

FRIENDS OF THE
SHELTER, INC.—
SPCA KY



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—SPCA KY (FOTS)
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501(c)(3) organization,
a Society for the
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Good News!

A new grant from the **Best Friends Animal Foundation** will allow us to expand/continue spay/neuter services for dogs living in Boone County.

Best Friends based in Kanab, Utah operates the largest sanctuary for companion animals in the United States. They also provide grants to 501c3 organizations like Friends of the Shelter throughout the country.

Individuals in Boone County desiring low cost spay/neuter for their dog will be able to obtain this service for only \$25.00 by using the transport running from Boone County Animal Shelter to UCAN in Cincinnati. Dog owners will be able to set an appointment with UCAN by calling 513-721-7387 or by going to their website ucancincinnati.org.

Thanks to our members, friends, donors and grants like this, dog owners in all our Northern KY counties can find low cost spay /neuter services available. And thanks to the Joanie Bernard Foundation and NKADD, both companion and community cats can receive free surgery. Just call OAR 513-871-0185 or UCAN for further information.



Kenton County Animal Services Appoints Beckey Reiter Director

Beckey Reiter, a long time supporter and friend to Friends of the Shelter, has returned to animal sheltering in Northern KY. She is the new Director for Kenton County Animal Shelter. With over thirty years of experience in animal care and control she most recently served twenty-three years as Director at the Boone County Animal Shelter.

Beckey is a member of the National Animal Control Association as well as the Kentucky Animal Control Association. In 2008, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award for her work in animal care and control.

“I’m looking forward to getting to know the staff and volunteers and sharing with them a vision of where we can take Kenton County,” said Reiter. “I look forward to working together, building a team and honing in on our skills. I’m excited to be a part of this shelter and this community!”

Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann says “Beckey brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Kenton County. She is a great asset and we all look forward to what she will accomplish with her team at the shelter.”



Our Biggest Fundraiser of the Year – Help Us Raise Money for the Animals!

Plans for PetFest 2018 are underway and we invite businesses, nonprofits, and community volunteers to get involved at this early stage to help us make the 15th annual Pet Fest event a great success for Northern Kentucky animals. That's right. Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss this opportunity to meet people who share your commitment to improving the lives of our companion animals and free-roaming cats.

PetFest will take place at Boone Woods Park in Burlington, KY. Your help to make this annual event a great fundraiser means a better life for animals in northern Kentucky counties, which we have been serving for over two decades. We need corporate sponsors. We need local businesses. We need donations. And, we need many volunteers.

We also believe PetFest is a great opportunity to showcase nonprofit organizations and their adoptable animals, merchandise and humane education information. We invite and encourage local animal rescues to participate. Application forms are at:

www.FriendsoftheShelterky.org

Here are 6 ways you can help:

Donate a Silent Auction Basket or Gift Item

We need gift baskets, gift certificates, tickets to sporting events and local attractions, gift products, and other new items that can be sold at our silent auction. Antiques and lightly-used items such as artwork and picture frames are welcome. Members, this is a great way for you to help out. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and may be made using the form on page 3. Please mail checks to the address provided on the form.

Advertise in our PetFest 2018 Program

The PetFest 2018 program will contain a list of events and times and all PetFest sponsors. Don't miss this opportunity to advertise your business or organization, and to reach out to friends and neighbors. Advertising in the program is available in the following formats:

- 1/4 Page—\$30.00 minimum size of 2.5" x 4"
- 1/2 Page—\$35.00 minimum size of 5.5" x 4"
- Full Page—\$45.00 minimum size of 5" x 8"

Other methods of advertisement and sponsorship are available.

Application forms are available on our website. For more information,

**please call us at (859) 689-2668
email us at FriendsoftheShelter@fuse.net.
www.FriendsoftheShelterky.org**



3 Rent a Booth/Space at PetFest
We invite you to rent a booth/space at PetFest. The cost is \$60.00; a rate of \$30.00 is available to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. There are a few rules you need to review before you get started. The application form and a list of rules are available on our website.

4 Sponsor Our Official T-Shirt
A \$200 donation includes your corporate logo on the shirt as well as a booth at PetFest and a full page advertisement in the PetFest program. Our T-shirts are very popular. Please contact Jan at jpea1215@aol.com for details such as deadlines for receipt of the donation and your artwork.

