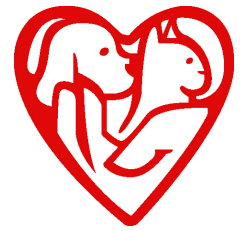


# FRIENDS



Union County Humane Society

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## Annual Fundraising Dinner

Our annual fundraising dinner was held on April 21, 2018. Our guest speaker was Officer Debra Beeler, Union County's Animal Control Officer (ACO). She shared her experiences and knowledge of being an ACO in Knox and Union Counties. She also shared an update on state animal laws with the audience with a question and answer period following her presentation. We are so thankful to the Union County Sheriff's Office for providing an Animal Control Officer and for all the hard work, dedication, and professionalism that Officer Beeler has exhibited in this position.



We are also grateful to have dedicated supporters, like you, who make it possible to provide care to nearly 2,000 unwanted and abandoned animals in our extended community. Auctioneer, Martin Shafer, held a fun, lively bidding war of the many wonderful items donated by local businesses and individuals. Our sponsors included Fountain City Finance, Kay & Jess Jones, The Kitten Finishing School, Little Valley Nursery, Litton's Market, Restaurant & Bakery, Loyston Road Quarry, Ohio Valley Veneer, 33 Quarry, and William & Cornelia Von Schipmann. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated their time, auction items, and financially to our annual fundraising dinner.

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### 2019 Events

- Annual Fundraising Dinner – April 13
- Ride Like an Animal – September 7
- Yard Sale – October 5-6

## Annual Yard Sale

Alexis Browning spearheaded this year's yard sale which was held October 5-6, and brought in over \$5,500 for the shelter. The yard sale had a little something for everyone including furniture, tools, household items, toys, books, and children's items! Thank you's to Janet Holloway, everyone who donated items for the yard sale, all who purchased items, and the strong backs of the many volunteers who helped make the event a success.

## 2018 Animal Hoarding Cases in Union County

The Union County Humane Society assisted the Union County Sheriff's Office in two major hoarding cases in 2018 – one involving 52 cats and the other involving 84 dogs. In the cat hoarding case, the owner was charged and pled guilty to animal cruelty. Similarly, in the dog hoarding case, a couple was charged and pled guilty to animal cruelty.



On May 30, 84 Jack Russell Terrier mix dogs were taken from a Union County property. Veterinarians and students from the University of Tennessee School of Veterinary Medicine arrived on June 1 to perform evaluations and administer vaccinations and necessary medication to the dogs. Many area shelters and rescues stepped in to help. After behavioral evaluations, love and attention, some dogs were adopted

directly or transferred to shelters in the north for adoption. On November 10, the remaining two dogs from this case were transferred to an ASPCA rehabilitation facility.

## Doggie PlayPen

Through the help of volunteers Pat Hurley, Evan Bailey, and Devon Helton as well as gravel donations from Loyston Road Quarry, a 35' x 60' fenced-in doggie playpen was completed in early April. This area



has allowed for off-leash activity to further assess doggie behavior, to allow for more intensive exercise, to provide dog-to-dog active play, and to provide for a larger adopter meet-and-greet area. A great addition to our Dog Enrichment program.

## Free Cat Spay and \$5 Cat Neuter Specials

Through the generosity of our supporters, we offered free cat spays to the first 100 appointments during a 6-week period between February and April 2018. This effort saw an immediate benefit in limiting unwanted litters in our community. Dr. Hutchison also helped us offer a \$5 cat neuter special on October 29 to help nearly 30 boys get cuter. While we all think kittens are adorable, it breaks our hearts when there are not enough adopters to support the supply of unwanted litters. Thank you to all who participated in spaying and neutering your cats!

## Count me in to help the Union County Humane Society

Your donation will help us refinish the main kennel floor

Name and mailing address as shown on opposite side (or provide corrections).

Phone number (in case we have questions) \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check number \_\_\_\_\_

### Or on my Credit Card

Please call us at (865) 992-7969 or visit our website at [www.UnionCountyHumaneSociety.org](http://www.UnionCountyHumaneSociety.org)

UCHS is a 501c(3) organization. Your donation is deductible to the extent of tax laws.

*Just a reminder that the Union County Humane Society is a non-profit, 501c(3) organization, open-admission shelter which is not county owned. That means that we accept ALL animals that come to our door – whether dog, cat, bird, turtle, or other species; old or young; sick, injured, or healthy; from Union and surrounding counties.*

***NO APPOINTMENT is necessary** to surrender your pet or stray during normal business hours (10am – 4pm Monday through Saturday).*

***NO FEE** to surrender an animal; although donations are greatly appreciated to help support our continued services.*

## Minnie Pearl Survives Fan Belt Injury and Finds a New Home



After normal business hours on March 20 while we were having a Union County Humane Society board meeting, the intake doorbell rang. Many of us know that it is either an injured animal coming to us because the lights were on or someone is lost on the country road. Tonight, it was a mother and daughter holding a stray, injured, emaciated, long-haired tabby cat wrapped in a towel. Intake was completed and the

kitty was placed comfortably in the exam room. Tammy and Doc went back to examine the kitty who was extending her paw through the crate as if to say “Howdy!” – so she was named “Minnie Pearl.” Doc assessed the injury, determined that it most likely occurred from a vehicle fan belt, and recommended surgery to remove her badly injured rear leg and fix her abdominal injury. Minnie Pearl had a successful surgery and recovery, never losing her friendly disposition. Some of us even wanted her to be a lobby cat! She found her forever home a couple months after surgery, and has become a very contented indoor-only girl!



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## Ride Like an Animal

Our 2018 Ride Like an Animal was held on September 8, and we had 45 bikes join our 100-mile ride through Union, Claiborne, and Grainger Counties on a beautiful late summer day. The ride started at the Shelter, honored our veterans at Veteran's Overlook in Bean Station, and ended at Li'l Jo's in Maynardville. Martin Shafer served as our auctioneer at the after-ride auction of donated items from area businesses and individuals. This year's sponsors included The Ashley's, The Kitten Finishing School, CrossRoads Firearms, Kelly's Deli, Fountain City Finance, Dennis Hall's Auto Service, Ralph & Sue Shick, Burning Art by Zophia, The Winery at Seven Springs Farm, Tanasi Grafix, and Li'l Jo's Bar-B-Que. Mark your calendars for our 2019 ride to be held on September 7 – we will be changing up the route and will end the ride at Bubba Brews.

### Contact Us

Come visit or give us a call for more information on our pets for adoption, our spay-neuter-vaccine services, and volunteer opportunities. We are open 10am – 4pm, Monday through Saturday.

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