



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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Shelter hours, 1-5pm

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.

(Sun, Wed by appt only)

A Rescue Story & Happy Tail for Minnie, our Lab Mix Puppy

Minnie's owner surrendered her and four litter mates to Bond County Animal Control and Bond County Humane Society rescued them when their time was up there. The large breed puppies, mixed with perhaps St Bernard or Great Pyrenees, were so shy they didn't even know what toys were for. Minnie was adopted in early 2016 and her family has shared this delightful pup-date letter:

"Hello BCHS! Just wanted to give you an update on one of your rescues! We adopted "Minnie" on February 13, 2016 at 9 weeks old when you guys were at Fairview Heights Petco and it was the best choice we have made! Let's just say she might be a little spoiled ;). Her name is now Ava Sophia Santana NA NAJ. She is a pro at obedience and climbing the titles in AKC agility competitions. We have been competing at Purina Farms, WestInn Kennels, and Dog Sports at

Ava (shelter name Minnie) shows off her many ribbons she's won so far!



Kim's. We've been playing and training at Dog Sports at Kim's in Caseyville, Illinois for 2 years now! Thank you, guys, for all your hard work in rescuing these beautiful souls. It is wonderful to see the potential in these mixed breed dogs that are saved!"

—Brooke Santana, April 7, 2018

A Rescue Story & Happy Tail for Sable, our Redbone Coonhound mix



Sable came to Bond County Humane Society from another shelter in southern Illinois. She had SO

much energy and had so much fun playing with our other dogs, fetching toys, and learning basic commands with our volunteers. Sable found her FUR-ever home including another dog and two kids in May 2018 and her adopters have already checked in:

"Hello, Just a few pics to show that Sable is doing great. She loves to snuggle and play, a lot :-). She is great at taking walks in the park. Thank you so much for Sable. She is so smart and learning quickly."

—Thanks again!

Jessica Stover, May 28, 2018

Sable loves the park and adventuring with her brother!

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. Volunteer once a week, once a month, or more!

Membership Meetings, Volunteer Opportunities, & Spay/Neuter Programs

In order for BCHS to fulfill its mission it takes a lot of effort on the part of many people!

Membership Meetings are held FIRST Wednesday nights of the month at 7:30pm at the BCHS Shelter Conference Room—2510 South Elm Street. Memberships are renewed in the first part of every calendar year. See form on back page!

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Programs We contin-

ue our Low-Cost spay and neuter aid and in the first half of 2018, we've helped alter **96** animals in Bond County and close surrounding areas, preventing the unwanted litters. 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.

Pet lovers and supporters of BCHS can always make an easy donation online at <https://www.paypal.me/bchs4pets>

FUNdraising Events

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

Past Events

- * Garage Sale (Apr 6 & 7, 2018)
- * Road Block Corner Collection (Apr 21, 2018)
- * Puttin' On The Ritz For Fritz Dinner & Entertainment (Apr 27, 2018)
- * Jeep Scavenger Hunt @ The 3st Place (May 19, 2018)

UPCOMING EVENTS in 2018

- * **Sept 15, 2018** 10am-3pm rain-or-shine! —Paws In The Park festival, pet parade, contests, photos, freebies, & huge 100 item Silent Auction @ Patriot's Park, NW of Greenville (see event poster on page 5 & pre-register for events online. Visit our website for more details!)
- * **Oct 12, 2018** 7pm—"Rock And Roll" BINGO @ Highland KofC Hall. \$20 per person in advance; pre-register online or at our office. (\$25 at the door.)

We look forward to seeing all of our friends at this years' events!



Greenville University Panthers & Greenville High School Comets GIVE BACK to Community and to BCHS!

Several classes of GU freshmen assisted this spring with our Road Block and Garage Sale fundraisers as well as helping to exercise and socialize pets.



Three GHS seniors spent a Friday morning walking and bathing dogs, cleaning up some equipment for our new Cat Shelter, and generally falling in love with our adoptable pooches. Thanks so much, young adults!

Thank you everyone who came out to the **Jeep Scavenger Hunt** Saturday, May 19, 2018 organized by Sami Tudor and the **3st Place Bar & Grill**! Over 20 vehicles participated and we know you had a blast solving your clues and enjoying some well-deserved wind therapy. Great day for a great cause! As Sami says, "It is all about the puppies and the kitties!" and we really appreciate this fundraiser that netted BCHS a \$440 donation. Congrats to the top three finishing teams! And "WAHOO LUV U!!" to the first and third place teams who donated their winnings back to the benefit!! Our shelter pets are extremely grateful. We think the pups might wanna strap into your Jeeps with their tongues feeling the open air next go round!

We've Moved!

Our Office & Cat Shelter have finally joined with our existing Dog Shelter. Find us now at 2510 South Elm Street in Greenville, Illinois.



