



Newsletter

Lawrence County (KY) Humane Society



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End the Year with an Act of Kindness

As the year draws to a close, don't miss your last opportunity in 2012 to help us protect animals from cruelty, abuse, and neglect. **Here are 6 great reasons to donate to the Lawrence County Humane Society before December 31st.** Your gift will go where it's needed most to help protect, improve—or even save—the lives of animals in our community.

1. Your gift is tax-deductible—Gifts of cash are fully deductible, up to a maximum of 50% of your adjusted gross income. Donate before midnight Dec 31st to make sure you can include

your donation on your 2012 tax return.

2. Your donation helps right here where it's needed—Unlike larger organizations serving a greater geographical area, your donation stays right here in our community where it's urgently needed.

3. In memoriam or in honor—Whether you lost a beloved pet or want to honor an animal, donate to commemorate their life and celebrate them by helping others. *(see article below)*

4. Your donation will have the maximum impact—We operate efficiently to maximize the use of every dollar.

5. Last-minute gift—Did you forget to get someone a gift this holiday season? Give a gift that warms the heart. Donate on their behalf and they will feel good knowing that they are helping protect animals from abuse and neglect.

6. Do something for yourself—Acts of kindness simply make you feel good!!

Please help us continue our unique mission of protecting animals from cruelty, abuse, and neglect. Your donation will provide support where it is most needed. **Please give what you can.** Thank You!!

Memorial Plaque & Website Honors Our Beloved Pets

In December 2007 a new program was started to honor our beloved pets who are no longer with us, or in celebration of the pets we now own. A special plaque, called "Rainbow



Bridge Memorials," has been placed on the wall at the shelter.

The "Rainbow Bridge Memorials" plaque is designed to add many more individual brass plates so that others can immortalize their pet's memory. If you would like to make a donation in memory of (or in honor of) your pet, just send the pet's name and



date of death with your donation to: Lawrence County Humane Society, *(continued on page 5)*

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The seeds of success spring from an everlasting commitment.

—author unknown

Cats & dogs pictured in this newsletter are available for adoption at the Lawrence County Humane Society Animal Shelter.

Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR)

What is a feral cat? Feral cats are members of the domestic cat species, but are not socialized to humans. Yet, they are protected under the same state anti-cruelty laws as companion cats. Cats have been living outdoors near humans for more than 10,000 years. They typically live in groups called colonies and have strong social bonds with their colony members.

Like all animals, feral cats make their home where they find shelter and food, often in close proximity to humans. Coupled with Trap-Neuter-Return and ongoing care, you can live with and appreciate your neighborhood cats!

Because feral cats are not socialized and usually not adoptable, they do not belong in animal pounds or shelters, where they will likely be killed. **Feral kittens, however, often can be adopted into homes, but they must be socialized at an early age.** There is a critical window, and if they aren't handled in time, they will remain feral and therefore unadoptable.

Upcoming Events

October — Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

October 4th — St. Francis of Assisi “Blessing of Pets” Day

October 8th — Board Meeting, 6:45pm, LUMC

October 16th — National Feral Cat Day



October 20th — Pet Fair, Tractor Supply Company in Louisa, 10am—2pm

November — Adopt a Senior Pet Month

TNR is the effective and humane approach to stabilizing feral cat populations. Cats are humanely trapped and taken to a veterinarian, where they are neutered or spayed and



vaccinated. Kittens and socialized cats (cats who are friendly to humans) are placed into loving homes. Healthy, adult feral cats (cats who are fearful of human contact) are returned to their

colony site, where they are often provided continued care by volunteers.

TNR works!! No more kittens. Their lives are improved, and the population stabilizes and declines over time. The behaviors and stresses associated with mating, such as yowling and fighting, stop.

