Dear Friends,

Our 28th Annual Waggin’ Trail Festival for the Animals is only a month away. After two years of hosting this popular fundraising event virtually, I am grateful and excited to be able to gather in person. I hope you’ll join me at Louisville Slugger Field on May 22, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. to celebrate and raise money for the animals we all love.

Waggin’ Trail will be a wonderful afternoon full of activities for the whole family, adoptable dogs, interesting vendors, and delicious food and drink. The best part, of course, is that the event is always pet friendly! So bring your four-legged friends and join hundreds of fellow animal lovers to raise money to support KHS’ lifesaving programs.

I will personally be supporting Waggin’ Trail by donating to the individuals and teams who are working so hard to raise money for the event. I invite you to do the same! We have set an ambitious goal to raise $120,000 this year so that we can do even more for the animals in our community who need us.

Proceeds from Waggin’ Trail help KHS care for and find wonderful homes for Kentucky’s homeless pets. In this issue, you’ll learn about Peepers, Matilda and Dory, and InMemoryOfNancy, all of whom were rescued from terrible situations and brought to safety at KHS before being adopted. By helping us meet our Waggin’ Trail fundraising goal, you’re helping animals like these get a second chance at a loving home.

This year, VCA Animal Hospitals are matching Waggin’ Trail donations up to $10,000, making your donation twice as powerful! Sign up now to attend or donate to our 28th Annual Waggin’ Trail Festival for the Animals at kyhumane.org/waggintrail.

I hope to see you there!

Lori Redmon
President & CEO

P.S. - Join me at the Waggin’ Trail Festival for the Animals on May 22. Together we can ensure that every companion animal in our community is given the care they deserve.
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 we’ve recently rescued and placed in loving homes.

InMemoryOfNancy Goes Home Again

In December, a red gelding was surrendered to KHS from 200 miles away. He arrived underweight, with a chopped tail and sharp neglected teeth that cut the inside of his mouth, making it difficult to eat. His lip tattoo revealed that he was a Thoroughbred and former racehorse named InMemoryOfNancy – or Nance for short. Unbelievably, Nance’s original owners live only a half-mile from our Willow Hope Farm and quickly spotted him from the highway. They contacted us right away, distraught at his condition. They owned Nance as a racehorse before training and selling him as a leisure horse to a nice family. Nance fell through the cracks when the family moved away several years ago and exchanged hands a few times before his surrender to us. Grateful that he had made it back to safety at KHS, Nance’s original owners donated to cover his rehabilitation costs and applied to adopt him. After he recovered, Nance went back home to his original owners, this time for good. Join us in congratulating Nance on making it back to his forever retirement home!

Matilda and Dory, at Home and Together

Matilda and Dory were part of our January 100-plus Husky rescue in Spencer County. Both spent their entire lives on chains 50 feet apart. They could see each other, but could never interact. When KHS tried to free Matilda, she cowered in the mud. Dory, on the other hand, was thrilled to be released from her chain! We decided to bring Dory to Matilda to ease the scared shepherd’s anxiety. Sure enough, Matilda immediately came to life! She began to wag her tail, give Dory kisses and jump with joy, allowing us to release her from the chain she had worn all her life. Back at the shelter, Matilda and Dory shared a kennel, cuddling and gently playing. After everything they had been through, we were determined to keep them together. When a kind family came to adopt these special, bonded girls, we rejoiced that they had found their loving home - together!

Peepers Gets a Second Chance at Life

Six-week-old Peepers arrived at KHS with the worst bilateral eye infection our veterinary team had ever seen. The tiny kitten’s eyes had been left untreated for some time, resulting in the eyes swelling from infection and pushing them nearly out of their sockets. By the time Peepers made it to KHS for treatment, the devastating infection had left his eyes completely deteriorated and there was no way to repair them. Our vet team immediately prepped Peepers, blind and in agony, for a bilateral eye enucleation to remove his damaged eyes and get him back on the road to health. The surgery was a success and the relief was instantaneous for young Peepers! No longer in pain, he was back to being a playful kitten longing for love and attention. After his surgery, Peepers went into a foster home to recover and continue growing until he was old enough to go up for adoption. In late March, he was medically cleared by our veterinary team and shortly afterwards, he was adopted by a wonderful family. Thanks to support from kind people like you, Peepers received a second chance at life and a family to love forever. Thank you.

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**Springtime Kittens 🐱**

Spring is in the air, and that means it’s “kitten season.” Spring until early fall is when the greatest number of kittens are born and KHS becomes overwhelmed with litters of young kittens who need care. Want to help? Consider donating much-needed supplies or becoming a KHS foster caregiver! Supplies most needed during this time are canned kitten food, heating pads or microwavable heating discs, unscented baby wipes, small food scales and cat toys. To learn all about our foster program and how to become a foster caregiver, visit the KHS website at www.kyhumane.org. 🐱

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**KHS Helps Rescue More Than 100 Huskies from Neglect 🐕**

KHS regularly assists in large-scale rescues in Kentucky. In January, our friends at Spencer County Animal Care and Control (SCACC) invited KHS to help rescue more than 100 Huskies and other large breed dogs from a single property. The dogs were living outside, on chains, in unsanitary conditions with only dirty water to drink.

SCACC did not have the capacity to take in or transport such a large number of animals. We enlisted the help of our wonderful partners, including BISSELL Pet Foundation, Lexington Humane Society, Columbus Humane and Adopt A Husky, Inc. and sprang into action. In a matter of days, KHS and its partners had evaluated and provided medical assessments for the dogs and arranged transport to shelters that had room for them.

Bringing these dogs to safety was only possible because of the collaboration with our shelter partners and the generosity of our supporters. We know you join us in our gratitude that the dogs are now safe and receiving the care and love they deserve. 🐕

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**Register Now for Waggin’ Trail 2022!**

Join us for the 28th Annual Waggin’ Trail Festival for the Animals! Bring your friends, family and pets to Louisville Slugger Field on May 22. Enjoy great food and drink, animal booths and paw-some activities for the whole family, all while raising money to help the animals! Register now at kyhumane.org/waggintrail.

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**Protect the Future of the Animals You Love!**

Including KHS in your estate shows a commitment to the future care of animals in our community. We’ve partnered with FreeWill to make it easier than ever to create your legacy with KHS. Simply use the QR code to start your plans today.
This lucky kiddo thought her family was just stopping to visit a horse and was elated when she learned that Little Debbie would be going home with them! Congrats Little Debbie!

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Icyreen had been waiting for the right time to adopt and the stars aligned when she met our buddy Chiron! Congratulations!

Our social kitty Salt was so excited about his new family that he wouldn’t stop rolling over for pets and attention.

Gerald came to KHS needing a special home and he found it with his new mom Sabrina!

Our tripod Elly May was adopted by this wonderful family who fell in love with her gentle spirit immediately.

What’s better than one kitten? Two of course! Our kittens Willow and Grace found a forever home together with this extremely kind family!

Happy Tails 🐾

Congrats to All Adoptees