

The Pet Dispatch



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Happy Tails

Stories of recent happy adopted endings

In April 2011, **Herman** was 11 weeks old. He and his black and white littermates had been found in a local ditch with their mother. A kind lady stopped and took the puppies home. She took them to Bond County Humane Society where they were kept clean and warm until adopted.

In September 2011, BCHS received an email letter from the family who adopted Herman. They wrote: "Dear BCHS, Hi! Just wanted to give you an update on Herman, the lab-retriever mix we adopted in April. We knew as soon as we saw



Herman he was going to be a great addition to our family. Thanks to all the love and attention he was given by everyone at BCHS, Herman was at ease with the transition to his new home. He is an extremely well-mannered dog. He is very attentive, extremely smart, and well-behaved. He loves to be around people. We joke that he is somewhat of an attention hog. But it seems that everyone that meets him falls in love with him just like we did. Herman loves the outdoors. He loves going on walks and playing fetch in the yard (and also to chase the occasional bird)... He is very happy when he is with the company of anyone. We are expecting our first child in April, and know Herman will be a great protector and big brother.

We just wanted to say thanks for giving us the opportunity to adopt such an amazing animal. The people at BCHS really love and care for all the animals they have.

Ryan, Erica, and Herman :o) "



Simon was part of an 8-puppy Lab-Retriever mix litter that BCHS rescued in early 2005. Simon was adopted right away by the kind of family we hope for for all of our animals. It makes us so happy to hear that they are willing to do whatever they can to give their dog a good life.

This is what they wrote to BCHS in November 2011: "Hello All, We wanted to give you an update on Simon, whom we adopted from you 6 years ago last spring. Simon was just 8 weeks old when we took him home and small enough to hold in my arms. Now he weighs 97 pounds!

We recently discovered that Simon has Cushing's Disease. His adrenal glands were producing too much cortisol which causes extreme thirst and hunger, lethargy and intolerance to heat, as well as other symptoms. We first noticed something was wrong when he began to pee in the house, which was very uncharacteristic of him. We took him to our wonderful vet, Dr. Lange, at Elm

Point Animal Hospital in St. Charles MO, to see if he had a urinary track infection or possibly diabetes.

When the tests came back negative he suggested we test Simon for Cushing's Disease and sure enough that's what was causing him so much distress. Cushing's can't be cured but there is a treatment, it's expensive but Simon is worth it.

He's been on the medication for about a month now and we can't believe how much he's changed. He's full of energy, playful and very happy. We joke about how we've got a new dog. He must have been sick for a very long time because we only remember him being this active as a young dog. He will require treatment for the rest of his life but our vet tells us Simon has a normal life expectancy and we're VERY happy about that.

When he was first diagnosed we called several pharmacies to try to get the best price on his medication. When we called Walgreens to inquire about the drug, they told us that for a \$20/year membership fee we could get a prescription savings card for Simon. It would save us 20% each time we filled the prescription which equates to \$35/month. We were shocked! We are so impressed with their generosity. Simon just got his prescription card in the mail but we aren't sure how he's going to sign the back!

You say Simon is so fortunate to be a part of our family, but we think WE are the fortunate ones. Simon is such a wonderful dog and we love him so much. We hope you are all doing well too! Sincerely, Tom, Leslie and Simon"

2011 ADOPTIONS

61 kittens/cats
46 puppies/dogs

Announcements and News

Shelter Update – “Phase Two” Construction: Dog Shelter Addition

By Dennis Hundsdorfer and Rebecca Clausen

Bond County Humane Society spent the heart of 2011 designing and building an addition to our new storage building: a structure to house dogs. The construction of a new dog shelter building is an important, real, second step in our permanent animal shelter site complex on South Elm Street in Greenville. This custom designed kennel addition is larger in space and better equipped than our former dog shelter that we were renting. The new facility includes an isolation room, grooming area, food preparation area, restroom for humans, seven canine pens and indoor/ outdoor runs – all of which will be incorporated into BCHS's larger building plans in the future.

Our new dog facility is REMARKABLE. We are extremely proud considering how much quality in design and materials we extracted from our limited non-profit, privately funded budget. The unassuming dog shelter addition may not look like much from several hundred yards away, but let us assure you that the building features state of the art functionality and comfort for the dogs in BCHS care and for their volunteer caregivers.

