

The Pet Dispatch



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Happy Tails

Stories of recent happy adopted endings

Sylvia the cat was approximately one year old in early 2006. She had been abused before BCHS received her, and as a result she suffered a broken pelvis, broken femur and broken front leg. In spite of her abuse she remained very sweet and affectionate. She did walk with a limp in the back that she will probably have the rest of her life. That did not stop her from running and playing like any other young cat. And this lucky tabby cat got adopted into her forever home.



After this family adopted Sylvia, they brought 5 or 6 cats to Bond County Humane Society's annual Paws In The Park to be micro-chipped. That was a real treat. We chipped them in the van just in case they got loose. Fortunately everything went well. In January 2011 they sent this email and photo: "Hope you had a great Holiday. We adopted Sylvia back on February 25, 2006. I attached a couple photos. She is doing well and spoiled as are all our cats. Jim and Leslie Joseph."



Sarah and her littermates were dumped in a ditch with their mother. A kind lady stopped and brought the black and white Labrador Retriever mix puppies to BCHS. After that, all they knew was warmth and cleanliness. Sarah was very loving and liked to snuggle in people's arms. She enjoyed chasing her littermates and chewing on chew toys. When she was about 3 months old, a family adopted her from BCHS.

In April 2011 they wrote BCHS: "Hello, I wanted to say hello and send a few photos of our wonderful puppy. Our daughter elected to change her name to Midnight and she seems to like it very well. I am amazed at how smart she is, only 1 accident since she has come home.

Even our dog Sophia seems to love her; they play constantly. Each morning the 2 dogs and I go for mini walks and her training is going great. She sits, stays close, walks well on the leash and has even learned the words IN and OUT. Each time we enter the home she sits at the door waiting for me to unhook her leash. Funny thing she has learned how to bark; yes I know she has always barked. But now when we sit on the couch and I act like I am ignoring her she will bark at me. I tell her to hush and that I am the boss; she will bark again so I bark back and this interaction of us barking at each other lasts forever. LOL. Well please know that the invitation is ALWAYS open, please please feel free to come for a visit. WE LOVE HER! Thank you for her. With great respect, The Anderson Family
 Lisa ~ Rob ~ Savannah ~ Michael ~ Sophia and Midnight."

Maria is a beautiful silver blue and cream striped tabby cat. In January 2011 she was about one year old. She had been found wandering around by the BCHS dog shelter for several weeks. BCHS volunteers thought she might belong to someone who lived nearby, but they couldn't find anyone. Maria would wait for the volunteers to come in to work because she knew she would get fed. BCHS took her in to the cat shelter and waited for someone to come and claim her, but no one ever came. She was very sweet and easy going most of the time and loved to be held by people. Even the dogs didn't bother her when they barked at her. We knew she would make someone a wonderful companion. And now she has!

He wrote BCHS in April 2011 to say: "Just a short note to let every one know that Maria is doing wonderfully in her new home. She explored her new surroundings for a few hours before finding a favorite nap area on the couch. She is eating well and using her litter box regularly. Purchased a few toys for her that she enjoys playing with. Maria is such an affectionate, easy going kitty. She likes to 'talk' and will answer when called. She spends hours on my lap and purrs on and on. Really a joy to have her here. She likes to be in the same room as me and spends her nights sleeping in my office chair that I have in my bedroom. She also likes sitting on the window sill and watching outside where I have a large tree with a small bird population. I am happy to have her here and she likes it too I think. Thanks to everyone at the shelter for helping me adopt Maria. Thanks also for all the work you do for the animals.

Kind regards, Kurt Isbrecht and Maria."



Grayson is a black Lab mixed puppy who came into BCHS's care along with her four litter mates. She was adopted in April 2011 and her new family wrote in June 2011: "Hi! Just wanted to update you on the status of our newest family member. First of all we are all doing well and enjoying our time together. We changed her name from Grayson to Gracie. She has adapted quite well to the change. She has done quite a bit of growing. She is now 50lbs and a good deal taller and longer since you saw her last. When we visited the vet he was quite certain that she is wolfhound along with lab. Gracie's grey hair seems to be spreading all over so I think that will really make the wolfhound show in her appearance. He predicts that the lab in her will keep her smaller. He is predicting about 75lbs. We will see. Gracie is such a joy to have in our family and a constant source of amusement with her silly & fun personality. What a wonderful decision it was to adopt her. I also wanted to share with you that our vet was quite impressed with the job you had done at BCHS. He was so pleased with how well she had been socialized. Just wanted to send a couple of pictures. Thanks, Patti Borlee."

