

FRIENDS OF THE  
SHELTER, INC.—  
SPCA KY



Friends of the Shelter, Inc.  
—SPCA KY (FOTS)  
is an all-volunteer  
501(c)(3) organization,  
a Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to  
Animals (SPCA),  
Kentucky,

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# Paw Print

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## STAY INFORMED

We are making the minutes of our monthly meetings and any special announcements (such as events) available to you through email. We want to keep you informed about what we are doing.

Every member in good standing, current in their membership dues may receive the minutes if you OPT IN. Just send an email to [friendsoftheshelter@fuse.net](mailto:friendsoftheshelter@fuse.net) with the message "Yes, send me the minutes & announcements" or "Announcements only.." Please include your full name in the message because email addresses do not always include that information.

We value your membership, but if you are no longer interested, would you please send us an email to drop you from our distribution list. It is costly to send newsletter mailings and we don't want to clutter your mailbox if you truly don't want them.

Your email is never given to anyone outside our organization. And your contact information will be deleted upon request.



## Spay/neuter reduces unwanted litters



Our transports from area shelters continue to be popular with our Northern Kentucky community. Because of grants from Best Friends Animal Foundation, the Elsa Sule Foundation and your support, we can offer spay/neuter services for only \$25. UCAN's transport takes dogs from Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Grant, Pendleton and Gallatin Counties to their

clinic for spay/neuter surgery and returns them the next day.

The pups shown here from a recent Boone County Transport will never contribute to the overpopulation problem in our communities which leads to our shelters being overwhelmed by unwanted litters. Call UCAN for an appointment 513-762-0132. Cats can be spayed/neutered for no charge at UCAN or OAR 513-871-0185.



# 4 Ways to Support Us



Chewy.com is a great place to purchase your pet supplies. They have all the national brands at great prices. If you haven't tried them yet, please use the link on our website: <https://www.friendsoftheshelterky.org>

All first time customers who use this link will generate a \$20 donation for Friends of the Shelter by Chewy at no cost to you. It's that easy. Please tell your friends and family. We hope you continue to shop with Chewy but we only receive the donation for new customers.

## YOU ARE SPECIAL TO US

It's through people like you that we are able to fulfill our mission to promote and subsidize spay/neutering in the 6 county area of Northern Kentucky. Our funding comes from a few grants, our fundraisers and your annual memberships. Grants are limited in amount and sometimes scope so we cannot rely solely on them. We count on your dues to supply a steady income.

We realize you are very busy and might have forgotten to renew your membership this year. We are making it easier. You can now pay your annual membership dues of \$10 (\$15 family) through our website if you have a PayPal account.



Go to <https://www.friendsoftheshelterky.org> and click on the ABOUT tab. Click on the Donate button. This takes you to the secure PayPal site. You will be asked to log in to complete the transaction. We do not receive any of your password information. It's safe and secure. No need to mail your check.

You can tell if your membership is current by looking at the mailing label on this newsletter. If it shows "expired" we have not received your 2018 dues yet. If this is in error please email us at [friendsoftheshelter@fuse.net](mailto:friendsoftheshelter@fuse.net). A date of Dec 18 shows you are current.

You can also renew (or join) at the Silent Auction tent at PetFest. We look forward to seeing you there. Remember we are a 501©(3) charity which may be tax deductible. We look forward to your continued support.



PetFest is our annual event to celebrate you and your pets. Your help to make PetFest a great fundraiser means a better life for animals in Northern Kentucky counties, which we have been serving for over two decades.

You can help:

- Donate
- Advertise
- Rent a booth
- Sponsor
- Volunteer
- **ATTEND**

Visit our website for more details.  
<https://www.friendsoftheshelterky.org>

**Bring your family, bring your dog,  
have a great time!**



Thanks to you—our supporters—we have surpassed 1,000 likes on our Facebook page. Ask your friends to like our page: Friends of the Shelter, Inc./ SPCA KY

Help get the message out about the importance of spay and neutering.

Promote PetFest and our other events.

**Please continue to like and share our posts.**

## 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 as well as 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.

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**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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**Memorial Plaque Program:** Pay tribute to your beloved pet with a name plate on the FOTS memorial plaque in the lobby of the Boone County Animal Shelter. To add your pet's name or that of a friend, contact Bonnie Ravenscraft at 859-371-8380 for information.

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**Contact us at:**  
FriendsOfTheShelter@fuse.net



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[www.friendsoftheshelterky.org](http://www.friendsoftheshelterky.org)

**Friends of the Shelter**

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**Mark Your Calendar**

**May**

**Pet Health Awareness  
Month**

29th—Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. FOTS  
Meeting at Florence  
Government Center



**June**

**Adopt a Shelter Cat Month**

4th—Hug Your Cat Day

24th—**PETFEST!**

26th—Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. FOTS  
Meeting at Florence  
Government Center

Welcome to  
**amazon**smile

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

**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