



Wellington Humane Society Newsletter

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Fall 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/19 Dog Wash
- 11/24 Closed
- 12/3 Open House!
- 12/17 Dog Wash

Holiday Open House!

December 3
10am-2pm

Raffles
Adoption Specials
Treats
Furry friends!

Save the date!

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203 W. Hillside Rd.
Wellington, KS 67152
(620) 440-4375



Miles Trains Through GoodPup



You might remember Holmes, now Miles. He came in as a tiny puppy with his siblings. He was adopted in February of this year. We are excited to share his update with you! And we can't believe how much he's grown! This tall boy is living his best life with his adopter Alison.

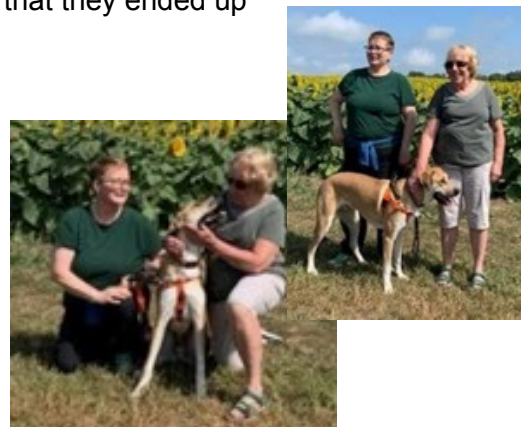
Alison participated in the GoodPup 101 training course with Miles. She said that they ended up

with a wonderful trainer, and the methods were very suitable and the goals appropriate for what they were trying to accomplish. The trainer was very flexible with the commands that they wanted to teach that were specific to their situation.

"It was a very positive experience for both of us. The program is accessible and affordable, especially for people who might live in rural locations and cannot find a dog trainer locally. It's possible to work with the same trainer every week as well, which makes a big difference. I felt GoodPup was really supportive of both dog and owner."

Thank you, Alison, for adopting Miles and doing the work to create a wonderful home for you both!

If you would like to check out the GoodPup training, you can find it on our website. If you got your dog from our shelter, you can also receive a discount!



GoodPup

We have partnered with GoodPup to get you discounts on training your pup! Even if they weren't adopted from us!

- Easy
- Convenient
- Private

For a happily furever after!

www.wellingtonhumanesociety.org/goodpup

Train
at
HOME
with
1-1
Video
chat!

Happy Tails to These Heart-Stealers and Foster Fails



We love getting updates!

Little Joey came in shaking and scared! It took him several days to calm down and warm up to all of the staff and volunteers. Lucky for him, this sweet family saw him and came to meet him! He now has a sister Eva (a former humane society girl), and he is living his best life! He has come out of his shell and is learning not to chase the chickens!



New! Help the shelter animals by simply walking your dog!
 Download the free app today!
www.wellingtonhumanesociety.org/resqwalk

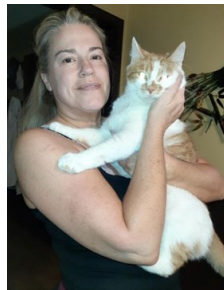



Best Friends ResQWalk
 Strut Your Mutt every day.

<p>834 Number of animals taken in since opening</p>	<p>665 Number of spay/neuter surgeries performed</p>	<p>706 Number of animals with forever homes</p>
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These Sweeties Found Furever Homes!



No Such Thing as a Free Animal

It takes time and money to take care of a pet. Adopting an animal gives a pet a second chance that could have started off a "free" pet and helps make room to help more animals in need.

Adopting from a shelter or rescue also ensures that your pet is up to date on vaccinations and fixed so that they don't contribute to the overly populated shelters.

If you get a "free" cat or dog, please go get it fixed so that you don't contribute to the overpopulation problem!

They also need to get their

shots ASAP! It's so sad to see puppies dying of the Parvo Virus when it's so preventable with the proper shots! Parvo is in the ground and everywhere in public places, so the best way to prevent it is to have your puppy vaccinated and don't take them in public until they are up to date on their shots!

We can help you fix your pet if you are low-income! Fill out the application on our website.

www.wellingtonhumanesociety.org/spay-neuter-program

TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release)

We are working to reduce the feral population in our community. We are now offering to fix feral or neighborhood cats for only \$50. Each cat is spayed or neutered, given rabies vaccination, ear-tipped, and then released back where they live. If you want to help in your area, helping reduce the population can start here!

Feral cats can spread disease and illness to not only themselves but domestic cats that go outside. The shelters are full of unwanted litters as well, and this will help that dramatically! Please consider helping in some way to improve your community! It takes many folks contributing to work on this issue! If you want to help, you can donate any amount to go toward fixing cats in your community.

