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Dear Friends,

It has been a busy and gratifying year helping thousands of shelter animals in our community!

We hosted Picnic with the Ponies at our Willow Hope Farm, welcoming 145 visitors who were eager to learn more about our Equine C.A.R.E. team's incredible work! Thanks to many Hay Bale Heroes, we were also able to stock the loft with enough hay to feed our horses through the winter.

In late August, our CARE-a-van journeyed to Dawson Springs to help residents impacted by the devastating tornado in 2021. We provided free spay/neuter surgeries to the many community cats living in the area. We are excited to return in October to continue this vital work.

This is in addition to the lifesaving work the Kentucky Humane Society does every day to help the thousands of animals who come to us each year in urgent need of care – animals like Cowboy, the injured puppy abandoned on a delivery bag at our doorstep. You can read more about Cowboy's brave story of resilience in this edition of the *Paw Street Journal*.

We've celebrated many joyous happy endings for shelter animals, including Magic, the German Shepherd who was found shot in the head and rushed to KHS for medical attention. After months of healing physically and emotionally, Magic found his forever home with a loving family. We also jumped for joy (dressed in pink) during Pinky's adoption! After nearly 10 months at KHS receiving medical care and lots of love, this special dog found her forever home.

We're proud to announce that KHS had our most successful Tuxes & Tails Gala to date. With collective efforts of our Outreach Team and our dedicated community of animal lovers, we raised over \$500,000 to support our lifesaving work. And, YEEHAW we sure had a paw-slappin' good time!

As the winter months and holidays approach, we will continue to be a champion for companion animals and the people who love them. Your generosity gives us the ability to provide unwavering care to cats, dogs and horses – from the moment they arrive at KHS to the day they find their forever homes. You are a true hero in my eyes and so many more.

With sincere appreciation,

Alisa Gray
President & CEO



Staff Feature: Meet Britney Chaney

Britney celebrated 25 years at KHS on June 15 and received the 2023 Shelter Service Award! During her time at KHS she has served as Volunteer Manager, HR Manager, and now is our COO, leading the administration and Pet Resort teams. Her expertise and kindness are priceless.



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Cowboy's Rescue

Veterinary technician Rebecca van Schepen arrived at KHS early one morning and noticed a dog lying on a delivery bag outside our Admissions Lobby.

The poor four-month-old puppy wasn't moving, and as Rebecca approached, she hoped he was still living. She noticed there was an injury to his front left leg, and he was in too much pain to move.

The sweet puppy, whom we named Cowboy, looked up at her with hurt in his eyes. Security cameras showed that the night before, a car pulled up and dumped Cowboy outside our doors.

"We do not know how Cowboy was injured or who abandoned him, but there was no evidence of road rash, so we do not believe he was hit by a vehicle," said Dr. Emily Bewley, Director of Veterinary Services. "We choose to believe the best in people, so we hope his injury was an accident and that his owner or the person who found him didn't know what else to do."

Cowboy was in a lot of pain and unable to place any weight on his injured leg. Cowboy's x-ray showed that his humerus bone had a severe complete fracture. Dr. Bewley determined emergency amputation was the best option for Cowboy. After surgery, his mood shifted

and he transitioned to life with three legs beautifully! Cowboy spent some time in foster care, and soon after found a loving forever home.

Thanks to your support, KHS can take in desperate animals like Cowboy and give them the lifesaving medical care they need. Because of you, Cowboy was saved. Unfortunately, there are still many animals across Kentucky who are suffering from illness, abuse or abandonment. And as economic hardship continues to impact many residents in our community, KHS is seeing an increase in the number of animals in crisis.

KHS is Kentucky's largest animal adoption agency and spay/neuter provider. Thanks to compassionate people like you, KHS takes in and finds homes for almost 6,000 cats, dogs and horses each year, and provides critical resources to pet owners in need. KHS helps animals not only in Jefferson County, but from all corners of Kentucky.

All of this is possible because of you. Your donation allows KHS to give needy animals like Cowboy lifesaving medical care, nutritious food, kindness and loving forever homes. Your support helps us save their lives. Thank you! 🌸

Have Your Gift Matched!

The Joanne W. Gauntt Foundation has offered to match — dollar for dollar — every gift KHS receives by December 31, 2023, up to a total of \$40,000! You can help bring joy and hope this holiday season to Kentucky's needy animals. Please join our Give Hope holiday giving campaign by returning the enclosed envelope, giving online at kyhumane.org/donate or scanning the QR code. If you prefer to mail your gift, the address is Kentucky Humane Society, 1000 Lyndon Lane, Suite B, Louisville, KY 40222.



