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Letter from Alisa



April 15, 2024 marks 140 years of the Kentucky Humane Society serving animals in need. Our efforts today remain the same – aiding the voiceless animals in our community to give them a second chance at a brighter future.

Now more than ever, we need our community to come together to help animals in need. In Louisville and across the nation, animal shelters are over capacity. A great way to help is by adopting or fostering. I invite you to join us for our second mega adoption event at the Kentucky Exposition Center on Saturday, May 11 from 12-4 p.m. for Hammer's Lou Adopts. KHS and Louisville Metro Animal Services are teaming up with other local shelters to bring adoptable dogs and puppies under one roof for an incredibly inspiring day. When you adopt during Hammer's Lou Adopts, you're supporting your local shelters and making room for them to save even more animals.

Locally and nationally, animal shelters are working to overcome long-term ramifications of the pandemic. During lockdowns, veterinarians were suspended from nonessential services such as routine spay/neuter surgeries. It is estimated that during that time our nation experienced a deficit of 2.7 million animal alterations. KHS is hard at work, partnering with organizations and passionate people across the state to bring affordable spay/neuter surgeries to our community. Between our amazing S.N.I.P. clinic, CARE-a-van and veterinary staff at KHS, we were able to provide more than 12,500 alteration surgeries last year.

Despite the challenges in animal welfare right now, I remain hopeful. KHS has the best people advocating for our animals. We hear countless stories of compassionate pet owners who will move mountains to keep their animals happy and healthy. We have an incredible group of fosters, volunteers and donors who give their time, treasure, hearts and homes to caring for our shelter animals prior to adoption. And we are staffed with the kindest individuals who embody our core value of 'ever-evolving' to adapt to the ever-changing landscape of animal welfare.

I extend my gratitude to you for supporting KHS. It's people like you who will keep us going for another 140 years.

Sincerely,

Alisa Gray
President & CEO

PS: I encourage you to foster or adopt an adult dog if you can; they need you, now, more than ever!



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Staff Feature: Meet Allison Lauder

Allison celebrated 25 years of working at KHS in December 2023. Since arriving at KHS, she has worked with our Pet Resorts, S.N.I.P. Clinic, East Campus Management, Facilities and HR teams. She currently serves as KHS' Senior Human Relations Manager. Her knowledge of our organization and compassion for people and animals are invaluable.



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Emergency C-Section Saves Sweet n' Low

Thank you for helping KHS save homeless animals like Sweet n' Low

In early February, the Kentucky Humane Society was contacted by a nearby shelter asking if we could provide medical assistance to a one-year-old dog they found in distress. She had been abandoned in an alley where she was unsuccessfully trying to give birth to a litter of puppies.

Sweet n' Low, named for her gentle demeanor and low-to-the-ground stature, was rushed to the KHS' Sam Swope Pet Treatment and Lifesaving Center where we had 11 staff members ready to perform an after-hours emergency c-section. Sweet n' Low made it through the surgery, but unfortunately, her puppies could not survive the long, traumatic labor.

It was evident that this poor mama was a victim of overbreeding and abuse. Her ears were sloppily cropped, and the trauma her reproductive tract suffered from previous breeding made urination, sitting and walking nearly impossible. Her tiny body was also covered in what we believed were untreated chemical burns.

"Sweet n' Low came to KHS in critical need," Dr. Emily Bewley said. "We feel fortunate to have been able to step in and save her life in her most vulnerable moment."

She needed round-the-clock care of medication and fluids to aid her physical healing, along with constant reassurance to overcome mental trauma. After surgery, she spent time in a foster home where she showed improvements and a mood shift. Soon after, Sweet n' Low found a loving home with our Board Chair, Patrick Padgett, his wife, Elizabeth, along with their other furry companion, Henry.

Thanks to your support, KHS takes in desperate animals like Sweet n' Low and gives them lifesaving medical care. Thank you. 🌸



Purrfect Day Café Nearing 10,000 Adoptions

Purrfect Day Café (PDC) opened their doors to the Louisville community on August 8, 2018 – International Cat Day. The café initially had their eyes set on a goal of adopting 300 cats in the first year but quickly surpassed that, adopting 1,000 felines in the first ten months. Now, as they approach six years in operation, PDC is also nearing another milestone – 10,000 adoptions! Purrrietor Chuck Patton said Louisville’s Purrfect Day Café will be the nation’s first cat café to adopt this many felines. Chuck attributes their success to a “purrfect paw-tnership” between the Kentucky Humane Society and the PDC team.