This was a large project for us and it required a lot of support, coordination and hard work to make it happen but it was worth it. Without the generous donations of materials and work donated by several key people and businesses this project would not have been possible. We want to give our heartfelt thanks to the following businesses and people for their major support: Belleville Supply Company of Belleville, IL (Mike and Cindy Lotz); Mideastern Plumbing of Carlyle, IL (Dennis Rudolphi); Slatton Excavating of Greenville, IL (Ken Slatton). We also appreciate the discounted materials and/or services provided by several local businesses. We also want to thank Beth and Dave Martin (and their pooch Molly) of Ellisville, MO for working three days installing all of the chain link kennels, doors and outside runs.





As you can see, BCHS has already received numerous donations, but we still need many more costs of the construction upkeep covered. Help us with ongoing utility and supply expenses for our new dog shelter facility by donating financially today. It's easy. Donate by credit card via PayPal at BCHS's website, mail a check to 1403 S 4th Street or call (618) 664-4068 to discuss all of your options and opportunities to help BCHS build. **Each donation is tax-deductible and many companies will match their employees' donations to charitable organizations like BCHS!**

Coming in 2012: Ribbon Cutting plus Open House, Celebrating Bond County Humane Society's Dog Shelter Addition.

Patron Spotlights: Closer and Closer to Everything BCHS Under One Woof

Interviews and Stories by Rebecca Clausen

Bond County Humane Society would like to recognize and thank certain supporters of the organization whose extraordinary donations have made possible the construction of our dog shelter building addition. People such as Louis Posch, Sam Blankenship, Mary Kasmark and Mike and Cindy Lotz have created opportunities for BCHS to make progress helping as many neglected and homeless dogs and puppies as possible. The Lotzes and Ms Kasmark gladly agreed to be interviewed for this story.

Mary, Mike and Cindy have developed long-standing rapports with BCHS, its founders, staff and volunteer workers. Along with their thousands of donated dollars they've also donated hundreds of hours of physical labor. These patrons support BCHS's mission and methods to improve animal welfare in Bond County and believe that BCHS can and must continue to grow in size and influence. With private and community support BCHS can teach more and more adults and children how important well-cared for pets are as a part of loving homes.

Mary Kasmark of Greenville Illinois donated the property on South Elm Street for BCHS and has made significant contributions to BCHS's operational expenses, and permanent building fund, and nearly 500 hours of her personal time.

Ms Kasmark's interest in pets and how one ought to treat them began at a very young age. She says her mother told her (grudgingly) that her very first word was "kitty". Mary grew up on a farm, raising various types of animals, including generations of cats. She delivered a litter of kittens when she was only nine years old!

Today Mary has two cats in her home: a jet black Angora and a Russian Blue. Several of her past pet cats have lived past sixteen years old. Mary says she only has cats because, even though she loves dogs too, dogs do not fit her lifestyle. Dogs need to be taken on lots of walks and Mary's legs aren't up to that.

Mary's first interaction with Bond County Humane Society came when BCHS first moved into the former Bond County Highway Maintenance Dept building and they invited the public in to see their temporary animal shelter facility there. Mary remembers applying to volunteer her services to BCHS "right off." She had spent some time working with Bond County Senior Center years ago, but it is really her love for animals that drives her to volunteer and provide other assistance when she can. Getting to know the volunteers and administrators, she firmly came to believe that BCHS "needs a permanent home" and she got simply "hooked on BCHS!"

For two years, every Friday, Mary cleaned the downstairs community cat room and the twenty-two individual cages. She chose the downstairs adult cats because in the upstairs community kitten room, the animals moved much too quickly. She proudly remembers signing in to the volunteer log book each Friday that she worked. Mary poured an outstanding 489 documented volunteer hours of her own elbow grease and sweat into caring for and cleaning up after the adoptable cats until her health gave out and she physically could not continue.

In addition to donating her time and her labor, Mary Kasmark developed friendships with and appreciations for the people she worked with at BCHS. She grew to realize that if BCHS were to realize its



ultimate dreams, it would need great financial assistance. Though changing the life circumstances and futures of a few single pets was admirable and rewarding - "Animals show up one at a time needing help and they get adopted out into new lives one at a time too." -, BCHS could make a bigger difference if it had a bigger home and a bigger stake in the community.

