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ADOPT A SENIOR PET

November is senior pet month. Everybody loves kittens and puppies. Senior pets are widely overlooked. Senior does not equal Geriatric. The senior phase of a cat's life begins at 11 years old and a dog's at 7-9 years.



There are many advantages to adopting an older pet. Here are just a few:

- Seniors don't require the constant monitoring and training.
- Many are already housetrained.
- Since senior pets are fully grown, you'll be immediately aware of important information like size, personality type, grooming requirements, activity level—making it easier to choose the perfect pet for

your family.



When you adopt a senior pet, you are giving them a second chance at a good life. Their affection is timeless, their devotion is ageless, their love is forever.

*Old Dogs are age. Like wine,
They improve with age.*



WHAT NOT TO FEED YOUR PETS

The upcoming holidays mean all kinds of food. Many of these tasty treats are harmful—sometimes even fatal—to pets. Please don't feed them human food unless you are absolutely sure it's safe. Here are just a few examples of some dangerous foods:

- Turkey Skin, Drippings, Gravy
- Turkey or Chicken Bones
- Stuffing & Sage
- Raisins & Grapes
- Onion & Garlic
- Nutmeg & Nuts
- Mushrooms
- Sweet Potatoes
- Pumpkin Pie



(plain pumpkin is ok)

- Corn on the Cob
- Chocolate
- Bread Dough
- Alcohol

RENEW NOW!

Membership Renewal is due this January. Check your label for your expiration. You may renew with the form on the back or visit our website. Thanks for your continued support.
<https://www.friendsoftheshelterky.org>

Tell your friends about us and share this newsletter. They can become a member of FOTS and join our efforts.

If you don't want to continue with us, please drop us an email and we'll remove you from our list.
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PETS FOR GIFTS DURING THE HOLIDAYS



This happens every year. Adoptions and pet sales increase before the holidays with people adopting a pet for a gift. Then in January and February surrenders at shelters increase as people come in with a lot of wild excuses for not being able to keep these pets.

Many were not prepared for the reality of owning a pet. It is overwhelming for the family and the pet. There are unrealistic expectations that a pet is going to calmly and quickly fit in to their new home. There are usually a lot of things going on around the holidays; shopping, cooking, decorating, visitors. All this is too much for a pet just coming into the home, and you might not have sufficient time to spend acclimating and training it.



If you want to get a pet as a gift, do the following:

- Check with the recipient first. Tell the person you'd like to give them this gift. All gifts do not have to be a surprise and this surprise is rarely a good idea. Everyone in the household should agree to this gift.
- If you want it to be a surprise, buy a stuffed dog/cat and put a note in the box that you will all go to pick out their pet together, after the holidays.
- Everyone involved in the care of this pet should visit the shelter or rescue. You want to be sure the temperament of the animal suits everyone.
- Recognize there are expenses involved with owning a pet. If you are not going to pay all of these expenses, be sure the person receiving the gift can afford it and is willing to commit to it
- Often parents give a gift of a pet to teach their child responsibility. A better idea is to reward them for their responsibility by giving them a pet. Let them learn responsibility beforehand with something other than a living creature.

Pets are not something that you can take home, try out and return if they don't suit you. You're taking on a commitment to care for that animal for the rest of its life. When you've done it right, the person receiving the gift will likely end up with a longtime friend and companion.

***Remember, we are a lifetime commitment,
not just a gift under the tree.***





We have many people to thank for their efforts raising funds for us in September and October.

First, a BIG thanks to **The Farmstand Market & Café** for their generous donation. They donated 5% of their sales for the month of September to us and 5% to the Boone County Animal Shelter. It is a great place to dine and we hope you continue to support them as they support us. And thanks to our member Tracy Simpson for setting it up.

Second, we would also like to thank everyone who turned out for our **Quarter Auction** in October. It was a big success and everyone had a fun time. And thank Marre Reusch for coordinating everything, our members who helped at the event, and the Northern Kentucky Women’s Entrepreneurs for hosting it.

Third, **City Barbeque** for hosting a one day event where we received 25% of their take for October 30. Again thanks to Tracy for setting it up.

This was a very profitable period for us, funding our spay/neuter program. We hope to see you at our next event. Watch our Facebook page for details. If you have a suggestion for a fundraiser, let us know.



Happy Thanksgiving



More ways you can Support FOTS:

Follow us and Like us on **facebook**. Share our posts. Friends of the Shelter, Inc./ SPCA KY



Join **Kroger Community Rewards**. Visit their website and designate Friends of the Shelter #AJ627 as your charity of choice.

Go to **smile.amazon.com** and select Friends of the Shelter Covington as your charity. It’s the same as shopping on Amazon except part of your purchase goes to our organization.



Use the **Chewy** link on our website for your first purchase from them. They will donate \$20 to us for each new customer. Great prices on pet food! Tell your friends.

Visit <https://www.friendsoftheshelterky.org> for more information.

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 consider 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. There is no meeting in December.



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.



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We're on the Web
www.friendsoftheshelterky.org

County Shelters

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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**
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Butler KY 41006
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Mark Your Calendar

November
**Adopt a Senior Pet
Month**
27th—7:00 p.m. FOTS
Meeting



December
Happy Holidays
No FOTS Meeting
this month, see you in
January

JOIN US! Become a Member—Renew Your Membership

Membership / Renewal / Donation

Please include the above label if present.

Fill in name/address below if incorrect on label and complete remainder of form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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

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

Membership: \$10.00 annually for one person _____
\$15.00 for a family of two or more _____
List other names below optional): _____

Additional Donation: \$ _____

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

Mail to: Friends of the Shelter, Inc.,
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