



Happily Ever Afters

Two tales of forever homes

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Society Scoop

Journey's Long Way Home

Early in the first cold weeks of last January, a Humane Society volunteer, leaving Mass at Gethsemani, saw a brown and white hound roaming on the road. The dog looked lost and frightened, and was limping due to a visible leg wound. People in the area



Journey, comfortable in her forever home, with her best friends, Maicie and Aiden

had been feeding this dog for a few weeks, but no one could get near her.

After several unsuccessful efforts by Humane Society volunteers and Nelson County Animal Control officers to coax the dog into a car or truck, a humane trap was set with food. The hungry dog was caught, but in a panic, chewed on the trap, causing minor injury to her mouth (and major destruction of the trap.)

Finally, this unlucky dog was safe,

warm, and well-fed, but it took weeks to gain her trust so that she was friendly enough to be adopted. In the end, she turned out to be an extremely gentle, affectionate dog, though always a bit anxious, which was understandable considering what she's been through.

Now, Journey, as she was named at the shelter, is a much loved family pet who can live out her life in comfort and security. Our thanks go to Ben Crouch and his family who took in Journey and have patiently worked with her to adjust to being a pampered pet.

Grady and Gus, by Annie Rivers

After losing two cats to old age, I wanted a companion for my other elderly, now-clingy remaining cat. My only criteria were that the new addition be a male and a kitten. It was believed that our remaining cat,



Gus, in foreground, waving, and Grady, behind him

Little Miss Hostile, would feel less threatened by a male kitten rather than

See Grady and Gus, continued on page 3

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Tributes

Received between *May 1 and October 31, 2016*

In Memory

Mary Edna Blaydes, given by Pierce Shaw
Sallie Branscom, given by Mary Gallant
Melody Ann Burkhead, given by Melvin Burkhead
Charles Chesser, given by Rose Marie Taylor, Trudi Maish, and Fred and Bonita McMillen
Leon Clark, given by Pat and Jim Stamper
Doris Geoghegan, given by Liz Hutchins
Ann Marie Gilpin, given by Joanne Johnson
Wilma Gritton, given by Mary Lou Crume, Glenna Evans, Amon and Shirley Gritton, Phyllis Gritton, David and Mary Stuart Haydon, John and Mary Ellen Haydon, the Pendergrass girls (Linda, Bonnie, Patsy and Carol) Dawn Roswall, Rose Royalty, Paula Lee Ruby, Blanche Runner, Sue and Scott Carol, Patsy Seay, Tom and Wanda Sparrow, Jim and Pat Stamper, and Karen and Roger Whitehouse
Margaret Hagan, given by Teresa Vanderburg and Max Howard
Billy and Maxine Keene, given by Les Keene
Jeanette Lindsey, given by Janine Auslander
Debbie Nally, given by Patsy Parrott
Jacqueline (Jackie) Cox Neat, given by Stan and Nancy Cox, R.D. and Renee Edwards, Robert and Kathleen Hinklin, Randy and Bonnie Hutson, Torrey Koehring, Jana Lyons, Bill and Sherry Nold, Betty Overstreet, Elisabeth J. Schulz, Mary Lois Smith, Darlene Mitchell, Trudi Maish, Mary Lynn Carlson, and Rose Reynolds and Lola VanWoert
Kathy and Samantha Netherland, given by Stacey Hardin Hibbard
Booker Noe, given by Sandy and Fred Noe
Jamie O'Daniel, given by Sara and Benny O'Daniel
Deanna Riggs, given by Kellie and Lynn Burns, Rose and Mike and Girls, Jane Clark, Bill and Betty Devin, Buddy and Betty Wheatley, Kendall and Paula Clark, Jeffery and Detra Bryant
Joe Seay, given by Brenda Stewart
Albert Shewmaker, given by Sandy and Fred Noe
J. B. Stone, given by Ingeborg Grant, Garneta and E. L. Ryan, and Betty Seay
Sarah Thorpe, given by Kathy and Geoff Tatman
Faye Williamson, given by Barbara Garnett
Margaret and Carl Zoeller, given by Janine Auslander

