



Companions

the kansas humane society of wichita kansas



a child's wish... a life saved.

PHOTO CREDIT : Nicholle Goodnight

By the end of this year, the Kansas Humane Society will have taken in nearly 18,000 animals needing our care or services. Lost, abandoned, or stray, all need a safe place, a warm bed and the compassionate care that we're able to provide. Thanks to your generosity, we continue to save more lives than ever before and provide the best possible care for Wichita's pets. And, behind every life saved, there's a family thrilled to have them. A family like the Goodnights and their Sparkles.

In the fall of 2010, a happy, healthy Pointer pup with snowy white fur mixed with dapples of chocolate and hopeful eyes was found stray in Wichita. A kind stranger picked her up and brought her to

the Murfin Animal Care Campus. When no one came to claim her at Wichita Animal Services, she was transferred to the Kansas Humane Society where our staff worked

unfortunately, about nine months later, they realized that they did not have enough time to devote to her. They brought the friendly and loving dog back to the Kansas

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diligently to find her a new family.

With her unusual coloring and loving, playful personality, she caught the eye of one family that adopted her within a few days at our facility. Her new family named her Speckles. While the family loved her,

Humane Society and hoped our staff could find her another family who had the time and energy she needed.

So Speckles waited. And waited. And waited. For nearly three weeks, she

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Our work continues with *your help*

Thanks to your ongoing support, we continue to save more animal lives and help our community. Each and every donation we receive supports the care and programs our animals need and leads us closer achieving our vision of saving the life of every adoptable animal.

A gift today will make a huge difference for the homeless pets that so desperately need our care. Donate to the Kansas Humane Society now and we'll use your gift to support these critical life-saving programs:

**adoption
specials**

**spay /
neuter
services**

**quality
diet**

**medical
care**

**youth
education**

**literacy
program(s)**

admissions

Adoption Specials *Save a life and give a home.*

In order to save the lives of more animals and meet the needs of potential adopters, we frequently run promotions that substantially discount or waive our adoption fees. Events like our wildly successful Priceless Purrs result in an average of over 100 adoptions each, but these lower fees don't even begin to cover the costs of the care and services each animal receives. *Your gift of \$150 underwrites one cat and one kitten adoption or one dog and puppy adoption.*

Spay/Neuter Services

In 2011, KHS will reduce pet overpopulation in our community by providing spay/neuter surgery for over 9,000 animals. *\$25 helps subsidize the costs of one surgery for the pet of one low income family or one KHS pet waiting for adoption.*

Youth Education in Schools

Our classroom visits to schools in the Wichita area teach children about responsible pet ownership, the importance of spay/neuter, and safety skills when approached by an unfamiliar dog. *\$50 provides the supplies and resources for five classroom visits.*

Quality Diet

Our pets receive a nutritional diet of high-quality food generously donated by Hill's Science Diet (KHS pays shipping costs). On an average month, our pets will eat 2,400 lbs. of food. *Your gift of \$35 will pay for 116 lbs. of pet food shipped to KHS.*

Read to Rover Literacy Program

One of our most popular onsite monthly programs, Read to Rover helps children in grades 1 - 5 improve their reading skills by reading aloud to a supportive, non-judgmental listener, a registered therapy dog. *\$50 helps 10 children attend this program.*

Medical Care

Providing thousands of vaccinations, medical exams, evaluations and treatments is critical to ensuring the health of the pets in our care. *\$50 covers the vaccination costs for four pets.*

Decreasing Admissions

One reason for animals admitted to KHS is a frustrated owner struggling with a pet's behavior, leading to the breakdown of the human/animal bond. We train our staff to provide counseling to the owner coupled with positive, humane training recommendations. This counseling often leads the owner to give their pet a second chance, thereby preventing an unnecessary pet admission to KHS. *\$100 helps underwrite the costs associated with this progressive initiative.*





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waited. Volunteers walked her. Staff cuddled her. She even made an appearance on the local news. And still she waited. No longer a pup, this young adult faced an uncertain future.

Elsewhere in Wichita, three-year-old Emily, the youngest member of the Goodnight family, had begun a campaign four months earlier to her mother to get a dog.

"She kept asking me 'Mommy can we get a puppy? A real live one?'" said Nicholle Goodnight. "Emily kept saying 'I'll pay for it, I'll pay for it!'"

Nicholle's last dog, a Yorkie, died 15 years ago.

"This was a really big thing to me," she said. "I've always liked small dogs more, but I wanted to get something that was right for the family, not just me."

Nicholle chose to adopt from the Kansas Humane Society because "honestly, driving by K96 and seeing the facility and seeing the animals on the billboard...I knew that we didn't want to buy a puppy, we wanted to get an animal that needed a home."

