



Finding Neko

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Society Scoop

There are times when beings that need each other find each other at just the right time. Neko's story is one of those stories. Neko is the cat that my family adopted from the Nelson County Humane Society in late February. He is about 8 months old or so, a lively lynx point Siamese cat, and he needed us and we needed him at about the same time.

My family had a wonderful black shorthaired cat that we'd had for about 8 years, named Shadow. We weren't planning to get a cat at that time, but I looked like an easy mark to an older couple who'd found him as a stray. I took him home, everyone fell in love. He was truly the king of the house, and was especially loved by my husband, Chris. Chris had about fifteen nicknames for that cat and had said that of all the cats he'd had in his lifetime (they'd had a lot when he was a child), he loved Shadow best. Sadly, we had to put Shadow down in February less than a week after the first anniversary of my husband's death. I cannot say how sad that made us, my two girls and I. We were depressed as it was over the anniversary, and losing our boy on top of that was almost more than we could bear.

We still had one cat, though. My daughter Maria had brought home another stray last summer that we named Pixie and she was much younger than Shadow. His last seven months were much livelier with a kitten in the house, and I think he ran more those last few months than he had in the last 5 years we'd had him. They were fast friends (after a rocky first couple of weeks), and she was as lost as we were when he was gone. We were truly a family missing a second cat.

I got an email from my aunt, Sarah Bradford who

volunteers at the Nelson County Humane Society. She wasn't sure if it was too soon, but she had pictures of a couple of cats available that she thought I might be interested in. It was only a short time after Shadow's passing and she didn't want to make me feel awkward or pressured into anything. That's when I saw him for the first time,



Neko and Angela

and something clicked. I was hoping so badly that the cat in the picture was a boy. When she confirmed it, I knew we had to have him.

When we went to pick him up he had an upper respiratory infection and we had to keep the two cats separate until he got well. Pixie knew something was up- we kept going into the rooms in the basement & we were closing doors we never kept closed. Neko (my daughter Angela named him) was content at first to be in there- he was sick & just wanted to rest, but as he got better he sensed there was more house out there.

We finally got the two of them together over a weekend when I could supervise. I tried using treats & keeping them separate but able to smell each other at first, then worked up to the two of them in the same room. At the start, Pixie was very unhappy about the interloper, and she hissed every time she saw him. Soon, she was following him around the house as he explored his new world, staring at him like she was afraid he was going to steal the silver or something. By day three they were touching noses and chasing each other around the house. Now, a couple of weeks later, they sleep together under my bed, and *(see Finding Neko, continued on page 3)*

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Tributes

Received between **November 8, 2014 & May 31, 2015**

In Memory

Steve Auslander, given by Norma Jean Haydon & Diane Thompson
 Judy Beeler, given by Pat & Jim Stamper
 Natalie Brown, given by Nancy Talbott
 Marjorie R. Brumley, given by David Brumley
 Laverne Brucker, given by Susan Perkins
 Melody Burkhead, given by Melvin Burkhead
 Jerry Wayne Clark, "who never let a stray go hungry," given by Toni Clark, & Donald & Andrea Osborne
 Cheryl L. Drago, given by Michael Walcher
 Mindy Filiatreau, given by Lisa Cissell
 Michael G. Fleck, given by Suzi Fleck
 Col. Ed Goepper, given by Joseph P. & Rose Marie Taylor, & Elizabeth & Daniel Cheatham
 Jeanette "Jenny" Hagan, given by Anita Hagan, & Teresa & Brian Vanderburg
 Margaret S. Hagan, given by Max Howard
 Carolyn Hall, given by Jeanne Bidwell
 Leo A. Horlander, given by David & Virginia Horlander
 Mary Ann Hurst, given by Joan Hardin & Carolyn Haydon
 Sue Despain Hurst, given by Davis L. Huston
 Judy Johnson, given by Joe Johnson, Nancy & Joseph Neel, & Diane Thompson
 Billy and Maxine Keene, given by William Leslie Keene, Jr.
 Dinwiddie Mathis, given by David Meena & USI Insurance Services, LLC
 Kathy & Samantha Netherland, given by Stacey Hibbard
 Jamie O'Daniel, given by Sara & Benny O'Daniel
 Ben D. Shaw, given by Gladys Smith, Lee Smithkier, & Mr. Tubs
 Albert Shewmaker, given by Sandy Noe
 Denise Comer Simpson, given by Kelly & Beth Corbett
 Wilma Skaggs, given by Lisa Filiatreau & Donna MacDonell
 Nancy Underwood, given by James & Mary McCubbins
 Cheryl Unseld, given by Emmanuel & Cathy Ballard, & Bobby & Lois Ballard
 Freda Wallace, given by Carol Hawkins
 Cleo Brumley, given by Stephanie Leigh Simpson
 "Bear," given by Larry D. Williams
 "Boots the Cat," given by Loraine Stumph
 "Brandt" Hilderbrandt, given by Fred & Bonita McMillen
 "Cleo" & "Hattie" Tatman, given by Vicky & Mark Pulliam
 "Cyril" & "Roxie," given by Debbie & Gary Parsons
 "Elka," given by Wanda Miracle
 "Emily," given by Penny Spalding
 "Flashy" McMillen, given by Fred & Bonita McMillen & Deborah Perkins
 "Ginger," given by Winnie Calhoun
 "Ginger" Robinson, given by Penny Spalding
 "Grizzly" Spalding, given by Larry & Penny Spalding
 "Gus, our sweet dog," given by Barbara Bell
 "Hattie" Tatman, given by Penny Spalding
 "Izzy," given by Jackie Newcomb
 "Joey," given by Linda Clark
 "Joey" Evans, given by Mardi Jones
 "Katie," given by Randal & Patsy Parrott
 "Lad," given by Kathy Houghlin

