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ANIMAL TALES

KEARNEY AREA ANIMAL SHELTER

COVID PUTS A PAUSE ON THIS YEAR'S MASQUERADE

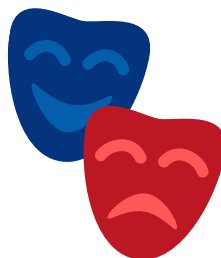
We are disappointed to announce that the Kearney Area Animal Shelter Board of Directors' Annual Moonlight Masquerade will not be held this year. Our community's health and safety is our top priority at the moment!

Although we believe cancelling the event is the safe and right decision during a pandemic, our budget will feel the effects of losing our largest single fundraiser.

Donations from the Moonlight Masquerade provide a significant portion of our annual budget. Donations as a whole account for two-thirds of our annual budget. Our 2019 event raised nearly \$45,000 for the pets of the Shelter!

We greatly appreciate our donors' and sponsors' past support. This year, we need our community's help more than ever. Please consider a gift to KAAS. Your donation will allow KAAS to continue protecting and caring for the lost, abandoned, and abused pets of Buffalo County.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year on October 22, 2021 at the Holiday Inn in Kearney, **SAVE THE DATE!**



Ways to Make an Impact:

1. Online Donation

Head to our website

www.kearneyanimalshelter.com/donatenow to make a contactless donation!

2. Become an SOS Project Member

Become a member of our monthly recurring donation program and help us Sustain Our Shelter!

3. Write a check

Checks can be brought in to KAAS or sent in by mail!

4. Scan our QR Code

Open your phone's camera, focus it on the QR code, and press the link to donate!

5. Credit Card Donation

Donate by credit card at the Shelter or by visiting our website, www.kearneyanimalshelter.com/donatenow



Member S O S Sustain Our Shelter Project

Become our partner in protecting and caring for the lost, abandoned, and abused pets of Kearney and all of Buffalo County by participating our S.O.S. Project. If we all give a little, we can accomplish a lot and Sustain Our Shelter! Become a member, and receive your S.O.S t-shirt today!

Any Amount Makes a Difference!

Choose an amount that best suits your donation desires. (There is no donation minimum. \$20+ monthly donations receive a t-shirt.)

Suggested Donation Levels

\$20/month:

- Feeds 1 litter of kittens KMR (kitten milk replacer) for 1 month.
- Vaccinates 1 puppy or provides flea treatment for 2 dogs.
- Vaccinates 10 pets against rabies.

\$35/month:

- Microchips 7 pets or neuters 1 dog.
- Feeds 4 cats for over 1-month period.
- Purchases 40 lbs. of cat food.

\$50/month:

- Spays 1 cat or vaccinates a litter of puppies.

\$75/month:

- Spays 1 dog.
- Purchases 120 lbs. of dog food.
- Pays for 2 gallons of kennel disinfectant.
- Feeds 2 puppies for a month.

\$100/month:

- Purchases 1 pallet of cat litter.
- Pay for a week of antibiotics for 12 sick cats/kittens.
- Feeds 20 dogs for 1 week.
- Feeds 20 cats for 2 weeks.
- Covers the cost of an x-ray for an injured pet.

SOS We need your help! KAAS must rely on a reserve fund to meet our expenses and cover the cost of operation each month. As that resource continues to be depleted, it has become clear this cannot be our long-term solution.

Did You Know



Saving one pet
will not change the
world, but surely for
that one pet, the
world will change
forever...

Member  Sustain Our Shelter Project
Kearney Area Animal Shelter



24 HOUR TEES



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Thank You, Current Members...

Lisa Schoene, Greg and Shebi Methe, John Younger, Carol Wahl, Kate Fly, Dr. Joel and Kim Atchison, Shawna Erbsen, Lynn Brewster Travi Evans, Patricia Klimczak, Maureen Nitz, Monte and Elizabeth Roetman, Cochran Law: Shane Cochran, Dr. David Schanbacher and Dr. Jenna Derr, Bob and Judy Derr, Kaylei Becker, Dandee Construction: Dan and Alice Buser, Erin Becker, Ashley Bernu The Breakfast Cart & Catering, Carmen Govier, Steven McGahan, Abby Froom, Dan McCracken, Lucky Dog's Place Pet Boutique, Jason and Amy Martinez, Jim and Candi Warrington, Nathan Juel, Chrystal Snider, Teresa Schnoor, Roma Jorgensen, Sharon Stelling, David and Rosanna Vail, Scott and Jenny Ulrich, and Vicki Aten.

FOSTER TALES: THE HARBOLS FAMILY

"We love fostering kittens. Whether it is a momma and her babies, or a couple of orphans that have only been hand raised. Each week as the kitten gets older, we begin to see different personalities form with every one. Because of the small space in the shelter, we have welcomed 22 kittens And 2 mommas in our home in the last year.



