

**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF NELSON COUNTY**
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Society Scoop

County contracts with HSNC to run shelter

Fiscal Court's recent decision to contract with the Humane Society of Nelson County for management of the Nelson County Animal Shelter may cause many people to wonder how that affects the Society's mission and status as a non-profit organization. In fact, taking on this duty allows the Humane Society to fulfill its mission more completely by taking responsibility for *all* animals coming into the shelter, regardless of their status as stray, lost, quarantine, owner-surrendered, or confiscated for ordinance violations, including cruelty and neglect.

The Humane Society, established in 1994, remains a 501c3 tax-exempt non-profit organization that depends upon charitable donations, adoption fees, and spay/neuter fees in order to fund the Adoption Program, Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Programs for low income pet owners, and humane education. We also still depend heavily on volunteers to supplement paid staff at the shelter, especially in the office/reception area and to provide enrichment to the lives of sheltered animals.

Our high quality adoption program ensures that all pets are spayed/neutered before release to new owners, and are up to date with essential vaccines and basic health care. All pets adopted from our shelter are microchipped so that their owners can be found if the pet becomes lost. Our Cat Clinic has sterilized over 4,000 cats in the last nine years, and we've also had a variety

of programs to help dog owners. Over the years, our volunteers and staff have also provided Humane Education for school children, and Pet Therapy for hospital and nursing home patients.

Basically, the new contract means that, in return for a monthly fee from Fiscal Court, our humane society now also provides care for all stray and quarantine dogs housed in the separate 22-run kennel across the drive from the main building. All funds received from Fiscal Court are used to pay for additional staff and supplies required by this expansion of services. The Animal Shelter is now open 10 – 4 Monday – Friday, and 10-2 on Saturday.

In addition, under the new contract, the Humane Society provides office and clerical help during regular hours, including answering all phone lines and relaying messages to Animal Control Officers, selling licenses, and handling owner reclaims of lost pets.

County Animal Control officers can now spend more time answering complaints, picking up strays, and enforcing the ordinance, and are no longer required to clean and feed animals, which Humane Society staff will do 7 days a week. This contract does *not* mean that the Humane Society staff will answer complaints, investigate cruelty or neglect cases, pick up strays, or enforce the ordinance. Those Animal Control services will still be provided by your county government.



**Need help
to spay/neuter
your pets?
Call 349-2082**

HEY, YOU! LOOK AT ME!!!

My name is Wendy, and I've been waiting for a new home for a while. They say I suffer from BBD Syndrome, and yes, I am a big black dog, but I think I'm very pretty. I'm 5 years old, but I have the heart of a puppy, and I'm always up for playtime. Come meet me and I'll bet you'll want to make me part of your family.



The Nelson County Animal Shelter includes both buildings pictured above. The building to the left houses the main office, dogs and cats available for adoption, stray/quarantine cats, the volunteer/community room, and the surgery clinic in the wing on the far left. The separate quarantine/stray holding kennel is on the right, and is now managed by the Humane Society.

