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## We Welcome Our New Director

After three and a half years in this position, Dr. Deborah Perkins is stepping down as the Director of Animal Services for the Humane Society of Nelson County and will continue as shelter veterinarian. Shari Stackhouse has taken the lead as of September 8, 2022.



*Shari Stackhouse with a few of her pets*

Shari said, "First, let me say that I appreciate the vote of confidence to have been selected as the director of this wonderful organization. I came to Nelson County nearly 20 years ago. It was evident from my early encounters with HSNK that everyone involved was and still is dedicated and passionate. I have supported our humane society in several different capacities over the years from fundraising to fostering, and yes, I've been a foster failure!! I came to Bardstown with one dog and two cats, all rescued from areas where I lived. Now I have three little dogs and 'a few' cats." *Continued on page 2*

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Again, all are rescues or from HSNC. I love them all very much and couldn't imagine not living with all of these different personalities! They are better than watching comedy on TV!! "

"An important goal that I would like to see us focus on is expanding humane education, particularly to school-age children. This is very important, not only because we need more volunteers, but also because these are the citizens of the future to carry on our worthwhile cause. However, the HSNC is more than a 'cause'. It is an important service that we provide to our community. For example, the HSNC provides low cost spay/neuter services. This is important for several reasons:

- 1) to slow population growth,
- 2) to curb undesirable hormone-related behaviors, and
- 3) to reduce health risks for the animals themselves.

We will continue to talk more about spay/neuter services in future communications. The HSNC also works to prevent cruelty to and relieve suffering of animals. We could do so much more with more volunteers. If you feel that you can contribute any amount of time, please let us know. Foster "purrents" are also needed very much. We can always use monetary contributions, too. Please let us know if you can help!"

Welcome, Shari!



*Bebe, Shari's first foster failure*

## New Pain Control Available for Cats



Zorbium (buprenorphine) is a new feline post-operative analgesia that is applied to the skin one to two hours prior to surgery and lasts for four days. It is applied by the clinic staff and comes in two sizes, one for cats less than six pounds and one for cats up to 16.5 pounds. It has been determined to be safe and effective for cats over 2.6 pounds and over four months of age. Pain can prevent patients from timely healing and return to function. Unmanaged acute pain can lead to chronic maladaptive pain. Previously used medications had only twenty-four hours duration or required oral administration, which is sometimes quite difficult in cats.

## Loss of a Friend to the Humane Society

David Willard Skellenger died peacefully at his home on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, surrounded by his loving friends, the Hospice Chaplain, nurse, and his caregiver, Clint Collins.

David was born in Belding, Michigan in 1937. By 18 years of age, he had collected his own personal museum of antiques, historical documents, and rare books. His love of history continued throughout his life. Always thinking of historical preservation, David documented every antique book or historical object he collected. He was also an avid reader, usually consuming a book every week. He had an extensive, beautifully framed collection of vintage photographs, all including animals.

David always loved Bardstown. After spending weekends here when he was stationed in Fort Knox in 1960, he and his partner, Dennis Eckert, eventually moved to Bardstown from Chicago. He worked at My Old Kentucky Home for years before operating a flower shop on Third Street with Dennis. *David and Dennis helped the Humane Society of Nelson County with their generous monetary donations and they cut paper surgical drapes to size for our patients.*

He had a great sense of humor, except when dealing with technology or machinery. He never quite mastered his TV remote, or phone or riding mower. When in doubt, he pushed all buttons and levers.

He was preceded in death by his long-term partner, Dennis Eckert, who died in 2021. David is survived by his cousin, Jann Krupa (Gary) of Belding, Michigan, as well as his Helicopter Moms, (Ann Rosalie Ballard, Gail Hart, Mary Ellen Hamilton), his caregiver Clint Collins, and Henry, his faithful dog, as well as an army of friends and neighbors who fed, supported and hovered over him whether he wanted help or not. David was a kind, generous, lovely soul who will be sorely missed.

Donations in his memory to Hospice, Nelson County Spay/Neuter program, or the Food Pantry would be appreciated.