BCHS Open House July 21, 2018 included a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting (above), building

dedications to Mary Kasmark (cat shelter) and Louis Posch (dog shelter), housewarming gifts (above left inset), and facility tours with community members getting the chance to meet (and cuddle) our adoptable cats and kittens. And dogs, too! Thanks for SO MANY helpful donations of supplies, everyone!



Puttin' On The Ritz For Fritz fundraising dinner showcased "The Naturals" from Greenville Jr High (above) and "Select Chorus" from Greenville High School (below).



BCHS receives \$3,000 "Lifesaving Grant" from Petco Foundation

A dream come true for pets and people in Bond County. We've been awarded a grant from the Petco Foundation based on the shelter's lifesaving work and positive impact on the animal rescue community. This money allows us to expand and enhance our mission that saves some lives and changes others for the better. Petco Foundation believes in this mission too and awarded us \$3,000, bringing us closer to our goal to complete and equip our new Cat Shelter Facility and Business Office. Read the full **PRESS RELEASE** on our website and Facebook page!

Birthday Kid Sets Example of Giving, Learned from Great Family

Alex Lown (far right) turned 8 in February and decided to donate all of his birthday money to BCBS. The family had adopted a Terrier puppy (Dakota, now Ginger) from us in December. The money purchased many dog toys for our shelter. Dad kicked in more cash and we enjoyed a fantastic shopping spree for pet food and other supplies. Thank you, Lowns, for your generosity and kindness. Alex, you are a great young man! Hugs from all of our furry ones to the five of you and Ginger!



Drink Prairie Farms Milk and Give to What Moves You

Calling all milk drinkers! If you drink Prairie Farms Milk, start collecting your caps! Grab an empty milk carton or jar, think about where you live, work, play and see if others around you would join in the effort to start collecting your caps as part of the program: "Our Caps Your Cause" by Prairie Farms. Follow the link below for how to turn those in supporting the work of BCBS. Every sip of milk goes a long way! www.prairiefarms.com/ourcapsyourcause

Junior Girl Scouts Give Back For Adoptable Pets

Many thanks to Girl Scout Troop 8406, Greenville, who recently sent a very nice donation to BCBS! They did various fundraising projects all year, and decided to donate the money to BCBS to help the animals. The cats and dogs are very ap"purr"ciative! Thank you girls! #GirlScoutsGiveBack

Petfinder Foundation's "New Year New Home" Pet Adoption Grant awards \$2,000 to BCBS

We are thrilled to be recognized by the Petfinder Foundation for our lifesaving work, helping to increase adoptions, including those of good healthy cats that have been with us for several months or even years, and making room for more rescues! Petfinder and the Petfinder Foundation believe every adoptable pet deserves a forever home. This grant program is used to help subsidize pet adoptions with reduced or free adoption fees. Read the full **PRESS RELEASE** on our website and Facebook!



Saturday, September 15, 2018
Patriot's Park, Greenville, Illinois
10am - 3pm

Adorable? Comic? Serious? Naughty?
Who will win our 2018 Cutest Pet Photo Contest?
Trophy and ribbons for the top contestants!

**Proceeds from the contest directly benefit
adoptable pets waiting for homes at
Bond County Humane Society.**

Cutest Pet Photo Contest Entry Form

Please complete the below form (print only, please) and submit to Bond County Humane Society along with a photo of your pet, no later than September 11.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Pet's Name: _____ Dog Cat Other

Pet's Age: _____ Breed: _____

Please provide a short description of your photo:

Questions? Ask us on Facebook.com/bondcohs or Call BCHS at (618) 664-4068 or Email bchs4pets@sbcglobal.net

For more information on our Paws in the Park fundraising event, visit us online at www.bondcohs.petfinder.com OR find us on Facebook.

Office Use Only:

Date Received:

Entry #

Entry is free. To enter, submit this completed form and your pet's photo via email to bchs4pets@sbcglobal.net OR drop items off at our shelter office during open business hours at 2510 South Elm Street, Greenville, Illinois. **Deadline to enter is Tuesday, September 11, 2018.**

Guidelines: 1 pet per photo; no human faces; if printed: 4"x6" please & no frames. Return of your original photo is not guaranteed. BCHS reserves the right to refuse display of unsuitable photos.

Photos will be on display in the main pavilion during the event, Saturday, September 15. Voting is based on donations. The photo with the most donations will be announced as the winner at approximately 2pm. You do not have to be present to win, so fill out your contact details carefully.

Bond County Humane Society

PAWS -IN THE- PARK

15th Annual

September 15th, 2018

10am - 3pm (rain or shine)

Patriot's Park - Greenville, IL

Pet Parade • Pet Photos • Pet Contests

Raffles • 100 Silent Auction Items

Pet Nail Trimming/Polishing

Police K-9 Demonstrations • Micro-chipping

Adoptable Dogs Meet & Greet

Cutest Pet Photo Contest Voting

Food & Beverages • Children's Activities

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT BCHS!

Register online and pick up your complimentary

Paws in the Park t-shirt upon entry!