In truth, she says, before ultimately deciding to make each of her more substantial donations, Mary did worry and she thought long and hard. But she knew that Greenville needed this. The city needed a no-kill animal shelter – a permanent purpose-built facility with the cats and dogs and meeting rooms and offices all under one roof. Her new friends Rachel and Dennis Hundsdorfer were such dedicated hard workers and Mary knew that they were not quitters, especially when animal lives were in the balance. And BCHS needed more room to do its work so Mary acted. She and the Hundsdorfers searched together for the best location available for BCHS to build their future shelter. Another patron supporter of BCHS had donated some land but it was so far out of town that Mary and the administrators were concerned that the volunteers and the public could not easily find it or even reach it in the winter. And so when they found the 2.2 acres at the end of South Elm Street, Mary bought it.

Ms Kasmark donated that land to BCHS to use, and a few years after that, she also purchased the engineering specifications to the architectural drawings for the future large shelter building which is to be built on that land. Beyond those substantial contributions, writing smaller unallocated gift checks is not a subject the humble Mary ruminates too deeply upon, as she trusts BCHS will always use the funds she sends where it is needed most.

Among her most memorable experiences with BCHS was dealing with Kami, an orange long haired cat who lived and still lives in the downstairs community cat room. No matter how hard the volunteers try, Kami is never kept in a room or a cage for long. "She is way too smart for that," Mary says. Over time BCHS has innovated special locking systems to try to contain Kami Houdini.

A second memorable experience that Mary related is not as humorous. Mary once fostered an orphaned baby kitten for BCHS. She bottle fed it, but then it tested positive for feline leukemia virus (FeLV), a disease which greatly reduces a cat's quality of life and is fatal. The kitten had to be put to sleep. Mary understood the reasons why it was the humane thing to do, yet it was so sad and disappointing. Still, overall, fostering that kitten for as long as she got to do it, protecting it with food and comfort, made it a great experience in her memory.

Mike and Cindy Lotz of Belleville Illinois adopted two dogs into their family through BCHS. Mike is an executive for Belleville Supply Company. The Lotzes donated all of the electrical and plumbing materials for the dog shelter addition. Mike has been involved in installing much of these materials, and he arranged for a licensed plumber to inspect all the work on site.

For Cindy Lotz, dogs have been a passion for her for as long as she can remember. She says, "I grew up with dogs and have always loved and adored them. Many of my childhood photos are with my beloved four legged friends. Mike did not get his first dog until shortly before we were married in 1989."

Mike and Cindy's first dog as a couple was a black Cocker Spaniel mix that they named Jesse. "She was the love of our lives. We never had children so she became our 'child,'" Cindy says. The couple went on to rescue another black Cocker mix, Samantha. Both dogs lived rich, long lives as best friends until they passed away a couple years apart, first Jesse then Samantha.

The Lotzes had also adopted Piper, a Rat Terrier/Border Collie mix from Belleville Humane Society, and two months after Samantha left the family, Cindy says, "We realized Piper needed a furry friend. Through petfinder.com, we saw Abby, another Rat Terrier mix available through BCHS. After filling out the application, I received a call from Rachel Hundsdorfer and we met and adopted Abby at the PetSmart in Glen Carbon. Upon meeting Dennis and Rachel and hearing their inspiring story, we became friends and continued to support their cause."

"After adopting Abby," Cindy continues, "we thought two dogs were enough, until a friend of ours bred her Cocker spaniels and we saw the puppies and fell in love! That is how Tanner joined our family... Then we said OK—three dogs are plenty. That is until we went to Paws in the Park in Greenville [in 2008] to visit with the dogs and to see Dennis and Rachel so that they could see how Abby was doing. Upon arriving, Rachel told us that one of Abby's littermates had been returned to them. Her name was Emma. Long story short—



Emma is now part of our family!! Life with four active dogs is busy, crazy and lots of fun! We would not change it for anything. Anyone who knows us well knows that we plan our lives around these four dogs (a.k.a. Our Kids) and we continue to [attend] Paws in the Park events to [catch up] with BCHS."