Announcements and News

Shelter Update – "Phase One" Construction

Story by Rebecca Clausen and Dennis Hundsdorfer

Since our last newsletter Shelter News update, BCHS has made more tangible and important progress towards a permanent animal shelter building in Greenville, Illinois. We've commissioned and bought engineering plans for a 5,300 square foot, steel-constructed shelter from a reputable kennel building supplies and equipment company. Taking this step provides us with a real, financial goal amount to get materials and labor pledges and to organize a building capital fund campaign. South Elm land site has a sign (well, we had a sign until the Feb. 27, 2011 wind storm) and trees. Solid figures, initial floor plans, and very recently even a culvert, a driveway and a storage building. This is real movement forward.

In May 2011, construction was completed of a 24'x48' storage building on the South Elm Street property, future site of BCHS. The purpose of the building is to house, in one location, all of the equipment previously stored in various other places. It is not a structure intended for, nor appropriate for, office space or animal boarding. The addition of this building puts the property "in use" for non-profit purposes and we have filed an application with the county to obtain tax exempt status from the state. If approved this would eliminate the annual property tax obligations on the property. The new culvert was



furnished and installed by the City of Greenville. Services to install the driveway and building excavation work were donated by Plunkett Services of Greenville.

We rely on the local community to continue its support of our goals to continue improvement of animal welfare in and around Bond County.

This is only the first step in having a new shelter complex, but it is an important one. As an organization BCHS is determined to make this happen for the benefit of local animals. We need the community's help and support to make this a reality. If you would like to pledge materials, contribute labor, or donate financially to the Permanent Animal Shelter Building Fund, please contact BCHS by phone, mail, email, in person during office hours, or visit our website to find out more about donations of all kinds.



Pet Poison Prevention Tips

Compiled by Barb Maroon (DVM)

- Be aware of the plants you have in your home and yard. The ingestion of azalea, oleander, castor bean, sago palm, Easter lily (cats only), or yew plant material by an animal can be fatal.
- Never allow your pets to have access to the areas in which cleaning agents are being used or stored. Cleaning agents have a variety of properties; some may only cause mild stomach upset, but others can cause severe burns of the tongue, mouth and stomach. Store all cleaners, pesticides, and medications in a secured area.
- Most bait contains ingredients that can attract your pets. When using rat, mouse, snail or slug baits, or ant or roach traps, place the products in areas that are inaccessible to your companion animals.
- Never give your companion animals medication unless you are directed to do so by a veterinarian. Many medications that are safe for humans can be deadly for animals. For example, one extra-strength (500mg) acetaminophen tablet could be fatal to a cat.
- Keep all prescription and over-the-counter drugs out of your pets' reach, preferably in closed cabinets. Pain killers, cold medicines, anti-cancer drugs, antidepressants, vitamins and diet pills are all examples of human medications that can be lethal to animals, even in small doses.
- Food items that potentially could be dangerous to pets include onions, onion powder, chocolate (bakers, semi sweet, milk, dark), alcoholic beverages, yeast dough, coffee (grounds, beans, candy covered beans, tea, caffeine), salt, macadamia nuts, hops, tomato leaves and stems (green parts), rhubarb leaves, avocados (toxic to birds, mice, rabbits, horses, cattle, and dairy goats), cigarettes, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco, moldy or spoiled foods.
- Many common household items can be dangerous to animals: mothballs, potpourri oils, pennies, homemade play dough, fabric softener sheets, dishwashing detergent, and batteries.
- Automotive products such as gasoline, oil and antifreeze should be stored in areas that are inaccessible to your pets. As little as one teaspoon of antifreeze can be deadly to a cat; less than one tablespoon can be lethal to a 20-pound dog.
- Before buying a flea product, consult your veterinarian, especially when treating sick, debilitated or pregnant pets.
- Read all of the information on the label before using a product on your pet or in your home. Always follow the directions.
- If a product is for use only on dogs, it should never be used on cats; if a product is for use only on cats, it should never be used on dogs. Never use permethrin spot on products (which are labeled for dogs only) on your cat.
- Make sure your companion animals do not enter areas in which insecticidal foggers or house sprays have been applied for the period of time indicated on the label.
- If you are uncertain about the proper usage of any product, contact the manufacturer and/or your veterinarian for instructions.
- Many plants can be toxic to your pets. Please keep houseplants out of reach of your pets.