"Logan" & "Coco" Allen, given by Penny Spalding
 "Logan" & "Spencer," given by Sandra Allen
 "Midnight" & "Lassie," given by Shandra Wolf
 "Molly" Sloane, given by Penny Spalding
 "Mr. Fella," given by Susan Stallard
 "Oscar" & "Cosmo," given by Gary & Lori Boblitt
 "Polly," given by Donna & Walter Boekley
 "Randy" & "Buttons" Greene, given by Jean Greene
 "Reese," given by Rob & Amy Farrell
 "Sammy," given by Mary Jo & Edgar Abell
 "Scout," given by Shaun Sartin
 "Shelby," given by Parker & Linda Beam
 "Shy," given by Johnny Samuels
 "Sky," "Benjamin," "Clyde," "Whiskey," & "Spike" Perkins, given by Deborah Perkins
 "Spencer," given by Trudi Maish
 "Spencer" and "Grizzly" Spalding, given by Fred & Bonita McMillen, & Laura & Bill Christensen
 "Spencer" & "Zoey" Spalding, given by Penny Spalding
 "Subrina," given by Linda Goepper
 "Swain," given by Mary Nancy Todd
 "Tatie" and "Pickwick," given by Sharron Blincoe
 "Toby," our 14 year old Sheltie, given by Phillip & Janet Parrott
 "Twinkles," "Skippy," "Skunky," and "Charcoal," given by Dave & Ginny Horlander
 "Zeus," given by Martin & Tina Jones