Cindy Lotz attributes her and Mike's contributing so much to the dog shelter construction mainly to their deep love for dogs and BCHS's passion and commitment. "We do feel BCHS has a good chance of long lasting success in Bond County. And we believe that saving even one animal is enough of a reward. One of our favorite quotes is, 'Saving one dog won't change the world, but the world surely will change for that one dog.'"

In addition to their relations with BCHS, the Lotzes have had some experience with Belleville Area Humane Society and Stray Rescue of St. Louis. They also support a few other charitable causes "but not as deeply involved as this one," Cindy declares. "Mike feels proud to be able to help with the shelter building because he knows it is making a difference as well as a safe and comfortable place for the dogs. He estimates that he has put in 100-120 hours on the new building."



More about our two other Patron Spotlight Supporters:

Louis Posch donated considerable financial support to Bond County Humane Society through his estate. This funding provided all of the finances BCHS needed to build the new dog shelter facility.

Sam Blankenship donated a small parcel of land to Bond County Humane Society years ago which was ultimately sold due to its remote location. All of the proceeds provided BCHS with the finances needed to maintain a cat shelter.

Additional, ongoing donations will be needed from more patrons and more supporters to pay for the utilities, dog food, veterinary care, etc. to support the Bond County Humane Society dog shelter. Each donation is tax-deductible and many companies will match their employees' donations to charitable organizations like BCHS!

BCHS Equipment Receives Rehab from Boy Scout Project

By Rebecca Clausen



A group of local Boy Scouts working towards the rank of Eagle took on a Community Service Project of repairing and reconditioning BCHS's canine agility course equipment which is used and abused annually at September's Paws In The Park event. Kim Cruse, sponsor of Troop 60 of Pocahontas, Illinois, learned of the great need for repairs from Dennis Hundsdorfer, BCHS Vice President in charge of Maintenance, and she presented the project to the troop. The scouts quickly voted to accept the challenge. Chris Dixon (Star Rank) headed up the project, leading Don Cruse (Star Rank) and Brendan Nelson (Second Class Rank) in ten full hours of hard work. The scouts cleaned all of the agility course equipment, repainted all of the wood, and repaired and glued all of the PVC components.

The project was completed just in time for the 2011 Paws In The Park and Bond County Humane Society is extremely grateful to Troop 60 for their continuing support. In the past, the scouts have raised donations for BCHS and walked dogs in BCHS care, a volunteer job the young men absolutely loved! In fact Troop 60 stays very busy with community service projects, reports Kim Cruse. They've helped build a Habitat For Humanity house, collected food, cleaned a church, prepared and delivered holiday treats to a hospital and fire and police stations and they've run the Red Ribbon program at Pocahontas School. And like good scouts and members of their community, they find ways to make every project fun while meaningful.

We wish Chris, Don and Brendan all the best in reaching Eagle.



O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree

Did your family purchase a live or cut pine, spruce or fir Christmas tree this holiday? We hope you shopped at Randy's Country Barn Christmas Trees! For every tree they sold in 2011, this local business on East Lake Drive north of Greenville donated \$1.00 to non-profit organizations (a portion going to Bond County Humane Society and the other portion to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital). Thank you so much, Randy and Tammy Stief, for your spirit of the season giving! We wonder how many special cats and dogs found presents for themselves under all of Randy's trees on Christmas morning!

Buchheit Donates Pet Food

Greenville Buchheit Country Superstore has blessed Bond County Humane Society again with two donations of Purina brand feline and canine food. Because Buchheit is a proud supporter of Pounds for Pounds, for every dollar raised during their special promotion drives, the store donates 2 lbs of pet food to their local animal shelter. Buchheit manager Matt Seabaugh presented BCHS President Rachel Hundsdorfer a donation of 9 bags of kitten formula foods on August 26, 2011, and BCHS picked up a pallet of Purina Kitten Chow and ProPlan puppy food in December 2011.



Recycling Program in Mulberry Grove

Don't forget about the metal recycling program at Ted's Recycling (1164 Mulberry Grove Rd. – south of Interstate 70). 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! We thank Bond County Memorial VFW Post 1377 of Greenville for continuing to donate their Canteen's empty beverage cans.

BCHS Low Cost Spay/Neuter Programs

In 2011, more than 188 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.

