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Houdini, the I-65 Goat will make a full recovery

Elizabethtown, Ky. – Houdini underwent a full medical evaluation on Tuesday. He suffered a broken front leg, just below the knee, from a traffic mishap.

“Houdini has good blood flow to the lower part of his leg,” Hardin County Animal Care and Control Veterinarian Dr. Jessica Perpich said. “His leg was immobilized and splinted so it can heal on its own. His recovery time is approximately thirty days and he will make a full and complete recovery.”

Dr. M.K. Keller, owner of Plantation Veterinary Clinic in Hodgenville, Kentucky, collaborated with Dr. Perpich in treating Houdini. “Houdini will lead a perfectly, happy life in retirement,” said Dr. Keller. “Other than his broken leg, he is as healthy as any goat I’ve examined.”

Once Houdini becomes more ambulatory, he will be moved to an undisclosed, stress-free location more conducive to his way of life. Hardin County Animal Care and Control and Dr. Perpich will continue to supervise his care and rehabilitation.

“Houdini will continue to require medical attention and nursing for the next thirty to forty-five days,” Hardin County Animal Care and Control Director Mike McNutt said. “We

deeply appreciate every offer of assistance. We will continue to require resource assistance for the next thirty to sixty days. We will not begin to consider Houdini's future home until he is 100% well and ready."

Many of Houdini's fans continue to offer assistance with his care. Financial donations can be made through Friends of the Hardin County Animal Shelter (FOHCAS) by visiting www.fohcas.org/donate. Please earmark your donations for the "Houdini Fund." In-kind donations such as feed or hay should be delivered to the Hardin County Animal Shelter at 220 Peterson Drive, Elizabethtown, Ky. Donations will be used to assist with Houdini's care and recovery. Donations in excess of what is required for Houdini's care will assist with care of other animals housed at the shelter.

"I want to thank Dr. Keller for going above and beyond in assisting Dr. Perpich with Houdini's treatment," Hardin County Judge/Executive Harry L. Berry said. "The outpouring of support from the community is humbling and encouraging. It's proof we have a very caring community and why it was so important for our shelter to finally achieve pro-life status."

For more information about Houdini and his recovery and the Hardin County Animal Care and Control Shelter, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HardinCountyAnimalShelterKY/> or their webpage at <https://hcky.org/animal-control-department/> or call (270) 769-3428.

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