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Ruby was rescued after she was found with two broken legs. Photo by Jennifer Schoenegge



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# Dear Friends,

I'm excited to share some great news with you: This holiday season, your gift to the Kentucky Humane Society will save twice as many lives!

The Kentucky Humane Society's Board of Directors has generously offered to match — dollar for dollar — every gift we receive before midnight on Dec. 31 ... up to a total of \$35,000.

With your matching gift today, you can save the lives of twice as many innocent animals like Ruby. Your generosity will provide them the lifesaving care and hope they desperately need.

The Kentucky Humane Society is our state's largest pet adoption agency and spay/neuter provider. Thanks to donors like you, we take in and find homes for more than 6,000 cats, dogs and horses every year. We help animals not only in Jefferson County, but from all corners of Kentucky.

But we can only do it with your support. Your donations allow us to give Kentucky's needy animals lifesaving medical care, nutritious food, kindness — and forever homes.

Please make that life-changing difference for them with your gift today. On behalf of Kentucky's dogs, cats and horses who will be served by your generosity, thank you!

With gratitude,

Lori Kane Redmon  
President and CEO



Lori Redmon with a dog





*Ruby is a beloved member of the Richardson family*

# Ruby's Rescue

## *Puppy with Broken Legs Saved at 6 Weeks of Age*

At just six weeks of age, Ruby had already known a lifetime of heartache.

She was born – unwanted and discarded – in a rural part of southern Kentucky.

By the time Gary and Julie Bowman found the little stray Australian Cattle Dog mix, her front legs were broken in multiple places, and she was unable to walk. She whimpered when she saw the couple and wagged her little tail as if to say, “Please don’t hurt me.”

The couple scooped up the fragile puppy and told her that everything would be all right. They brought her to Louisville and sought emergency medical care. But not being in the position to keep little Ruby, they reached out to the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS) for help. The Bowmans had already rescued a

number of dogs from Monroe County and brought them to KHS, and they knew that Ruby would receive excellent care at KHS.

Our veterinarian, Dr. Emily Bewley, examined Ruby, and found that the breaks in her legs were clean fractures, meaning that Ruby had suffered blunt force trauma.

“Whether her injuries were from a kick, a drop or a fall, we’ll never know,” says Dr. Bewley. “Ruby was rescued before her broken bones had the chance to set incorrectly, so her recovery went very smoothly, and she did not have lasting emotional scars.”

Thanks to donations, KHS was able to give Ruby the medical attention, time and love she needed to heal.

Ruby was placed in a loving foster home so she could recover from her serious injuries. Ruby had children and dogs to play with, and a doting family who lovingly watched over her as she healed.

Finally her little pink casts came off, and she was ready for adoption. Her foster family, the Richardsons, realized that Ruby was the perfect addition to their family, and they adopted her. Ruby’s best friend is her “big sister,” a German Shepherd named Riley.

“Our entire family fell in love with her,” explains Kathy. “Ruby makes us laugh every day. She’s a happy, joyful puppy.”

From an injured and unwanted pup to beloved family member: Ruby’s rescue shows how each of us can bring help and hope to animals in need. 🐾

### Have Your Gift Matched

Our Board of Directors will match all donations received before Dec. 31 – up to a total of \$35,000. Have your gift matched by returning the envelope in this magazine or by visiting our website, [kyhumane.org](http://kyhumane.org). If you prefer to mail or drop off your gift, the address is Kentucky Humane Society, 1000 Lyndon Lane Suite B, Louisville KY 40222.



## A Feline Hero

### *Piggy Smalls Saves Other Cats through Unique Program*

Piggy Smalls is a big, happy, handsome orange tabby – who is also a local feline hero that helps save the lives of critically ill cats.

You see, animals, just like humans, sometimes need blood donations to survive. But demand for this life giving resource exceeds supply. When this happens, hospitals are sometimes placed on a waiting list, which can put needy animals at risk. Recently, Jefferson Animal Hospital partnered with the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS) to help save the lives of cats.

Piggy Smalls came to KHS when his owner abandoned him and left him on KHS' property. Despite his rough arrival, he was a hefty happy cat in great health, exactly what Jefferson Animal Hospital needed for their Blood Donor Program.