Tributes

October 22, 2011–April 30, 2012

In Memorial

Janet Bee, given by Nancy and Bruce Dahl
Dr. John Bradford, given by Marie Seaman and Lyda Moore
Jason Brown, given by John Douglas Hubbard
Natalie Muir Brown, given by Susan Muir and Jackie and Marylou Muir Crume
Jim Cecil, given by Guy Travis Carter
Friends and Family Lost in This Past Year, given by Guy Travis Carter
Jerry Crompton, given by Sandra Allen
Charlie Cummins, given by Susan Muir and Marylou Muir Crume
Cheryl Drago, given by Michael and Nancy Walcher
Ann Mackin Ewing, given by Roger Ewing
James Carroll Farnsworth, given by Vicki Renisch and Nancy Grimshaw
Jerry H. Gibson, given by Kleentech, Inc.
Margaret S. Hagan, given by Jane Hagan, Peggy Hagan and Robert Shade
Rena M. Harris, given by Gary and Teresa Clifton
Sr. Mary Gemma Harlow, given by Trudi Maish
Carole Hobbs, given by David Hobbs
Judy Johnson, given by Joe Johnson, Jeremy Clark, and Pam Valley
Howard Lewis, given by Kimberly Bow
Frankie Minor, given by Becky Hayden
Heather Oakley, given by Betty Willoughby, Evelyn Oakley, Richie Oakley, Lee Evans, Mardi Jones, David Hauenstein, Sandra Lynch, Samantha Ha, and John Bisney, A.J.Burba, Joyce Mattingly, and American Moving and Storage Association
Alyssa Marie Lee Phelps, given by Travis Carter
Mary Phelps, given by Jim Phelps
Jim Smith, given by Dr. and Mrs. James B. Hunter
Hubert Summers, given by Rosetta Mudd, Dr. and Mrs. Steve Auslander, Kenny and Sara Culver, Angie Edlin, Genny Lovingood, and Nelson County Chapter of AARP
Casie Sweatt, given by Angela and Bernie Ayers
Cherri Mudd Tudor, given by Rose Marie Taylor
“Abbie,” “Annie,” “Cinders,” “Simon,” and “Cheyenne,” given by Ellen Baxter
“Bandit,” given by Michael Sims
“Bourbon,” my best friend, given by Col. Ed Goepper
“Bullseye” and “B.J.,” given by Randal and

Joan Bramel
“Buttons, our dog, lost but not forgotten,” given by Jean Greene
“Charcoal,” “Skunky,” and “Skippy,” given by Dave, Ginny, and Sylvia Horlander
“Cyril,” given by Gary and Debbie Parsons
“Dexter,” given by Dr. Dawn Wietfeldt
“Duncan,” given by Judy and Jeff Reynolds
“Gweny,” given by Scarlett Hibbs
“King,” given by Suzanne Edelen
“Maggie,” given by Your Friends at Flaget
“Midnight,” given by Shandra Smith
“Millie,” given by Jane Durbin
“Molly,” given by Patti Clark
My Deceased Pets, given by Donald Nugent
“Pepper” Calhoun, given by Winifred Calhoun
“Picnic,” given by William Smith
“Morgan,” given by Jodi Jenkins and Angela Howard
“Pinky,” given by Roy and Jacqueline Drake
“Polly,” given by Walter and Donna Boekley
“Prissy” and “Geronimo,” given by Joe and Joyce Rogers
“Rockne,” given by Trudi Maish
“Ruby,” given by Schroeder Family Dentistry
“Sadie,” given by Barbara Blair
“Sassy,” “Kitchen,” and “Puffy,” given by Mark and Vicky Pulliam
“Sara,” given by Judith Hiss
“Smokey” Calhoun, given by Winifred Calhoun
“Spike,” given by Laura Lawson
“Tater Tot,” given by Mary Jo Abell, Becky Hayden, and Trudi Maish
“Tiger” Calhoun, given by Winifred Calhoun
“Tiki” Sherrard, given by Ben and Libby Burr
“Trudi,” given by Trudi Maish

Donald J. Perkins Memorial Fund for Indigent Animals

(given between Oct. 22 and April 30, or not previously acknowledged)
 Deborah Perkins
 Linda Akers
 Sam Thomas Clements
 Phyllis Downs
 Jacqueline Maruri
 Becky Meloan
 Bonita and Fred McMillen
 Judith and Maurice Mitchell
 Lyda Moore, in memory of Dr. John Bradford
 Darrell and Kathy Nevius
 Don and Pat Smith
 Gary N. Solomon

