



The Pet Dispatch

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Official Newsletter of Bond County Humane Society

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Happy Tails & Rescue Stories

Stories of Bond County Humane Society pets' happy adopted endings

A Rescue Story & Happy Tail for Daisy Kay, the Beagle Puppy

Daisy's mom was an abandoned Beagle, taken in by a family who ultimately surrendered her to Bond County Humane Society. Shortly after coming to the shelter it was determined the adult Beagle was pregnant. On Easter Sunday Daisy [shelter name Kellsey] and 3 littermates were born. The puppies were all adopted in June 2015 and Daisy's new mom has written us a couple of notes with photos and even a video of her sweet, playful pup! Here's what she said:

"I figured you might enjoy an update on Daisy. She's doing great! We are going to get her rabies shot this week. She's growing so much! And she knows how to 'Sit' when told! Here's a pic we took after my first day of vet school."

—Suzanne Ford.

July 13 and August 26, 2015



Daisy Kay with her furever mom, Suzanne.

A Rescue Story & Happy Tail for Rue, the Yellow & White Kitten

Rue and two littermates were found by a woman who took the kittens in but could not keep them because of her serious health issues. So she brought the kittens to Bond County Humane Society in May 2015 so we could find them loving homes. Rue was the last of the 3 to meet his family, but it's a great one! Here's what they posted on our Facebook Page:

"Gabe & I adopted Rue on August 25th, 2015 after we lost our two cats 28 days apart. Our home was too quiet. We visited the shelter [in Greenville] & the room where all the cats play! I wanted a mama & baby but that wasn't meant to be. Rue found us. He purred & played, wasn't vocal, & stole Gabe's heart. We brought him home & what

a joy he brings to our life. He plays fetch. He is my 6 A.M. alarm clock, sleeps under the covers with us at night & cries at the door when we leave & come home. The girls at the shelter said he was the sweetest cat ever &

they were so right! He has found his forever home! We love our precious Rue! Thanks a million!!"

—Shelly & Bryan Gigliotti,

December 3, 2015



Rue, teaching his hula hoop yoga class, in his adoptive home with the Gigliottis.

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If you have a fresh idea for an instant classic, area-favorite FUNdraiser, please email

bchs4pets@sbcglobal.net and include: "Attention Dusty, VP-Fundraising" in the message.

Volunteers Still Needed for upcoming fundraising events!

More Happy Tails

A Happy Tail for Lucy, the Catahoula Leopard Dog

2 1/2 year old, black Catahoula Leopard Dog Lucy was surrendered to Bond County Humane Society by her previous adopters after 1 year because their family situation changed and they could no longer care for her. BCHS only had Lucy in our system again for two days before she found her new furever home on January 9, 2016.

Chiropractor Dr. David Bowden, his wife, and their two year old daughter had looked into adopting a dog through several area shelters when they visited us at Petco in Fairview Heights. They were super impressed by our adoption event staff's knowl-

edge of our dogs' personalities and temperaments We truly made every effort to match their family and home with the right dog and they report to us frequently that Lucy is "perfect" and just great with their little girl.



Lucy's second chance with her new family, the Bowdens.

FUNdraising Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Past Events

Paws in the Park @ Patriots Park (Sept 19, 2015)

Pennies for Paws Donation Drive @ Greenville Elementary School (Nov 2-30, 2015)

Bake Sale Gourmet @ IGA (Nov 21, 2015)

Pet Photos with Santa plus Bake Sale, Silent Auction, & Quilt Raffle @ Buchheit (Dec 12, 2015)

Crazy Bowl @ 4th St Lanes (Jan 30, 2016)

April 22 & 23, 2016 8:30am-2pm—2-Day Garage Sale @ BCHS Storage Bldg, 2510 South Elm St, Greenville

May 7, 2016 8am-1pm—Bake Sale & Mother's Day Basket Raffle @ IGA, Greenville

May 13, 2016 6:30pm—Puttin' On The Ritz For Fritz Dinner & Entertainment @ First Presbyterian Church, Greenville

Sept 17, 2016 Paws In The Park festival and contests @ Patriots' Park, NW of Greenville

All proceeds from our fundraisers go directly toward paying for operational expenses unless earmarked differently.

