



# The Pet Dispatch

## Winter, March 2019

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 Jewel & Nubbin

Nubbin's mom was pregnant when Bond County Humane Society accepted her into our shelter system in April 2018. One day later, she delivered her kittens. The gray shorthair kitten with a stub of a tail we called Nubbin. Tiny Nubbin grew, mischievous and playfully affectionate, in one of BCHS's foster homes. Jewel – a striking longhaired tabby with tan and black striped fur – was rescued along with her littermates from Bond County Animal Control when they were twelve weeks old. She's especially loving and friendly and found plenty of fun with toys and the other kittens in BCHS's cat shelter community room. This charming and active feline pair found their forever home together with a local Greenville family with two boys when they were both four months old on August 18, 2018. Jewel and Nubbin's parents write:

“About a year ago, we filed an application to adopt [from BCHS] and were approved. Unfortunately Alison's dad turned critically ill and passed away soon after that, so we put the idea of adopting [a pet] on the back burner... [Then this summer we saw a kitten, Jewel, was available and thought about adopting two at once, perhaps] a sibling of hers or another she got along with especially well. At your Petco adoption



event, our family decided to choose Nubbin in addition to our new Jewel. We were thinking of changing Nubbin's name to Jack and then we would have Jack and Jewel, but the votes were split so we're staying with Nubbin. They're both so affectionate and sweet. These babies have already brought us so much joy!”

— Alison and Willy Sears, August, 2018



**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 BCCHS 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 BCCHS 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 2018, we've helped alter **204** 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.

142 Free-Roaming Cats Trap-Neuter-Returned  
8 Dogs  
54 Cats  
Companion Pets

**FUNdraising Events**

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

**Past Events from 2018**

- 🐾 Paws In The Park festival (Sept 15)
- 🐾 Rock and Roll BINGO (Oct 12)
- 🐾 90s Throwback Night (by a GU Class) (Nov 12)
- 🐾 Road Block Corner Collection (Nov 17)
- 🐾 Come Home For Christmas Market (Nov 24)

Pet lovers and supporters of BCCHS can always make an easy donation online at

<https://www.paypal.me/bchs4pets>

🐾 Dec 15, 2018 Pet Photos with Santa & Bake Sale

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

🐾 **May 4, 2019 Garage Sale** – Location TBA: follow BCCHS on social!



**New BCCHS Cat Shelter at 2510 S. Elm St. is Adorned with Art and Activity**

Big thanks to our volunteers who have helped decorate our new cat shelter, office, and dog play yard with signage, art, cat enrichment pieces and lighting! