

Companions

JOHNSON'S JOURNEY

By the end of 2010, the Kansas Humane Society will have provided care, compassion and love for nearly 18,000 homeless animals desperately needing our services. Your generosity has allowed us to do more to save animal lives than ever before—a mission each of us believes in, works for and lives every single day. While it is heartbreaking to see the 35-50 pets who come through our doors each day, knowing that the support of our community allows us to be here to help them makes us incredibly grateful.

Our volunteers and staff will tell you that helping animals is work of the heart and sometimes there are pets who end up touching our lives in a special way. Johnson was one of those.

A big softie of tan and black fur with long legs and eyes that could make hearts melt, Johnson came to us in early

August from Wichita Animal Services, where he had waited to be reclaimed by his family after being taken in as a stray. A big lover with a happy, goofy personality, this 2-year-old shepherd mix waited at KHS for nearly two months for a new family to adopt him. Honestly, we couldn't understand why someone hadn't snatched him up – we fell in love with him immediately!

We tried everything. Volunteers took him on walks and to showcasing events around town. Johnson hung out with staff in the adoption lobby greeting guests and trying his best to show off his winning personality. One of our volunteers even paid for his adoption fee, hoping that would help gain someone's attention.

They even wrote the following note on his cage card:

"I am a people dog and want to be near you. I love to be talked to, for I really LISTEN. I am curious and smart and want to see what is going on with you and around you. I am eager to please and a quick learner. I know a few tricks such as sit and down, but work best if you throw in a treat or two. I love to go for long walks and still need a little more time on my leash training, but overall I do well



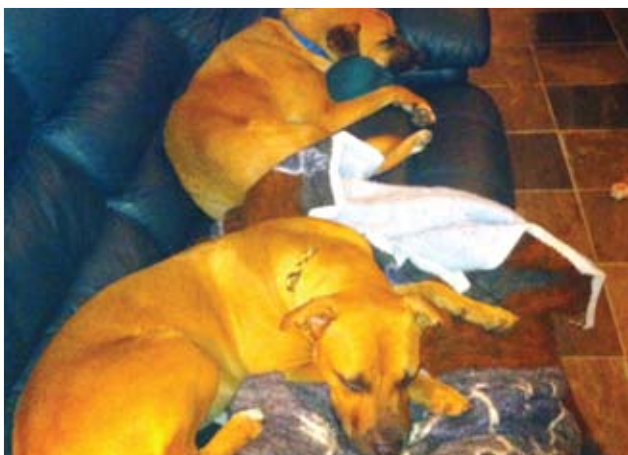
Johnson at his new home with Nancy.

on a leash. I enjoy taking car rides. I love to put my head in your lap and be petted to sleep. I am very gentle with and around kids, I don't even mind if you hug me! I am a wonderful dog and looking for my new family that I can call home...."

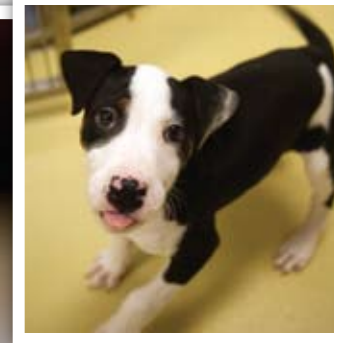
Turns out, the perfect family was just around the corner. When Johnson attended Woofstock, our annual fundraising event in Sedgwick County Park, hopes were high that he would find his perfect match. When we took Johnson on stage and talked about his sparkling attributes, Nancy Dopps and her granddaughter Skyler were in the audience.

"We were both drawn to Johnson," said Nancy. "He was being showcased on stage along with other adoptable dogs. We went to see him and were so impressed we immediately put an adoption hold on him."

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Johnson and Sally perfecting their napping skills.



OUR WORK CONTINUES WITH YOUR HELP

Your gift will be used in one of these critical areas

Every year, the Kansas Humane Society increases the number of animal lives we're saving—in spite of the fact that pet admissions have continued to increase as well. Every donation we receive helps support the programs necessary to save more

animal lives and continue to work toward our vision of ending the euthanasia of adoptable animals by 2014.

Your gift makes a huge difference for the homeless pets who so desperately need our care. Please donate to the Kansas Humane Society today.

