

# The Pet Dispatch



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## Happy Tails

Stories of recent happy adopted endings.

**Caesar** and his six litter mates, a mix of Dachshund and Chesapeake Bay Retriever, were from an unwanted litter surrendered to Bond County Humane Society by their owners when they were almost 7 weeks old. Caesar was adopted when he was approximately 12 weeks old. BCHS received an electronic



letter from Caesar's new family in January 2010: "Hello everyone

at BCHS! Caesar is doing wonderful! We are currently working on lay down, shake, and army crawl. And lucky for us he is very motivated by treats! :) He loves to be outside, especially when it snows, so even though it's cold we try to take him around the block a couple of times. He's getting bigger by the day and seems to have found his voice. He has his first vet appt next week. Still a little chewer, and we think he might be teething as he is loving the frozen washclothes we give him. He is an absolute joy to have, and brings my fiance and I lots of entertainment and love. We will continue to update you guys as he grows. Thanks again for everything! -Katie and Nathan."



**Pearl**, a white Domestic Short Hair cat, was between 1 and 2 years old in April 2010. A few months before that, Pearl was surrendered to BCHS by her owner because she did not do well with other pets they brought into the house. With BCHS volunteers and visitors, Pearl was sociable, playful and very affectionate, loving to be petted and have her tummy rubbed. Several potential adoptors applied for Pearl and finally a match was made. In May 2010, her furever family wrote to say: "Pearl wanted me to let you know that all is well here. I wanted to share some of Pearl's photos. She is such a good girl and fits right into our family. She had an ear infection early on, so that meant a trip to the vet right away. The vet said other than the ear, which was treated with some antibiotic ear gel, she is in great shape. In this photo she is looking out onto the deck where there is a bird feeder. We call it cat

TV: the Bird Channel. [When not at the window,] she is sitting with my husband. She rarely leaves any room that he is in, and they have become great buddies. He moved my ottoman over by the window so she can easily lay there to watch her favorite channel. It isn't where it belongs, but if it is for Pearl it is ok. Thank you, again, for letting Pearl come to live with us. She is a jewel and we love her so. -Carla and Jim."

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## Announcements and News

### **Pet Oxygen Recovery Masks Donated to Greenville and Pocahontas Fire Protection Districts**

The Greenville Fire Protection District recently received a donation of pet oxygen masks with the help of an anonymous local benefactor and Bond County Humane Society. An article in a recent major newspaper brought out the generosity of an area resident that has donated funding for two sets of animal oxygen recovery masks to give GFPD the ability to provide first aid rescue to dogs and other pets in respiratory distress. Each set of masks comes in three sizes, Large Canine, Small Canine and Feline, but they benefit any animal whose muzzle will fit into the masks.



"Too many pets each year die of smoke asphyxiation. Even if the firemen were able to get pets safely out of the burning structure, they would not be able to revive them without a pet oxygen mask. These cone-shaped masks can be used both on conscious pets that have suffered from smoke inhalation and pets that need to be resuscitated after losing consciousness as a result of their exposure to the dangerous toxic fumes" (from wagn4u.com). In the past, GFPD has had to rely on masks designed for humans to revive animals rescued from fires, drownings and in other respiratory distresses. The department is excited to begin training with these

specially designed pet mask kits.

A presentation ceremony took place the evening of February 4, 2010 at Greenville Fire Department. BCHS Vice President Dennis Hundsdorfer gave Fire Chief Bill Johnston the two donated sets of oxygen masks. Hundsdorfer's canine companion, Ben, helped to demonstrate the lifesaving masks' function. BCHS and Johnston both hope that this publicity can generate enough interest and donations (each mask set is \$65.00) to provide the remainder of Bond County's fire protection districts with similar equipment. Since that first donation, Mark and Lori File and Dale and Ann Smith have donated the funds necessary to buy two more sets! BCHS representative Rachel Hundsdorfer presented Pocahontas-Old Ripley Fire Department the newest mask set on April 15, 2010. An additional two sets are being ordered and will be presented when received.



