



# Wellington Humane Society Newsletter

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Fall 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September

- 18-Dog Wash/Nails
- 19-Chamber Ladies Night  
Out

### October

- 9-Wellington Fall Festival
- 16-Dog Wash/Nails
- 23-Junk in the Truck, Tar-  
nished Tulip Event

### Other Events

- Pumpkin Sale
- Halloween contest
- Kids Craft Day
- Paint Night at the Shelter

**CHECK OUT  
THE DOGGY  
DIVE!**

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## Katie Takes Flight

*On May 30, Shelley, Girl with a Black Dog, posted on Facebook this account of her experience adopting Katie.*

I took a trip back to my hometown a few weeks back. You may remember seeing that I posted about Katie. (May 14 post: *Katie is 9 years old and found herself alone and living in the shelter after her owners passed away. As well as she is cared for and loved at the shelter, she deserves to live the rest of her life in a loving home.*) Well, I immediately fell in love with her. I mean, look at her sweet face.

It's been a little over a year since my Tatum crossed the Rainbow Bridge, and, trust me, I still miss him something fierce, every single day, I know I always will. But I also knew Katie girl needed me as much as I needed her! And so she became mine on paper last week, but I was unsure how I was going to get her to Arizona from Kansas, short of making a 36-hour round-trip drive. I reached out to a friend who works



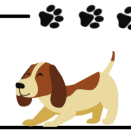
with rescue and transports and also to Pilots N Paws, and I waited and prayed.

I heard nothing for several days, and then on Wednesday evening (May 26), I received a phone call from a wonderful gentleman in Norman, Oklahoma, offering to fly sweet Katie as far as Santa Rosa, New Mexico. I was elated, and so emotional at the same time. What a generous thing for a complete stranger to do! I have a wonderful friend in Santa Rosa, so I asked her if she could meet them and then drive her a little way past Albuquerque, and she said yes!!! Everything was falling into place!

Yesterday I called the Wellington Humane Society Serving Sumner County to verify that we were all set for today, and they said the local paper and home town news channel were going to come to the airport and cover the story. Oh my gosh, I was thrilled for Katie and for the Humane Society to receive some much-deserved publicity. After hearing that, I reached out to a larger news station in Wichita and told them the story, and they wanted it also. Then another station messaged me--and also my local paper in Arizona!!!

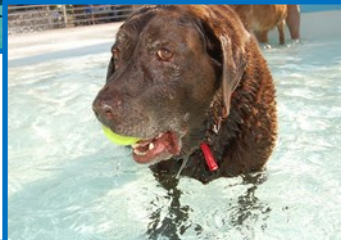
It truly took a village of wonderful, kind-hearted people. Please, please, consider adopting a senior pet, and know there are resources available to help. Adopt, don't shop! (see page 2 for more pics of Katie)





Thank you to everyone who came out to Doggy Dive September 7! We had a great time and hope you did too! We couldn't have asked for better weather (unlike last year). Special thanks to Alda Boyd for donating the treat bags and to the Wellington Rec Center for allowing us to have this annual event.

## Doggy Dive



Some of the 56 dogs that participated.



### Katie at home . . . . .



Photos courtesy of Girl with a Black Dog



enjoying the puddle from a rare Arizona rainstorm; relaxing with Shelley; keeping an eye on the backyard.



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Number of animals taken in since opening

425

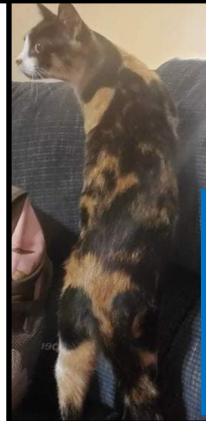
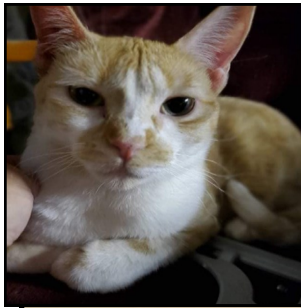
Number of spay/neuter surgeries performed

440

Number of animals with forever homes



BeeGee and Callie (now Luna and Lilly) were adopted together; Violet was anxious to go to her new home.



## DID YOU KNOW:

The word "homeowner" has the word "meow" in it.

Home is where the cat is!



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



## KATE HAINES

Kate is one of our volunteers and she works with both the cats and the dogs. She has been volunteering for almost 2 years and volunteered at Pearly Gates before the Humane Society opened. Her favorite thing about volunteering is getting to take care of the kittens and knowing she is making a difference. Kate has a 15 y/o Yorkie mix named Jake. He's deaf and barks at anything in sight.

She also have a cat named Todd, formerly Meowy, that they adopted from the Humane Society!

