

The Pet Dispatch



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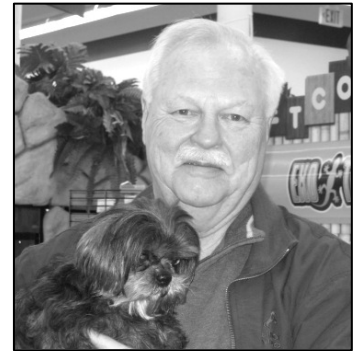
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Happy Tails

Stories of recent happy adopted endings

Happy Tail for Ava, the Adult Shih Tzu

Hello all at BCHS, Ava came home today after her surgery yesterday. There were no complications and Ava was a model patient (I believe they wanted to keep her!). She watched all the activity around her and was a center of attention. She is a real sweetheart and all she meets is a friend. The first thing we did upon arriving home was to remove the collar and take our usual walk. Regretfully, the collar was back on until we could relax in the recliner without it. There are several stitches that could be pulled out if she scratched at her eye. I can clean her eyes and massage them,



which she loves. I think she is worn out from her adventure and needs rest. Although the worst is over, weeks of medication follow... three different drops and two medicines. Follow-up exam is next week and subsequent visits further apart.

Gary, March 13, 2013

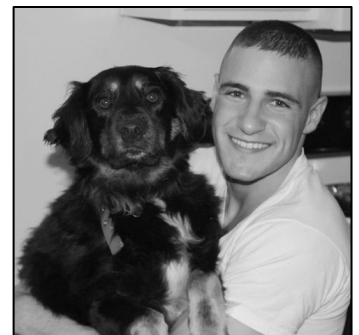
Happy Tail for Trey (Jesse), the Persian Mix Kitten

Hi Bond County Humane Society, I wanted to give you an update on Trey. He is doing just fine! He seems to be adjusting to his new environment very quickly. We have stairs and he mastered these in no time. He's very fast and really keeps me on my toes. John and I just love him! He is the very sweetest kitty. He has tried very hard to get to know our cat, Joey, but Joey is being very hard to get to know. However things are slowly progressing in a positive direction. I've attached a few pics of Trey. He seems to have grown a lot in just a few days! By the way, we re-named him Jesse. Trey just wasn't working real good for us. He already knows and is responding to his new name. Hope all is well there. Thank you again for your loving care, -Pat Marsh, June 28, 2012



Happy Tail for Harley, the Labrador Retriever Mix Puppy

Hello Bond County! This update has been a long time coming. I just wanted to let you know that Harley is still doing great! He now resides in sunny Southern California and still loves life just as much as the day I picked him up from you all! He is about 20 lbs heavier now and has grown from a puppy into quite the dog. He still keeps with his ritual in eating dinner with us and sleeping every night away warming our feet. The woman who put him in my hands that fall day had petted him on the head and said, "You have a good life now Harley," as she teared up. I wanted to let her know that at no point in his life, even when he sat shotgun with me for 6 days straight in a moving van out here to California (which was adorable since he sat dead center of the bench seat with his head on my shoulder the whole time), has he ever not been loved or not enjoyed every moment of the day. With our deepest thanks for putting this love in our life. -The Lirios, Feb 22, 2012



Happy Tail for Hazel, the Senior Dachshund

Hello BCHS, I adopted Hazel about three years ago. She was in your care about 10 months before I found her. She is this little, older, red, short haired dachshund, missing hair on the back half of her body and on her tail. But she is the most wonderful dog ever! It had to be fate that brought us together. She follows me everywhere, even to the bathroom. She misses me when I am gone, and gets sick when I am gone overnight, which is rarely, thank goodness.

About a year ago I almost lost her. She developed a large tumor in her liver, pressing against her intestines. My vet said to just watch and see, but I knew the outlook was poor, as she was having bowel issues. I was devastated. So we went to a surgeon in St Louis who operated and removed a large liver tumor, which was cancerous. I was surprised to learn these can be very common. She healed beautifully and I thought we were out of the woods and I'll be darned if she didn't eat some plastic something on our walk and had to be operated on again, just three months later. It was really touch and go as to whether the inner sutures on the bowel would hold and her bowel function again. But she got better and is back to her old self. And we now have a fenced in back yard so we don't have to walk on the roads and tempt fate.