(Registration also available at entry)

Visit us online at

www.bondcohs.petfinder.com

for more information!

Pet Friendly Lodging in Greenville:

Red Carpet Inn, Econo Lodge, Comfort Inn & Suites, Super 8

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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 any time of the year with charitable gifts!

Bond County Humane Society is an IRS approved 501(c)3 charitable organization so all donations, including assets, are tax deductible in accordance with IRS guidelines.

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

www.bondcohs.petfinder.com

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Memorialize a relative, friend or animal companion with a **PLAQUE** on our **MEMORY WALL**.

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 now five donation categories of plaques: Animal Friends (\$25 - \$100), Animal Lovers (\$101 - \$500), Animal Sponsors (\$501 - \$2499), Animal Angels (\$2500 - \$4999), and Animal Heroes (\$5000 and up).

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

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

... Rocky, beloved dog, by Jerry Mocaby
 ... Karen Brewer by friends & family
 ... Ed Bundy by June Blaine/John Duft
 ... Sharon Collard by friends & family

... Steve Donaldson by friends & family
 ... Jean Hilbert by friends & family
 ... Brad Lotz by friends & family

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

... Chipmunk, beloved cat, by Roger & Kathy Reeves
 ... Daisy, beloved Beagle, by Marc & Irene Seale
 ... Jeremy Hilling, by Stephen & Emily Gates

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

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

... Anna Koen, by Wayne & Jenna Jensen

Permanent Shelter Donations

Received between Dec 20, 2017—Jul 31, 2018.

GoFundMe.com Online Donations: Julie Juarez, Sylvie Smerick

Engraved Bricks Purchases Dec 20, 2017-Jul 31, 2018:

Rebecca Clausen, Taryn Flake, Norma Koen, Litteken Plumbing, Jim & Mary Rice, Angie Ulmer

BUY YOUR BRICK TODAY! Visit <https://www.bricksrus.com/order/bondcountyhumanesociety/>
 (Capital Campaign donor names from both offline and online giving are being collected for a future comprehensive list.)

Monthly Pledge Donors

Margaret Chase, Deb Dixon, Michael & Jamie Heath, Lonnie & Karen Kessinger, Mike Lotz, Jennifer Mendes, Steve Schmitt

Lifetime Memberships

Joe & Caryl Culumber Jeff Hemker
 Debra Dixon Jane Hopkins
 Dan & Mignon Fetterhoff Carolyn Johnson
 John Goldsmith Julie Juarez

Mary Kasmak David Voils
 Mike & Cindy Lotz Kit & Mark Whittington
 James & Nona Nance Dave & Mary Ann Willey
 James Plunkett Amanda Zeller
 Ken Slatton
 Nyla Strole

Thank You For All Of Your Donations!

Animal Heroes (\$5000 & up):
Anonymous

Animal Sponsors (\$501-\$2499):

Anonymous
Kay Helmkamp
Jeffrey Hemker
Steven & Karen Smith
Smith Family Fund

Animal Lovers (\$101-\$500):
Donald Barnett
BCCU #2 High School Student

Council
Barbara Dothage
Mark & Lori File
Girl Scout Troop 8406, Greenville
Andrea Hull
Nathan & Elizabeth Lown
Mickey Merrifield
Karen Milby

Jimmie & Mary Rice
Donna Sommars
Mickey & Paula Ziegelgruber
3st Place Bar & Grill
(fundraiser)

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

Greg Beaumont
Bryan & Vicki Boeckelmann
Betty Brown
Evie Conant
John & Gina Goldsmith
Becky Harris
Judy Harrison

Jane & Rick Hilliard
Mary Jones
Julie Juarez
Leona Kersch
Randall Neumann
Jodie Robinson
Nancy Sauder
Daniel & Tricia Stephens
Randy & Tammy Stief
Randolph L. Vasel
Bradley & Mary Wade
Marilyn Wilson
Constance Zimpfer

Available, Adorable, Adoptable!

Please help us find homes for these wonderful animals. **Adoptions** are conducted at the BCHS office & adoption center at 2510 S. Elm Street in Greenville and at the Petco store in Fairview Heights on Saturdays (excluding 3rd Sat).

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.



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Thank you to everyone who contributed stories, letters, facts, ideas, & photos that have helped create the Summer 2018 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 & Acting VP Grants; Julie Juarez, VP Membership; KayAnna Warthen, VP Feline Wellness; Jane Hopkins, Secretary.

Wondering how you can help BCHS in 2018? 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 Fundraising, and President.

Buying pet supplies or a treat for your own 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.

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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 cat shelter building capital campaign, 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 equipping the new BCHS Cat Shelter / Office: \$_____ One-Time \$_____ Monthly \$_____ Annual.
- Sponsor-A-Pet Donation: \$_____ One-Time \$_____ Monthly \$_____ Annual. Pet Name _____.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

Email Address: _____

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