“Our business model has changed the landscape for cat cafés,” Chuck said. “We could not do what we do without remembering the mission of KHS.”

So how does it work? The cats and kittens adopted from Purrfect Day Café come from KHS after they are microchipped, spayed/neutered and vaccinated. PDC then acts as a foster facility – offering a unique setting for humans and cats to meet. This keeps felines out of the shelter and supports a model that results in a higher rate of successful adoptions.

Purrfect Day Café has adopted over 9,300 cats and anticipates the 10,000th adoption to be during Fall 2024 – it could be you! Schedule a visit to PDC (1741 Bardstown Rd) so you can experience this fun way to meet a furry friend. You’re guaranteed to have a great time playing and cuddling with the resident felines. Hopefully you’ll fall in love and bring one home! Visits are by appointment and can be made online at purrfectdaycafe.com. 🌸



Willow Hope Farm Rescue Initiatives Continue

Our Equine C.A.R.E. team at our Willow Hope Farm continues their incredible work rescuing, rehabilitating, training, caring and loving for equines in need across Kentucky. Check out some of the amazing lives they have transformed. 🐾



Autumn Before & Autumn Now

Autumn is a yearling filly who was brought to KHS after she was found abandoned, starving and low on hope. Autumn is continuing her training and now searching for an adopter.



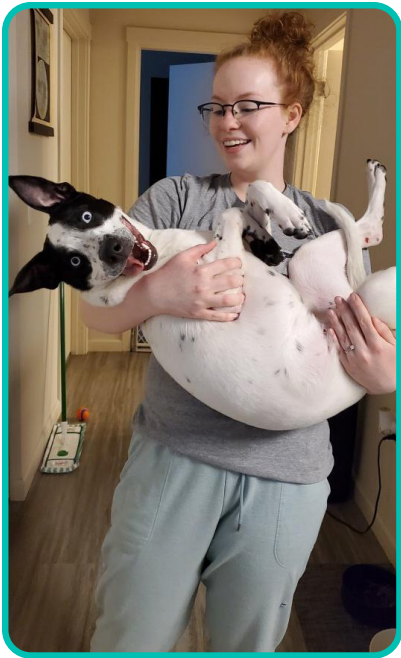
Peanut Before & Peanut Now

Peanut is a yearling filly who came to KHS emaciated. After proper care and nourishment, Peanut was happily adopted along with her friend Michael, who she met at Willow Hope Farm.



Fennec Before & Fennec Now

Fennec is an Arabian gelding who came to KHS from a neglect case in Northern Kentucky. Fennec found a new home once he was rehabbed and healthy.



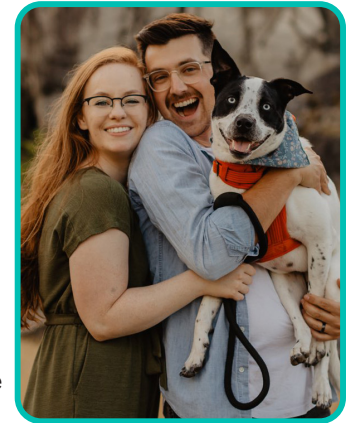
DONOR SPOTLIGHT The Grabhorn Family

The Grabhorn family's devotion to the Kentucky Humane Society stems from their profound love for animals. In 2020, they rescued Zoey, a spirited pup at KHS who has a penchant for destroying stuffed toys. Now approaching four years old, Zoey brings boundless energy and joy to their lives, especially to the Grabhorn family's youngest son whom she lives with in Vancouver, Washington.

The Grabhorns' involvement with KHS has been marked by memorable experiences, from feeding horses at Willow Hope Farm to their annual sponsorship at our Tuxes & Tails and Pars for Pets events. They have also extended their support through initiatives at their law firm, Grabhorn Law | Insured Rights®. They are

working to upgrade the horse stalls at Willow Hope Farm by sponsoring a stall and encouraging others to do so as well. Additionally, they encourage potential clients to redirect consultation fees as donations to KHS.