She is a little slower now, but so am I. We are also watching her kidneys, as they aren't working as well. This dog is the love of my life and I am forever a better person for having her in it. I just want to say thank you so much for taking care of an older dog, for seeing the potential that she could bring to a person who was lucky enough to adopt her. Thank you to her foster mom who kept her for me and her foster brother, Hershey Kisses, too. I will forever appreciate your care of her.

Sincerely, Maura Lane, April 06, 2013

Sharon Vandervort, and her husband, Jim, have been long time members and supporters of Bond County Humane Society. She was an animal lover and had several dogs of her own. Sharon passed away on June 16, 2013 at her home. We extend our sympathy to her family and will miss her.

Spay/Neuter Programs for the Bond Co. Community

Bond County Humane Society is committed to promote animal welfare through education and to actively encourage pet population reduction. We partner with veterinarians and spay/neuter clinics to provide resources to pet owners for low cost spay/neuter programs and non-owned feral/free roaming cats. We have served people throughout the entire St. Louis metro area through pet adoptions and spay/neuter programs since 2003. And your help is still needed. We hope you will talk to your families, co-workers, friends and neighbors if you think they could benefit from the services and volunteer opportunities BCHS provides.

Companion Cats & Dogs Aren't "Broken," but They and You Will Both Benefit from Their Getting "Fixed"

Your companion will live a longer, healthier life and you will experience fewer headaches if you get him or her spayed or neutered. Spaying/neutering makes animals easier to train, less likely to fight other animals, less likely to mark territory, less likely to run away or roam, and avoid certain health risks and cancers. Through grant-funded BCHS Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Voucher Programs, 68 companion cats and dogs have been spayed/neutered in the year 2013 (as of August 14) using local and trusted Bond County veterinary clinics. Please call our office at (618) 664-4068 for more information about this financial assistance.

Feral & Free-Roaming Cats Find an Affordable Ride to High Quality, Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic

Spaying and neutering stray, neighborhood cats is the best way to reduce their population and reduce the number of unwanted kittens born every spring! These cats often have no owner and need a Good Samaritan like you to help get them fixed. This will help keep them and their offspring out of shelters, reduce disease, and make them better members of the community! In cooperation with Animal Protective League (APL) in Springfield, Illinois, BCHS works to reduce feral cat populations in Bond County and the surrounding area. Year To Date (August 14, 2013), 74 feral/free roaming cats have been spayed or neutered and vaccinated through this Trap-Neuter-Return program.

They're Even Cuter when you Spay & Neuter



One Tuesday each month, BCHS delivers pre-registered feral and free-roaming cats to Springfield's APL Spay/Neuter Clinic. These photos were taken at dawn on April 16, 2013 and show people dropping off their trapped cats at BCHS's transport van.

Animal Protective League (APL) Spay/Neuter Clinic Testimonial from Elaine Craver of rural Greenville

"I've gotten my barn cats spayed through this program and highly recommend it to any farm friends who need a cost effective way to get their barn cats fixed. It isn't free, but at \$27 it is a whole heck of a lot less than getting a house cat fixed. You can give BCHS a call for details; they can provide humane traps and tell you more about it. I've gotten three barn cats done in the last year and if we end up with any more strays I will definitely go this route again. I don't think you have to reside in Bond County, but you have to be able to drop off your trapped cats at 6:30 a.m. and then pick up them up the next day at 9:30 a.m."

Rescue Stories

A Rescue Story for Karina, a Super Spunky Dog

When a Bond County bus driver repeatedly spotted a fluffy red and black dog walking all alone down the streets of her bus route, the driver (also a Bond County Humane Society volunteer) took it upon herself to find out where this dog lived. She discovered that the dog's custodians had taken her in several years before and were feeding her table scraps. The dog had never been taken to the vet for a growth on her left front leg. Those people surrendered her to BCHS in early April 2013 so she could get medical care and a real home.

Karina, a six year old Chow Chow mix, was fostered by the bus driver who rescued her. BCHS had the growth on her leg removed. The vet said it weighed 2.5 pounds and was fluid filled; there was no sign of cancer. Karina was spayed at the same time as her leg surgery. A week later, she had a hernia appear in her abdomen that required another surgery. She recovered and grew more familiar with her new happy foster life. Karina didn't know what dog food was at first but she learned quickly. With some fast training, she proved very well mannered, never jumping on the furniture or bothering anything. She got along with the other animals in the foster home: a cat and two dogs. She adores car rides and getting her fur brushed. Karina began spending Saturdays at BCHS's off-site adoption events at Petco and PetSmart, hoping to meet her new furever family.

