



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 Ellie Mae, our Momma Cat

In late spring 2016, a pregnant long haired tuxedo cat was found as a stray under a porch and brought to Bond County Humane Society. We placed her in a foster home where ten days later, her kittens were born. Of the five babies, one was born dead, but the rest grew up healthy and happy in the foster home, playing with the two adults and their two young grandchildren. Momma cat, now named Ellie Mae, charmed her way deep into the fosters' hearts and they adopted her themselves. The kittens went off to stay at the BCHS shelter until they found their own adoptive homes later that summer and fall. Ellie Mae's parents write:

"Ellie Mae says thank you to BCHS. Our house was so much fun taking care of this kitty family [last summer]. We were so lucky to get to foster them from birth to 2 months. We adopted her over a year ago. She seems to like her forever home. She spends some of her time in the RV. People take her picture all the time. Ellie Mae has now traveled from South Dakota to south Florida. It has been a challenge training her to acclimate to this life. But, she has learned that if she sits at the window, she can see all the critters running around. She is a happy girl. I thought



you might like to see how the hard work from the volunteers helps change a life forever. Thank you to everyone who works so hard helping everyone get a home."

— Lori and Mark File, August 11, 2017



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 Shelter hours, 1-5pm
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 (Sun, Wed by appt only)

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!

Membership Meetings and Spay/Neuter Programs

Membership Meetings are held first 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 2017, we’ve helped to alter **194** animals in Bond County and close surrounding areas, preventing the unwanted population.

155 Free-Roaming Cats Trap-Neuter-Returned
7 Dogs
32 Cats Companion Pets

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.

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



(Right, above) Buchheit store associate Steve presents a much needed and appreciated gift card donation to Dennis Hundsdorfer of Bond County Humane Society on Sept 26, 2017. Thank you, Buchheit of Greenville for your continued commitment to helping shelter pets in our community!

FUNdraising Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6 & 7, 2018 2-Day Garage Sale. We’ll start accepting your clean, useful item donations in March 2018. Watch our Facebook page and website for more details!

September 15, 2018 Paws In The Park @ Patriots Park NW of Greenville

Volunteers still needed for upcoming fundraising events!

Past Events

Paws In The Park (Sept 16, 2017)
Read more about Paws on Page 5!

Road Block (Nov 4, 2017)

Holiday Pet Photos with Santa & Bake Sale (Dec 9, 2017)



Rally To Rescue Program Ending

Purina Pro Plan’s Rally To Rescue program is phasing out, with an official close in 2018. For many years, Bond County Humane Society has been proud to serve as a rescue partner, promotor, and advocate for the program and the nutritious pet foods of the trusted brand. The passion and commitment to pets of their rescue partners truly inspired the administrators of Rally



To Rescue, enabling them to provide twice yearly food donations, adoption kits, and Rally Perks such as pop-up tents, fundraising tee shirts, coupons, and samples of new Purina Pro Plan products.

BCHS is so grateful for the material assistance, resource tools, and the community of Rally To Rescue partner groups created by the program. We are grateful for every pet bowl filled, every photo shared, every story told, and every connection made. The larger company of Purina continues to support the work and needs of animal welfare organizations.

We've Got PURR-sonality Spotlight: Meet Volunteer Jackie Gruner!

We spoke with long-time Sunday evening Bond County Humane Society volunteer Jackie Gruner. Here's what she had to share about her work and experiences!

What is your current position within BCHS?

I have a title, didn't know that. I guess shift leader at the dog kennel [shelter facility]. Wow, that sounds important. I feed, wash dishes, do laundry, clean kennels, get the dogs ready to be walked, check for medicine, and pet and spoil them. Rachel and Dennis [Hundsdorfer] and I took dog training classes together when the original idea [of forming BCHS] was first proposed.



Jackie with her "foster failure" Mel, Australian Shepherd and multiple showmanship award winner.

