



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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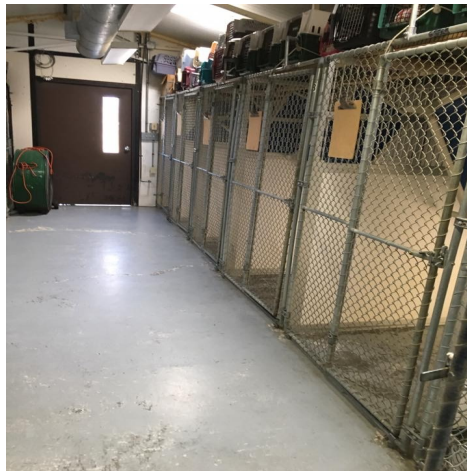
Paw Print

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Celebrating 2017!

Progress continues for our Northern Kentucky Animals



Grant County Animal Shelter emptied the shelter in December (above). All their animals went home for the holidays

Kenton Co Animal Shelter reported 1219 adoptions and 107 animals transferred to rescue organizations in 2017.

Boone County sent 1042 animals to adoptive homes and transferred 500 to rescue organizations in 2017

509



With your help, in 2017, Friends of the Shelter subsidized the cost of spay/neuter surgeries for owned dogs in the Northern Kentucky region



Progress continued in Northern Kentucky in 2017 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.

The Joanie Bernard Foundation once again awarded a generous grant to the Northern KY area which will allow continuation of free/reduced cost spay/neuter services. These 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.



Boone County Appoints Colleen Bray Animal Care and Control Director



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of the United States
(www.humanesociety.org)

*World Spay Day
Is*

February 27, 2018

*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!*

Boone County Fiscal Court confirmed the appointment of Colleen Bray as the Boone County Director of Animal Care and Control at its January 9, 2018 meeting. The appointment follows a competitive national search which included a review of nearly forty applicants from five states. Ms Bray has served the Boone County Animal Shelter in a number of capacities including Kennel Technician, Animal Control officer and Animal Control Sergeant, a senior leadership position within the department.

“The Animal Care and Control Director is an important leadership position serving the entire County. After conducting a national search, it was gratifying to find the most qualified candidate right here in Boone County. I look forward to working with Colleen to continue to build upon the culture of high quality care for our animals and service to the public.” Judge/Executive Gary W. Moore

The Director of Animal Care and Control position was previously held by Beckey Reiter who served Boone County in the position for 23 years. Colleen resides in Boone County with her husband and two sons.



Did you make a New Year resolution to volunteer in 2018? 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!



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 at the Florence Government Center on Ewing Blvd. We meet in Room B on the lower level. We'll see you there. *****

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

Cold Weather Tips for Pet Owners

When taking pets for walks, keep them on a leash because they can get lost in snowstorms or fall through frozen bodies of water.

Keep your pet's fur long in the winter. Jackets and sweaters can be used to keep short-haired animals warm.

Don't take pets outside after a bath until they are fully dry. When they do go outside, stay with them to make sure they are safe in the cold.

It's also recommended that you bang loudly on the hood of your car before starting it in the winter, as cats often seek shelter under the hood of cars.



When pets come inside, clean salt off their paws, legs and bodies. Also, wipe ice off of them and check their paws, legs and tail for gray, frostbitten skin.

If the animal appears to have frostbite, warm the area with a towel or blanket and contact a veterinarian.

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-

able). 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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January

National Walk Your Pet Month
Friends of the Shelter Meets Jan. 30



February

My Furry Valentine February 10-11

World Spay Day February 27

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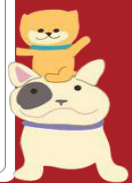
MORE THAN 700 ANIMALS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION UNDER ONE ROOF



JOIN US FOR THE
7TH ANNUAL MY FURRY VALENTINE!



GREATER CINCINNATI'S LARGEST
COMPANION ANIMAL ADOPTION EVENT



SHARONVILLE CONVENTION CENTER • SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 12 PM - 5 PM • SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 10 AM - 5 PM

**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