



**SHELTER HOURS**

The shelter has the following hours:



**T, W, Th, F 12:00-5:00**

**Saturday 12:00-4:00**

**Sunday and Monday Closed**

Please consider being a short-term foster. Sometimes dogs and cats are in need of a few days out of the shelter while waiting on a new home or transport to a rescue. It would be a tremendous help to the animal and the shelter.



Mayfield Shelter was invited to participate in a grant written by Kentucky Humane Society in Louisville. Only 3 shelters across Kentucky were chosen and Mayfield was one of them. We are excited to partner with KHS. More will be coming but lots of exciting services for our animals and community.

# Up-coming Events

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- Board meeting on April 15 @ 6:30 at the shelter.
- April 22 at His House Ministries Paint Party from 6:00-9:00. Cost will be \$35.00. More info on FB. If we have 20+ people the shelter gets \$17.50/person back. Must register at betterthenever-home.com
- April 27 at Kess Park Dog Walk Fund Raiser sponsored by the Women's Club starting at 10:30 until 1:00. Lots of new stuff has been added this year. Fun!
- May 11— Wags & Whiskers sponsored by Progress Rail in the parking lot across from Good News Shoppe beginning at 10:00.
- May 18—at the shelter a Kitten Shower, anticipating "The Season" for cats which is coming.
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**Raffle happening for the month of April – Welcome Porch sign – 1 for \$1; 6 for \$5**

The sign is a double-sided porch sign that is 4' tall and 5" wide.

One side says Welcome; with Home sweet Home on the other side.

Jasey came up with the idea to try out a raffle since we have so many public events this month. Porch signs are all the rage right now and thought this would be the best choice. She does have some other ideas up her sleeve for other raffles. She will keep you updated. So be sure to tell everybody to go put a chance in on this sign.....

**These are really cute. Come to the shelter to see them and buy a ticket.**



# April's Featured Pets



**Breed:** Terrier, American Pit Bull / Mix  
**Age:** 4y 2m **Gender:** Male  
**Color:** Brown / White  
**Spayed/Neutered:** No  
**Size:** Large

**FAT BOY**

Fat Boy is a delight to be around. He would love to find a family to love him and provide him with walks and play time. He hopes you come by the shelter for a meet and greet with him soon. He loves the attention he gets at the shelter and the food is good but he doesn't like being alone all night. Fat Boy would be happiest being an only dog.

**Breed:** Domestic Shorthair / Mix  
**Age:** 7m 13d **Gender:** Male  
**Color:** Orange  
**Spayed/Neutered:** Yes  
**Size:** Small  
**Declawed:** No

Please say "Hello" to Oliver. Oliver came to the shelter at about 5 weeks old. He was a very weak and malnourished little kitten. During the first few days he had to have lots of special care and medications. Because of his determination to survive and his great little personality, Oliver became a favorite with the people at the shelter. Within a few weeks and a lot of TLC, Oliver began to thrive and become the kitten we wanted him to be.



**OLIVER**

He has had lots of special attention and because of that, he still wants to be held and petted. He is afraid of loud noises so he will have to be an inside kitten. He needs a home with someone with time to give him the attention he wants and deserves. If you have lots of time and love to give to a special kitty, Oliver would love for you to visit him at the shelter.



Information is Based on January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019

Since January 1 2019 the shelter has received 328 animals.

During this same period in 2018 the shelter received 335 animals.

So far in 2019 257 dogs have gone to various rescues, been adopted or been reclaimed by owners.



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You can get your dog or cat microchipped at the shelter for a very reasonable cost.

Give us a call.

*Please don't breed or buy  
while shelter dogs die.*

**PLEASE be a responsible  
pet owner and SPAY/  
NEUTER your pet.**

## SHELTER NEEDS

On March 28, 2019 at about 6:30 p.m. the shelter took in 19 dogs in an animal cruelty/neglect situation. We called in some reinforcements to help get kennels and crates ready to receive this many dogs and we were ready when they arrived. Several dogs at the location had already died but the 19 we did receive were not in terrible shape but did seem to be hungry and very thirsty. This is the type of situation that happens from time to time that we need fosters for some of the animals. 1 puppy was about 2 days old and her mother was one of the dogs that died at the location. She continues to be syringe fed and is doing well. She weighed 7 oz 1 week ago and weighs 10 oz now We were able to get the owner to surrender all of them to us before the May court day. We are fortunate to have rescues that will be taking some of the dogs.

These dogs had not been vetted and at least 2 are pregnant. A shelter is not a good place for new born puppies. I mentioned that in these situations the shelter needs fosters to help. This is important because the shelter is absolutely full and some crates and kennels have to double up on the occupancy. This is like inviting disease to come in and infect everyone. Sometimes we need help taking care of the animals and keeping them well. If you can provide a short-term home it would so appreciated. Please open your hearts and homes.



## **APRIL IS NATIONAL HEARTWORM MONTH**

### **Heartworms in Dogs: Facts and Myths**

WebMD separates the facts from fiction about canine heartworms.

Heartworms in dogs are easy to prevent, but difficult and costly to cure. We asked Sheldon Rubin, 2007-2010 president of the American Heartworm Society, to separate facts from the myths about heartworm infestations in dogs.

#### **Q: How do dogs get heartworms?**

A: Only by the bite of an infected mosquito. There's no other way dogs get heartworms. And there's no way to tell if a mosquito is infected. That's why prevention is so important. Heartworm disease has been reported in all 50 states. And the bite of just one mosquito infected with the heartworm larvae will give your dog heartworm disease. Heartworm disease has not only spread throughout the United States, but it's also now found in areas where veterinarians used to say "Oh, we don't have heartworm disease." Areas like Oregon, California, Arizona, and desert areas -- where irrigation and building are allowing mosquitoes to survive. And if you have mosquitoes and you have animals, you're going to have heartworms. It's just that simple.