I was born in Ogdensburg, New York. Lived all over the country; my dad was in the Coast Guard, so we traveled. We finally settled in a little town, Westville, Illinois. That is where I went to High School. Almost 40 years ago [I arrived to Bond County] - moved here on April 13, 1978. I remember this because it was my dad's birthday.

Currently we have "Melon" - aka Mel - and a cat named Iris. We have had dogs my whole life. While we lived on the islands we had parakeets, couldn't have a dog. The only foster dog I have had is Mel, big failure; he came to stay. And I have fostered orphaned kittens.

We had pygmy goats for years, raised them, showed them; we finally lost our last one about 4 years ago. Of course,

living on a farm we have had chickens, cattle, and hogs and [my daughter] Laine had one lone horse while she was in school. Now they have three horses.

[I also really love] painting, knitting, sewing, reading, gardening and spending time with my grandchildren. Oh, and I enjoy being retired!

My parents were the biggest influence [on me when it comes to the importance of animal welfare and education]. Cruelty isn't something they would have tolerated. Even small children must know not to hurt the living creatures around us.

I think the most important thing I've realized in volunteering with BCHS is that not all dogs are ready to accept your help. Yes, they like the warmth and food, but it takes them a while not to be afraid. Just because you know what is best, doesn't mean they do. It takes time for them to feel safe.

My advice for other BCHS volunteers: patience, lots of patience. And a willingness to accept others and their ideas.



(Above) Thank you, Greenville Buchheit shoppers for contributing to our BCHS Giving Tree in December 2017! Our pets and volunteers love their donated supplies! This photo is pick-up #1.

Cat Shelter / Office Update; Volunteer Painters Wanted: Grab a Brush!

Dennis and Rachel Hundsdorfer met this fall with Steve Korte of K-Five Contracting to plan the next phase of construction work on BCHS's new Cat Shelter / Office Building at 2510 South Elm Street in Greenville. Contractors will finish the electrical installation to bring power to the new building wing, and Ernst Heating & Cooling will finish hooking up the geothermal HVAC system so there can be heat in the building. Then workers will begin taping and mudding the interior walls, and painting can be done.



With the latest bequests and donations to the building fund, we still need at least \$11,000 in order to move into our new facility... CONSIDER A GIFT TODAY!

<https://www.youcaring.com/BCHScatshelter>

199 Adoptions! BCCHS Pet Intakes/Outcomes Report

208 animals (102 cats & 106 dogs) have been taken into Bond County Humane Society shelter care between Jan 1—Dec 31, 2017.

- ✿ 30 cats & 26 dogs were owner-surrendered to BCCHS.
- ✿ 26 cats were found stray and brought to BCCHS.
- ✿ 80 dogs and 46 cats were rescued from area high-kill facilities because their time had expired and they were at risk of euthanization.

199 animals adopted: **89** felines (31 adult cats & 58 kittens) and **110** canines (64 adult dogs & 46 puppies) have been adopted through BCCHS into forever homes between Jan 1—Dec 31, 2017.

In the fourteen and a half years since BCCHS was formed, over 1,600 animals have been rescued and found permanent homes!



Jeep Hair & Pet Hair, Double Don't Care

Official totals are in for the Jeep Scavenger Hunt Benefit that Nuby's Steakhouse (near Pocahtonas on Highway 40) hosted on Saturday, June 24, 2017. Bond County Humane Society and Shriners Hospital EACH received a \$2,000 donation. Thank you to Connie and Mandy Richardson of Nuby's for choosing us as a beneficiary; thank you to each and every one of you who took part in the inaugural event for your support! Also HUGE THANK YOUs to Dusty Hanner and the other wonderful volunteers from our organization and also the Bond County area Shriners who spent countless hours making sure the day went as smoothly as possible.

The scavenger hunt started and ended at Nuby's with stops in between where hunt participants had to complete tasks and challenges before driving on. The stops included Jamestown, St. Rose, Pierron, and Grantfork. Nuby's provided a map of the back roads. Although the title mentioned Jeeps, all vehicles were welcome. After the scavenger hunt, Nuby's hosted continuing festivities such as music, dinner, drinks, and a silent auction which included several great baskets both kids and adults would love and included items like a bowling party and St Louis Cardinals baseball tickets!