### FAVORITES:

Food: Tacos

Color: Light Yellow or Mint Green

Animals: Giraffes & Horses

TV Show/Movie: Greys Anatomy & The Notebook

Hobbies: Dancing, Hanging out with my friends, and other sports.



Kate with Todd (formerly known as Meowy)

# Run for the Paws

The Run for the Paws 5k and one-mile run was a huge success this year, our second annual running of the event but our first time hosting it in person. Last year we had to go virtual due to the pandemic, so we were excited to announce on April 20 we would host a live event this year.

Since this race was part of the Kansas Wheat Festival, we saw participants from not only Sumner County but as far away as California! We hosted the run on July 10, the last day of the Wheat Festival, with the course starting and finishing at our facility. Sixty-eight runners—and one miniature pony—ran the course. Quite a few runners expressed their compliments of our facility, and a few even found some cats they wanted to adopt!

Our top female finisher was Josie Ware, who ran an impressive time of 9:13 for the 5k, and our top 5k male finisher was Camden Parkey, who clocked a time of 20:40. The top finishers for the mile were Nyah Eckermann, who was also our overall one-mile winner, and Maxwell Mortimer.

The Wellington Crimson Dancers were on site to hand out medals to all participants as well as cheer on our finishers. The weather was per-



**Humane Society Director Jodie Hearlson presents awards to 5k winners Camden Parkey and Josie Ware.**

fect for the start of the race, as the thunderstorm decided to move on from our area. Our volunteers were a huge help in making sure the event

went smoothly. We couldn't have asked for a better day!

The money raised will go towards caring for the numerous animals currently in our shelter. There were a total of 20 sponsors as well as donations from Orsheln's, Dillons, and Wal-Mart. We are thankful for their contributions towards this event.

The third annual Run for The Paws will take place next July, and we would love to have an even bigger turnout! We hope to see you there! For a complete list of the race results, please check out the events tab on our website.



# Thank You for Your Support!

There are so many generous people in our community! We have received many different types of donations and support from individuals and businesses that we would like to highlight them!

### City of Wellington

Thank you for donating your prize money from the Kansas Wheat Festival parade!

### Kitty Litter

There are several in the community that monthly bring us cat litter. Thank you so much! This is a constant need!



### Future's Unlimited

Thank you for coming out weekly to make enrichment items for our dogs!

### Amazon Orders

Big thanks to everyone that has ordered Amazon items and had them shipped to us! That is a tremendous help!



### Memorials

We are truly honored to be listed as a recipient of a memorial! We know this is a hard time for families, and we appreciate you thinking of us and our mission!



### Wellington Regent Theater

Shout out to Jerry for having us bring out dogs for your recent movie matinee for he kids! We had a blast!



### Wellington Aquatic Center

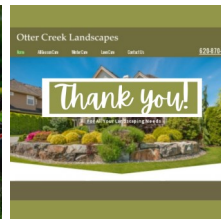
Thank you for sponsoring the annual Doggy Dive!

### Girl With a Black Dog

Thank you for putting on a T-shirt fundraiser for our shelter!

## Thank you, Lawn Care Sponsors!

This summer we have had numerous local mowing companies donate their time to mow our yards. We can't thank them enough for their hard work. If you are needing mowing or landscaping done, call one of these businesses! Thank you, Meyer Lawn Care Services, Otter Creek Landscapes, DJ's Lawn Care, Buck's Lawn Care, W&W Mowing, and TLC Lawn Care for all your help this summer! We appreciate your support!



## Calling All Crafters! We Need Your Donations!



Makers and crafters! You are invited to participate in the first "Wellington Humane Society Holidays Unleashed" auction by decorating and donating a wreath, wall hanging, or centerpiece to be placed in competition and to be auctioned through online auction at this event. All decorated wreaths, wall hangings and centerpieces become the property of the Wellington Humane Society, and the proceeds from the auction of these wreaths, wall hangings, and centerpieces will benefit the Wellington Humane Society.

To enter, please let us know by November 6. Items

need to be dropped off by 3 p.m. on November 13.

Items will be on display Friday evening, December 3, and Saturday, December 4, at the Wellington Humane Society, 203 W. Hillside.

Deadlines and regulations apply to donors and decorators of wreaths and wall hangings. Please read carefully. If you have further questions or need clarification, please email [events@wellingtonhumanesociety.org](mailto:events@wellingtonhumanesociety.org).

## Newsletter Title Winners

As our team worked on the new newsletter, we had a contest to get ideas for a title. We were excited to get such an overwhelming response from the public! Thank you to everyone that submitted ideas!

There were so many great titles that we couldn't pick just one! It was decided to use them as headers for sections of newsletters. You will see them displayed on the respective pages in this newsletter, and

in future newsletters.

