

# Shelby County Humane Society

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## Message from the Executive Director Barb Zekausky

Hi,  
As board member, Charlie Metzger says "I think the planets are aligning"

It has been a goal of our organization to see Shelby County become the first "No Kill" county in Kentucky.

Others have proven it can be done: In 1994, the city of San Francisco became the first in the nation to end the killing of healthy dogs and cats throughout the San Francisco Shelter system. In 2002, Tompkins County became the Nation's first No Kill community, saving 93% of all impounded dogs and cats that were not hopelessly ill or injured, or truly vicious dogs that posed a direct threat to public safety. The next facility to

Achieve success was in Charlottesville, VA saving 92% of all impounded dogs and cats at an open admission Animal control facility. That was better than any other community in the nation that year. After a few months of launching an Ambitious No Kill initiative, Washoe County (Reno) Nevada under the leadership of the Nevada Humane Society is saving 90% of dogs admitted and 80% of the cats despite taking in 15,000 animals annually.

How did they do it? Nathan Winograd calls it the No Kill Equation. A formula of programs and steps that lead to No Kill in a community.

We are currently in meetings with our county officials, Woodstock Animal Foundation and others discussing how we can implement programs within our own organizations and throughout the county to achieve this goal. Baby steps are being taken. SCHS is currently developing new programs aimed at achieving our goal. I'll keep you posted on our progress and how you can help us apply the No Kill Equation to Shelby County. We can stop the killing one pet at a time.

Spay, Neuter and Adopt.  
Barb

## Another Happy Ending...

### Mandy's Angel

By Jennifer Gerber



Mandy was rescued from the Adams County Dog pound in Ohio after an SCHS volunteer got an email plea to save her and her puppies. She'd been turned in to the dog pound WHILE she was giving birth to her puppies. When the SCHS representatives arrived at the facility to pick up her and her 9 puppies, they found only 5 sick little puppies left. The puppies were just 2 weeks old and were suffering from pneumonia. They were infested with parasites and covered in urine and feces. Three of Mandy's puppies survived and were all adopted to loving, wonderful homes.

Mandy showed obvious signs of neglect and abuse. Most of her teeth were worn down or gone, probably from trying to chew her way off of a chain or out of a cage. She had bald spots all over her body where it appeared that she had pulled matted fur off herself. She was very scared of sudden movements and very fearful of men. She would cower if anyone raised their voice around her.

Her foster mom would not give up on Mandy. After much patience and hard work, Mandy learned to love all the attention lavished on her in her foster home. She learned that people aren't all bad. After a lot of time and

## Mandy's Angel (cont)

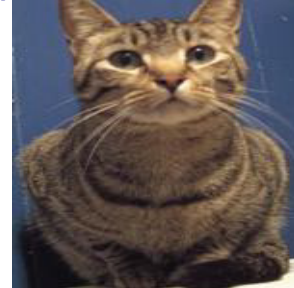
loving care in her foster home; she was finally ready to go up for adoption.

She was adopted into a very loving home with a new human mom who had been a teacher for mentally disabled children for 20 years. This was Mandy's angel! Her new mom understands that she needs extra time to adjust to her environment and is doing everything she can to make her comfortable in her new home.

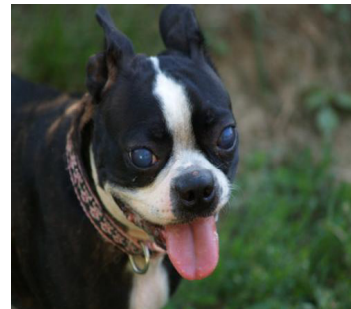
She is now living the life she always deserved to have; her new mom bought her a ton of toys, a pretty pink harness, collar, and leash and she looks very pretty in pink! Now she gets to hang out in the house with her two canine siblings and get lots of love and affection from her new human sister, mom and Grandma. They are all looking forward to a time when Mandy is adjusted enough that she can stay out of the crate and sleep in the bed with her new human sister.



## Special Adoptable Pets



Poor **Sue**. He has had a rough start to his life. First came his name - the people who turned him in said he was a girl, so he was named appropriately. When he was examined - surprise! A boy named Sue!! Then he developed an asthma like condition which is made worse by dust and dander - being in the humane society is not the best place for him to avoid these things! He is such a loving kitty, and he so desperately needs to be in a home environment where he won't be exposed to so many things to trigger his respiratory problems. Is there that super special someone out there who is willing to give this baby a chance at a better life?