Animal Transport

We are fortunate to have a designated staff person to coordinate the details of working with 200 different adoption partners around the United States. Having the ability to send some of our pets to these placement groups saves hundreds of lives each year. However, one of our biggest challenges is providing the transportation to get pets to their destination. Typically, volunteers provide the vehicle and time necessary for transport and KHS reimburses for fuel expenses. **\$35 pays for a round-trip drive to Hays, Kansas—a frequent meeting point for our placement group partners in Colorado.**

Microchips

At KHS, every canine and feline is micro-chipped prior to adoption, greatly increasing their chances of being reunited with their owners in the event they get lost. This is one of the most important ways we're decreasing the number of animals coming in to our facility. **\$50 microchips 8 pets for a lifetime.**

Adoptions

The opportunity to provide homeless pets a second chance with loving family is one of the most rewarding services we provide. As of November 2010, KHS has found forever homes for nearly 6,000 animals—about 1,000 more than at the same time last year. Our adoption fees vary and we've implemented many creative promotional programs that have helped us increase adoptions. Pets in our Lonely Hearts Club can be adopted at a 50% discount and we make more room for incoming kittens by waiving the adoption fee on all cats 9 months and older. **\$99 underwrites one cat adoption.**



< Wonder how your gift to KHS will be used?
These critical areas need financial support!

Health & Medical Care Give the gift of physical health to animals in need.

> SPAY/NEUTER SURGERY

In 2010, KHS will help reduce pet overpopulation in our community by providing spay/neuter surgery for over 9,000 animals. **\$53 underwrites the costs of surgery for one of those pets.**

> PET FOOD

A consistent diet of high-quality food is vitally important to keep our pets physically healthy. While Hill's Science Diet generously donates all of the shelter's necessary pet food (not to mention a free bag for adopters), we do pay shipping costs. **\$1,000 will pay for 1 month's shipment of 2400 lbs. of food.**

> PREVENTATIVE HEALTH CARE

Providing vaccinations, medical exams, evaluation and treatment is critical to ensuring the health of the pets in our care. **\$25 covers the vaccination costs for two pets.**

> ISOLATION UNITS

Our canine and feline medical isolation rooms provide a quiet, healing place for shelter pets who are ill and helps prevent their illness from being passed along to the other pets in our care. **\$100 supports the cost of specialized veterinary care in one of these areas for one day.**

> FOSTER

Some pets need longer term care to recover from illness and our Foster Care program provides a life-saving service. Whether caring for a litter of six-week-old kittens or a dog with an upper respiratory infection, our 200 volunteer foster families save thousands of lives each year—well over 2,000 this year alone. **\$30 supplies a foster family with the medicine, food and supplies they need to help one pet recover.**

> HEARTWORM TREATMENTS

Sometimes we are faced with the challenge of having a wonderful potential pet who comes to us infected with heartworms, a life-threatening yet often treatable condition. **\$125 provides the necessary medications to cure one dog of heartworms.**

Enrichment

Help animals channel their energy into positive behaviors.

ENRICHMENT

We strive to keep the pets in our care happy and calm by providing toys such as Kongs for our canine friends and Stretch & Scratchers for our kitties. These and other enrichment items help keep our pets busy, relieve stress and prevent boredom – all of which helps keep them healthier during their stay with us. **\$50 buys 10 Kongs for dogs or \$75 buys 24 Stretch & Scratchers for cats.**

Community Outreach

YOUTH EDUCATION

Our school visits, shelter tours and summer camp programs teach children about responsible pet care, the importance of spay/neuter, and how to be safe around unfamiliar animals. **\$50 helps underwrite necessary resources for two classroom visits or one day of camp.**

PET SHOWCASING

Taking adoptable pets out into the community helps us reach many potential adopters who wouldn't typically visit our facility. It's an important part of increasing adoptions. **\$65 helps underwrite the costs associated with this program.**

PROJECT COMPANIONSHIP

Volunteers take shelter animals to visit local retirement centers, nursing homes and other care facilities. Simply holding or petting an animal can bring back happy memories, conversations about cherished pets, and brighten the day for residents, animals and volunteers alike. **\$250 helps us provide one year of visits to a local facility.**

Your donation helps us reach our community for animals in need.

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ADOPTION & ADMISSION HOURS
11:00 am - 6:30 pm Monday-Friday
1:00-5:00 pm Sunday

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JOHNSON MEETS SALLY

Later that day, Nancy and Skyler brought the rest of their family, including their dog Sally, to the Kansas Humane Society to meet Johnson.

In the protected setting of a quiet visiting room, Sally and Johnson met each other for the first time. As they started romping around the room together, it was obvious to the Dopps family that the two dogs were perfect for each other.

"We brought them both home and it has been just like that ever since. They don't try to take each other's food, they don't fight, and they love to sleep next to each other. They love to go out to make sure our property is safe, and of course to scare off any squirrels. The dogs like to climb on top of the waterfall of our Koi fish pond, where they look like a couple of lions lounging in the sunshine.

What one lacks, the other provides and vice versa! Rather than creating more problems and fatigue for us, it has been such a pleasant experience for us all. I'm amazed that I already love him as much as Sally! I couldn't have dreamed it would work out so well, but then, I'm only looking from a human's perspective." ■■■



How2GIVE

Four easy ways to help KHS today!