Nicholle and her three children, Cooper, Abby and Emily, came to the Kansas Humane Society to visit with some of our dogs, and, after taking our Meet Your Match personality profile survey, decided to meet Speckles.

"She came through the door, and I just knew it. It was like love at first sight. The way her little eyes looked at us, it was perfect; I just thought that was our dog. I didn't even want them to take her back," she said.

Nicholle's husband Tom visited the dog later in the day. They decided to put the wiggly pointer on hold for the night in order to put some serious thought about the decision to adopt her.

"I came home and made sure I was doing the right thing for the dog too," she said. "I wanted to make sure I could handle it."

The next day, Nicholle and her kids adopted Speckles (quickly renaming her Sparkles after a vote of two to one by the children) and Emily kept true to her word.

"She brought her little pink purse with her and insisted that she pay," she said.

Emily paid \$4 of the adoption fee for Sparkles as they welcomed the newest member of their family. They walked to their car, Nicholle "put the tailgate down on the car, tapped it, [Sparkles] jumped in and sat contented the whole way home."

"Honestly I can't believe that she's a perfect dog for

the family. I don't think there could've been a better match," she said. "Her personality matches so much with our family's needs."

Sparkles adapted to the household very well and the Goodnight children are learning how to responsibly take care of a dog.

"Emily feeds her, Abby cleans nose prints off the windows, and all the kids go on poop patrol," she said. "They've done such a good job that they all get an extra \$1 a week in allowance."

Before adoption, Nicholle worried about having a bigger dog around young children who have never had an animal before, but her worries subsided when she saw how nicely Sparkles behaved.

"She's just great with the kids; I can tell that Abby is Sparkles' favorite," she said. "She walks so well with Abby."

Not only has Sparkles become part of the family, she also looks after them.

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"I had a miscarriage a month ago, and I was not feeling well at all," she said. "Sparkles never left my side; she's taken care of us and knows we need her."

Tom, Nicholle's husband, had wanted a family dog for a while, and was surprised and happy she picked a dog like Sparkles.

"When the kids are riding their bikes and I'm walking the dog to the playground, I'm in heaven," said Tom.

The Goodnights visited the Kansas Humane Society looking for a new family member and found a "match made in heaven."

"Someone really listened to what we needed as a family. It really steered us away from what could have been a bad match, I'm not a dog person, but she's just awesome," said Nicholle. "She's wormed her way into our hearts."

"We are so hopeful that she is going to be with us for many years to come." 