As the Grabhorn family continues their heartfelt journey with KHS, they serve as inspiring advocates for animal welfare, demonstrating the transformative power of love and compassion in enriching the lives of shelter pets and their adoptive families. 🌻



BARK & BRUNCH BY THE BRIDGE

A PET FRIENDLY EVENT
AT PIG BEACH BBQ!



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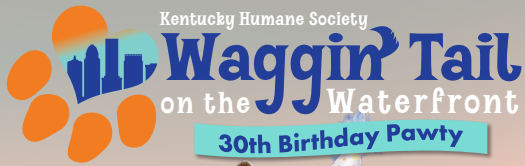
Bark & Brunch

We are excited to partner with Waterfront Park, Feeders Pet Supply and Pig Beach BBQ to bring back Bark & Brunch. These dog-friendly events will be on April 14, May 19, June 23, July 21, August 25 and September 15 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bark & Brunch features brunch items, drink specials, a bubbly bar and live jazz music and are sponsored by Feeders Pet Supply. 🌻

Gallopalooza

Willow Hope Farm is temporarily home to a Gallopalooza during their 20th anniversary! Painted by local artist, Julia Lanham, our Gallopalooza features a fun collage of KHS colored horseshoes. Make sure to schedule a tour of Willow Hope Farm to check it out. This art installation will be with KHS for six months from April to September 2024 before being auctioned off to benefit the Brightside Foundation. 🐾





Waggin' Tail on the Waterfront

Tickets are on sale now for Waggin' Tail on the Waterfront – 30th Birthday Pawty on Sunday, June 2 from 12-4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, or \$25 for a four pack. You can also purchase a 2024 Waggin' Tail t-shirt when you buy your tickets! This dog-friendly event features fun vendors and activities for the whole family at Waterfront Park's Festival Plaza. Get your tickets today at kyhumane.org/waggintail. 🌸



Scan to get your tickets now!

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Hammer's Lou Adopts

We are thrilled to bring back Hammer's Lou Adopts on Saturday, May 11 from 12-4 p.m. KHS and Louisville Metro Animal Services are teaming up with other local shelters to match more canines and humans together during this mega adoption event. Sponsored by Isaacs & Isaacs Personal Injury Lawyers, Hammer's Lou Adopts is a free event offering on-site adoptions for nearly 200 dogs and puppies at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center Pavilion. For more details, visit kyhumane.org/louadopts. We can't wait to see you there! 🌸



Tuxes & Tails: A Happily Ever After Fairy Tail

KHS' 2024 Tuxes & Tails Gala to benefit shelter pets is on Saturday, August 10. Guests will be enchanted by this magical event at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. The *Happily Ever After Fairy Tail* evening will feature a cocktail reception, silent and live auction, live band and so much more. Visit kyhumane.org/events for sponsorship opportunities and ticket information. 🌸

Pars for Pets

Mark your calendars to take a swing for KHS' animals! Our 2024 Pars for Pets golf scramble is Monday, October 14, at the University of Louisville Golf Club. Your foursome will enjoy a day of golf, lunch, complimentary beverages on the course, contests, cocktail reception and a visit with shelter pets. Contact Haley Aldridge at haldridge@kyhumane.org or call 502-515-3134 to reserve your spot. 🌸



Happy Tails – Congrats to ALL Adoptees!



Wafer's new mom has plenty of puppy kisses in her future. Happy Tails, Wafer!



Mr. Mittens is joining his PDC kitty friend Beanie in his new home.



Sweet old lady Dream was wide awake when she found her new family. We are so happy!



Wittle Wady found her paw-fect match and snuggle companion with her new mom!



Maise's new family told us they fell in love with her "torti-tude" and knew it was meant to be. We are thrilled for you, Maise!



Curious and sweet little Ombre, filly of Slammin Blue Kittie, was adopted by a lovely family. Yay, Ombre!



We are thrilled that Holly, who was at our first Feeders Pet Supply Pup-Up Adoption Event, was adopted and is soaking up snuggles in her forever home!



Our hearts melted when our sweet calico Rilee's new humans told her she was "part of the family now." Congrats, Rilee!

Contact Us

Sam Swope Pet TLC Center

241 Steedly Drive
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Monday–Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Admissions by Appointment

East Campus

1000 Lyndon Lane, Suite B
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