Our 2015 Year In Numbers

PULLED FROM ANIMAL CONTROL DECEASED 9 Companion Pets 24 REUNITED WITH OWNER 2 ADOPTED 2 TRANSFERRED TO RESCUE

Infographic—Some icons originally designed by FreePik.com

2015 Adoption Report + Infographic Summary

Thank you! We want to share in these great numbers! We are so proud of what our little animal shelter is continuing to do.

In 2015, we had a total of 162 adoptions! That's 86 cats and 76 dogs, a record high for BCHS and 33% more adoptions than we had in 2012. Two stray dogs were returned to their owner, 1 purebred cat and 1 purebred dog were transferred to breed specific rescue groups. One puppy was flown by small aircraft to her new furever home in Iowa!

We accepted 165 animals into our shelter program, including 32 dogs pulled from Bond County Animal Control and 5 cats from other similar area facilities. 128 pets were dropped at our shelter or ownersurrendered.

Over our thirteen years, more than 1,250 animals have been rescued and placed in loving, permanent, adoptive homes. We want to thank all of you because without your donations and support, we could not continue!

News & Happenings

Grant Pushes Capital Campaign Fundraising to Halfway Mark

The Petco Foundation Invests In Lifesaving Work of Bond County Humane Society: Grant of \$60,000 will extend efforts to save more animal lives in Bond County and the surrounding area.

Greenville, Illinois (February 8, 2016) – Bond County Humane Society (BCHS) today announced it has been awarded a \$60,000 grant from the Petco Foundation to support construction of a new cat shelter/office building on 2510 South Elm St. in Greenville.

BCHS is a volunteer/nonprofit organization established in 2003 to provide temporary sanctuary for unwanted, lost and neglected animals to be placed into loving and responsible homes. In 2015 BCHS rescued 162 dogs and cats. In addition, 435 animals were spayed or neutered (this total includes all adoptable BCHS shelter animals, 232 feral/free-roaming cats through Trap, Neuter, & Release Program, 24 companion cats and 23 companion dogs).

This Petco Foundation grant award, and other funds already received through the www.YouCaring.com fundraising site, have been applied towards the BCHS Capital Campaign goal of \$110,000. This currently leaves a balance of \$49,660 still required to complete the funding goal for the new cat shelter/office building. This new facility will be located next to the existing BCHS dog shelter and will be a major improvement to BCHS operations resulting in reduced operational expenses, better volunteer coordination,

and the ability to help more animals in need.

"We appreciate the confidence and trust Petco Foundation has shown our organization in the past, and now through its investment in this project. It is rewarding to be recognized for the lifesaving work we do for the benefit of the animals. BCHS is funded by private supporters through donations, fundraisers, and grants like this one from the Petco Foundation." said Rachel Hundsdorfer. BCHS President.

For more information about the Petco Foundation visit www.petcofoundation.org or join the conversation on Face-book, Twitter and Instagram or by using the hashtag #PetcoFoundation. For more information about this project and Bond County Humane Society visit www.bondcohs.petfinder.com, or facebook.com/bondcohs, or twitter.com/bchs4pets.



Rendering of new facility design by conceptual artist, Michael Anderson

\$49.6k still needed to build our new cat shelter & business office. 55%

Donations Sought for Operating Expenses & New Cat Shelter / Business Office

It takes over \$100 per day to keep our doors open! Regular contributions are vital to the mission of Bond County Humane Society. Please make a one-time donation OR become a recurring donor. Give monthly or bi-monthly to support our general operating costs. See the form on page 8!

AND now it is critical that Bond County Humane Society improves and expands, so we are constructing a new state-of-the-art facility just a mile and a half from the 60 year old, outdated and non-fixable building we have leased and called home for our cats and office for eight years. Drawings have been completed and building plans have been approved by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. A building permit is cleared for approval from the City of Greenville.

While the needs of the pets that come into our care have always been paramount, it's time to address our heartbreaking reality. If we are unable to replace our obsolete facility, the continuation of our operations, especially cat rescue, medical care, and rehabilitation, are in real danger.

Help us build our new cat shelter by contributing to our Capital Campaign & give homeless pets the gift of hope in 2016. You can: Give online, Mail a check, in 2016. We're funding regular operations & a Building Project!

Please give TWICE as generously

\$\$\$ x 2

Your Double Donation can Double our Progress!

