



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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This is Caramel (now Maggie)'s Tail

In February 2017, Caramel, an American Staffordshire Terrier, waited in Bond County Humane Society's shelter for her second chance at a family. She'd been confiscated by Bond County Animal Control from a home after her owner died under suspicious circumstances. BCHS was happy to rescue Caramel and begin a search for a great new forever home match. And soon a young, active couple with two kids met Caramel and KNEW she was the family dog for them. Although as it turns out, Caramel's fairy tale would not last as long as it should have, her impact on her adoptive family's lives is a precious testament to rescue and love. They renamed her Maggie and wrote to update us:

"A few years ago, we [adopted] 'Caramel' from you all at Petco. I fell in love with her and her story the moment I saw her, and knew that my purpose was to give her the best life a dog could ever have. We didn't realize a dog we thought we were rescuing would change our lives forever.

"Maggie has been everyone's best friend since the moment she walked in our door. She picks who she will sleep with every night and makes sure she has her head on the feather pillow. She goes on her favorite car ride to take the kids to school, and then goes to the car wash where everyone just loves her! Since my husband and I both work from home, Maggie is NEVER alone, and is with us wherever we go. She is everyone's favorite, and she truly is our third child, and my baby!...

"May 1st, Maggie woke up a bit lethargic. It was odd, because she had just been to



the vet for her yearly shots and all blood work was perfect; we knew something wasn't right. The stumped vet couldn't find anything wrong with her and so they ran blood/tox and that came back fine too. They took her to the hospital area to start her on some fluids and oxygen to fix the issue. But Maggie unexpectedly quickly declined. Soon Maggie went into cardiac arrest and died. The vet and his assistants were all in tears [rarely having] seen this kind of sudden death without cause. We were/are devastated. Maggie was perfectly young and healthy, and so taking her into the vet that day, we never expected we would leave without her. Words cannot express how crushed we are to lose our baby bear, but we know the moment Maggie walked into our door, we gave her the most incredible life.

"I write to thank you. You caring for 'Caramel' after she had been through so much allowed me to adopt what would become the best friend I could ever have. She was so loved and will always be what we truly believe was an angel to our family."

— Lydia Bishop and Pierce Widham, May 20, 2019

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Shelter hours, 1-5pm

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.

(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. 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 membership form on back page!

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Programs We continue our Low-Cost spay and neuter aid and in the 2019 year-to-date, we've helped alter **179** 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.

138
Free-Roaming Cats
Trap-Neuter-Returned

35
Cats

6 Dogs

Companion
Pets

FUNdraising Events

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

Past Events from 2019

- 🐾 Garage Sale (May 3 & 4)
- 🐾 Corner Collections (Apr 13 & Nov 9)
- 🐾 Sept 21, 2019 Paws In The Park @ Patriot's Park, Greenville. Dog Contests & Parade, Tennis Ball Drop Raffle, SAR K9 Co-Op demo, Photos by Lorrie Garri-

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

son, Cutest Pet Photo Voting, Vendors, Food, Silent Auction, Micro-chipping, Freebies, & FUN

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 🐾 Nov 30, 2019 Pet Photos with Santa & Bake Sale @ Buchheit, Greenville
- 🐾 Dec 7, 2019 LRCF Christmas Market @ First Presbyterian Church, Greenville

Volunteer at Bond County Humane Society Shelter: Help Save Lives!

We have quite a few very faithful volunteers (THANK YOU!), but we still need more people. Volunteers are especially needed on weekend mornings, for cat afternoons, and for dog walking.

Individuals, friend pairs, or families interested in volunteering should come by our shelter office during public open hours, call 618 664-4068, or email bchs4pets@sbcglobal.net.

And find more info and the volunteering application online!



Lemonade for Cats? That's Refreshing!

'S' and 'C' opened a lemonade stand near downtown Greenville on May 30, 2019. Sales benefited cats in care at BCHS and the girls delivered their refreshments' proceeds the next day. 'S' and her mother had been volunteering one afternoon each week at the BCHS Cat Shelter but moved out of state in June. We and our adoptable pets appreciate (very much!) all motivated young entrepreneurs-in-training (and volunteer cat care team members!) with hearts of gold for the animals and pets in our community. Thanks a lot, girls!