If you think that your pet may have ingested a potentially poisonous substance, call your vet's emergency phone number.



What Happens To Your Pet If Something Happens To You?

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I have begun to notice just how intrusive the conversation regarding pet trusts is for the general public.... When I ask "Have you made arrangements for your pets if something were to happen to you?," the number one answer I get is "My kids will care for them". Thank you very much, end of conversation!

Shelters, with whom I speak more regularly, would love to show the public all of the pets they have who were supposed to be cared for by the "kids". One shelter told me a story of a daughter who called from the mother's death bed asking them to come pick up the dog she was supposed to care for. Another shelter told me the story of the son who contacted them to take the dog because it had become blind, and he didn't want to, or know how to care for, a blind dog. Every year [shelters receive quite a few] pets due to the owner's death or disability. You may say, well that is not much, but add that to the pets they receive due to financial hardship, divorce, puppy mills, and "just don't want the pet anymore", and they are drowning in our irresponsible planning.

I know it is not easy to face the fact that we are all going to die, and that many of us will become disabled, but when inviting a pet into our home planning for continued care of your pets is essential. Many of the pets who survive the owner are old and have not experienced any other home. In a shelter setting they are traumatized by the strange environment, and by missing the only person they have known for

their care. If we cannot face our own mortality then perhaps we can get concerned with the fate of our loving companions, our pets. The golden rule seems to apply here, treat your pet companion the way you would like to be treated, with respect and dignity. They did not ask to be here!

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As a responsible pet owner, you provide your pet with food and water, shelter, veterinary care, and love. To ensure that your beloved pet will continue to receive this if something unexpected were to happen to you, it's critical to plan ahead.

The best way to make sure your wishes ensuring long-term or permanent care for your pet are fulfilled is by making formal arrangements that specifically cover the care of your pet. It's not enough that long ago your friend verbally promised to take in your animal or even that you've decided to leave money to your friend for that purpose. Work with an attorney to draw up a special will, trust, or other document to provide for the care and ownership of your pet as well as the money necessary to care for her.

Learn what steps you can take to plan and provide for your pet's future without you with a printable PDF called "Providing For Your Pet's Future Without You" which can be found online:

http://www.humanesociety.org/assets/pdfs/pets/pets_in_wills_factsheet.pdf

BCHS Low Cost Spay/Neuter Programs

In 2010, more than 450 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.

CRITICAL EMERGENCY: NEED FOSTER HOMES FOR DOGS!

The kennel building we've been renting has been sold. We must be out by the end of August 2011! The rental situation for our building on S. 4th St. where we house cats and office space is fine, but we cannot keep dogs there. Foster homes are needed immediately to care for the healthy, happy dogs already in our care. And with an extended network of fostering families, we hope to be able to continue taking in as many of the county's neglected and unwanted dogs and puppies as we can. Please call BCHS @ 664-4068 ASAP to apply to be a temporary or more permanent foster home. BCHS pays for all food and medical bills! If you can help us during this critical time while we work out a long-term solution, we certainly appreciate it and so do our sweet, young, adoptable dogs. You can also read more about Fostering and Volunteering for BCHS on our website - www.bondcohs.petfinder.com.

Fundraising Events

BCHS thanks all the volunteers and fundraising event coordinators who generously donate their time and energy, and many times their own personal finances, to help us help the animals. The fundraising events we organize and participate in are always evolving as we try to find the best ways to raise money to operate our organization and its programs and build our new permanent shelter. If you have a suggestion, please let us know via email or phone!

