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Companions

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THE CAT CONUNDRUM

With summer rapidly approaching, we're busily gearing up for another busy summer full of homeless cats and kittens. Creating positive outcomes for felines is one of the biggest challenges our community faces. Why? *Simply put, there are too many cats and kittens out there.*

In 2010, KHS took in 6,956 felines from our community. *That's an average of 19 cats a day!*

During their stay with us, cats are kept comfortable in our Kitty Cities, Cat Condos, or Feline Lofts - all of which are quiet, climate-controlled and have plenty of natural light. Our staff checks on each cat throughout the day, making sure they are happy and healthy. In 2010, our enthusiastic Cat Cuddler volunteers gave 4,370 hours playing with, giving blankets and toys to, talking to and giving loads of cuddles to our cats. This care culminates in happier, healthier kitties during their stay at KHS.

Busy Kitties

Cats are excellent at making new cats. Starting around 4 months old, a female cat averages heat cycles every two to three weeks until she becomes pregnant. She will give birth to 4 – 8 kittens and then go back into heat. And male cats are right in the mix, and looking to mate. Without being spayed or neutered, these cats will produce

2010 TOP FIVE REASONS FOR CAT + KITTEN RELINQUISHMENT



1 I have too many animals to care for.

2 I found as a stray.

3 I am moving.

4 My cat had a litter of kittens and I can't find homes for them.

5 My cat has litter box issues.

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hundreds of kittens over their lifetime adding to the already overwhelming pet overpopulation problem in Wichita.

Providing spay/neuter services is critical to reducing our community's cat overpopulation problem. Spaying or neutering is a simple surgical procedure for pets to prevent unwanted litters and help pets live healthier lives.

The Kansas Humane Society's on-site veterinary clinic spays/neuters all our cats and kittens prior to adoption along with providing basic care, vaccinations, and microchipping.

Thanks to a grant from Petco Foundation, we are also able to offer spay/neuter services for qualifying members of the public. The majority of our clients make less than \$20,000 a year and have pets that have never been to a veterinarian.

Wichita, like many cities throughout the country, also has feral cats. What is a feral cat? It is a cat born and raised in the wild, or who has been abandoned or lost and reverted to wild ways in order to survive.

We're helping our community by working with local



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volunteer Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) groups like Friends of Felines. In 2010, we provided spay/neuter services for 444 feral cats.

We also have over 200 Foster Volunteers who provide additional care in their homes for our pets who are underage, sick, injured, or under-socialized so that they may become healthy, adoptable animals. These dedicated volunteers gave over 47,000 hours in 2010.

Our next feline challenge? Adoptions.

Throughout the year, litters of kittens arrive at the Kansas Humane Society. During our summer months, we may have as many as 100 kittens ready for adoption and many more waiting in our volunteer Foster homes. While kittens are full of vigor and show-case themselves beautifully, our adopters are often overwhelmed by the number of kittens available for adoption

and simply have trouble choosing which one to add to their home.

MAKE KHS CATS PURR WITH JOY

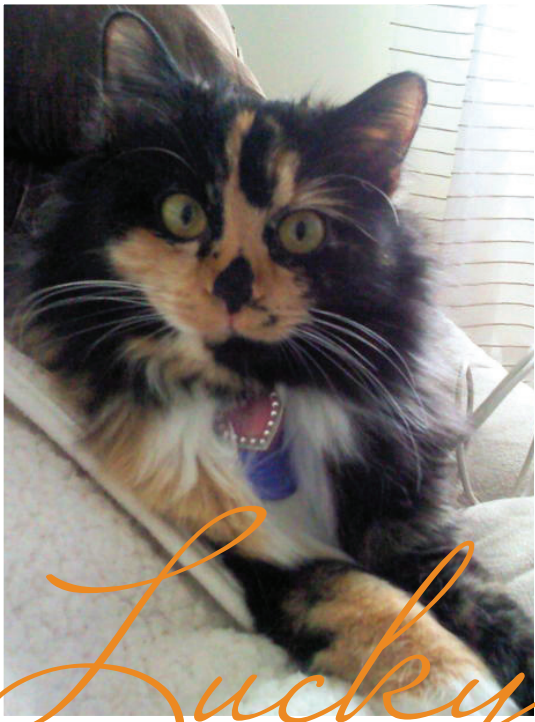
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happy tails



