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Spring Has Arrived

Dear Friends,

Spring is always a magical time in Kentucky. It's when we can enjoy the spring flowers, longer sunny days, Derby traditions and time outdoors.

For many of us, the last 12 months have seemed much longer than usual. Many of us suffered deeply over the last year. Some of us lost loved ones. Others suffered financial losses. Spring's symbol as the season of hope, healing and renewal perhaps means more to us this year.

But spring is also the time when animal shelters get busier. We see more animals being surrendered, and more animals in need. And when animals are in need, so, too, are their owners.

Often, the best way to keep animals out of shelters is to support their owners. One of our new initiatives is the Safety Net Foster Program. Through this program, KHS helps struggling owners who need short-term fostering for their beloved pets.

A common issue we see is pet owners who are hospitalized. Pet owners who don't have a way to care their animals will often refuse to get medical care. Or they may face the terrible choice of surrendering their beloved pet to a shelter. The Safety Net Foster Program provides temporary fostering to help these animals and their owners who are facing a housing crisis.

If you know someone who might benefit from the Safety Net Foster Program, please have them call our Pet Help Line at 502-509-4738. And if you would like to help by fostering, please email foster@kyhumane.org.

With friendship and gratitude,



Lori Kane Redmon
President and CEO

P.S. Thank you for being a donor to KHS. Your support allows us to implement proactive programs like this, which help animals and the people who love them.



Lori with her cat, Cam

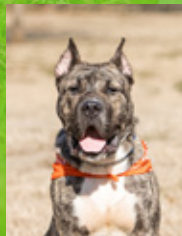
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KHS hosted an adoption celebration on March 10 for Ethan and his family. Thousands of Ethan fans tuned into Facebook to watch the celebration.



After weeks of care, Ethan began spending nights at Jeff and Dana's house and returning to the shelter during the day for monitoring.

Ethan Almighty

Left for dead, miracle dog now a symbol of hope

It's hard to believe that the healthy, silly dog who likes to greet people with a stuffed toy in his mouth and a big tail wag was once left for dead in the Kentucky Humane Society's parking lot.

On a cold January 29 around noon, the Henderson-Hughes family was at KHS' main shelter on Steedly Drive to drop off wish list items for the animals. As they left, they were horrified and shaken to see what they thought was a dead dog lying about 20 feet from the adoption lobby.

As her 11 year old son, Tatum, remained in the car, Shawn jumped out of the car and called KHS. Our staff rushed out and carried the dog to the KHS veterinary ward.

The dog weighed just 38 pounds, when he should have weighed at least 80. His temperature was so low that it didn't register on the thermometer. He was extremely dehydrated and was covered in his own waste, leading KHS to believe that Ethan was locked in a crate and left to starve for weeks.

"He was the thinnest dog I have ever seen that was still alive," says Dr. Emily Bewley, KHS shelter veterinarian. "He was unresponsive, and was in the process of dying."

The veterinary team immediately went to work trying to save his life, warming his body and giving him fluids. Hoping a strong name would give the dog much-needed luck, they named him Ethan, which means strong and long-lived in Hebrew.

That night Ethan went home with KHS veterinary technician Jaci so she could monitor him. Around 3 a.m. he started to decline, and Jaci rushed him to an emergency veterinary hospital.

It was touch-and-go for the next several days. Ethan's muscles had wasted away, and he was too weak to hold his head up. But after five days in the hospital, Ethan was stable enough to return to KHS for continued rehabilitation although he was still unable to walk unassisted.

That's when KHS Facilities Director Jeff Callaway – who is now Ethan's "poppa" – got to know Ethan. The brindle-coated dog still needed round-the-clock feedings, so Jeff volunteered to come to the shelter twice a night.

"I had a feeling that Ethan was going to play a special part in my life," says Jeff. "We had this powerful and instant connection."

Each day, Ethan made small but steady progress. Hundreds of thousands of people followed his journey on KHS' social media and through news outlets across Kentucky and the country. Members of "Team Ethan" cheered every new milestone: the first time Ethan walked on his own. His first bark. His first sleepover at Jeff's house.

