

Kentucky Humane Society

# Waggin' Trail

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Join us for our virtual Waggin' Trail charity walk! Sign up online, ask friends to support your fundraising page, walk anytime Aug. 7-9 and help us save lives!



### Letter from Lori

Dear Friends,

I wanted to thank you for standing by the Kentucky Humane Society, as we all continue to navigate during the pandemic. It's incredible how dramatically much of our routines have changed since March. I hope you and your loved ones are staying safe, and that your life is getting back to a more normal routine.

After having to temporarily close down many of our critical services, over the last few months we've been able to reopen most of them. This time has taught us how to work differently – sometimes for the better. For example:

- **Fostering is way up.** We've seen a dramatic increase in the number of animals spending in temporary foster homes. This is great news for shelter pets!
- **Adoptions by appointment.** To better manage social distancing and keep our staff and adopters safe, we're requiring adopters to make online appointments to meet pets – and adopters are embracing this change!
- **More emphasis on keeping pets in their homes.** With nearly 40% of Kentuckians filing for unemployment, we are seeing ever more need for these vital services. If you or someone you know need assistance, please contact our Pet Help Line at 502-509-4738.
- **Events are going virtual.** This year, our signature Waggin' Trail Walk & Festival for the Animals and Tuxes & Tails Gala will both be going virtual. We hope you join us!
- **Reducing costs.** With revenues down, we are reducing costs, such as changing the format of this magazine.



Lori Redmon

I am truly grateful for your continued support, and your belief in our lifesaving mission. Thank you for helping us save lives!

Sincerely,

Lori Redmon, President & CEO

P.S. Want inspiring stories of animals you've helped? Sign up to receive KHS emails at [kyhumane.org/newsletter](https://kyhumane.org/newsletter) and follow us on social media [@kyhumane](https://twitter.com/kyhumane).

# KHS to the Rescue!

While we've had to temporarily scale back some of our operations due to the pandemic, our commitment to rescuing animals has never wavered. Here are just a few inspiring stories of animals you've helped us save with your donations.

## Maggie Gets a Second Chance

Little Maggie was suffering from a severe foot injury. To save this tiny calico kitten's life, our veterinary team amputated her leg. To give her time to heal, we placed Maggie in a foster home that focuses on special needs pets. Maggie quickly learned how to jump, pounce and run on three legs, and she loved playing with the other cats in the home. This adorable angel is now adopted, and her family reports she's the sweetest and most hilarious cat ever.



## Twiggy Saved from Starvation

It was utterly heartbreaking when a puppy, weighing less than two pounds, arrived at KHS on death's door. Twiggy, as we named her, had a body condition score of 1 out of 9 (the lowest possible) and was so weak from starvation she couldn't hold up her head. We weren't sure if this little one would survive, but we were determined to give her our all. After receiving round-the-clock care and lots of love, Twiggy made it!

## 44 Horses Rescued from Cruelty

In May we received a call from the Kentucky State Police, asking for help with a large-scale animal cruelty case: they were charging a Wayne County horse owner with 44 counts of cruelty, after finding 4 dead horses and dozens more suffering. Our Equine team arrived at the scene, and brought 21 horses back to our Willow Hope Farm – including five deemed to be in the worst condition and numerous pregnant mares. We are thrilled that the mustangs and paint horses are making tremendous progress, and some have already found loving homes!



## Blind Pup Adopted

Matilda is a ten-month-old puppy who arrived at the Kentucky Humane Society on death's door. The poor puppy was suffering from Canine Parvovirus, a highly contagious viral disease of dogs that commonly causes acute gastrointestinal illness. In addition to parvo, Matilda appeared to be having trouble with her vision and was suffering from congenital eye abnormalities. Matilda spent several weeks in foster care recovering. Recently she was adopted by an amazing family who say she is the missing piece they'd been looking for!