In addition to the pet oxygen masks, Dennis Hundsdorfer arranged to have ASPCA donate 200 window/door pet rescue decals to be given away to Bond County resident families with inside pets. They are free and can be obtained by stopping by the office located at 1403 South Fourth Street in Greenville.

### **Area Scouting Troops Look to BCHS to Earn Awards, Badges and Ranks**

In Spring 2010, Pocahontas Boy Scouts of Troop 1060 worked on their Pet Care and Dog Care Badges and worked toward their next level of rank by performing community service. They walked dogs in Bond County Humane Society shelter care on Monday evenings. During their initial 10 volunteer hours (6 hours were required and 4 were extra), each of the five Boy Scouts bonded with particular dogs and pups. Troop 1060 may choose to continue their Pet Care activities, participating in BCHS's annual Paws In The Park event in September, entering and showing canine companions in contests. In addition to working directly with dogs, the Boy Scouts' participation included learning about and participating in BCHS's fundraising and advertising efforts. The troop raised \$250 at their school for BCHS.



Abbi MacManus and Megan O'Brien, two girls from Highland Girl Scout Troop 451, visited the office/cat shelter of BCHS in March 2010, working on their Bronze Award. They are seen in the photo on the left with Lati, a Golden Retriever mix, who was available for adoption.

On March 23, 2010, four girls from Pocahontas Daisy Girl Scout Troop 8802 and two girls from Pocahontas Brownie Girl Scout Troop 8407 delivered a large container of homemade dog treats to the dogs at Bond County Humane Society. The Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts showed they are considerate and caring by baking the peanut butter dog treats. Based on the response from the dogs, they were very happy with the

Girls Scouts' baking skills. The Girl Scouts sent us a photo scrapbook about their experience, thanking BCHS for hosting their visit and accepting their dog treats. The six girls are pictured below with their donation.



### **Rescued Chihuahua**

Story by Dennis Hundsdorfer

On March 1, 2010, a little three pound Chihuahua became separated from her human companions in Greenville and began a struggle to survive on her own. On March 5, 2010, during her lunch break, an employee of Enertech in Greenville spotted the dog walking along Route 40. Because the dog looked thin and disoriented, the woman stopped to help her. The dog came to her right away. The woman made several calls and then contacted Bond County Humane Society. Although the owner had posted missing dog notices, no one seemed able to identify the dog or help her except BCHS. A search of the BCHS log book uncovered the owners' flier and the information was provided to the rescuer. The contact was made and the little dog was returned to her owners. The rescuer was given a \$100 reward but donated it directly to BCHS. Thank you, Julie Oderizzi.

### **Companion Animal Response Education (CARE) Team Update**

On February 22, 2010, representatives of the Bond and Madison counties team, known as CARE (a group featured in the Holiday 2009 Edition of our newsletter), conducted presentations on proper pet care to students at the Greenville Elementary School. Rachel and Dennis Hundsdorfer, along with Cindy Orscheln, presented the program. The educational and fun messages to the two groups of youngsters, aged pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade, were generally well received. Packets of information on caring for happy and healthy dogs and cats were handed out by the CARE team to the students in attendance. Ben, Dennis and Rachel's dog (previously BCHS foster dog), was present and performed some of his tricks. Feedback from the students is that he was a big hit.

CARE team conducted a second program on May 17 at Pocahontas for grades Kindergarten through 8th. 226 students learned about proper pet care from Sandy Eaves and Rachel Hundsdorfer who gave this presentation. Dennis and the dog, Ben, again supported as they had at GES. The Pocahontas class was very attentive and interested in the CARE program. The principal of the school recognized students that volunteer for BCHS and had them stand.

### **BCHS Now a Part of Facebook**

If you are a fan of online social networking, find our new and official Bond County Humane Society Page on Facebook.com. By becoming a fan who "likes" BCHS on Facebook, you will be the first to know about parties and programs, fundraising events, animals available for adoption, happy tails, lost-and-found pets, contests and all kinds of special notifications.

### **BCHS Low Cost Spay/Neuter Programs**

Spay or neuter your pet for as little as \$25!! In 2009, 406 cats and dogs were spayed or neutered through all of the various low-cost programs offered by BCHS. Please call our office at (618) 664-4068 for more information about financial assistance to have your companion animals spayed or neutered. BCHS also offers programs to help with the spay/neuter of feral or free roaming cats.

