

❁❁ The Pet Dispatch ❁❁



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Happy Tails

Stories about recent happy endings.

Red is an American Staffordshire Terrier that was rescued by an animal lover and surrendered to BCCHS. Red was fostered by the family that found him until the time he was placed in his forever home. He was adopted to a young man that was seeking companionship. Red now has a big yard to run in and a caring family.



Like Red, Chloe was found by a family willing to foster her until she could be placed in a permanent home. Chloe's eye was injured at the time she was found. BCCHS took her to the veterinarian and she recommended that it be surgically removed. Chloe healed completely and was adopted by a great family with another dog.

Penny and her canine companion, Eddie, were found near I-70 between Mulberry Grove and Greenville. The family that found them brought them to BCCHS. Both Penny and Eddie tested positive for heartworm disease. After their treatments and several months of recovery they both made a full recovery. Penny was adopted in April, Eddie in July. Penny's new family says, "She loves trying to chase all the rabbits in the neighborhood."





Ms. Moo was seven years old when she was surrendered to BCHS. Her owner had passed away and a neighbor brought her to BCHS. A family in Edwardsville adopted Ms. Moo in February.



Mittens came to BCHS in May of 2007 as a kitten with digestive problems. Mittens was finally adopted in April 2008 after her digestive problems had been resolved. Mittens was adopted in April to a family with a dog and a six-year-old boy.

2008 ADOPTIONS

33 kittens/cats
36 puppies/dogs

🔊 In the News 🔊

Here are some recent stories concerning BCHS, animals, and the community.

Spay & Neuter

Every hour, thousands of puppies and kittens are born in the U.S. And each year, between 4 and 6 million dogs and cats are killed in pounds because there is no room for them. If a dog or a cat has four offspring (a low number), and two of them are female, and those females have two females, and so on and so on – by the 7th year, that original ONE mother will have 4,372 descendants! Spaying/neutering also makes animals:

- Easier to train
- Less likely to fight other animals
- Less territorial marking
- Less desire to run away or roam
- Avoid certain health risks and cancers

Because of these staggering statistics, BCHS made pet population reduction a major part of its mission. As a result of the BCHS Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program more than 100 animals have been spayed/neutered just since the beginning of 2008.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME!

It is not uncommon to see several "Free to a Good Home" listings in the newspaper or even to hear them on the radio. It may seem like an innocent act, but sometimes these animals can wind up in the wrong hands. Either the owner of these animals can be

giving away a pet to a loving family – or they can be turning the animal over to dog fighters, bunchers, or Class B Dealers.

Dog fighters steal or receive pets from unsuspecting animal owners that list “Free to a Good Home” ads. Sadly, these animals are used as bait for fighting dogs. Bait animals are losing fighters and are disposed of as soon as the fight is done. Animals obtained by bunchers or Class B Dealers are sold to animal research facilities for biomedical research, testing, and educational purposes.

To limit the risk of your pet falling into the wrong hands:

- Never place a “Free to a Good Home” advertisement
- Try every option to keep the pet
- If you are giving the pet to someone you don't know, visit the home or investigate to make sure the new owner is who you think they are
- Don't let your pet roam free
- Never leave pets unattended
- Never leave pets outside a store or in the car
- Keep identification on your pet at all times – tags, microchips, etc.

What to Do About a Dog Who's Left Outside

If you are concerned about a dog that is frequently tethered or otherwise left outside without proper shelter, food, or water, please contact Animal Control. You may notify BCHS, but understand BCHS can only talk to the pet owner about proper care, and has no authority to enforce any laws.

§ EVENTS §

The following is a list of current and upcoming events.

Benefit in Memory of Dan Brassel

On March 30th, BCHS hosted the 1st Annual Benefit in Memory of Dan Brassel fundraiser concert at the Greenville VFW. Elmo Linton, Josh Rench, Layne Mayfield, Little Les Herrmann, The Luck Brothers, Russ Rench & The Shoal Creek Band, Swamp Weiss & the Swamp Dadies and The Chapman Brothers provided music and entertainment all afternoon and evening. BCHS had food and drinks available for purchase. The concert was a huge success, and there are already plans for another benefit show next year – March 29th. Here are a few pictures of the bands and the people that made this great event possible.





Spaghetti Dinner

Once again, the Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success. On May 16th, the Spaghetti Dinner served over 100 people dinners and desserts. The number of meals served exceeded last year. We thank Doris Rench, Event Chairman, for all the wonderful cooking, John Gillard and Tim Duff for their culinary expertise in boiling spaghetti, everyone that donated desserts, and all the volunteers that helped set up, serve, and clean up.

Rummage Sale

The 4th Annual Rummage Sale, held on April 5th at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenville, was a major achievement for BCHS - the most successful yet. Every year, Dee Pruitt, Event Chairman, exceeds the previous year's results. We thank all the volunteers that made this Rummage Sale the biggest success to date.

Pennies for Puppies

The Greenville Elementary School collected pennies during the month of March for the Pennies for Puppies campaign. BCHS thanks the Principal, Scott Pasley, for his support of the program. After the campaign, BCHS President, Rachel Hundsdorfer, took two puppies, Starsky and Hutch, to the school for the kids to meet. Shortly after the visit, both puppies were adopted.

Ashley's Pennies for Puppies

Ashley Rench raised \$100 in pennies for BCHS all on her own. She personally delivered the money to BCHS. Ashley is very entrepreneurial and is already thinking of more ways to raise money for BCHS animals. We sincerely thank Ashley for all her hard work and determination.



Recycle for Rescue

Don't forget about the recycling program at Ted's Recycling, located at 524 Monroe St. in Greenville. The account for donating to BCHS is still available. Recycling aluminum cans provides BCHS with a constant monthly income that is desperately needed to remain in business. If you don't already do so, please consider collecting your cans for this great cause.