In Honor

All the Wonderful Caregivers of Animals, given by Randal and Patsy Parrott
Board Members, Employees, and Volunteers of the Humane Society, given by Becky Hayden
Sharron Blincoe, given by Jean “Fox” DeMoissey
Tracy Burgess, given by John and Shirley Swindells
Judy Cooke, on her birthday, given by Carol Keeling and Eleanore B. Sewell
Dr. Matt Hubbard, given by Dan and Rebecca Biggs
Jodi Jenkins, given by Debi Floyd
Mardi Jones, given by Jane Thompson
“Maggie,” given by Kim and David Branscom
Cathy Newton, given by Nancy Tietge Ttee
Trudi Maish and Susan Gatz, given by Patsy O’Toole and Nora Ballard
Judith and Maurice Mitchell, given by Deborah Perkins
Alyson Schwartz and Margaret and Leon Claywell, given by Medica Pharmacy
Eleanore Sewell, on her 90th birthday, given by Caroline Keeling
Mike Sewell, on his birthday, given by Eleanore B. Sewell
Gladys “Nonie” Smith, on her 100th birthday, given by Mardi Jones, Lindy Frazier, Jonathan Smithkier, Trudi Maish, Judy Cooke, Mike Sewell, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shaw, Grace Svihovec
Jim Smith, given by Nancy Campbell
Paden and Winton Vernon, given by Tom and Dee Vernon

Quarterly Meetings Remaining in 2012

All meetings are open to the public and are held on Thursdays, at 6 p.m., at the Humane Society. Meetings will be held on August 2 and November 1.

Lost and Found

Every year, nearly 3,500 cats and dogs come in to the Nelson County Animal Shelter. Many are found as strays, and are brought in by Animal Control or individuals wanting to help the animal. Although we wish the numbers were much higher, we are glad to say that an average of 250 are returned to owners every year. By far, the majority are dogs—about 15% of those coming in to the shelter—and this figure is in keeping with national figures. Sadly, for cats, only about 1% go home again; nationally, about 2% of cats entering shelters are reclaimed by owners. Several reasons are given for the difference in percentages, including the fact that cats are often allowed to roam freely and sometimes aren’t considered “missing” for days.

One very lucky cat in our county was an orange tabby with an injured leg. Gerda, our shelter “cat lady,” immediately matched up the cat with a recent lost report and called the owner. The owner and her family were overjoyed to find their Honey, and we received a hand-made thank-you note from each of the three children.

If you lose your cat or dog, please call us as soon as possible. Many shelters, including our own, cannot keep stray animals for too long if the shelter is crowded. Our county ordinance requires that strays be kept for a minimum of 5 days, and we often hold longer to include a weekend for people who may not be able to come out during the work week.

The person answering your phone call will take a lost report, asking questions like the breed and description of the pet, whether spayed/neutered, any ID, area and date lost, and your name and phone number. We keep reports on file for a time, which means we accumulate quite a few. To help us, please let us know if you find your pet so we can discard your note.

Search your neighborhood thoroughly, especially if you have a shy indoor pet that might hide in fear. Put up fliers locally and send one to us. A picture is invaluable in helping find your pet since there are so many pets that have a similar appearance, and descriptions are not always accurate. Remember that the Kentucky Standard is very kind about running lost and founds ads also.

Don’t give up. Sometimes pets are taken in by someone for a while, then end up at the shelter weeks later, often when the owners are no longer looking. Keep checking with us every week or so.

Finally, please consider having your pet microchipped. A microchip is an inert RFID (radiofrequency identification device), about the size of a large grain of rice, that is inserted under the skin between the shoulder blades of a pet. It contains a silicon chip that contains a unique identifying number that can be detected by a handheld scanner that many veterinary clinics and animal shelters have. The number is registered in a national data base with the owner’s contact information.

Many animals all over the world are re-united with their owners because of this permanent type of identification which cannot be lost like a collar and tag. Since January, 2006, our Humane Society has implanted a chip in every cat or dog adopted from us. Check with your veterinarian for more information.



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

New Hours for Animal Shelter

Open to the Public:
 Monday – Friday, 10am-4pm
 Saturday 10am-2pm

Board of Directors:

Mary Jo Abell
 Sarah Bradford
 Dennis Brock, Vice President
 Jason Cheek, Treasurer
 Judy Cooke, Shelter Director
 Jane Hagan
 Becky Hayden
 Mardi Jones
 Carol Keeling, Secretary
 Trudi Maish, President
 Deborah Perkins, D.V.M.