Fundraising Events

8th Annual Paws in the Park Celebrated September 17, 2011

"Paws in the Park was awesome! And it's a wonderful thing to see so many pets in loving homes. Big dogs, little dogs, extra furry dogs and dressed-up dogs, they're all special to their families. A big THANK YOU to everyone who came out and helped support Bond County Humane Society. We greatly appreciate it! Hope to see you again next year!" – Christina Staff, an event day volunteer, wrote on Facebook.

Wag-N-Walk winners Dan and Mignon Fetterhoff surprised BCHS with their highest collected dollar amount in donations yet – \$2,000 – blasting their winning donation total from last year out of the Greenville Lake water. And they donated their prize of an Amazon Kindle Reader to the Raffle table items to help BCHS raise even more funds.

Our 2011 event tee shirts proved tie-dye spectacular due to the artistic ingenuity of two BCHS volunteers, Cathy Gasior and Sarah Harding. No two shirts were exactly alike! (also see Volunteer Corner feature article).

With Bond County Sheriff's Department recently adding their first K-9 Unit to their ranks, BCHS was honored to invite that partnership consisting of Deputy Dave Dunn and K-9 Officer Buddy (Bady in German) to give a demonstration. The K-9 Unit and some





assistants showed off the Department's specialized K-9 vehicle and several kinds of police canine training exercises and operations, including the crowd-pleaser "Bite!"

Attractions and booths enjoying a second season at Paws In The Park 2011 included the morning Blessing of the Animals by Pastor Shalom Renner from First United Methodist Church of Greenville, Nail Trimmings for BCHS Donations by Pet Designs Certified Groomers, St Charles Missouri's K-9 Racers Fly Ball Relay Team exposition, Personalized Paw Prints including Calligraphy, and Signe Matute Grangaard's *Dogs In Art* Children's Activity Area.

The Agility Course offered a wide assortment of obstacles and equipment for dogs to run, creep, leap, teeter, weave and challenge through. The many agility course pieces were recently rehabbed as part of an Eagle Scout project (also see News Section feature article).

PetCo offered freebies in their tent. A BCHS fundraising committee member donated cookies baked by Jo Mama's Signature Sweets that were decorated with cat and dog icing. All sales proceeds from the cookies and the

lunch trailer went to support BCHS.

Homemade dog treats, hand puppets and face painting were sold by BCHS volunteers Kathy Smith and her daughter Kaitlynn. Everyone loved the fun of the face painting and it became popular quickly. While some opted for a small design on their cheek, others went the distance: event-chairperson Rachel Hundsdorfer sported a full puppy face for most of the afternoon. All the face painting proceeds were donated to BCHS.

Countryside Pet Clinic and BCHS's shelter manager Barb Maroon administered the microchipping clinic in 2011, giving many companion dogs of all ages a measure of insurance if they ever go lost or stolen in the future. The clinic even happily microchipped a cat this year.

David Ulmer donated his professional portrait photography. Linda Bohle donated her candid and contest awards winners photography and she provided the commemorative photo CDs which can be purchased by calling BCHS at (618) 664-4068. Giant fall mums served as a colorful backdrop for portraits and the potted flowers were also for sale for take home. Late in the afternoon BCHS helpers drew the raffle winners for the themed gift baskets and Kindle reader.

BCHS sends a loud shout out of thanks to L&B Flooring, sole sponsor of the 2011 pet contest trophies. The judges in 2011 were Michelle Boyd and Cindy Heitzig. Cindy substituted for usual contest judge Laura Plunkett who was unavailable due to her health. But happily, as Laura was NOT a judge this year, this allowed her Mastiff, Lily, shown by her husband Jim Plunkett, to take 4th prize in the Prettiest Large Pure Breed competition.



The following handlers and dogs won First Prize in the Pet Contest categories:**

Cutest Pet Photo: Maggie, submitted by Andi Cramer.
 Fastest Fetch: Anastasia Baird with Europa.
 Best Kisser: Grace Baum with Kiwi.
 Best Trick: Heather Leihser with Marley.*
 Best Series Of Tricks: Ruth Dultz with Dash.
 Best Barker/Howler: Robin Allen with Peanut.
 Prettiest Small Pure Breed: Liz Gattrra with Zoey.
 Prettiest Medium Pure Breed: Mary Manning with Flip.
 Prettiest Large Pure Breed: Kyle Conine with Franke.