Ultimately Karina was adopted in late June 2013 by the very bus driver who decided to help her in the first place. When tears would come to Karina's foster mom's eyes every Saturday that she had to drop Karina off for BCHS Adoption Day meet & greets, she realized that Karina, in her home, was already home. And we at BCHS couldn't be happier.



Hello, Dolly! It's So Nice To Have You Back Where You Belong

In the Spring of 2013, two of Bond County Humane Society's youth volunteers found a small, white and brown female cat. They rescued the poor animal that was hungry, dirty and covered with scrapes. Her face was severely scratched, and she had a large wound on her neck. The youths put up "Found Cat" flyers and posted her online to Facebook. But when no one claimed her after two weeks, they brought the cat, now named Dolly, to BCHS where our in-house vet tech continued treating her scratches and wounds.

All this time, one-year old Dolly was very friendly and eager to play with toys and people. She had not always been lost or a stray, but had been treated well by someone in her past. In BCHS shelter care, Dolly recovered completely. Her neck and facial wounds healed and her missing fur began to grow back. In fact, by eating lots of nutritious cat food, all of her fur all over her small body grew in thicker and softer. Shelter volunteers fell in love with her snuggling and purring feline personality. She was spayed, vaccinated and microchipped, and soon she was ready for adoption.

Saturday May 11, 2013, Dolly and five other cats looking for their furever homes set off for Petco in Fairview Heights, Illinois with BCHS Adoption Day volunteers. For most of the day, Dolly sat in her crate, patiently waiting, watching customers buy pet food, pet toys and fish. Some people petted her and talked sweet to her, but they walked away or even picked out a BCHS puppy to adopt instead. Adoption Day was nearly over when a family with a little girl finally walked up to Dolly's crate and asked to hold her. The small, white and brown cat put on her best adorable performance and the family knew without a doubt. "We want her. That's our cat," they declared, smiling, as they filled out the adoption application. Dolly went home with them that afternoon.

We at BCHS miss Dolly, but more importantly, we know her new family is taking the best care of her.



Just Married – Just Looking – Just Do It: A Rescue Story for Celia

In the Spring 2013, a Bond County Humane Society volunteer found a tiny, yellow, female puppy abandoned on the side of a road. She was half-starved and so thin and dehydrated that we thought maybe she even had a highly contagious disease, so initially we boarded her at the BCHS cat facility, away from our other dogs. But luckily she turned out not to be ill and only hungry and

frightened. BCHS named her Celia and nursed her back to health around the clock. Our vet tech even gave her subcutaneous fluids beneath her skin to rehydrate her. We tried to guess what breed she was and we finally decided she could be a blonde mix of Beagle and Hound dogs. Now we believed she could grow into a healthy adult dog of 35-40 pounds, a far cry from the day we first weighed her.

Celia at 3 months old was still shy but she warmed up to all people great and small after a short while. She was an oddly and happily calm dog in the house, but once outdoors, she became a totally different dog – excited to play and use up all her stored energy. Now spayed and microchipped, she was ready for her first opportunity to go on off-site adoptions. BCHS packed her up for Petco where mid-afternoon, a pair of young people approached Celia's small crate. They took turns holding the mild-mannered dog and walking her on a leash around the store. They asked lots of thoughtful questions about her life too. They revealed to our adoption counselor they were newlyweds, and they had discussed adopting a dog sometime soon, but today they were "just looking."

But little Celia lucked out! After some serious consideration, the couple decided they could not see themselves leaving that June 2013 Saturday without her. They filled out all the paperwork to adopt her and we think Celia will have a great new life in her new apartment with her adoring forever parents.



Upcoming Fundraising Events

10th Annual Paws In The Park plus Wag-N-Walk is Saturday, September 21, 2013

Saturday, September 21, 2013, Bond County Humane Society is holding the 10th Annual Paws In the Park at Patriot's Park northwest of Greenville (junction of Illinois Highways 140 & 127). Like past years, Wag-N-Walk (8am - 10am) will be a part of Paws In The Park – friends and family sponsor you to take your pup for a walk on the marked trail around the lake. Be sure to let them know that their contributions are tax deductible and go directly to helping the animals at BCHS.