Pass It On

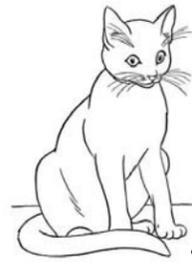
When you are done with this newsletter, please give it to a friend or neighbor who doesn’t know about us.

Ways to Give

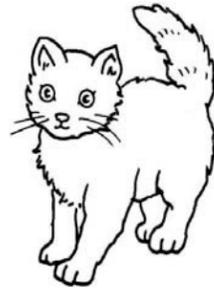
Come visit us or send a gift by mail to:

Humane Society of Nelson County
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(Please use the donation envelope included 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, DVSSs, toys, etc., in good condition

If you have questions about what to donate, call 349-2082, Ext. 201

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 any entry in error.

BANK NAME _____ BRANCH _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____ AMOUNT TO DEBIT EACH MONTH \$ _____

IMPORTANT! You must attach a voided check to this form. Mail to:

Humane Society of Nelson County, 2391 New Haven Road, Bardstown, KY 40004

Pups named for Alaska State Troopers

Right around Christmas time, someone anonymously left six blue heeler mix puppies in the overnight drop off pen. The pups were very small and young—about 5 weeks old—and were quickly moved into a warm pen in the Adoptions building.

When it was time to name the pups, staff person Laura Higgason and volunteer Morgan Ford, came up with a way to provide six names that would draw extra attention and interest to this group of puppies. Both fans of the National Geographic channel show, "Alaska State Troopers," Laura and Morgan knew names for the two male pups, and were able to contact a friend in Alaska to get female trooper names. The pups were named Trooper Dan, Trooper Howie, and Troopers Anne, Aileen, Amy, and Honie. Several donations came in from Alaska Troopers who enjoyed having pups named after themselves or their friends, and one pup was flown to Alaska for adoption. Another pup was adopted by a worker at Delta Cargo in Louisville, who was charmed by the puppy flying to Alaska. The four remaining puppies were adopted locally.

(at right) Ryan Hendren adopting Howie in January.



Donations make bed drive a success

In our last newsletter, we asked for donations of Kuranda beds for the 22 dog runs in the separate stray/quarantine kennel building. Thanks to the generosity of the following people, every dog run has a bed. Several of the people listed below gave more than one bed. Thanks also go to volunteers who assembled each bed, especially Morgan Ford, who is now an expert at

this task.

- Gus Subotky
- Bonita McMillen
- Therese Johnson
- Susan Neumayer
- Amanda Gist
- Judy Cooke



Dog Bite Prevention Weeks set for May

In May, two different organizations sponsor Dog Bite Prevention weeks—the Humane Society of the United States (May 13-19) and the American Veterinary Medical Association (May 20-26). Every year, over 4 million people in our country will be bitten by a dog, and 800,000 of those bites are severe enough to require medical treatment. The majority of injuries occur in children, and according to the ASPCA, 50% of all children will be bitten before their 12th birthday, usually by a dog belonging to their own family, friends or a neighbor.

Printed below is the ASPCA's "Bite Prevention Safety Pledge." Please share it with a child, parent, or teacher.

I pledge that:

I will not stare into a dog's eyes.

I will not tease dogs behind fences.

I will not go near dogs chained up in yards.

I will not touch a dog I see loose (off-leash) outside.

If I see a loose dog, I will tell an adult immediately.

I will not run and scream if a loose dog comes near me.

I will stand very still (like a tree), and will be very quiet if a dog comes near me.

I will not touch or play with a dog while he or she is eating.

I will not touch a dog when he or she is sleeping.

I will only pet a dog if I have received permission from the dog's owner.

Then I will ask permission of the dog by letting him sniff my closed hand.

Humane Society offers thanks to supporters

The Humane Society is sincerely grateful to the following businesses, organizations, and individuals who have donated in various ways between Oct. 21, 2011 and May 1, 2012.