Everyone here hopes you had a great summer and rest of 2019!



The Kids are Alright: Donate Gifts to BCHS!

(Right) Book Buddies: Jackson Wood a fourth grader who volunteers at BCHS with his mother Angelique, reads to Einstein, a cat who lived in our Meet & Greet room until he was adopted in June. Cats make excellent listeners!



(Left) Brick will Honor Memory of "The Best Poppie": Jackson also donated his birthday money to BCHS this year, helping out cats and kittens awaiting homes in the name of his late grandfather. In the photo he presents the funds to BCHS Acting President Rachel Hundsdorfer.



(Right) 12th Birthday Collection: Kate Mifflin requested dog and cat supplies from her party guests this Spring. The Mifflin family adopted their 3rd BCHS rescue dog in 2019 and they are great ambassadors for our mission and programs! Thanks, Kate! Happy Birthday!



(Left) Happy Birthday to Sarah Cunniff: She donated presents from her birthday party to our pets waiting for their forever homes! She brought the treats, food, toys, blankets and bowls by Petco in January. All will be put to good use! Thanks again, Sarah!



Pat Kious (left) presents VP Dennis Hundsdorfer a check from the Greenville Garden Club. A water fountain brick plaza design has yet to be selected & construction will proceed in 2020.

Memorial Brick Garden to Feature Fountain

Our forthcoming memorial brick garden will include, for a centerpiece, a stone pillar water fountain! Since Bond County Humane Society first began offering engraved memorial and honor bricks in 2016, we've deliberated several designs for the bricks on the northwest side of our Shelter Office, Adoption Center, and Cat Shelter which opened May 2018. The final plan will include a specially landscaped plaza near the public entrance visible from the street.

On May 31, 2019, The Greenville Garden Club, represented by Pat Kious, presented Dennis Hundsdorfer, co-founder of Bond County Humane Society and current Vice President of Facilities, a check for \$300 to cover the cost of a water fountain.

We are eager to show off your tribute bricks which have already been helping pets at BCHS, purchasing food, medicine, and other shelter supplies. And over the years to come, there remains great potential for expansion to the memorial garden project.

There's still time to add your own brick(s) to the initial design installation. Order soon! Your brick purchase directly supports temporarily homeless cats and dogs at BCHS awaiting their forever homes! Order online or pick up a brochure at our office. www.bricksrus.com/order/bondcountyhumanesociety/

Thank you again to Pat Kious, Nancy Gillard, and all the members of the Greenville Garden Club for their consultations and contributions!

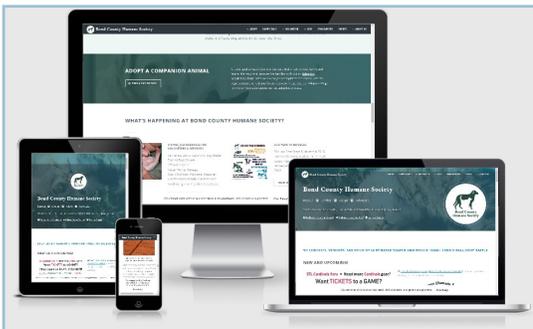
140 Adoptions Year-To-Date! BCCHS Pet Intakes/Outcomes Report 2019 YTD

141 animals (80 cats/kittens & 61 dogs/puppies) have been taken into Bond County Humane Society shelter care between Jan 1—Oct 31, 2019.

140 animals adopted: **83** felines (45 adult cats & 38 kittens) and **57** canines (33 adult dogs & 24 puppies) have been adopted through BCCHS into forever homes between Jan 1—Oct 31, 2019.

In the sixteen years since BCCHS was formed, over 1,800 animals have been rescued and found permanent homes!

A New BCCHS Website Launches Summer 2019!



Bond County Humane Society unveiled its brand new website design the last week of July 2019. The new site follows current web design trends such as HTML5+CSS3 and supports cross device compatibility. The society's initial website launched in 2004 not long after BCCHS it-

self was formed by a small group of concerned citizens with the intention of providing shelter for the stray and homeless animals in Greenville until they are released into responsible, loving homes. That site was greatly revised and expanded in 2009, continuing as a way to inform the public on the mission, programs, and activities of BCCHS. In recent years it has counted over 700 visitor "hits" each month.