### **What To Do if You Have Lost Your Dog/Cat In and Around Bond County**

1. Contact BCHS (618-664-4068) and file a missing animal report. Check to see if anyone has reported finding an animal that matches your pet's description.
2. Contact WGEL Radio (618-664-3300) so they can announce your missing animal.
3. Contact your local animal control and file a missing animal report.  
Bond County: Matt Willman 618-664-1644.  
Greenville: Matt Willman 618-664-1644.  
Mulberry Grove: Gary Redfern 618-282-6389.
4. Contact Countryside Vet Clinic (618-664-4420) and Greenville Vet Clinic (618-664-0640) and file a lost animal report and determine if any found animal matches yours.
5. Make posters/fliers and distribute them.

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# Fundraising Events

## **BCHS Fundraising Events Bring in Essential Resources**

Since the last event report in our Holiday 2009 issue, the following fundraisers took place: Dec 5, 2009 Photos with Santa Claws at Fairview Heights PETCO; Dec 12, 2009 Photos with Santa Claws at Glen Carbon PetSmart; Dec 12, 2009 Cake Sale & Cookie Walk & Photos with Santa at Buchheit in Greenville; Jan 17, 2010 Tony LaRussa Stars To The Rescue; March 28, 2010 Danny Brassel Memorial Benefit Show & Dinner; March 2010 Greenville Elementary School Pennies For Puppies; April 10, 2010 Annual Rummage Sale plus Coffee & Donuts; May 14, 2010 Puttin' On The Ritz For Fritz (story below); May 22, 2010 Buchheit Bake Sale & Brats/Dogs BBQ; June 19, 2010 Golf Scramble (story below).



We express our great thanks to each event coordinator and to the entire fundraising committee!

## **Puttin' On The Ritz For Fritz**

The evening of Friday, May 14, 2010, close to one hundred people with reservations sat down to a delicious, candlelight meal in Greenville. Organized by event coordinator Gayle Wise, volunteers served courses of Italian salad, lasagna with bread, and choices of dessert. Entertainment was provided by *Standing Room Only*, an



acappella foursome from Bond County Community Unit 2 High School, who sang numbers that ranged from patriotic to multicultural to timeless to contemporary. As host,

Mrs. Wise gave a brief yet captivating program which included a slide show and a musical piece illustrating the critical importance of the evening's cause. Proceeds from the event go entirely towards building a new, permanent animal shelter for Bond County Humane Society on the donated land on South Elm Street. At the present stage, planning documents are being developed and budgets formulated.



## **Golf Scramble Up to Par!**

Area businesses and golfers raised funds to benefit Bond County Humane Society's vision for a new shelter building. Though the registered turnout the afternoon of June 19<sup>th</sup> was just under 20 men and women, those golfers in attendance enjoyed a sunny, warm afternoon of 18 holes at Governor's Run Golf Course in Carlyle, Illinois. They played through to a chicken dinner finish plus the awarding of scramble prizes, raffle drawings and a silent auction for a tremendous hot sauce themed basket. The members and animals of BCHS would like to thank Nancy Machmer, her family and community contacts for their work obtaining the hole sponsors and prizes, and the BCHS fundraising committee for organizing such a sporting, early summer event.



# Upcoming Fundraising Events

**July 23, 2010 - BBQ** (hot dogs, brats, sodas, more!) at Capri IGA in Greenville.

**Sept. 11, 2010 - Paws In The Park plus Wag-N-Walk** (new contests, cutest pet photo contest, personalized paw prints, flyball demos, police K-9 demos, microchipping clinic, agility course!).

**October 16, 2010 - Crazy Bowl** (strikes, spares, hijinks!) at 4th Street Lanes in Greenville.

**November 6, 2010 - Trivia Night** (informal, fun, competitive!) at VFW in Greenville.

**December 11, 2010 - Bake Sale & Cookie Walk & Santa Photos** at Buchheit in Greenville.

**Make a donation; memorialize a relative, friend or animal companion with a plaque on Bond County Humane Society's Memory Wall.** The name will be inscribed on a brass plate mounted on the wall in our office. Your donation will create a lasting tribute to your loved one and help the animals in care of BCHS. There are three donation categories of plaques:  
Animal Friends (\$25 - \$100)    Animal Lovers (\$101 - \$500)    Animal Sponsors (\$501 and up).