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Ethan on the day he was found, suffering from extreme starvation. KHS estimated he had a 10-20% chance at survival.



Ethan spent five days in a veterinary hospital.



Ethan with part of the KHS veterinary team who saved his life.



Finally, after almost seven weeks in care, Ethan the miracle dog was well enough to be adopted. It was no surprise to anyone when Jeff and his wife, Dana, decided to make Ethan a permanent member of their family.

Ethan now spends his days going to work at KHS with Jeff, playing with his dog and human siblings, and snuggling with his “dad” and “mom.” And wherever Jeff and Ethan go – the hardware store, Feeders Supply, the gas station – there is bound to be someone who recognizes the duo and asks for a photo and a hug from Ethan.

“It’s amazing to me the impact Ethan has on people. As soon as anyone meets him, they smile and relax,” says Jeff.

It’s incredible that the dog who almost died became a statewide and national symbol of hope and resiliency. Perhaps Ethan was exactly what we all needed during the pandemic.

Ethan has his own Facebook and Instagram pages managed by poppa Jeff, and he continues to inspire people to adopt from animal shelters. Follow him @EthanAlmighty. 🐾

Join Team Ethan

If Ethan’s story has inspired you, please consider making a donation in his honor at kyhumane.org/donate. Or you can join our virtual Waggin’ Trail Walk for Ethan and Friends at kyhumane.org/waggintrail – more information in the “Events” section of this magazine.

KHS is also selling “Team Ethan” T-shirts, hoodies, mugs and other items at our online store, the Pawtique, kyhumane.org/shopethan. Proceeds support KHS’ lifesaving work.

Shooting Survivor Adopted 🐾

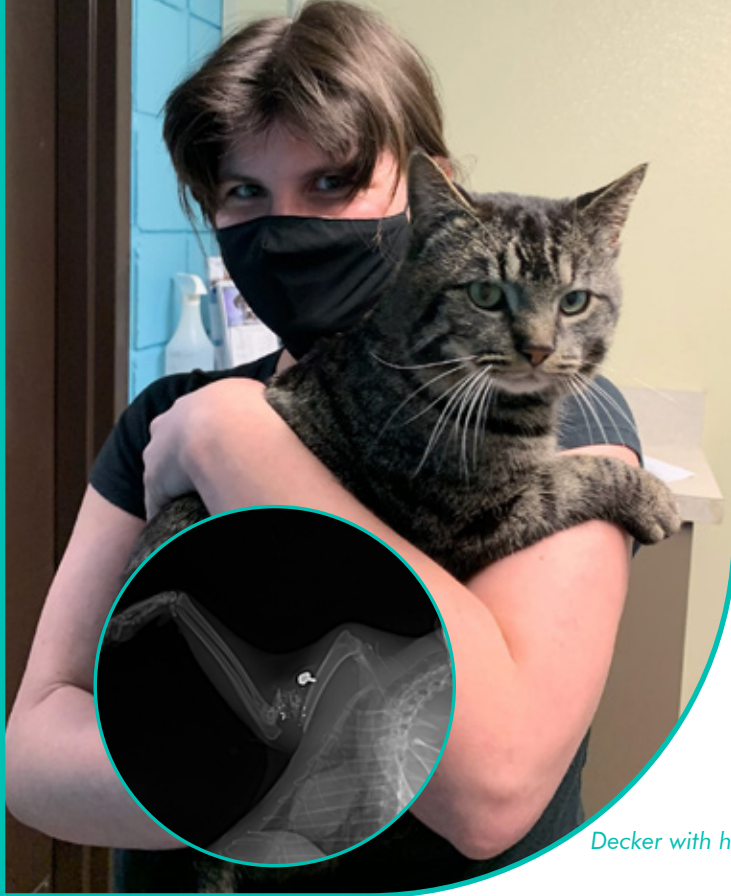
Alan and his neighbors in Mount Washington KY had been feeding a very social outside cat for almost two years. Alan's wife named the kitty Decker because he liked to spend time on the couple's outdoor deck. Then in February, the big tabby showed up limping.