The new site carries on the society's purpose with a listing of pets available for adoption, spay/neuter information, updated rescue statistics, happy tail and educational essays, memory/honor tribute register, social media connections, opportunities for secure online giving, and overall enhanced user experience. This 2019 website is re-designed, developed, and managed by Rebecca Clausen at Rainofhearts Web Design of Greenville.

Shop for Our Cause with Chewy.com

Great news, our Chewy.com referral program is up and running! The awesome folks at Chewy will donate \$20 to BCCHS for each new customer that signs up using our landing page reached via our home website <http://members.petfinder.com/~IL262/index.html>. Chewy is the retailer of pet food and other pet-related products owned by PetSmart. The company offers around 30,000 items for dogs and cats.

- ♥ Over 1,000 brands that you know and love
- ♥ Expert pet advice whenever you need it, 24/7
- ♥ 100% satisfaction guarantee on any item



Try one of these 2 smartphone apps (available for iOS and Android devices) that support Bond County Humane Society with a donation every single time you take a walk with your dog. As you exercise together, the apps use GPS to keep track of how far you walk, run, or even cycle. Every walk counts, whether it's a trip around the block or a four mile hike. Download WoofTrax's "Walk for a Dog" or Best Friends Animal Society's "ResQWalk" today!

Magnify your impact by sharing the app with your friends and family.



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Paws in the Park Draws Large Crowds... of Tiny Dogs!

Pooches Gracias to everyone who came out to the 16th Paws In The Park this year, held Saturday September 21, 2019!

Paws in the Park is Bond County Humane Society's largest fundraiser and your support helps us care for over a hundred rescued and surrendered pets every year, getting them ready for forever loving, responsible homes. Thank you for making this another great and successful event full of new friends and great memories! Thank you so much to all of our volunteers, sponsors, donors, vendors, and other special helpers as well, of course!

It was a great day! With the cool clear weather, we had great participation. So many dog owners brought their pets to be in the costumed pet parade; various contests centered on obedience, training, and merely the 'prettiest' of their pure or mixed breed category; and other activities. Families posed for professional portraits with their pups, let expert groomers with Pet Designs trim nails, bid on silent auction items, met dogs up for adoption through BCHS, enjoyed several demonstrations by SAR K9 CO-OP (a search and rescue team), and got a microchip at our clinic.

"We had a lot of little dogs this year. I don't think I've ever seen so many LITTLE dogs here!" said BCHS president and shelter director Rachel Hundsdorfer to radio station WGEL 101.7 FM. "At 2:30 p.m. we did some-

thing new. We had a Tennis Ball Drop for the first time." Guests could purchase tennis balls, each labeled with a number, and at 2:30 p.m., two members of the humane society volunteer staff were raised above the crowd in a cherry picker bucket, provided by Mains' Tree Service, to drop the tennis balls.

"A dog was sent to get three tennis balls," Hundsdorfer explained. "The person with the first tennis ball wins 25 percent of the money collected from the tennis ball drop sales, the person with the second ball wins 15 percent, and the person with the third wins 10 percent. Our society gets the other 50 percent. And the ball drop raffle was pretty successful for a first time event. It was fun!" The first lucky winner actually donated back her winnings, and we are so appreciative!

We've been uploading photos from the day to an album on our Facebook page and sharing some videos there as well. Check them out, tag yourself and your friends, post yours to our page or tag us when you post to your own page! And find a complete list of Contest Winners in places down to 4th on our website's News page.

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://members.petfinder.com/~IL262/donate.html>

Congrats to the 1st Place Competition Winners from 16th Annual Paws In The Park



Chesney, here performing a series of adorable tricks, took home 2 trophies with his handler Chelsea Ballinger.