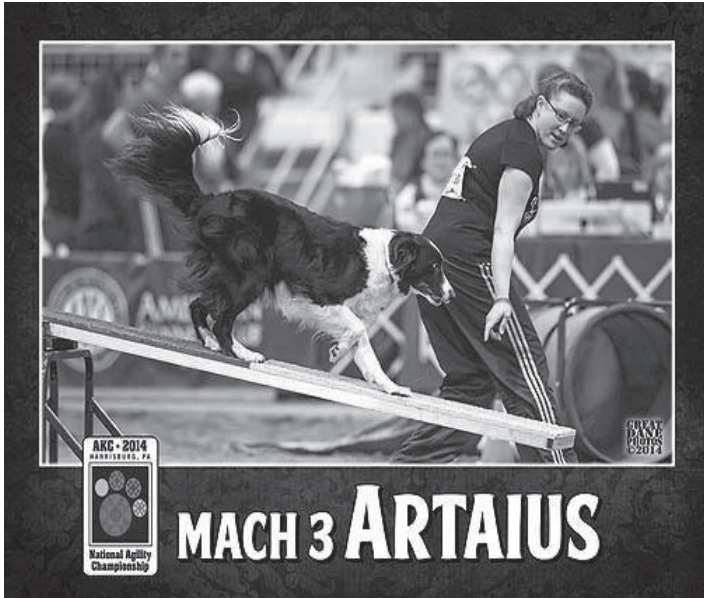
In Honor

All of Our Loving Friends, Past & Present, of the Fore Household, given by Deborah Fore
 All the Male & Female Cats I've Had Fixed, given by Patricia Parsley
 Humane Society Volunteers, given by Anna Culver
 Volunteers of Nelson Co. Humane Society, given by Roseanne & David Calisti
 Bob & Linda Collins, given by SM Sgt. Pfof, ROTC, Nelson Co. High School
 Judith Cooke, given by William N. Cooke
 Sr. Susan Gatz, SCN, Nora Ballard, & Patsy O'Toole, given by Trudi Maish
 Tracie Gibson, given by Aubrey Ryan
 Jane Hagan, for many hours of service for our animals, given anonymously
 Mardi Jones, given by Jane Thompson
 Mardi and Tally, given by Mary Carlile Willett
 Brady Matherly, on his birthday, given by Roy Scott & Jacqueline Drake
 Bonita McMillen, given by Jacqueline Maruri
 Judith Mitchell, given by Deborah Perkins
 Cathy Newton, given by Duncan Strauss
 Deb Perkins, given by Judith Mitchell
 Rose Pike, given by Bob & Connie Pike
 Pat Smith, given by Earl D. Smith
 Gayle Sullivan, given by Jean Carol Shields
 "Agatha Christie-Tessa," given by Pam Hawkins
 "Hannah" and "Kaiser," given by Jane O'Keefe
 "Hank," "Duncan," and "McCloud," given by Roger Bradley
 "Oakley, our wonderful adopted dog," given by Rebecca & Dan Biggs
 "Rosie" and "Della" Hall, given by Janice Hall
 "Sally," given by Vi Lloyd
 "Tsunami," given by Sheila Spalding
 "Willow" and "Spice," given by Gayle Sullivan
 "Winston," given by Jennifer Bewley

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when they chase each other they sound like a herd of buffalo running through the house. And I smile every time I hear it. No cat could ever ‘replace’ Shadow and we weren’t really even trying to, but Neko needed a forever home, Pixie needed a running buddy, and my family had an empty spot in our hearts that needed a new cat. Funny thing is, now it seems like he’s always been ours. If there’s an empty spot in your life, maybe an animal in need is just the right size to fill it. Neko sure was, in our case, and he’s part of our family forever now.

Artaius, a Rags to Riches Story



Ten years ago, a border collie mom and her puppies were left at the shelter. Mom and pups were transferred to Sheila Fawcett with a border collie rescue organization in Evansville, IN. One of the pups, Arrow, had a serious ringworm infection, especially severe on his tail and hind leg. After much special attention and veterinary care, all were ready for permanent homes. Arrow went to a woman in Michigan who renamed him for Artaius, the god of sheep and herders, and trained him in agility. Agility is a popular dog sport in which a handler directs a dog, off leash, through an obstacle course in a race for both time and accuracy. Artaius excelled in agility, achieving the title of Master Agility Champion three times (MACH3) in the National American Kennel Club Agility Trial.

Bracelets from Marshall Jewelers to Benefit Humane Society of Nelson County

David Marshall, owner of Marshall Jewelers, and Linda Fraser from our humane society worked together to design this beautiful bracelet. There are two designs: one all silver, and one silver with the fish and bone in gold. A portion of each sale will be given to the humane society. Contact Marshall’s Jewelers for further information by stopping by the store or calling 348-5723.



In Loving Memory of Sweetie

Adopted from the Humane Society in 1997, Sweetie lived a wonderful life with David Beam, riding with him on his motorcycle and “assisting” him in his office. She passed away in August 2014, and will be greatly missed.

**Memorials Directed to
The Don Perkins Memorial Fund for Indigent Animals**

In Memory of: Don Perkins, given by Deborah Perkins, Linda Akers, Sam Clements, and Jim and Bonnie Warner

Special Thanks

The Humane Society is sincerely grateful to the following businesses, organizations, and individuals who have donated in various ways between November 8, 2014 and May 2015.