We have an extra room/bathroom to use so the kittens have their own space and the mamma can give them her love. Our favorite job for the kittens is to help them get strong and used to other people and animals to help make them comfortable in their new homes.

We love to foster and encourage others to as well. When it is time to bring them back to the shelter we are sad to see them go, however watching them find their forever home makes everything worth it. Knowing a family found a great pet and you helped that happen is so rewarding."

-LAUREN HARBOLS



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FROM THE LONE STAR TO THE GOOD LIFE

Over the weekend of August 28th, four dogs were transported from an overcrowded shelter in Amarillo, Texas to KAAS.

Thanks to a network of rescue transporters and KAAS volunteer, Mary Stevenson, this transfer was possible!

Since February 2019, KAAS has been able to save over 120 dogs through transfers from various counties and states. Many of these pets would have been euthanized due to shelter overcrowding. We are so grateful to be able to not only help dogs in our own community, but also to help other dogs in need and unite them with forever families in the Buffalo County Area!

If you are interested in helping to transport dogs, please reach out to KAAS.

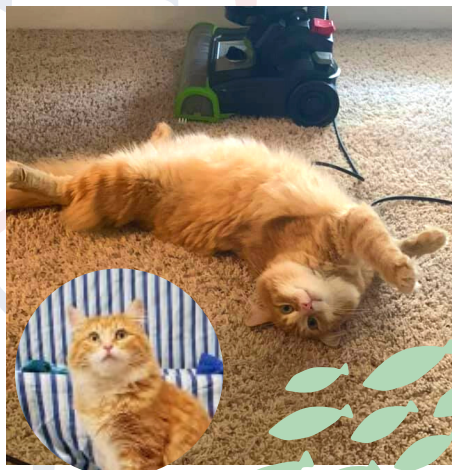
There are so many opportunities to make a difference!



Adoption Stories

NESSIE

Nessie was one of our longest feline residents as of recently. He was looking for a forever home for 106 days in the Shelter! Nessie was a tougher adoptee because when he came into KAAS, he did not get along with other cats, and was a very spunky guy. Staff and volunteers worked with Nessie to try to help with his socialization, and eventually he was getting along fine with other adoptable cats.



When Nessie's adopter saw him on the adoption floor, she said he was just the perfect cat for her. We explained Nessie's personality to make sure he was exactly what she was looking for, and she was determined that he was the one for her, along with another adoptable KAAS cat, George.

Nessie's forever mom says, "Nessie has definitely taken over my bedroom as his 'area!' He's slowly warming up to my four kids and his favorite is definitely my special needs son. They will happily just hang out and watch games on YouTube together. Nessie and Oliver (Formerly George) were adopted together and enjoy scaring us at 3 a.m. by running over everyone!"

Left: Nessie's adopter shares a photo of Nessie on Facebook captioned "Nessie has been enjoying defeating (unplugging) his enemy the vacuum to protect the house!"

HANK

Hank was adopted in June 2020, he was nervous and unsocialized when he first came in, but is thriving with his forever family! Here's what his adopter had to say: "To start, we had Harley (now Hank's sister), who needed a buddy. I saw Hank on KAAS' website and fell in love with his sweet eyes. The day I met him, he came into the room, walked right up to me, gave me his puppy kisses, and played a little ball with me. I knew right then he was the dog for us and would fit into our family perfectly. He has the sweetest personality. KAAS staff told us his back story and I was amazed at how relaxed he was around us and his new sister, Harley.

We've had Hank for a month now and he is completely adjusted! You would think we had him since he was a baby. He's completely potty trained, and knows where his bed is. He loves going on walks in the neighborhood. He knows 'sit,' and almost has 'shake,' and 'lay down' mastered.

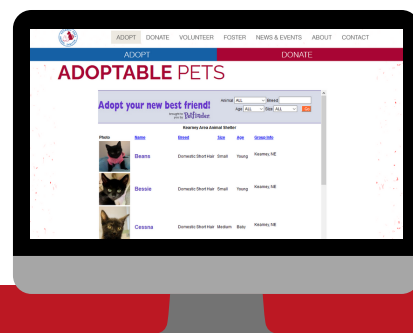


He loves his belly rubs and gives the best cuddles! His favorite thing to do is lay in the grass and wait for the right moment to pounce on his sister, which always ends up in them playing with each other. He's very good at racing Harley all around the yard at full speed! He is gentle with our young grandkids. He loves when they come over. He follows them all around (hoping they will drop their snack).

We've had people over for a BBQ and he loves to socialize with everyone and of course gets some love from everyone! But he also knows when it's just time to relax. He lays down by my feet or with his sister.

