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Austin – adopted 2014

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Animal Lovers Find Perfect Match in KHS

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Cocoa wore a cast before medical staff decided that amputation was the best option for her.

As lifelong animal lovers, Ed Larson and his wife Gaylene have opened up their home to many rescue animals over the years and have even volunteered their time helping out at local animal shelters. So when the pair was faced with the decision of what they'd leave behind, they knew they wanted to continue giving back to the animals they'd loved so much.

"I've got two Chihuahuas in the house now, and a Border Collie, and a Border Collie mix. And they're all rescue dogs," Ed said, "I wanted something that would kind of carry on some of what we've been doing." It was then that they decided to include the Kansas Humane Society (KHS) in their legacy

planning. "There's always going to be a need at the humane society," Ed went on, "[As] human beings, we're responsible for our own situations. But the animals, they are in their situations a lot of times because of us. So we should do something to help them out."

When the family came in to discuss their plans for their estate, they found another reason to get behind the work the Kansas Humane Society is doing; they met five-month-old Petunia (who now goes by Cocoa). The little Chihuahua puppy had come into the Wichita Animal Shelter as a stray with a badly broken front leg.

KHS took her in, and she was fitted with a splint and placed into foster care, but after weeks with no improvement, the decision was made to amputate the little dog's mangled leg.

"We check the website every night and watch for animals that look like they might have trouble finding a home," Ed said. They took the three-legged dog home, where she quickly adjusted to life without one of her legs. "I'm telling you that little character can just hippity-hop right up," laughed Ed.

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After they adopted Cocoa, Ed and his wife signed up to be volunteers at the Kansas Humane Society. He said that it was KHS' care for Cocoa while she was injured that set the organization apart from other groups he'd worked with.

"Little Cocoa here, other facilities would have just put the dog down because her care was expensive," Ed said. "I am involved with our local humane society but they tend to only want to talk about making a difference. The Kansas Humane Society is actually doing something and saving animals. That's why we decided to get involved with this great organization."

If you would like to know more about charitable legacy planning and/or sign-up for one for our educational seminars, please contact Sarah Vincze, Chief Development Officer, at (316) 220-8703 or svincze@kshumane.org. These sessions are new to KHS and will answer all your estate planning questions. We make it simple — our Estate Planning experts will guide you every step of the way.

Healing Hearts

Every year the staff at the Kansas Humane Society sees thousands of animals pass through our doors. Some lucky animals are adopted out within a matter of days but others, like 10-year-old Helena, seem to have the deck stacked against them, and need a little extra TLC.

Sweet Helena came in as a stray off the streets of Wichita through the Wichita Animal Shelter. Her loving and well-mannered demeanor made it obvious she was once a loved member of a family, but no one ever came to claim her. Without an owner, it was up to the Kansas Humane Society to care for the aging Shepherd/Greyhound mix until she could find a new home, but she had some nagging health issues to overcome first.

In addition to the cloudy eyes and the deteriorating teeth that come with age, Helena was plagued with skin allergies and potentially life-threatening heartworms. With such a serious health problem, the staff at KHS knew Helena would need a special adopter — someone who would give her the care she needed while she recovered from the months-long treatment for heartworms.

More than a month passed, and Helena watched from her kennel as younger, healthier dogs got adopted before her. Despite the physical and mental stress she was under being in the shelter for so long, Helena never lost her happy disposition.

After weeks of being overlooked, a donor offered to pay for the heartworm treatments for a new adopter. Within days, Helena finally found a family willing to look past her graying muzzle and health issues to see her for the loving dog she truly is. They welcomed the dog into their hearts and their home, and committed to love her through extensive heartworm treatments. They brought her to their longtime veterinarian at Indian Hills Animal Clinic, where the staff continued to treat her for the parasites. With the heartworms gone, Helena could use her whole heart to love her new family.

Your donations support the care of animals like Helena until they find a new home. If you'd like to sponsor an individual pet or donate toward the greatest needs at KHS, please donate online at www.kshumane.org/donate or contact Sarah Vincze, Chief Development Officer at (316) 220-8703 or svincze@kshumane.org.