As a part of his adoption, Piggy Smalls' adopters agree to bring him to Jefferson Animal Hospital to be a blood donor so he can save lives. By adopting Piggy Smalls and keeping him in this vital program, his new family receives a number of benefits from Jefferson Animal Hospital, including a complimentary annual wellness exam, core vaccines, annual testing and free blood products should Piggy Smalls ever be in need.



*Piggy Smalls with his new mom*

On August 22, Piggy Smalls met the Wagner family, and it was love at first sight! We couldn't be more grateful. Not only did the Wagners rescue a once-abandoned cat, but by keeping him in the program, they will help save the lives of other cats. That's something that—as animal lovers—we can all be grateful for.

Piggy's mom says, "Piggy has brought lots of cuddles, wet ear kisses and lots of fur into our lives. We're proud of him for being a blood donor and how he'll be able to help save many cats' lives. We wouldn't have it any other way!" 🐾

## Johnny and June

### *Tiny Chihuahuas Survive Attack and Thrive*

Working at KHS, you never know what animal is going to need your help. Raina was there when two terrified Chihuahua puppies arrived. Johnny and June had injuries from being attacked by an animal. Johnny appeared to have gotten the worst of it, as he had several bites to his head and jaw.

"We were very concerned about the injuries and the fact that infection had set in," says Raina, Admission Technician.

Our Veterinary Services team got to work on the little ones, cleaning their wounds and giving them antibiotics. Uncertain if they would make it through the night, another employee, Angie, took them home. By the next day, Johnny's swelling had started to come down. Johnny and June spent the next month healing, growing and learning to love attention from their doting foster family. Finally they were healthy enough to be adopted. Their new families report that both of these little dogs are thriving in their forever homes. 🐾



*Johnny and June*

# From Mayhem to Manners

## *Bonded Trio of Miniature Horses Finds New Purpose*



*Maggie, Henry and Hope*

To anyone who has worked with Miniature horses, it's no surprise that these little horses can have mighty big personalities. This is especially true with Henry, Maggie and Hope.

These "minis" were more than a handful. They had never been trained, and after their owner died, they were taken in by relatives. Vanessa and her boyfriend had no experience with horses, but wanted them cared for in honor of their relative.

The minis regularly escaped and remained outside of their pen for days. At the end of her rope, Vanessa posted to Facebook, saying she needed to rehome them. Shara Wiesenauer, our Equine Director, offered to help.

"It was mayhem," says Shara with a chuckle. "We spent hours rounding up the horses. Henry especially did not want to be captured, and he led us on some wild goose chases."

Finally, all three minis were in the transport vehicle and headed to the KHS barn. But not only were the horses unsocialized, they were also underweight. None had received medical, dental, deworming or farrier care for over two years. Once the minis were of healthy weight, they were dewormed, vaccinated and treated for lice, and Henry was gelded.

Our dedicated team then started daily work with the minis to improve their ground manners. After months in rehabilitation, they are now healthy and well-behaved horses who love spending time together.

"Henry is a very serious guy who watches over his 'family.' Maggie is a very sweet, calm girl who goes with the flow. And Hope, the baby, is a spittfire who likes to make her opinion known," says Shara.

Finally, the little family was ready for adoption. And Shara found just the perfect match: Diana has a huge heart for animals, and wanted to keep the little family together. Henry, Maggie and Hope now live with two other miniature horses, and they are in training to be used in children's programs. 🐾

## Senior Dogs Fetch Grant

Old dogs have something to wag about, as the Kentucky Humane Society recently received a \$6,351 grant from The Grey Muzzle Organization, which envisions "a world where no old dog dies alone and afraid."

The funds are allowing KHS to provide veterinary care to senior dogs who are at-risk of being surrendered to shelters because their owners can't afford care. Also benefiting are senior dogs at KHS who are in "fospice" care (short for foster-hospice). Dogs in this program have limited lifespans due to terminal illnesses but have a good quality of life. Fospice dogs are placed in homes with volunteers, and KHS pays for medical care and monitors the dogs' health through their last days.