The REAL Cost of a "FREE" Kitten



There are several things that many don't consider when they get a "Free" kitten. Adopting not only helps to control the pet population by spaying/neutering every animal, but you also get an awesome deal!

	Cost "Free" Kitten	Cost Rescue Kitten
Initial Cost:	\$0	\$40-\$60
FVRCP vaccine x2:	\$50	Covered
Rabies Vaccination:	\$25	Covered
Deworming x2:	\$30	Covered
Flea preventative:	\$25	Covered
Microchip:	\$25-\$50	Covered
Spay/Neuter:	\$100-\$150	Covered

The costs above are approximated for vets in the area and do not include office fees. These are also assuming the kitten is healthy with no existing conditions. The rescue cost remains the same.

The REAL Cost of a "FREE" Puppy/Dog



There are several things that many don't consider when they get a "Free". Adopting not only helps to control the pet population by spaying/neutering every animal, but you also get an awesome deal!

	Cost "Free" Dog	Cost Rescue Dog
Initial Cost:	\$0	\$150-\$250
Heartworm Test:	\$40-\$50	Covered
Parvo vaccine x2:	\$50	Covered
Rabies Vaccination:	\$25	Covered
Deworming x2:	\$30	Covered
Flea preventative:	\$30-\$60	Covered
Microchip:	\$25-\$50	Covered
Spay/Neuter:	\$150-\$300	Covered

The costs above are approximated for vets in the area and do not include office fees. These are also assuming the dog is healthy with no existing conditions. The rescue cost remains the same.

A Day in the Life of a Kennel Manager

Days at the Humane Society begin bright and early at 7:00 A. M. when staff arrive. The Kennel Manager on duty . . .

Checks the message book for updates from the previous day before letting the dogs outside to go to the bathroom and checking on the cats.

Starts laundry, as this is a never-ending task.

Throughout the day, manager switches laundry loads and folds and puts away laundry when passing the laundry room. *(We also have some amazing work groups*

that will come in and help fold laundry, which helps us out tremendously.)

Gives morning medications to those animals that are under veterinary treatment. *(Sometimes the kennel managers must get creative on ways to hide pills for the dogs, as some are notorious spitting pills out!)*

Assigns scheduled volunteers their tasks for their shift once they arrive. *(Some help clean, while others may help walk dogs.)*

Cleans dog cages and feeds breakfast in our boarding area before moving on to clean and feed the shelter dogs.

Takes care of the cats, starting with the cat colonies first. *(When cleaning, we always start with the healthy*

animals first then the sick animals last as this helps ensure we are not spreading any sickness around.) Staff scoop litter boxes, feed and water animals, sweep the floor, and clean the windows in each of the colonies as well as the cat room.

Takes all dogs, if they are able, out to either the play yard or the dog park to stretch their legs and run. Kennel Managers or volunteers use this time to gather information about the dog or dogs, such as how they behave together and how they interact with people. This is also a time where the animals can practice basic commands or work on behavior issues like jumping or pulling on a leash. *While we would love to extensively train all the dogs that come into the shelter, that's just not feasible, but we do try to work on some commands.*

At lunch time, locks all dogs inside for quiet time. Some dogs choose to take a nap, while others may chew on their chew bones.

If the Kennel Manager has time left in their shift— Uses this time to scoop poop in the outdoor runs and power wash the runs.

Does other tasks, such as washing dishes and general cleaning throughout the building— or volunteers will help assist with these tasks.



Our evening shift begins at 3:00 P.M when a different Kennel Manager comes in. That manager . . .

Checks the message book for notes from the morning shift.

Gives dogs access to their outdoor runs

Gives midday meds

Spot cleans all dog cages and deep cleans again only if a dog has made a mess.

Cleans cats again with the help of volunteers.

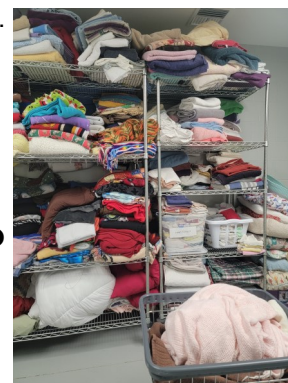
In between cleaning animal cages, keeps the laundry going and finishes any general cleaning throughout the building. *This is anything from dishes to taking out trash to sweeping and mopping the floors.*

Takes dogs outside again to the play yards or dog park for playtime either before or after their dinner is served.

Before leaving for the evening, scoops all outdoor runs for poop and picks up toys.

Deep cleans outdoor kennels.

At 8:00 P.M. locks all dogs inside for the evening for bedtime.



