



Happy Trails for Transport Volunteers

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Society Scoop

Over the last twenty years, there has been a growing movement of transporting homeless animals from areas where their numbers far exceed the number of good homes for them, to regions where they will be loved and wanted.

In general, the southeastern United States lags far behind many states in the northeast and north central sections of our nation, in regard to decreasing the numbers of unwanted companion animals that are euthanized in shelters or left wandering as strays struggling to survive.

Though our shelter cannot save every animal received because of the overwhelming numbers, if a dog or cat has a place to go, we'll go to any lengths (really, any distance) to get the lucky animal there. Sadly, many dogs, and most cats, have no rescue organization able to take them, anywhere.

People occasionally complain about our use of rescues, stating that local residents should have first chance at certain animals, especially purebred dogs. Unfortunately, many applicants do not have homes or lifestyles suitable for a particular breed. For example, "working dogs" like Border Collies, Australian Shepherds, and heelers, are high energy dogs that can be very neurotic and destructive if they don't have a job or an activity like agility competition. Breed rescue organizations are devoted to a particular

breed and know all the needs and idiosyncrasies of that breed. They screen applicants carefully and often do home visits before placing a dog, and their resources, both funds and personnel, can be used entirely for the dogs they accept, unlike our humane society which must take in all animals brought in from our county.

The other reason is that if there is a rescue for a certain breed, placement with that organization frees up a kennel for a deserving mixed-breed dog in our adoption kennel. We also use placement organizations that are not breed



Volunteers Kayce Humkey and Morgan Ford ready to drive five lucky dogs north to new homes.

specific for the same reason, to free up space. All organizations are checked out before we associate with them: they must require that all pets adopted from them are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and treated for parasites, and have adoption agreements similar to our own.

Our hope is that some day, the number of pets coming into the Nelson County Animal Shelter will drop to such a level that there will be no

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Tributes

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In Memory

Lynda Bazaar, given by Julie Black, Kathy Brown, Leo and Robyn Coleman, Tom and Janice Donan, Mary Lynn Fenwick, Ann Downs and Leo Armatis

Janet P. Bee, given by Debora Monin

Melody Burkhead, given by Melvin Burkhead

Karen Cass, given by Bill and Laura Christensen

Virginia Christensen, given by Bill and Laura Christensen, and Vicki Hobbs

Ernest Combs, given by Dan and Becky Biggs

Bruce Dahl, given by Nancy R. Dahl

Mindy Filiatreau, given by Lisa Cissell

Judy Gadbey, given by Barbara Greenwell

Doris Geoghegan, given by Kimberly Shain, Rose Royalty, Natalie Leslie, and Willie and Susan Geoghegan, Anita Allen, Veronica Stewart, Christine Amberger, William Geoghegan, and John and Doris Allen

Col. Ed Goepfer, given by Linda T. Goepfer

Jenny Hagan, given by Teresa Vanderburg

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hall, given by Jeanne Bidwell

Carole Hobbs, given by David Hobbs

Judy Johnson, given by Joe Johnson

Billy and Maxine Keene, given by Les Keene

Phil Ledgerwood, given by Andrea Ledgerwood

Debbie Nally, given by Joanne Johnson, Phil and Janet Parrott, and Patsy and Randall Parrott

Kathy and Samantha Netherland, given by Stacey Hardin Hibbard

Booker Noe, given by Fred and Sandy Noe

Jamie O'Daniel, given by Sara and Benny O'Daniel

Mary Phelps, given by Jim Phelps

Joseph R. Seay, given by Patsy B. Seay

Albert Shewmaker, given by Fred and Sandy Noe

Jean Vuturo, given by Judith Cooper, Joseph and Melissa Legel, Tanya Briley, Gloria Carl, and Kentucky Youth Career Center

