



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

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A Rescue Story & Happy Tail for Coco, our Whippet mix

Bond County Humane Society pulled Coco, a timid nine month old Whippet mix, from a high-kill animal control facility when her time had expired to give her a second chance at life. Coco's old owners had surrendered her they said, even though she was so gentle and good with children, they had no time for her. BCHS did not have her very long in our shelter before we introduced her to her brand new furever home in October 2016. Her adopting mommy sent us this great note with photos:

"I have named her Addie. She is doing great! She has almost mastered 'shake' for a treat as well. She definitely knows her name. Keegan [my other dog] has welcomed her

with no problem. She is still trying to figure out what to do with the cats. LOL! Thank you again for allowing me to take care of the wonderful creature!! I love her dearly!!"

— Amy Weber
October 31, 2016



Addie (shelter name, Coco) with her new Collie buddy Keegan in her adoptive home with Amy Weber.



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Shelter hours, 1-5pm
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.
(Sun, Wed by appt only)

A Rescue Story & Happy Tail for Zane, our senior Beagle

Bond County Humane Society pulled Zane, an eight year old Beagle, from Poca-hontas Animal Control when his time had expired to give him another chance at life in his senior dog years. Zane was picked up as a stray and must have been roaming for quite a while because his ears were full of ticks. His favorite thing at our shelter was still going for walks so he could take in all the



scents. In June 2016, Zane met his new furever family who adopted him and have sent

us this wonderful email:

"Joe [as you can tell, we've renamed Zane] figured out that he can lay on any of the 3 dog beds we have out in the living room. Sometimes he and our other dog Sadie play musical beds. One will get up to go get a drink and the other will steal that bed. Joe also likes to watch 'Dogtown' and 'Save Our Shelter' with me. He follows us around as he seems to want to be near us all the time. We don't mind one bit. Still working on the housebreaking, but he's doing much better. I finally caught on to his signal when he needs to go out. Maybe I was the one that needed the training!! We are so happy to have him in our family. Thank you and your staff for taking such good care of our boy till he found us." —John DeMichael June 23, 2016

VOLUNTEERING can mean shifts of shelter care, animal feeding, dog walking, etc. **OR** assistance at Saturday adoption events. We have these opportunities and more 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!

Volunteers still needed for upcoming fundraising events!

Past Events

- 🐾 Paws In The Park (Sept 17, 2016)
Read more about Paws on Page 5!
- 🐾 Vendor & Craft Fair (Nov 12, 2016)

Membership Meetings and Spay/Neuter Programs

Membership Meetings are held, as of December 2017, 1st Wednesdays at 7:30pm at the Bradford National Bank Community Building (100 block N First Street in Greenville). Watch our Facebook page for additional notices! 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!

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Programs We continue our Low-Cost spay and neuter and in 2016 as of Nov 29, we've altered **193** animals in Bond County and close surrounding areas, preventing the unwanted population. That's **160 feral/free-roaming cats, 25 companion cats, and 8 companion dogs**. In 2015 we did 232, 24, and 23 respectively! 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 or about financial assistance to have your companion animals spayed or neutered.

FUNdraising Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 🐾 **December 10, 2016 9:30am-2:30pm—Pet Photos with Santa & Bake Sale @ Buchheit in Greenville (new Photographer!)**
- 🐾 **April 21 & 22, 2017 2-Day Garage Sale.** We'll start accepting your clean, useful item donations in February 2017. Watch our Facebook page and website for more details!

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



Kayti and Stella, adoptable dogs, dressed up for Photos at our Kissing Booth, part of BCHS's Vendor Fair fundraiser Nov 12, 2016.

\$61.8k still needed to build our new cat shelter & business office. 55.8%

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 last page of issue!

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

YouCaring.com/BCHScatshelter

Please give TWICE as generously in 2017. We're funding regular operations & a Building Project!

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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!

BUY A BRICK PROGRAM Buy A Brick and Help Finish Our Cat Shelter

BCHS still needs to raise \$62,000 to complete the interior of our new building!
www.YouCaring.com/BCHScatshelter

BUY A BRICK FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL

Help pave our new shelter's plaza and save a furry life! Order forms are online and at the BCHS office.

