

Hardin Co. Animal Control



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PAWS makes it happen!

HCAC is entering an exciting time! The shelter has been located on Nicholas Street for well over 50 years. Soon, they will be moving to a beautiful new location! This move has been made possible by PAWS Shelter Foundation, Inc. PAWS was founded by Hardin Co. resident and business woman, Deedie Layman. Deedie has spent much of her life promoting safe and humane treatment of animals. Because our present shelter is small, cramped and does not easily lend itself to pet adoptions, the PAWS foundation purchased a building located on 220 Peterson Drive to house Hardin County Animal Control. PAWS has worked relentlessly for the past 2 years to equip the building as a state of the art animal shelter and pet adoption facility.

The new facility features visitation rooms for adopters to meet and interact with their new pet. There are cat rooms and puppy rooms where animals will not need to be caged. The new shelter will have state of the art equipment and much needed space to promote healthy treatment and housing of stray and un-

wanted pets in our county. It is the hope and desire of PAWS to assist in increasing adoption rates.

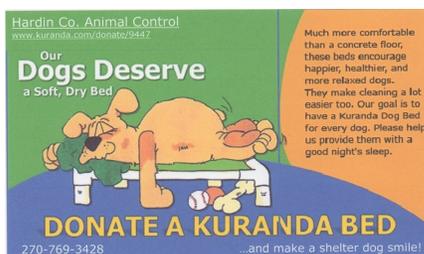
The move will be coming soon. The staff of HCAC appreciates all PAWS has done for our county. Hopefully, all Hardin Co. residents will take time to visit this beautiful new facility.



The Kuranda Bed

HCAC is hoping our community will help us in collecting beds for our new facility. Members of the community can purchase the Kuranda bed for \$92, each plus shipping. The price for a donated bed is about \$24.00 cheaper than the price if purchased by HCAC. The shelter is hoping to get 30 beds donated. If you would like to donate one of these

beds please go to the HCAC website and follow the link to make your order or visit: www.kuranda.com/donate/9447.



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Special points of interest:

- *When adopting a dog, always take time to introduce the new pet to your at-home pet in an out-of-doors setting.*
- *Always separate dogs at feeding time.*
- *Dogs coming from a shelter may or may not be house broken. Please take time to teach the dog what you expect.*
- *Every dog can be taught to be a good dog!*

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT— Kathy Alberts

We've all heard of the Horse Whisperer, Monty Roberts and of course who hasn't heard of Caesar Milan, the Dog Whisperer? HCAC has it's own animal whisperer! Her name is Kathy Alberts. Kathy has worked at animal control for 8 years & volunteered at HCAC several years prior to becoming a part of the staff. Kathy is truly a champion for animals! When animal control gets in a litter of feral kittens or even a feral cat, it's Kathy who takes time to tame and socialize those animals, working hard to provide those animals with an opportunity to be adopted.



Kathy with Noel, a beautiful labradoodle who got a perfect home. Kathy worked diligently to socialize Noel so she could be a good dog!

It is Kathy who notices when a dog seems to be getting stressed from spending time at the shelter and takes it upon herself to give that dog some much needed love and attention. Noel was just such a pet. Noel came to the shelter very fearful and

timid. She was spooked by loud noises and appeared to be extremely frightened of interacting with men. Kathy spent any available time she could muster working with Noel. After a couple weeks getting some much needed love from Kathy, Noel seemed to relax before our eyes. Kathy quickly became Noel's hero and responded to her when walking on a leash, getting a bath, learning not to jump on her human companions and that trusting people was actually safe. Because of the work that Kathy performed with this wonderful dog, Noel went to a wonderful new home. Without the time and compassion Kathy gave to Noel, she likely may have been labeled 'non-adoptable'.

This is only one example of the magic that Kathy works. It is good for the heart to see Kathy work so hard to get all animals to the point where adoption is feasible. If you visit HCAC please give Kathy Alberts a big THANK YOU! She works hard for the lost and homeless pets in Hardin Co. We feel very fortunate to have Kathy as a part of the HCAC team!



Adoption Success Stories

BEANIE & BEASLEY GO HOME!