1 MAIL

MAIL YOUR GIFT in the enclosed envelope with your check, money order or credit card information.

2 CALL

Kristi Oberg at (316) 220-8703 or Jill Henry at (316) 220-8706 in our Development Office between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

3 EMAIL

Kristi at koberg@kshumane.org or Jill at jhenry@kshumane.org.

4 WEB

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OUR THANK YOU

As our special way of saying thanks, the first 200 donors giving \$75 or more will receive a **FREE 2011 KHS Pets and their People Calendar**. This contemporary desk calendar brightens your heart and home with hundreds of funny, ornery, elegant and quietly dignified photos of furry best friends and their people—each a testament to the power of the relationship between a person and an animal. You can also order calendars online at www.kshumane.org, by calling (316) 220-8706 or e-mailing jhenry@kshumane.org.

CELEBRATE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

If you choose, you may make your gift in honor or memory of a beloved pet or person. You'll give or get a personalized thank you card and help thousands of homeless pets until they can find their new home. ■■■



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PETS & THEIR PEOPLE
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TESTIMONIALS



“You have created a first-rate facility that all of Wichita can be proud of and is a tremendous asset to our community. Judy and I are very impressed with all that you have accomplished.” – *Donald Slawson*

“My niece, daughter and I came in last night and adopted Bob the cat. The staff let us know that they were very partial to him so we thought we would give you an update on Bob! He is very happy and loved in our home, very playful and cuddly! He instantly made himself at home here he has already found his favorite spot on the window sill or on our laps getting his ears scratched! We are very happy

with him as we hope he is with us!” – *Jaclyn Bookout Nave*

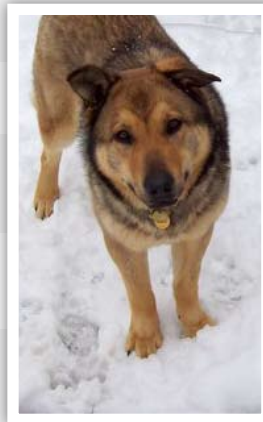
“I just wanted to tell the KHS that they are AWESOME!!!!!!” – *Andrea & Brian Penn*

“We are thankful every day for receiving our incredible ‘Harry’. Thank you for all the hard work.” – *Andrea Parks*

“Thank you for helping my friend adopt Jack. He had a great experience with the adoption process! Keep up the good work!” – *Amber McKelvey*



“My great dog, Amie, came from the Kansas Humane Society exactly six years ago today. Thank you, thank you to the wonderful staff who cared for her until I met her and took her home.” – *Mary Schmidt*



“I got two kittens from the Kansas Humane Society a year ago and convinced my sister to adopt from there too. Why go anywhere else when you are looking for a pet?” – *Amanda Schwandt Hinkle*

“We adopted Harley from you guys on August 21st and let me just say she is the most wonderful dog we have ever had. She has finally come out of her shell and keeps this house very entertained. We love her dearly. I can't understand how anyone could ever let her go. But that is just fine—we love her and will never let her go. We plan on bringing her in for a visit soon so you all can see how she is doing. To anyone who is considering adopting or getting a pet, please don't think twice about getting a pet from the Kansas Humane Society. We went and adopted the most wonderful Boxer from them. We don't have one single complaint about her. When we decide to add a new addition we will be returning to the Kansas Humane Society again.”

– *Sandy Gammill Murrill*



WINTER PROGRAMS 2010

We're offering great programs this winter for the whole family.

Pet Training Classes

Enroll online at kshumane.org, in our retail store or call (316) 220-8714

\$85-\$95

Saturdays	1/29/11 to 3/12/11	1:00 pm	Puppy Kindergarten
Saturdays	1/29/11 to 3/12/11	2:00 pm	Basic Training
Thursdays	2/3/11 to 3/17/11	6:00 pm	Puppy Kindergarten
Thursdays	2/3/11 to 3/17/11	7:00 pm	Basic Training

Our **Puppy Kindergarten** and **Basic Manners** classes use humane, positive training techniques. Our quality instruction will provide you and your dog the skills you need to have a long and happy, well-mannered life together.

Tot Tuesdays *For Ages 3 - 5*

Tuesday, January 4: Let it Snow

Tuesday, February 1: Wind is our Friend

Tuesday, March 1: Gobs of Green

Building a more humane community begins with our youngest citizens. That's why we have partnered with the Sedgwick County Zoo, Exploration Place, and the Wichita Water Center to bring your youngster fun, educational activities each month. This program is designed with parent participation in mind, centering on a common monthly theme. The Kansas Humane

DONATION REQUESTED:

\$4 for one child + one adult

\$2 per additional child (12m+)

Society offers its program on the first Tuesday of each month, from 10:30 - 11:00 am. We'll read books, play games and learn about pets of all kinds. If you would like more information, please call Bonnie Harrell, Director of Youth Education, at 316-524-9196 x218 or e-mail bharrell@kshumane.org.

