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Hardin County

The Commonwealth's Premier County to live, work, and raise a family



"The Hardin County people love their animals. As a pet owner myself, I can understand their attachment."



Household Hazardous Waste and Prescription Drug Disposal

**September 13
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Akebono Plant
300 Ring Road
Elizabethtown

A SIX-MONTH SUCCESS STORY

In our December 2013 newsletter, we announced the opening of our new Animal Shelter at 220 Peterson Drive in Elizabethtown.

Without the perseverance and generosity of Deedie Layman and the PAWS Foundation, this beautiful 17,000 square foot shelter would not be here today.

The attractive surroundings and the cheerfulness of our volunteers and staff

Adoption Rates

When compared to January-June 2013 period, our adoption rates have more than doubled for dogs. Since we opened our new shelter in December, we have been able to find new homes for all healthy dogs.

The beautiful new surroundings and a team of enthusiastic volunteers are responsible for this achievement.

Our adoption rate for cats is rising. We have reached approximately 40%

make adopting a pet an enjoyable experience.

We display our animals in a pleasant environment allowing the visitor to spend time getting to know the animal before adoption.

We have a large glass-enclosed area to display our cats. We have a video link on our county website for the public to observe their antics.

We are averaging about 1,000 visitors a month to this new facility.

We implemented many programs to encourage cat adoptions including a website video camera in our cat display area and reduced adoption rates for cats on special dates.

As the year progresses, we look forward to even higher adoptions for these beautiful loving animals.



We are proud to lead the Commonwealth in providing a state-of-the-art animal shelter for our community.

We collaborated with Larue County and Fort Knox to provide animal rescue assistance for their lost dogs and cats.





Our Volunteers

We staff our shelter during visiting hours with many animal-loving people who volunteer their time to find just the right home for each dog or cat in the shelter.

Without their help, we could not achieve the adoption rates we are experiencing.

The people of Hardin County love their animals and they demonstrate that daily at our shelter. Not only do the volunteers assist the visitor finding just the right pet, they are always looking for ways to raise additional funds or introducing new children's programs at the shelter.

Children's Programs



Many children's groups visit our shelter. Some are school-sponsored field trips arranged by teachers to teach children how to interact safely with dogs and how to take care of their pets.

Girl Scout Troop 1106 (below right) visited the shelter bringing donations of food for the animals.

Children participated in a "Cold Water Plunge Challenge" (left) as a fund-raising activity and donated their money to help purchase cat condos and medicine for the animals.

John Hardin High School students (above right) volunteered at the shelter to walk the dogs, clean kennels and play with the animals.



As we stated earlier, visitors to the shelter are averaging approximately 1,000 per month. We have no limit on the number of visits a person can make until he finds just the perfect pet for their home.

You will get a healthy animal. Our shelter provides the best medical care available to its rescue animals. You will save money. Rescuing an animal is much less expensive than buying a dog from a breeder.

Shelter animals deserve a second chance. Our animals

are completely healthy and well behaved. They have just fallen on hard times in life. Give them a second chance.

Most rescues make extremely loving and affectionate pets and are very loyal friends. They seem to know that you have given them their life back, and they will spend every day making it up to you.