Prettiest Small Mixed Breed: Diane Stanton with Snickers.
 Prettiest Medium Mixed Breed: Amanda Arnold with Scotch.
 Prettiest Large Mixed Breed: Sharon Karn with Montana Mariah.
 Best Dressed: Dave Fauke with Harley.
 Best Human/Canine Look-Alike: Tara Carsrud with Finni.*

*exhibited in the show ring by another family member than listed on contest registration.

**A full list of pet contest winners is available on our website (see In The Press – Media Articles).

Non-Profit Tree Auction

Bond County Humane Society volunteer Gayle Wise took lead on an interesting opportunity to raise money for our organization. The Greenville Business & Professional Association sponsored a Non-Profit Christmas Tree Auction Wonderland, part of a larger downtown event called "Come Home For Christmas." This popular annual event was held the day after Thanksgiving, November 25, 2011. Mrs Wise decorated a live cut Christmas tree in dog and cat themed garlands, ornaments, presents, and gift certificates from a local pet groomer. This BCHS tree plus several more were Silent Auctioned off to the townspeople who paraded through the festive display. Terri Thomas placed the highest bid on the BCHS decorated tree that night so she got to take it home with her!



Cookies, Brownies, Fudge, Santa Claus and Forever Home Sponsors

The morning of December 10, 2011 at Buchheit Country Superstore in Greenville was filled with delicious homemade baked goods, kids and pets climbing onto Santa's knee for a keepsake photo, and the UN-decorating of a very special "Forever Homes for the Holidays" tree. Our Bake Sale Fundraiser customers took their plates and packages of cookies, brownies, candies, breads and even a pie home to eat or to gift to family and neighbors. The sometimes comical and always precious Santa photos were printed instantly and proved the primary draw to our sale. In our new "Forever Homes for the Holidays" program, with each \$20 sponsorship donation, a supporter received a sparkling tree ornament featuring a photo of the adoptable cat or kitten they chose to sponsor plus a limited edition holiday photo book featuring many more BCHS shelter pets waiting patiently for their forever homes.

Bond County Humane Society thanks event coordinator Pam Chase who performed a seamless job organizing this year's bake sale plus Santa photos. Thank you to Julie Juarez who helped coordinate and manage the volunteer call lists. We also thank Christina Staff who not only helped set up, break down, and assisted Pam and Julie in keeping the event running smoothly; she also created and managed the holiday sponsorship program and ornament tree. And thank you Barb Maroon and Amy Craig for assisting Christina with the amazing cat photography. We thank Staff Construction which financed the publishing of the unique, Christmas holiday photo books. Thank you, Robin Briggs, our photographer; Jim Vandervort, our Santa Claus; and Ted Wise, our cashier. And of course thank you everyone who baked or purchased a dessert; posed for a photo; and purr-chased a cat sponsorship. We depend on everyone's continued support and donations. Happy Holidays from all of us at BCHS!



Upcoming Fundraising Events

We need your help! Can you lend a hand and assist BCHS to plan a fundraiser in 2012? Can you volunteer to work a few hours the day of a fundraiser in 2012? Please call (618) 664-4068!

February 25, 2012 – Crazy Bowl: Shelter Style, 3rd annual bowling evening for families and friends.

April 20 & 21, 2012 – 2-Day Garage Sale at BCHS Storage Building at the south end of Elm Street, near I-70.

April 27, 2012 – Puttin' On The Ritz For Fritz, elegant dinner plus musical program. 3rd annual!

June 8, 2012 – Golf Scramble, eighteen holes of fun plus a meal and exciting prizes and raffles.

Summer 2012 – Bar-B-Que parking lot lunch, details TBD.

September 15, 2012 – 9th Annual Paws In The Park plus Wag-N-Walk.

If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to "like" Bond County Humane Society's www.facebook.com/bondcohs page. Stay up to date with the fun events we have planned throughout the year and get to know the animals we have available for adoption. Your support and excitement is what helps lead the progress toward the new shelter! Thanks so much!

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 Lovers:

Sandra Wrone by her Family & Friends.

Animal Friends:

J.C., beloved dog, by Dave & Beth Martin.
Don Bodimer by Rick & Connie Richardson
and Janet Rozum.