It takes about seven months, once a dog is bitten by an infected mosquito, for the larvae to mature into adult heartworms. They then lodge in the heart, lungs, and surrounding blood vessels and begin reproducing. Adult worms can grow up to 12 inches in length, can live 5-7 years, and a dog can have as many as 250 worms in its system.

#### **Q: Can people get heartworms from their dogs?**

A: It can only be passed on by mosquitoes. It's a specific parasite that only affects dogs and cats and ferrets and other mammals. In rare cases, heartworms have infected people, but it does not complete its life cycle. The heartworm will migrate to the lung and cause a round lesion that looks like a tumor. But these are very rare cases.

#### **Q: If one of my dogs has heartworms, can he give it to my other dogs?**

A: No. Again, the only way heartworms are transmitted is through the bite of an infected mosquito. And even if an uninfected mosquito bit your infected dog, and then bit your uninfected dog the same night, he wouldn't transmit the parasite from one dog to the other. That's because when a mosquito bites an infected animal, the heartworm needs to undergo an incubation period in the mosquito before the mosquito can infect other animals.

#### **Q: Is it OK to adopt a dog with heartworms?**

A: It's a very common problem in animal shelters today, and public shelters rarely have the money to treat heartworm disease. It's perfectly acceptable to adopt a dog with heartworms, but you have to be dedicated to having the disease treated appropriately, because it's a horrible disease that can lead to a dog's death if left untreated.

**Q: How can I prevent my dogs from getting heartworms?**

A: For less than the cost of going to Starbucks for a weekly coffee, you can prevent heartworm disease in your dog. There are monthly pills, monthly topicals that you put on the skin, and there's also a six-month injectable product. The damage that's done to the dog and the cost of the treatment is way more than the cost to prevent heartworm disease. A year's supply of heartworm preventative will cost about \$35 to \$80, depending on a dog's weight.

**Q: What are the symptoms of heartworm infestations in dogs?**

A: Initially, there are no symptoms. But as more and more worms crowd the heart and lungs, most dogs will develop a cough. As it progresses, they won't be able to exercise as much as before; they'll become winded easier. With severe heartworm disease, we can hear abnormal lung sounds, dogs can pass out from the loss of blood to the brain, and they can retain fluids. Eventually, most dogs will die if the worms are not treated.

**Q: Once my dog has heartworms, what's the treatment? How much will it cost?**

A: There are a few drug options for treatment and all are injectable. The dog is given two or three injections that will kill the adult heartworms in the blood vessels of the heart.

The safest way to treat heartworms includes an extensive pre-treatment workup, including X-rays, blood work, and all the tests needed to establish how serious the infection is. Then the dog is given the injections. With all the prep work, it can run up to \$1,000. But just the treatment can be done for about \$500 in some areas.

**Q: Why do I have to keep my dog quiet during the several months he's being treated for heartworms?**

A: After treatment, the worms begin to die. And as they die, they break up into pieces, which can cause a blockage of the pulmonary vessels and cause death. That's why dogs have to be kept quiet during the treatment and then for several months afterward. Studies have shown that most of the dogs that die after heartworm treatment do so because the owners let them exercise. It's not due to the drug itself.

**Q: If my dog is diagnosed with heartworms, can I just give him his monthly preventative instead of having him go through treatment? Won't that kill his heartworms?**

A: Studies have shown that if you use ivermectin, the common preventative, on a monthly basis in a dog with heartworm disease, after about two years you'll kill off most of the dog's young heartworms. The problem is, in the meantime, all of those heartworms are doing permanent damage to the heart and blood vessels. But if there's no way someone can afford the actual treatment, at least using the preventative on a monthly basis could be a lesser alternative.

**Q: Can I skip giving my dog his preventative during colder months, when there aren't any mosquitoes?**

A: The American Heartworm Society recommends year-round heartworm prevention. One reason is, there's already a serious problem with people forgetting to give their dogs the heartworm preventatives. It's a universal problem. Now if you use it year-round, and you miss a month, your dog will probably still be protected. But if you miss more than one or two months your dog could become infected.

The other reason not to stop is that many of the preventatives today also include an intestinal parasite control for roundworms, whipworms, or tapeworms. You want your dog to be protected against those at all times.

**Q: If I don't treat my dog with heartworms, will he "outgrow" his heartworms?**

A: No. He stands a good chance of dying from the disease.

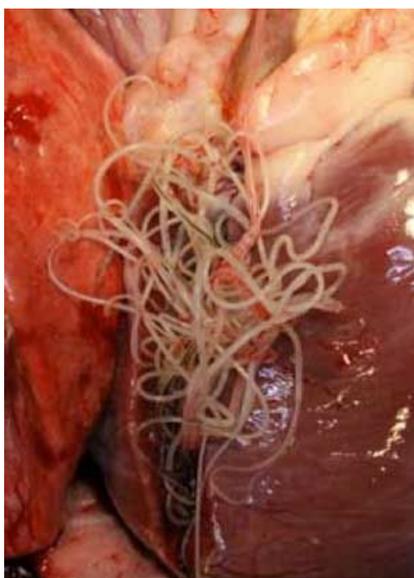
**Q: I've heard the treatment for heartworms can be dangerous. Are there any newer, safer alternatives?**

A: We used to use plain arsenic to treat it, which had many side effects. What we use now is a safer product with fewer side effects. It's a safe product if used correctly.

**Q: If my dog gets heartworms, and is treated for them, can he get them again?**

A: Yes, he can get them again. That's why prevention is so important.

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Heart Opened to  
Reveal Heartworms