Please specify on your form/check how your contribution should be divided between 'Shelter Building' and 'General Operations' or give two separate donation checks. Thank you!

Pledge labor/materials. See the form on page 8!

Learn the whole story of our Capital Campaign and make a secure online donation today at our fundraising webpage:

YouCaring.com/BCHScatshelter

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Farewell Daisy

Daisy, the German Shepherd, who was on the cover of our 2013 BCHS Calendar passed away April 20, 2015 at the age of 12. Her adopters, Don and Susan, are very saddened by her passing. She had a great life and was very much loved.

It's easy and secure to make a tax-deductible donation to the Bond County Community Foundation specifying Bond County Humane Society as beneficiary!



Girl's Party Benefits BCHS

Samantha S., a Fairview
Heights girl whose family
adopted a dog from us several
years ago, requested her birthday party guests buy gifts for
BCHS. She delivered them on
October 17, 2015 at Petco during one of our Saturday Adoption Events. Samantha is pictured with Sheila, a BCHS alum.

"Blessed Are the Purr in Spirit"

A group of five Greenville College students enrolled in the 2015 Fall Semester COR401 class worked closely with Bond County Humane Society's administration and leadership on a project which could support us for much longer than their credit hours.

Their approach included raising money to build a new cat shelter, raising volunteer numbers to help our operations, and raising awareness of our organization and marketing the BCHS identity across the GC campus to increase connectivity between the two.

Among their efforts the students: prepared publicity materials for our Capital

Campaign including a brochure and a letter to be sent to various celebrities; organized a fundraiser at Kahuna's Burgers & More restaurant; sold treats on campus: ran a volunteer info booth at GC's All College Hike Opportunities Fair; volunteered at September's BCHS Paws In The Park festival event; re-tweeted our social media posts; walked dogs several evenings a month at our dog shelter facility; and presented their final COR401 class project to GC faculty, classmates, and other students.

The COR401 group is composed of senior students Bryn McKie, Caitlyn Warren, Ryan Fleckenstein, Nathan Kriebel, Cody Homewood, and Taylor German. In their own words, "Our project aids BCHS by streamlining the volunteer process for GC students, fundraising, and promoting awareness for BCHS's mission." For their project's poster, they tweaked the Matthew 5:3 Bible verse, "Blessed are the pure in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God," with a catcentric pun (replacing the word pure with purr).



Caitlyn Warren and Bryn McKie lead Bond County Humane Society's Pet Parade at Paws In The Park September 19, 2015.

Bond County Humane Society Is One of the Newest Members of the Bond County Community Foundation

Founded in 2014 to bring donors and local needs together, the Bond County Community Foundation was launched by The First National Bank based on the success of its Old Capitol Foundation in Fayette

County. The foundation's mission is to promote and facilitate the "furtherance of charitable and educational opportunities" in Bond and adjacent counties. For more information on becoming a donor,



please contact Pat Kious at The First National Bank at 618-664-0300 or Liz Heinzmann at The First National Bank's Trust Department at 618-283-5222. You may also visit the website at

bondcountyfoundation.org.

It's easy and secure to make a taxdeductible donation to the Bond County Community Foundation specifying Bond County Humane Society as beneficiary. Choose to make an end-of-year gift, anytime gift, memorial, honorarium, or leave a legacy with planned giving.

A Flying Ace

Two year old Australian Shepherd mix Ace once spent most of her days kept as a lonely outside dog, until one day her owner surrendered her to Bond County Humane Society because she began barking at a new neighbor dog. We put her profile online and a family applied to adopt Ace, noticing how much she reminded them of their beloved dog who had passed away months before. We thought they were a great match for Ace, but there was just one problem: they lived in Algona, Iowa. But that wasn't going to stop the adoption!

BCHS investigated ground transportation but no viable plans materialized. Then we stopped looking low and started looking high. We contacted Pilots N Paws, a non-profit online source which pairs pilots with animals for trips to adoptive homes. Usually, they make shorter flights than the 1,200 miles required between Greenville and Ace's new home. But we were in luck as one of their pilots already had a BCHS connection, and he jumped at the opportunity to fly to Burlington, Iowa, 300 miles short of the final goal, where the new pet parents

would drive to meet the plane.