Helena – adopted 2015

Woofstock 2016 Community Partner Announced

DAVIS-MOORE

The Kansas Humane Society is proud to announce DAVIS-Moore Automotive as the Presenting Sponsor for Woofstock.

Their commitment to "making our community a better place to live" and our vision "to create a humane community for all companion animals" is the perfect partnership. Thank you, DAVIS-Moore for all of your support throughout the years.

Don't Let Your Pet Leave Home Without It!

This year's Woofstock event was one of the largest in the annual event's history here in Wichita. Thousands of pets and their people turned out to enjoy a fur-filled day of fun at Sedgwick County Park. But with so many animals in one place, pet safety is always on the mind of organizers at the Kansas Humane Society. Thankfully Indian Hills Animal Clinic stepped up to provide two much-needed services. They administered first aid to any pets in need and inserted free microchips, which were donated by 24-Pet Watch, into the first 150 dogs in line.



The Indian Hills Animal Clinic provided 150 microchips to dogs at Woofstock 2015

The simple, painless procedure takes just a few minutes to implant but it provides a lifetime of relief for owners. One dog lover found out just how effective the microchip is the day of Woofstock. She and her dog Jennie visited the Indian Hills Animal Clinic's booth at the event in October, where the staff outfitted Jennie with a new microchip.

Just hours later, Jennie got away from her family and was found wandering the streets of Wichita. Luckily a Good

Samaritan picked up the lost dog and brought her back to Woofstock where the staff scanned her for a microchip and managed to get in touch with her owner.

As Jennie's story demonstrates, the small device dramatically increases the probability your beloved pet will find their way home again if they are ever lost by providing vital identification information. With one scan, a shelter or vet can locate contact information to ensure your pet is returned to you.

During this year's Woofstock event, Indian Hills Animal Clinic outfitted 150 dogs with the life-saving device, which will go a long ways toward cutting down on the number of strays seen at shelters across our community.

The Kansas Humane Society believes in the need for these devices so strongly that they microchip every dog and cat adopted from their shelter.

The Kansas Humane Society is a community resource for pets and people, dedicated to enhancing the welfare of all companion animals.

22 thousand

KIDS REACHED THROUGH YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN 2014

80 thousand

VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED EACH YEAR

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Donor Spotlight

Michaela has been a long-time supporter of KHS and strongly supports our goal of providing care for animals in need.

As a monthly and major donor, Michaela demonstrates her commitment to the continued success of KHS. Most recently, she underwrote an adoption day in memory of her husband, Mike. When asked why she gives, she says it's simple, "Look at their faces — how can you not want to help them? I believe pets help us as much as we help them and KHS offers us many ways to make a tremendous difference in our community."



Michaela with her Shih Tzu, Pumpkin, and her Miniature Schnauzer, Laurie.

If you are interested in making a tax-deductible gift or becoming a monthly donor, please contact Anna Van Bunnem, Donor Relations Manager at (316) 220-8706 or avanbunnen@kshumane.org. If you are interested in adoption underwriting, please contact Dana Steffee, Development Coordinator at (316) 220-8707 or dsteffee@kshumane.org.

Walter's Second Chance

At just eight weeks old, little Walter found himself without a home. He was dropped off at the Kansas Humane Society by someone whose cat had an unwanted litter. The sudden change left the small kitten stressed and scared, and he quickly began to deteriorate. The shelter staff noticed that he started to lose weight, developed a cough, and continually tried to claw his way out of his kennel. When his voice became hoarse from the constant meowing, we decided to place him in a foster home to calm his nerves.

In the safety of a new home, Walter started to calm down. His once raw throat began to heal, and he started to gain back the weight he had lost. In short time, Walter transformed into a happy, playful kitten again. Once his throat healed, he came back to the shelter where he was adopted the very same day. Walter now rules his new family's house as the only cat in the home.



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 FINDS A
 NEW
 FOREVER
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81%



SAVE RATE

15
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