Lucky

“This is my little girl named Lucky who I adopted from the Kansas Humane Society. When I saw her, I thought she was beautiful, but when I read her tragic story and got to see her determined personality, I completely fell in love with her! Lucky was a stray that was found bloody and appeared to be run over or attacked. When she arrived at the Kansas Humane Society, her tail had to be amputated and she had a limp on one of her front legs, which is how she got her nickname “Thumper”! Everything turned out ok and I am proud to say she is a healthy girl whose trials in life make her very unique and easy to love. She is the sweetest cat but has a little diva attitude just like her mom! She loves to stretch out and take a nap just about anywhere and when she’s fully energized, she loves to play with her wide variety of mice and strings or look at the birds out the window. When I went into the Kansas Humane Society, I wasn’t expecting to find my best friend and truly loyal companion, but she won me over with her lively spirit and loving heart. Thank you so much Kansas Humane Society! We will be back when my little diva wants a furry companion!”

—Heather Ryan



Stephen

“We just adopted Stephen yesterday and he’s already a part of the family. He slept in bed with us and is so friendly to everyone who has come to visit him! We love him so much already!”

—Brit Lamas



Hendrix

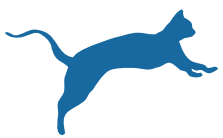
“I’ve adopted four cats in the past four months and I adore them all! Sebastian is my Persian who also is my security guard as he walks the entire house everyday about 20 times! Rupert is a Persian mix and my alarm clock. Every morning he licks my face until I get up! Hendrix is my Himalayan. Absolutely beautiful cream & brown colorpoint with soft blue eyes. He’s totally chill but was my first so he thinks he has seniority to be petted first plus he outweighs all of them by 5 pounds! Lolita looks like Hendrix but doesn’t have the squishy face. She’s longhaired Siamese, also very beautiful and my personal assistant when it comes to telling on the rest of them! I have a really fun time watching them play together and they are happy and healthy thanks to the wonderful people at the Kansas Humane Society!”

—Tracy Harvey

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celebrate!

CAT INDEPENDENCE DAYS



KANSAS HUMANE SOCIETY
JULY 8 & 9

Companions

May 2011

ADOPTION & ADMISSION HOURS
11:00 am - 6:30 pm Monday-Friday
1:00-5:00 pm Sunday
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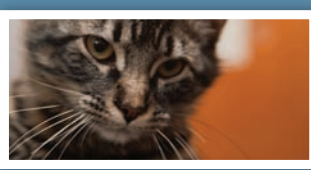
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- **Top Dog Team** – team that raises the most money
- **Largest Canine Crew** – team with the most members
- **Spirit Award** – team that displays the most enthusiasm at Woofstock

Register now at kshumane.org, then plan to join us on October 1 at Sedgwick County Park!



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TEAMS NOW FORMING!**

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Adult cats, unlike their kitten brethren, are less likely to prance around, fetch a toy or be goofy in front of a potential adopter, attracting their attention. The Kansas Humane Society uses the ASPCA's "Meet Your Match" program to help showcase our cats. This program helps determine an adult cat's personality – from Love Bug to Personal Assistant - and tells the adopter more about their new friend than just the color of her fur. Even with this extra help, adult cats have the lowest adoption rate and often stay at our shelter longer than any other pet.

While we are fortunate to work with 135 canine adoption partners across the country to help find homes for our canine residents, there are no adoption

partners for cats, further adding to the special challenges our kitties face.

The Kansas Humane Society has implemented a number of creative solutions to encourage adoptions and help save more cats in our community.

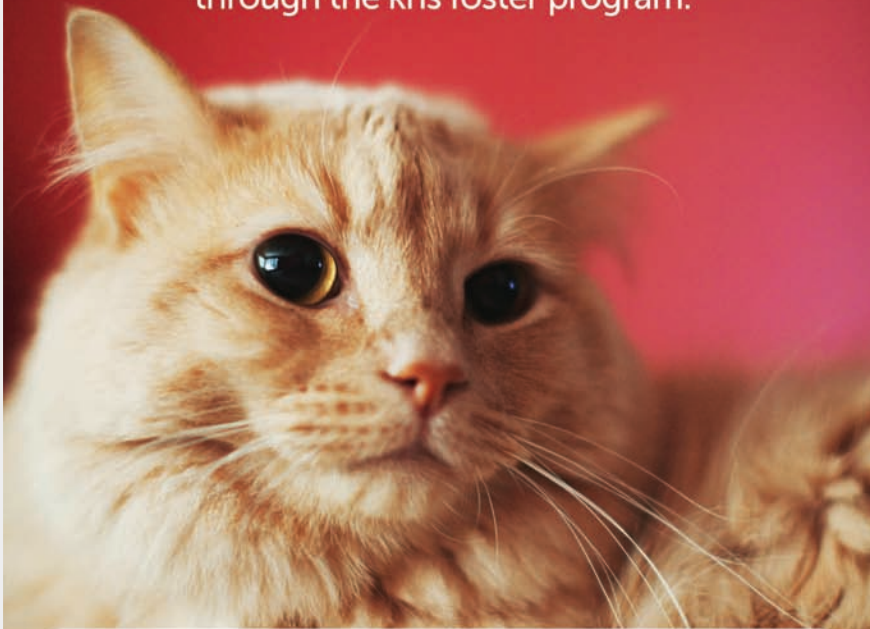
The KHS Pick Your Price program is for our adult cats. Adopters pick the adoption fee they are comfortable with for a cat 9 months or older.