Removing animals from an area creates a vacuum. Animal control's traditional approach to feral cats—catch and kill—won't keep an area free of cats for long. Catch and kill is cruel, inhumane, and creates a vacuum, as do attempts to “relocate” cats. Known as the vacuum effect, this is a documented phenomenon in a variety of animal species throughout the world. Once the cats are removed from a territory, other cats move in to take advantage of the newly available resources and breed, forming a new colony. Catch and kill is an endless and costly cycle. *(continued on page 5)*

November 4 - 10 — National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week (see article page 5)

November 12th — Board Meeting, 6:45pm, LUMC

December — **Remember the homeless animals & make a gift to the Animal Shelter this holiday season!!**

December 10th — Board Meeting, 6:45pm, LUMC

January 14th, 2013 — Annual Membership Meeting & Election of Officers; meeting starts at 6:30 pm; Louisa United Methodist Church

February — National Prevent A Litter Month



February 11th — Board Meeting, 6:45pm, LUMC

February 26th — World Spay Day

March — “Coins for Critters” fund drive in Lawrence County Schools

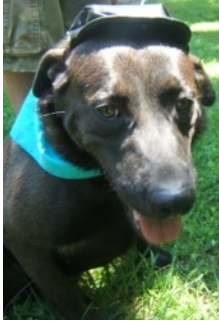
March 11th — Board Meeting, 6:45pm, LUMC

April 27th — Sixth Annual “Walk for the Animals,” Main Street Park, downtown Louisa

Our perfect companions never have fewer than four feet.—Colette

Shelter News

It seems to be that time of year again when the days are getting shorter and the leaves are starting to fall. It will soon be winter and cold. Please make sure that your pets will have a safe and warm place to spend this winter. If they are outside pets then make sure they have a house with adequate bedding. Make sure they have a water bowl or bucket that will keep the water from freezing when it gets too cold. If you see someone who might need a little help to pro-



vide for their pet and is not able to, please let us know and we will see if we can find a helping hand.

On another note, the shelter has many cats and kittens in our cat shelter. The kittens especially need to be bathed every couple of weeks to reduce the fleas that are on them. We need lots of help to do this. **If you can spare a Saturday or Sunday afternoon to come out and help bath kittens it would be greatly appreciated.** There are more kittens that need attention than our weekly workers can handle and the extra help on the weekends is greatly needed.

The dogs and puppies that are in our dog shelter also need attention. They need to be walked on a leash to help them get used to leash training and walking. The puppies also need to be held and some also need to be bathed.

There is much more work to be done for these animals than can be done on a daily basis. Any weekend help is greatly appreciated. So please come out and see the shelter and the animals—it is an experience that will not be forgotten.
—submitted by Leonika Allen, Shelter Director

Looking beyond boundries opens up limitless possibilities.—author unknown

Jackson, The “Wendy’s Kitty”

A local success story of the principles of TNR is that of a little black female cat who took up residence at the local Wendy’s restaurant. The employees named her Jackson long before they realized the kitty ended up being a female. But that didn’t matter—the name remained even after she started bringing her new litter of kittens to the back parking lot to ask for food. Through her kind heart and open mind, Dee Dee Roberts (Manger at Wendy’s) agreed to welcome Jackson “as part of the Wendy’s family”. The below article was submitted by Ms. Roberts.

Meet Ms. Jackson—

She was dropped off at our Louisa Wendy’s location early in the Spring of this year. She became a familiar face with the crew and customers. We started feeding her and she just became part of our lives. Each day she would meet us upon our arrival

every morning. We did have customers calling and complaining about the stray cat at Wendy’s and this went on for several weeks. Then someone from Animal Control came and tried to catch her, but she became so nervous and afraid. So I asked the crew if they would like to keep her and of course they said, “Yes!!”

After speaking with a member of the LC Humane Society we decided to have Ms. Jackson humanely trapped, spayed, and returned to our location. Now we had to come up with the money to have her spayed and vaccinated. So all of the managers and crew each paid \$1.00 to raise the money for her to receive veterinary care.

Thanks to Beverly Pack (from the LC Humane Society), who agreed to pick her up and take her to the vet, she was treated and returned back to us after her surgery. Ms. Jackson now has one of her ears clipped to indicate that she has been spayed and now belongs to Wendy’s!