Finally, on October 17, 2015, Ace was transported by small aircraft to start her new life in northern Iowa.

She left from Parks Airport in Cahokia, Illinois. The pilot was Mike Lotz, a private pilot who donated his services He and his wife, Cindy, are also adopters of two dogs from Bond County Humane Society. Read more about Ace's

October 27, 2015 issue of The Greenville Advocate newspaper.

journey in the

Ace, pictured (left) with her new furever parents in lowa; and (right) with pilot Mike Lotz (in red).



Report Abuse or Neglect

If you know of an animal being abused or neglected, please contact:

- ♦ The Bond County Sheriff at 618-664-2151 (if you live outside a city jurisdiction, but in rural Bond County),
- ♦ The Greenville Police at 664-2131 (if you live in the Greenville City limits),
- Or your local police department (if you live in a city other

than Greenville).

Bond County Animal Control is reached by contacting the Bond County Sheriff.

You can also contact your city council and county board to report your observance of continued animal abuse and/or neglect. Request that the county's governing body pass, clarify, and enforce animal control ordinances.

Ongoing Programs, Meetings & Volunteer Opportunities

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Programs We continue our Low-Cost spay and neuter and in 2015, we altered 279 animals in Bond County and close surrounding areas, preventing the unwanted population. That's 232 feral/free-roaming cats, 24 companion cats, and 23 companion dogs. That Trap-Neuter-Return program number of 232 is 16% higher than in 2014 and 78% higher than in 2012! Please call our office at (618) 664-4068 for more information about TNR of feral/free-roaming cats or about financial assistance to have your companion animals spayed or neutered.

Recycle For Rescue Don't forget about the recycling program at Ted's Recycling (1164 Mulberry Grove Rd., Mulberry Grove -- south of the Interstate, 618-326-7399, Open M-F 8-5 & Sat 8-3; Winter Hours T-F 8-4 & Sat 8-noon). Donate directly to BCHS's account! Recycling aluminum cans for BCHS credit provides us with a constant income that is desperately needed to remain in operation. If you don't already do so, please consider collecting your beverage cans! Thanks!

Membership Meetings are held 2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm in Greenville. For now, please watch our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/bondcohs) for meeting locations. 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. Call or Email BCHS or come to one of our members meetings. Memberships are renewed in the first part of every calendar year. Learn more about BCHS activities and how YOU can get involved!

Open Volunteer Positions include 3-hour morning shifts and 2-hour afternoon shifts of shelter care, animal feeding, dog walking, etc. OR assistance at 9a-5p Saturday adoption events. We have volunteer opportunities available for responsible and dependable adults, families, teens, and retirees with a wide variety of interests and abilities. Volunteering at BCHS provides valuable job training, pet education and all those warm "doing good for your community" feelings. Volunteer once a week, once a month, or more!

Donations & Memorials

Remember, BCHS is an all-volunteer organization operating solely on membership dues, donations, fundraisers and grants and receives no funding from city, county, state or federal governments, or any other private organization. Bond County Humane Society is an independent entity not financially affiliated with nor financially backed by Humane Society of the United States. We need your direct local support to continue our efforts in helping the animals of Bond County. Together we can all make a difference.

Help save unwanted, lost, stray and neglected pets any time of the year with charitable gifts!

Bond County Humane Society is an IRS approved 501(c) 3 charitable organization so all donations are tax deductible in accordance with IRS guidelines. Plus, BCHS has an Edward Jones investments account and welcomes donations of assets

(stocks, bonds or mutual funds).

We know times are tough for everyone and many worthy organizations are asking for your money, but please spare some of your goodwill this year and support the needy animals in Bond County. The cats and dogs cannot ask and so we ask for them. Thank you!

Double Your Donation! Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. Find out if your company has a matching gift policy before donating to Bond County Humane Society!

See the Donation Form on the last page of this newsletter, visit the donation page on our website, or call our office to find out all of your gifting options.

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In Loving Memory

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

Donations have been received over the past half-year in memory of...

