



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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2016 In Review A Year That Went To The Dogs (and Cats)

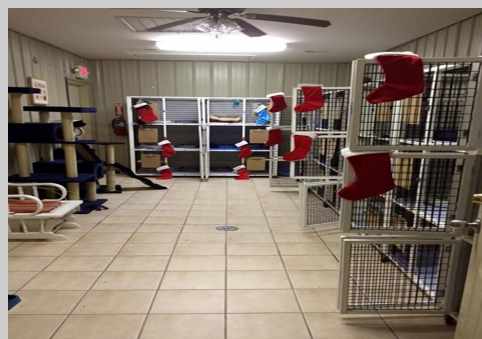
We saw tremendous progress in Northern Kentucky in 2016 as our shelters continued to improve services to our homeless animal population.

Empty cages (for all the right reasons) were often found in many of our shelters as staff and volunteers found innovative ways to move animals to rescues or into adoptive homes.

We know that low cost/free spay/neuter services are essential to continuing to increase success in our shelters.



With your help, in 2016 Friends of the Shelter subsidized the cost of spay/neuter surgeries for owned dogs and cats in the six county Northern KY region:

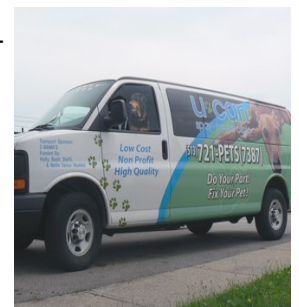


Grant County Animal Shelter continued to achieve high adoption and rescue rates.



Above, Kenton County Animal Shelter staff celebrate 939 animals adopted in 2016 and 256 cats and dogs transferred to rescues.

Thanks to a substantial grant from the Joanie Bernard foundation, free/reduced cost spay/neuter services are available for all community cats as well as owned cats in the No Ky region. In addition to some local vet clinics, services are available from UCAN and OAR which transport community animals by appointment throughout the region.



Friends of the Shelter offers subsidies through UCAN transports from all area shelters. This allows residents to obtain spay/neuter services for dogs for only \$25.

BCAS Receives ASPCA Grant

The Boone County Animal Shelter received a grant from the ASPCA to establish an adoption ambassador program in the community. The Adoption Ambassador Program empowers those who foster animals to become adoption counselors on behalf of the animal shelter. Once they complete program orientation, Ambassadors take home dogs or cats available for adoption and pledge to help those animals find safe and loving homes through word of mouth, social media posts, emails to family and friends or by hitting the streets with their foster pets. Ambassadors can even process adoptions themselves, returning adoption applications, contracts and any applicable fees to the Boone County Animal Shelter.



Beautiful Adelaide (photo, left), found her home through the Adoption Ambassador Program at BCAS.

Did you make a New Year resolution to volunteer in 2017? Your local shelter needs you to help them save more lives. Call them today to ask how you can help. Our Northern KY animals will thank you!



cc Humane Society of the United States (www.humanesociety.org)

*World Spay Day
Is
February 28, 2017*

*On the last Tuesday
of every February,
World Spay Day
shines a spotlight on
the power of
affordable,
accessible spay/
neuter to save the
lives of companion
animals and
community cats.*

*Spread the
message!*



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 you 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. Our next meetings will be held November 29 and January 31 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. **No meeting will be held 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 371-8380 for information.

Contact us at:
FriendsoftheShelter@fuse.net

Our Shelters Are Life-Savers!

Not too many years ago, the idea that our shelters would be in the business of **saving** lives would not have occurred to most people in the community.

But thankfully, sheltering practices in Northern KY have changed with the focus



now on being sure that every adoptable animal has a chance for a home. This includes some extraordinary efforts to save even the very sick. Mittens is

one of those kittens who has benefited from our modern sheltering practices. Please enjoy her holiday letter!

Dear BCAS staff

Happy Holidays from the kitten aka Jinx. I'm Mittens now (after the kitten in the Minecraft game).

When you found me and brought me to the shelter, I was sick and dehydrated and in pretty bad shape. But you put me in kitty intensive care and took such good care of me.

Because you saved my life, Santa was able to deliver me to my new home. What a great life I have ahead of me! I love it here and my family says I have a forever home.

So thank you for all you do for the homeless animals in Boone County. We are so lucky to have you.

Love, Mittens



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. To become a member or to renew your annual membership, please use the donation/membership coupon (below), and 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 pro-

vide. 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 via 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; in the space provided, simply indicate the amount you would like to

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.

Donations 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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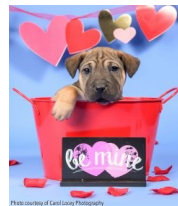
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January

National Dress Up your Pet Day Jan 14
Friends of the Shelter Meets Jan. 31



February

My Furry Valentine February 11-12
World Spay Day February 28
Friends of the Shelter Meets February 28

MORE THAN 700 ANIMALS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION UNDER ONE ROOF



JOIN US FOR THE
6TH ANNUAL MY FURRY VALENTINE



GREATER CINCINNATI'S LARGEST
COMPANION ANIMAL ADOPTION EVENT



SHARONVILLE CONVENTION CENTER • FEBRUARY 11TH & 12TH, 2017

**Local Shelters—A
Companion Animal Awaits**

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

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

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

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

**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 41006
(859) 472-5400

Tetra—our valentine puppy shown above—is one of 812 animals who found his forever home last February at the 2016 My Furry Valentine Adoption event. He and his 10 littermates were found abandoned outside a shelter on a cold winter day. Visit the 2017 event to see many more happy endings!