

## Shelter Building Fund Update

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Anderson Humane Society has been forced to make a difficult decision. Even though we are confident that the proposed location for building the new animal shelter beside the county Road Department would be the most convenient and beneficial—even though this location would in no way disturb or interfere with the residents at Sunset Hill (otherwise we would never have suggested it)—even though we believe that this location would be the most complimentary for our community—and even though we KNOW that this would be the best possible location, we cannot pursue it any longer. We want to thank Judge Stratton for his support and we are looking forward to working with him on future projects. We worked hard for two years to get the state grant of \$69,500 and we were fast approaching our deadline to use the grant money and did not want to risk losing it. Therefore, per our last Humane Society meeting, a discussion with Judge Stratton, and permission from the State, we have decided that our best (and only) option now is to use the grant money we have received to renovate the existing shelter. We WILL, however, continue to solicit donations toward a new building, allow the funds to accumulate, and will be committed to find the next perfect location to build the shelter ourselves. It will take time, but we are confident that we will raise enough with the help of our animal-loving friends. We have raised almost \$20,000 which will be kept in a separate account to be used specifically for the new shelter. For those of you who have donated to the new building fund, we appreciate so much your support and want to assure you that we WILL build a new shelter with those funds. It is just going to take longer than we had anticipated. Thank you once again for your support, trust, and confidence. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the shelter at (502) 839-6410 and we will be happy to answer them.

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## Where Do Pet Store Puppies Come From?

Most puppies sold in stores come from breeding "farms" called "puppy mills," where mother dogs and "studs" spend lonely lives in small filthy cages, producing litter after litter. They freeze in the winter and swelter in the summer. They never get out of their prisons. They are bred in inhumane, deplorable, and cruel conditions. They are bred over and over again until they die. The pets raised in these conditions are purchased by brokers and sold to pet stores and malls. Those discarded as class B pets (the mothers who are no longer able to produce a litter) are often sold to animal research laboratories.

Recently, PETA found dogs at one puppy mill living on hard wire with no bedding, little protection from the searing hot summers or the frigid winters, and little to no veterinary care. Crusted, oozing eyes, raging ear infections, mange that turned skin into a mass of red scabs, abscessed feet from the unforgiving wire floors—all were ignored or inadequately treated. Some dogs injured their feet by catching them in the wire of their cages, and they hobbled painfully around their small space, trying to keep their balance. The collar on one Labrador retriever had not been adjusted as the dog grew and had become embedded in his flesh. Even though the gangrenous skin fell away as the collar was removed, his neck was treated with nothing but a worm-repellant spray.

Timid dogs were terrorized by their more aggressive cagemates, who often prevented them from eating and drinking. Sadly, many of the old mother dogs had gone mad from confinement and loneliness. They circled frantically in their small cages and paced ceaselessly back and forth—their only way of coping with their despair.

These conditions are typical at hundreds of puppy mills across the country. Laws offer little protection and are poorly enforced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Unhealthy conditions, lack of veterinary care, and careless breeding lead to serious problems. By the time puppy-mill puppies are shipped to pet stores, many suffer from ear infections, bronchial illness, and serious congenital health conditions, such as hip deformities, epilepsy, and vision or hearing problems. People paying hundreds of dollars for puppies often find that they must spend thousands more for veterinary care. For more information on puppy mills, please visit our website.

## Please Spay and Neuter Your Pets!

Each day 10,000 humans are born in the U.S. - and each day 70,000 puppies and kittens are born. As long as these birth rates exist, there will never be enough homes for all the animals. As a result, every year 4 to 6 million animals are euthanized because there are no homes for them. If you allow your pet to breed, even if you find a good home for the litter, they take the place of the homeless puppies, kittens and full grown dogs and cats in shelters that need to be adopted. Your litter may well take the life of a living, loving, wonderful—but homeless pet. What can you do to stop the suffering?

### Prevent A Litter - It's Good for You

- Spayed and neutered pets are better, more affectionate, companions.
- Neutered cats are less likely to spray and mark territory.
- Spaying a female dog or cat eliminates its heat cycle, which can last twenty-one days, twice a year, in dogs, and anywhere from three to fifteen days, three or more times a year, in cats. Females in heat often cry incessantly, show nervous behavior, and attract unwanted male animals.
- Spayed and neutered pets are less likely to bite. Unaltered animals often exhibit more behavior and temperament problems than those that have been spayed or neutered.

### Prevent a Litter - It's Good for Your Pet

- Spayed and neutered dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives.
- Spaying female dogs and cats eliminates the possibility of uterine or ovarian cancer and greatly reduces the incidence of breast cancer.
- Neutering male dogs and cats reduces the incidence of prostate cancer.
- Neutered animals are less likely to roam and fight.

### Prevent A Litter - It's Good for the Community

- Communities spend millions of dollars to control and eliminate unwanted animals. Irresponsible breeding contributes to the problem of dog bites and attacks. Animal shelters are overburdened with surplus animals.

Please visit our website at [www.dcr.net/~humane](http://www.dcr.net/~humane)

**Anderson Humane Society  
Membership Application**

Name

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Address

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Phone Number

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E-mail Address

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Membership Level (check one)

Single \$15

Family \$25

Business \$75

Angel \$150

Humanitarian \$500

Volunteer Services (check all that apply)

Member/Patron

Fundraising and Education

Administrative

Satellite Adoption Program

Walking Pets at the Shelter

Foster Home Program

Other

All volunteers for services at the shelter or satellite adoption program must be at least 18 years of age or accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Mail your completed application to:

Anderson Humane Society  
1410 Versailles Road  
Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

## Kroger Card Fundraiser

Kroger Gift Cards are available from the Anderson Humane Society for \$10 each. There are no additional costs to you. The initial purchase cost will be credited on the gift card. For example, when you purchase a new card for \$10, it will have a balance of \$10. You can then go to your local Kroger and add more to the card at the service desk.

The Kroger Gift Card works like a debit card that is linked to the Humane Society. Just recharge your card when the balance gets low, or before you do your shopping. It can be recharged at the service desk at any Kroger store. Simply go to the Service Desk and let them know the amount you want to place on the card. You can pay by check, cash, debit or credit card.

Kroger keeps track of the amounts purchased on the cards linked to the Humane Society. Each month the Humane Society will receive a check representing 5% of the total amount spent through cards linked to us. We only ask that you replenish the funds on the card on a regular basis (at least once every three months-after three months of non-use, it will expire).

Not sure what the balance is on your card? Simply look at your grocery receipt or call the toll free phone number on the back of the gift card to obtain your balance.

This is an easy, effortless way for the Humane Society to maintain a regular, steady income. It costs you nothing extra, and it goes to a good cause. So, get your card today and start Kroger-ing! E-mail Donna at [ahs\\_40342@yahoo.com](mailto:ahs_40342@yahoo.com) to get your Kroger card, or come out to the shelter.

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**SPAY/NEUTER ASSISTANCE IS NOW  
AVAILABLE TO INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:**

- Food Stamps
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Social Security Disability (SSD)
- Medicare/Medicaid

*\*There is a small co-pay of \$10 for each dog or cat having surgery.*

Pick up an application at the shelter or download it at <http://www.kyagr.com/acab/voucher.pdf>

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## Join Our **YAHOO!** Group

We have formed a Yahoo group for people interested in news regarding the Humane Society. We will discuss new animals at the shelter, fundraisers, community events, the construction of the new shelter, needs of the shelter, animals in immediate need of permanent and/or foster homes, animals that have been adopted, and volunteer opportunities, among other things. Please sign up at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AHS-KY>

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