"This grant will help us give senior shelter dogs like BooBoo, a Miniature Schnauzer who is in advanced kidney failure, a loving foster home where she can live out her remaining days," said Kayla Saylor, KHS Foster Coordinator. "No one is more grateful or loving than a senior animal, and we're looking forward to helping more dogs with this grant." 🐾



*BooBoo is in fospice (foster/hospice) care*

## Ruby's Rescuers

### *A Remarkable Journey Helping Animals*

Julie and Gary Bowman are on a journey to help animals in Kentucky. From Monroe County to Jefferson County, the Bowmans have recognized a need to fund animal welfare initiatives in our state.

The Bowmans recently founded the Monroe County Animal Welfare program in southern Kentucky, where Gary was raised. During visits to the area, Julie and Gary were concerned with the number of stray dogs in this small farming community. They found Ruby, a six-week-old puppy with two broken legs, during one of these visits and brought her to KHS.

After making a financial contribution toward this new program, the Bowmans looked to KHS for guidance. KHS President & CEO Lori Redmon and Vice President of Animal Welfare Karen Koenig advised leaders in Monroe County how to create a spay/neuter program and other proactive measures to save lives. This is just one of the ways KHS supports rural animal shelters.

The Bowmans also decided to help animals by including KHS in their estate plans.

"One of the reasons we wanted to include KHS in our estate plan is because we recognize the need to save and protect homeless animals. From personal experience (we rescued three litters of puppies from southern Kentucky and brought them to



Gary and Julie Bowman with Josie

KHS), we are confident that KHS will always put the needs of the animals in their care first," said Gary.

"Since 1884, KHS has worked to improve animal welfare in our state," said Kristin Binkowski, KHS Development Manager. "Together with people like the Bowmans, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of thousands of dogs, cats and horses we assist every year." 🐾

### **Become a Lifelong Friend**

Supporters who include KHS in their estate plans are called Lifelong Friends. By making a gift to KHS through your will, trust or other financial plan, you are building a stronger future for pets in our community. If you would like to learn how you can become a Lifelong Friend, please contact Kristin Binkowski, at 502-515-3147 or at [kbinkowski@kyhumane.org](mailto:kbinkowski@kyhumane.org).

## Give for Good Louisville

A big thanks to our friends at Glaser's Collision Centers who gave \$500 toward our Give for Good Louisville efforts on September 12! When asked why they supported KHS on this community-wide day of giving, they said, "The Glaser family adopted their dogs and are happy to support efforts for others to find their companions."

In total, 502 people chose to donate to KHS during Give for Good Louisville, which is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Louisville. We are so thankful for everyone who "gave for good" that day and helped us raise over \$42,000! 🐾



# How Sadie Stole My Heart

*By Aimee McFerren, KHS Volunteer*



Sadie with Aimee

Six months ago, I would not have imagined myself with Sadie. My husband and I had always had Boxers. But when our fifth one, the famously spoiled Katie, passed away after Christmas, I was left with the unfamiliar stillness of an empty house. It wasn't long before I was perusing adoption listings.

My husband suggested we visit the Springhurst Feeders Supply to check out a big girl the Kentucky Humane Society had available named Sadie. She was listed as an "American Staffordshire terrier mix," and from her picture, she was all head and ears.

My husband was smitten with Sadie's calm and sweet demeanor. She covered him in gentle kisses. I, on the other hand, was unsure of her sedate behavior and intimidated by her muscular physique. I was accustomed to goofy Boxers. I wasn't sure what to think of Sadie. I wondered what her "true" personality would be once she was out of the shelter and settled into a home. Would I be able to "handle" her?

I knew nothing accurate about pit bull-type breeds, and what I now recognize as stereotypes and myths filtered through my brain. Fortunately, my husband recognized Sadie's great potential. As it turns out, Sadie is a sensitive, intelligent and loyal love bug. She loves to give kisses, sometimes gentle, sometimes sloppy, and she has the cutest habit of presenting our house guests with toys. She enjoys car rides and browsing the aisles at Feeder Supply.

We've learned a great deal about Sadie's personality and preferences through training. We started with a KHS basic manners class and have progressed to more advanced obedience lessons. Sadie is now in training to become a therapy dog through WAGS Pet Therapy of Kentucky Inc.

