

FRIENDS OF THE  
SHELTER, INC.—  
SPCA KY



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—SPCA KY (FOTS)  
is an all-volunteer  
501(c)(3) organization,  
a Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to  
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## Good News!



A new grant from the BISSELL Pet Foundation will allow us to expand spay/neuter services for dogs living in Kenton and Campbell Counties.

Individuals in those counties desiring low/cost spay neuter for their dog will be able to obtain this service for only \$25.00 from UCAN in Cincinnati. Dog owners will be able to set an appointment with UCAN by calling 513-721-7387 or by going to their website [ucancincinnati.org](http://ucancincinnati.org). Families are free to use the UCAN transports running from all the animals shelters in Northern KY or they may take their animals directly to the clinic on Colerain Ave.

Thanks to our members, friends, donors and grants like this, dog owners in all our Northern KY counties can find low cost spay /neuter services available. And thanks to the Joanie Bernard Foundation and NKADD, both companion and community cats can receive free surgery. Just call OAR 513-871-0185 or UCAN for further information. Please thank Bissell foundation for this life-saving grant by liking their facebook page!



## New Policy Announced on Adoption of Pit Bulls from KCAS

As of February 27, 2017, the Kenton County Animal Shelter began adopting pit bulls from their facility.

Breed bans and restrictions remain in some municipalities and adoption counselors will work closely with families who are interested in adopting a Pit Bull to ensure they have all the information they need on local ordinances regarding the breed.

The ASPCA statement on pit bulls notes:

“All dogs, including pit bulls, are individuals. Treating them as such, providing them with the care, training and supervision they require, and judging them by their actions and not by their DNA or their physical appearance is the best way to ensure that dogs and people can continue to share safe and happy lives together. “

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

Plans for PetFest 2017 are underway and we invite businesses, nonprofits, and community volunteers to get involved at this early stage to help us make the 14th annual Pet Fest event a great success for Northern Kentucky animals. 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. Your help to make this annual event a great fundraiser means a better life for animals in northern Kentucky counties, which we have been serving for over two decades. We need corporate sponsors. We need local businesses. And, we need many volunteers.

We also believe PetFest is a great opportunity to showcase non-profit organizations and their adoptable animals, merchandise and humane education information. We invite local animal rescues to participate, too. Application forms are at:

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

Here are six ways you can help:



### Donate a Silent Auction Basket or Gift Item

We need gift baskets, gift certificates, tickets to sporting events and local attractions, gift products, and other new items that can be sold at our silent auction. Antiques and lightly-used items such as artwork and picture frames are welcome. Members, this is a great way for you to help out. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and may be made using the form on page 5. Please mail checks to the address provided on the form.



### Advertise in our PetFest 2017 Program

The PetFest 2017 program will contain a site map, indicating the location of each booth and activity, and a list of event times and PetFest sponsors. Don't miss this opportunity to advertise your business or organization, and to reach out to friends and neighbors. 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"

Other methods of advertisement and sponsorship are available. Please call (859) 689-2668 or contact us at this address, [FriendsoftheShelter@fuse.net](mailto:FriendsoftheShelter@fuse.net), for more information on advertising options or to place an ad.



### Rent a Booth/Space at PetFest

We invite you to rent a booth/space at PetFest. The cost is \$60.00; a rate of \$30.00 is available to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. here 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. Go to:



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

to download these documents or call (859) 689-2668 to have the documents mailed or faxed to you.



### Sponsor Our 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 2016 program. Our T-shirts are very popular with adults and children. Please contact Jan at [jpeal215@aol.com](mailto:jpeal215@aol.com) for details such as deadlines for receipt of the donation and your artwork.



### Become a Volunteer

We need volunteers on PetFest day to direct vehicles to parking areas, help set-up and take-down booths, assist with the silent auction, raffle, and contests, and much more. If you like excitement and working with friends, we welcome your help!



### Be a PetFest Sponsor

Another way you can help is to be a sponsor of the event or a portion of the event through a monetary donation. Sponsors will be listed in the PetFest 2017 program. For your convenience, we have posted our 2016 PetFest program in PDF format at our website as a sample of a past publication. The programs is printed in gray tones.

For more information, please call us at the numbers noted in this article or email us at [FriendsoftheShelter@fuse.net](mailto:FriendsoftheShelter@fuse.net). ■

## 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 provide your mailing address and an email address (if avail-

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 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 2017

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 and 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 371-8380 for information.

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



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**Mark Your Calendar**

**March**

**Adopt a Rescued Guinea Pig Month**  
**3rd—World Wildlife Day**  
**14th—Save a Spider Day**  
**28th—Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. FOTS Meeting at Florence Government Center**



**April**

**Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month**  
**19– 15th National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week**  
**25th—Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. FOTS Meeting at Florence Government Center**



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](http://smile.amazon.com) and select Friends of the Shelter Union KY as your charity. When you shop, Amazon contributes a portion of your purchase to our organization. It's that easy!

**Remember to Re-register in April**



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. Re-registration is required in April every year. Please be sure to re-register at **kroger-communityrewards.com**. We don't want to lose this important source of support. 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

**Grant County  
Animal Shelter**

218 Barnes Road  
Williamstown KY 41097  
(859) 824-9403

**Campbell County  
Animal Shelter**

1989 Poplar Ridge Road  
Melbourne KY 41059  
(859) 635-2819 x0

**Kenton County  
Animal Shelter**

1020 Mary Laidley Drive  
Ft. Mitchell KY 41017  
(859) 356-7400

**Gallatin County  
Animal Shelter**

4550 Hwy 455 (Johnson Road)  
Sparta KY 41086  
(859) 445-3166

**Pendleton County  
Animal Shelter**

1314 Bryan Griffin Road  
Butler KY 41006  
(859) 472-5400