Given to the Don Perkins Memorial Fund
for Indigent Animals

In honor of Deborah Perkins' Birthday,
given by Sam Clements

"Barney," given by Jeremy Clark
"Bear," given by Larry D. Williams
"Bojangles," given by Dan and Becky Biggs
"Butch," given by Linda West
"Charlie Dog," given by Yvonne and Charles Beam
"Cosmo" and "Oscar," given by Gary and Lori Boblitt
"Granny" and "Boogie," given by Don Nugent
"Katie," given by Carol Hawkins
"KoKo" Gabbert, given by Jane Hagan
"Lily," given by Chris Caswell
"Lucy II," given by Joseph Johnson
"Max," given by Gayle Sullivan
"Mr. Boots" and "Billy," given by Patricia A. Spelbring
"Old Cat," given by Sharron Blincoe
"Past Cats," given by Joseph Johnson
"Polly" and "Max," given by Donna Boekley
"Rascal," given by Anne Arnold
"Reba," given by Corinne Mastey
"Rogue," given by Gayle Sullivan
"Rugsy," given by Shawn Veech
"Sonny," given by Bonnie Cecil
"Swain," given by Mary Nancy Todd
"Taz," given by Gayle Sullivan
"Tucson" and "Sebastian," given by Tom and Carla Evans
"Zeus," given by Martin and Tina Jones

In Honor

Jane Hagan, given by Jane O'Keefe
Bob Kelly, on his special birthday, given by Janine Auslander
Deborah Perkins, given by Patricia Jenkins
Samantha Taylor, given by Amy Taylor
"In thanks for caring for the animals," given by Pat Montgomery
Everyone Who Volunteers, given by Barb and E. Bell
"Reece," given by Kathy Jones
"Sally," given by Vi Lloyd and Billy Smith
Volunteers of Nelson Co. Humane Society, given by Roselle Calisti



Trudi Maish, center, accepting a check for \$1,000, given by Kirk Neat in memory of his wife, Jackie Neat. Her sister, Judy White, a long time Humane Society volunteer, stands to the left.

Journey's Long Way Home (continued from page 1)

another female.

A coworker suggested I check Petfinder.com. Through the site, I saw two gray kittens that I fell in love with which were being fostered through the Nelson County Humane Society. I was put in touch with Jane Hagan, the foster mom to the two kittens, and she was wonderful. She suggested the kitten I should adopt which would best suit my house and the needs of the kitten.

On September 19, 2015, Grady joined our household and I cannot imagine my life without him. From a kitten who was so small and lightweight he barely fit in your hand, he has grown into the size of a small sumo wrestler. For his size, though, he's a gentle, extremely affectionate cat who is a #1 Wuss and who loves nothing more than being held (plus a daily Redi-Whip treat).

Very recently, Little Miss Hostile died unexpectedly. Her death left a hole in our lives. I again contacted Jane who had the perfect kitten for us—a Maine Coon mix named Gus. Jane trusted me with adopting Gus and he joined my household on August 20.

From the first, he fit right in. Grady and Alexander, another cat in my household (who showed up at my window at 5:30 a.m. and ultimately became a member of the family) took Gus to heart. Now the three chase and wrestle and chase some more. My house is a kitten/cat preschool where fun is the name of the game—along with kisses, hugs, cat treats and Redi-Whip. (I seem to adopt cats who are lactose-tolerant.)

I love the staff at the Nelson County Humane Society. They have been wonderful throughout my fur-toddlers' adoption process and are always happy to receive pictures of my "kids." They don't just shove an animal in your arms, shove you out the door, and consider the adoption complete. They stay interested in the progress of the animal post-adoption. I have sent many pictures of Grady to Jane, and she and I have become friends because of my adoption of Grady.

I know that if I decide to add a fourth cat to my family, I can adopt one from the Nelson County Humane Society and be confident it will be the right pet for me.