HOW — TO — GIVE

- 1 Mail your gift to the Kansas Humane Society using the enclosed envelope or send to 3313 N. Hillside, Wichita, Kansas 67219.
- 2 Donate online at www.kshumane.org
- 3 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 thru Friday.
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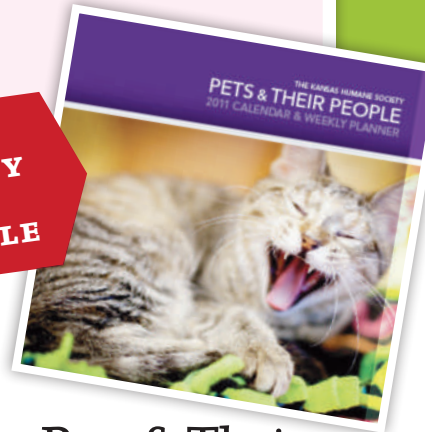
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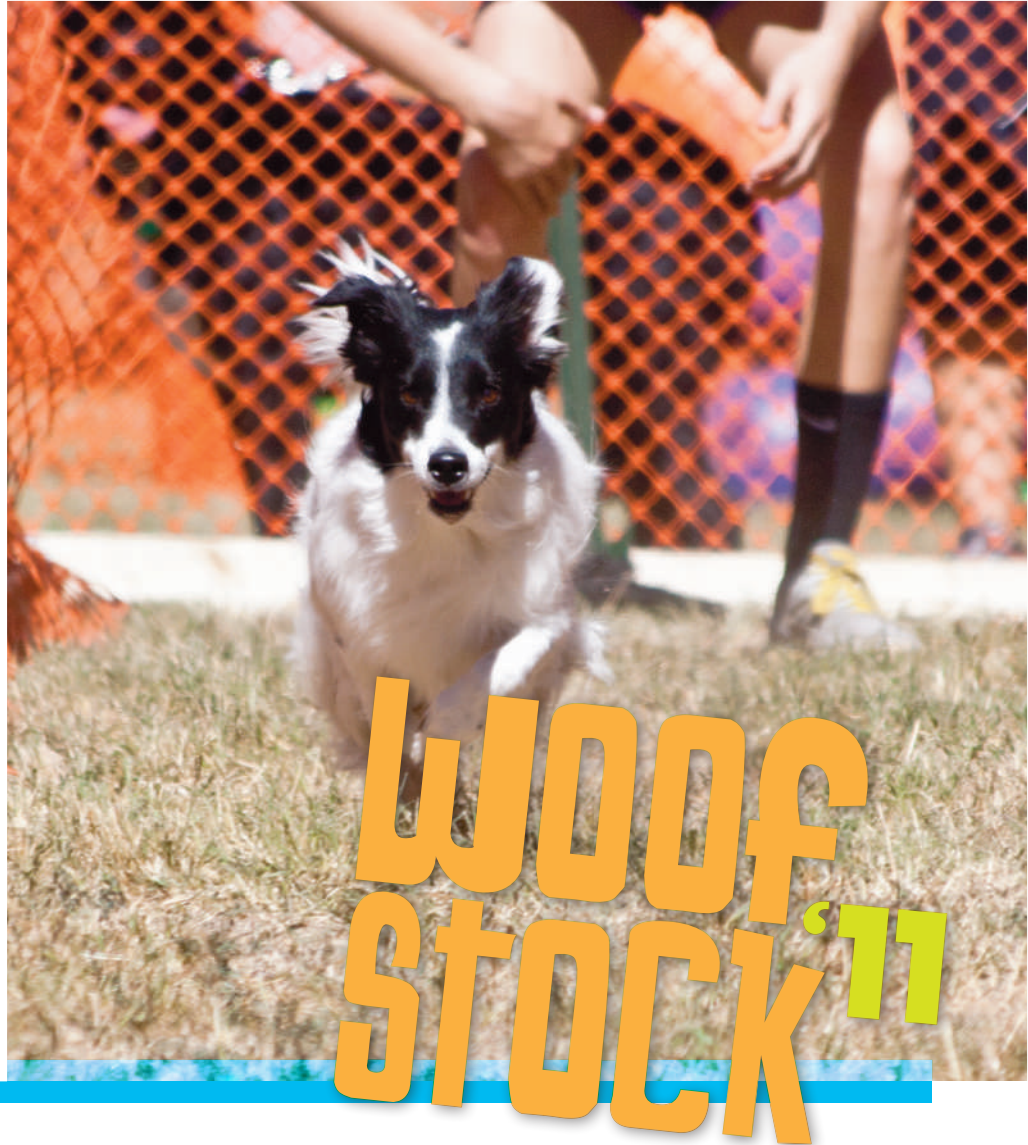


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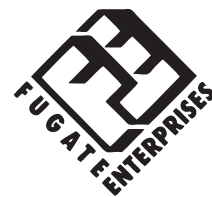
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THANK YOU!

Thousands of people and their dogs had a fantastic time at Woofstock 2011 on October 1. **With YOUR support, Woofstock 2011 raised more than \$215,000 for the Kansas Humane Society.** We had a great time watching the dogs run at Ruff Races, the cool outfits at the Bill and Denver's Best Dressed Contest, getting in some awesome shopping and seeing all our four-legged friends in the park. Thank you for making Woofstock 2011 a great success!

SAVE THE DATE!
Woofstock 2012
 — Saturday, October 6th —



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- Personalized pet visit
- Party Animal T-Shirt
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DECEMBER IS A GOOD MONTH TO



MEET YOUR NEW **BEST FRIEND**

Companions

Christmas Tip #38

If you don't BUY them gifts...



*...they'll find
their own.*

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Basic Manners	2:30 p.m.	Saturdays	January 7 - February 18	\$95
Help For Your Reactive Dog	6 p.m.	Mondays	January 9 - February 20	\$120
Puppy Kindergarten	6 p.m.	Thursdays	January 19 - March 1	\$85
Basic Manners	7p.m.	Thursdays	January 19 - March 1	\$95
Puppy Kindergarten	1 p.m.	Saturdays	March 10 - April 21	\$85
Basic Manners	2:30 p.m.	Saturdays	March 10 - April 21	\$95
Help For Your Reactive Dog	6 p.m.	Mondays	March 12 - April 23	\$120
Puppy Kindergarten	6 p.m.	Thursdays	March 22 - May 23	\$85
Basic Manners	7 p.m.	Thursdays	March 22 - May 23	\$95

All classes taught by qualified KHS staff instructors at the Kansas Humane Society.

Enroll in person at KHS, online at www.kshumane.org, or by phone at (316) 220-8714.



Getting Social

Want the latest news and events going on at the Kansas Humane Society and meet awesome animals available for adoption? *Connect with us online any place, any time.*



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DECEMBER 22ND - 30TH, 2011
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AGES 7-9

MORNINGS : 8:30AM - 12PM
FEE : \$30

AGES 10-12

AFTERNOONS : 1:30PM - 5PM
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