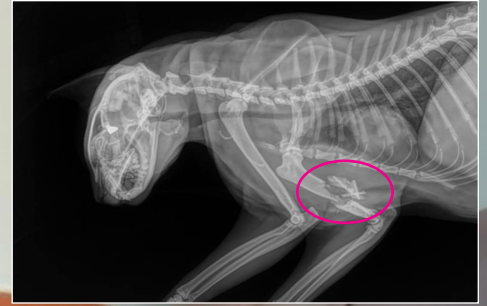


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Kentucky Humane Society™  
Lifelong Friends



Alisa Gray  
President & CEO

## Letter from Alisa

As we welcome in the new year, I can't help but reflect on the work we accomplished together last year. I'm proud to share that 2024 was a year of remarkable impact and hope for Kentucky's animals. Our dedicated teams expanded our reach from urban Louisville to rural Kentucky, touching lives in ways we never imagined possible.

Our mobile veterinary clinic brought critical care to communities most in need, while our innovative partnership with Purrfect Day Cafe achieved a national milestone—over 10,000 cat adoptions. This accomplishment demonstrates the power of creative approaches to animal welfare.

We also welcomed nearly 6,000 animals through our doors, each with a unique story of resilience. From Poe, the gunshot survivor, to Harold, our blind and deaf dog, to Cookie, a companion horse seeking a patient home, these animals embody the hope we strive to provide.

Our S.N.I.P. Clinic and CARE-a-van continued fighting the pet overpopulation crisis by providing low-cost spay/neuter services, and our pet resource team connected thousands of pet owners with critical support and advice.

None of this would be possible without our extraordinary volunteers, fosters, community partners, donors and grantors. Their commitment to saving animals in our community is contagious and

the reason we have the impact that we do. Plus, our incredible staff have an unwavering compassion for providing animals with the second chances they deserve. They truly inspire me every day.

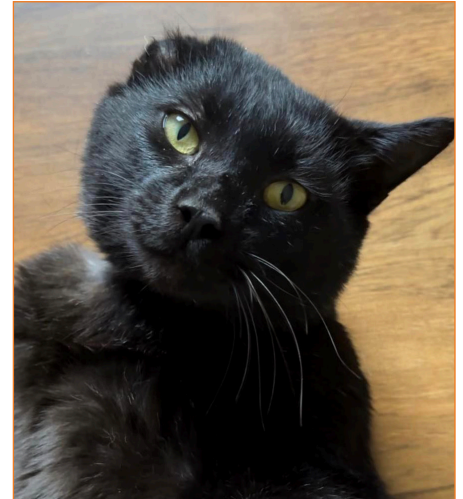
As we move into a new year, we remain committed to our mission: providing support for companion animals and the people who love them. Thanks for ALL you do for the animals in our community. You make our lifesaving work possible.

P.S. Thank you again for your support of the animals. We hope you renew your 2025 Annual Membership. We plan for a record year in many ways, and we'd love to keep you informed!

## Poe's Resilience

Poe arrived at the Kentucky Humane Society after he was injured by a gunshot. This innocent kitty had wounds and trauma we could not imagine, yet his spirit remained unbroken. Our veterinary team worked quickly, administering pain medication and antibiotics to keep him comfortable, while trying to decide if surgical intervention was needed. X-rays revealed the extent of his injuries—a broken front leg, with bullet and bone fragments scattered throughout his tiny body. Despite his pain, he gently used his injured leg, showing a remarkable will to survive.

We sent him to a loving foster home so he could continue his healing journey. Day by day Poe grew stronger. His connection with his new family was so profound that they decided to make him a permanent part of their family just as soon as he is medically cleared! We are so grateful that Poe will never again be in pain.



## Harold's Second Chance

Harold is a seven-year-old Shih Tzu who came to KHS with significant medical challenges—his eyes were severely damaged, causing constant discomfort, and he was also deaf from years of untreated infections. Our veterinary team performed a double enucleation surgery to remove his damaged eyes and address his health issues.

Following his surgery, Harold was placed in this loving foster home, perfectly equipped to help him adjust to his new circumstances. He navigates the world using his remaining senses of smell and touch.