Dippin' Dogs 2016

Kaydence Biven is pictured above with her dog, Shelby, in the pool at Dippin' Dogs, held August 20th at the Bardstown City Pool. It was well attended as usual and raised funds for the Humane Society of Nelson County, Barktown, Bourbon City Bark Park, and Pawsville.

Be sure to enjoy Dippin' Dogs in 2017. Visit www.dippindogs.org for more information.

Special Thanks

The Humane Society is sincerely grateful to the following businesses, organizations, and individuals who have donated in various ways between May 5 and October 31, 2016.

- The Abbey of Gethsemani
- Bardstown Mills
- Bob Blair, Jr. Masonry
- Boone's Abattoir
- Brown and Company, CPA's
- C & S Millwork
- Cash Express
- Chemco Federal Credit Union
- Corvin's Furniture and Bardstown Traders' Mall
- Girl Scout Troop 1340
- Jenny Boone Design Studio
- JT's Consignments
- The Kentucky Standard
- Kroger Company
- Maddie's Fund Million Cat Challenge Incentive Grant
- Marshall's Jewelers
- PLG TV
- Tractor Supply
- Wal-Mart

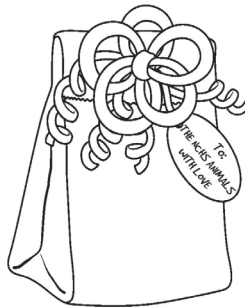
Yard Sale Helpers: This year at least two dozen people pitched in to donate, price, and transport items to this October sale which brought in over \$2,500. Rather than try to list all names and risk omitting someone, let's just say thanks, and you know who you are! We do want to recognize the one person who is the driving force in this effort, as well as that for the Traders Mall booth. That is Gailyn Brock, and we can't thank her enough.

The following students from the Thomas Nelson High School Beta Club and National Honor Society helped out this year, and we are grateful to them: Grace Calhoun, Jordan Dixon, Ellie Hagan, Libby Hagan, Hannah Price, Kendall Roller, and Rachel Tichenor.

Special thanks to **Select Security**, especially Mark Hicks and David Dickerson for donating and installing our new security cameras at the shelter.

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!

More Birthday Presents from our youngest donors



Jaclyn Hutchins (above right) and Avery Johnson (at right) both chose to request gifts for shelter pets instead of themselves.



A thousand thanks for a thousand Hot Wheels!



Koby, left, and Noah Vittitow collected 1,000 toy cars to donate to the Humane Society to sell and raise funds for the shelter.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Contributed by Kristi Grant

Rhonda Brady is vigorous in her volunteer efforts for the Humane Society of Nelson County. Rhonda and her Community Access Specialist from Communicare, Kristi Grant, have set up donation boxes throughout the area at various locations such as the Bardstown Veterinary Clinic, SpecialPets, Central Kentucky Animal Clinic, and the Nelson County Library. Rhonda and Kristi check the donation boxes twice a week and deliver all donations to the Humane Society where they volunteer on Monday and Friday mornings.

Through her volunteer efforts, Rhonda has made many friends in the community, including Kristyn Broell who assisted Rhonda and Kristi in setting up a donation area at the Bardstown Kroger on August 7, 2016. At this event, Rhonda collected over \$150 and a vast assortment of donations including dog food, cat food, toys, paper towels, and bleach. On August 20, Rhonda enjoyed attending Dippin' Dogs with her friends, Kristi, Kristyn, and Julie Duncan. Volunteers like Rhonda, who selflessly seek to improve the lives of animals in Nelson County, are a huge asset to the Humane Society. Hats off to Rhonda.

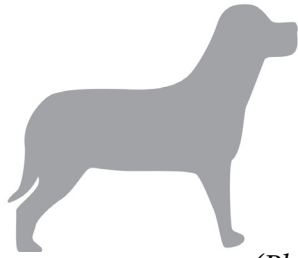


Rhonda Brady and Danny Waits, surrounded by the many supplies they collected for the Humane Society.

