

# Paw

## Street Journal



We Made It – Thanks to You!

WINTER 2021



Letter from Lori

Dear Friends,

The year 2020 was very challenging for everyone. And when people suffer, so do companion animals. That's why I'm particularly grateful for your continued support during the pandemic. You make our lifesaving work possible!

Here's just a small snapshot of what we were able to accomplish in 2020 thanks to you, despite facing temporary shut downs, staffing disruptions and COVID-19 restrictions:

- We found loving homes for more than 5,500 animals. We learned how to work differently by moving to adoptions by appointment and virtual adoptions – designed to keep our community safe while saving animals.
- Despite many challenges, our S.N.I.P. Clinic accomplished more than 6,100 spay/neuter surgeries. The pandemic has been particularly hard on this critical program, as we've had to reduce the number of surgeries we perform to meet social distancing guidelines.
- Our COVID-19 Pet Food Bank has provided free food to over 6,400 local dogs and cats. Food insecurities during the pandemic are impacting not only families, but also the pets they love.
- We gave out 589 vouchers to financially struggling families to help them provide critical medical care to their animals – twice as many as the year before.



Lori Redmon with Cam

We know that the pandemic will continue to wreak havoc on people's lives in 2021, and that animals will continue to need us. That's why your support in 2021 is so important. Revenues at KHS are down. That means we depend even more on donations to fill the gap so we can continue our lifesaving work.

Thank you for all you do for the animals! We appreciate you more than we can adequately express!



Lori Redmon  
President & CEO

P.S. Thank you again for your support of the animals, and we hope you renew your 2021 Annual Membership!

# Animal Rescues

Thanks to your donations, the Kentucky Humane Society provides help and hope to thousands of homeless animals each year. Here are just a few animals whom we've recently rescued.

## Skewer Survivor Charlie

Sometimes animals arrive at KHS with shocking injuries. That was the case with Charlie, who had a wooden skewer embedded between his ribs and located dangerously close to his heart. Thanks to supporters like you, we were able to accept Charlie from a rural animal shelter in Western Kentucky and provide him with lifesaving medical care, time to heal and a family to love. Almost every day of the week, KHS is contacted by overcrowded and under-resourced shelters, asking us to take in injured and ill animals or to help alleviate overcrowding. Your donations make these transports possible, providing second chances to grateful shelter animals!



## Blind Kittens

Right before Thanksgiving, a Good Samaritan found a litter of six-week-old kittens. Autumn, Acorn and Gobble are all missing both eyes, and their sister Pie is blind in one eye. The only sibling who has both eyes is Blessing, who is a polydactyl with lots of extra toes! Our veterinary team gave each a thorough medical checkup and found that these kittens were otherwise healthy. The kittens spent time in foster homes so they could grow and get important socialization until they were old enough to be spayed or neutered. In December, all of these special needs kittens were adopted and spent the holidays with their new families. We are so grateful for amazing families who choose to adopt special needs animals.



## Senior Horse Lucas

Lucas is a Kentucky Mountain stallion who is recuperating at KHS' Willow Hope Farm. Estimated to be in his late 20s, this senior horse is a victim of human circumstance. Prior to his rescue, Lucas was stalled for a long time, his hooves had grown long, and he was not seen by farrier. Lucas is thin and shows signs that his living conditions were inadequate. Our Equine team has been slowly increasing Lucas's weight with a special diet, and he will be castrated once he is healthy. Lucas's progress is slow, but we are hopeful he will find a new purpose and family to love him.



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# Helping Families Keep Their Pets

KHS is here not only for animals in need, but we're also here for pet owners in crisis. Over the last year, we've seen a dramatic increase in the number of families reaching out to KHS for assistance to help them keep their pets happy, healthy and in their homes. Your donations help keep families together.

Frances called the KHS Pet Help Line in a panic. She, her spouse and their 11 year old Chihuahua, Strawbe, had lost their home. Frances had found a new apartment that allowed pets, but the lease did not start for another month. A relative said that Frances and her spouse could move in for a short time, but they could not bring Strawbe.

Thanks to a grant from The Grey Muzzle Organization, KHS was able to help Frances avoid surrendering Strawbe to an animal shelter by having Strawbe temporarily boarded at KHS' Eastpoint Pet Resort, where he quickly became a staff favorite. Finally, the apartment was ready, and Strawbe was reunited with his family! We followed up with Frances, and she had this to say: "I just want to thank you for helping me financially and with boarding for my Strawbe last month. We are settled into our new home! You are a much-needed resource and service."



*Strawbe relaxing behind the desk at Eastpoint Pet Resort*



*Molly Mae with KHS veterinarian Dr. Emily Bewley*

Charlene found Molly Mae as a stray and instantly fell in love with this kind and sweet dog. This poor dog had been medically neglected for a long time, as Molly Mae had very large mammary tumors as well as serious kidney and skin infections. Charlene took Molly to a local veterinary hospital for emergency treatment, but Charlene – who is disabled – was unable to afford Molly's extensive care.

This Good Samaritan reached out to the KHS Pet Help Line for help. KHS offered to provide emergency surgery to remove the tumors and treat Molly's other medical issues. Molly Mae is now recovering in Charlene's home, and we are so thrilled she gets to stay with the woman who rescued her! Charlene told us, "Molly is the reason I am able to get up in the morning. She has saved me, and you helped me save her."

## Get Help

If you or someone you know needs help, please call the KHS Pet Help Line at 502-509-4738. The Help Line provides free counseling and access to local resources to help struggling families keep their animals in their homes and out of shelters.



## Become a 2021 Member

Your 2021 membership to the Kentucky Humane Society means so much to us, but it means even more 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. To renew your membership, visit [kyhumane.org/donate](https://kyhumane.org/donate) or mail your gift using the enclosed envelope.

# Happy Tails



JP met Spooky on Friday the 13th and knew her adoption was meant to be.



Felicia met America, and it was love at first sight! Congratulations, America!



Of all of the cats available for adoption, the Morgerson family chose 14-year-old Zaphod.



Stimpy has a home with kiddos to play with!



Olaf has a new career as a Leadline pony with young children who are learning to ride.



Mr. Pickles became a social media star and caught the attention of the Collins family.



Ares was our longest shelter resident in 2020, and we are so excited he found Collin!



Once a Kentucky mare, Charlotte is now living the California life with Martha.



Connor's new dad saw him on WDRB and came out that day to meet him.

## CONGRATS to ALL Adoptees