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David Skellenger

## Kentucky Humane Society Brings Care-a-Van to Nelson County



On August 25th and 26th this year, the Care-a-Van visited Nelson County to provide low-cost vaccines for dogs and cats, heartworm testing, and preventative medications for heartworm disease and parasite control. Services were obtained by approximately 60 pets. "Teddy" Myers is seen here being a brave boy for the staff of the Kentucky Humane Society.

While this was a great help to many families trying to live within their means during these trying times, we still recommend that you establish a relationship with local veterinarians as there is no substitute for regular professional veterinary care. Our local veterinarians are exceptional so please do support them.

## Adopt a Working Cat

submitted by Kathleen Mills

The Working Cat Project places cats unsuitable for indoor living into safe barn homes in Central Kentucky.

As of August 2022, they have placed 419 cats into 179 barn homes. They have placed cats at some of the most prestigious farms in Central Kentucky including Gainesway, Calumet, and Coolmore.

Relocating a feral cat shouldn't be done unless absolutely necessary. Cats in this program come from local shelters or unsafe, outdoor living conditions. These cats are either too feisty, shy, fearful of people, or have litter box issues (for which medical issues have been ruled out).

Community/alley cats enter our program when their outdoor homes become unsafe. An example of this would be new construction or lack of a caretaker to feed and check up on them. The outcome for cats in these situations is usually very grim. The Working Cat Project is stepping in to fill this gap and save lives.

These cats are placed into safe barn homes. The property owner is required to provide shelter, food, and water. In return, the cats control the rodent population. All cats are vaccinated and spayed/neutered

prior to arriving at their new home. There is a mandatory four week kenneling of the cats at the new property to ensure they get used to their surroundings and their new caregiver. After the four weeks, the cats are released to become full-time pest control staff!

Currently cats are placed in **Fayette, Madison, Jessamine, Woodford, Scott, Bourbon, Harrison, and Clark counties**. If you are interested in adopting a working cat here in Nelson County, please contact 348-1865 (the Animal Shelter) to inquire about the availability of barn cats.



## Trim Masters Charitable Foundation

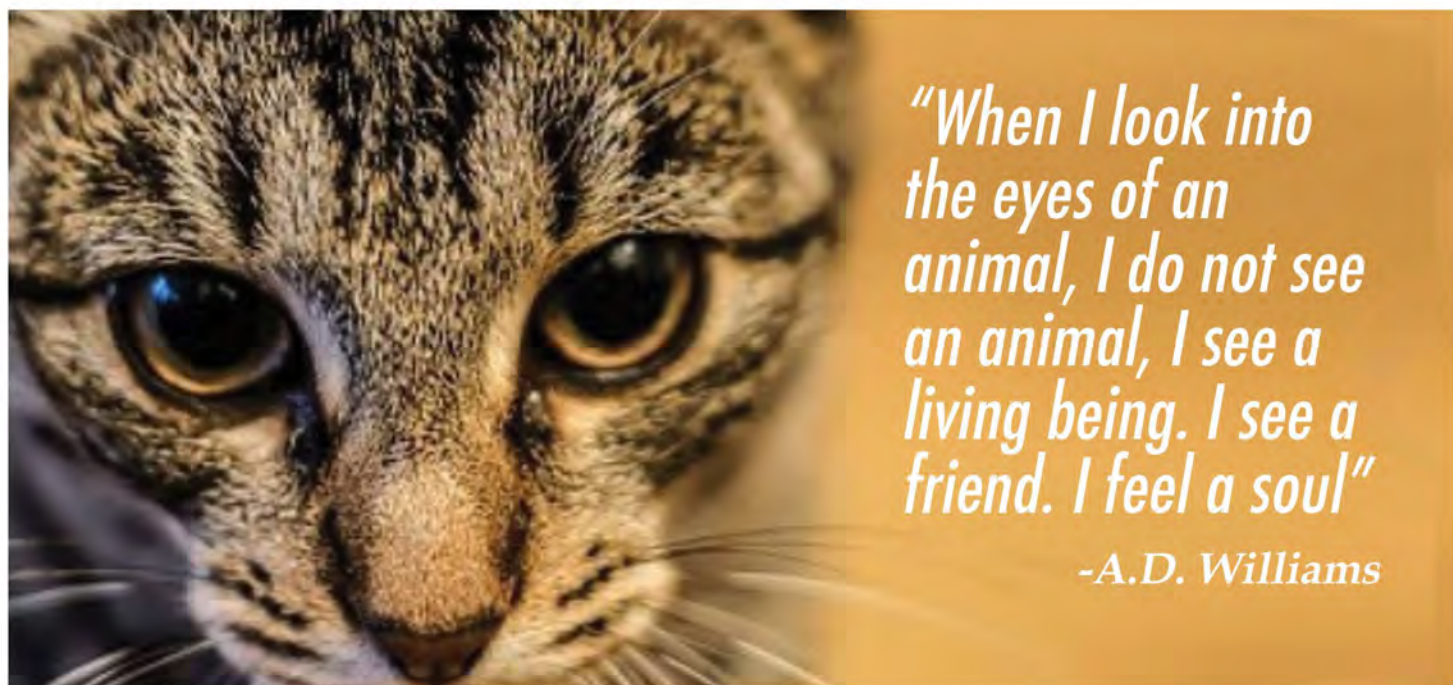
Victoria Snyder, office manager, and her "Doodle", Daisy Mae, receive a \$2,000 check from James Hillyard on behalf of Trim Masters. This donation supports the Donald Perkins Memorial Fund for Indigent Animals. We have been the fortunate recipient of this award for several years.