Alan brought Decker to a veterinary clinic and was shocked when an x-ray revealed that this sweet cat with the oversized personality had been shot. A bullet had completely shattered Decker's humerus bone.

KHS agreed to take over Decker's care and find him a safe home once he recovered. The veterinary team amputated his painful leg. They also discovered the unneutered male cat had numerous bite wounds and was positive for FIV, or feline immunodeficiency virus. This virus is transmitted between cats through deep bites – making unneutered and unspayed outside cats especially at-risk. FIV weakens cats' immune systems, but with proper nutrition and veterinary care, FIV-positive cats can live long and healthy lives.

Decker spent over a month in recovery and learning how to get along on three legs. Once healed, he was adopted by Catherine. He's now a spoiled house cat with another FIV+ kitty to play with. 🐾

Decker with his adopter, Catherine. | X-ray shows the bullet that shattered his front right leg.



Girls Adopt Two Horse Pals 🐾

We are so thrilled that the Moel family decided to adopt Reese, a pinto pony, and her friend, Chigger, a Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred cross gelding!

Reese appears to have been used as a child's pony before she was abandoned with a free-roaming herd in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. Reese suffered a puncture wound that became infected, and KHS was asked to take her in and give her medical care. Reese spent four months at our Willow Hope Farm in Simpsonville.

Chigger and five other horses arrived at KHS this spring after a horse rescue in Georgia dissolved.

The KHS Equine team evaluated 21-year-old Chigger and found that he was wonderful under saddle and had an excellent temperament, and would make for a perfect horse for children.

Within a week, the Moel family came out to look for a broke and friendly horse to add to their farm to serve as a companion to their pony and as a project horse for their two little girls. After meeting Reese and Chigger, the family voted unanimously to adopt both of them! The horses have become fast friends.

Learn more about our Equine program by following us on Facebook or Instagram @khsequine. 🐾



Join Us At Our Events! 🐾



Waggin' Trail June 4-6

Get ready to leash up your walking buddy and join fellow animal lovers for the pet event of the year. The Waggin' Trail Walk for the Animals will be held virtually Friday-Sunday, June 4-6.

This year's theme is "Walk for Ethan & Friends" – and we invite you to raise money in honor of Ethan and all his four-legged buddies at the shelter.

Registration is \$35 for adults or \$25 for kids and includes a cool Ethan & friends T-shirt! Invite friends and family to support the cause, then take a walk in honor of Ethan anytime the first weekend in June. Sign up online at kyhumane.org/waggintrail. 🐾

We also want to recognize our Matching Gift Sponsor:



Pappy Charity Raffle April 30

Hurry! Tickets are selling fast for the spring 2021 Pappy Van Winkle Charity Raffle, hosted by Cox's and Evergreen Liquors.

For just \$10 a chance, one lucky winner will take home six bottles of Pappy Van Winkle, the most sought-after bourbon in the world. Raffles can be purchased at all 21 neighborhood Cox's and Evergreen Liquors locations through April 29. All proceeds from this raffle benefit KHS.

The winner will be randomly drawn on Oaks Day, April 30, and will receive Old Rip Van Winkle 10 Year, Van Winkle Special Reserve 12 Year, Van Winkle Family Reserve Rye 13 Year, Pappy Van Winkle 15 year, Pappy Van Winkle 20 year and Pappy Van Winkle 23 year. For more info visit CoxsLouisville.com 🐾



Tuxes & Tails Gala August 21

Looking for some good vibes this year? Join us for our Tuxes & Tails Gala on Saturday, August 21. This year's theme is Woofstock, because who doesn't need a little more peace, love and pets! The event will be a "hybrid" gala, in which you can choose to join us in person at the Louisville Marriott Downtown or virtually from the comfort of your home. Can you dig it?