- ✿ Best Parade Costume: Isabella (dressed as a lion), Shyla Wratchford
- ✿ Fastest Fetch: Dexter, Hope Zidek
- ✿ Best Kisser: Stanley, Cheyenne Fifer
- ✿ Best Trick: Chesney, Chelsea Ballinger
- ✿ Most Sits in 1 Minute: Leo, Alexis Bourgeois
- ✿ Longest Down: Chesney, Chelsea Ballinger
- ✿ Prettiest Petite Pure/Mix: Ella May, Brayden Nordike
- ✿ Prettiest Small Pure: Rhea, Caitlin Blagg
- ✿ Prettiest Medium Pure: Chika, Marc Seale
- ✿ Prettiest Large Pure: War, Donovan Dey
- ✿ Prettiest Small Mix: Tom, Peyton Schoen
- ✿ Prettiest Medium Mix: Lilly, Anastasia Baird
- ✿ Prettiest Large Mix: Dixie, Cassandra Mollett
- ✿ Musical Hoops (tie): Ellie, Crystal Holmes & Harper, Grace Sperandio
- ✿ Cutest Pet Photo Contest: Miracle (3 legged rescue cat), submitted by KayAnna Warthen of Greenville, Illinois



Donations & Memorials

Remember, BCHS is a primarily volunteer-based 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.

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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).

In Loving Memory

Donations have been received between January 1—October 15, 2019 in MEMORY of...

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

- ... Alan Machmer by family and friends
- ... Angie Ulmer by family and friends
- ... Dortha J Erwin Volkmar by family and friends

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

- ... Steve Cuvar by family and friends
- ... Melba Donaldson by family and friends
- ... Dale Wiesemeyer by family and friends

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

- ... Loki Raiser by Michaeleh Metz
- ... Lucy, beloved dog, by Dan & Joanne Johnson
- ... Pat Burke by Randall Neumann
- ... Barb Maroon by family and friends
- ... Kent Merry by Randall Neumann
- ... Gregory L. Price by R. Neumann
- ... Dick Sharp by Randall Neumann
- ... Mary Shepard by R. Neumann
- ... Joyce Thacker by Tom & Melinda Harnetiaux
- ... Denny Utlaut by Randall Neumann
- ... Dale Wiesemeyer by Sara Wiesemeyer
- ... Art Worstell by Randall Neumann



Engraved Bricks Purchases

Orders received between Jan 1 - Oct 15, 2019

Charity Campbell; Gail Heideman; Donald Lugge; Steve & Kae Schmitt; David Williams; KayAnna Warthen; Jackson Wood; and BCHS Volunteers in memory of Clara Juarez

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Monthly Pledge Donors

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

Lifetime Memberships

Joe & Caryl Culumber	Jeff Hemker	James & Nona Nance	David Voils
Debra Dixon	Jane Hopkins	Randall Neumann	Kit & Mark Whittington
Dan & Mignon Fetterhoff	Carolyn Johnson	James Plunkett	Kathleen R. Wildi
John Goldsmith	Julie Juarez	Ken Slatton	Dave & Mary Ann Willey
	Mary Kasmark	Smith Family Fund	Amanda Zeller
	Mike & Cindy Lotz	Nyla Strole	

Thank You For All Of Your Donations!

Donations received between January 1 - October 15, 2019

Animal Heroes (\$5000 and up):

Anonymous

Animal Angels (\$2500 - \$4999):

Smith Family Fund

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

Randall Neumann;

Network For Good (Facebook donations)

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

Greenville Garden Club;

Rick's Ace Hardware of Highland;

Janice Carr; Marjorie Cuvar;

Susan DeNike; Donna Grebel;

Julie Juarez; Connie McCasland;

Katherine Ruocco

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

Ian Baird ... in honor of Anastasia Baird;

FNB Community Bank;

Chance Vohlken (SIUA) March Quote

For A Cause; Jacqueline Anselment;

Ruth Barnett; Charity Campbell; June Blaine & John Duft; John & Mary Jo DeMichael; Rowan Finley; Steve Goodnick; George R. Gobberdiel; Derrill & Cynthia Granda; Andrea Hull; Jacqueline Kelsey; Elmo Linton; Jon Mason; Rachel & Taylor Nickerson; Darla Petchulat; M.E. Schmollinger; Irene & Marc Seale; Merle Shaw; Paul Timmerman; Brad & Mary Wade; Bob Yancey; Mike Yarbrough



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.

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 pure-bred dogs) and the fee includes veterinary testing and treatment, routine shots/vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, and state-mandated microchipping.

Chewy ↓



Valarie ↑

Fabio ↓



Gizzy ↑

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 Holiday 2019 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 2020? 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 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.

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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