

Annual Meeting Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board
June 26, 2016

Board Members present: Sam Marcus, Ray Smith, Fred Deaton, Laura Morrison, Pat Seybold, Becky Wells, Leslie Driskell

Board Members absent: Jaime Rice, Linda Thomas, Rodney Williams, John Hibbard

Officers present: Cheryl Broyles, Becky Wells

Staff present: Nancy Benton, Jean Unglaub

Committee Chairs present: Betsy Kennedy, Jill Williams, Gae Broadwater

Members present: Francesca Forbes, Cheryl Jackson, Theresa Sexton-Bennett, Gena Stokley, Lucy Fey, Judy Montfort, Laura Bryant, Terry Parker, Jim Parks, Marcia Juett, Brenda Rice, Tom Utterback, Th. Hockensmith, Robert Hall, Nova Jean Moore, Bill Leroy, Sharon Parrish, Scott Tippett, Linda Sherrow, Susan Mallette, Marti Booth

President Welcome (Sam Marcus)

Shelter Managers report (Nancy Benton):

- In August 2015, Dr. Smith from Cornerstone Animal Clinic became the full time vet for the shelter. She is available 24/7 for emergencies so we no longer have to pay the city or county's vet for after hour services. The shelter animals are receiving the highest quality of care thanks to Dr. Smith.
- Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, all shelter animals are now microchipped.
- The PetSmart Charities Rescue Waggin' has been instrumental in placing our dogs. Unfortunately the program is being discontinued, however relationships have been established with out-of-state shelters that want to continue working with us.
- Thanks to the TNR Chair, Gae Broadwater, and all the TNR volunteers that work so hard the number of cats that are coming into the shelter has been reduced.
- Thanks to Petco for all their support with portable adoption events, in-store adoptable cats and fundraisers. Since Nancy started in June 2011, they have always been incredibly supportive of the shelter's efforts.
- Thanks to Feeder's Supply for hosting portable adoptions, as well as in-store adoptable cats, which they care for. This year they will host Pets with Santa fundraiser.
- Thanks to volunteers, including dog walkers, the Board of Directors and John Hibbard, Shelter Liaison to the Board who is always available to Nancy and has proved very helpful. An enormous thanks to the volunteers at New Leash On Life who have raised so much money for the shelter.
- Nancy thanked her dedicated staff who make a great team and she is so grateful to.
- Proud of our live release rate – 80% overall and 95% for dogs.

Treasurer's Report (Cheryl Broyles):

- Cheryl presented the annual budget for FY 2016-2017.
- She recognized the enormous community support, both through donations to New Leash on Life and to the shelter.
- July 2015 through May 2016, income is \$409,319.59 with expenses of \$349,703.78, leaving us in the good \$62,470.79.
- \$25,000 is being moved from checking to the Investment reserves.
- A motion to accept the annual financial report was made by Ray Smith, seconded by Fred Deaton, and approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

- **City Representative (Sam Marcus as proxy to Linda Thomas)**
 - The City will be appointing a new representative to the Board as Linda Thomas' term has expired. Sam thanked her for her four years of service and thanked the City of Frankfort for their ongoing support.

- **County Representative (Pat Seybold):**
 - Pat thanked Mike Nolan, previous Board Member and County Representative to the Board, as well as the County for their work on finding the new shelter site and the lease.
 - Pat provides the County with a report quarterly on shelter stats, data, etc.

- **Fundraising (Sam Marcus as proxy to Christy Burton):**
 - Sam noted the amazing revenue produced by New Leash on Life and thanked the store volunteers for their hard work as well as the community for the quality donations that continue to pour in.
 - The 4th Annual Celebrity Waiters' Dinner April 23 was our most successful yet, raising \$25,000 with 253 attendees. Sam thanked Betsy Kennedy for all her hard work on the silent auction, as it was the best yet. He thanked Joe and Debbie Graviss of Graviss McDonald's for their \$3,000 sponsorship of the event as well as all the other sponsors and auction donors.
 - The 70th anniversary of FCHS was October 2015 which we celebrated with a wine tasting fundraiser at Capital Cellars and a "Pup Crawl" to Bourbon on Main which raised \$1,500.
 - Thanks to Sharon Parrish and Theresa Bennett who made and sold "Lionel Bowls" which raised \$2,000 at NLOL for TNR and at Josephine Sculpture Park(Melanie Van Houten) \$1160.
 - Party For the Paws organized by Ray Smith was hosted at Brick Alley with \$1,269 in revenue.
 - Bark for Life at the Relay for Life raised \$700.
 - Frankfort Piano Quartet is hosting a concert today at Immanuel Baptist Church with all proceeds going to the shelter with a goal of \$1,500.