We periodically offer "Two for One" kitten adoptions, and starting this May, a reduced fee "Tween" adoption rate for cats 5 – 8 months old. Adoption events like our annual "Cat Independence Days", held every July since 2004, save even more lives. During that patriotic event, all cats and kittens can be adopted for just \$17.76 each.

Our progress toward helping more cats – and all the other pets we care for – is made possible by YOU. Whether adopting a feline friend or giving a donation, your support helps us continue our work to save animal lives. You can learn more about cats available for adoption by visiting our website kshumane.org.

can i crash at your place?

you can make a difference in pets' lives through the khs foster program.



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help a kansas humane society animal in need by becoming a foster parent today. just a few weeks of loving care in your home will give a dog or cat a chance at tomorrow.

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KHS RECEIVES USD 259 GOOD APPLE AWARD

North High School students help collect donations for KHS.

The Kansas Humane Society was honored to receive the Wichita Public School's Good Apple Award on April 18, 2011. The award recognizes those companies and individuals who go that extra step in helping the entire school district and its students to succeed. Our

Youth Education department offers programs for students in preschool to high school. These programs help create a culture of empathy and caring by stimulating character development through interactions with animals, to form a compassionate, responsible and kind community.

KANSAS HUMANE SOCIETY

critter camp

SUMMER FUN FOR YOUTHS AGES 7-12 YEARS OLD

SESSION TOPICS COVER
How to care for pets & pet health, ask a veterinarian & animal jobs, and more! PLUS interactive discussions, games, arts & crafts and spending time with animals.

ENROLL NOW!

Enroll online at kshumane.org. Need more info? Contact Bonnie Harrell, Youth Education Director at 220-8709 or email bharrell@kshumane.org



SUMMER EVENTS

**WE'RE OPEN LATE FOR ADOPTIONS
TILL 8 P.M. ON FRIDAYS THROUGH MAY 31.**

Dates	Event
May 31 – July 29	Summer Critter Camp Sessions
June 2	Summer Critter Camp Parent Meeting
June 4	“STOP! Escaping 101 - Help for Your Escaping Dog” Pet Behavior Lecture Series
June 4 – July 16	New Saturday Puppy Kindergarten, Basic Manners classes begin
June 14	Smashburger KHS Benefit Day
June 16	Summer Critter Camp Parent Meeting
June 16 - July 28	New Saturday Puppy Kindergarten, Basic Manners classes begin
June 30	Summer Critter Camp Parent Meeting
June 18	Read to Rover
July 4	KHS Closed for Holiday
July 8 & 9	Cat Independence Days Adoption Event
July 12	Smashburger KHS Benefit Day
July 14	Summer Critter Camp Parent Meeting
July 16	Read to Rover
August 2	Volunteer Orientation
August 6 - Sept 17	New Saturday Puppy Kindergarten & Basic Manners Classes begin
August 8	Dog Days of Summer Dog Swim at College Hill Pool, 304 S. Circle Drive
August 9	Smashburger KHS Benefit Day
August 18 - Sept 29	New Thursday Puppy Kindergarten & Basic Manners Classes begin
August 20	Read to Rover
October 1	Woofstock 2011 - Sedgwick County Park

**GET ALL THE LATEST ON OUR EVENTS AND MORE
AT OUR WEBSITE KSHUMANE.ORG**

All activities are held at KHS unless otherwise noted.

HELP WANTED

Do you love pets and kids? Is teaching your passion? We need you! Our Youth Education department is currently recruiting volunteers (current and former educators preferred) to help kids learn how to be compassionate and empathic citizens.

Get started today! Contact Bonnie Harrell, Director of Youth Education, at bharrell@kshumane.org or call 220-8709. ■■■

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR HELP
IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

- Classroom Presentations
- Boy & Girl Scout Presentations
- Birthday Parties
- Facility Tours
- Education Workshops