

# KCAS Newsletter



Kenton County Animal Shelter (859) 356-7400

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## Of Special Interest

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## Animal Shelter Working Toward Goal

The Kenton County Animal Shelter continues to drive its Adoption Center Project with the recent addition of a \$25,000 donation over two years from Toyota Corp. for the purpose of reaching the \$1.8 million goal for the addition of a 7780 square foot Adoption Center.

"It's just one more step, albeit a large step, towards our ultimate goal", says KCAS Director Dan Evans. "I can't begin to tell the people of Kenton County

how important the need for an Adoption Center is and how hard we have been working on this. With the help of people like Doug and Peggy Emerson of Fantastic Sam's of Independence and Jan Malley, owner of the Little Red Schoolhouse Day Care Centers, I'm sure we will reach our goal." It is only within the last two years that this drive towards a new adoption Center has taken shape but with the addition of more volunteers

and more people around Kenton County getting involved this initiative is looking more like a reality. If you would like to find out more about this or any other programs at the Kenton County Animal Shelter please contact the shelter at 859-356-7400. Donations and volunteers are always welcome. Please check our calendar of events for upcoming donation drives and fun events.

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## Numbers Swell at Shelter in September

It has been a near record month at the Kenton County Animal Shelter in terms of dogs and cats received. In the month of September the shelter took in 216 dogs, of those 50 were adopted and 50 reclaimed. Also for September the shelter took in 364 cats, of those 21 were adopted and 4 reclaimed. "I think because we are coming up on winter that people are bringing in more", says Jenny Foley,

KCAS employee. "Can you imagine how many more we could have adopted with a new Adoption Center?" The goal of everyone at the shelter is to find a home for every adoptable animal they have. Dan Evans, KCAS Director says, "It's unfortunate when we have months like September. When you have so many animals coming in it just adds more stress to an

already stressful job." The shelter has various adoption events planned in the coming months and they hope the influx of animals they have seen will start to slow. If you are interested in adopting a pet please contact the shelter at 859-356-7400 and someone from the shelter will be more than happy to assist you.



## Adopting Certain Breeds by Eric Pendery

I have been volunteering my time and services for the shelter here and there for the better part of 5 years. I have seen many things and I have come to two incontrovertible conclusions, one is that the people who work at the Kenton County Animal Shelter are absolutely amazing and are, dare I say, heroes. The second is that some people are completely heartless. Now let me first start by

saying that I have nothing against people who want a specific breed of dog. I myself am not partial. As long as it has a tail, barks, pees on my floor and is scared of flies...I'm good. Unfortunately, though, there are people out there that call themselves "dog lovers" when actually they are breed lovers. There's nothing illegal about that but let's just get it out in the open where we can all take

a nice big sniff. Most Breed lovers refuse to adopt any other kind of dog other than that which they like. Why? Maybe they breed their pets to make money, maybe grandma had that kind of dog or maybe that's the only dog someone feels comfortable with. The point is, there seems to be more breed lovers than dog lovers these days, and you know who you are. "We have literally dozens and dozens

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of dogs up for adoption but 10 people are fighting over 1 dog", says Dan Evans, KCAS Director. "If every one of those people would just adopt 1 other kind of dog I wouldn't be so busy putting down litters of puppies" Now let's clarify, some breed lovers do have other dogs at home, but it still can't match the number of those who specifically desire one breed only. If you're a breed lover, the next time you're at the shelter I want you to take a

few minutes to walk up and down the hallway between the runs and look at every dog. Then ask yourself if it really is the breed that makes you happy or is it the self assuring knowledge that it's just the dog itself. Maybe, just maybe, it's knowing that they become part of our family, that we love them with all our hearts, that they make us laugh and feel younger and that we yearn for that unconditional love they give us, even when we

sometimes don't deserve it. I know we don't live in a perfect world, but we can all try to help make it a little better. Put yourself in the shoes of those, whom I call heroes, that work at the shelter and imagine how disheartening it is to here 10 people fighting over 1 dog! Somehow it just doesn't seem right. It seems heartless, but that's just the opinion of a dog lover.



## October Employee Profile: Sharon Williams

This month we would like to acknowledge and congratulate Sharon Williams on 20 years with the Kenton County Animal Shelter. On October 6 Sharon will receive her 20 Year Recognition Award at the Kenton County Employee Appreciation Dinner. "Sharon is more or less the heart of the animal shelter. A lot of us when first starting out would have been lost, if not discouraged, if it had not been for Sharon", says Dan Evans, KCAS Director. "She is an inspiration to us all and I don't know how we'd get

so much done without her." Sharon is the kind of person you would want on your team in any situation. She handles the people coming in the door with the same compassion she displays with every animal she works with. Sharon started as a volunteer at the shelter on the very day the doors opened on October 9, 1985. On February 12, 1986 She became a full time employee. She jokingly has said that she has contemplated retirement, but they won't let her leave.

