

# The Pet Dispatch

*The newsletter of the Bond County Humane Society*

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## HAPPY TAILS

"Happy Tails" is a new addition to the Pet Dispatch. This section will highlight a few of the pets that have been adopted and their special stories.



Miles was one of three kittens tied in plastic bags and thrown into a ditch to die. All the kittens were rescued.

Unfortunately two of them did not survive in spite of their foster mom's efforts. Miles was the runt that survived. He was tested for FeLV/FIV, treated for internal and external parasites, neutered and microchipped prior to adoption. He was adopted and went to his forever home on January 7.



Scruffy and Lady were dumped in a field in Bond County and found at Christmas time. They were rescued by a good Samaritan and surrendered to BCHS. Both Scruffy and Lady were treated for demodectic mange, internal and external parasites, spayed, neutered and microchipped prior to adoption. They were adopted and went to their forever homes on January 21.

In 2005 a total of 116 animals were adopted.

- 71 dogs/puppies
- 45 cats/kittens

All pets are spayed/neutered prior to adoption.

*Adoptions are conducted at Petco in Fairview Heights on the the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays and at PetSmart in Glen Carbon on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month.*

## BCHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dale Johnson has replaced Linda Mabry as the treasurer for BCHS. Dale has 33 years experience in the accounting field and management. Dale is the owner of Professional Services of Bond County which provides accounting and tax services. Dale has been a great supporter of BCHS for a long time. He has been instrumental in automating all of the BCHS financials and providing the required financial statements needed for submitting grant applications.

### **BCHS PURCHASES VAN**

In October BCHS purchased a used 1999 Chevrolet Cargo Van from another shelter. The van was purchased for \$5,000. \$4,000 of the purchase price came from donations over the past 2 years that had accumulated in a BCHS savings account. The remainder of the purchase price was donated by one of the BCHS members.

Mobile advertising space was sold to businesses to cover the insurance and maintenance expenses of the van. The businesses pay a monthly advertising fee to have their name appear on the van. The design and application of the advertisements was done by ImageWorks in

Highland. They charged BCHS a nominal fee for the initial design and application of the ads, but are willing to maintain and make any needed changes at no cost in exchange for their advertisement on the van. Local businesses sponsoring the van are American Family Insurance, Greenville Vet Clinic, Julie's Groom Room and Photography, Rex's Quick Lube, Nuby's Steakhouse, Enertech GeoComfort, and Z-1 Automotive. One sponsoring business outside the local area is BlindQuest located in Troy, IL.



### **BCHS RENTS KENNEL SPACE**

In November BCHS started renting a small kennel space from Lutz Plumbing. Jarrod Lutz out of Vandalia purchased the property previously known as Fantasy Kennels. There is a kennel space in the back of the building that has been modified to accommodate four kennels. There are also three fenced areas outside the space to allow the dogs/puppies to play, potty and run.

There are currently six volunteers covering four shifts/day, seven days/week to clean kennels, feed, train and play with the dogs that are housed in the kennels. We are in need of more volunteers to help with all the shifts. Anyone interested in volunteering should call 664-4068.

This kennel space has allowed BCHS to increase the number of dogs it is able to help. Currently there are eight puppies housed in the kennel.

### **HEADLINE NEWS**

On Tuesday evening, January 31, 2006, Bond County Humane Society was one of three organizations awarded a \$500 grant from Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. The funding for these grants was collected as a result of the Southwestern Electric Coop Operation Round Up program. This money will be used to restart the Spay/Neuter program. The new program will be made available to Bond County residents and will be based on household income. Next time you pay your Southwestern Electric bill remember to put an "x" in the pink box to round

up your bill to help BCHS and other charitable organizations.

BCHS may be occupying the old Bond County Highway Department building on south Fourth Street. The Bond County Board has informed BCHS they are willing to allow BCHS to occupy the building when the Highway Department moves their offices to their new building. No specific date has been identified for BCHS to occupy the building. BCHS would temporarily use the building as an office, a shelter for cats and an Adoption Center until BCHS can acquire 5 acres of land and obtain a grant to construct a shelter. The goal is to construct a new shelter within 2 years.