## Helping Needy Families

Are you or someone you know struggling to keep your companion animal healthy and in your home because of financial or health stresses due to the pandemic? Call our Pet Help Line at 502-509-4738. Thanks to COVID-19 relief grants, we are able to provide financial assistance to families who qualify. Assistance may include pet food, medical vouchers, temporary boarding, behavioral resources, or other help.



# How You Can Get Involved

Looking to get involved at KHS and make a difference in the lives of grateful shelter animals? There are many ways you can help!



## Virtual Waggin' Trail and Tuxes & Tails

Our two biggest events are going virtual! Register online for our **Waggin' Trail** charity walk, invite others to support your fundraising page or join your team, and walk anytime between Aug. 7-9 to save lives. Shop local by visiting our Virtual Vendor Village and join a Facebook live stream celebration at 10 a.m. Aug. 9. Your participation means so much!

**Tuxes & Tails Gala** on Sept. 19 will include a spirited online auction and inspiring stories about animals rescued by KHS. To donate auction items, become a sponsor or register for this year's Tuxes & Tails Gala, visit [kyhumane.org](http://kyhumane.org).

## Adopt or Foster

During the pandemic, interest in adopting and fostering companion animals has skyrocketed. It's a wonderful trend to see! To view our adoptable animals and schedule an adoption appointment, visit [kyhumane.org](http://kyhumane.org). Or want the benefits of pet ownership without the commitment? Become a KHS foster caregiver. Foster families provide temporary homes to shelter animals, and provide valuable information about their personalities so we can help them find their perfect forever homes. Visit our website for more information.



## Shop Our Pawtique

Show your support for the animals by shopping for clothing and accessories from the comfort of your home. Our Pawtique has adorable animal-themed designs and proceeds benefit our lifesaving work. Each item is custom printed, so please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery. Visit [kyhumane.org/pawtique](http://kyhumane.org/pawtique).

## Become a Monthly Donor

Donations have never been more critical to KHS. Since you are already a supporter, perhaps you would consider becoming a Constant Companion by choosing to donate monthly? Your thoughtfulness will help animals year round and provide gifts we can count on. Plus, you will receive an end of year gift summary/tax receipt, helping us reduce costs. Sign up at [kyhumane.org/give-monthly](http://kyhumane.org/give-monthly).



## Dog - and Cat! - Training



Do you need tools to communicate better with your furry family member? Our certified behavior trainers can help. We offer one-on-one outdoor dog training, as well as virtual classes and consultations that you can access from the comfort of your home.

Our behavior trainers can help you teach your dog basic manners or address problem behaviors. They can even help your cat with anything from litter box issues and impolite play to leash walking. Learn more at [kyhumane.org](http://kyhumane.org).

# 2021 Pet Calendar



You know your furry companion is the most adorable animal ever! So why not enter your precious pooch's, favorite feline's or elegant equine's photo in our 2021 Pet Calendar contest? Your donation will support our lifesaving mission to help needy animals, and the best photos will be featured as Pets of the Month. In addition, everyone who submits a photo is guaranteed to have their pet's photo printed in the calendar collage. Plus, each entrant will be mailed a 2021 calendar in November. Send in your pet's cutest photo by August 15 at [kyhumane.org/calendar-contest](https://kyhumane.org/calendar-contest).

## Happy Tails



Thanks to Archie's family for adopting!



Chloe-Jo is ready for adventure.



Athena in her sunshine-filled new pasture.



Squeak knows how to show off.



Scrapy loves the outdoors and his new "brother."



Congrats to little Moe!

## Pet Resorts Welcoming Guests

Are you looking for a caring pet boarding, grooming or Doggie Day care facility? Book your pet's stay at the Kentucky Humane Society's Eastpoint or Fern Creek Pet Resorts. Our staff are passionate about animal welfare, so you know your dog or cat will be pampered, safe and loved. Plus proceeds benefit shelter pets. Visit [kyhumane.org/petresorts](https://kyhumane.org/petresorts) for more information.

