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Houdini, the I-65 Goat has a new home

Elizabethtown, Ky. – Houdini has a new forever home to live out the remainder of his retirement years.

Shortly after Houdini was injured in a traffic mishap on October 21, 2018, and placed in the care of Hardin County Animal Care and Control, Judge/Executive Harry L. Berry appointed a six-member committee to examine and vet options for Houdini's home. After a thorough review, the committee made its recommendation to Berry on Thursday.

"The committee unanimously recommended Broadbent Wildlife Sanctuary in Guston, Kentucky. After reviewing the committee's decision brief, I fully concur and have signed a decision memorandum to authorize his transfer," said Berry. "I appreciate the committee's work and I am pleased Houdini has a new home that will provide him the proper resources to live out the remainder of his life in a safe, loving and peaceful environment."

Broadbent was founded in 2002 by former Kentucky state legislator Mary Ann Tobin. It is a forty-six-hundred-acre site in Meade County, Kentucky, dedicated to providing a safe, healing haven for injured and orphaned animals. Broadbent regularly offers

educational programs to various age groups. Visitors are encouraged, but appointments are required. For more information, visit www.broadbentwildlife.org.

“We are honored and excited to offer Houdini sanctuary for him to live out the remainder of his life,” said Broadbent General Manager Scott Hornback. “We are accustomed to hosting high profile animals and animals who require specialty care. I assure his fans that he is in good hands and our twenty-five-member staff will love and care for him like every other family member in our care.”

Houdini is still undergoing limited treatment and rehabilitation according to Hardin County Animal Care and Control Veterinarian Dr. Jessica Perpich. Houdini’s aggression and desire to be out of captivity has made it difficult to treat him, according to Dr. Perpich.

“Houdini still requiring care makes Broadbent’s selection even more important,” said Hardin County Animal Care and Control Director Mike McNutt. “Broadbent has a full-time veterinarian who has a wealth of experience in animal rehabilitation and they fly in a veterinarian from Miami once per month to treat specialty cases. He will receive the highest degree of care on a continual basis.”

At its initial meeting, the committee set 5 key criteria for selection of Houdini’s new home. “We felt it was imperative to ensure each potential recipient maintained a sound animal treatment record, Houdini would be within 50 miles of Hardin County to ensure his fans could visit him, maintained a plan for the long-term sustainability of his environment, proper protocols to ensure safety to he and his new owners and that the new owners maintained experience with like livestock,” said Hardin County Deputy Judge/Executive Daniel London. “Broadbent fully and exceptionally meets these standards.”

“The community and Houdini’s fans were very generous in providing funds and in-kind donations to offset the cost of his care,” said Berry. “I want to thank everyone who contributed and assisted with his care in any form. Because of this, the costs to Hardin County taxpayers for Houdini’s care compared to our normal costs for animals in our care were abated.”

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