- **Dog portables (Sam Marcus as proxy to Christy Burton)**
 - Sam thanked Christy, Heather Cunningham and the staff who have hosted dog portables.

- **Cat portables (Jill Williams):**
 - July to December – 13 portables held with 47 adoptions
 - January – June - 9 portables held with 17 adoptions
 - Total portables – 22
 - Total adoptions – 64
 - Portable adoption locations include Petco Frankfort, Petco Versailles, PetSmart Lexington and Feeders Supply Frankfort.
 - Jill thanked portable volunteers Stephanie Durr, Rebecca Hanchett, Angie Fischer, Edwinna Harrod, Alyssa Underwood, and Keri Searcy. Additional volunteers always needed.

- **Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) (Gae Broadwater):**
 - Detailed report attached. We are in year one of the TNR 5 year pilot program.
 - Gae thanked Nancy and shelter staff, the community for referrals of colony locations, all the volunteers who help with trapping, TNR clinics and returning cats to colonies, and C. Michael Davenport for providing a location to have large TNR clinics.
 - Sam thanked Gae for heading this crucial effort as well as her group of dedicated volunteers.
 - Scott Tippet commented that TNR in his South Frankfort neighborhood has been a great success and he highly recommends participation.

- **Rescues (Sam Marcus as Proxy to Jeanine Sloan):**
 - Jeanine's submitted report attached.
 - Sam thanked Jeanine for her tireless efforts in finding homes for general rescue as well as spearheading the Rescue Waggin' effort. He also commended her for finding homes for hard to place animals.
 - Sam thanked Gena Stokely and Nancy Wilson for their invaluable efforts with Rescue Waggin' evaluations.
 - Although the ending of this program is a challenge, we will meet it.

- **Public Relations (Fred Deaton)**
 - Thanked our wonderfully supportive community and emphasized the importance of keeping information flowing.
 - Thanked Kevin Welch for being the monthly shelter show host, our media outlets including The State Journal, Frankfort Plant Board, Herald Leader, CapCity Communications, Passport Radio and the local TV stations.
 - He thanked the volunteers and staff that maintain the Facebook page, FCHS website, and event calendar.

- **Membership (Betsy Kennedy):**
 - 443 members, of which 30 are new. The number of members has doubled in the last four years.
 - Thanked Cheryl Broyles, Nancy Benton and office staff who have helped with membership dues.
 - Sam thanked Betsy for all her work including mailers, letters, maintaining spreadsheets, etc. He also thanked Ray and Betsy for always being such wonderful hosts for stuffing parties.

- **Thrift Store (Pat Seybold as proxy to Bronwyn Miller)**
 - Manager Bronwyn Miller's last day is August 11 and we cannot thank her and Ginny enough for all they've done.
 - Pat recognized the volunteers of the thrift store and the incredible job they do.
 - This year was a record year, on track to raise over \$100,000 for the shelter.
 - There has been an increase in the number of volunteers and shoppers. Also donations are up and even coming from other counties who have heard about the store.
 - Need volunteers including strong men for lifting furniture as well as posting/monitoring items on Ebay.
 - Lucy Fey noted that a truck is needed for picking up items.
 - Pat thanked Stephen and Michelle Kent who started New Leash On Life and continue being good landlords.
 - Sam said the store is one of the most important aspects of the shelter and what an incredible contribution it is to the revenue of the society. Volunteers are needed with retail and personnel management experience and asked for folks to spread the word. We are committed to keeping the store going and with the goal of keeping it an all-volunteer run store.
 - Sam thanked all the volunteers including Pat as Board Liaison to the store.

- **Volunteer Coordinator (Jean Unglaub)**
 - Most recent program is a partnership with KSU freshman students which will dedicate approximately 25 students to shelter duties including designing a volunteer training program.
 - CapCity Communication is featuring a shelter cat or dog each week.

