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Letter from Alisa

Dear Friends,

It's been a remarkable year of change for the Kentucky Humane Society. We broke ground on our new Animal & Community Campus off Preston Highway and are in awe of the daily construction progress. It's incredible to dream about the opportunities this new home will give to animals and people in our community!

We recently said a bittersweet goodbye to our East Campus adoption center. It was truly a special place for adopters, volunteers and staff alike. Selling this property allows us to help fund our future home, where the majority of people and programs will be under one roof.

Our Fern Creek Pet Resort is also undergoing renovations. This beautiful property offers doggie daycare, grooming services and overnight boarding for dogs and cats. What makes it extra special is that proceeds benefit shelter pets! We're making upgrades to enhance both animal and people spaces, as well as to the outdoor play yards to give all of our guests an even better experience.

We're so proud of what our compassionate staff accomplishes every day. Thousands of hours of care lead to what we ultimately wish for every pet: a heartwarming match with a loving family. And once that happens, we remain a resource for these new families and lend a helping hand when it is needed most.

We are grateful for your continued partnership as we embark on these ambitious changes. We are ALL IN, and we hope you are too!

As we get closer to the end of the year, your generosity is especially important to our mission of positively impacting pets and the people who love them. Please consider giving a gift to save a pet's life. Our promise is to continue providing every pet who comes our way the comfort, care and love they need until the best day of their life: adoption day!

With sincere appreciation,



Alisa Gray
President & CEO



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Oogie's Love Story

Oogie suffered a stroke at birth that left him with facial paralysis, underdeveloped ears and eyes, and a severe overbite, which causes his tongue to hang from his mouth most of the time. When he arrived in our care in 2011, we knew Oogie would need a special family.

Luckily for Oogie, his new mom, Emily was browsing our website. She saw Oogie's listing and knew they were meant to be together. Emily adopted him on November 25, 2011, and their bond has grown stronger ever since! Over the years, Oogie's story has brought joy to Emily, her friends and to countless others online who follow his story on Reddit.

"Oogie has been an absolute treasure since I adopted him from KHS," Emily said.

"Despite his quirky appearance and special needs, KHS gave this sweet, special boy a chance to find his forever home with me. Their love and dedication helped turn this underdog into the happiest, most cherished best friend he deserves to be!"

We were so excited to see how well Oogie is doing when he visited our East Campus for our farewell party in July to say "goodbye" to the place where his story began. This special boy's zest for life and love for humans hasn't faded one bit, even as he approaches his 15th anniversary of adoption.

The compassionate support of people like you is what makes it possible for dogs like Oogie to thrive, no matter their differences. With your help, we take in and find homes for thousands of cats, dogs and horses every year, while also providing pet guardians with critical resources so they can keep their pets happy, healthy and in their homes.

Give Hope to other animals like Oogie by donating today. Your support helps us save lives every single day!



“My favorite thing about Oogie is his deep, unwavering sense of affection and appreciation for me, something I’m convinced is an unbreakable bond formed when he realized he would never have to worry about being abandoned again at the shelter. He’s a once-in-a-lifetime dog.”

— Emily Gehlhausen, Oogie's mom



Have Your Gift Matched!

Longtime KHS supporter, Janice Cooper, has generously offered to match – dollar for dollar – every gift we receive through December 31, 2026, up to a total of \$45,000! You can help spread joy and hope to shelter pets this holiday season by joining our Give Hope holiday giving campaign. Return the enclosed envelope or give online at kyhumane.org/donate to double your impact. Gifts can also be mailed to 1000 Lyndon Lane, Suite B, Louisville, KY 40222.



Recent Rescues:

Margo's Transformation

Margo arrived at KHS with multiple maggot-infested wounds and severe infection riddling her body. Worst of all, her front left foot was missing all of its toes due to a traumatic injury. We surgically closed Margo's wounds and started her on rounds of medication to help her down the road to recovery, before placing her in a foster home with an experienced staff member. She gets more confident by the day with the help of her foster siblings! Soon, Margo will be ready to find her forever home but until then, we're showering her in love.



Brutus Finds Greener Pastures

Brutus was once a feral stallion in Eastern Kentucky. When his herd's safety became at risk due to proximity to local traffic, our Equine C.A.R.E. team brought him to Willow Hope Farm for a fresh start – and that's exactly what Brutus received. Brutus proved to be quite the gentleman, no matter what challenge we posed. He graciously accepted handling, vet care, leading and saddle introductions while under our care, as if he'd been waiting for his chance to shine his entire life. Now, Brutus has a new family in Pennsylvania who spoils him while continuing his training. Here's to a bright future for sweet Brutus!



Farewell to East Campus

Our East Campus permanently closed for adoptions on July 26, 2026, to pave the way for our new Animal & Community Campus. Over the years, this location has helped thousands of animals find loving homes. Its closure was a strategic step forward as we prepare to open our new 54,000-square-foot facility in 2027. Our Sam Swope Pet Treatment and Lifesaving Center remains open for adoptions seven days a week. We hope you'll visit us at 241 Steedly Drive to find your next furry family member!



Humane Heroes 2026

Excellence in Philanthropy – Daniel & Kachina Shaw

The Shaw family truly embodies what it means to foster a culture of philanthropy. Their support of KHS inspired members of their extended family to follow suit, creating a shared legacy rooted in compassion. Inspired by Penny, their dachshund mix adopted from KHS in 2012, they made a transformational gift to our ALL IN campaign. The Shaw family beautifully represents our “Inspire Others” core value!



Excellence in Animal Advocacy – Emma Jewett

Emma Jewett wholeheartedly embodies our “Always Pawsitive” core value. As an Adoption Counselor, Emma showed compassion for animals and the people who love them through her daily interactions. Recently promoted to Cat Coordinator, Emma now matches local businesses with their “new hire” working cats and coordinates the population at Purrfect Day Cat Café. No matter what challenge she’s facing, Emma meets it with a smile, and we’re grateful to have her on our team!