## In Loving Memory

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

### Animal Friends:

In memory of Rita Beckert by:  
Larry & Joyce Kimball  
In memory of Malou beloved dog by:  
Dave & Beth Martin  
In memory of Daisy beloved dog by:  
Dave & Beth Martin  
In memory of Barbara Riggins by:  
Dale & Geraldine Eceles  
In memory of Connie Druessedow by:  
Tracy Lynn Hall  
Jennifer Mesnard

### Animal Lovers:

In memory of Sylvia Keeton by:  
Thomas Keeton  
In memory of Paul Holcman by:  
Tom & Lois Stiles  
Mark & Sheryl Speranee  
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Sutton  
Marina Brenham  
Norma McEvers  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Mollet  
Melvin & Frances Zobrist  
Randall Neumann

### Animal Sponsors:

In memory of Raymond "Chick" Patton by:  
Agnes Meyer  
Margaret Iberg  
Kathy Stone  
Jim & Diann King  
VFW Post 1377  
Sam & Pat Kiou  
Rick & Cathy Vaughn  
Rosemary Meyer  
Verna Roberts  
VFW Post 1377 Ladies Auxiliary  
Steve & Bev Darbyshire  
Buck & Cathy Evans  
Rick & Jane Hilliard  
Bill & Tedra Johnson  
Rich & Kacei Schuster  
Clarence & Sharon Zimmerman  
Eldon & Marilyn Turley  
Harold & Mary Patton  
Michael & Porsche Might  
Evan & Carol Breitweiser  
Robert Daniken  
Ed & Renea Barnes

### Animal Sponsors:

In memory of Catherine Arnold by:  
Mary & Ann Mlinarich  
Richard Bargiel  
Kathy Bargiel  
Ken & Becky Lilly  
David & Deborah Bargiel  
Debra Schwenk DMD  
Babe & Emmabelle Rodriguez  
Joann Juengel  
Ann Juengel  
Alison & Kenneth Melton  
Edith Pierce  
Fred & Shirley Kurre  
Delbert & Wanda Whaley  
Barbara Dohage  
Debra Dixon  
Richard McClure  
Rose Gritzmacher  
Stacy Herbert  
Keith & Peggy Dickey  
Mrs. Meva Hartsock  
Southern Illinois Dental School

## Donations

### Animal Friends:

Zain Whiteley  
Carla & James McGuire  
Tracy Lynn Hall  
Wanda Cooper  
Gregory Saplin

Debra Dixon  
David Stein  
Thomas & Marylynn Dixon  
Margie & Vic Lusher  
John Huddleston & Lavena Compton  
Christine Ernest

Earl & Helen Hopkins Family  
Mark & Lori File  
Dale & Ann Smith  
Brett & Brandi MacManus  
Craig & Terry Barton

### Animal Lovers:

Jon & Stephanie Logullo  
James & Pamela Goodman  
Susan Schaberg

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## Volunteer Corner

### Volunteer Appreciation Party Report

BCHS held its Volunteer Appreciation party on Sunday, February 7, 2010. There were 42 people in attendance including volunteers and their families. Our current officers provided the buffet style lunch. Then each officer was formally introduced and given an opportunity to speak. Throughout the afternoon, many guests won prizes by raffle drawings. The newsletter staff set up a continuously running slide show of photographs from past BCCHS activities. BCCHS recognized its volunteers for their time donated and volunteers received plaques or certificates for their achievements.

Honored in appreciation for their hours of service were: Kay Anna Warthen (1100+); Janice Perkins (900+); Dusti Plopper (400+), Martha Grossheim (400+), Mary Kasmark (400+); Elizabeth Deeba (300+), Linda Packard (300+), Stephanie Weiss (300+); Darla Petchulat (200+); Amber and Ann Blackmon (100+), Jennifer Buck (100+), Jackie Gruner (100+), Danielle Parker (100+), Samantha Riedemann (100+), Traci Slatton (100+), Sydney Tomaschke (100+). Melody Brown and Doris Rench received special honors for their Volunteerism and Dedication.