"Allen's Furbabies" and "Astro," given by David and Sandra Allen

"Astro," given by Penny Spalding

"Bambi," given by Tamara Mackin

"Bear," given by Larry D. Williams

"Butch," given by Linda West and Bonnie Cecil

"BO" HAYDON, given by Peggy Hagan

"Boy Howdy," given by Carol and Mike Green

"Clea," given by Diane Nordstrand

"Cola," given by Patricia R. Montgomery and Cookie

"Cosmo" and "Oscar," given by Gary and Lori Boblitt

"Cyril" and "Roxie," given by Deborah and Gary Parsons

"Dixie," "Cozmo," and "Ami," given by Barbara Blair

"Elvis," given by Mary and David Moore

"Gracie," "Molly," and "Ginger," given by Trudi Maish

"Hannah," given by Charlie and Allen Geoghegan

"Jake" and "Ozzie," given by Danny and Julie Duncan

"Jasmine," given by Pamela Neal

"King," given by Suzanne Edelen

"Lad" and "Socks," given by Kathy Houghlin

"Lady," given by Juanita Parrott

"Lily," given by Bonnie Cecil

"Louise," given by James and Bonnie Warner

"Maggie," given by Bettye Davenport

"Max," given by Walter and Donna Boekley

"Missy" and "Taylor," given by Patricia and Jim Stamper

"Pepe," given by Penny Spalding

"Polly," given by Donna Boekley

"Reba," given by Corinne Mastey

"Reese," given by Ben and Libby Burr

"Rocky," given by Bonnie Cecil

"Ruby," given by Jeff and Judy Reynolds

"Shadow," given by Barbara Chesser

"Shorty," "Spot," "Flip," "Smidget," "Brat," and "Frosty," given by Anita Allen

"Skunky," "Twinkles," "Skippy," and "Charcoal," given by Ginny and Dave Horlander and Sylvia Horlander

"Spice," given by Gayle Sullivan

"Swain," given by Mary Nancy Todd

"Tally," given by Mardi Jones, Alma Jean Burba, Lee Evans, Lynn Farnsworth, Cathy Herbst, Joyce Mattingly, Evelyn Oakley, Mary Carlisle Willett, Elizabeth Willoughby

"Toby," given by Phillip and Janet Parrott

"Tsunami," given by Sheila and Bill Head

"W.R.III," given by Shannon Gentry

"Zeus," given by Martin and Tina Jones

"Ziggy," given by Bill and Laura Christensen

"Zoey" Maish, given by Penny Spalding, Fred and Bonnie McMillen, Judy and Jeff Reynolds, and Mary Jo Abell

In Honor

Duard E. Brumley, given by David Brumley

Judy Cooke, given by Barb and E. Bell

Mardi Jones, given by Jane and Frank Thompson

Fred and Bonita McMillen, given by Jo Etta M. Gentry

Cathy Newton, given by Erica Strauss

Mike Sewell and Judy Cooke, given by Johnny Hibbs

Gayle Sullivan, given by Jean Carol Shields

Dr. Joe Pat Taylor, for being the best doctor and friend a cat can have, given by Katie, JP, Shere Khan, Sarah, and Liz Drake

Tracie, given by Aubrey Ryan

Volunteers who care for animals, given by Anna Culver

Volunteers of Nelson County Animal Shelter, given by Roseanne and David Calisti

"Foxy," "Peppy," "Smokie," and "Lucy," for their good health, given by Shirley Veatch

"Itty" and "Bitty," given by Sean and Amanda Fry

"Max," given by Mary Sue Goff

"Mr. Sir Lord Honey," and "Sylverbelle," given by Ginny and Dave Horlander and Sylvia Horlander

"Ms. Lois," given by Connie Rogers

"Sally," given by Viva Lloyd and William Smith

"Spook," given by Ruth Bosco

"Winston," given by Jennifer Bewley

"Yessica," feline friend of Hobie Humphrey, given by Vicky Pulliam

"Zoey," the cat, given by Casey M. Mattingly

Memorials Designated to Don Perkins Fund for Indigent Animals

In Memory of Don Perkins, given by Sam Clements and Linda Akers
In Honor of Deborah Perkins, given by Judith Mitchell

“Pocket Pets” - Creatures Great and Small

By Deborah Perkins, DVM

Though the vast majority of animals housed at the Nelson County Animal Shelter are dogs and cats, we also receive other types of animals, including many adorable “pocket pets.”

Pocket pets may be hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, rats, mice, rabbits, ferrets, reptiles and birds—all the domestic versions, not wildlife. Wildlife is any animal that by nature lives apart from human beings, is not domesticated or ordinarily tame, or for which there is no USDA-approved rabies vaccine. Pocket pets are also sometimes called “exotics,” but we reserve that term, as defined in our county ordinance, for “any animal whose natural habitat is outside of the continental United States, excluding non-venomous reptiles and fish.”

