

# Paw

## Street Journal



## Summertime at KHS

SUMMER 2021



Letter from Lori

Dear Friends,

During these “dog days of summer,” things are getting closer to normal after a year of pandemic restrictions.

At the Kentucky Humane Society, our adoption centers are again buzzing with activity! We are welcoming adopters without appointments, and it’s wonderful to see excited families walking the halls as they look for their next four-legged family members. Familiar faces are back as well, as our faithful volunteers have returned to walk dogs, socialize cats, clean barns and assist at outreach events.

This summer we reintroduced in-person group dog training classes. It’s great to hear happy puppy barks as dogs practice their manners around other dogs and as owners chat with each other.

We are thrilled that our Tuxes & Tails Gala will be held in person on August 21. We are also hosting a new charity golf event – Pars for Pets – on October 11. I am looking forward to seeing dear friends and meeting new supporters, and I hope you can join us!

While there are many positives to returning to normal at KHS, some aspects are less welcome, such as shelter intakes returning to pre-pandemic levels. Much of the increase in homeless animals is due to fewer spay/neuter surgeries. A national study by Clinic HQ estimates that there were 1.4 million fewer spay/neuter surgeries during the pandemic. KHS is helping address this by providing assistance to pet owners in the Louisville area as well as to targeted rural communities.

Your previous support helped us weather the worst of the pandemic. And your support this summer means that KHS can continue to be here for Kentucky’s needy cats, dogs and horses, and that we can evolve to meet new challenges. Thank you for being part of the KHS family!

*Lori Anne Redmon*  
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President & CEO



# Animal Rescues

Thanks to your donations, the Kentucky Humane Society provides help and hope to thousands of homeless animals each year. Here are just a few animals you've helped us rescue.

## Little Orphan Maggie

In July a very tiny orphaned kitten arrived at the Kentucky Humane Society in need of emergency medical care. Maggie was just shy of a month old and was discovered in a garage with a large gaping wound covering the majority of one of her legs. Even worse, the wound had become horribly infected and infested with fly larvae. Our veterinary team immediately got to work. We sedated Maggie and began cleaning the wound. Poor Maggie was also covered in fleas so our veterinary team spent another 20 minutes combing out the overwhelming number of fleas that were crawling all over the little kitten. Maggie was placed in a loving foster home where she could recover from her injuries. This sweet calico kitten will be ready for adoption soon. 🐾



## Hope Continues to Inspire

In December 2019, KHS rescued a mare named Hope after 20 members of Hope's free-roaming herd were shot and killed in Eastern Kentucky. Despite what she witnessed, Hope is a loving, generous horse, and her resiliency inspires us. Earlier this year, after Hope's last colt was weaned, we sent her to training to get her ready for adoption. When she returned to KHS sleeker and more muscular than before, our Equine team noticed that a lump on her neck had become more pronounced. A team member had the idea to run a metal detector across Hope's neck... and discovered that the lump was a bullet that had been fired at Hope almost two years prior! The bullet has been removed, and Hope was adopted in June. Hope's story continues to inspire, as our Willow Hope Farm is named in her honor. 🐾

## Mama Bear Births 9 Puppies

At just one year old and heavily pregnant, Mama Bear was abandoned at a small animal shelter in Western Kentucky. The shelter reached out to KHS for help through our Love 120 program, which aims to positively impact animals in all 120 Kentucky counties. At KHS, Mama Bear gave birth to nine healthy puppies – all named after famous bears including Paddington and Fozzie. Once the puppies are old enough for adoption, Mama Bear and her offspring will be spayed or neutered. While we love welcoming little ones, we are concerned that Kentucky is seeing a spike in unwanted animal births due to fewer spay/neuter surgeries during the pandemic. Your donations to KHS help fund spay/neuter efforts. 🐾



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# Events

In-person events are back! View all upcoming events at [kyhumane.org](http://kyhumane.org)

## Tuxes & Tails Woofstock | August 21

Looking for some good vibes this year? Join us for the 27th annual Tuxes & Tails Gala benefitting the Kentucky Humane Society on Saturday, August 21, at the Louisville Marriott Downtown or virtually. This year's theme is Woofstock – because who doesn't need a little more Peace Love & Pets? Be sure to go with the flow, join live at the event or virtually from the comfort of home, and help raise some bread for shelter pets. The evening will include primo food, far out drinks, groovy live and silent auctions, rad games, outta sight dancing, and live DJ playing – it will blow your mind! Learn more and buy tickets at [kyhumane.org/tuxes](http://kyhumane.org/tuxes). 🐾



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## Pars for Pets | October 11

Join the Kentucky Humane Society for a day of golfing at the beautiful Big Spring Country Club on Monday, October 11. Pars for Pets is an all-inclusive charity fundraiser with a shamle format. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Awards, appetizers and drinks will follow. Learn more at [kyhumane.org/parsforpets](http://kyhumane.org/parsforpets). 🐾



## Waggin' Trail Raises \$90,000 for the Animals

What an amazing turnout for this year's virtual Waggin' Trail June 4-6! Over 430 charity walk participants helped raise over \$90,000 for the animals! Our top fundraising team was Jeff and his dog EthanAlmighty, who raised over \$14,000. And specials thanks to our top individual fundraiser, Rhonda Wanner, who raised \$4,050 and whose dog won bragging rights as the 2022 Waggin' Trail spokespet. 🐾

## Comforting Animals on July 4th

As most pet owners know too well, the booms from fireworks can be very scary to companion animals. To help comfort shelter animals scared of the unfamiliar noises, volunteers came to KHS' Sam Swope Pet Treatment & Lifesaving Center the night of July 4th. They distributed special treats and then settled in next to the animals' kennels. Many volunteers read children's books while the animals relaxed to their soothing voices. By the end of the night, most of the shelter pets were fast asleep – and some were even snoring! 🐾



# Wanted: Adorable Animals for Our Calendar

Do you have a great photo of your elegant equine, favorite feline, precious pooch or other adorable companion animal? Don't miss this chance to guarantee your pet a spot in the sought-after annual Kentucky Humane Society Pet Calendar! The deadline for submissions is August 28.

Photo submissions are 1 for \$25, 2 for \$40, 3 for \$60 or 4 for \$80. For that donation, you will have the chance to have your pet as the Featured Pet of the Month. There are eleven chances to be a Featured Pet of the the Month (printed photos are approximately 8.5x11 inches), and 36 chances to a be a Runner Up (Runner Up photos are approx. 2x3 inches). Plus, each entrant will be mailed a 2022 calendar in November. And all pets will be featured in the calendar's Lifelong Friends collage.

Proceeds from the calendar contest benefit needy animals! Submit your pet's photo at [kyhumane.org/calendar-contest](https://kyhumane.org/calendar-contest). 🐾



Discerning Tigger chose his new family and they welcomed him with open arms!



Gracie came to KHS when her owner's health was failing. We are thrilled this sweet girl was adopted!



Desiree knew that Chloe would be the perfect companion for her 86-year-old mom.



Jorja, a 13-year-old Morgan/Thoroughbred cross mare, with her adopter, Cathy.



Senior kitty Michaela arrived at KHS after her beloved owner died. Gary promised to help heal her broken heart.



Debonair is a special needs cat who has Feline Leukemia, a disease that will shorten his lifespan. His family loves him regardless of how long they'll have him.

## Happy Tails Congrats to ALL Adoptees