Animal Friends:

George C. Wilkerson, Sr. by G. L. Hammond.
Don Anderson by Larry & Carolyn Locke & Family.
Don Anderson by Christy Carroll.
Roxie, beloved Beagle of Diane Wall, by Dave & Beth Martin.
Nevada, beloved Samoyed of Gayle & Ted Wise, by
Rebecca Clausen and Jane Hopkins.



Sponsor-A-Pet Donations

Rebecca Clausen sponsored Boots the cat

Thank You for all of your Donations

Animal Lovers:

Randy's Country Barn Christmas Trees
Greenville Auto Body, Inc.
Jennifer Mendes
Donna Sommars

Animal Friends:

Roger & Paula Riggs
Christine Ernest & Mike Terry
Don & Susan DeNike

Animal Friends:

Randall Neumann
Lowell & Kay Bone
Linda Plant
Richard & Helen Holbert
Marybeth Ferry
G. L. & Joyce Kimball
Merrill & Grace Ottwein
John & Wauneta Betscher

Make a donation; memorialize a relative, friend or animal companion with a plaque on Bond County Humane Society's Memory Wall. 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).

You can also contribute to building the BCHS Permanent Animal Shelter. Call (618) 664-4068 or come by our office at 1403 S. Fourth Street in Greenville for a special pledge/donation form.

Each donation is tax-deductible and many companies will match their employees' donations to charitable organizations like BCHS!

Volunteer/Shelter Worker Corner



We've Got PURR-sonality Spotlight

Meet Volunteer Sarah Harding (& her mom, Cathy Gasior)

About my volunteer job: I am a young woman and I have worked with BCHS on and off for three years. I help with the dogs and cats when BCHS comes to the Glen Carbon PetSmart store on Saturdays. My mom and I help by walking the dogs, socializing the cats and talking to people who might be interested in adopting an animal. We also help load everyone up for the ride home at the end of the afternoon.

My pets: At my house, I have a four year old dog: a Shih Tzu named Izzy. Two years ago we adopted two black cats from BCHS: brothers named Demon and Midnight. They have the same birthday as mine! But we have had other cats

too: Eric, Jessie and Mozart. They all lived to be about twenty years old. We also fostered a litter of kittens for BCHS during the fall of 2011.

Why I volunteer with animals: I am thinking of becoming a veterinarian and so one day at PetSmart when my mom and I ran into Rachel (an adoption counselor and the BCHS President then), we discussed volunteer work. Mom thought volunteering with BCHS would help me get to know a lot more animals and how to handle them. So far she's right.

Who I know who also works with animals: My aunt Nancy volunteers for a humane society near Chicago. She helps keep animal living areas clean, does lots of laundry and helps with fundraisers.

My biggest inspirations in animal welfare awareness and education: BCHS has made me more aware of the way pets should live within someone's family. The pets should be lifelong family members. So many kids I know are poor examples of how to treat a pet. Others talk about animal rights but never do anything about protecting or caring for animals. Rachel and Dennis, co-founders of BCHS, have helped me see some of the better ways to make a difference in the life of an animal.

What has touched me since starting my volunteer job: I like the way BCHS makes sure that the person adopting a pet is ready for the responsibility of lifelong commitment to their new furry family member.

Besides BCHS volunteer work: I dance. I dance A LOT – usually 10-15 hours a week I have dance classes. I take ballet, jazz, modern and tap. I also perform in the Dance Studio's production of the Impact every spring. I have a black belt in karate, run just because I like to. I doodle and create ceramic art.

My advice to other BCHS volunteers: I really have fun with the animals but it's a lot of responsibility making sure I am there when I am scheduled to be at PetSmart. And when there are a lot of animals, it can be difficult to make sure all of them get the care and attention they need.

Member Corner

News and Announcements for the Members of BCHS

Current BCHS Officers

Acting President: Rachel Hundsdorfer
Secretary: Jane Hopkins
Treasurer: Laura Plunkett

Vice President - Public Relations &
Maintenance/Repairs: Dennis Hundsdorfer
Vice President - Feline Wellness: KayAnna Warthen
Vice President - Communications: Rebecca Clausen

In order for BCHS to fulfill its mission it takes a lot of effort on the part of many people. If you would like to start participating more actively, please do not hesitate any longer. Open officer positions include: President, Vice President - Grants, Vice President - Membership, Vice President - Spay/Neuter Programs, Vice President - Fundraising, and Vice President - Volunteers. Open volunteer positions include 2-4 hour shifts of shelter care, animal feeding, dog walking, etc. and assistance at Saturday adoption day events.

