



FOCUS ON FRIENDS

Friends of the Bell County Animal Shelter, Inc.

**Friend in Need,
Friend Indeed!**

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A Message from FOS President Dinah Presnell

Dear Friends,

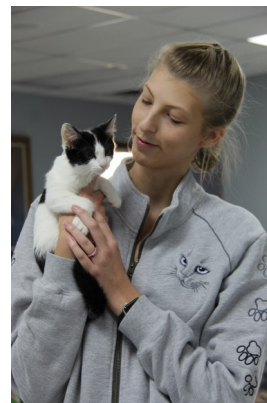
Please take care during this pandemic. Even though the Bell County Animal Shelter must remain closed to the public during this unsettling time, and FOS has had to cancel events, know that the shelter staff and FOS continue to do what we can for animals in our community. Our pets offer a measure of comfort during this time, so give them an extra hug, a special treat, at a lot of love in return for the unconditional love they give us.

Thank you,

Dinah

Cats transported to New Jersey Rescue

Friends of the Shelter helped the Lincoln Memorial Shelter Medicine Club send 80 cats to a rescue in New Jersey. Of the cats, 70 were from Bell County.



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Meetings are on the fourth
Monday of every month at
7 p.m. at the Bell County
Health Department in Mid-
dlesboro. **Please join us!**

Bell County Animal Shelter

715 Highway 1534

Pineville, KY 40977

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Hours:

Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Happy Tales

Sanford's Happy Tale



Meet Sanford! He was adopted from Bell County Animal Shelter in October 2019 by Stan and Thornley Alexander.

Sanford is a young, energetic dog who now spends his time walking the fitness trail at the national park. Happy life, Sanford!

Peyton's Happy Tale

*Warmest greetings and best wishes
for the holiday season.*

Dinah,
It's hard to believe that it's been over 5 1/2 years since I adopted Peyton from you!! I brought him to his forever home on May 3, 2014, adopting him was probably the best decision that I've ever made. He is the sweetest and most loving dog that I have ever had. He is my coo/B, Lap dog. He loves to sit in my lap when I'm in the Recliner. Peyton and I just want to wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and a happy & healthy 2020. Sincerely,
Vickie & Peyton



Share a Happy Tale with us

If you have adopted a shelter pet, we'd love to hear about it! Please send your story to shelterfriends09@gmail.com.



Bell County Animal Shelter Statistics

This chart shows the progress that is made each year in the reduction of the number of animals coming into the Bell County Animal Shelter. Low-cost spay/neuter surgery assistance and spay/neuter education directly affect these numbers. Euthanasia for both cats and dogs is at an all-time low.

In addition, FOS covered the cost of 298 spay/neuter surgeries for low income residents in 2019. 215 of these were spays and 83 of these were neuters. Of the surgeries, 158 were dogs and 140 were cats.

SHELTER STATISTICS COMPARISON

2018 TO 2019

CATS 2018		CATS 2019	
Intake	923		712
Adoption	84		64
Returned to Owner	6		2
Transferred	282		244
Euthanized	529		*383
DOGS 2018		DOGS 2019	
INTAKE	1523		1427
Adoption	112		80
Returned to Owner	91		94
Transferred	1153		1037
Euthanized	262		*204

*48 pets in this number were owned pets that were brought in by the owner for euthanasia, not strays or surrenders. The actual number of shelter animals euthanized is 539.

Note: "Transferred" means transferred from Bell County Animal Shelter to adoption partners, rescues, or no-kill shelters.

Lessons from Wendell



In loving memory of Wendell Whitlock

Be gentle with those smaller than you
Always be ready for an adventure
Take naps and get rest when you can
Walks are good for the soul
Be the bright spot in someone's day
Guard things that are important to you
Don't be afraid to get your feet wet, or dirty
Be sweet with children
Never ignore your favorite people
Don't be afraid to leap
Night-time snacks are okay
Soak up every moment
Rainy days are fun, too
Don't be afraid to go to the doctor
Love everyone
Never stop being curious
Play time is important
Never give up

2019 Beastie Bash—A Great Success!

The 2019 Beastie Bash was one for the books. We sold out of tickets for the event and raised over \$14,000 to help local animals in need.

FOS is grateful to everyone who helped make this event such a success. Your donations, sponsorships, pur-



chases, attendance and support around this event were incredible.