Training has deepened our bond and helps ensure Sadie uses her best manners everywhere she goes. We are absolutely in love with Sadie Mae, and I can't imagine not having her as a part of our family! 🐾

## Share Your Pet's Story

Do you have a story about how your KHS animal stole your heart? Send us your story as a private message at [facebook.com/kyhumane](https://www.facebook.com/kyhumane).

# Pets of Dairy Kastle



Katherine and Damian, owners of Dairy Kastle, came by our East Campus recently to visit our animals and drop off a generous donation to our shelter pets. Dairy Kastle is not only a local business that has offered tasty summer treats since 1976, but they also donate a portion of tips to the Kentucky Humane Society. Over the last seven years, they have donated more than \$27,000 to help our animals! While Dairy Kastle is closed for the season, you can enjoy their Dogs of Dairy Kastle Instagram handle. 🐾

# Home for Horses

We are pleased that our Equine C.A.R.E. (connect, assist, rescue and educate) program now has a permanent home!

The Kentucky Humane Society launched its equine division in 2015 with the goal of helping Kentucky's companion or recreational horses. Since then, our Equine team has rescued, rehabilitated and found homes for more than 300 horses.

Until we purchased the barns this year, we had relied on a series of foster homes and a donated lease of a barn to house our horses. But as our program grew, we knew we needed to find a permanent location.

Thanks to a restricted gift from a generous horse lover, we were able to purchase two adjacent farms in Simpsonville KY. Together, the farms provide 42+ acres of pasture, 38 stalls and a beautiful indoor arena for year-round riding and training. There is a separate barn for quarantine to ensure the health of the horses, and a barn for orphaned foals who arrive in the spring.

To show off our new "digs," we invited KHS volunteers to a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in July. Dozens of volunteers got a V.I.P. tour of the barn and met our horses. 🐾



## Help Our Horses

Did you know that last year KHS found homes for almost 100 horses? Learn more about our Equine Program by following us at [facebook.com/khsequine](https://www.facebook.com/khsequine). Want to help our equines? Donations are gratefully accepted at [kyhumane.org/equine-donate](https://www.kyhumane.org/equine-donate) or by calling 502-515-3143.

# Holiday Gifts That Benefit Our Animals

Looking for unique gifts that also help homeless dogs, cats and horses at the Kentucky Humane Society? Here are a few ways you can help:

**Pawtique** – our online store has adorable KHS-themed clothing and accessories, including T-shirts, hoodies, caps, mugs and more: [kentuckyhumanesociety.myshopify.com](https://www.kentuckyhumanesociety.myshopify.com).

**KHS Pet Calendar** – enjoy photos of local animals all year long! The 2020 calendar will be available for purchase at KHS locations and Feeders Supply stores in late November.

**Dedication Paver** – honor or memorialize a loved one with a KHS Dedication Paver. These attractive, engraved stones are laid in our Garden of Lifelong Friends at the our Sam Swope Pet Treatment & Lifesaving Center on Steedly Drive.

**Amazon Smile** – if you are an Amazon shopper, you can donate to KHS with every purchase. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and Amazon will donate .5% of your purchases to your selected charity.

**Sponsor an Animal** – sponsor an adoptable animal in honor of your loved one, and we'll send them a card: [kyhumane.org/sponsor-a-pet](https://www.kyhumane.org/sponsor-a-pet). 🐾



# 2019 Tuxes & Tails A Huge Success!



Over 450 guests attended our Tuxes & Tails Gala on August 17 and helped raise over \$295,000 for our animals – making the 2019 Gala the most successful in KHS history! Included in this total was over \$80,000 that was raised for our TLC Fund, which pays for medical or behavioral help to our most fragile animals.

What do the results of the Gala mean? It means we can continue to provide the best care to over 6,000 dogs, cats and horses who arrive at our doors each year. KHS relies on proceeds from fundraising events and on donations large and small to fund our lifesaving work.

We want to give a special thank you to our honorary chairs, Cynthia Parnell Collier and Dr. Allan Parnell, for their dedication to our lifesaving mission, and for their support which inspired so many others to give. Another big thank you to our in-kind donors for all their amazing and beautiful auction items that



raised over \$65,000! We also want to recognize our Tuxes & Tails Committee Chair Cathy Shircliff, who provided leadership and helped ensure this Gala was one for the record books. 🐾

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# Picture Your Pets with Santa

For the 32nd year in a row, Santa Claus and over 600 volunteers will take time to help local homeless animals.