5 Become a Volunteer
We need volunteers on PetFest day to direct vehicles to parking areas, help set-up and take-down booths, assist with the silent auction, raffle, and contests, and much more. If you like excitement, we welcome your help!

6 Be a PetFest Sponsor
Another way you can help is to be a sponsor of the event or a portion of the event through a monetary donation. Sponsors will be listed in the 2018 program. The programs is printed in gray tones.

JOIN US! Become a Member—Renew Your Membership

Join our effort by becoming a member of FOTS. To our current members, thank you for your continued support. Membership Renewal is due each January.

To become a member or to renew your annual membership, please use the donation/membership coupon (below). Be a part of the campaign to be sure all our adoptable animals in Northern Kentucky have homes and to reduce the number of homeless animals through our spay and neuter program—Friends Don't Let Friends Have Litters.

The Donation/Membership form asks you to provide your mailing address and an email address (if available). Please note that addresses will be kept confidential. We also request that you indicate by which method you would like to receive the FOTS *Paw Print* newsletter; circle either U.S. Post Office mail delivery or email. If your membership is for a family of two or more, please list the names of family members you would like to be included in the membership. This form also can be used to donate to our spay/neuter program or PetFest. In the space provided, simply indicate the amount you would like to donate. Please make checks payable to: Friends of the Shelter.

Donation / Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Mail / Email FOTS Newsletter** (circle one)

Membership: \$10.00 annually for one person or \$15.00 for a family of two or more. Money enclosed for (insert number) _____ members: \$ _____ List other names: _____

Donation: \$ _____ for Spay / Neuter Program. Donation: \$ _____ PetFest 2018

Donations are fully tax deductible as allowed by law. We are a 501(c)(3) organization.

Mail to: Friends of the Shelter, Inc.,
P.O. Box 93
Union, KY 41091- 0093



Our shelters are getting ready for the arrival of Spring kitten season. Foster families are needed and food and supplies for these young families. Call your local shelter to ask how you can help!

About Us

Our Mission: Friends of the Shelter, Inc.—SPCA KY is a volunteer organization whose purpose is to oppose cruelty in all forms, encourage humane handling and care of animals, advance spay/neuter programs, promote the animal shelters and strive for responsible adoptions and ownership. Please visit the shelters and encourage your friends and acquaintances to consider adopting one of the many homeless animals. They come in all ages, sizes, types and colors.

Meetings: FOTS meetings are held the last Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Florence Government Center on Ewing Blvd. We meet in Room B on the lower level. We'll see you there.

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Contact us at:
FriendsOfTheShelter@fuse.net



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**We're on the Web
www.friendsoftheshelterky.org**

**Friends of the Shelter
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Mark Your Calendar

March

Adopt a Rescued Guinea Pig Month
3rd—World Wildlife Day
14th—Save a Spider Day
28th—Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. FOTS Meeting at Florence Government Center



April

Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month
19– 15th National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week
25th—Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. FOTS Meeting at Florence Government Center

Welcome to
amazonsmile

Amazon is a popular site for on-line shopping and Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way to raise funds for our organization. Simply go to **smile.amazon.com**.

Select: Friends of the Shelter
Location: Covington KY

When you shop, Amazon contributes a portion of your purchase to our organization. It's that easy!



As many of you know, the Community Rewards program is now linked to your **Kroger Plus Card**. Any expenditure you make at Kroger results in a contribution to Friends of the Shelter. In fact, we just received a \$370 quarterly check.

If you have never registered, please join our supporting families by registering your Kroger Plus card online and designate Friends of the Shelter **(#80594)** as your charity of choice. It is very simple to do and doesn't cost anything. You would continue to accumulate fuel points for your vehicle just as before and there are no other charges. Encourage your friends and families to register their cards, as well, and thanks for your support!

**Boone County
Animal Shelter**
5643 Idlewild Road
Burlington KY 41005
(859) 586-5285

**Campbell County
Animal Shelter**
1989 Poplar Ridge Road
Melbourne KY 41059
(859) 635-2819 x0

**Gallatin County
Animal Shelter**
4550 Hwy 455 (Johnson Road)
Sparta KY 41086
(859) 445-3166

**Grant County
Animal Shelter**
218 Barnes Road
Williamstown KY 41097
(859) 824-9403

**Kenton County
Animal Shelter**
1020 Mary Laidley Drive
Ft. Mitchell KY 41017
(859) 356-7400

**Pendleton County
Animal Shelter**
1314 Bryan Griffin Road
Butler KY 41006
(859) 472-5400