BCHS has stopped accepting printer cartridges. The company BCHS partnered with has discontinued accepting printer cartridges because the market has diminished for cartridges.

UPCOMING EVENTS

5th Annual Paws In The Park

September 13th may seem far away, but it's actually just around the corner. BCHS is holding its 5th Annual Paws in the Park event at Patriot's Park in Greenville. This year's theme is the "Human/Animal Bond." Like last year, Wag-N-Walk will be a part of Paws In The Park. Of course, there will also be micro chipping for \$15, an agility course, pet contests, prizes, food, and more. We encourage the participants of the Wag-N-Walk to check out www.firstgiving.com and set up an account to make it easier for sponsors to support you.

♥ In Loving Memory ♥

Honor a departed loved one, animal or human, with a donation to helping the animals at BCHS. Recent donations have been received in memory of...

- Ernie Myrade
- Janice Faerber
- Louise Gruner
- Robert Iberg
- Earl Crump, Jr.
- Winnie Barton, beloved dog of Craig and Terry Barton
- Rusty, beloved cat of Dave Stein

! In Celebration !

Celebrate a special event by making a donation to BCHS. Recent donations have been received in celebration of...

- JoyIn Rench's birthday from her grandmother, Karen Shaw
- Norma McEvers 90th Birthday

✦ Volunteer Corner ✦

Volunteer Recognition

Special thanks to the following volunteers for donating more than 100 hours of service to helping the animals in care at BCHS:

- Kay Anna Warthen – 400+ hrs.
- Al Warren – 300+ hrs.
- Janice Perkins – 300+ hrs.
- Mallori Harris – 200+ hrs.
- Erica Wolfe – 200+ hrs.
- Mary Kasmark – 100+ hrs.
- Elizabeth Deeba – 100+ hrs.
- Mary Wade – 100+ hrs.
- Bob Bone – 100+ hrs.
- Melissa Meller – 100+ hrs.
- Stephanie Sizemore – 100+ hrs.
- Stephanie Weiss – 100+ hrs.

Volunteers are desperately needed to help with animal care. Volunteering just a couple hours a week can make a huge difference.

❖ **Member Corner** ❖

News and announcements for the members of BCHS.
Below is a list of current BCHS Officers.

President: Rachel Hundsdorfer

Vice President – Public Relations: Dennis Hundsdorfer

Vice President – Membership: Nancy Machmer

Vice President – Spay/Neuter: Doris Rench

Vice President – Grants: Vickie Cook

Treasurer: Rebecca Obermark

Secretary: Dee Pruitt

Open Officer Positions: VP – Volunteers; VP – Fundraising; VP - Communications

Membership Meetings

Membership meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Free Methodist Gateway Conference Center on Chicago St.

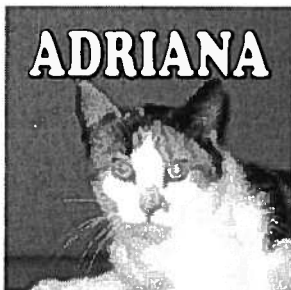
Shelter Update

BCHS has received a generous donation from Mary Kasmark for the purchase of 2 acres of land for construction of a shelter. The land being purchased is located at the end of S. Elm between the sewer plant and Extreme Sports. BCHS is very grateful to Mary for her extremely generous gift. The purchase cannot be finalized until BCHS receives approval from Greenville City for a zoning ordinance variance. The intention is to sell the land donated by Sam Blankenship on West Ayers. It is believed the land on W. Elm offers BCHS better visibility to the community and is more convenient for volunteers.

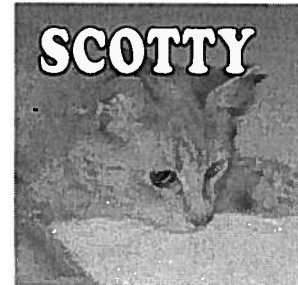
Available, Adorable, Adoptable!

Please help us find homes for these wonderful animals, and visit our website for more information and more adoptable pets.

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Adriana is between 2 and 3 years old. She loves to be held and petted, and needs someone that can give her plenty of TLC.



Scotty is about one year old. He is very gentle, playful, and loving. Scotty would make a great addition to any family.



Kami is between 2 and 3 years old. She is very affectionate and loves attention. If interested in Kami, please stop by our cat shelter to visit. Kami can only be adopted from the shelter because she does not like to ride in a car.



Inky is between 4 and 5 years old. He is called the "gentle giant" because he is so lovable. Inky likes to rest in high places or in your lap. Inky can only be adopted from the shelter because he doesn't like riding in a car.



Montana is an eight-month-old Lab/Shepherd mix. Montana was originally dumped in the country and taken in by a dairy farmer. The dairy farmer then surrendered her and her sister to BCHS. Montana was very timid and shy when she was brought in, but is very playful and loving now. Montana's favorite thing is to take a dip in her wading pool after her walk.

Pets For Seniors

BCHS offers special adoption discounts for seniors 60 years or older. Senior adopters receive a \$50 discount off of adoption fees. This discount is made available through the Purina Pets For Seniors program.

Wish List

Volunteers

Foster Homes

Office Supplies:

Postage Stamps
Copier/Printer Paper (8-1/2 x 11)
Printer cartridges
(HP27, HP28, HP56, HP57)

Cleaners:

Clorox Disposable Wipes
Laundry Detergent
Clorox Bleach
Dial Anti-Bacterial Hand Soap

Supplies:

Paper Towels
33 Gallon Trash Bags
13 Gallon Trash Bags