Many people who attended left feedback and accolades on Nuby's Facebook page:

- ✿ "Had a wonderful time and met some new and amazing people. Hope you do it again!" - Desiree Hendricks
- ✿ "We drove an hour to attend and enjoyed every minute of it. Can't wait to do it again!" - Marla Ryan
- ✿ "This was the best scavenger hunt ever. We enjoyed our day. Thank you for a wonderful day." - Jane Kathrine Roberts
- ✿ "We had an awesome time. It was a great day!" - Travis Curry
- ✿ "We had a great time and wow... weather couldn't of been any better." - Barb J Sivert Kalous

With the success and interest of the first event, Nuby's has already planned and executed a second Jeep Scavenger Hunt, held October 7, 2017 which benefitted Highland Animal Shelter.

Mandy Richardson of Nuby's Steakhouse presented the donation check to Rachel Hundsdorfer of Bond County Humane Society July 10, 2017... Oh, and Hobo the pup helped!



14th Annual Paws In The Park Shines on Playful and Pretty Pups

What a tremendous time the pups and their people had at our Paws In The Park fest & fundraiser Saturday, September 16, 2017! A little warm, but that couldn't quell the competitive spirit!

The sun could not shine so bright as the dogs' toothy grins as they fetched, performed savvy tricks, sat repetitively, paraded in cute and clever costume, conquered the agility course, and showed our judges who was the prettiest of them all. You're ALL winners who attended this year, ate lunch, bid on an auction, had your pet's nails trimmed, had a portrait taken, met and cuddled our adoptable dogs, shopped at Brown Dawg Bakery and Double J Doggie Stay & Play, protected your pet with a new microchip, voted for cutest pet, grabbed a sample of Purina Pro Plan food, got your pet dish from First National Bank, took literature about BCHS membership, volunteering, and our capital campaign fundraising, (whew, we're STILL out of breath with all there was to do!)

HUGE THANK YOUS to every volunteer, every sponsor, everyone who donated time, effort, products, gifts, cash, or loaned supplies, decorations, you fill in the blank because it takes a great community of passionate pet people to pull this off, our biggest fundraiser and party of the year! Thank you, thank you!

If you couldn't make it but still want to support our organization and mission, please give online or drop a

check in the mail. <http://www.paypal.me/bchs4pets>
<https://www.youcaring.com/BCHScatsshelter>

2017's First Place Competition Winners:

- 🐾 Best Parade Costume: Tom & Comet (cookies & milk), with Peyton & Jodi Schoen
- 🐾 Fastest Fetch: Ruger, Stephanie Wellen
- 🐾 Best Kisser: Mickie, Michelle Schaffner
- 🐾 Best Trick: Dudley, Katie Gettler
- 🐾 Most Sits: Paris, Tammy Rushing
- 🐾 Longest Down: Paris, Tammy Rushing
- 🐾 Agility Course: Jewel, Mary Holt
- 🐾 Prettiest Petite Pure/Mix: Phoebe, Tiana Spink
- 🐾 Prettiest Small Pure: Anika, Kaitlyn & Cameron Voss
- 🐾 Prettiest Medium Pure: Waldo, Darrell Iler
- 🐾 Prettiest Large Pure: Loki, Mary Eller
- 🐾 Prettiest Small Mix: Linus, Ashley Goodson
- 🐾 Prettiest Medium Mix: Darcy, Tasha Jones
- 🐾 Prettiest Large Mix: Cammy, Kaci Papin
- 🐾 Musical Hoops: Louie, Crystal Holmes (small dog); Zeus, Kevin Tuetken (large dog)
- 🐾 Cutest Pet Photo Contest (determined by most donations collected during Paws In The Park): CAT, Paul Hemann