- **President's report (Sam Marcus)**
 - Sam thanked the staff and volunteers for another successful year and noted there have been many positive changes in the last 4 years.
 - A new shelter is desperately needed as the current facility is old, too small and in the flood zone. Last year we came within 18 inches of flooding and emergency evacuation of all the animals. We have a new shelter site (corner of East/West Connector and Glenn's Creek Road across from Capital View Park) and a lease which is good for 50 years (expiring Dec. 31, 2066) with a 5 year renewal option at a cost of \$1/year. The lease is between the county and the shelter, with the county having a lease with the state. Leasing instead of purchasing land saved a lot of money which can now go toward the cost of building the new shelter. We will own the improvements,

and have no responsibility to the facility when the lease expires. The county has been instrumental in this effort and is happy with the humane society. The next step is shelter design. The new shelter won't be extravagant but it will be first rate, state of the art. The design committee has toured several shelters for ideas and will release an RFP for design for architectural/engineering firms, preferring to use a firm with shelter design experience. The Bacon Group out of Ohio has designed shelters nationally and are an option. The estimated cost is \$100-200 per square foot with a 13,000 square foot facility which means we must raise approximately \$2 million dollars. \$200,000 will go towards infrastructure and we already have \$370,000 in the new building fund. The question now is how we are going to raise the rest. The capital campaign committee needs more volunteers.

- Improvements to the existing shelter have included improving the current food storage building provided by volunteers at Lowe's, an anonymous donor has donated funds to purchase a new steel food storage shelter and a surveillance system is being installed.
- Sam recognized volunteers including board members and officers, committee chairs and thrift store.

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July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016 Annual Cat Portable Adoption Report

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January - June 9 portables held with 12 adoptions

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Portable adoption locations include:

Petco in Frankfort

Petco in Versailles

PetSmart in Lexington

Feeders Supply in Frankfort

**Franklin County Humane Society
TNR Committee
Annual Report - July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016**

<i>City / County</i>	FY 06/12	FY 06/13	FY 06/14	FY 06/15	FY 06/16	Grand Total
CITY		26	68	153	151	398
COUNTY	5	137	235	283	336	996
UNKNOWN	11		35			46
Grand Total	16	163	338	436	487	1,440

During August 2015 – April 2016, Franklin County Humane Society (FCHS) TNR hosted six clinics courtesy of Mr. C. Michael Davenport: August 5, January 6, February 10, March 24, and April 28. A clinic was conducted September 24, 2015 at the Farm Bureau Exhibit Pavilion at Lakeview Park courtesy of Franklin County Parks & Recreation. Additional TNR surgeries were conducted at Lexington Humane Society’s SOS (Spay Our Strays) clinic, HOPE Spay/Neuter Clinic in Versailles, Kentucky Operation CatSnip in Shelbyville, and at Cornerstone Animal Care in Frankfort.

Education & Outreach – Debbie Bramlage met with South Frankfort Neighborhood Association and reached out to other neighborhood associations; has participated in the Franklin County Community Council; created a month-long display at Paul Sawyer Public Library in October 2014⁵

National Feral Cat Day – 2nd year FCHS TNR participated in this annual event, which is observed every October 16. Our activities were an evening news story for WTVQ – ABC News affiliate in Lexington.

At the September 24 TNR clinic, approximately 40 students from the Ag/Vet Sciences program at Franklin County High School observed, asked questions, and participated in hands-on activities under the supervisor of Lori Fuller, DVM, and Elizabeth Zambrano, certified veterinarian technician.

Fundraising - instituted three successful fundraisers with Lionel's Bowls (in conjunction with National Feral Cat Day), and March Madness for Cats. FCHS volunteer Sharon Parrish hand crafted cat feeding bowls with all proceeds will go to TNR. Debbie Bramlage, Lori Macintire, Kathy Wilson, and Nancy Wilson, conducted a successful outreach program and fundraising event on September 5 to inform South Frankfort residents about TNR. These activities were conducted at Bryant’s Pic Pac thanks to the generosity of Mr. Danny Bryant.

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Respectfully submitted, Gae Broadwater, Committee Chair