We have been busy this year, expanding and improving our rescue operation with a brand new, state of the art Cat Shelter building adjoining our existing dog shelter facility on South Elm Street in Greenville, Illinois. But as of November 2016, it is only a building shell! When completed, it will include spaces for 60 felines, an adoption center, meeting room, and business office. It has been so much fun watching all these plans come together with so many great people getting involved. But we cannot finish the inside of the building shell until we raise approximately \$62,000 more!

And now, with our Brick Drive as part of our Capital Campaign, you can be a permanent part of Bond County Humane Society's future. When you or your business donates a personalized, engraved, tax deductible brick paver to be placed at the new BCHS shelter, you're not only helping to ensure that future, but the future of thousands more homeless pets in need of rescue.

With your purchase of a \$75/\$150 brick; you can etch your name, that of a loved one, or special pet into history! You could also choose to commemorate a special occasion or your organization. Your purchase is helping pave the way to finish our shelter campus. The brick pavers will come in two sizes, and they will be placed on the north side of the office building in a special landscaped plaza area near the public entrance of the new shelter and visible from the street. You'll also be able to view a sample and order bricks at BCHS's current office (1403 S 4th St, Greenville). This will remain an ongoing fund-

raiser with brick orders being placed every few months, as needed.

To date, BCHS has rescued and adopted out over 1,500 homeless dogs and cats since 2003, with every pet leaving the shelter spayed/neutered, micro-chipped, and fully vaccinated. We work tirelessly from our Greenville adoption center and Fairview Heights Petco store to find loving, forever homes for each furry friend. Many of these pets come with tragic stories: surrendered by financially struggling families, abandoned by the side of the road, or awaiting euthanasia at animal control. But, at BCHS, thanks to the donations of people like you, these furry friends have an opportunity to find their forever homes.

Will you join others in this community who care enough to provide an improved, healthier environment for our animals? We hope so! Please be assured that your donation will be put to good use to provide for the animals in our community. If you have questions about the new cat shelter, please feel free to contact Bond County Humane Society at 664-4068. Thank you for your consideration.

Donating a personalized brick to be placed near the entrance that every rescued pet crosses into safety will allow us to finally open our new doors as open as our hearts. Donations above the set cost of the brick are always appreciated, too, as the little guys we rescue rely primarily on the generosity of caring folks just like you.

Order your personalized brick(s) today! Visit
www.brickrus.com/order/bondcountyhumanesociety/

174 Adoptions! BCBS Pet Intakes/Outcomes Report Year-to-Date

190 animals (99 cats & 91 dogs) have been taken into BCBS shelter care between Jan 1—Dec 1, 2016.

- 29 cats & 27 dogs were owner-surrendered to BCBS.
- 44 cats were found stray and brought to BCBS.
- 64 dogs and 26 cats were rescued from area high-kill facilities because their time had expired and they were at risk of euthanization.

88 felines (14 adult cats & 74 kittens) and **86** canines (40 adult dogs & 46 puppies) have been adopted through Bond County Humane Society into forever homes between Jan 1—Dec 1, 2016.

In the thirteen and a half years since BCBS was formed, over 1,500 animals have been rescued and found permanent homes!



“Giving Tree” at Buchheit
 Choose an ornament, purchase the item listed, and leave the donation in our giving box. Find our tree at Greenville Buchheit ‘til Dec 31.



Bond County Humane Society is an approved 501(c)3 charitable organization and donations are tax deductible in accordance with IRS guidelines. (618) 664-4068 bchs4pets@sbcglobal.net

Donations can also be hand-delivered or mailed to 1403 S. Fourth St, Greenville, IL 62246.

Find out all the ways to give to BCBS by visiting our website www.bondcohs.petfinder.com.

Please make checks payable to Bond County Humane Society.



Your BCBS Membership (or Renewal) Will Save Pets Like Tatiana!

Make a resolution to support Bond County Humane Society for 2017. You know that there will be many vulnerable cats and dogs coming through our doors in the new year, and of course you want to help provide shelter, medical treatment, and care until loving homes can be found for them all. Make your membership gift of \$30 (Individual) or \$50 (Family) to help save animal lives today! (Additional membership options are available; see form on page 8 of this newsletter or the Membership page on our website.)