Yes, it's true - we are trying to secure enough donations to begin building a new permanent animal shelter! It is way overdue and desperately needed, especially this year with our being forced from our rented dog kennel space. Please help by attending our fundraisers, assisting in planning our fundraisers or giving a donation.

Bowled Over By Community Support

Following our February 26, 2011 Crazy Bowl: Shelter Style, the feedback on our www.facebook.com/bondcohs page went wild about it.

Bond County Humane Society wrote:
Congratulations, winners of BCHS's 2nd Crazy Bowl! Matt Oglesby, Chad and Ty Sexton, and John Helige were unbeatable! Thank you, Christina for organizing this fundraiser! Thank you, Barb Maroon for all the wonderful photographs you snapped during the event! And thank you 4th Street Lanes for the venue, the advertising and the trophy!

Barb Maroon posted: Great time at the Crazy Bowl. Not many strikes when you bowl sitting Indian style, eyes closed, hopping, holding hands with someone, and bowling between someone's legs :) However I did average 55 for 3 games LOL.

Laura Plunkett posted: It was lots of fun. I am glad I was able to come this year. Lily [our mastiff dog] sure had fun last night, too. I have never bowled with my eyes closed. Thank goodness the ball stayed in the right lane. Christina did a great job organizing this.

Christina Scott Staff posted: What a great turnout this was! So much fun! Thanks everyone! It's such a great feeling to coordinate an event and have such a fun turnout! Thanks to all who participated and helped plan! And a big thanks to 4th Street Lanes for being such fantastic hosts!



Danny Brassel Memorial Benefit

Performer and promoter Elmo Linton brought his dependable brand of musical entertainment to the annual Memorial Benefit Dinner and Show on March 27, 2011. The cool and talented jamming band made playing Americana-Country-Western-Honky-Tonk-Blues look and sound easy, with singers Elmo, Charlie Barnes (who also played guitar and fiddle), Tammy Rench, Dave Korte, Newcombs, several more guest vocalists, musicians and Elmo's daughter DJ McCaskey. The artists performed solos and duets on popular and standard cover tunes. Highlights of note were Lee Brothers on steel guitar and the multitude of couples taking advantage of the dance floor throughout the afternoon.

A fresh and vibrant squad prepared and served up chili dogs, soups, nachos, pies and cakes at the food tables. Whether eating their fill, dancing, bidding on an array of themed gift baskets, or chatting with Humane Society hosts and fellow fundraising event guests, everyone enjoyed a visibly and audibly good time remembering a fallen friend - a valued and beloved BCHS member and animal lover (and hero to dogs and cats) - Big Danny Brassel and one of his legacies: the continuing and worthwhile mission of BCHS.

Thank you to Mr Linton and his talented and



generous performer friends and family, and to every volunteer ticket seller, cook, baker and serving table worker from BCHS who made the 2011 dinner and show possible and successful.

Thank you to all of the auction item donors, bidders and raffle participants. Jim Plunkett won the 50/50 raffle and donated it back. Darlene Struberg won the impressive Wheelbarrow Of Booze (and Snacks!) raffle. Julie Juarez bid an incredible \$85 to win herself a homemade apple pie! Outstanding bargains were had with the silent auction baskets, though it took \$75 to walk away with the Dinner for Two Around Town basket.

Pennies For Puppies Collection and C.A.R.E. Team presentation at GES

For this recurring fundraising and awareness season each spring, students bring in spare change to the collection jars in each classroom. The enthusiastic classrooms compete against each other which led to this year's "spare change" adding up to over \$1000! All proceeds go to help BCHS. Thanks to Dee Pruitt for continuing her dedication in coordinating for this event over the many seasons.