Volunteers will be desperately needed to perform various office duties; answer phone calls, enter data into computer systems, perform adoptions, clean litter boxes and more. Anyone interested in volunteering should call 664-4068.

## **2005 Fundraising Results**

***Bond County Humane Society thanks all the volunteers who generously donated their time and energy in 2005 to help us achieve our goals of helping the animals.***

### **PAWS IN THE PARK – September 17, 2005**

The second annual "Paws in the Park" was held at Patriots Park. The event consisted of various Pets contests, demonstrations, food sales, vendor sales, a micro chipping clinic and much, much more. This event doubled in participation and income from the previous year. This year's event resulted in a net income of \$1,108.44. BCHS thanks Greta Rice, the event coordinator, members, volunteers, and sponsoring businesses for making this event a huge success.

### **APPLE DAYS – October 2**

BCHS did not have a booth at Apple Days because of a lack of volunteers to staff the booth.

### **CAPRI IGA BBQ – October 15**

The BBQ and Bake Sale raised \$346.50.

### **HALLOWEEN PARTY – October 29**

The first BCHS Halloween Party and costume contest was a great success. The party starred Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash and Buddy Holly from Triple R Productions singing their favorite hits. First place winners of the costume contest won

\$100. Thanks to everyone who attended and donated we raised a whopping \$2,625.00. BCHS thanks Dan Brassell and Cheryl Gaddy, event coordinators, members, volunteers and sponsoring businesses for making this event a huge success.

### **SANTA CLAWS PHOTOS – December 10 & 11**

BCHS once again participated in the Santa Claws promotion at PetSmart in Glen Carbon. The net income for BCHS for this 2-day event was \$555. BCHS thanks the members and volunteers who helped to make this a success.

## *In Loving Memory*

Donations were made in memory of:

"Spanky" the dog  
Delores Steiner  
Willard Schneck

## **WE NEED**

Volunteers for fundraising  
Foster homes for cats and dogs  
33 gallon trash bags  
Paper towels  
Clorox disinfecting hand wipes  
Clorox clean up spray  
Bleach  
Cat litter boxes  
Small and medium size pet carriers (used or new)  
Small and medium size dog collars (used or new)  
6 foot leashes  
Cat & dog toys  
Cat & dog treats  
Cat litter (ExquisiCat Scoop Blend)  
Printer cartridges (Lexmark Color 20 & Black 70)

## **2006 Membership Renewals**

Annual membership dues for 2006 are due. The BCHS 2006 year is January through December. Enclosed is a renewal card along with a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience to return the completed renewal card and dues for the membership level you select. Thank you in advance for your support of BCHS. Without it we could not help the cats & dogs of Bond County and surrounding communities.

We are always trying to increase our membership so if you know someone who loves animals and wants to help please tell them to call 664-4068. We will be glad to send them a membership application.

## **2006 Fundraising**

**May 6** – Rummage Sale at First United Methodist Church

**June 3** – Capri IGA Bar-B-Q and Bake Sale

**June 17** – Booth at Dairy Day on the square

**July 28-30** – Booth at American Farm Heritage Festival

**September 16** – Paws in the Park at Patriots Park

**October 21** – Halloween Party & Costume Contest at Greenville VFW

**December 9-10** – Santa Claws pictures at PetSmart in Glen Carbon

Volunteers are desperately needed for all the events listed. If interested in volunteering please call 664-4068.

## **2006 Membership Meetings**

Membership meetings are held quarterly at the Free Methodist Gateway Conference Center on the corner of Chicago Street and Idler. Following is the schedule of meetings for 2006.

March 9 @ 7:30 p.m.

June 8 @ 7:30 p.m.

September 14 (annual meeting) @ 7:30 p.m.

December 14 @ 7:30 p.m.