**Sadie** is a 3 - 4 year old deaf Boston terrier that was rescued from a kill shelter in Ohio County. She was surrendered by a woman who claimed to have rescued her from an abusive situation. The original owners were not found. There are signs of abuse with this sweet little girl and she is scared of quick hand movements. Sadie is a sweet little girl who, once comfortable, loves to run and play. She is crate trained and for the most part housebroken. Unfortunately, Sadie also has been diagnosed with severe glaucoma in her eyes and needs to have surgery. We need to raise money in order to have the surgery necessary to correct the problem. Will you give her a chance at a better life?

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## September's Featured Adoptable Pets



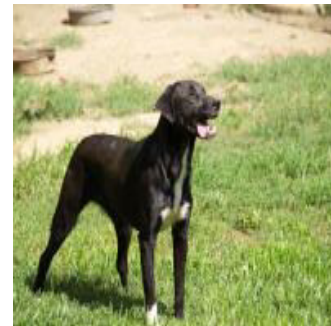
**LD** is a wonderful cat. He was turned into animal control by his owners because they were moving. LD was rescued by us and has been nothing but a dream cat. LD gets along and plays great with the other shelter cats. He loves people and enjoys pats, hugs, and cuddles. His personality is as wonderful as he is handsome.



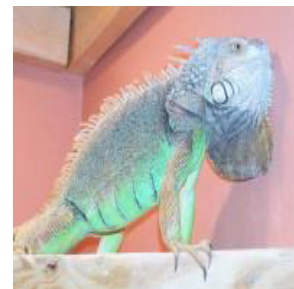
**.Petite** has been at the shelter for way too long. She has been with us for almost 3 years! This sweetie deserves a home. She is as cute as a bug with her small frame and large pointy ears. Petite doesn't have a mean bone in her body and needs a family to love. She has a wonderful disposition and gets along well with people and other cats. Not sure about dogs. Will you be the family to finally make Petite's dream come true? She truly has waited long enough.



**Tim** is a handsome year old greyhound mix. He's wonderful with other dogs, cats & people. He's crate trained, housebroken & lead trained. He has good manners but can be a handful when not properly exercised. A large fenced yard or fenced acreage is a must for this boy. Tim is a gentle, fun dog who would be a great addition to any household with the room for him.



**Sally** has been in the program for over a year. She was rescued from animal control as a puppy. She is a black lab mix, we are not sure what she is mixed with. Sally loves the company of other dogs and appears to do well with cats. Sally is a timid dog; she does warm up to you quickly. She is also crate trained.



**Iguanas** - both male and female are currently ready for adoption!! We have 3 large iguanas and one juvenile for adoption. They have been vet checked & dewormed.

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## Wish List

Bleach  
Paper Towels  
Laundry Detergent  
Dishwashing Detergent  
Q-tips  
Cotton Balls  
Rubbing Alcohol  
Dog and cat beds  
Canned cat and dog food  
Cat and dog treats  
Comforters/blankets/sheets/bath rugs  
Towels

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## Your Garbage can help our Animals.

Please bring any of the following to the shelter or Big Time Bingo (Thursday & Sunday nights).

- \* Aluminum cans
- \* Aluminum can pull tabs
- \* Empty printer ink cartridges
- \* Newspaper
- \* Cell phones

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## Upcoming Dates:

September 22 - Celebrate Animals

October - Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

November - Adopt a Senior Pet Month

November 4-10 - National Animal Shelter Appreciation

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## Check out our new website:

[www.shelbycohumanesociety.com](http://www.shelbycohumanesociety.com)

## Spread the Word:

Every Tuesday, Dr Teresa Gregory runs a low cost spay and neuter clinic at the Shelby County Humane Society. Rabies shots and Vaccines are also available at a reduced cost.

These services are for everyone - not just residents of Shelby County.

Please call **633-4033** to set up your appointment.

## Looking for that special someone.....?

There are many wonderful companions awaiting adoptions. All of our animals are spayed/neutered, micro chipped, up to date on vaccines and have been treated for fleas. Cats have been tested for feline leukemia. Dogs have been heartworm tested.

While many of our animals are listed on Petfinder:

<http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/KY07.html> -

there are some that may have not been listed yet. If you can not find what you are looking for, please call us and we can help you.

As of July 2, 2007, the shelter will be open to the public for adoptions on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 1 - 5 PM. If these times are not convenient, please contact Lisa Lynch, Shelter Manager or Melissa Wright, Assistant Director @ **633-4033** and they can help facilitate a meeting time.

All our dogs, reptiles, birds, rodents and rabbits are in foster care, so in order to set up a 'date', it is best to contact the foster parent listed on petfinder or call Melissa Wright to facilitate a meeting.

## Adoption Numbers:

Melissa Wright: **633-4033**; 220-6212

Lisa Lynch: **633-4033**; 220-2014