



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

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Thursday, October 12

Doors open: 6:30 pm

Auction Starts: 7:00 pm

Florence Lions Club
29 Lacreata Drive
Florence, KY 41042

Free Admission and \$2 per paddle or 3 paddles for \$5. Bring your quarters! Some rolls will be available for sale. Join us for our Quarter Auction. Have the fun of bidding with your quarters! Get there early, seating is limited to 125.

The Lions Club will sell food and drinks, including beer and wine. Outside food and drink are not permitted. **The NKY Women Entrepreneurs**, who conduct the auction, will have direct sales booths such as Scentsy, Usborne Books, Color Street, Tastefully Simple, and more.

We are going to kick off the event with an Online Raffle for a bouquet of gift cards. Since this newsletter had to be finalized in early September we don't

have the exact details. The bouquet will be worth at least \$100 and tickets will be \$5. More details will be on our Website Events page and on our Facebook page. The Online Raffle will start on Friday October 6 through October 11. People attending the event will also be able to buy tickets and the drawing will be at the end of the auction. You do not need to be present to win.



<https://www.friendsoftheshelterky.org/Events>

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Please support us as we raise money for our low cost spay/neuter program in Northern Kentucky Counties: Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Kenton, Gallatin, Grant and Pendleton. And please support our sponsors.

Thanks to our Gold Sponsors



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

On August 22, 2023 Mayor Julie Aubuchon and the Florence City Council recognized the Friends of the Shelter for thirty-three years of unwavering service to animal welfare in the Northern Kentucky community. This date proclaimed "Friends of the Shelter Day" promotes our mission to significantly reduce the number of stray and abandoned animals in our community through affordable spay/neuter services.

Our Friends of the Shelter organization appreciates this recognition of our efforts and the support of the entire community in working toward our vision of a more compassionate world.



FOTS MEETINGS

At our August meeting a motion was made to change the time for our monthly meetings to avoid driving in the dark in winter. A vote was taken and the meetings will now be at 3:00 pm.

Since Covid we have not been able to secure a steady place for the meetings. They have taken place at the Florence Government Center, the Boone County Extension Center or the Enrichment Center. Please check Facebook or our website for that month's meeting place.

We would like to see you at our **SEPTEMBER meeting** which will be at the **Boone County Extension Center—Lutes Room, 3:00 pm**. We will be discussing and voting on a motion to end PetFest or changing it in some way. We could use your input and vote as to whether you want it to continue.



SHELTER UPDATES

As we mentioned in our 2022 newsletter, **Boone County** is building a new shelter in Burlington on Idlewild, not far from the existing shelter. Construction started early this year. Friends of the Shelter donated \$50,000 to the building fund and their Catio will be named for us.



This year we voted to award \$50,000 to **Pendleton County** for the construction of their new shelter. They have recently begun excavation and mapping out the trails. It should be framed in another 2 months. The city donated the land. They will name their spay/neuter clinic for us.



Bracken County is the seventh county that we support with our spay/neuter program. They were voted in at our November 2022 meeting.



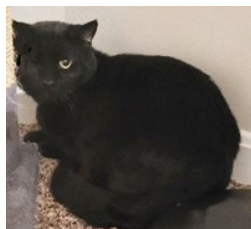
ADOPT A SENIOR PET

November is senior pet month. Everybody loves kittens and puppies. Senior pets are widely overlooked. 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.
- You are giving that senior cat or dog a peaceful life in their later years.



Many senior pets are surrendered when their human dies and no family member will take them in. Some might be scarred or need medical attention. A shelter might flag them for euthanasia. When you adopt a senior pet, you are giving them a second chance. Their affection is timeless, their devotion is ageless, their love is forever.



All memberships expire in **December**. But any new membership after October 1 is valid through December 2024. Check your mailing label for your expiration year.

Please renew! Your dues are needed to provide a consistent income for our programs. Tell your friends about us.

You can pay by mail or through our website.

<https://www.friendsoftheshelterky.org/Membership>

SHELTER & RESCUE Supporters

You can help a shelter or rescue! **Join or renew** your membership by January 15, 2023 and list your favorite shelter or rescue on your application.

They will be entered into a Raffle for 2 drawings of \$50 each.

RAFFLE

We have quite a few members out of state so you and the shelter/rescue do not have to be in Northern Kentucky to be eligible. We will contact you for their address if they win.

Help us help your favorite organization. The only cost to you is your membership dues.

In turn all members who renew or join between October 1, 2023 and January 15, 2024 will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card. Mailed renewals must be received by that date.



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County Shelters

Boone County Animal Shelter

5643 Idlewild Road
Burlington KY 41005
(859) 586-5285

Bracken County Animal Shelter

188 Hamilton Rd.
Brooksville, KY 41004
(859)

Campbell County Ani- mal Shelter

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

Gallatin County Animal Shelter

4550 Hwy 455
Sparta KY 41086
(859) 643-3647

Grant County Animal Shelter

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

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 41026
(859) 472-5400

Address:

JOIN US! Become a Member—Renew Your Membership

Membership / Renewal / Donation

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email/Phone: _____

(Your email address or phone number is required. Your personal information is never shared with anyone outside our organization)

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

Favorite Shelter/Rescue: _____

Do you want to purchase the FOTS Car Magnet: Yes _____ No _____
(Add \$2.00 for magnet & shipping)

Membership: \$15.00 per household. (Renews in December of each year)

Additional Donation: \$ _____

Donations & dues are fully tax deductible as allowed by law. We are a 501(c)(3) organization. **Mail with your check to:** Friends of the Shelter, Inc., P.O. Box 93, Union KY 41091 or complete this form online and pay through our website: