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PUPPY MILLS ARE ALL ABOUT PROFITS

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There are an estimated **10,000 puppy mills** in the United States. There are two primary sales outlets for their puppies: **Pet Stores** and the **Internet**. Pet stores are essential for keeping puppy mills in business. If the stores go out of business so will a lot of puppy mills. Over **2 million puppies are bred** in mills each year. **

Puppies are bred in mills and then shipped all over the country. The shipping conditions are inhumane. The puppies can be forced to go up to 12 hours without food or water. They are confined in a small space where diseases can be easily transmitted.

PUPPY MILLS:

- ⇒ are dog breeding operations that put profit over the health and well-being of the dogs.
- ⇒ can house hundreds or thousands of dogs. Smaller does not necessarily mean better. The conditions in small facilities can be just as cruel as larger ones.
- ⇒ are everywhere, though there is a large concentration in the Midwest. Amish and Mennonite communities (particularly in Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania) also have large concentrations of puppy mills.
- ⇒ breed all types of dogs; you can find nearly every breed.

CONDITIONS:

- Breeding parents spend their lives in 24-hour confinement to cages. It is common to see wire cages stacked on top of each other. They generally do not have protection from heat, cold, or inclement weather.
- Dogs in puppy mills live in dirty, unsanitary conditions.
- Dogs living in puppy mills receive little to no professional veterinary care; and puppy mill owners often provide care without anesthesia or veterinary training.
- Mothers are bred every heat cycle and are usually killed when they can no longer produce.
- Many puppy mills do not practice humane euthanasia. Dogs are killed in cruel ways, including shooting or drowning.
- Puppies are taken from their mothers too young and can develop serious health or behavioral issues due to the conditions in which they are bred and shipped. This leads to expensive veterinary bills, heartbreak, and stress for the people who purchase them.



We have stores in our area that purchase their stock from Puppy Mills.

The Center for Disease Control completed a multi-state investigation, of 113 Campylobacter cases (a serious drug resistant infection) across 17 states, the majority from Ohio. 87 percent of those individuals said they had contact with a puppy from a Petland store or had contact with a person who became sick after contact with a puppy from Petland. 25 ill people worked at Petland. <https://www.cdc.gov/campylobacter/outbreaks/puppies-9-17/index.html>

If you would like to learn more about Puppy Mills, there is an excellent video on Amazon Prime called "Dog by Dog."

**Most of the information here was compiled by The Puppy Mill Project (a 501c3 charity) <https://www.thepupymillproject.org/> and resources provided by the ASPCA and Best Friends Animal Society.

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

Plans for PetFest 2019 are underway. We invite businesses, nonprofits, and the community to get involved at this early stage to help us make the 15th annual PetFest event a great success. 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 on June 30, 2019. Your help in making this event a great fundraiser means a better life for animals in northern Kentucky counties. 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 rescues to participate.

Here are 6 ways you can help:

1 Sponsor Our Event and 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.



2 Donate a Silent Auction Basket or Gift Item

We need gift baskets, gift cards/certificates, tickets to sporting events and local attractions, gift products, and other new items that can be sold at our silent auction. **Members**, this is a great way for you to help out. Solicit your neighborhood businesses. Call or email us for pick-up of your donations. Or mail them to our address on page 4. If you need a street address for mailing or drop off, please contact us.

Downloadable forms are available now. Online form submission and payment will be available in mid-March.

<http://www.FriendsoftheShelterky.org>

For more information, please call us at (859) 689-2668

Email us at FriendsoftheShelter@fuse.net.

3 Rent a Booth/Space

We invite you to rent a booth/space at PetFest. The cost is \$60 (a rate of \$30 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 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. The program is printed in gray tones. 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"

5 Become a Volunteer

We need volunteers on PetFest day to direct vehicles to parking areas, help set-up and take-down booths, pass out programs, assist at food area or with the silent auction, raffle, and contests, and much more. If you like excitement, we welcome your help! Contact FriendsoftheShelter@fuse.net.

6 Be a PetFest Supporter

Another way you can help is through a monetary donation. All cash Donors will be listed in the 2018 program and distributed at the event.

Local Events

Campbell County Animal Shelter

Sunday April 14, 2019

Tails & Trails 5K 2019. AJ Jolly Park, 9am to noon.

