

Welcome home, Lady

Once a wary stray, dog settling into new home with Juett's

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What began as an ordinary walk at the county park turned into something much more for Kalem Juett, a quiet, steady journey that would eventually change the life of a stray dog many had come to know from a distance.

Juett first noticed the dog along the walking trail one and a half years ago. She was striking to look at, with unique markings, but up close, it was clear she had been on her own for quite some time.

"She looked healthy and friendly from a distance with her tail wagging and pretty colors," Juett shared. "However, the closer you get to her, the more you notice she's had a rough go in life, possibly missing an eye and rough around the edges."

At first, the encounters were uneasy. The dog kept her distance, often wary and unpredictable. Juett admits he didn't take any chances in those early days.

"The first few run-ins gave me the impression she might be aggressive, or at least untrusting," he said. "I'd carry mace and warn other walkers to stay alert when they passed her."

Still, something about her lingered with him.

Before long, Juett began bringing treats along on his walks. It was a small gesture, but one that slowly began to break down the barrier between them.



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Annie Juett shares treats with Lady.

"I figured if she wanted to attack me, I could fend her off with one or the other," he joked. "The treats seemed to have worked the best."

He gave her a name, Lady.

Winning her trust didn't happen overnight. She remained skittish, keeping her distance and disappearing for days or even weeks at a time. But Juett stayed committed, keeping a bag of dog food in his car and stopping by the park whenever he could to check on her.

Over time, others in the community began to take notice of Juett's Facebook post about Lady. Walkers would message him when they spotted Lady in different parts of town, forming an informal network he playfully dubbed his "Lady Spies."

"Thanks to you all I was able to occasionally jump in the truck and deliver her a quick meal on the fly," he wrote on Facebook.

Even through the coldest part of winter, Juett couldn't shake the thought of her.

"I thought about her during those frigid nights of below freezing temperature," he said.

After weeks away from the park due to snow and ice during the winter months, Juett returned one day, unsure if Lady had made it through.

"As I approached her usual spot, I noticed her lying in the snow as if she were waiting for me to show up with provisions," he recalled.

It was in those quiet moments, a dog waiting and a man returning, that something changed.

"After our rocky start she seemed to be somewhat fond of me now. I'm the human with food, I suppose. We became friends."

Lady slowly began showing more of her personality, especially around certain



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After a long road to trust, Lady has finally found her new home. Kalem and his daughter Annie welcome the once-wary stray into a life filled with patience and second chances.

people. Juett said she seemed particularly drawn to older individuals, even taking a liking to his father-in-law.

She also found comfort just across the street from the park, often lingering near a local home belonging to a woman Juett knows as "Hair Salon Betty", Betty Ducker. It was there that a turning point came.

One afternoon, Juett spotted something he hadn't seen before: Lady allowing someone to touch her.

"She was sitting next to Betty, who was just petting and rubbing Lady's head, back, and tummy. I could not believe my eyes," he said. "It was so cool to see an actual human being

touching her, because I've witnessed so many try and fail."

Not long after, things moved quickly. Betty reached out one day with urgent news. Animal control had been contacted, and Lady had been safely sedated and secured.

"If you want her, you better get here soon," Betty told him in a message.

A few phone calls later and plans made, Lady was on her way to Juett's home.

She arrived that evening worn, tired, but finally safe. Juett, his wife, Mona, and two children welcomed Lady to her new home.

Her first night was spent in the garage of the Juett home during a storm, something he says put things into perspective for him.

"For at least two years, she'd spent many nights by herself out in the weather," he said. "So maybe last night was more like a hotel stay for her."

The journey to this point didn't happen alone. Juett is quick to credit those who helped along the way, Betty, local animal services, friends, neighbors, and the many residents who kept an eye out for Lady over the months.

Now, Juett's focus turns to what comes next.

Lady is still adjusting. She's not fully comfortable, and there's work to be done to earn her trust. For now, she stays secured, as she's known to run, but Juett is hopeful.

"We will work on her and show her love," he said. "Now, it's all up to Lady and whether she decides to keep us or not."

For a dog that once kept her distance from everyone, that decision may take time. But thanks to one man who chose patience over fear and a community that quietly rallied behind him, Lady now has something she hasn't had in a long while.