Paws for the Cause



- 🐾 Mel Johnson (left) and Phyllis Brown
- 🐾 organized another event at Kroger
- 🐾 where they collected three truckloads
- 🐾 of supplies and over \$500 in cash
- 🐾 for the Humane Society. Our sincere
- 🐾 thanks to all Kroger employees and
- 🐾 customers who donated time, supplies,
- 🐾 and money.



Ways to Give

Come visit us or send a gift by mail to:

The 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.
- 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 below).
- 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.

We are no longer able to do automatic withdrawals from bank accounts. We encourage donors to continue monthly donations by:

- (1) **PayPal** - go to www.ncanimalservices.org and click on Donations; or
- (2) **Check** - we will be glad to supply you with pre-printed envelopes you can request by calling 349-2082.

WISH LIST

- MONETARY GIFTS, always preferred because we have limited storage & we need funds to pay for veterinary supplies & other specialized items
- CAT LITTER, CLAY OR CLUMPING
- BLEACH
- COPY/PRINTER PAPER
- PAPER TOWELS
- 13 gallon kitchen garbage bags
- Alcohol, cotton balls, & Q-tips (for clinic)
- Ball point pens & 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)
- Towels, washrags, blankets, sheets, pillow cases

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Introducing New Partners in Helping Nelson County Pets

Pawsville, Inc., 501-c Non-Profit by Becky Aldridge

Our mission is to provide supplemental pet food for those in need within our community. We provide this support without judgment, for individuals and families who love their pets and want to keep them. Every one of us has had to face hard times and difficult choices, but feeding our pets, our companions, should never be one of them. Our hope is to reduce the number of healthy pets that are surrendered because of financial burden by keeping them with their families. Our goal is simple—we feel that prevention is part of the answer to shelter overcrowding and euthanasia of healthy pets.

Once a week we deliver around 300-400 lbs. of dry dog food and cat food to the Bread of Life Food Pantry, located in Bardstown, KY. The food is placed into gallon size bags for distribution, and to prevent store returns. Every week when we return, the food bin is empty, confirming just how real the need is.

As we grow, we hope to offer free or very low cost vaccines, and to assist with spay/neuter services, which will decrease the number of unwanted pets. Everything is donated, everything. We accept donations of dry dog food, dry cat food, cat litter, straw for outside bedding, dog houses, new or used, which just need to be in good shape.

Volunteers are always welcome. Please contact us for any help you want to give, or if you or someone you know is in need. Monetary donations can be made through our website www.pawsvillerescue.com or Facebook page. Donations can be dropped off at Groomfield located in Bloomfield KY, Grooming by Nicole located in Bardstown, or we are always happy to meet you. You can also help by choosing Pawsville for your Kroger Community rewards partner or Amazon Smile partner. As always, we appreciate any support.

Crossed Paths Pet Network by Leslie "Chelley" Culver

Crossed Paths Pet Network is a small non-profit organization dedicated to the welfare of the pets of Nelson County. The goals of Crossed Paths is assistance to pet owners to help them keep their pets, fostering and/or re-homing of pets when there is no other option, community education and overpopulation prevention, and support for local shelters and rescues.

Crossed Paths Pet Network was formed by a few people who met through their love for animals and a desire to rescue the lost and unwanted. Prevention, education, and assistance are our focus in reducing the number of animals in Nelson County who suffer and are only hoping for a safe and loving home.

We are a non-profit group and our federal status is pending. We are currently self-funded by the members, various fundraisers, and re-homing fees. Donations are greatly needed and appreciated and 100% of all funds are used for expenses related to assisting pet owners, and veterinary and sheltering costs for the dogs we have in foster waiting for their forever homes.

Crossed Paths Pet Network is on Facebook with photos and information on animals looking for a home. We can also be reached at crossedpathsnetwork@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of Nelson County Humane Society, Crossed Paths Pet network, and the animals of Nelson County, and please share our story and contact information.



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

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