The annual Picture Your Pets with Santa at all Feeders Supply stores will be held the first two weekends in December on Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Event proceeds benefit 10 animal welfare organizations, including KHS.

December 7-8 and 14-15 pet owners can get professional holiday portraits and gift items of their family members and help local homeless animals at the same time. Last year's event brought in more than \$100,000 for local animal welfare agencies.

Photos are offered in various packages, starting at \$12. Gift items featuring the pet's photo, including ornaments, mugs and key chains are also available, starting at \$14. 🐾



# Volunteer De-Tails

Danielle has been a volunteer with the Kentucky Humane Society's East Campus for five years. Each week, she dedicates her time and energy to the animals in the shelter.

As a volunteer for KHS, Danielle socializes dogs, takes them on walks outside for exercise and assists with cleaning kennels. She enjoys giving the animals love and affection. Her favorite memory during her volunteer experience was holding four puppies in her lap while they were all taking a nap. She finds volunteering a wonderful opportunity to share her time and talents with animals that truly enjoy being loved.

Danielle participates with Special Olympics Kentucky by playing basketball for the Louisville Wizards. She also attends the Adult Development Academy at Down Syndrome of Louisville. However, her true passion in life has always been animals. Danielle has kept busy caring for her own beagle, Molly, for the past 16 years.

Outside of volunteering, Danielle enjoys family time with her parents, sister, Gabby, and brother, Greg. She enjoys going out to dinner with her grandparents. Danielle also has her own circle of friends who go bowling, swimming and watch movies together.

Thank you to Raising Cane's for sponsoring of our volunteer program. 🐾



Danielle with Katie, a 2-month-old Hound mix

## Become a Volunteer

Learn about volunteer opportunities at [kyhumane.org/volunteer](https://kyhumane.org/volunteer). Currently, we are in need of volunteers for Picture Your Pets with Santa the first two weekends in December. Contact Savannah to learn more at [volunteer@kyhumane.org](mailto:volunteer@kyhumane.org).



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## Happy Birthday!

Jackson came to our East Campus on his birthday to donate some of his very own money to help animals at the Kentucky Humane Society. He had just lost his own dog the month before, and he wanted to donate to help the homeless animals. Our hearts were so touched by his compassionate gesture!



# Happy Tails!



15-year-old Stanley came to the Kentucky Humane Society from an overcrowded shelter in very rough shape. The poor senior Dachshund was missing fur from skin allergies, and he had suffered from painful dental disease for years. Probably due to the holes in his mouth from where his teeth had rotted out, his left eye had become diseased. At KHS, we removed his damaged eye and one of his few remaining teeth. When the sweet dog was finally ready for adoption, he met the Morris family and it was an instant match! Stanley now has a senior Dachshund brother, a senior Labrador brother and a kitty friend to play with, along with awesome parents! Congratulations to our little man and have a wonderful life. 🐾



Goofy came to the Kentucky Humane Society from an overcrowded shelter and right away, we noticed that he was special. His right eye was higher than his left, his snout seemed to curve upward and his ears were extremely close together, sitting directly on top of his head. Along with his physical abnormalities, Goofy also showed some neurological symptoms. The shelter was a bit overwhelming for Goofy, so he stayed in a foster home while he waited for his forever home to come along. After several months with us, Goofy met the Rahn family and it was love at first tail wag. They adopted our sweet boy, and we couldn't be more grateful! 🐾



Guthrie came to the Kentucky Humane Society at just one month old. After spending four weeks in foster care growing and socializing, he was adopted by Letchumanan in August! Congratulations on finding your special someone, Guthrie! 🐾



The Wallace family found Rose when she was a tiny kitten in need of help. Being inexperienced in caring for a tiny bottle baby, they brought her to the Kentucky Humane Society where she was raised in a foster home. Rose went up for adoption and the Wallace family came back to adopt her! Congratulations, Rose, on your forever home and family! 🐾

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