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Quarter Auction at Newport Elks, 3704 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring. Doors open at 6pm, starts at 7pm.

Thursday, March 21, 2019



Quarter Auction Fundraiser for Owen County Friends of Animals at Benton Family Farm in Walton, KY. Doors open at 6pm, starts at 7pm.

Thank You

A big thanks to **Susan & Alyssa Miller** and **Benton Farms** for holding a Quarter Auction in January and donating the proceeds to Friends of the Shelter.



Thank you to **Quaker Steak & Lube** for the one day fundraiser in January. And thanks to those who ate there. We appreciate you supporting our Fundraisers.

ABOUT Owen County Friends of Animals Inc.

Before 2005, Owen County, KY, a rural tax poor county, had a 100% kill rate and no shelter. A school teacher learned of the horrendous treatment of stray dogs picked up by the county when a dog she had been caring for was picked up and put to sleep within a 24-hour period. She decided to take action, rallied the citizens of Owen County, and formed a 501c3, named Owen County Friends of Animals, Inc. OCFA started helping find placement for dogs and ensuring they were kept more humanely than they had been, while pressuring the county to comply with a state law that requires all counties to have a shelter or contract with another county shelter in order to humanely care for strays. Eventually, the county complied by building a rudimentary, twelve kennel structure on an acre of donated land. OCFA Inc. agreed to operate the shelter without funding in order to ensure dogs were treated humanely and given the best opportunity to escape euthanasia. Every facet of the shelter operations is carried out by volunteers as there are no shelter employees on the county payroll. The shelter is funded via grants, fundraisers and donations. The county contributes by paying utilities, some

maintenance costs, and the ACO's salary. Recently, OCFA has been fortunate to be able to pay a few volunteers a meager stipend due to the dedication and hours of labor spent fundraising and grant writing by other volunteers.

OCFA takes in approximately 300 dogs a year. Geographically, Owen County is located too far away from large suburban and metro areas for many dogs to be adopted hence it is necessary to rely on rescues and adoption events to find placement for the animals in our care. Owen County Friends of Animals is able to operate the shelter with a "No Kill" status primarily due to the assistance of rescues and the commitment to the philosophy that no animal should lose their life due to a need for shelter space.

OCFA is always eager to recruit additional volunteers. Our email is OCFAnimals@gmail.com.

Written by Lori Moore from Owen County Friends of Animals Inc.



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 animal shelters and strive for responsible adoptions and ownership. Please visit shelters and encourage your friends and acquaintances to con-

sider adopting one of the many homeless pets. They come in all ages, sizes, types and colors.



Meetings: FOTS meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month - 7:00 pm at the Florence Government Center on Ewing Blvd. We meet in Room B on the lower level. All members are invited. We hope to see you there.



Friends of the Shelter, Inc.—SPCA KY
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We're on the WEB

www.friendsoftheshelterky.org

Mark Your Calendar

March

- Poison Prevention Awareness
- 13th—K9 Veterans Day
- 21st—Owen County Quarter Auction
- 23rd—National Puppy Day
- 26th—FOTS Meeting



April

- National Heartworm Awareness
- 11th—National Pet Day
- 14th—Campbell County 5K
- 22nd—Earth Day
- 30th—Campbell County Quarter Auction
- 30th—FOTS Meeting

County Shelters

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

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

Gallatin County Animal Shelter
4550 Hwy 455
Sparta KY 41086
(859) 643-3647

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

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

Pendleton County Animal Shelter
1314 Bryan Griffin Rd
Butler KY 41026
(859) 472-5400

JOIN US! Become a Member—Renew Your Membership

Membership / Renewal / Donation

Please include the above label if present.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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(Your email address and personal information is never shared with anyone outside our organization)

How do you want to receive our **Newsletter**: Mail: Email:

Do you want to receive the FOTS Car Magnet: Yes No

(Add \$1.60 for magnet & shipping)

Membership: \$10.00 annually for one person _____

\$15.00 for a family of two or more _____

List other names (optional): _____

Additional Donation: \$ _____

Donations & dues are fully tax deductible as allowed by law. We are a 501(c)(3) organization. **Mail with your check to:** Friends of the Shelter, Inc., P.O. Box 93, Union KY 41091 or Complete this form online and pay through our website: www.friendsoftheshelterky.org