Timing of the Pennies For Puppies challenge coincided purposefully with the C.A.R.E. presentations at Greenville Elementary School March 28, 2011 for grades K-5. Rachel and Dennis Hundsdofer & Ben the dog from BCHS assisted Sandy Eaves from the SNIP Alliance with her humane education presentation. The Companion Animal Response Education Team is made up of Bond and Madison County animal shelter and rescue group volunteers who visit learning centers teaching proper pet care to area students. Their goal, in the awesome words of Ms Eaves, is "to produce a kinder more responsible generation of companion animal owners." And C.A.R.E. always welcomes more volunteers willing to help with these presentations!

Tales For Tails Story Telling Concert

If you missed this April 10, 2011 event, you missed something so incredibly special. Our very own BCHS volunteer Pam Chase is also a professional storyteller - a classical art form she was obviously born to practice. She performed 10 stories for the audience attending this fundraising concert at the First United Methodist Church in Greenville - each story engaging, detailed, funny, thought provoking, relatable, spiritual and certainly memorable. She shared old and new folk and fairy tales, nearly all of them containing an animal theme or reference, from all around the world including African, Native American, Irish, Jewish, and European. Thank you, Mrs Chase, for sharing your gift of voice and story with our community and our cause.

Golf Scramble 2011: Driving and Putting is for the Birdies (and the Doggies and the Kitties)

Story by Annis Hopkins and Nancy Machmer



The weather couldn't have been better on Friday the 13th of May, 2011. The weather report had called for thunderstorms, but the skies were blue and the sun shone brightly on the 18 golfers who gathered at Governors Run Golf Club in Carlyle for the 2nd Annual Bond County Humane Society Golf Scramble. Despite all the recent rains, the course was in beautiful condition, leading to low scores and a wonderful outing. The winning team, who shot a 61, was the team of Nancy Marti, Annis Hopkins, Sue Watkins, and Cathy Durer. Coming in second only by virtue of losing a tie-breaker, also with a 61, was the four-man team captained by Dave Tabor. Cathy Durer hit the longest drive for women, and Frank Snyder made the longest drive for men. Almost every golfer went home with a gift, as the planning committee had put together a great array of attendance and golfing prizes. And everyone involved won with the delicious food - barbeque rib eye sandwiches from the Governors Run restaurant, and home-baked cakes donated by BCHS volunteers Janice Perkins, Mary Harnetiaux and Gayle Wise. According to Nancy Machmer, event chairperson, the golf scramble including hole sponsors netted BCHS \$2200 in donations. There is no doubt that a good time was had by all! All attending expressed a desire to return next year, and said they would ask friends to join them.



Mrs Machmer would like to send a special thank you to everyone for their support and help - in particular Mary Harnetiaux for her computer work in graphic designs and layouts for the scramble, the ladies who baked the cakes, and the

local businesses and individuals who sponsored holes and donated gifts and prizes for the players: Hole Sponsors: Anthony Supply, Capri IGA, Midland States Bank, Bradford National Bank, Eneritech, Jackie Gruner, Petroski Door & Window, Slatton's Excavating, Daum Insurance, Wiegman Ford of Carlyle, Countryside Pet Clinic, State Farm Insurance c/o Jason Wiegman, Langham Auctioneers, Greenville Regional Hospital.

Prizes, Gifts and Donations: First Bank, First National Bank, Midland States Bank, Governors Run Golf Course, Greenville Tire Service, Jumpin' Jimmys, Napa McKay Auto Parts, Radio Shack, Rex's Quick Lube, Tri Ford Mercury of Greenville, Buchheit, Frank Snyder, Dave Tabor of Edward Jones, Al and Nancy Machmer.

Puttin' On The Ritz For Fritz 2011

Story by Gayle Wise and Rebecca Clausen

The 2nd annual Bond County Humane Society building fundraiser, Puttin' On The Ritz For Fritz, was a resounding success. The dressy affair was held May 20, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenville with approximately 115 people attending. Cheri Heepke, who formerly operated Cheri's Garden Room, provided delicious lasagna and cheesecake. Kim Cruse of Dream Weddings beautifully decorated the tables with elegant dog and cat floral themes. In accord with this event benefiting BCHS's Permanent Animal Shelter Building Fund, we offered pledge cards and gave a classy multimedia presentation that highlighted and celebrated our ongoing activities, programs and especially our cat and dog alumni.