To sign up, visit kyhumane.org/tuxes. To become a sponsor or donate an auction item, please contact Kristin Binkowski at 502-515-3143 or kbinkowski@kyhumane.org 🐾



Art by Diane Xiu Lei Wat

Donate Your Vehicle

Do you have a vehicle you no longer need? Consider donating it to help the animals at KHS. Thanks to a partnership with Charitable Adult Rides & Services (CARS), you can donate your car, truck, boat, motorcycle, camper or other vehicle and KHS will benefit from the proceeds. Call CARS at 855-500-7433 or complete a donation form at kyhumane.carsmarketing.org. They'll pick up your vehicle anywhere in the U.S. at no cost to you. CARS will handle the rest, from selling your vehicle to providing a tax receipt. Your donation will help save the lives of homeless pets and protect them from abuse and neglect. 🐾

KHS Pet Resorts

We love your pet like our own

With things starting to return closer to “normal” after a year of COVID-19 restrictions, many people are anxious to start safely traveling again. If you are looking for caring, compassionate boarding for your four-legged family members, check out KHS’ Pet Resorts.

The Eastpoint Pet Resort offers luxury indoor boarding and lots of activities for pampered dogs and cats. The Fern Creek Pet Resort features indoor/outdoor runs and walking trails for nature-loving dogs.


“Is a nice long walk or a game of fetch a part of your dog’s daily routine? Our staff is happy to accommodate! Both Pet Resorts offer a la carte activities so that your best friend’s stay is more like home,” says Megan Sanders, Fern Creek Pet Resort manager.


The staff will love and spoil your pet like their own. And what makes KHS Pet Resorts truly unique is that proceeds benefit

shelter animals. So not only will your pet be safe, happy and secure, but your patronage helps less fortunate pets.

Chat about your pet’s needs by contacting the Fern Creek Pet Resort team at 502-499-1910 or Eastpoint Pet Resort team at 502-253-2221. Learn more at kyhumane.org/petresorts or follow us at facebook.com/KHSPetResorts.

Doggie Daycare

Is your dog bored at home and looking for new four-legged and two-legged friends to play with? Check out Doggie Daycare. Our fully supervised, interactive daycare allows you to drop your dog off in the morning. At the end of the day, you’ll pick up a tired, happy dog. Fern Creek Pet Resort recently expanded their daycare options, so we can match dog friends based on play styles and size. 



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REPEAT.**



A New Resource to Protect Your Pet

We all want the best for our furry friends. But too often we see pets left neglected or abandoned because they don’t have a plan in place.

May is National Pet Month, and to help you protect the animals you love, KHS has partnered with FreeWill to provide a free estate planning resource to our community. In 20 minutes or less, you can write a legal will at no cost, and create a plan to ensure your pet always has a safe and loving home. It’s one easy way to show your dog, cat or horse how much you care, while protecting homeless pets for generations to come.

Begin your plans at FreeWill.com/KYHumane. 

Foster Families Needed 🐾

Spring is the start of "kitten season," when the majority of kittens are born. That means KHS is looking for new foster volunteers to help care for these little ones until they are old enough to be spayed or neutered and adopted.

Volunteers receive training from the KHS foster team and all needed supplies, plus access to a KHS foster Facebook page where foster parents can exchange information and tips. In addition to kitten fosters, KHS is also looking for large adult dog fosters. Assignments are typically one to four weeks. Learn more at kyhumane.org/foster or call 502-366-3355 ext. 4007. 🐾



Happy Tails – Congrats to ALL Adoptees



The Vaught family are longtime German Shepherd lovers and were thrilled to adopt sweet Kaiser.



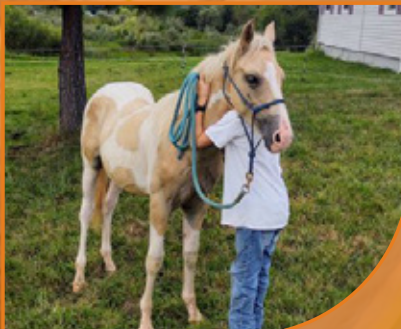
Kitty siblings Adam and Marv have cerebellar hypoplasia, which makes them walk off balance. Alexis adopted them both!



Zeus with his "mom" and his human "brother." Congrats, Zeus!



Gianni stole the hearts of everyone at KHS, and we're so excited he has a wonderful family to love.



Topaz with his "mom" living the good life in Ohio.



10-year-old Bear's owner passed away. The Smiths promise to help him heal his heart.