The Donald Perkins Fund is used exclusively to pay for medical or surgical treatment given by local veterinarians to pets of indigent families. We are very grateful for the continued support from Trim Masters Charitable Foundation.

## Donating to The Humane Society of Nelson County

1. Cash, check or credit card. Make checks out to the Humane Society of Nelson County.
2. Food and supplies are always appreciated.
3. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Sign in with your Amazon account and select us as your charity. Start shopping but remember to checkout at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to generate donations.
4. Register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](https://krogercommunityrewards.com). Select the Humane Society of Nelson County as your charity. Enter our NPO number, BM191, to start earning rewards for the Humane Society! Please share with your friends and get the word out!
5. Visit our website <https://www.humanesocietyofnelsoncountyky.com/> and donate through Paypal.
6. Volunteer to help us in the surgery clinic, as a foster parent, with fundraising and promotions, or with newsletters.

*We are grateful for your continued support!*



# Tributes (received March 15, 2022-September 15, 2022)

We make every effort to correctly attribute your closing donations.  
Please let us know if we have made an error and it will be corrected in the next issue.

## In Memory - People

**Linda Meyer Beam**, given by Bonnie Cecil, Charles and Margaret Downs, Sarah Hite, Gayle and David Hobbs, Vicki Hobbs, Fred and Sandy Noe, Hazel Reynolds, Terry Troutman, Nancy Zielke  
**Amanda Bertram**, given by David and Debbie Lester  
**Debbie Burnett**, given by Beverly Adkins  
**Josh Crume**, given by Nadine Crume  
**Murphee Yates Donnan**, given by Beth Corbett  
**Don Fletcher**, given by Barbara Fletcher  
**Linda Goepper Memorial**, given by John Douglas Hubbard, Davis Huston, Nemola Stark  
**George "Leo" Greenwell, Sr.**, given by Paul Bradley, Allison Nead Brown, Hank Duncan, Vicki Hobbs, Carol Jones, Miss Kitty Feline Sanctuary, Wally and Nemola Stark  
**Fredrick Hagan, Sr.**, given by Trudi Maish  
**Jenny Hagan**, given by Teresa Vanderburg  
**Judy Johnson**, given by anonymous  
**Elizabeth Melcher**, given by Hank Duncan  
**April Nease**, given by Mecia Crutcher  
**Jamie O'Daniel**, given by Sara O'Daniel  
**Polly McDonald**, given by William and Mary Bruner, Judith Hiss  
**Beulah Stone Shewmaker**, given by Janice Adams and Family, Mary Blandford, Janice Hedgepeth, John and Kathy Kelly, Arch, Chip and Lud McKay, Linda West  
**Katie Simpson of Fairfield**, given by Sierra Hamm  
**David Skellenger**, given by Judy Cooke  
**Terry Thompson**, given by Susan and Julian Kelty