Go ahead and mark your calendars for the 2020 Beastie Bash! The event is scheduled for October 24, 2020, at Pine Mountain State Park.

2019 Beastie Bash Sponsors

Friends of the Shelter wishes to thank the following businesses for sponsoring the 2019 Beastie Bash:

Home Federal Bank	Pizazz Salon	Good Dog Training Club
Sauced	Knox County Veterinary Services	Downtown Radiology
Smithfield	Kinder Family & Cosmetic Dentistry	Combs Equipment Company
Long's Pic Pac	Nagle Law Offices	Baker Tax Service
Sky Chiropractic	Xtreme Fitness	David B. Whitlock—Edward Jones
Arnett & Steele Funeral Home	Larry Brooks Bookkeeping	Down to Earth Landscaping
Green Construction	KFC	Davisburg Junktion
Community Trust Bank	Good Neighbor Pharmacy	Douglas Law Office
Daylily Salon & Spa	Emery Exterminating Co.	Old English Properties
Dr. Brent Pursifull	Four Rivers Coal	

A special thanks to the following for help with the Beastie Bash:

- Chris and Dory Steidle for the gift of wine for the wine raffle
- Three States Printing for ticket donation
- Lawrence McGeorge for Auctioneering
- Larry Goodwin for sound equipment
- Larry Goodwin & Ken Wilson for music
- Long's Pic Pac for a cake
- Taylor Drug, Pizazz Salon, and Nagle Law for ticket sales
- LMU students Hayley Gulley, Jordyn Martin, and Brooklyn Grigsby for checkout assistance
- Interact of Pineville for help with the auction items



Friends of the Shelter would like to thank all of the business and individuals who donated auction items. Without your generous donations there would be no auction to help our animals— Thank you!

Santa Paws Brings Joy to All

“Santa Paws” held in December at the Middlesboro Mall was just what folks needed to get everyone in the Christmas Spirit. So many people brought their dogs and cats for photos with Santa—many with festive holiday costumes on! What a joy to see how many people in our area truly love their pets and treat them like a member of their family. It took some behind the scenes work, and many helpers, but it was a lot of fun for all and some great photos were taken for lasting memories.

The event raised \$447.50 to help our shelter pets. Friends of the Shelter would like to thank everyone who pitched in and donated their time and talents to make this event successful. We’re already looking forward to 2020 Santa Paws!



2020 Friends of the Shelter Board Members

The Board Members for 2020 are as follows: Dinah Presnell (President), Joanie Roper (Vice President), Leigh Ann Baker (Secretary), Joyce Evans (Treasurer), Connie Goodwin, Yolanda Green, Jennifer Nagle, and Debbie Sharp. Many thanks to Debbie Sharp for her long service as vice president and Rebecca Hoe for her extended service as Treasurer.

Funds Donated from Winter Concert Posters

Friends of the Shelter would like to thank Jon Grace at the Bell County Tourism Commission and Jacob Roan of Main Street Pineville for donating \$535.00 from the sale of posters from the last sold out Winter Concert at the Bell Theatre in Pineville, Kentucky.



Funds Donated from Dog Halloween Costume Contest

FOS thanks the LMU shelter medicine club for donating \$376.00 from their dog costume contest they held during Halloween 2019.

Pet Food Donated from Mountain View Homemakers

FOS thanks the Mountain View Homemakers group collected dog and cat food for the Bell County Animal Shelter.



Facebook Fundraisers

FOS thanks Leigh Ann Baker, Judy Lefevers and Joanie Roper for hosting fundraisers on Facebook that raised more than \$600 for our organization. We appreciate their thoughtfulness in finding ways to help our animals.

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SAVE THE DATE!

2020 Beastie Bash

October 24 at Pine Mountain State Park

This will be a great night of food, fun
and entertainment while helping shelter
pets!

Paint Party Fundraiser Postponed

The Paint Party Fundraiser hosted by
Southern Made by Nano has been post-
poned until the COVID-19 situation is un-
der control. Stay tuned for a new date and
time!



Want to join FOS or make a donation?

- ☐ Individual Membership (\$15)
- ☐ Family Membership (\$25)
- ☐ Supporting Member (\$50)
- ☐ Sustaining Member (\$100)
- ☐ Patron (\$500)
- ☐ Other

Please print:

Date _____

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Interested in volunteering? _____

Make check or money order payable to:

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