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No-kill Shelters are a type of animal shelter with an anti-euthanasia policy for the animals they house. The most widely accepted definition of a no-kill shelter is a place where all adoptable and treatable animals are saved and where only unadoptable or non-rehabilitatable animals are euthanized. Humane Societies often euthanize pets because they cannot find homes for them. Each day an estimated 70,000 puppies and kittens are born (25.5 million a year). Of these, six to ten million end up being euthanized.

The debate over no-kill shelters...

Supporters of no-kill shelters believe that euthanizing healthy animals is inhumane. Critics refer to no-kill shelters as "limited admission shelters" because of many no-kill shelters' frequent need to turn away animals if they are deemed unadoptable or if the facilities are full; critics say that this often means the animals are abandoned, leading to a worse fate than euthanasia. There is also the concern that animals who are not adopted from some no-kill shelters are confined for long periods of time...often years...in cages, a result some consider more inhumane than euthanasia. The consensus among both sides however is that the root of the problem is the overpopulation of cats and dogs, and that our society needs to solve this problem by spaying or neutering many more animals and by adopting animals from shelters or rescue groups instead of purchasing animals from breeders.

What steps are we taking towards becoming a "no-kill" community?

First and foremost, we have implemented a strong spay/neuter program. We began with a grant from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for \$4,000 to be used for spay/neuter assistance. Since that time, we have also raised \$32,263 through fundraisers and donations that have been used solely for our spay/neuter fund. We are very proud to say that in the past three years, we have had 719 cats and 528 dogs altered here in our local community. We continue to apply for grant funding, and to hold fundraisers so that we can continue this trend and stop the overpopulation crisis at the root of the problem.

We also send out a monthly newsletter to all of our current members. In addition, we send out a weekly e-mail to over 150 of our supporters, showcasing the new animals that we have taken in over the last few days. All animals entering our shelter are profiled on www.petfinder.com so that anyone, anywhere in the country, can see our adoptable pets. We have our own bulletin board located in the pet section at our local Wal-Mart where we hang pictures of our adoptable pets so that citizens of our community can see them each time they do their shopping. (continued on back page)

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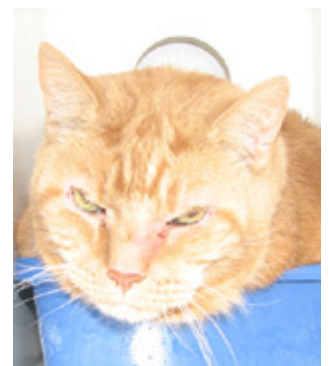


#187 Tilly-Sponsored (Collie Mixed)

'Hello. My name is Tilly and I'm a scared little girl out at the animal shelter in Lawrenceburg. I'm sweet as can be, but this place is frightening for a homeless dog like myself. I really like people, but when the girl was taking my pictures, the flashy thing kind of startled me and just wanted to go hide. Maybe I'll feel better in a few days and she can try to take some better pictures.' [Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of Tilly's adoption fee. Now she can go home at a reduced rate!](#)

#2238 Rolli-Sponsored (Domestic Short Hair-orange)

'Hello. My name is Rolli and I'm the oldest kitty here. My owner had to turn me in here because she couldn't keep me anymore. I really hated that cause I was used to being there with her, and now I just hope that somebody else will give me a chance. I've very old and I just want somebody to take me home with them and let me live the rest of my time in love and happiness.' [Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of Rolli's adoption fee. Now he can go home at a reduced rate!](#)



#161 Conan-Sponsored (Husky)

'Hi there. My name is Conan, and I'm a husky dog who came to the shelter at the end of January from down at The Gardens. I'm about two years old and I'm a beautiful boy. I'm not real fond of this place though and I'd really like to go home now. They let me run loose inside the shelter while they cleaned my kennel today and I went straight to the door. I had hoped they would let me go, but they said I have to wait til my people come to get me.' [Thank you to Angela Walter, who sponsored a portion of Conan's adoption fee. Now he can go home at a reduced rate!](#)

#202 Princess-Declawed (Domestic Short Hair-black)

'Hello. My name is Princess and I'm big, black, and beautiful! I'm not your everyday housecat, by any means. I'm a big girl and I just know if you'd come meet me that you'd love every little ounce of me! I'm declawed and housebroken too, so that's always a plus. Won't you come see me and visit for a while?'



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#130 Ty-Sponsored (Beagle, Rottweiler *Mixed*)

'Hi. I'm Ty and I'm an adorable little pup that they found wandering around down on Anderson City Road. I was there with my bubby, Vinnie. He's here too and we're both up for adoption because our owner never came out here to claim us and take us home. We're just a few weeks old and we need a new momma or daddy. Will you be the one?' [Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of Ty's adoption fee. Now he can go home at a reduced rate!](#)

#258 Tia-Sponsored (Domestic Short Hair-black)

'Hi. My name is Tia and I'm a little bitty kitty who came to the shelter several days ago. The people that found me brought me in and said that I seemed to be housetrained and that I was good with kids too. I'm only about five months old and I'm a playful little kitten. Hopefully somebody out there will come and adopt me soon.' [Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of Tias adoption fee. Now she can go home at a reduced rate!](#)



#73 Dakota-Sponsored (Collie, Labrador Retriever *Mixed*)



'Hi. My name is Dakota and I'm a collie/lab mix from down on Avenstoke Road. I'm a sweet, sweet boy and only about two years old. What's wrong with my foot, you ask? Oh nothing! I know it looks like it from my pictures, but that's just how I stand when I'm trying to get your attention. I'm perfectly healthy, trust me! All I need is a good home and a great family and I'll be all set!' [Thank you to Fred and Victoria Parker, who sponsored a portion of Dakota's adoption fee. Now he can go home at a reduced rate!](#)

#272 Morgan-Sponsored (Tabby - Brown)

'Hi. I'm Morgan and I'm a silly little kitty who came out to the shelter as a stray. Well, most of us here did. I just can't believe there are so many homeless kitties and our owners don't come to find us when we go missing. Every little kitty deserves a home of their own, so I hope you'll come out here and visit and I'm sure you'll find one you love. Maybe it'll even be ME!' [Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of Morgan's adoption fee. Now she can go home at a reduced rate!](#)



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And last, but certainly not least, we have established a humane education program in our local school system so that we can teach the younger generation about the importance of animal compassion. From time to time, we take shelter animals into the classrooms so that they can interact with them, and learn about their behavior and how to be responsible pet owners.

What you can do to help...

Please spread the word about the good work the Humane Society is doing. We have come a long way in the past few years, and our efforts are finally starting to pay off. We'd love to have you visit our new adoption center (open weekdays from 9:00-4:00 and Saturdays from 10:00-12:00). If you'd like to volunteer with us, we would be glad to have you. You can contact our Humane Society president, Donna Callahan, to make arrangements at 502-839-8339. Would you please consider making a donation to our spay/neuter fund? We continue to receive applications for assistance, but can only issue vouchers when we have funding available. This is the sole solution to decreasing the number of animals entering our shelter and thus, the number of animals euthanized each year. We appreciate your support!