## In Honor - People

**Doris Geoghegan**, given by Anita Allen  
**In honor of Gary Gowen's birthday**, given by Harriett Akins  
**Sam Taylor**, given by Mary Jo and Edgar Abell  
**Kelly Simpson**, given by Mary Marquess

## In Memory - Pets

**In memory of my many pets**, given by Anita Allen  
**In memory of Janice and her three cats "Britsy Ann," "Miss Kitty," and "Sassy"**, given by Susan Auberry  
**"Copper," "Cosmo," "Jack," and "Oscar,"** given by Lori and Gary Boblitt

**"Polly,"** given by Donna Boekley  
**"Oliver," and "Sassy,"** given by Sandra Buckman  
**"Baxter,"** given by Bonnie Cecil  
**"Shelby," and "Jake,"** given by Bonnie Cecil  
**"Sebastian," and "Tucson,"** given by Thomas Evans  
**"Ivy," "Axl," and "Jack,"** given by Jane Harrison  
**"Jake" Winchester,** given by Judith Hiss  
**"DeeBo,"** given by Vicki Hobbs  
**"Lad," and "Socks,"** given by Katherine Houghlin  
**"Max," and "Zeus,"** given by Martin and Tina Jones  
**"Fatty Cat,"** given by Myles Jayden Lawrence with funds raised with a lemonade stand  
**"Red" McMillen,** given by Paula Burkot, Fred and Bonita McMillen, Trudi Maish, Deborah Perkins  
**"Star" McMillen,** given by Paula Burkot, Fred and Bonita McMillen  
**"Karmel" Reed,** given by Frank Reed  
**"Gizmo" Reynolds, pet of Judy and Jeff Reynolds,** given by Dianne Smith and Janice White  
**"Lucy" Allen (Dave and Sandy), "Max" Coulter (Lynn and Tonya), "Wills" Corbett (Beth and Kelly), and "Omie" Willis (Donna),** given by Penny Spalding

## In Honor - Pets

**"Mia," and "Princess,"** given by Yvonne Beam  
**"Smokey," and "Tiger,"** given by Betty McGirk  
**"Daisy," "Barley," "Pawl," and "Patsy,"** given by Mary Moore  
**"Parsley Cats,"** given by Patricia Parsley  
**"Sally,"** given by Viva Lloyd and William Smith  
**"Socks,"** given by Linda West

## Don Perkins Memorial Fund In Memory of:

**Debbie Filiatreau,** given by Rose Marie Taylor  
**Frank Kolb,** given by Rose Marie Taylor  
**Janet Mitchell,** given by Rose Marie Taylor  
**Polly McDonald,** given by Rose Marie Taylor  
**Ramona Parrish,** given by Rose Marie Taylor

## Board and General Membership Meetings

November 3, 2022  
February 2, 2023  
May 4, 2023  
August 3, 2023  
November 2, 2023

All meetings are held in the County Animal Shelter (formerly Humane Society Building) at 6pm and are about one hour in length. Everyone is welcome!

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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

### **Board Members**

Shari Stackhouse, Director  
Trudi Maish, President  
Julie Duncan, Vice President  
Sheila McDonald, Treasurer  
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Mary Jo Abell  
Lydia Graves  
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**Lemonade Stand Fundraising**

Ms. Jolene Anderson, along with Violet Curtsinger, Kayla and Chloe Anderson, Vivian Hamilton, and Zoey Ulrich, held a lemonade stand raising \$204.40 for us!

