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Humane Society of Oldham County Newsletter



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**We are independent from
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Humane Society**



From Blueprints to Paw Prints Our Shelter Doors are Open

In 1986, the Humane Society of Oldham County (HSOC) made history by opening the county's first No-Kill animal shelter. What started as a small, passionate mission to protect vulnerable animals has blossomed into a vital community lifeline. HSOC's heart beats for every pet in need, offering low-cost spay/neuter services, safe shelter, and a chance for a home.

In December 2014, a long-standing wish came true when HSOC received 7.5 acres of donated land. With tireless fundraising and community support, the shelter moved into its new campus in 2021. Today, it features a state-of-the-art surgical suite, cozy recovery rooms, indoor kennels with outdoor play yards, and sunny cat lounges. Up to 40 cats and 10 dogs can be comfortably housed while they wait for their forever homes.

HSOC is powered by over 100 volunteers and a devoted staff, but their needs from the community is still growing. With a home campus and a vision in place, the next goal is to raise \$3 million to expand buildings on-site. Our shelter is calling on all kind-hearted donors to help make this happen.

HSOC has always thrived on compassion. With your help, we can keep offering hope, healing, and a home to every animal who needs it. Please reach out if you are interested in sponsoring this journey. The future is bright, and it's built on this community coming together.



Meowfoxy-Adopted

Do You Want To Get Involved?

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VOLUNTEER



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Upcoming Winter Events



Picture Your Pets with Santa

Come on out to Feeders and bring the whole family, two and four legs, for photos with Santa.

A \$25 donation will help countless animals in the community and help get your pet on Santa's "Nice List". All photo memories are provided on a flash drive, and proceeds go directly to supporting the HSOC.

Location: Feeders Supply in La Grange

Date & Time: **December 6th & 7th (Saturday & Sunday), Noon till 4pm.**

New Youth Volunteer Event: Enrichment Toy Makers!

Love animals but not old enough to work directly with them? We've got the perfect way for you to help! Our new 2-hour volunteer program invites animal-loving youth of all ages to create safe, fun enrichment toys for shelter animals using recycled materials and pet-safe foods. *For more details email: Laurar@oldhamhumane.com*

Location: 309 N 1st Ave La Grange, KY 40031 - Fire Department Community Center

Date & Time: **Saturday January 17th & Sunday February 22nd 12:30pm-2:30pm**



Did You Know? 5 Signs Your Pet is Sick



Our pets can't tell us when something's wrong — but they do give us clues! Watching for small changes can help you catch problems early and keep your furry friend feeling their best. Here are five warning signs to watch for this winter:

Changes in Appetite

A sudden loss of appetite or drinking much more water than usual can signal anything from a toothache to organ trouble. Ongoing changes are worth noting.

Low Energy — Take It Seriously

If your pet seems unusually tired, avoids play, or struggles to get up, it could mean infection, pain, or heart issues. If your pet is shaky, weak, or won't stand, contact your vet immediately — this can be an emergency.

Upset Stomach

Frequent vomiting or diarrhea, lasting more than a few episodes, calls for a vet visit. Dehydration can develop quickly.

Changes in Appearance

A dull coat, itching, or unexplained weight gain or loss may point to diet problems, allergies, or other health issues.

Behavior Changes

If your friendly cat hides more or your calm dog seems cranky or restless, it could mean pain or discomfort. Behavior changes are important clues.

If you notice any of these signs, don't wait. Call your veterinarian for advice or an appointment. Early action keeps your pet happy and healthy.

Stay warm and give your pets a little extra love this season!



5 Signs to Watch

1 - Changes in Appetite

2 - Low Energy

3 - Vomiting & Diarrhea

4 - Changes in Appearance

5 - Behavior Changes





VIP VOLUNTEER

Jenny Esser - One Trap at a Time



Not Willing to Wait

It all started with a Facebook post. Scrolling through her feed one day, Jenny Esser came across a disturbing message from an apartment complex: "If someone doesn't come and get these cats, I am going to dispose of them." For many, this would have been a moment of outrage or sadness. For Jenny, it was a call to action.

With no prior experience and only a few supplies, Jenny drove straight to the complex. What she found was overwhelming. More than 60 cats roaming the property, many feral and frightened. Her first thought was "Who is going to help all of these cats?" That day, she managed to rescue a mother cat and her kittens. But there were so many more who needed help.

"I didn't know what to do, so I just started asking questions"

-Jenny Esser TNR Volunteer

Reaching Out for Help

Jenny contacted the Humane Society of Oldham County (HSOC) for guidance. Their offer: if she could trap the cats, they'd accept them into their TNR program—Trap, Neuter/Spay, and Return. For feral cats, adoption isn't always possible, but through TNR, these cats are vaccinated, sterilized, and returned healthier, safer, and no longer contributing to overpopulation.

Learning on the Fly

Jenny immersed herself in feline trapping. She borrowed gear, learned techniques, and coordinated with volunteers. She monitored traps, transported cats, and fostered the most vulnerable—kittens and new mothers—until they were ready for homes or safe return.

Each week, HSOC reserves 10 clinic spots for Jenny's cats. And nearly every week, she arrives with more than her share—always with a grin and an apology. In just four years, Jenny has saved over 1600 lives.

Being the Change

Her efforts sparked awareness. Neighbors began helping, asking questions, and learning. Jenny became a local advocate for responsible animal care and community-driven solutions.

Her story proves that change doesn't require expertise, just heart, grit, and the courage to show up.



Top Left- Jenny Esser with TNR cats at clinic.

Bottom Left and center- Successful TNR cats.

Above- Jenny Esser gives comfort to a TNR cat.

Creature Feature:

Name: Florence

Breed: DSH

Age: 6 years old

At HSOC: 700+ days

For almost two years, shy sweet Florence has watched many people come and go. Setting up high on her perch, she just needs a treat and a little time to encourage her to come down. Once she has your full attention, she loves to play with her feather and string toys. Florence will do great with someone who can be patient and let her warm up slowly and give her all the love and attention she craves.

Come meet her today!





Humane Society of Oldham County Paws-itive Programs

Community

Hungry Paws- Food Bank

HSOC is committed to ensuring that food and pet care supplies are available to our community in their time of need. Simply contact the center for needs and eligibility information.

Hungry Paws- Meals on Wheels

As part of our food bank program, Meals on Wheels helps to deliver pet food and care supplies for our homebound senior community members.

Snugglers for Seniors

This free program pairs seniors over 60 with some of our harder to adopt animals. Sometimes it is a medical condition, special diet, or a senior pet themselves. For the life of the pet, HSOC commits to provide vet care, medications and prescription diets.

TNR- Trap Neuter/Spay Return

HSOC actively assist in trapping feral cat colonies, bringing them to the center to be altered and then returned to their home location. TNR encourages adult cats to maintain their territory keeping new cats out, reducing over population and decreasing disease.

Working Cat Program

Many outdoor only cats make excellent working barn cats. For \$25 we can connect a property owner with a vetted and altered feral working cat.

Contact Information

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Medical Services

Spay & Neuter Clinics

Dog Male or Female \$150

Cat Male or Female \$90

Surgery Price Includes:

Rabies Vaccination

Nail Trim, Ear Cleaning, Combing

Vaccine Clinics

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