Thank you to KAAS staff for all the love, time, and work they put into him before we got him. When I tell people his story, they

can't believe what a great dog he is and how quickly he adapted and adjusted."



looking for your new best friend? www.kearneyanimalshelter.com/adopt

See photos and read pet bios anytime, anywhere on our website. Updated daily!

SHARE YOUR STORIES

ROXIE'S REDEMPTION by Rosanna Vail

Roxie was a cattle dog who ran around a farm,
 Getting in a bit of trouble, but she meant no harm.
 Sadly, she had been mistreated sometime in her past;
 Someone called her "vicious," with the label set to last.
 Shelter staff took care of her and knew that she was sweet,
 Hoping she could find a home where things would not repeat.
 Cards were stacked against her when she did what most dogs would;
 Now she needed help to prove her character was good.
 Little did she know that on a cloudy day in May,
 Both her new forever parents, masked, were on the way.
 Hesitant and scared at first, the dog and humans met;
 She was shy and gentle, and a hard one to forget.
 After their first visit, they went home without the pup;
 Mama had a feeling, though, that they should scoop her up.
 To the shelter they returned so they could place a hold;
 They did not believe the "vicious" background they were told.
 They adopted Roxie, and the staff was overjoyed;
 Quickly, she warmed up to her new humans, house, and toys.
 Loyal and obedient, a sweetheart all along,
 She has proven someone else's label to be wrong.
 In the right environment, she'll always pass the test;
 Kindness and a lot of love put Roxie at her best.



Share Your Stories Fundraiser

With the pandemic, KAAS wanted to do a safe, fun, virtual fundraiser. Staff loves hearing adoption updates and pet stories, so this fundraiser was a great way for the community to creatively share stories about their fuzzy best friends!

Writers submitted their stories along with the entry fee, and our favorite story was selected to be published in this edition of Animal Tales! Congratulations, Rosanna, for your touching poem highlighting what adopting a Shelter pet is all about!



LET'S TALK NUMBERS...

\$40,000
 IT COSTS NEARLY \$40,000 TO RUN OUR
 SHELTER EACH MONTH

628
 FROM JULY 2019-JULY 2020, KAAS TOOK IN
 628 STRAY CATS AND 498 STRAY DOGS TO BE
 RECLAIMED OR ADOPTED

800
 IN 2019, KAAS UNITED OVER 800 PETS WITH
 THEIR FOREVER FAMILIES THROUGH ADOPTION

66%
 ROUGHLY 66% OF OUR ANNUAL BUDGET
 COMES FROM YOUR DONATIONS



Thank You...



KEARNEY TIRE & AUTO

Thank you Don and Ronda Jaeschke of Kearney Tire & Auto Service for their Tires, Treats, and Eats promotion! A portion of all tires sold in July was donated to the Shelter, totaling nearly \$2,000! We are so grateful to be the recipient of Kearney Tire & Auto's fundraiser.



CITY OF KEARNEY

The City of Kearney donated fans in all of our dog rooms. This has helped tremendously in keeping air flow moving for our canines! Thank you City of Kearney!



RASMUSSEN MECHANICAL SERVICES

Thank you to Rasmussen Mechanical Services for donating nearly \$1,000 worth of refrigerant for our air conditioner to help keep pets and staff comfortable during the hot summer months!



CENTRAL NEBRASKA AUTO CLUB

Central Nebraska Auto Club hosted their 14th annual Indoor Car and Bike Show at Buffalo County Fairgrounds and raised nearly \$300 in donations for the pets of the Shelter!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LUCKY DOG'S PLACE PET BOUTIQUE & RASMUSSEN MECHANICAL SERVICES FOR SPONSORING THIS EDITION OF ANIMAL TALES!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE YOUR LOGO HERE AND SUPPORT THE PETS OF THE SHELTER? CALL US AT 308-237-7387



ABOUT THE KEARNEY AREA ANIMAL SHELTER

Kearney Area Animal Shelter's mission is to be a leader in enhancing the human-animal bond by providing pet owner support and homeless animal care for the citizens of Buffalo County and the surrounding region.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- To educate people about the proper humane care and treatment of companion animals
- To encourage and promote pet adoption and population control
- To prevent animal cruelty, suffering, and neglect
- To provide shelter for abused, neglected, and homeless companion animals
- To provide a responsive team of individuals who will serve the public in a prompt, courteous, and friendly manner every day

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HOURS

Monday: Closed
 Tuesday-Friday: 1-5 p.m.
 Saturday: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Sunday: Noon-4 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A donation to the Kearney Area Animal Shelter directly impacts animals in **your** community
- 66% of our budget comes from generous donations-your contribution stays local
- Our animals have no time-limits and we never euthanize for space
- We are dedicated to finding the perfect home for each pet in our care

ADOPTIONS: 9,663

RECLAIMED BY OWNERS: 6,487