Everyone who attended agreed that the entertainment was outstanding. Greenville High School Select Choir, under the direction of Shawn Cox, sang the signature song – "Puttin' On The Ritz" – dressed in 1940s period clothing. Various members of the choir also sang solos and duets, accompanied by Sue Heston. Greenville students from Mater Dei High School in Breese and Greenville Junior High School also performed. There were over a dozen musical numbers in all.

Mary Harnetiaux worked her graphic design and layout magic to create advertising pieces, tickets, table favors and a magnificent 3D model of the projected BCHS shelter building. Nancy Machmer and Laura Pierce were in charge of the servers and worked very hard in the kitchen themselves to make sure food was served efficiently to a full room.

The event was organized and MC'ed by Gayle Wise, with the talent portion this year ably coordinated by Barb Smith. Barb also enlisted the help of her brother, Bruce Borrer, a professional sound man, who willingly volunteered his time, talent, and ALL of his sound equipment. Thank you to all of the organizers, contributors, volunteers and student performers. It was absolutely an evening to remember. Mark your calendars for next May 2012 – you won't want to miss our 3rd annual dinner and show.

Rummage Sale (June 4, 2011) & IGA Bar-B-Que (July 8, 2011)

BCHS thanks every one of the volunteers who planned and worked to make these early summer fundraisers happen. Thank you, First Presbyterian Church and Capri IGA for letting us take over your premises. And thank you so much to Bond County's bargain hunters and parking lot foodies. We appreciate every effort you make to come out and support us and our cause!



Upcoming Fundraising Events

September 17, 2011 – 8th Annual Paws In The Park plus Wag-N-Walk at Patriot's Park NW of Greenville. Pet contests, cutest pet photo contest, personalized paw prints, pet photograph tent, flyball demos, police K-9 demos, microchipping clinic, agility course, raffles, food sales, vendor booths and children's activities.

October 7, 2011 – Bar-B-Que Lunch at Greenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop parking lot, featuring grill-master Wes Pourchot.

December 8, 2011 – Bake Sale and Photos with Santa Claus at Buchheit in Greenville.

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

March 2012 – Danny Brassel Memorial Benefit annual dinner plus show.

April 2012 – Tales For Tails, 2nd annual storytelling concert for anyone who enjoys a good yarn.

May 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.

If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to "like" Bond County Humane Society's Facebook.com 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! –Christina Scott Staff, fundraiser

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:

In memory of Sam Blankenship by his friends & family

Animal Friends:

In memory of Kitter beloved cat by Mary Nevinger

In memory of beloved Aunt Amy J. Henry Hentz by Martin Hadley

In memory of MAC beloved pet & companion by June Blaine & John Duff

Sponsor-A-Pet Donations

Rebecca Clausen sponsored Boots the cat

Delores Burdick sponsored Duchess the cat

Donations

Animal Sponsors:

Charles & Lucille Ireland

Joe & Caryl Culumber

Alan & Nancy Machmer (Donation for New Shelter)

Animal Lovers:

Donna Sommars

James & Sharon Vandervort

United Stationers Foundation

Animal Friends:

John & Wauneta Betscher

Michael & Amy Konieczny

Don & Susan DeNike

Mrs. James Brewer

Cassidy Schuster

Anna & Colin Davis

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.

Volunteer/Shelter Worker Corner

Volunteer Appreciation Party

On the afternoon of Sunday, April 3, 2011, BCHS held its regular Volunteer Appreciation Party at the Bradford Community Room in downtown Greenville. This formal opportunity to extend awards and recognition also functions as a meet-and-greet, because many volunteers and even the society officers do not regularly cross paths with each other. Almost 50 people, including volunteers, their families and guests, attended the party. Officers provided sandwich trays, soups, chips, cakes and a cheesecake. Like last year, a fun photo slideshow was displayed, highlighting volunteer activities - both the work days and the fun days. Rachel Hundsdorfer, Acting President, personally handed out certificates and plaques to all the volunteers with over 50 hours of work accrued during the year 2010. She said, "To thank you for generously donating your time to help stray, homeless, and unwanted animals in Bond and surrounding communities." BCHS Officers - who do not formally keep track of their volunteer hours - were also honored with great words of thanks and applause.

