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## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH FOTS

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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### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bonnie Ravenscraft  
*President*

Kathie Krueger  
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### Board Members

Janet Scanlon  
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### Elections for our Executive Board

As always, elections were held at our January meeting. Karen Kratzer, our Vice President for the last 30 years, resigned late last year. We were sorry to see her go and wish her well.

Kathie Krueger, our former Secretary, was elected as Vice President. Kim Hollifield was elected Secretary.

Late last year, a Committee was formed by President Bonnie to review and update our By-Laws that were created in 1990. The proposed changes were presented to the members at the January meeting for review. A new board position for Membership was created, and Barbara Brown was appointed to the position.

A vote to adopt the By-Laws with changes was held at the February meeting and passed.

If you would like an electronic copy of the By-Laws, please email us at: [friendsnky@gmail.com](mailto:friendsnky@gmail.com).

### Income/Expenses 2023

We collected \$1,875 in membership dues and Interest of \$1,727 for a total of \$3,602. We count on this income for our general expenses such as supplies, postage, miscellaneous charges and the membership contest.

We like to earmark our donations, fundraisers and other income for our spay/neuter programs. Those took in \$26,190. A breakdown is shown on the graphic.

We had fundraising expenses of \$1,446 and spay/neuter expenses of \$41,309 for 896 cats and 94 dogs.

We do have money from grants and endowments in savings, which we used to give Pendleton County a capital contribution of \$50,000 for their new shelter. And in 2022 the same for Boone County's new shelter.

We appreciate all your support for Friends of the Shelter and our programs.

Fundraisers	Amount
General donations	\$5,595
Amazon Smile (discontinued)	\$ 200
Raffles (Boubon & Split the Pot)	\$6,118
Kroger Rewards	\$1,364
Quarter Auction	\$2,483
PetFest	\$9,997
Doghouse Banks	\$ 433
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,190</b>

## Together, we can make a difference for them....

By Janet Scanlon

This is more than a project, this is a passion, one I've dedicated a tremendous amount of time and effort to over the years. As the President of the small, all volunteer run, non-profit organization, [Humane Society of Northern Kentucky Inc.](#), I am reaching out to ask for your support. Our small county operated shelter in Pendleton County is seriously inadequate for its intended purpose but they do the best they can with what they have. The current shelter sits next to a waste dump and a rendering plant. Many of the kennels have plywood dividers that harbor urine, most do not have indoor/outdoor access, exterior space for relief is very limited and heating, air conditioning and ventilation are limited. Staffing is very limited, only two employees to provide care, making outdoor access even more important. It is not an ideal environment to visit for volunteering or adopting a dog. It often feels hopeless there.

The Humane Society of Northern Kentucky dreams of a time when every animal will find a warm, safe, and loving home. While this dream may not be within our immediate reach, we do envision an animal shelter where every animal is provided a comfortable, clean, healthy environment, and just one step away from being adopted into his or her loving forever home. The Humane Society of Northern Kentucky is undertaking a building project, focusing on the animals in our care and offering appropriate space, healthy ventilation, and an environment that will reduce stress and showcase adoptable pets to increase their chances for adoption. Our new shelter will



be a place where prospective families meet clean, happy, and HOPEFUL animals. An environment where volunteers are happy to spend hours of their day to provide a higher quality of supportive care to residents.

**Everything is possible when we dare to dream, believe, act, and achieve!**

We're on our way!! The Humane Society of Northern Kentucky's Capital Campaign (Raise the Woof) for a new shelter is a significant undertaking. We've been fundraising for years to get us this far and finally were able to break ground last Fall, thanks to many individual donors and organizations like the Friends of the Shelter and The Humanitarian League. Pendleton County contributed rural acreage so our shelter dogs will have access to fresh air and sunshine, outdoor run yards for exercise and even some paths for volunteers to walk them. We started with the funding to get the new shelter completely under roof, and we made it! But, now we must continue our fundraising efforts to reach the next stage. We have multiple ways to contribute; monetary donations, services of landscaping, walkway install, fencing and more or items such as HVAC, septic tank, hot water heater, counters & cabinets and more. You can also donate an engraved brick to our Path of Hope fundraiser via our "Buy a Brick" program on our website. Every dollar counts! Help us Raise the Woof for those homeless and abandoned in Pendleton County!



**Don't let them be forgotten give them a second chance for a happy life.**



## PETFEST 2024

We have a date! It will be September 15 at the same place—Boone Woods Park. Our Summer newsletter will have more information about it. If you want a booth, save the date.

**FROM OUR MAIL:** This is a note we recently received from LeeRoy's family. We helped the family get him neutered and he is back home where he has recovered from his surgery.

We are able to provide this service to the community only with your help. Thanks to all of our supporters who make a difference to our Northern Kentucky cats and dogs and their families! Because of you we helped 896 cats and 94 dogs last year.

New Message

I can't thank you enough for what your organization makes possible. Finances are tight right now. My dear hubby (53 years young) passed away last month after a hard fought 2 year battle with cancer. I am left with his buddy...a stubborn, yet sweet yellow lab who has been a handful for me to walk. I am hoping the neuter will help this rambunctious fella. LeeRoy meant so much to him and his kids (13, 12 & 11). I look forward to getting LeeRoy taken care of.



## 2024 SPRING ONLINE AUCTION

April 21 at 8:00 am to April 29 at 11:00 am

[www.32auctions.com/2024FOTSAuction](http://www.32auctions.com/2024FOTSAuction)



The site will be available for viewing items earlier but bidding will not start until April 21. Come and join us!

A few early donors: Bark Box, Dinner Detective Mystery Show Fabulous Furs, Florence Y'all's, Meijer, Panera, Party Source, Rafferty's, Texas Roadhouse, Woodhouse Spa, Kings Island, Frisch's, Lee's Famous Chicken.

**Both Events  
Sponsored by:**

**Faithful Friends**  
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... because pets are family...

**BE A LIFE-SAVER!  
ADOPT, FOSTER! SPAY & NEUTER!**



## QUARTER AUCTION

THURSDAY - JUNE 13, 2024 @ 6 PM

@ FLORENCE LIONS CLUB

29 LACRESTA DRIVE  
FLORENCE, KY 41042

## Mark Your Calendar

### April

10th—Hug your Dog Day  
11th—National Pet Day  
30th—National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day  
30th—FOTS Meeting

### May

6th—Puppy Mill Action Week  
11th—National Animal Disaster  
Preparedness Day  
28th—FOTS Meeting

### June

2th—Pet Appreciation Week  
30th—International Hug Your Cat  
Day  
25th—FOTS Meeting



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## County Shelters

### Boone County Animal Shelter

5620 Idlewild Road  
Burlington KY 41005  
(859) 586-5285

### Bracken County Animal Shelter

188 Hamilton Rd.  
Brooksville, KY 41004  
(606) 735-3475

### 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

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

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: \_\_\_\_

**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 with a credit card: <https://www.friendsoftheshelterky.org/Membership>