Animal Sponsors (\$501 & up):

...Bob Helmkamp by Kay Helmkamp

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

...Barb Meyer by Kay Helmkamp

Animal Friends (\$25 - \$100):

- ...Charlotte, beloved cat, by Andrea Hull
- ...Hobbs, beloved cat, by Gabriel Gigliotti $\,$
- ...Keller, beloved dog, Gary Forshaw
- ...Patches, beloved cat of Kathy & Bill Brewer, by Rebecca Clausen
- ...Reeses, beloved dog of Cris Hart, by Andrea Hull
- ...Shirley Albert by Randall Neumann

...Geraldine Berkich by Kavid Klarich

- ...Lila Darnell by Randall Neumann, Ruth Wise & Paul Steiner, Rebecca Clausen, Gladys Frueh, Pam Masulla, Rick & Jane Hilliard, William & Pam Schatte, Laura Weiss, Bill & Tedra Johnson, Sam & Pat Kious, Dale & Ann Smith, Mike Willman family, Clarence & Sharon Zimmerman, Pat Cruthis, Alan & Lori Gaffner family, Darla Lohman, Martha Sue Grant, Shirley Potthast
- ...Tom Haar by Randall Neumann
- ...John J. Hill by Randall Neumann
- ... Virginia Leach by Terry & Craig Barton
- ...Barb Meyer by Leo & Bernice Houpt
- ...Jean Rasler by James & Ruth Baldwin

Permanent Shelter Donations

Steve & Marjorie Cuvar, Mary Kasmark, Mary MacDonald, Al & Nancy Machmer, Randall Neumann, Larry & Betty Shenkle, Al Warren

Monthly Pledge Donors

John & Judy Harrison, Rob & Tracy Johnson, Lonnie & Karen Kessinger, Mike & Cindy Lotz, Kent & Carla Maples, Jennifer Mendes, Dr. Charlotte & Alan Rosenak, Steve Schmitt

Lifetime Memberships

Joe & Caryl CulumberDorothy HawleyDebra DixonJane HopkinsDan & Mignon FetterhoffCarolyn JohnsonJohn GoldsmithJulie Juarez

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Ken Slatton Amanda Zeller

Thank You For All Of Your Donations!

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Bond County Fair Carlisle-Syntec Jo & Caryl Culumber Scott Darnell Beatrice Davidson

Donna Grebel Andrea Hull Julie Juarez Paul Schorsch **Donna Sommars**

John & Carolyn Wojakowski

Animal Friends (\$25 - \$100):

Auto Pro

Pam Chase **Evie Conant** Dale Craig Mark & Lori File George Gobberdiel Shirley Haag Cris Hart Kathy Hulskotter Linda Johnson Mark Kasmalka

Liberty 4-H Club Patricia March Jennifer Mendez Randall Neumann Merle Shaw Laurie Timmerman Geraldine Smith United Methodist Church Bradley & Mary Wade Rick Wickham Connie Zimpfer

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 and at the Petco in Fairview Heights on 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 \$55 (for adult cats) up to \$250 (for purebred dogs) and the fee includes veterinary testing and treatment, routine shots/vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, and state-mandated microchipping.

Deb Keillor

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Thank you to everyone who contributed stories, letters, facts, ideas & photos that have helped create the Spring, April 2016 issue of The Pet Dispatch, the Official Newsletter of Bond County Humane Society.

-Rebecca Clausen, newsletter editor, lay-out design editor & VP Communications; Rachel Hundsdorfer, Acting President; Dennis Hundsdorfer, VP Facilities; Julie Juarez, VP Membership; KayAnna Warthen, VP Feline Wellness; Dusty Hanner, VP Fundraising; Jane Hopkins, Secretary.

Wondering how you can help BCHS in 2016? Join our membership and volunteer to serve as an officer!! We have great fun and make lifelong friendships while performing our mission to save adoptable pets. Open Officer Positions include: Treasurer, VP Volunteers, VP Grants, VP Spay/Neuter Programs, President, and Capital Campaign Chair.

Buying pet supplies or a treat for your darling kitty or puppy?

Buy a second item for BCHS pets who need your help!

View our complete Wish List online!

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And we can always use more:

Volunteers, Foster Homes, Animal Supplies, Office Supplies, Cleaning Supplies.

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION FORM:

Yes, I would like to become a member	of Bond County Huma	ine Society:			
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□ \$100.00 Corporation / Organizati	ion				
□ \$50.00 Family					
□ \$30.00 Individual					
\square \$15.00 Senior (60 and older) / Hi	gh School or College St	udent			
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