Membership Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Bond County Housing Authority Building in Greenville, IL at 220 East Winter Avenue (near the intersection with South Prairie Street).

This is a new meeting location as of 2012! All members, and those interested in becoming a member, are welcome!

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 1st and 3rd Saturdays and at the PetSmart store in Glen Carbon on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Saturdays of the month. You can visit our website for more information and see more adoptable pets, plus grab a pet adoption application form – www.bondcohs.petfinder.com. Also our Sponsor-A-Pet program is underway. Now you can choose an adult dog or cat living in BCHS care and sponsor them with a donation each month. When your sponsor animal gets adopted, you can opt out OR choose another animal to sponsor. Call (618) 664-4068 or visit us in person or online today to find out more about supporting a particular animal that has yet to find a home!

Standard adoption fees range from \$60 (for adult cats) up to \$125 (for young dogs) and the fee includes veterinary testing and treatment, routine shots, alteration and state-mandated microchipping.

Purina Pets For Seniors

Bond County Humane Society offers special adoption discounts for seniors. This discount is made available through the Purina Pets For Seniors program. Qualifying adopters 60 years of age or older may adopt an eligible cat or dog from BCHS and receive a full adoption fee discount. Some restrictions do apply and a limited number of applications are available each year.



Did you know that spotting a black cat walking towards you is GOOD LUCK? Just imagine how lucky your home will be once you adopt one or two or all three of us! We are short haired littermates, **Venus and Valerie and Victor**, approximately 11 months old. We were found behind a shed with our mom and our sister (Violet, who's already been adopted). You can tell the girls from the rest of our litter because we were born without full long tails. Venus has a bob tail and Valerie has no tail at all! We all love to run and play and have fun with other cats.

Interested in a Renaissance Man? I am **Davinci**, a 4 year old, Gray Tabby medium haired cat. I was brought to BCHS as a stray and badly injured. Because of the injuries to my right rear leg I will always have a slight limp when I walk or run. I am mild-mannered and get along with other cats.



Sweet tooth? We are the cat brothers for you. We were left on the porch at BCHS with our sister because our owner could no longer take care of us. Our sister Kit Kat was adopted over the summer but we still need homes. We are about 11 months old, cute, cuddly and love to play jingly-ball and feather-wand with the volunteers at BCHS. **Snickers** is Tabby Gray and White and **Reeses** is Tabby Orange and White.



Dogs more your style? I am **Sheila**, a large, dark brown and black Golden Retriever mix. I am probably about 2 years old. I was a stray found with my 4 puppies and another adult dog. A kind lady picked me and my canine family up and brought us to BCHS. I am very sociable, affectionate and easy going, but I will need special adopters who understand my special emotional/behavior needs and my wish to be the only dog in your house.

Thank you to those who have contributed proposals, stories, photos and interviews that helped create the Winter 2011/2012 issue of The Pet Dispatch. Your help is always greatly appreciated. – Rebecca Clausen, newsletter editor and lay-out design editor.

Buying pet supplies or a treat for your darling kitty or puppy?
Buy a second one for BCHS pets who need your help!

View our complete Wish List online!

www.bondcohs.petfinder.com

Volunteers, Foster Homes, Animal Supplies, Office Supplies, Cleaning Supplies and More. All donations TAX-DEDUCTIBLE!

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Or Current Resident

If you are not yet a member, please consider becoming a member of Bond County Humane Society. If you know someone who is a pet lover and has not yet joined, invite them to become a member. Also, take this occasion to 1) contribute to BCHS's permanent shelter building fund, or 2) sponsor a cat or dog living in BCHS care by making your selection in the space provided below.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION 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). \$_____ Gift in memory of _____ (cat/dog/person).
 Contribute to building the BCHS Permanent Shelter: \$_____ One-Time \$_____ Monthly \$_____ Annual.
 Sponsor-A-Pet Donation: \$_____ One-Time \$_____ Monthly \$_____ Annual. Pet Name _____.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Email Address: _____

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