Critter Camp *For Ages 7 -12*

\$25 per child per day

Winter Critter Camp: December 20-31, 2010 (no camp Dec. 24, 25)

Spring Critter Camp: March 21 - 25, 2011

Summer Critter Camp: May - July 2011

Critter Camp is a fun way for kids to learn about animals and have lots of fun at the same time! Activities include games, skits, tours and crafts focused on basic animal care and safety, pet training, the bond shared between people and companion animals, the importance of veterinary care and ways to address the problem of pet homelessness and overpopulation in our community.

Our campers will enjoy:

- Walking the dogs every day
- Playing with kittens
- Viewing a spay/neuter surgery in our clinic
- Helping the animals by doing a shelter task each day

Guest speakers will join us as well, in order to put into practice the humane treatment of all living things. Early registration is encouraged as spaces fill quickly. If you would like more information, please call Bonnie Harrell, Director of Youth Education, at 316-524-9196 x218 or e-mail bharrell@kshumane.org.

"I loved Critter Camp! Walking dogs, playing with cats! My favorite part would have to be walking the dogs or playing in the puppy yard! Thanks! See you next year!"

- Rachel, age 10

Have your child's birthday party at KHS!



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NOW REGISTERING

WINTER PROGRAMS 2010 CONT'D

Read To Rover *For Grades K – 3rd*

DONATION REQUESTED: \$3 per child

10:00 am - 11:30 am on the following days:

Saturday, December 18

Saturday, January 15

Saturday, February 19

Saturday, March 19

We've partnered with the Wichita Public Library for Read to Rover, creating a place where children get an opportunity to read aloud to a supportive, non-judgmental listener, a registered therapy dog. A child who may be hesitant to read aloud to his peers is typically less stressed when reading to a dog and the dog never judges the child's reading ability. Your child

will have an individual 20-minute session reading to a furry friend, learning about interacting with dogs. They'll be able to participate in educational craft projects the remainder of their time at KHS. If you would like more information, please call Bonnie Harrell, Director of Youth Education, at 316-524-9196 x218 or e-mail bharrell@kshumane.org.

Girl Scout Badge Program *Beginning January 2011*

The following workshops are offered in 2-hour time slots, and are designed to teach scouts about animal welfare while assisting with badge requirements. KHS is open to all Girl Scout volunteering opportunities and all programs end with a special behind-the-scenes tour of our facility and time to interact with an animal. If you have a troop that would like to come to KHS for a volunteer project, please call Bonnie Harrell, Director of Youth Education, at 316-524-9196 x218 or e-mail bharrell@kshumane.org.

Daisy Girl Scouts & Brownies

"Animal Try It" BADGE - Daisy Girl Scouts and Brownies learn about the Kansas Humane Society, animal behavior and safety, and the difference between wild and domestic animals. The girls will also have an opportunity to walk a shelter dog and socialize kitties. You provide the badge; we provide the fun-filled educational experience. **Cost: \$4/scout.**

Girl Scouts "Pet Care" Badge

KHS can help scouts earn the Pet Care badge by assisting in completion of 6 of the 10 badge requirements. Before you adopt, it's important to decide what type of animal you want to make a part of your family. You have to know how to take care of him or her, the importance of spaying and neutering your pet and what it should eat (or NOT eat). This program also teaches about the role the Kansas Humane Society plays in our community and how you can help too! **Cost: \$5/scout**

Bronze & Silver Award Programs

*Are your scouts ready to earn their bronze or silver award? Would they like to help animals? KHS can schedule a workshop where the troops can earn badge requirements and plan their animal project. **Cost: \$6/scout***



WOOFSTOCK 2010

Thanks Wichita for a Grr-eat Event!

With your help, we raised over \$200,000 in donations and sponsorships. Nearly 17,000 of our closest friends—people and dogs—came to our biggest fundraiser of the year and had lots of fun with the Ruff Races, Costume Contests, shopping and more. This year, we showcased some of our great adoptable dogs at the event (be sure to read Johnson's story in this issue). Wearing "Adopt Me" vests and being escorted by a helpful volunteer ready to answer any questions, our canine companions enjoyed

making new friends at Woofstock and showing off their best personalities. We are thrilled that 16 dogs were adopted as a result of their Woofstock visit: Pepsi, Nadia, Phoebe, Vick, Johnson, Diva, Roland, Freckles, Chester, Hutch, Cupcake, Augie, Baxter, Jax, George and Macaria. Each adopted dog was sent home with a FREE bag of Hill's Science Diet (one of our Woofstock sponsors), basic vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery and a microchip. Visit kshumane.org for more information on Woofstock.

Thank you for supporting the Kansas Humane Society's Woofstock. See you next year!