Bardstown High School (Ms. Buzick's and Ms. Hilton's classes)

Bardstown Mills

Blanket Bardstown

Brown and Company, CPA's

The Cato Corporation

Daisy and Brownie Troop 401

Chemco Federal Credit Union

Gabby's Consignments

JT's Consignments

Nelson County 4-H Going' Showin' Goat Club, for pet food and supplies

Nelson County High Key Club

Kroger Company, for allowing us to keep a "collection wagon" at their store for many years

Kroger Team, especially Mel and Phyllis, for organizing the all day Paws for a Cause event held March 10, and bringing us huge amounts of pet food, pet care supplies, and office supplies

Saint Gregory School, for pet food and supplies

SpecialPets Healthcare, for continued help and support, and Dog

WISH LIST

Pet food (prefer Purina or Pedigree dry food)

Cat litter, any type, clay or scoopable

Towels, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, throw rugs (used)

Liquid laundry detergent (must be HE type)

Alcohol

Furnace filters (20 x 20 and 20 x 16)

Printer/copier paper

Printer cartridges (HP 21 and 22)

Scotch tape refills, white out liquid or tape, post-it notes

Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Tractor Supply, or Target for pet supplies

Gift cards for gasoline to drive pets transferred to breed rescue or other placement organizations



To celebrate her 10th birthday, Laurel Guthrie asked that her present be toys and cash donations to benefit the animals at the Humane Society.

SNAP Program

Tower Automotive

Tractor Supply Co., for many boxes of dog chewy treats

Wal-Mart, for constant supply of pet food and supplies

Taylor Milburn, Miss Nelson County, for her Country Cuties Charity Pageant benefitting the Humane Society

Susan M. Thompson, for so many generous contributions

Barbara Randall, for bringing many useful items from Gabby's

Trim Masters Charitable Foundation for another generous grant to fund our ongoing programs.

The Humane Society wishes to thank the Goldring Family Foundation, a philanthropic organization headed by the owner of the Sazerac Company, parent of Barton 1792 Distillery. Our organization was chosen based on the recommendations of Judge Executive Dean Watts and Mayor Bill Sheckles, and we truly appreciate their support.

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!

Volunteer Corner

Brocks contribute fund-raising, organizing skills to Society

Volunteering at the Humane Society began for Dennis and Gailyn Brock in the fall of 2008 when Dennis retired and began looking for something meaningful to occupy his time. Dennis started at the shelter answering phones two days a week and soon got caught up in the good feeling that comes along with helping homeless pets find forever homes. Dennis is now on the board of directors for the Humane Society, and is Vice-President, focusing his efforts on fund-raising. He has orchestrated several events that have netted much-needed funds for the shelter.

Gailyn began her volunteer role in a very different way. She is still employed full time at the Bullitt County Libraries, but discovered that help was needed in organizing and managing the Humane Society booth at Trader's Mall, inside Corvin's Furniture store. Donated items need to be sorted, cleaned, sometimes repaired, priced and placed in the booth for sale. Since taking over the management of the booth, sales have tripled and customers enjoy stopping by to see what treasures they can find—knowing that their purchase helps the animals at the shelter.

Both of the Brocks work for several weeks ahead of each of the semi-annual Humane Society yard sales by passing out fliers to potential donors, collecting and

delivering items to the sales, and working at the sale.

An added bonus for the Brocks is the two dogs that have found forever homes with them—Layla, a boxer, and Pearl, a Lhasa Apso-Bichon mix.



Dennis and Gailyn Brock

Looking for a few good people . . .

The Humane Society is always in need of adult volunteers to work in the front office, answering phones and serving customers who have come to adopt a pet, buy a license, etc. There are also three specific positions we would love to see a new volunteer take over and develop:

-Volunteer Coordinator

-Humane Education Coordinator

-Mailing List Manager (need Excel skills for list maintenance.)

For more information, please contact Judy by email, jcatfarm@hotmail.com, or call the shelter at 349-2082.



Pictured above is Sophie, watching for her owner, Stephanie Greenwell, who adopted her from us last year. Yes, this is really a dog—not a small polar bear and not a person in a dog suit.