CONSTITUTION

OF

Kenton County Humane Society,

AT COVINGTON, KY.

Organized October 12, 1895.
Incorporated December 10, 1895.

Officers for 1896:

H. B. Wells, President.
Mrs. W. W. Trimble, 1st Vice-President.
Mrs. Dr. J. S. Cassidy, 2d Vice-President.
Mrs. F. M. Manser, Secretary.
Mrs. Thos. W. Hardeman, Treasurer.

Humane Officer, J. F. Heacock.

Office, 915 Scott St., COVINGTON, KY

Presented by The Kenton County Historical Society

9-30-1978
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
Kenton County Humane Society.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned and their associates have, by these Articles of Incorporation, associated themselves together as a body corporate under and by virtue of the General Statutes of Kentucky, under the corporate name and style of “THE KENTON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY”; that the principal place of business of said corporation shall be the City of Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky, but it may establish branch offices and places of business in other portions of said County; that the object of said Society is to provide effectual means for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals, and to promote a humane public sentiment; that said company shall have no capital stock, nor is it to be run for the private pecuniary profits of its members; that said Society may adopt a constitution and such by-laws not inconsistent with the law.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned have hereunto set their hands this 9th day of December, 1895.


CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.

The title of this organization shall be the “Kenton County Humane Society.”

ARTICLE 2.

Its objects are to provide effectual means for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals and to promote a humane public sentiment.

ARTICLE 3.

The society shall consist of life, honorary and active members.

ARTICLE 4.

Any person may become a life member of this society by paying to the society twenty dollars; an active member by paying one dollar per annum and 30c for badge; and an honorary member by being elected such by a majority vote of the society.

ARTICLE 5.

Life and honorary members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the society; active members to all the privileges during the year of membership.

ARTICLE 6.

The officers of this society shall be a President, who shall be ex-officio President of the Board of Directors; First and Second Vice-Presidents; a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be ex-officio a member of the Board of Directors; such number of directors as the society may deem expedient, and such other officers as the directors may from time to time appoint.
ARTICLE 7.

The directors shall be elected by the society at the annual meeting, and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are qualified. All elections of officers shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE 8.

The directors shall have complete control of the affairs of the society and the disposal of its property and funds for objects set forth in its charter, provided that no debts shall be contracted beyond the funds actually in the treasury during their term of office. Regular meetings shall be held at such time as they may determine, and the Treasurer shall render a report at each meeting. The directors shall have power to remove from office any of their number for what may seem to them a reasonable cause. Any director who shall be absent from three consecutive meetings, without reasonable excuse, may be removed from office.

ARTICLE 9.

The annual meeting shall be held the first Tuesday in November of each year, and other meetings may be called at any time by the President, or be called upon the written request of four directors or ten members.

ARTICLE 10.

This constitution may be altered or amended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the society at any regular meeting, notice having been given at least one week beforehand in one of the Covington daily papers. All amendments must be submitted in writing.

BY-LAWS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

I.

Parliamentary law as laid down by Roberts’ Rules of Order shall govern all meetings.

II.

The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular meeting.

III.

Expenditure of more than one dollar shall not be made without authority of either the Board of Directors or Executive Committee, neither shall the Executive Committee authorize the expenditure of more than $25.00 at a time without the approval of the Board of Directors.

IV.

The minimum membership fee shall be one dollar, and thirty cents for official badge.

V.

Each Standing Committee shall have charge of that branch of the work indicated by the committee’s name.

VI.

The Secretary shall have charge of the records and such property as pertains to the office and be responsible for same; also have charge of the agents. The city may be divided into districts and agents assigned to each by the Secretary.

VII.

At any meeting of the committees, if the members have been notified by publication or personal notice two members shall constitute a quorum.
VIII.
The Secretary, Superintendent, Special Agents and other employees shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. No other members or officers shall receive any compensation.

IX.
Five members, in the meetings of the Board of Directors, shall constitute a quorum.

X.
All meetings shall be open to all members.

XI.
At each annual meeting the Board of Directors shall present a general written report for the year; also the Secretary, Treasurer, Superintendent and Counsellor.

XII.
The Secretary and Treasurer shall keep a record of all money received and expended, and produce vouchers and receipts for same.

XIII.
All bills of indebtedness must be approved by the Chairman of the Committee or Officer making the expenditure, and of the Auditing Committee, and orders for payment must be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, and being accepted by the Treasurer across their faces become the checks of the Society.

XIV.
All funds shall be deposited in a Covington Bank designated by the Board of Directors, and kept in the name of the Society, subject to check as provided in by-law 13.

XV.
The Treasurer shall give bond in the sum of $500, which bond shall be approved by the Board of Trustees and kept in their possession.

XVI.
All money received for dues or otherwise shall be paid to the Secretary, and immediately at each meeting turned over to the Treasurer, the Secretary giving and taking receipt, for same.

XVII.
Regular meetings of the Board shall be held once a month on the 4th Thursday of each month, at 7.30 p.m. from Oct. 1, to May 1; May 1, to Oct. 1, at 8 o'clock.

LAWS
RELATING TO THE WORK COVERED BY THE SOCIETY.
Destitution and Mistreatment of Children, Kentucky Statutes, §§ 325 to 331.
Destitution and Mistreatment of Children, City Ordinance, May 23, 1895.
Cruelty to Animals, Kentucky Statutes, §§ 1240, 1246 to 1251, 1253.
Cruelty to Animals, City Ordinance, March 22, 1895.
Sundry Acts Punishing Crimes Against Children, Kentucky Statutes, §§ 1152 to 1157, 1214, 1215, 1220 1277, 1306.
Sundry Acts on Humane Subjects, Kentucky Statutes, §§ 1284, 1344, 1351 to 1354.
ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1.—Roll call.
2.—Reading the minutes of the previous meeting.
3.—Communications.
4.—Reports of Officers.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Reports of Special Committees.
7.—Reports of Agents.
8.—Nomination and Election of Members.
9.—Reading of Bills.
10.—Unfinished Business.
11.—New Business.
12.—The Good of the Society.
13.—Adjournment.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

Executive Committee.
Auditing Committee.
On Law and Legislation.
On Finance.
On Children,
On Animals.
On Humane Education.
On Press and Publication.
On Bands of Mercy.
On Library and Readingroom.
On Fountain.
On Building.