- AFJ ROTC at Nelson County High School, and SMSgt Pfost
- Bardstown Mills
- Boone's Abattoir
- Brown and Company, CPAs
- Cash Express
- The Cato Corporation
- Chemco Federal Credit Union
- Corvin's Furniture
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- Girl Scout Troop 211
- John Conti Coffee Co.
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- Kentuckiana Monuments
- Kroger Company
- Nelson County Board of Education
- Nelson County High School Key Club
- Nelson County High School National Honor Society
- Supplies Over Seas
- Carolyn Taylor
- Susan Thompson
- T & T Farms Feed & Seed
- Tractor Supply
- Wal-Mart
- Wilson & Muir Bank & Trust
- Zayne Payton, who collected gifts for our shelter pets on his 7th 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!



Another Generous Grant from Trim Masters Charitable Foundation.

Humane Society President, Trudi Maish (left), accepts a check for \$2,000 from Beverly Harris, HR Plant Dept. Supervisor, at Toyota Boshoku Kentucky, in Bardstown.



Jaymeson Dolen and his mother, Linette Lowe, holding Burt and Marie. They visited our shelter at Christmas to bring food, litter, and a cash donation as one of their "25 good deeds," a family tradition carried out each December. We are honored to be on their Christmas list.

Kroger Fundraiser Brings in \$500 and Two Carloads of Supplies

Special thanks to Mel Johnson for organizing the May 23 Fundraiser held in Kroger's parking lot. We received pet food, litter, cleaning supplies, toys, and more.



Girl Scout Troop 1401, pictured at left, visited the shelter in May, bringing food, litter, and hand-made toys to the dogs and cats. Trudi Maish and Mary Jo Abell taught them a bit about the Humane Society's history and the staff's daily routine taking care of the animals. The girls also visited the clinic and learned what spay and neuter surgery is, and why it is so important. After their visit, the girls received their Pets and Pet Helpers badges from Troop Leader Kathy Hernandez.

Bourbon City Bark Park Now Open


Bourbon City Bark Park opened May 1st. Anyone who wants to join may go to Save A Lot with shot records and a Nelson County dog license tag which can be purchased at the Nelson County Animal Shelter at the Fairgrounds.

Open House for the Bark Park is **June 14th, 2 – 5 pm**. Check out the website at www.bourboncitybarkpark.com. For more information call 502-349-0803 or email jolene.reynolds@icloud.com.

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Thank you for all your support and consideration.

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Help The Humane Society of Nelson County by registering at www.kroger.com/communityrewards. Once registered, enter our non-profit organization number, 88273, to start earning cash for the Humane Society. Please encourage friends and families to register, too.



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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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.

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

Changes at the Shelter & Clinic

Junior Volunteers – Changes in Minimum Age

Effective with volunteers signing up for our June 13th Orientation, we are raising the minimum age for volunteering at the shelter from 12 to 14 years old.

Newspapers--No more, please

We are no longer able to accept newspapers at the shelter. Please take them to the wonderful recycling center that serves Bardstown and Nelson County. It is located at the back of Tower Automotive, on Nutter Drive, just off W. John Rowan (Hwy 245), and they are open 7 am – 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

Clinic Fee Increases

Fees have not changed in 8 years, but it is now necessary to make the following small increases. Effective July 1, cat spays will cost \$40 and cat neuters, \$25. Rabies vaccination and flea/ear mite treatment are still included. Nelson County residents can still get cats altered for free while the new PetSmart Charities Free-Roaming Cat Spay/Neuter grant is in effect. It will probably run until early 2016. Our clinic also serves other counties and we try to work with anyone needing help with cat surgeries. Call 349-2082 between 10 and 2 to inquire.

Low Cost Dog Clinic Continues with Strict Eligibility Requirements and Slight Increase in Fees

Effective July 1, the cost for neutering a dog, any size, will be raised to \$70, and to spay a dog as follows: \$80 if under 50 lbs.; \$90 for 50-79 lbs., and \$100 if over 100 lbs. We have a small grant from Kentucky's Spay/Neuter license plate program to help qualifying owners who cannot afford our very low fees. Eligibility requirements are strict for dog owners and are based on household income or enrollment in public assistance programs.

Please note: Clinic is not for profit!

The Humane Society clinic exists as a service to owners and caretakers who could not or would not otherwise spay and neuter their pets. The clinic is NOT a means of fundraising for us, and we ask that owners not use our clinic intending to help us by giving us business. The less "business" we have, the better. We never want to take clients away from local veterinarians who can provide more complete health care—preventive and diagnostic, as well as treatment should a pet become ill or injured.



THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF NELSON COUNTY

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www.ncanimalservices.org
humane-societync@att.net

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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Call 349-2082 for more information.

