 200% of federal poverty guidelines.

Call 349-2082 for an appointment or for more information.



Do you use Amazon?

Try AmazonSmile! You can shop as always, and at the same time get a donation for the Humane Society of Nelson County. Simply go to <http://smile.amazon.com> to order, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to us.

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Patricia Adams
 Owner

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



Retirement Party

After 12 years of dedicated service, our ever-present **Gerda Fikter** decided to retire at the end of last year. Our staff and volunteers gave her a well-attended party, with a tasty buffet provided by Richard and Martha Nest. We would say we will miss her, but we've already talked her into coming back and working a day here and there as needed.



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.

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 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) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

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

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

Twenty Years Later...

by Judy Cooke, Shelter Director

In 1994, a group of local people set out to change how homeless companion animals were treated in this county. The Humane Society of Nelson County and county government, working together, have accomplished much more than either could do alone.

The Humane Society was established in July 1994, and is now twenty years old. Our non-profit organization has worked tirelessly to alleviate animal suffering, largely by addressing the problem of pet overpopulation.

In the last two decades, the Humane Society of Nelson County has:

- Spent over \$300,000 on building a topnotch facility which includes a shelter and spay/neuter clinic.
- Spent over \$300,000 to perform or subsidize spay/neuter surgery for over 11,000 pets of low-income owners.
- Spent over \$1,000,000 to staff daily operations at the shelter, improving the care of the animals and service to the public.
- Developed a quality adoption program which has placed over 7,000* dogs and 4,000 cats into good, responsible homes. *Credit for nearly 1,000 of those dogs is gladly given to Barktown Rescue which started to pull dogs from our county shelter in 2009. By "quality," we mean that all pets leaving our shelter are vaccinated, treated for parasites, micro-chipped, and most importantly, spayed or neutered.
- Provided assistance with emergency veterinary care to low-income pet owners through the Don Perkins Memorial Fund for Indigent Animals.
- Provided humane education to schools and pet therapy visits to nursing homes.

What does the future hold for us? More work, more results, and some frustrations and disappointments. There's still so much to be done, and we need your help. Volunteer, donate, take good care of your pets, encourage friends, neighbors, and relatives to spay and neuter their pets, and come celebrate 20 years with us on Saturday, July 12, at the shelter, from 2-4 pm.

Until one has loved an animal,
a part of one's soul remains unawakened.

~Anatole France



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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

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Upcoming 2014 Meeting Dates

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November 6

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