There will also be microchipping for \$15, an agility course, pet contests, prizes, pet portrait booth, pet nails trimming booth, dog training booth, K-9 demo, raffles, food and more. Registration and Booths open at 9am. Blessing of the Animals at 9:30am. Contests run from 11am - 4pm. See inserts and flyers (& visit our Website and Facebook!) for all sorts of Paws In The Park info!

Strut Your Mutt St. Louis is Saturday, September 28, 2013 at Tilles Park

Supported by Best Friends Animal Society, Strut Your Mutt is a leisurely fundraising dog walk followed by a doggie-themed festival that includes pet contests, photos, treats for your dogs, fun activities, refreshments and more. Please join us for this fun-filled event either by registering to walk, or by sponsoring a walker. Your donation is tax-deductible and Bond County Humane Society keeps 100% of the money we raise. Where? Tilles Park at 9551 Litzsinger Road, St. Louis, MO. When? Saturday September 28, 2013. Check-in and onsite registration opens at 8:30am. Strut begins at 10:00am. Event ends at 1:00pm.

Visit our page at www.strutyourmutt.org/team/bondcohs and click "Join This Dog Pack" in the top right corner of the screen. Once you sign up, you are encouraged to start asking friends and family to support your strut (and BCHS!) through your fundraising webpage. We look forward to a great day with you and your pups as part of our amazing dog pack!

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 Sponsors (\$501 & up):

...Jesse beloved dog by Julie Juarez

Animal Lovers (\$101 - \$500):

...Molly beloved dog of Dave & Beth Martin by:
Lewis & Jennifer Dixon, Mr. & Mrs. Roger
Hendrixson, F W Schermes & Linda Kuntz,
Dennis & Rachel Hundsdorfer

...Jake beloved dog by Mark & Lori File

Animal Lovers (\$101 - \$500):

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Coleman

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...Tilly Keillor beloved dog by Debbi Keillor
...Ernie beloved dog by Claudine Hickam
...Cinco beloved dog of Mary Cibulko by
Dave & Beth Martin
...Joe beloved dog of John Pestka by Dave
& Beth Martin

...Duchess beloved dog by Debbie Ernest
...Laura Plunkett by Doris Rench
...KayAnna Warthen's foster mom by
Barbara Maroon

Permanent Shelter Donations

Mary Kasmark, Al Warren, Mary MacDonald, Randall Neumann, Steve A. or Marjorie A. Cuvar, Larry & Betty Shenkle

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Nyla Strole, former Treasurer of Bond County Saddle Club

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Thank You for all of your Donations

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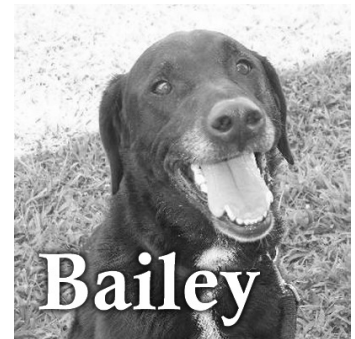
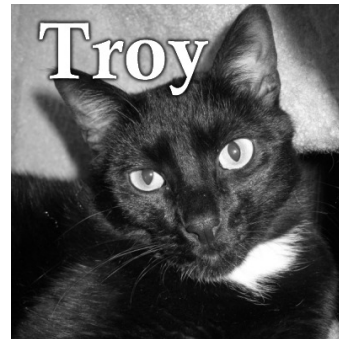
In honor of Andrea Hull's retirement by
Kathy Reeves

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 in Fairview Heights on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, at the PetSmart in Glen Carbon on the 2nd, 4th Saturdays, and at Buchheit in Greenville on 5th Saturdays. You can visit our website for more information and see more adoptable pets, plus grab a pet adoption application form – www.bondcohs.petfinder.com.

Standard adoption fees range from \$40 (for adult cats) up to \$200 (for purebred dogs) and the fee includes veterinary testing and treatment, routine shots/vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery and state-mandated microchipping.

2013 Adoption Report: So far, 52 Cats & 43 Dogs have found their furever homes. These sweet animals below can be next!



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Thank you to everyone who has contributed stories, letters, ideas and photos that have helped create the 2009-2013 issues of The Pet Dispatch, the Official Newsletter of Bond County Humane Society.

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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. Each donation is tax-deductible and many companies will match their employees' donations to 501(c)3 charitable orgs like BCHS!

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

- \$1,000.00 Lifetime
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