Then the volunteers, led by Kay Anna Warthen and Laura Plunkett, surprised super-volunteers Rachel and Dennis Hundsdorfer, honoring them with special thank you cards, letters and a volunteer recognition present of their own: a gift voucher to one of the Hundsdorfers' favorite local restaurants.



### Special Information Technology Wish List Requests

BCCHS currently seeks a volunteer with Computer and Technical problem-solving and consulting skills. We often encounter glitches with our out-of-date, donated equipment and software. We would



appreciate someone we can call on as needed for quick, helpful, donated (free) service.

Vast thanks go out to BCCHS member and officer Laura Plunkett. She has several times donated electronic devices for use in our office. Her most recent contribution is a Nikon CoolPix digital point-and-shoot compact camera. A functional camera is especially necessary for use during our Adoption Day events, community outreach and educational events, and for posting Adoptable Animal listings.

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## Member Corner

### Current BCCHS Officers

President: Rachel Hundsdorfer

Secretary: Dee Pruitt

Treasurer: Laura Plunkett

Vice President - Public Relations: Dennis Hundsdorfer

Vice President - Membership: Nancy Machmer

Vice President - Feline Wellness: Kay Anna Warthen

Vice President - Communications: Rebecca Clausen

Vice President - Fundraising: Claudine Hickam

In order for BCCHS to fulfill its mission it takes a lot of effort on the part of many people. Open positions include: Vice President - Grants, Vice President - Spay/Neuter Programs, and Vice President - Volunteers.

### **Membership Meetings**

Membership meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Free Methodist Gateway Conference Center on Chicago St. in Greenville. All members are welcome!

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## **Available, Adorable, Adoptable!**

Please help us find homes for these wonderful animals. Adoptions are conducted at the BCHS office at 1403 S. Fourth Street in Greenville, at the Petco store in Fairview Heights on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays and at the PetSmart store in Glen Carbon on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month. You can visit our website for more information and see more adoptable pets. It is also possible to Sponsor-A-Pet in our shelter/foster system even if you cannot actually adopt one right now. Visit an online pet profile and click on the banner that says: 'Sponsor Me'. [www.bondcohs.petfinder.com](http://www.bondcohs.petfinder.com)

### **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. Standard adoption fees usually start from \$90 for cats and \$100 for dogs and include veterinary testing and treatment, routine shots, alteration and state-mandated micro-chipping.

### **Plus!**

Cats at least one year old are now offered at the reduced adoption fee of \$60. Our pictured available animals below qualify for this reduced fee!



**Kelly** is a medium size, adult, domestic long hair cat with bright white and amber orange bi-coloring. His coat is super silky. He was found in the woods by a couple mushroom hunting. Kelly was extremely thin and frail when the couple brought him to BCHS. He is approximately 2 years old. Kelly is easy going and can be affectionate. He gets along with some cats. If you are petting another cat, sometimes Kelly will shove in and demand his turn with you. We don't know how he gets along with dogs.

**Sara** is a medium size, adult, domestic short hair cat, with soft gray striping on a buff ground. Some might call her a blue tabby. She may even have some Russian Blue mixed in! After the woman taking care of Sara died, she was brought in by a volunteer of BCHS. She is about 4 years old. At first Sara was shy and hesitant around people and other cats, but now she is friendly and seeks attention and affection. But she is, on occasion, reluctant to be picked up or grabbed around her middle. Sara is front declawed.



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A big thank you is extended to the contributing staff of the Summer 2010 issue of The Pet Dispatch. Your ideas and full reports, your creative and fact-finding input and your photos are greatly appreciated.

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**Annual Membership Form:**

Yes, I would like to become a member of Bond County Humane Society:

- \$1,000.00 Lifetime
- \$100.00 Corporation / Organization
- \$50.00 Family
- \$30.00 Individual
- \$5.00 Senior (60 and older) / High School or College Student
- Other (Donation only, non-member)

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Please mail check or money order payable to: Bond County Humane Society