Bandanas & Quilts Handmade by Carlyle Junior High Group Help BCHS Pets



In September 2017, a group of Carlyle Junior High School 6th grade girls used the new sewing machines in their library's "Maker Space" to create dog collar bandanas and patchwork quilted pet beds. Cory Carsrud of Pet Designs dog grooming salon north of Greenville has a professional connection to the school, and the salon helped sell some of the girls' bandanas at our Paws In The Park event. The girls later presented a \$25 check to

Rachel Hundsdorfer, acting president of Bond County Humane Society. At the time of the check presentation, BCHS also received two pet-sized quilts. These were soon gifted to one kitten and one puppy with their new adopting families on Dec. 2, 2017 at Petco in Fairview Heights. Thank you so much, CJHS library helpers and sewists for your thoughtful and practical gifts!

Right: Adopted kitten, Dustin, with his new parents and patchwork quilt gift at Petco.



Donations & Memorials

Remember, BCBS 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 501c3 charitable organization so all donations are tax deductible in accordance with IRS guidelines. Plus, BCBS 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.

www.bondcohs.petfinder.com

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In Loving Memory

Memorialize a relative, friend or animal companion with a plaque on the Memory Wall at BCBS. 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 BCBS'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 11—Dec 19, 2017 in memory of...

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

... Kerry Harnetiaux, by friends & family
... Phyllis Heckman, by friends & family
... Patricia Neumann, by friends & family
... Phyllis Nicoson, by friends & family
... Janice Perkins, by friends & family
... James Todd, by friends & family

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

... Boo, Midnight, Charlotte, Reeses & Jasper, beloved pets, by Andrea Hull
... Christine, beloved cat of Rachel & Dennis Hundsdorfer, by John Martin
... Nuzzy, Jr., beloved cat, by Kathy & Roger Reeves

... Sophie, beloved Boston Terrier, by James Brewer
... Leta Griffith Collier, by Randall Neumann
... Nancy Jo Compton, by Randall Neumann
... Mark Harnetiaux, by Randall Neumann
... Dorothy Hawley, by Norma & Barb Maroon
... James R. Johnson, by Randall Neumann
... Burnell Petry, by Randall Neumann
... Yvonne Simmonds, by Norma Maroon
... Bob Wilson, by Randall Neumann
... Gladys Yaeger, by friends & family

Permanent Shelter Donations

Received between July 11—Dec 19, 2017.

Copeland*, Sylvie Smerick*; **Engraved Bricks Purchases Jul 11-Dec 19, 2017:** Linda Goss, Gina Goldsmith, Cris Hart (*Capital Campaign donor names from both offline and online giving are being collected for a future comprehensive list.*)

Anonymous, Darla Petchulat;

***YouCaring.com Online Donations 2015-2017:** Annette Berry*, Hannah Bingham*, Miranda Blunt*, Heidi Callahan*, Leanne

Monthly Pledge Donors

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

Lifetime Memberships

Joe & Caryl Culumber
Debra Dixon
Dan & Mignon Fetterhoff

John Goldsmith
Jeff Hemker
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 11—Dec 19, 2017

Animal Sponsors (\$501+):

Carlisle-Syntec: \$750
Anonymous: \$4,500

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

Marjorie Cuvar

Frances Fansler
Donna Grebel
Andrea Hull
Richard McClure

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

Ruth Barnett
Evie Conant
Lori Eyre

Dan & Mignon Fetterhoff
Ronald Lindley
Randall McKean
Charles Nash
Barb Paoletti
Kathy & Roger Reeves
Irene & Marc Seale
Donna Summars
Willie’s Place (Celebrity Bartender)
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 – <http://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.



Go Online and Browse All Back Issues of Bond County Humane Society’s “The Pet Dispatch” Newsletter! <http://www.bondcohs.petfinder.com>

Thank you to everyone who contributed stories, letters, facts, ideas & photos that have helped create the Winter 2018 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 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: President, Treasurer, VP Volunteers, VP Grants, VP Fundraising, 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.

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It's time to renew your BCHS
Membership for 2018!! 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 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 building the 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