A chance, a home and a family to love.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN

Public Hearings will be held by the Williamstown Board of Adjustment in the City Hall of the City of Williamstown at 400 North Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky, on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in order to consider Applications submitted by the following:

1. Manuel Jaime C, acting as Applicant Agent on behalf of Broncos, Inc., in order to consider a Conditional Use Request Application to place a Class 10 sign on the property owned by Manuel Jaime Cervantes and Angelica Maraia Gomez Barajas that is located at 401 South Main Street in Williamstown, Kentucky.

2. Lori Williams of CB Sign Services, acting as Applicant Agent on behalf of AA&T Holdings, LLC, in order to consider a Conditional Use Request Application to place a Class 16 sign at property owned by AA&T Holdings, LLC, that is located at 115 Mercedes Drive in Williamstown, Kentucky.

All interested parties may appear at City Hall on July 21, 2026, for the meeting, either in person or by designated representative, and be heard, either by oral comments or by written statement, or may submit written signed comments addressed to the Chairman, Williamstown Board of Adjustment, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown, KY 41097, prior to such time.

/s/ Williamstown Board of Adjustment
City of Williamstown

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Williamstown is accepting applications for a Wastewater Plant Operator/Collection. Job duties include assisting in the daily operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant and equipment; inspection of pumps, charts, gauges and meters; collection of wastewater samples; performs lab tests; performs servicing and assists with preventive maintenance programs on plant and equipment; makes minor repairs and/or adjustments on plant and equipment; assists with maintaining adequate inventory of spare parts, chemicals, equipment, and tools; assists with cleaning of the plant and grounds; and participates in training programs to obtain and maintain Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator certification. While Wastewater Plant Operator will be the primary job, the position will, also, include work in the wastewater collection system. A current Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators License is preferred, but not necessary, at time of employment but shall be obtained in a designated time frame. Starting pay is dependent upon experience/qualifications. Applications and complete job description are available by contacting the Mayor's Office at (859) 824-6351 or at www.wtownky.org. Applications and resumes will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Friday, July 17, 2026. The City of Williamstown is an equal employment opportunity employer.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 25-CI-00119

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PLAINTIFF

VS.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

ERIC LUKUKA UTWAY, ET AL

DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on May 21, 2026, I will sell at public auction at the **Judicial Center Lobby**, 224 South Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on **Wednesday, July 8, 2026**, at the hour of **1:30 p.m.**, prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed to Jeanne Muanza Tshika and Eric Lukuka Utway, wife and husband who acquired title, with rights of survivorship, by virtue of a deed from Diane L. Wilson and Jeffrey T. Wilson, wife and husband, dated August 4, 2021, recorded August 27, 2021, in Deed Book 422, Page 361, Grant County, Kentucky records.
More Commonly Known As: 210 Maple Ridge, Crittenden, KY 41030
Map ID #: 030-06-00-013.00

There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home included in the sale. Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over printed material.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of \$287,186.61 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.75% from March 1, 2024 until the entire amount has been paid in full, plus late fees, costs, attorney's fees, and other advances.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 2.75% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

- a. All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2026;
- b. Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;
- c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
- d. Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Grant County.

/s/ Edward M. Bourne
MASTER COMMISSIONER
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 25-CI-490

SELENE FINANCE LP

PLAINTIFF

VS.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

EMMETT HILL, ET AL

DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on May 21, 2026, I will sell at public auction at the **Judicial Center Lobby**, 224 South Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on **Wednesday, July 8, 2026**, at the hour of **1:30 p.m.**, prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed from Kenneth Wagner and Mandy Wagner, husband and wife, by General Warranty Deed to Emmett Hill, a single man, on August 14, 2006 and recorded on November 16, 2006 in Book D321, Page 604 in the records of Grant Co, Kentucky Clerk's Office. **and commonly known as 1155 Turner Road, Williamstown, KY 41097**
with PVA Map/Parcel No. 071-00-00-005.00

There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home included in the sale. Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over printed material.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of \$153,640.76 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6% plus any additional attorney's fees and costs of collection, expenses, and disbursements by Plaintiff plus other costs and fees.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

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