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PETFEST IS MOVING

We have listened to your comments regarding PetFest being in June with the weather in summer getting hotter each year.

PetFest 2024 will now be in Fall. Since the event is all about the animals—both with visitors and with shelters/rescues, they

should be more comfortable at this time of year. While fall can still be warm it won't be the oppressive heat of late June.

As of this printing we do not have an actual date until the Boone County Parks Department opens up for scheduling in 2024. We'll talk about it in future issues and it will be posted on our website EVENTS page. We are hoping for a September/October time frame in the same location - Boone Woods.

What else is changing about it is that we are removing the Silent Auction from PetFest and moving it to Spring as an Online Auction. This will give us much needed funds earlier in the year. See the separate article about this on page 3.

Our Quarter Auction (previously in October) will now be on June 13.

We'll have information about booths for PetFest closer to the event. If you think you might want a booth, send us an email to be put on our contact list. Past booth holders will receive a letter in January.

Sponsorships will be the same as last year.

Past sponsors will receive a letter in January. Sponsorships are \$500 for Gold (full year) and \$250 for Silver (PetFest only).

Silver Sponsors get a booth space at PetFest, logo on our T-Shirt, a full page ad in the PetFest Program and a mention on Facebook and our newsletter.

Gold Sponsors get the same as Silver PLUS name/logo as a sponsor on the Spring Auction, our Quarter Auction and on our website Sponsor page for 1 year including a link to your site. Name and logo will be on Facebook and our newsletter.

It is estimated that our T-shirts will be printed in May for sale at the Quarter Auction and PetFest so sponsorships will need to apply by April.

If you were not a sponsor last year, contact us to be included in our mailing: friendssnky@gmail.com



Bracken County Animal Shelter News *By: Teri Turner*

Bracken County Animal Shelter is moving right along with improvements to staffing and funding for projects. In November I spoke with Robbin Snapp, Dog Warden/Animal Control Officer (ACO) and Tina Teegarden, Bracken County Judge Executive. This shelter currently only houses dogs and they have 14 kennels, which are regularly overcrowded. Robbin does an amazing job of getting several of the animals fostered out so that they aren't kept at the shelter.

Robbin Snapp had been the only employee at the shelter 24/7 for some time. She is in charge of the shelter activities and picking up animals in the area. They have added a part-time weekend ACO for animal care and shelter duties. During the November meeting, the Bracken County Fiscal Court approved funding for another full-time ACO to help relieve Robbin and spread the shelter workload between the two of them, which will also allow for Robbin to have time off from the job. The new position is budgeted for up to \$14 per hour.

Volunteers are always an asset. The shelter can use county volunteers over the age of 18. If a high-schooler needing to meet community service requirements would like to volunteer, they can; however, if under age 18 there must be someone in the shelter with them. If you would like to sign up as a volunteer, you can contact Robbin through their Facebook Page Messenger.

A new program is coming to the shelter in 2024. Tina Teegarden, Judge Executive and a County Jailer have been trained and are implementing a program with inmates to help with the shelter. I hope this not only helps the animals, but changes some lives of the inmates. Note: GOD backwards is DOG; they both can change a life!

The shelter works closely with a new non-profit group that was organized in 2023: Bracken County Animals In Need (BCAIN). BCAIN was started by my friend Bobbie Hamilton. You can find them on Facebook should you want to help. BCAIN has helped the shelter with vet bills, vaccination costs, scrubs for work-



ers, dog food and cleaning supplies. BCAIN along with the local homemakers group hosted a quarter auction in October raising funds for the shelter. The community and others send food and other items, keeping that expense low. The Augusta Rotary applied for a grant and raised money for the match to be able to install new 'doggie doors' to each kennel to allow indoor/outdoor access for the animals.

Along with BCAIN, the shelter will soon be launching a campaign to add a veterinary clinic exam room, a meet and greet room, a decompression room for anxious/scared pups and a birthing suite for Momma dogs. There is a need for more than 14 kennels. They hope to work on that and upgrade vehicle for ACO's.

I offered info on spay/neuter program through Friends of the Shelter and will be working with them to make that happen. If you would like to adopt, foster or just help in some way, the best way to get in touch with Robbin is through their Facebook Page Messenger. The shelter is located at 188 Hamilton Rd, Brooksville, KY 41004. Phone (606) 735-3475.

Bracken county residents are eligible for spay/neuter assistance for their companion animals through Friends of the Shelter. To get a voucher or for more information, visit <https://www.friendsoftheshelterky.org/SpayNeuterAssistance>

MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE REMINDER

Join us or renew your membership before January 15, 2024 and be entered into a **Raffle** for a \$25 gift card. Mailed applications must be received by that date.

Check your mailing label to see if you are current for 2024. (**note:** labels were printed in mid December so if you paid after that date it might not be reflected.) If you receive this issue by email, you are current on your dues and we thank you.

You can help a shelter or rescue by listing your favorite one on your application. They will be entered into a **Raffle** for 2 drawings of \$50 each.

www.friendsoftheshelterky.org/Membership



SPLIT THE POT

FEBRUARY 7– FEBRUARY 13

Visit our website to get your tickets
friendsoftheshelterky.org/Events

COST: \$5 per ticket or 3 for \$10

PRIZES:

- 1st Prize – 40% of Pot (minimum \$100)
- 2nd Prize – 10% of Pot (minimum \$30)
- Additional Drawing for Members – \$25 Gift Card

DRAWING: February 14, 2024

We have changed our payment system from PayPal to a more secure site, Zeffy. As a charity, we do not pay any fees for transactions. However, the site does default an optional fee to them that you can change to any amount and even zero.



SPRING ONLINE AUCTION

This will be just like our past auctions. It will be in **April** and the auction link will be: <https://www.32auctions.com/2024FOTSAuction>.

Right now we are soliciting donations. If you or a company might like to donate an item, please let us know. If you would like our solicitation letter to give to a company, email us for a copy: friendsnky@gmail.com. If you're looking for extra Kroger fuel points, we can always use gift cards of \$25 or more.

Other items we are looking for are: gift certificates for services, event tickets, liquor and gift baskets (new items only). You can also send us a donation and we'll shop for you.

Scan here to donate.



Visit our Events page in March for more details.

We greatly appreciate any help you can give us to make this a successful auction.

Watch Facebook for updates.





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Animal Shelter**

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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

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Membership / Renewal / Donation

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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(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: _____

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

Additional Donation: \$ _____

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