Every now and then a plan just comes together! A little dog named Beanie came to HCAC a scared and dirty mess. It was obvious, even though he was really frightened, he was a sweet boy who just need a chance! Because he was so cute and so afraid, one of our volunteers sent his picture to some friends in hope of finding Beanie a home. The very next day, into Beanie's life walked Caroline. Caroline had longed to have a dog. She had even saved her birthday money in hopes that her mom would allow her dream to become reality.

Not to be outdone, the following week, her sister Carissa found the perfect dog as well, Beasley. After grooming, trips to the vet and a few lessons on manners, the two beautiful young ladies and two adorable little dogs have what they've all wanted. The girls dreamed of having pets and Beanie and Beasley just wanted someone to love them! You just have to love those smiles!



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Josh Billings

That's Our Paulie!

This beautiful smile belongs to Paulie. Paulie came to HCAC in August. He had spent weeks at the shelter and had become the favorite resident to some of the staff and volunteers. You may wonder why? Paulie always was happy. He loved being taken for a walk. He never barked, whined or complained, he only wanted a bit of attention. Paulie enjoyed the other dogs at the shelter and even had a fondness for cats. It was sad to watch him wait and wonder if he'd ever get a home. After waiting for weeks and weeks, Paulie hit the jackpot one Saturday when Mr. Wilson came in looking for just the right companion. Mr. Wilson has shared that Paulie had some adjustment problems but they were working on

getting everything just right for both him and Paulie! Mr. Wilson has been a great adopter. He let HCAC know when the adjustment problems occurred. The HCAC staff was able to provide some pointers that helped Paulie adjust to his new home! We love you Paulie! Be a good dog and make us proud!



More Success Stories

Blossom Grows Up!

This beautiful dog came to the shelter when she was around 8-10 weeks old. Blossom has grown up at the shelter. She is a true testament to the fact, if we have the space and the time, we can find every good dog a good home! A good home is exactly what happened when Jacob & his family came in to visit HCAC. Jacob immediately fell in love with Blossom! It made our hearts melt to see finally, Blossom was going to have a home she so deserves! Have a great life, pretty girl!



On the left is Blossom when she came into HCAC in July as a baby. The picture on the right is Blossom on her adoption day at almost four months. Blossom is such a happy girl!

Our Beautiful Stella

Please meet Stella! Stella is a gorgeous Catahoula leopard dog mix. She is under a year old and for her age, she is a very calm, easy going girl. Stella is not a big barker and just soaks up attention. This beautiful girl went to a great home in Bonnieville, Ky. Stella will be able to live with a farm family and get all the well deserved attention she needs! You'll be a great addition to the family Stella, we're sure of it!



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These are some other beautiful dogs that have come through HCAC. They were all adopted during the summer. Please spread the word about HCAC to anyone wanting a pet. For one reason or another, our facility handles many beautiful dogs and cats. These pets are waiting and needing a chance from people who will share their love and time.

Love is All We Need!

Can You Help?

Prior to moving into the new shelter, there are still needed items. We would love to have an electric range for the kitchen. Used would be fine as long as it is clean and it works. We are hoping to have a microwave donated as well.

We can always use bleach, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, along with shop brooms, long handled dust pans, pooper scoopers, and large metal garbage cans.

It would be nice to have a supply of leashes and collars for our dogs as well. We could use all sizes and gently used would be acceptable.

All donated items can be used as a tax deduction. Please ask us for a receipt when you drop off any donation.

Anything donated to HCAC is greatly appreciated! Gifts from the community makes our job much easier.

Meet Slevin!

He speaketh not, and yet there lies a conversation in his eyes." Unknown

This quote says everything about Slevin. Slevin found his own home, only to end up back at HCAC. Slevin is an escape artist. His family was afraid he would get out of his yard and possibly be hurt. Slevin is a collie mix. He is 3-4 years old and has the most soulful eyes that you'll ever see. He is a great dog with older children, 12 or older, and he loves all adults. Slevin can climb out of a regular yard fence, so he will need to be crated or contained if left outside. He's a sweet, sweet boy and one of the staff's favorites. Slevin would probably be more at home where he is the only pet. Please come by and check out this beautiful dog! Slevin has been at the shelter for much to long! He needs to find a perfect home!



Will someone please give me a second chance? I'll try and be a good dog!

Adopting a Pit Mix

This beautiful girl is Porsha. As this newsletter is written, Porsha is awaiting a home. These beautiful pit mixes are often turned in for rehoming. When adopting a pit mix from our facility there are special accommodations that must be met. It is our belief that we must look out for the best interest of the dog and the adopting family. Our facility requires a statement from your insurance company stating this breed is allowed for insurance coverage. Also, you must have a fenced yard or a kennel for containment.