It's hard to find people that

have the courage to work at a shelter for a year. Sharon has been doing it for 20 years with kindness, dedication and the kind of positive attitude that people remember.

Congratulations Sharon on a job done tremendously well and thank you for your years years of service. Here's to another 20 years!!!!



*Sharon Williams*

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## Memorial Bricks Available at the Shelter



Remember Muffin? You just couldn't get mad at her. What about Trigger who knew when the kids were sick? Why not immortalize your special friend with a brick at the Kenton County Animal Shelter? The cost is only \$40.00. It's just a fraction of the joy they have given you and yours over the years. The bricks can have up to 3 lines and 14

characters per line. Perhaps you would like to give one as a Christmas or birthday present? It doesn't have to just immortalize a pet either. You can choose to immortalize a person that treasures animals or an organization that donates its time or money to make the lives of animals better. The next time you're your at the shelter please take some

time to look at some of the bricks we have on our memorial wall. For further information please call (859) 356-7400.



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## Winter Care for Your Pets

Winter time is upon us my friends. Blustery, inhuman wind chills, snow, ice and slush are right around the corner. When the temperature (and the snow) begins to fall, you'll find that your pet needs a little extra care from you. Here are some points to remember this winter. Cats and dogs need protection from wet and cold, whether they get

it inside your house or inside their own. Cats are best kept inside when it gets cold, as are most small and short-haired dogs. An outdoor dog needs a dry, elevated dog house with clean, dry bedding and a flap over the opening to keep drafts out. Or consider adding a dog door to the garage with a soft cushion in the warmest corner. A bowl

of frozen water can't help a thirsty pet. Check outdoor water bowls often when it's below freezing, and break the ice and refill as necessary. Outdoor dogs need more calories in the winter to produce body heat, so increase the amount you feed your pet. On the other hand, indoor dogs and cats may get less



exercise during the cold months, and will need fewer calories to avoid weight gain. Chemicals used to melt snow and ice from sidewalks and drive ways can irritate your pets' paws. Dogs outside in the snow may need the ice between their paw pads removed so be diligent and keep a close eye on your pets while they

are outside. Antifreeze, as anyone who has worked on cars before knows, tastes sweet, but it is a deadly poison. The most likely source of the poison is radiator drainage spots in your garage or drive way. These stains should be flushed with water immediately. A cat may crawl up under your car

seeking shelter and warmth near the engine. It may get caught in the fan and seriously injured when the engine starts. Open the hood of your car or slap it noisily with your hand before starting the engine on cold days to startle any animal sleeping there. We hope these tips will help save the life of a pet.



## KCAS Calendar of Events

Baker Hunt Offsite Adoptions	October 15, 2006
Volunteer Orientation and Traing	October 19, 2006
Halloween Paw-Rade, Main Strasse	October 29, 2006
Santa's Workshop Photo's with Santa	December 2, 2006
Volunteer Meetings (last Tuesday of every month)	October 31, 2006 – November 28, 2006 – December 26, 2006

### Paper for Pets;

Help fund a new adoption center by donating your recyclable paper to the Kenton County Animal Shelter's "Paper for Pets" program. Drop off your newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail (Please No cardboard) at the shelter. Call (859) 356-7400 for more details.

## Contacting the Shelter and Hours of Operation

**Kenton County Animal  
Shelter**  
**1020 Mary Laidley Drive**  
**FT. Mitchell , Kentucky**  
**41017**  
**Phone: (859) 356-7400**



### Shelter Hours

\*Monday, Thursday and  
Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30  
p.m.  
 \*Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 6:00  
p.m.  
 \*Wednesday, Saturday: 10  
a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

### Adoption Center Hours

\*Monday, Thursday and  
Friday: 10:30 a.m. - 4:00  
p.m.  
 \*Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. -  
5:30 p.m.  
 \*Wednesday, Saturday:  
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### **Closed Sundays**

Dan Evans • Director  
 1020 Mary Laidley •  
 Covington, Ky 41017  
 Phone: 859-356-7400  
[dan.evans@kentoncou  
nty.org](mailto:dan.evans@kentoncounty.org)

# Kenton County Animal Shelter Donation Form

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## Kenton County Animal Shelter Donation Form



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Level (Please circle appropriate amount)

\$200,000 or Above

\$100,000 – 199,999

\$50,000 - \$99,999

\$25,000 - \$49,999

\$10,000 - \$24,999

\$5000 - \$9999

\$1000 - \$4999

\$500 - \$999

\$250 - \$499

\$150 - \$249

0 - \$149

Check or Money Order Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Donated \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach this form and mail to:

Kenton County Animal Shelter

1020 Mary Laidley Drive

Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017

Thank you for your patronage!

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