Although the majority of the tasks have to get done every day, no two days are alike. For example, some days staff have extra tasks they have to fit in, such as . . .

Answering or making phone calls,

Setting up and cleaning up from surgeries, whether it be shelter animals or the public,

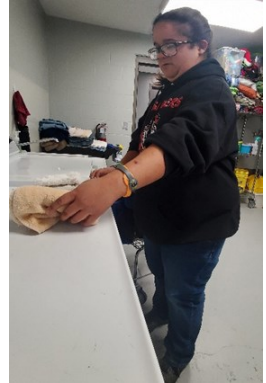
Assisting with animal intakes.

Assisting adoption coordinators with adoptions, as they have the most knowledge of the animals at the shelter.

As with any job working with animals, staff know to expect the unexpected and, while some days may be hard, other days are often filled with rewarding moments.

Pawsitive Community Interactions

We are so thankful for our volunteers from **Futures!** This great group of men and women help us with many tasks around the facility. From washing windows and dishes to making treat bags for our marketing events, we can always count on them. They are a joy to work with! Thank you Ashley, Luke, Jacob, Georgia, and Mercedes for all you do!!



[Pictures courtesy of Lincoln Elementary]

We LOVE getting to visit out in the community! We were invited to Lincoln Elementary to visit with some awesome students! Ivan was able to go with us and make tons of new friends. Thank you, **Lincoln Elementary**, for having us come out!

Ivan was adopted!
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Steven and Jane had an amazing time at **Homestead Assisted Living of Wellington!** Thank you for supporting the Wellington Humane Society and having us out!



[Pictures courtesy of Homestead Assisted Living]



We are super excited to accept the DeVaughn James Grant of \$500 for nonprofits! Taylor, one of the dumped puppies, got to go with us. He had fun at the KAKE Studio and made several new friends. KAKE had lots of animal lovers on set!

We are honored someone nominated us and super thankful to have won! This grant is very beneficial to the everyday cost of operating the shelter as a nonprofit organization.

Taylor was the last of his litter left at the shelter, and we are so happy that he was adopted just days after the KAKE segment aired!



We LOVE our community! Check out this super awesome cat playhouse made and donated by a super cute member of the community! The cats love it!



Big shout out to Kansas Star Casino for this wonderful donation of goodies!



Ivan found his furever home at Jane's Landing Event in October! Thank you for inviting us out!





October 22 we attended a Junk in the Trunk, event in downtown Mayfield. Bourbon greeted visitors to our booth where we had raffle baskets and a kissing booth. He did such a great job with the crowd! He's still available, ladies!

We have an amazing community! There was recently a birthday party at our facility, and these wonderful kids were so kind to bring the animals gifts!



What an awesome birthday girl to donate to our animals. We hope you had an amazing birthday, and thank you from our furry friends!



Jax wanted to send out a huge THANK YOU to the wonderful sponsor that stepped up to cover the remaining balance on his medical bill! He also wants to send wet kisses to all of the amazing people that have donated toward his fund to get him healthy to be adopted!

Huge shout out to these four Girl Scouts that just completed their Bronze Award! This is one of the highest awards in Girl Scouting! Congratulations and thank you for completing your project at the Wellington Humane Society.

These girls have spent many hours cleaning and socializing the cats at our facility over the last two years. They also spent time making blankets for them using recycled material and sewing machines. They have worked hard, and we are proud of them!

Our animals thank you for showing them kindness and love!



This amazing group of students from Oxford worked super hard at the shelter making treats and treat bags, washing dogs, brushing cats, cleaning windows, and sweeping floors—not to mention all of the socialization the animals received and loved it!

Ways to Contribute

The Wellington Humane Society is a 501c3 nonprofit organization relying heavily on donations and fund-raising 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

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

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

Wellington Humane Society Information

HOURS

Wednesday—Friday 3-7pm

Saturday: 10am-2pm

Sunday—Tuesday: Open by appointment

Call 620-440-4375 to schedule!

STAFF

•Director—Jodie Hearlson

•Office Manager—Janean Whitmire

• Kennel Managers—

Nikki Peninger Betrai Taylor

Victoria Sandoval Emma Rains

Sara Stowers

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SERVICES OFFERED

- ⇒ Cat & Dog Adoptions
- ⇒ Dog Wash/Nail Trim
- ⇒ Microchip Implanting or Scanning
- ⇒ Low Cost Feral Spay/Neuter
- ⇒ Low Income Spay/Neuter
- ⇒ Relinquishing a Pet
- ⇒ Volunteer Opportunities
- ⇒ Education Opportunities
- ⇒ Boarding
- ⇒ Membership Discounts
- ⇒ Events & More!



More info on our services can be found on our Website:

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