Meet Mother Earth

Mother Earth came to KHS from another shelter with her four newborn kittens. Unfortunately, the new mom was suffering from painful and infected burns on her neck. To make matters even more difficult, Mother Earth was diagnosed with Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV), which affects a cat's ability to fight off infection. Because of this, her wounds could have been fatal if left untreated. Our vet team worked quickly to clean her wounds and began her medical treatment. An FIV+ cat can take longer to heal due to their weakened immune systems, so Mother Earth and her babies went to a foster home where they rested and recovered peacefully. After weeks of nursing and healing, Mother Earth's wounds were closed and she was clear of all infection, which meant it was time for her next adventure: adoption! Mother Earth and her four babies – Jupiter, Venus, Saturn and Pluto – are now in their forever homes, safe from the troubled beginnings they once experienced. 🌸



Reese & Ginger's Road to Recovery

In late-August, the KHS Equine C.A.R.E. team received a call from Louisville Metro Animal Services for our assistance with taking in two emaciated horses. The two mares, 20-year-old Reese and 18-year-old Ginger, were transported to our Willow Hope Farm. Reese came to us with a body condition score of 1 out of 9 – the lowest score possible – with her ribs and spine projecting prominently. An equine veterinarian examined the two sweet horses and created a nutrition plan to help the horses gain weight while avoiding refeeding syndrome, a potentially fatal condition that can lead to system failure if starved horses are fed too quickly. Thanks to your support, Reese and Ginger are on their journey to recovery and getting the love and care they desperately need under the watchful eye of our equine team. Once they are healed and strong, we will work to find these horses the loving homes they deserve. 🐾



CARE-a-van Helps 'Tornado Cats' in Western Kentucky

Earlier this summer, a Dawson Springs, KY resident emailed KHS to relay the lasting impacts of the December 2021 tornado that ripped through 75% of their town. She noted that Dawson Springs is now home to dozens of stray cats that were abandoned after the tornado, and the unaltered felines continue to breed and exponentially populate. Their community feeds and cares for the cats, but needed assistance in reducing the growing population.



That's where the KHS CARE-a-van was able to help. In August, it rolled out of Louisville in the early morning hours to head to Dawson Springs for two days. We provided free spay/neuter surgeries, vaccines, flea and tick preventative, and other medical care to 56 felines. The day was so successful that the CARE-a-van will return in October for another two days, where they anticipate providing the same care to an additional 60 cats and kittens.

"KHS is truly overwhelmed by the grace and kindness of the lovely people of Dawson Springs, many of whom are still in temporary housing," said Kat Rooks, KHS Kentucky Initiatives Director. "Our team met so many people who are struggling financially and emotionally, yet still find it in their hearts to care for their 'tornado cats' who showed up on their property after the storm. 🌸"

Picnic with the Ponies & Hay Bale Heroes

The KHS Equine C.A.R.E. program continues our outreach efforts with teaching the community about Willow Hope Farm. At this year's Picnic with the Ponies, we welcomed 145 new friends to the farm who enjoyed equine demonstrations, tours, family-friendly activities and a spot to picnic alongside our ponies. Our 42-acre farm is home to about 30 horses at any given time, so it is important to continue spreading the word about Willow Hope Farm.

We are so grateful for our Hay Bale Heroes who raised enough money to stock our loft with enough hay to feed our horses through the winter. Our "lofty" goal was met because of kind and compassionate friends like you! Make sure to follow our KHS Equine C.A.R.E. Facebook page to stay up-to-date on all the latest happenings at Willow Hope Farm at facebook.com/khsequine. 🐾



2023 KHS Humane Heroes



Excellence in Philanthropy Dr. Allan Parnell and Cynthia Collier

Dr. Parnell is the founder of Mister "P" Express, Inc., and his daughter, Cynthia, is President & CEO. Allan and Cynthia are dedicated philanthropists who care deeply about making the world a better place for vulnerable people and animals. Their compassion represents our core value, "Inspire Others." 🌸



Excellence in Volunteering Jennifer Schoenegge

Jennifer is a professional photographer who has volunteered more than 500 hours at KHS since 2018. Jennifer's beautiful portraits of our animals help them get adopted faster. Her optimism and helpfulness represent our core value, "Always Pawsitive." 🌸



Excellence in Animal Advocacy Warren Thomas

Warren has been an outstanding KHS employee for over a decade. As a member of the Animal Care & Enrichment Specialists team, Warren treats every staff member, visitor, volunteer and animal with kindness and respect. He truly represents our core value, "Compassion Matters." 🌸

Introducing Patrick Padgett & Henry



It's been nearly 10 years since KHS featured a pit bull named Henry and touted him as an "ambassador." Now, Henry's companion, Patrick Padgett, is the new Chair of the KHS Board of Directors. And yes, Henry's still around. "He's an old man now, but he's still referred to as Handsome Henry," Pat said.