(Maggie McGuire & Ms. Jackson)



Memorial Plaque & Website Honors Our Beloved Pets *(con't from page 1)*

ATTN: "Rainbow Bridge Memorials,"
P. O. Box 1331,
Louisa, KY 41230.
Be sure to include
your name, mail-
ing address, and
phone number in
case we have any
questions.



We have already completely filled two beautiful plaques and the third plaque is well underway with honorariums.

In addition to your pet being listed on the plaque, your pet's name will also be added to the "Rainbow Bridge Memorials" webpage at www.lawrencecoanimalshelter.com/rainbowbridge.html

Any animal companion can be honored on the plaque and webpage.

Questions concerning this program should be directed to Beverly Pack sixcatpack@mindspring.com



No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.—author unknown

Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) *(con't from page 2)*

Alley Cat Allies suggests that you discover the truth about how to live with cats in your neighborhood.

1. Talk to your neighbors. Determine whether the cat is a pet, stray, or feral, and if he/she has been neu-



tered/spayed. If not, get it done!

2. Apply nontoxic deterrents around your yard.

3. Put a tight lid on

your trash can.

4. Block gaps in the foundations of all sheds and outbuildings.

5. Use a car cover.
—taken from Alley Cat Allies,
www.alleycat.org

Show Your Appreciation to Our Animal Shelter. *Did You Know that you can make monthly donations to the LC Humane Society from your bank checking account (usually no fee is involved) through the Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)? See your banking representative for details. Giving has never been easier!! Remember the animals this holiday season and start your monthly gift.*

Or, pick up an extra item every time you shop and donate it to the Animal Shelter. The most urgently needed items are:

- Purina Cat Chow or Purina Kitten Chow
- Non-clumping cat litter
- Cat treats
- Purina Dog Chow or Purina Puppy Chow
- Dog biscuits, raw hide chews (all assorted sizes)
- Bleach, Pine Sol, Arm and Hammer Laundry Powder, Dawn Dishwashing Liquid, Hand Soap
- Paper Towels (rolls)
- Glad Force Flex Garbage Bags
- Pedialite, Vitamin D Water

PEGGY SUE LOVES HER HOME IN RHODE ISLAND!!

Peggy Sue arrived in Little Compton, Rhode Island from the Lawrence County Humane Society Animal Shelter on a snowy day in early January 2009. She had been picked up as a stray in Louisa in May 2008, when it was estimated she was six months old. So, at about 14 months old, she arrived home, to stay.

My husband Jeff and I have always loved black and tan mixed breeds. But we really had no interest in getting a dog. Then, one day, I looked at Petfinder—something I never did. And there was a photo of a dog named Peggy Sue! A black and tan dog of undeterminable breeds with a white blaze on her chest and a winsome look on her face. And the description of her was even better. It said that



Peggy Sue liked cats. Could she come and live with our two cats then? I printed out all the information and gave it to Jeff..

Jeff liked the photo and description of Peggy Sue. But neither one of us really pursued the topic. Except for some times, late at night, I would say how great it would be to give that Kentucky dog a loving home, by the sea, in Rhode Island. One day near Christmas 2008, Jeff told me he had contacted Kim Perry at Lawrence County Humane Society and Peggy would soon be joining our family.

We rode about two hours to Connecticut to meet the transport, full of dogs. When Jeff led Peggy Sue out of the trailer, all dirty and smelly from her trip, I thought she was the most beautiful dog in the world. I sat in the back seat of the car with her. She huddled against the opposite door. Within 15 minutes, her head was in my lap.

Peggy Sue is sweet, smart, funny and loving. She has her peculiarities. She gets nervous in cars. She ditched the idea of spending occasional days playing with other dogs at doggy day care. She prefers to stay home with her two cats where she has an invisible fence, with two acres to roam. She loves her daily walks with Jeff along winding country roads but sometimes has to be reprimanded for lunging at pickup trucks or

other dogs. When another dog might wander into our yard, she yelps in a certain way that sends our cats flying into the house. I am sure she has saved their lives more than once. She loves her basket of stuffed animals and rotates chosen ones to bring over to her bowls so they can “eat” and “drink.” Peggy Sue has enriched our lives and we can’t imagine life without her.

