



Companions

"Her deep green eyes seem to have a wisdom that says she is going to teach us something. Can't wait to find out what."

— *Conrad Jestmore*



Seva – Adopted in May

365 DAYS

A Look at the First Year in Our New Facility

9,000 DOGS

8,800 CATS

& you!

With the grand opening of our new facility at the Murfin Animal Care Campus last summer, the Kansas Humane Society embarked on a brand new chapter in its 122-year history.

Because of the generosity of thousands of donors and the passionate dedication of volunteers, board members and staff, we were able to open the doors of one of the most progressive and technologically advanced animal care facilities in the country. Having reached the end of our first year in the new facility, we know that the enormous investment made by the Wichita community is already paying dividends - through increased adoptions, additional services, innovative programs and, most importantly, more animal lives saved than ever before.

Specializing in Second Chances

From June 22, 2009 to June 21, 2010, the Kansas Humane Society found new homes for 8,386 pets, a new record for our organization and a 15% increase over the same time period the year before. Canine adoptions increased to 4,733, a 22% increase, and feline adoptions increased to 3,384, an increase of 9%.

Our new facility has done more than provide more space for animals, it has also allowed us to increase visitor traffic, provide essential medical care, involve our community and develop innovative programs that have helped us save more animal lives than ever.

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Facing Pet Overpopulation

In our first year at the Murfin Animal Care Campus, the Kansas Humane Society took in nearly 11,000 pets whose owners were no longer able or willing to care for them. Add to that the 3,360 lost or stray animals transferred from the City of Wichita Animal Services or other facilities for adoption, the 1,600 pets who came to KHS for training or other services, and the 1,780 pets whose low income owners sought donor-subsidized spay/neuter services, and the number of animals served by the Kansas Humane Society is well over 17,000.

One of those pets was Felix, a playful wirehaired terrier who was brought to us by his family because they were moving out of state and couldn't take him with them. There was also Tubby, a Labrador retriever brought to us because he kept digging under the fence, and a 6 year-old orange tabby cat we named Pumpkin, whose owner never came to look for him after he was taken to Wichita Animal Services as a stray.

Because of the financial support of our generous donors, the Kansas Humane Society was there for these sweet pets as they were thrust into difficult circumstances through no fault of their own.

Ensuring Quality Care

Excellence in care starts the

moment an animal comes through our doors, with vaccinations to keep them healthy during their stay and high-quality Science Diet pet food donated by Hill's Pet Nutrition. They also receive important stress-relieving "creature



comforts", with classical music and elevated beds for canines, warm blankets for kitties and lots of toys to help prevent boredom and reduce anxiety.

Two of the most essential areas in our new facility are our medical isolation/treatment rooms – one

for canines and one for felines. These specially equipped areas allow us to safely treat medical conditions that may otherwise compromise the health of other pets in our shelter.

Since June 22, 2009, 672 cats and 231 dogs have received live-saving treatment in these rooms. One of those was Josie, who came down with an upper respiratory infection and was able to stay in the medical treatment area until she was well enough to be adopted.

Another critical, live-saving initiative is our Almost Home Foster Program. We currently have 203 dedicated volunteer foster families who provide vital, specialized care for ill or underage pets in their homes. In fact, 2,427 animals have been cared for in foster homes since June 2009.

Other volunteers (over 800 of them!) donate their time and talent to do everything from walk dogs and socialize cats to help with adoptions and assist in the medical clinic. A typical

busy Saturday brings about 73 fabulous volunteers to the Kansas Humane Society.

Providing Solutions

One of the most effective ways to end the heartbreak of unnecessary euthanasia is to implement quality programs designed to decrease the number of animals needing shelter services.

Spaying and neutering as many animals as possible helps eliminate the potential for continued breeding and unwanted litters of puppies and kittens.

Since opening on June 22, 2009, the Kansas Humane Society has spayed or neutered a total of 8,145 animals. 1,780 (22%) of those were provided for the pets of owners who couldn't afford the service elsewhere. This year, these essential spay/neuter services were funded in part by a generous grant from PetSmart Charities.

As another part of the solution, all pets are microchipped prior to adoption in order to increase their chances of being reunited with their owner should they become lost. Our on-site retail store encourages new adopters to purchase a custom ID tag, collar and leash before they leave with their new pet, further increasing the chance of finding their lost pet and preventing tragedy.

Behavior issues are listed as one of the most common reasons people relinquish their pets to the Kansas Humane Society. In January 2010, we began offering pet behavior training courses to promote the human/animal bond and reduce the likelihood of pets developing these challenging pet behaviors.

