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Famous Kentucky Christians Club E-newsletter

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Dogs in Kentucky History

When Thomas Jefferson was president he sent Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to explore the territory west of the Mississippi River. They were from Kentucky and they took a Kentucky dog named Seaman with them. He loved the water which was good because the trips were mostly on the rivers. He was a good hunter who was especially skilled at catching and killing squirrels. Then the men skinned and fried the squirrels for supper. One day an Indian offered to trade Seaman for three beaver skins. Mr. Clark said no. He had paid \$20 for that dog. This is just one of the Kentucky dog stories you will hear if you come to the festival on Saturday, August 5, 2023. There may be some trouble though if the mascot, Scamp the Squirrel, learns what Seaman did.



Save the Date
Saturday
August 5th

This year our festival is all about dogs and other creatures with tails. We will have a parade of the tails starting at 10:00. There will be pony rides and (hopefully) a petting zoo. At 1:00 we'll have a fun dog contest. Does your dog have the most spots or the longest tail? Enter your dog in the contest

and try to win the prize. There will be games, a dunk tank, stories, vendors and food. There will even be dog clowns. You should bring your family. It will be so much fun!

Daniel Boone, a famous Kentucky Christian



Everybody has heard about Daniel Boone, the early Kentucky frontiersman. He wrote his younger sister a letter when he was eighty. He asked her about her faith in Jesus Christ. He wanted to make sure she had a relationship with God. Christians believe that people who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ will have eternal life in heaven. Do you see Daniel Boone's dog? He bred and raised Mountain Curs, a breed of dog that is a really good hunter. Sometimes he even carried Mountain cur puppies in baskets on his horse. This blurry picture of Daniel Boone and his dog is from the Library of Congress.

Did You Know That...

Visit the Kentucky Faith & Public History Education Project Walking Trail—Open and free during daylight hours at 616 Clintonville Rd, Paris, Kentucky



In 1865, the Kentucky General Assembly passed a dog tax. A family could have two dogs free. After that they had to pay \$1.00 for each dog older than six months. The tax was supposed to protect sheep from being attacked by dogs. The sheriff collected the money and gave it to the schools. Do you think that tax really kept Kentucky's sheep safe from dogs?

Rabbit Hash, Kentucky, has a Dog for a Mayor

The first dog mayor, Goofy, of Rabbit Hash, Kentucky, was elected in 1998. Junior was elected in 2008. The first female dog mayor of Rabbit Hash was elected in 2008. Her name was Lucy Lou and she served for eight years until 2016. She was succeeded by Brynn, another female, who was an American Pit Bull Terrier. In 2021 Wilbur, a French Bulldog, became the current mayor. Mayor Wilbur has a Facebook page that you can follow. Other towns that have had a dog for a mayor are Idyllwild, California; Sunol, California; Cormorant Village, Minnesota; Divide, Colorado; Coronado, California; and Georgetown, California. A town in Alaska has had a cat for a mayor and a town in Vermont has a goat for its mayor. Would you like to have an animal be the mayor of your town?