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Letter from Alisa



Dear Friends,

Every day, we witness something remarkable at the Kentucky Humane Society. We welcome pets who are frightened, injured or alone and help them blossom into beloved companions. Your generosity gives us the ability to say 'yes' when animals need us most.

Every story in this newsletter belongs to you as much as it does to us, and this edition is filled with moments that remind us why we do this work. Because of you, Figaro received the medical care he needed to relearn to walk after a devastating injury, and Bambi is spending her golden years surrounded by people who adore her with our Fospice program. One of my favorite moments was seeing her happily hopping around at our Waggin' Tail Festival.

While I wish every pet's story ended happily, the reality is that even our best efforts cannot save every life. When we lose animals like Kate, we grieve alongside those who cared for them. We honor their memory by continuing to show up every day for the thousands of other pets who deserve the same compassion, dignity, and care.

Beyond our shelter walls, our Pet Retention Services team is stocking our Pet Food Bank for hundreds of pet guardians in our area who just need a little assistance to keep their beloved pets fed and at home. Thanks to grants and partnerships, we're ensuring that temporary hardships don't become permanent goodbyes.

Thanks to your support, we also celebrated an exciting milestone by breaking ground on our new Animal & Community Campus, which is slated to open in 2027. This transformative project will expand our ability to serve pets and the people who love them for generations to come, creating an even brighter future for our community.

Every adoption, every donation and every event is a testament to what we can accomplish together. By supporting KHS, you make us better and more hopeful every single day. Thank you for believing in our mission and ensuring every pet who comes through our doors is met with hope, healing and love.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Alisa Gray

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President & CEO

Make It Kate's Gift to Us

In April, an extremely emaciated and blind 17-year-old mare was found abandoned on a former mine site. Her freeze burn revealed her as Make It Kate, a registered Standardbred who had harness raced for eight years and earned over \$100,000.

It wasn't hard to connect with Kate. She showed kindness in a way that was impossible to miss. We showered her with love, and Kate gave it back tenfold. While mostly blind, she always found us, turning toward our voices and bumping lovingly into our shoulders.

Our hearts broke when a veterinarian discovered internal bleeding and a large mass in Kate's abdomen. While Kate's spirit was strong, her body was weak, and she deserved a peaceful crossing.

The reality of animal welfare is that our best isn't always enough to save a pet's life. Despite this, we roll up our sleeves, transform our grief into action and turn to the other animals who need us, honoring the ones we couldn't save. Run free, Kate!



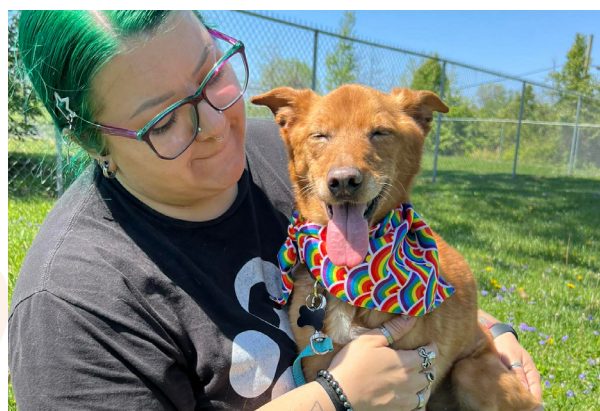
Fighting for Figaro

Five-month-old Figaro was attacked by another animal and arrived at KHS unable to use his hind legs. He miraculously avoided broken bones and spinal cord injuries, but infected lacerations on his torso temporarily paralyzed him. We treated Figaro's injuries with topical and oral medications, surgery, physical and hydrotherapies until slowly but surely, Figaro regained his mobility and was stable enough for a foster home.

There, Figaro truly blossomed. His confidence grew with the help of his foster's resident pets and he hasn't looked back since. Today, Figaro is adopted and happily runs and plays with his feline siblings all day long.