Practicing Excellent Stewardship

The Wichita community is renowned for the incredible philanthropy of its leaders and citizens. Because of their generosity and a strong belief in our vision to save the lives of all adoptable

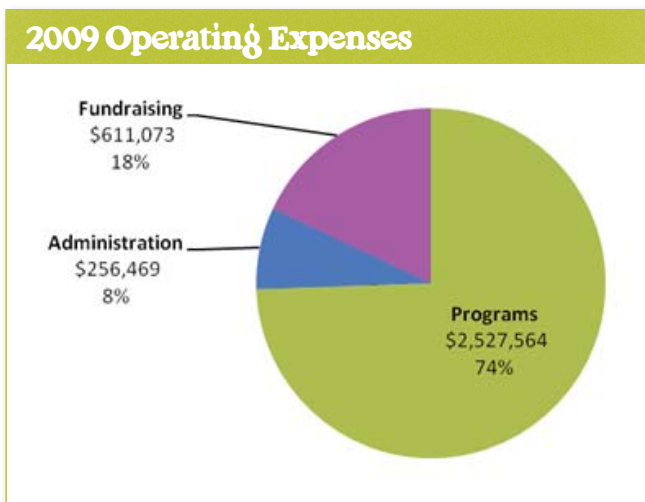
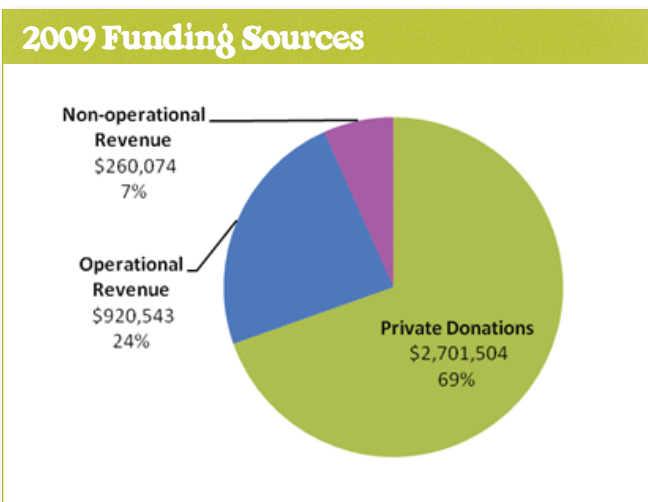
animals by 2014, thousands of donors came forward to support our efforts to build a new facility. As a result, the Kansas Humane Society announced the successful completion of its \$10 million capital campaign in December 2009.

Our Funding

With the capital campaign behind us, we move forward with a single-minded focus on reaching our 2014 vision to save the lives of all adoptable

animals. Ensuring that we have the necessary resources and programs in place to succeed is our highest priority.

As an independent, non-profit organization unaffiliated with and receiving no funds from the Humane Society of the United States, the Kansas Humane Society relies on private donations to fulfill its mission. We are grateful to each and every one of the donors who continue to make our work possible.



Be a Hero...Foster a pet today!

On the second day of April, a stray cat and her litter of eight kittens were transferred from Wichita Animal Services to the Kansas Humane Society. Weighing just 6 pounds, the thin yet friendly two-year old grey and white cat and her two-week-old kittens needed to stay together. Her litter had just begun to crawl well, their ears and eyes were barely open, and they were still nursing. Where would this family of nine stay for the next month? A KHS foster home.

Four days later, the Smiths,

KHS foster volunteers, took the group to their home, and there, the cat found the love and care she and her babies needed. For a month, the feline family romped and played and, finally, were given names. Mama was named Athena and, in turn, the kittens became Zeus, Perseus, Paul, Jessie, Tucker, Forest, Jenny and Fergie.

They returned to KHS fat, happy and ready for adoption on May 14. Athena and her little family had a happy ending because someone like you had room in

their home and in their heart.

We need your help today. Over 250 pets are currently in foster care and more are waiting.

“We especially need help at this time of year with adult cats who are recovering from colds and other mild illnesses and we have numerous underage kittens right now,” said Pam Meyers, KHS foster care coordinator.

We provide the pet, the food, and the medicine—you provide the love. Visit kshumane.org to sign up today, call Pam Meyers at 220-8713, or email pmeyers@kshumane.org.

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ASPCA Challenge Grant August 1 – October 31

Want to help us win \$100,000 and save more animal lives? Support us as we compete to win the Save More Lives – ASPCA \$100K Challenge.

During this unique contest, the Kansas Humane Society will compete against 49 other animal shelters across the country to save at least 300 more animals—during the months of August, September, and October 2010—than over the same three-month period in 2009.

The shelter that achieves the greatest increase in lives saved during that three-month period over last year will receive a \$100,000 grant from the ASPCA to continue their lifesaving work. A second grant of \$25,000 will be awarded to the shelter that engages the largest number of community members in helping to save more lives.

“In the United States, 60 percent of households have a cat or dog, yet 80 percent of these households did not adopt their pet from a shelter,” said ASPCA President & CEO Ed Sayres. “The ASPCA \$100K Challenge challenges shelters to mount their best efforts and innovative new approaches for providing positive outcomes for

homeless animals, by getting pets adopted, reuniting lost pets with their owners, or transferring pets to adoption partner organizations.”