Excellence in Volunteering – Bobby Elder

Bobby has completed over 1,200 volunteer hours since joining our team in 2022. He’s a dedicated Date with a Dog volunteer who helps our shy and long-stay dogs gain the confidence they need to thrive. Bobby spends almost every free moment he has with a KHS dog, whether traipsing through creeks, traversing trails or taking naps on the couch. He’s a shining example of our “Compassion Matters” core value, and our shelter dogs are lucky to have him on their side!



Meet Toni Clem, Chair of KHS Board of Directors

Animals have been part of Toni Clem’s life for as long as she can remember. Since the time she was born, Toni has been fortunate to share her home with more than 20 very special animals, and each taught her something about love, loyalty, patience and the incredible bond between people and animals.



“After a lifetime of loving animals, it feels pretty special to have the opportunity to give back to them in this way.”

— Toni Clem, Chair of KHS Board of Directors

Today, Watson and Willow are part of her family—and if you know Toni, you know she’s already looking for another adoption.

Toni first served on KHS’s Board of Directors 15 years ago and now she has returned and is serving her time as Chair.

“What continues to inspire me about KHS is the breadth of its work and the difference it makes every day,” said Toni. “From adoption to veterinary care, spay/neuter services, education and helping families keep the pets they love, KHS is making a meaningful difference for animals and people across Kentucky.”

“I am incredibly grateful to be working alongside such a committed team, board, volunteers, donors and supporters. Their dedication to this work is inspiring, and I am proud to be part of it once again. There is important work ahead, and I am excited about what we can accomplish together.”

Save the Date for Picture Your Pet with Santa

Get your pet's picture with *Santa Paws* at the Preston and Middletown Feeders Pet Supply stores on December 5-6 from 12-4 p.m.



Waived Adoption Fees Courtesy of MetLife Pet Insurance

Adopt an adult dog or cat at 241 Steedly Drive between October 24-25 and their adoption fee will be waived thanks to our friends at MetLife Pet Insurance!

Shop for a Cause this Holiday Season



Want to help dogs, cats and horses in need during this season of giving? Give Hope to animals in need by sending a donation. You can also make your holiday gifts even more meaningful by choosing purchases that support shelter animals.

KHS Pet Calendars

Our 2027 Pet Calendar will be available for purchase in November! If you submitted a photo for the calendar, you will be sent a copy in the mail! You can order a calendar at kyhumane.org/calendar-order or purchase one in person at select Feeders Pet Supply stores. It makes for a great stocking stuffer and features over 400 adorable animals!

Kroger Rewards

Help animals by registering your Kroger Plus card on their website. Choose KHS as your charity and with each purchase, Kroger will donate a percentage to help shelter pets. We've received over \$12,000 this year thanks to shoppers who chose us!

Hill's Shelter Donation

Does your pet eat Hill's Science Diet food? Order online and Hill's will donate \$1 of every order (including subscriptions) when you select KHS as your shelter of choice.

Dedication Paver

Honor or memorialize a beloved two or four-legged friend with an engraved brick at our new Animal & Community Campus. Small pavers will be located in our memorial garden, while large pavers will be placed along the entrance pathway. Visit kyhumane.org/paver to place your order.

Sponsor a Pet

Sponsorships help our shelter animals by offsetting the costs of food, shelter, enrichment and veterinary care. You choose the cat, dog or horse you want to sponsor and the amount of your gift. Every dollar makes a difference! Learn more at kyhumane.org/sponsor-a-pet.

Embark DNA Test

Curious to know your dog's DNA? Select KHS as your charity of choice when you purchase your DNA testing kit, and a portion of proceeds will support our lifesaving mission. Learn more at tinyurl.com/khs-embark.

Shop Our Pawtique

Visit kyhumane.org/pawtique to shop today! Our online merch store has KHS and animal-themed gifts for your pet-loving friends and family members. We even have items for your furry friends!



TUXES

& TAILS

PAWHIBITION:
A NIGHT AT THE
Speakeasy

Our 33rd annual Tuxes & Tails Gala – Pawhibition, a Night at the Speakeasy – was a howling success, raising a record-breaking \$714,000 for dogs, cats and horses in need!

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Happy Tails

Congrats to all Adoptees!



This handsome boy found a loving family to play with. Happy Tails, Barlow!



We're certain Billy is getting lots of snuggles in his new home. Yay Billy!



Does that sign say 'adopted'? Better taste it to make sure! Happy adoption, Cleveland.



You could hear the puzzle pieces click into place when Demara found her perfect match!



Blue Slush found his new bestie at the Purrfect Day Cat Café. Hooray!



Pat was adopted during BISSELL's Empty The Shelters adoption event. Yay Pat!



Pebbles was one of the final pups adopted at our East Campus. Happy Tails, Pebbles!



This lovely pair found their new furry friend to spoil with lots of love. Hooray Triassic!

Contact Us

Sam Swope Pet TLC

241 Steedly Drive
Louisville, KY 40214

Adoptions

Monday–Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday & Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Admissions by Appointment.

S.N.I.P. Clinic

4918 Preston Highway
Louisville, KY 40213
502-636-3491

Fern Creek Pet Resort

5225 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40291
502-499-1910

Purrfect Day Café

1741 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40205
502-916-5051

Willow Hope Farm

4416 Todds Point Road
Simpsonville, KY 40067
502-272-1068

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502-272-1070

Pet Retention Services

502-509-4738

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502-515-3145

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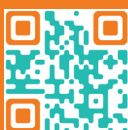
502-272-1052

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502-253-2883



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