Those volunteers receiving awards included: Janice Perkins (1300+ hours), Linda Packard (800+ hours), Dusti Plopper (600+ hours), Emily Deebea (300+ hours), Traci Slatton (200+ hours), Samantha Riedemann (200+ hours). 100+ hours: Brooke Brumberlow, Crista Brumberlow, Eric Woll, Taiylor Mayes. 50+

hours: Martha Grossheim, Kelly File, Emily Frye, Mahari Holt, Vicky Waggoner, Melissa Meller, Barb Maroon.

We asked one of our youngest and most dedicated volunteers to write a letter about her experience volunteering her time with us. This is what she wrote:

Dear Bond County Humane Society,

Thanks for letting me live one of my many dreams - helping neglected animals & giving love to pets that didn't get loved enough by their old owners, if they ever had any owners at all. I love doing what I do there taking care of the animals. A few things I do are clean their crates, feed them meals, play with them, and of course help all of the animals get and stay healthy. Another thing I love doing is going to animal adoptions on Saturdays. I get to help the adoption counselors all day and watch the cats and dogs find responsible and loving good homes. Plus it's also fun hanging out with other volunteers.

And I love helping animals. I've always dreamed of it. I do have animals of my own. I have 1 cat - Oreo, 2 dogs - Fred & Wolfie, 2 turtles and about 5 fish. I like working at BCHS because I learn how to take better care of my pets at home.

Thanks to everyone at Bond County Humane Society. I truly appreciate it. I've been at BCHS for 1 year and 2 months and about 23 days.

Love, Taiylor Mayes

June 4, 2011



Member Corner

News and Announcements for the Members of BCHS

There have been some changes to the list of BCHS Officers. Dee Pruitt became unable to continue in her elected office, but we have enjoyed and greatly appreciated Dee and her family's close work with us over the years: as our Secretary, a foster home, multiple events chairperson and creative contributor, food vendor coordinator. The Pruitts also helped several years ago during BCHS's move into the highway dept building (our current S 4th Street home). Jane Hopkins has graciously volunteered to fill the Secretary position temporarily. Following is a current list of Officers.

Current BCHS Officers

Acting President: Rachel Hundsdorfer

Acting Secretary: Jane Hopkins

Treasurer: Laura Plunkett

Vice President - Public Relations & Maintenance/Repairs: Dennis Hundsdorfer

Vice President - Membership: Nancy Machmer

Vice President - Feline Wellness: Kay Anna 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, Secretary, Vice President - Grants, 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

Membership meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Free Methodist Gateway Conference Center on Chicago St. in Greenville, IL. 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 cats older than one year) up to \$125 for young dogs and include veterinary testing and treatment, routine shots, alteration and state-mandated micro-chipping.

Purina Pets For Seniors

BCHS 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 a cat one year or older or a dog four years or older from BCHS and receive a full adoption fee discount. Some restrictions do apply and a limited number of applications are available each year.



← **Lisa Marie.** Labrador Retriever/Terrier Mix black puppy. 4 months old. Lisa Marie and her litter mates (Elvis and Aaron) were abandoned by their owner and Bond County Humane Society took over their care. She is very sociable, playful and loves to sit in your lap.

→ **Nora.** Domestic Short Hair Mix gray and black tabby striped cat. 8 months old. Nora was brought in by a volunteer who found her wandering at Greenville College. She is very sweet, playful and full of energy. Come let her sit in your lap and you will fall in love.



← **Jackson.** Domestic Short Hair Mix black and white bicolor cat. 1 year old. Jackson and his litter mates (some of them very weak and sick) were abandoned on the steps of Bond County Humane Society when they were about 10 weeks old. Jackson thrived and grew up strong. He is sociable, playful and affectionate. Jackson has an orange and white brother named Linus who is also available for immediate adoption.

Thank you to the contributing force of the Summer 2011 issue of The Pet Dispatch. Your stories and your photos, etc are greatly appreciated. –Rebecca Clausen, newsletter editor and lay-out design editor.

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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: _____

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