Congratulations to winner Rachel Lansden for "Kitty Views" and "Doggy News"! And congratulations to winner Paula Mortimer for "Pawsitive Thoughts." We have a very creative community!



Fall Fest is October 9. Look for us downtown. We will bring some of our dogs waiting for their forever home. Above is our entry in last year's fall decorating contest. We didn't win, but we are proud of our entry!

## Meet Kennel Manager Sara

Kennel Manager Sara DeJarnett-Stowers is a native Kansan, born in Wellington, with great grandparents that originally settled in Mayfield, Kansas. Several of her family members continue to reside in Wellington.

Sara attended Wellington Schools until she started becoming visually impaired. For her to manage her declining vision, her parents enrolled her in a school for the visually impaired but also reinforced to her that she could do anything she put her mind to and do it well. That reinforcement has carried over into her adult life as she continues to take on new challenges.

Sara has always had a passion for animals and their well-being. After completing high school, she began taking courses in biology at Cowley County Community College. However, those studies were interrupted when she met and married her husband. They live in Wellington and have adopted three rescue animals, two dogs and a cat.

Sara started as a volunteer with the Wellington Humane Society, stepping up to help the same day she dropped off items at our first in-house fundraiser in 2019 and continuing to volunteer with dog washes and other events. In addition to her job at the local coffee shop, Sara began volunteering even more frequently by walking dogs, feeding the animals, and cleaning kennels. She was spending enough time at the facility that Humane Society Director Jodie offered her a position as a Kennel Manager.

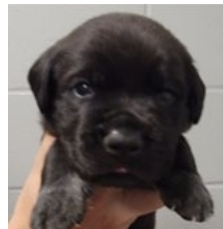
Sara eventually quit her job at the local coffee shop to spend her days with the shelter animals. Sara is very passionate about making sure the animals are well cared for and know they are loved. She enjoys visiting with potential adopters and sharing her knowledge about the animals with them to help make a good adoption match.



Although Sara loves every animal that comes through the shelter, she does have favorites. Her current favorite cats are Sausage and Troy, and her favorite dog is Kimber, mother of seven adorable pups. Her all-time favorite is a dog named Chisholm, who found his forever home.



**Chisholm**



One of Kimber's pups



Supervisor and cuddle bug



**October is  
Adopt a Shelter  
Dog Month!**



## Ways to Contribute

The Wellington Humane Society is a 501c3 nonprofit organization relying heavily on donations and fundraising efforts. There are many ways to donate to help our efforts with animals in Sumner County!

### Membership

You can become a member and help with the daily shelter needs. Membership also gets you discounts to many things at the shelter! See more here on our website: [www.wellingtonhumanesociety.org/become-a-member](http://www.wellingtonhumanesociety.org/become-a-member)

### Recycle Cans

Saving your aluminum cans is an easy way to donate! Put them at one of our location bins, and we contract with a recycler to get paid for the aluminum. That's why we can ACCEPT ONLY POP & BEER CANS! Our recycler will not accept anything else, and our volunteer has to sort through them all to pull anything else.

Locations: Orscheln's Parking Lot (1203 W 8th St); Behind Penny's Diner (1104 E 16th St).

### Amazon & Current Wishlist

[www.wellingtonhumanesociety.org/our-wish-list](http://www.wellingtonhumanesociety.org/our-wish-list)

### AmazonSmile

When shopping on Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com and choose Wellington Humane Society, Inc., as your organization to benefit. It's the same website with the same products, and every purchase will automatically benefit the shelter!

### Dillons

Dillons makes donating to the shelter animals easy! All you have to do is shop at Dillons and use your Plus card and Dillons will donate a percentage to the shelter! To sign up, go to Dillons website and link your Dillons Plus Card to the Wellington Humane Society.

**More ways to donate can be found on our website!**

[www.wellingtonhumanesociety.org/donations](http://www.wellingtonhumanesociety.org/donations)

## Wellington Humane Society Information

### HOURS

Friday: 3-6pm

Saturday: 10am-2pm

Sunday—Thursday: Open by appointment

Call 620-440-4375 to schedule!

### STAFF

• Director—Jodie Hearlson

• Assistant Director—Katie Reichenberger

• Kennel Managers—

Nikki Peninger

Betrai Taylor

Victoria Sandoval

Janean Whitmire

Sara Stowers

Jeromy Whitmire

Jennifer Worley

### SERVICES OFFERED

⇒ Cat & Dog Adoptions

⇒ Dog Wash/Nail Trim

⇒ Microchip Implanting or Scanning

⇒ Relinquishing a Pet

⇒ Low Income Spay/Neuter

⇒ Volunteer Opportunities

⇒ Education Opportunities

⇒ Boarding

⇒ Membership Discounts

⇒ Events & More!



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