Then came the most unexpected and heartwarming turn in Harold's story. A local adopter who had previously adopted a blind and deaf dachshund from KHS in 2019 saw Harold's social media post. Recognizing they had the experience to help him, they decided to bring Harold home. Their background made them an ideal match, understanding how to support a dog with sensory challenges. Happy Tails, Harold!



## Cookie's Companionship

Rescued from an abandoned strip mine in Eastern Kentucky, Cookie, a 20-year-old Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horse, faced severe emaciation and neglect. Our Equine C.A.R.E. team stepped in and brought him to Willow Hope Farm for comprehensive rehabilitation. Through careful nutrition, medical treatment and patient training, Cookie regained his health and spirit. A local veterinarian even fostered him to help him as he healed. Through their feedback, we knew Cookie could make a beautiful pasture companion.

A few months later, an adopter came by our Willow Hope Farm to adopt another horse and decided to welcome Cookie home as well. He is now enjoying his days as a companion horse with an owner who loves and respects his independence.



## Become a 2025 Member!

Your 2025 membership to the Kentucky Humane Society means so much to the cats, dogs and horses who are served by your generosity. When you renew your membership, you help heal their wounds and warm their hearts. With your membership, you'll continue to receive regular updates from KHS like this Paw Street Journal! Renew your membership at [kyhumane.org/donate](https://kyhumane.org/donate) or mail your gift using the enclosed form.



## The 2024 Volunteer of the Year Awards



### Volunteer: Sue Howington

Sue has volunteered with KHS for 20 years and is also a loyal foster! She's especially instrumental in aiding our special events and puppy visits, and she never misses a Thursday volunteer shift at our Sam Swope Pet TLC.



### Youth Volunteer: Camren Bland

Camren is vital to the East Campus team. The staff describe him as positive, hardworking, funny and sweet kid. He is our first ever Youth Volunteer of the year!

**Thank you to both Sue and Camren for their unwavering support for the animals at KHS!**



## Hill's Pet Nutrition

Through their Food, Shelter, Love Program, Hill's Pet Nutrition helps KHS provide nutritious meals to our shelter animals while they are in our care and send adopters home with a starter bag of food. Their commitment goes beyond nutrition—they also provide pet owners with resources to prepare for emergencies, and they support our mission through their online ordering system. From all the animals waiting for their second chances at KHS, thank you to Hill's!



## Thank You!

Our lifesaving work is only possible because of compassionate animal lovers like you. KHS is a private non-profit, and we count on donations from our loyal supporters. Thank you for caring! Give now at [kyhumane.org/donate](https://kyhumane.org/donate).



# Happy Tails

Congrats to all Adoptees!



Hopper was adopted from the Purrfect Day Cafe. Con-CAT-ulations, Hopper!



Deke was adopted by one of our amazing Equine volunteers, and he is so happy to begin his new chapter!



Dorito, the cheesiest companion, found his purrfect match over at East Campus. How fur-tastic!



Chip stole the hearts of this lovely duo and is happily enjoying his forever home. Happy tails, Chip!



Murray was so excited to find a home during BISSELL'S Empty the Shelters event!



After spending over 200 days in the shelter, Dandy finally found his forever home. Happy Tails, Dandy boy!

## Save the Date:

Learn more or become a sponsor at [kyhumane.org/events](https://kyhumane.org/events)



**Waggin' Tail on the Waterfront**  
Sunday, June 1, 2025  
Waterfront Park's Festival Plaza

A dog-friendly festival that brings neighbors, families and their beloved dogs together for a day of pure canine delight.



**Tuxes and Tails Gala**  
Saturday, August 9, 2025  
Louisville Marriott Downtown

Enjoy an evening with dinner, open bar, dancing, raffles, silent and live auctions and adorable adoptable animals. Tickets go on sale early June.



**Pars for Pets**  
Monday, October 13, 2025  
University of Louisville Golf Club

Pars for Pets is our annual charity golf scramble. Foursomes enjoy a day of golf, games and giving.



**Hammer's Lou Adopts!**  
Saturday, May 10, 2025  
Kentucky Exposition Center

Join us for the third annual mega adoption event to find loving homes for adoptable dogs and puppies.