To mail by check, please mail to 1403 South 4th St., Greenville IL 62246.

Annual Memberships are valid from January to December. Renew in the last quarter of a year for next year's membership period. We are always trying to increase our membership so if you know someone who loves animals and wants to help, please tell them to call (618) 664-4068. We will be glad to send them a membership application.

Your membership renewal or gift of additional support is greatly appreciated and goes a long way to supporting our work for the animals. Thank you.



Holiday QCD Giving with Tax Benefits

Make a gift to our brokerage account at Edward Jones of Greenville and help Bond County Humane Society with our Cat Shelter Capital Campaign or our day-to-day operational expense. Transfer a Stock, Bond or Mutual Fund from your Portfolio or 401K direct to BCHS, a 501(c)3 organization.

Qualified charitable distributions (QCD) from IRAs have been permanently extended. Individuals can donate up to \$100,000/year directly from a traditional or Roth IRA to qualifying charities. This may provide tax benefits whether or not you itemize your deductions. The QCD can satisfy all or a portion of your required minimum distribution. Be sure to review the full rules and requirements before acting. And be sure to obtain a letter of acknowledgment from the charity.

You can donate directly to Bond County Humane Society (see David Tabor at Edward Jones Greenville, 618-664-9080!) or donate to the new Bond County Community Foundation

(see Pat Kious at First National Bank Greenville, 618-664-0300!) and designate your gift for BCHS.

Thanks so much from the dogs and cats!!!!



"My Pet Is Home Alone" Wallet Cards

I have an animal at home!

If you're reading this then I'm either in the HOSPITAL or otherwise in trouble. Please help my PET!

My name: _____
I have ___# of dogs. I have ___# of cats.
Pets name(s): _____



Either contact person can care for my animals until I come home:

Name 1: _____ **Ph:** _____
Name 2: _____ **Ph:** _____

Please PRINT and keep in your wallet.

Thank you!

Have you ever considered what would happen if you became injured away from your home? How would rescue workers or hospital staff know that you have pets alone at home? How would they notify a friend or family member to come care for your pets? Even if they did notify family, have you designated a specific person to come care for your pets if you become incapacitated?

Step 1: Carry a Pet Alert card in your wallet with 2 contact #s.

Step 2: Create a Pet Dossier for each pet in your care. Include info on their food, vet, medical records, behavior, and habits.

Step 3: Decide on an Informal or Formal Arrangement for your pet's future care, including a reasonable financial plan.

Winners of 13th Paws in the Park 1st Place Trophies Awarded Sat, Sept 17, 2016

- Pet Parade Costume: DJ, a Golden Retriever dressed as a lion, with handler Cory Carsrud.
- Fastest Fetch: Vaida, with Brian Busch.
- Best Kisser: Midnight, with Candy Busch.
- Most Sits in 1 minute: Jace, with Lauren Keck (26 sits!).
- Longest Down: Jace, with Lauren Keck.
- Best Trick: Isaac, with Amy Hemann.
- Prettiest Pure or Mixed Breed Petite: Elsa, with Braydon Nordike.
- Prettiest Pure Breed Small: Louie, with Crystal and Steven Holmes.
- Prettiest Pure Breed Medium: Eli, with Katie Brown.
- Prettiest Pure Breed Large: Paris, with Tammy Rushing.
- Prettiest Mixed Breed Small: Tom, with Peyton Schoen.
- Prettiest Mixed Breed Medium: Rusty, with Harley Tompkins.
- Prettiest Mixed Breed Large: Zeus, with Jordan Luetker.



Left: Best Trick winners. Right: Chika competes in Fastest Fetch.

- Musical Hoops Small Dog: Nina, with Cindy Strain.
- Musical Hoops Large Dog: Europa, with Anastasia Baird.
- Best in Agility Course: Jewel, with Mary Holt.
- Cutest Pet Photo Contest (determined by most donations collected during event): Jessie, a miniature Schnauzer, entered by Amelia Jane Obermark of Greenville.