Thanks to everyone at the Lawrence County Humane Society & Animal Shelter who cared so well for Peggy Sue! Thanks, especially, for “truth in advertising.” She was billed as loving other dogs, cats, and children. And while Peggy does like *some* dogs, her love for cats and kids is unconditional. If we were ever in the position to give another cat or dog a home, we would choose to adopt from Lawrence County. We admire the terrific work you all do, in challenging conditions, to save and place animals in their “forever” homes. —submitted by Beryl Kenyon



Foster Homes Needed!! Please call 606-638-0512

...Can You Make These Adoptions A “Success” Too?



Joey



Viola



Sebastian

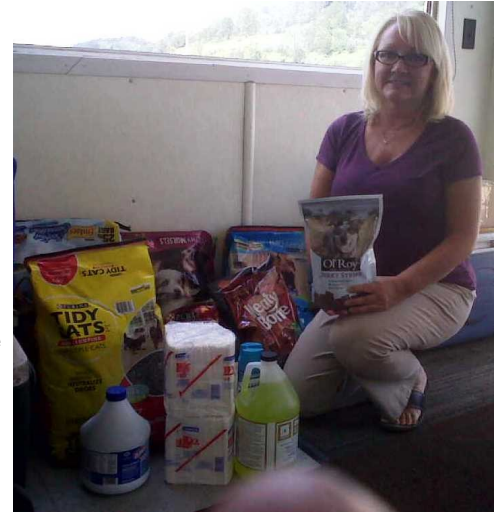


Grace

Thanks to These “Shelter Shower” Partners



(LEFT) Greg Kiser, Chief Executive Officer, of **Three Rivers Medical Center** proudly stands with a few of his dedicated employees who once again sponsored a Shelter Shower during the month of August. This is an annual event which staff of TRMC generously participates in to show their love and support for the homeless animals at the LC Humane Society Animal Shelter.



(RIGHT) Belinda Stacy shows the generous donation that the employees of **American Electric Power** collected during their annual Shelter Shower in July.



(ABOVE) Nicole Fitch and Shila Pack proudly display the items collected from employees and customers of **People’s Security Bank** during the month of August.

We still need more participants!! *If your business, church, civic organization, or school would like to become part of this on-going program, please contact Beverly Pack at sixcatpack@mindspring.com or cell 606-571-6224 for additional information.*

(BELOW RIGHT) **Dr. Eugene Trout’s office** joined our “Shelter Shower Month” program in June. The employees were challenged to see who could raise the most money by asking their patients for donations to help support the LC Humane Society Animal Shelter. Pictured are Tonya Scholl and Wanda Crawford—just two of the employees who eagerly accepted the challenge. Tonya was rewarded with a \$50.00 gift card for her dedicated efforts in raising the most money during this campaign.





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Preventing cruelty to and providing relief of suffering among animals, and promoting humane education throughout the community.

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“Thank You” to Our Volunteers

Over the past several weeks numerous volunteers have stepped forward to give of their time to help our Animal Shelter in one way or another.

They have walked dogs, played with puppies, bathed kittens and cats, helped our “Doggie Wash” at the Tractor Supply Pet Fairs, cleaned at the shelter, picked up cans after football games, and many other ways of volunteering. As the old saying goes, “it takes an army....”

Whenever we send out an urgent call for help, YOU ARE THERE!!! And we can't thank you enough for all your love and support.

If YOU would like to get that “warm fuzzy” feeling of giving back to our homeless animals, we can use you and your talents!! Volunteer opportunities exist not only at the Animal Shelter but also away from the shelter. Please contact Bev Pack at sixcatpack@mindspring.com or cell 606-571-6224

GoodSearch & GoodShop



For only \$15.00 a year, you can support the Lawrence County Humane Society by becoming a member.

Your membership will go a long way in helping us achieve our goals.

SECURE ON-LINE DONATIONS CAN BE MADE THROUGH THESE WEBSITES

www.lawrencecokyanimalshelter.com
www.lawrencecounty.petfinder.com
www.Guidestar.org

“It’s one thing to show compassion. You must act.”—Amy bartell