Pat and his wife, Elizabeth, adopted another pit bull named Roxy a few years after Henry, and she has a special connection to KHS. "When we adopted Roxy, there was a young employee who also wanted to adopt her, but let us have her instead." That young employee was Alisa Gray, who is the President & CEO of KHS.

Pat says he and Henry have walked a great deal together over the years, estimating that they've traveled the equivalent to California and back, out to California again, and half-way back. Henry doesn't walk as much as he used to, as his back legs are getting weak and he enjoys long naps. But he is still an ambassadog, even in his old age. "And," Pat added, "he's still quite handsome." 🌸



SAVE THE DATE: Picture Your Pets with Santa

Get your pet's picture with Santa himself at the Preston and Middletown Feeders Pet Supply locations on December 2-3 from 12-4 p.m.!

Shop for a Cause This Holiday Season

Want to help dogs, cats and horses in need this holiday season? Join our Give Hope holiday campaign with your donation. You can also make your holiday gifts even more meaningful by choosing purchases that help save a dog, cat or horse in need.



Shop Our Pawtique

Our online Pawtique has adorable KHS and animal-themed gifts for your pet-loving friends and family members. Visit kyhumane.org/pawtique.

Kroger Rewards

Support homeless animals by using your Kroger Plus card. Register your card at krogercommunityrewards.com, choose KHS as your charity, and with each purchase, Kroger will donate a percentage to help shelter pets. Purchases add up! KHS has received over \$25,000 this year thanks to shoppers who choose us.

Chewy & Amazon Wish Lists

Prefer to give gifts? Help our animals in need by shopping our wish lists on Chewy and Amazon to donate much-needed food and supplies directly to KHS. Visit kyhumane.org/wishlist to see our wish lists.

Dedication Paver

Honor or memorialize a two- or four-legged friend with an engraved brick at KHS' Sam Swope Pet Treatment & Lifesaving Center. 4x8" pavers are \$150, and 8x8" pavers are \$300. Visit kyhumane.org/paver to place your order.

Pawlday Auction and Raffle

Our Pawlday Auction and Raffle has something for everyone on your list – bourbons, a holiday horse experience at KHS' Willow Hope Farm, great gift cards and more. And for just \$10 a chance, enter to win a \$1,000 Holiday Spending Spree sponsored by Lifetime Wealth Strategies – all while helping the animals. The auction and sale of raffle chances opens at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8 and closes at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21, EST. More information will be on kyhumane.org.

KHS Pet Calendars

KHS' 2024 Pet Calendar will be available for purchase soon! This year's cover stars are Stella and Leo. You can buy your calendar in Feeders Pet Supply stores or order your calendar at kyhumane.org/calendar-order. And if you are one of the over 400 people who submitted a photo for the calendar, your free copy will be in the mail. Our calendar makes a great stocking stuffer and features hundreds of photos of adorable animals.

Sponsor a Pet

Sponsorships help pets who come to the Kentucky Humane Society by offsetting the costs of food, shelter, enrichment and veterinary care. You can sponsor as much, or as little, as you wish. Every dollar helps! Learn more at kyhumane.org/sponsor-a-pet. 🐾



Tuxes & Tails Wins for Pets

Our 29th annual Tuxes & Tails Gala – The Grand Ole Pawpry – was a howling success, raising a record \$500,000 to help dogs, cats and horses in need!

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Remember KHS in your estate plans and give the promise of a bright and secure tomorrow for shelter pets in need.

To request a free copy of our Lifelong Friends Estate Planning Packet, contact Kristin Binkowski at kbinkowski@kyhumane.org or 502-515-3147.

Make a difference in the lives that follow.

Happy Tails – Congrats to All Adoptees! 🍀



Drue and her new mom fell in love at first sight during the Bissell Pet Foundation's Empty the Shelters event.



Apple has found her purrfect home. We are so happy for Apple!



Adorable Norma Jeane, now 'Rita', has been adopted. Congratulations 'Rita'!



Snow White didn't need a mirror to tell her that she had found her home. Yay for you, Snow White!

Ethan, Kentucky's Humane Hero



Learn more about Ethan's story.

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Rebecca van Schepen

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