Donations & Memorials

Remember, BCHS is a primarily volunteer organization operating solely on membership dues, donations, fundraisers and grants. It 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 END OF YEAR and 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 between July 1—Nov 15, 2016 in memory of...

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

... Donald L. DeNike by Richard H. Lloyd
... Rose La Brie by Gene Baumberger
... Donna Blankenship by friends and family

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

... Ben, beloved dog by Dave & Beth Martin AND by Nancy & Al Machmer
... Buttercup, beloved dog, by Marsha White
... Lobo, beloved dog, by Pam Chase
... Rosie, beloved pet, by Craig & Terry Barton
... Sidney, beloved dog, by Patrick & Lynne Slack
... Sophia, beloved cat, by Nancy & Al Machmer
... Sophie, beloved dog by Karen Brewer

... Donald L. DeNike by Laura J. Jones
... Michael J. Duft by Randall Neumann
... Zelda Donnelly by Dennis & Rachel Hundsorfer
... Zelda Donnelly by Wayne & Kathy Hundsorfer
... Howard Jackson by Debbie & Mike Rossetto
... Marie Harnetiaux Lagant by Gail Harnetiaux AND by Randall Neumann
... Ronnie Lamb by Randall Neumann
... Lee Roy McCray by Gail Harnetiaux AND by Randall Neumann
... Warren Mocaby by Jane Hopkins & Rebecca Clausen
... Delmar Mills by Delores & Lynn Filer
... Charl K. Stowe by Jon D. Kline AND by Randall Neumann AND by Betty Suess

Permanent Shelter Donations

Received between July 1—Nov 15, 2016.

*YouCaring.com online donations listed were received Sept 2015—Sept 2016.

Anonymous, Miranda Blunt*, Heidi Callahan*, Pam Chase, Leanne Copeland*, Bill & Sara Davidson, John & Nancy Gillard, Jeffrey & Susan Hemker, Wiona Jeffery, Mary Joyce MacDonald, Irene Seale, Sylvie Smerick*, Donna Sommars

The Following Donors Have Purchased Engraved Bricks Susan DeNike, Jane Hopkins, Beth & Dave Martin, Marilyn Stowe (*Capital Campaign donor names from both offline and online giving are being collected for a future comprehensive list.*)

Monthly Pledge Donors

Michael & Jamie Heath, Lonnie & Karen Kessinger, Kent & Carla Maples, Jennifer Mendes, Steven & Kae Schmitt

Lifetime Memberships

Joe & Caryl Culumber
Debra Dixon
Dan & Mignon Fetterhoff

John Goldsmith
Dorothy Hawley
Jane Hopkins

Carolyn Johnson
Julie Juarez
Mary Kasmark
Mike & Cindy Lotz
James & Nona Nance
James Plunkett

Ken Slatton
Nyla Strole
David Voils
Kit & Mark Whittington
Dave & Mary Ann Willey
Amanda Zeller

Thank You For All Of Your Donations!

Donations received between July 1—Nov 15, 2016

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

- Kim Doolin
- Donna Grebel
- Greenville Women’s Club
- Michael & Cynthia Lotz
- Richard McClure

- Jennifer Mendes
- Steven & Kae Schmitt

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

- Rebecca Clausen sponsored cats
- Trudee & Joanie
- Jean Atkinson
- Betty L. Brown
- Heidi Callahan

- Janice Carr
- Evie Conant
- Lisa Confer
- Girl Scouts of Greenville: Cadette Troop & Junior Troop
- Nancy & John Hubbell
- Andrea Hull
- Sondra & Randy McKean
- Al & Nancy Machmer
- 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 any time with pre-arranged appointment; 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.

Rover↓



Joanie↓



Donnie↑



Ashley↑

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

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

Wondering how you can help BCHS in 2017? 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!

bondcohs.petfinder.com

And we can always use more:

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

All donations are TAX-DEDUCTIBLE !

Make Pet Adoption Your First Option!

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**It's time to renew your BCHS
Membership for 2017!! Fill out and
return the form with appropriate dues.**

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 Humane Society:

- \$1,000.00 Lifetime
- \$100.00 Corporation / Organization
- \$50.00 Family
- \$30.00 Individual
- \$15.00 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