Our Promise to Bambi

At 11 years old, Bambi arrived at KHS severely underweight. Our team spent months doing everything possible to help her, and while she did gain some weight, she never reached the healthy range we had hoped for a dog her size. Despite ultrasounds and bloodwork providing no clear answers, Bambi maintained her zest for life. To ensure her golden years are filled with comfort and love, she entered our Fospice (foster hospice) program. Today, Bambi enjoys being spoiled by her devoted foster family while still receiving support from our veterinary team. She even made a special appearance at our Waggin' Tail Festival!



Enter Your Pet in our 2027 Pet Calendar Contest



Was your furry friend born to be a star? Now's their chance to shine! Enter your pet into our 2027 Pet Calendar contest, and they have a chance to be one of nearly 50 animals featured in the 2027 calendar. Before August 1, submit your pet photos for a donation of \$25 for 1 photo, \$40 for 2, or \$60 for 3. Everyone who submits a photo will have their pet's photo printed in the calendar collage and will receive a copy of the calendar! Visit kyhumane.org/calendar to learn more.

Pawhibition – A Night at the Speakeasy

Join us on Saturday, August 8 for the Kentucky Humane Society's 33rd annual Tuxes and Tails Gala at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. Enjoy a sparkling cocktail reception followed by exciting silent and live auctions. Special appearances by our four-legged VIPs will certainly make this evening a roaring good time. Channel your inner flapper or dapper gentleman with vintage flair: think fringe, feathers, fedoras and Art Deco glam. No matter what you choose to wear, get ready to celebrate in style and dance the night away for a great cause! Can't attend? You can still bid on auction items online at kyhumane.org/tt.

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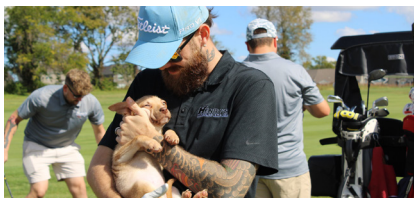


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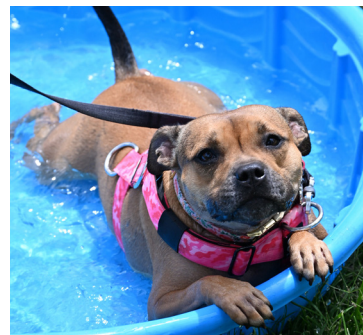
Come Out Swinging at Pars for Pets

Join us Monday, October 12, at the University of Louisville Golf Club for our annual Pars for Pets Golf Scramble. This four-person scramble includes lunch, complimentary beverages on the course, contests, prizes, a cocktail reception and furry KHS ambassadors. For more information and to sign up, visit kyhumane.org/pars-for-pets.



Successful Waggin' Tail on the Books

Our 32nd annual Waggin' Tail Festival was a howling success! Nearly 1,000 animal lovers and their pets joined us at Waterfront Park on June 7, raising \$75,000 for animals at the Kentucky Humane Society. It was a warm day, but we had so much fun with our human and canine attendees alike! Special thanks to our incredible sponsors and vendors who made this event possible.



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Happy Tails

Congrats to all Adoptees!



Buddy found the sweetest family to spend his days with. Yay, Buddy!



Lil' Jasper found his new besties at the Purrfect Day Cat Cafe. Congrats, Lil' Jasper!



Otis was recently adopted and is now spending time with a new friend. Hooray!



This sweet senior pup has a loving home to relax in. Happy tails, Jaxon!



Selkie was adopted at our East Campus and loves her new home!



Our happy girl Patricia found her paw-fect match at our Sam Swope Pet TLC.

Kentucky Lottery x Kentucky Humane Society



Playing the lottery just got cuter thanks to an exciting partnership with the Kentucky Lottery! For a limited-time, Kentucky Humane Society-inspired Scratch-off, Fast Play and Instant Play games are available anywhere that Kentucky Lottery tickets are sold. Proceeds benefit KHS shelter animals, so you can get a chance to win while guaranteeing a big win for vulnerable animals in our community.



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.