Most veterinarians and humane societies would advise strongly against keeping exotics or wildlife as pets, and, in fact, there are federal, state, and local laws against doing so. Keeping such animals as pets can be harmful both to the animals, because of special nutritional and behavioral issues, and to the people caring for them who may contract an infectious disease or be bitten when the cute baby becomes a more aggressive adult.

So, back to pocket pets—great pets deserving the same care and commitment as cats and dogs. None should be considered starter pets and all will need some degree of adult care and supervision, depending the age of children involved. Each type of pet has specific needs for environment, food, and social interaction with their own species and with people. Their environment may need to have a certain temperature, lighting, hiding places, nesting and bedding material, room for exercise, and toys. Food may mean fresh vegetables and hay, or for certain reptiles, meat in the form of insects or live prey. All need clean accessible water. Prevention of breeding is essential, and our humane society will spay and neuter rabbits, rats, and others before adoption. If surgery can't be done, it is important to be sure that the sex of the animals is correctly identified so that only pets of one sex are kept together in one cage in order to prevent a population explosion!

Some fun facts:

- Guinea pigs must have a daily source of vitamin C to prevent scurvy, a painful deformity of bones.
- Rats can sense moods and are very sensitive to electromagnetic fields generated by electronic devices. They are one of the cleanest and most intelligent pocket pets.
- Rabbits are easy to housetrain and can be taught to come to their names and do simple tricks.
- Snakes don't have eyelids and no external ears, but they have internal ones. They cannot bite pieces of food and must swallow it whole.
- Hamsters are color blind and have poor eyesight. They rely on their sense of smell to find their way around. They use scent glands on their bodies to rub surfaces they travel along to leave a scent trail for themselves.



The Humane Society receives pocket pets sporadically, and often there are none in the shelter. If you are interested in a particular type, call and let us fill out a request for you so that you can be contacted if such a pet comes in to us. Do your research on the species before acquiring the pet. The Internet has information on all types of pets.

Please remember, small animals do not mean small commitment. These pets may need you and the care you provide for many years. If you cannot keep your pocket pet, try to find another good home. Do NOT turn any of them loose outside. They are domesticated species and cannot survive on their own. They may starve, die of exposure, or be injured by other animals or cars. As a last resort, turn the pets into a shelter or rescue organization where they will be humanely cared for and possibly re-homed.

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need to look outside our county for good homes. But, until that day, we are looking for drivers to help with transport. Most trips are 1 to 2 hours each way, so will take up a good part of a day. Animals range in size from kittens to Great Pyrenees, and crates and carriers are provided. When the trip is completed, the transporter will know that he or she has helped the dog or cat on the way to a new life. Many receiving organizations and individual transporters send great follow-up stories and photos.

If this type of volunteering appeals to you, and you have some time and a reliable vehicle, please contact us at humane-societync@att.net or 502-349-2082.


WISH LIST

(Capitalized items are most needed)

- MONETARY GIFTS, always preferred because we have limited storage and we need funds to pay for veterinary supplies and other specialized items
- CAT LITTER, CLAY OR CLUMPING
- BLEACH
- COPY/PRINTER PAPER
- PAPER TOWELS
- 13 gallon kitchen garbage bags
- Alcohol, cotton balls, and Q-tips (for clinic)
- Ball point pens and post-it notes
- Gift cards for gasoline to drive pets transferred to distant breed rescue or other placement organizations
- Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Tractor Supply, Kroger, or Target for needed supplies
- Liquid laundry detergent (must be HE type)
- Pet food (Purina or Pedigree dry food, only, please)
- Postage stamps
- Printer ink (Canon 240/241)
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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:
 - 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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NAME(s) _____

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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

A Dog's Ten Commandments

Contributed by Humane Society President, Trudi Maish

1. *My life is likely to last 10 - 15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.*
2. *Give me time to understand what you want of me.*
3. *Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.*
4. *Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.*
5. *Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.*
6. *Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.*
7. *Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you and yet, I choose not to bite you.*
8. *Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old and weak.*
9. *Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.*
10. *On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there because I love you so.*

Copied from Von Harmonie Kennel on Lily Hill Farm



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

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