We hope if you are interested in adopting a pit mix you will come by

and consider one of our wonderful dogs. We work hard to find these dogs a perfect home!

Our Hearts are Full of Gratitude!

It has been truly amazing to watch as our community has come together to show support for our move into our new building. Many items have been donated by individuals, including children, who have requested gifts for the shelter instead of birthday gifts; adults have given time, money and materials and the corporate community has stepped up with donations that are allowing us to furnish our new building, along with making necessary preparation to the campus. Every effort, no matter the size, has been rewarding to our staff! We would love to mention everyone by name but space is limited. The HCAC staff wants everyone to know that all donations will go to provide a safe, healthy and comfortable resting spot for lost and homeless pets in Hardin Co. as they wait for their new homes. Because of your support, we will be a better servant for our county!

SAVE A LIFE!

ADOPT A PET!

Look for HCAC on Facebook! We will soon have our own page. We hope to post adoptable pets & news about our facility!

"Not every person knows how to love a dog, but every dog knows how to love a person."

Unknown

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**We're on the
web! Check
us out!**

www.hcky.org/animalcontrol.asp

Fostering: Is it For You?

We will soon be starting a Foster Program at HCAC! Many people have voiced an interest and we are excited to offer this opportunity. There are many times animal Fosters could be real life savers for our pets! There are many prime candidates such as tiny kittens and puppies, pregnant or nursing dogs and cats, senior animals or animals that need a break from the shelter environment. If you feel you could volunteer as a Foster please watch for upcoming information. There will be an application process and an orientation. We hope we can build a strong Foster Program. With community support, we will succeed!

A Message from director, Jerry Foley

As we prepare to make our move into our new home we realize how much we must thank you, the citizens of Hardin Co. Your contributions to PAWS has made this wonderful new building possible. I want to give a special "Thanks" to Ms. Deedie Layman for her time and effort in seeing the new shelter project come to fruition. With out you, Deedie, it would have never happened! Our staff is excited about all the possibilities and knows we will need your continued support and the support of Hardin Co. The new facility will allow us to house more animals in a more humane way. Our promise to Hardin Co. is to work diligently to promote pet adoptions and decrease the need for euthanasia in our county. We hope to offer new programs which will make HCAC a better place for animals as they await new homes.

Are you wondering how you can help? As you read in the newsletter, we still are hoping for donations for the Kuranda beds for the shelter. If you are interested in helping by donating items, please give the shelter a call or stop by and see us. We have a list of items that would be greatly appreciated.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you have some time and love animals, please consider giving some time to HCAC. Please stop by and fill out a volunteer application. There is a great need for more volunteers to assist with animal adoptions. Let me give a *huge* shout out to our long time volunteers! Vicky Ferriell, Carol Jameson, Kim Howell, Carol Hubbard & JoEllen Thomas have given many hours to HCAC over the past years. They've been with us through happy days and those that have been pretty stressful. Ladies, you're a great asset to our facility and to all the animals you handle. You have made a great impact. The HCAC staff hopes you will continue to be a part of the HCAC Family.

A New opportunity to volunteer will be our upcoming Foster Program. We look forward to taking applications for the Foster program for cats and dogs soon. If you would consider serving as a Foster, please contact us.

It is an exciting time at Hardin Co. Animal Control. We look forward to making our facility the best in the state! Come by for a visit and remember to always spay and neuter your pets!

Our Mission

- To control and maintain the issue of unwanted, stray, neglected, and abused cats and dogs of Hardin County as humanely as possible.
- To assist in reuniting lost pets with their owners.
- To place cats and dogs in new caring and responsible homes.
- To rebuke the myth of the "evil" dogcatcher.
- To educate the community about the necessity of spaying and neutering their pets.

Did You Know?



Cats can have their first heat as early as 4 months old, and if they can come into heat, they can get pregnant. Cats can have up to 3 litters a year with an average of 4 kittens per litter. Many people don't know that the new mom can become pregnant again while nursing a litter. With 50% of litters being accidents, you can see how unwanted litters can add to the pet population quickly. PLEASE, spay and neuter early! It helps save lives!



Jerry Foley, Director HCAC