We are excited to participate in this contest and hope you will join our efforts! The ASPCA \$100K Challenge hopes to build on that work by inspiring shelters and their communities to innovate and act to save more lives. Look for more information coming soon at kshumane.org.

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Dixie, holding the tile created in Scout's honor.

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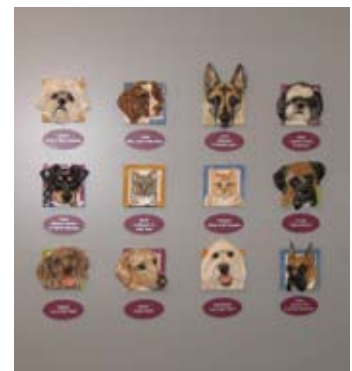
DONOR SPOTLIGHT: Dixie Caster

Dixie Caster and Scout, her beloved golden retriever, have always had a special connection. They're even more inseparable since Dixie's husband, Maurice, passed away in March 2008. That's why Dixie decided to honor Scout through the Kansas Humane Society's Pet Tile Program.

Local artist Sondra Alexander handcrafts these one-of-a-kind ceramic tiles to capture the unique essence and personality of each individual pet. A gift to the Kansas Humane Society of \$2,500 qualifies donors for a tile that will be displayed at the facility for a minimum of three years. For an additional \$50, donors receive a duplicate tile to display in their home.

Dixie says of Scout, "He is the only thing left that is a direct connection to Maurice. Dogs feel what we feel. He is an incredible companion to me." Scout's likeness hangs proudly in the Kansas Humane Society and serves as a wonderful reminder of the important role pets play in our lives.

For more information about the Pet Tile Program, please contact Kourtney Carson at 316.220-8720 or kcarson@kshumane.org.





Mandy is currently in training to be Jessica's signal dog.

KHS Shelter Dog becomes Miss Deaf Kansas' Signal Dog

Mandy, a 5-year-old Lhasa Apso mix, was brought to the Wichita Animal Shelter as a stray. When she wasn't reclaimed, she was transferred to the Kansas Humane Society in hopes of finding a new home. And her new home not only gave her a new beginning, but a new responsibility as well.

Jessica Redden, the current Miss Deaf Kansas, came to the Kansas Humane Society looking for a pup that would be trainable, loving, young, kind, small and able to hear. She also knew all the animals at the Kansas Humane Society need a second chance at finding a new forever home. For Redden, bonding with Mandy started the moment they met.

"From that day forward, life with Mandy has seemed as if she has been with me forever," Redden said. "Adjusting to a

new pup in the house has been fun. I think she most enjoys her walking, playtime, watching movies, and waking me up with kisses in the mornings. Both of us enjoy each others company. No longer are we alone."

Redden's role as Miss Deaf Kansas is to represent the deaf and hard of hearing and to be a role model for the next generation.

Mandy also has a new role. She is being trained as a signal dog and, within a year, will be making appearances with Redden.

Just like her new owner, Mandy will have her own responsibilities. Mandy will be trained to inform Redden of tornado sirens, fire alarms, knocks at the door, her owner's name being called, among other duties.



Jessica Redden, Miss Deaf Kansas

"The experience adopting from the Kansas Humane Society was phenomenal from start to finish," Redden said. "The staff treated me as if I was without a title, which means a lot to me. If they wouldn't have been so kind to my mother, brother and myself, then I would have never would have found my little Mandy. The respect I received was wonderful. I recommend everyone go there no matter if deaf or not."



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Read to Rover sessions

Date	Time	Availability
Saturday, July 17	10:00am - 11:30am	FULL
Saturday, August 21	10:00am - 11:30am	open
Saturday, September 18	10:00am - 11:30am	open
Saturday, October 16	10:00am - 11:30am	open
Saturday, November 20	10:00am - 11:30am	open
Saturday, December 18	10:00am - 11:30am	open



Children (K-3rd grade) have 20 minute individual sessions reading to certified therapy dog, No Fee.

Training Classes

BASIC TRAINING: Ages: 6 months and older,

Have fun with your dog in this fun, positive reinforcement training class. Learn basic obedience skills including come, sit, stay, and down and humane solutions to the challenges of jumping, barking, digging, and chewing.

PUPPY KINDERGARTEN: Ages: 8 weeks - 6 months. Age exceptions must be approved in advance by instructor.

Get your pup started off on the right paw. Your puppy will develop early basic obedience skills as well as participate in socialization activities so that he or she will grow into a confident adult and be the best friend possible. We'll also help you prevent your pup from developing those pesky behaviors of excessive digging, jumping, and chewing.

only \$95	FRIDAYS July 16 - August 27	7 p.m.	Karla
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In both classes, your dog will also learn loose leash walking.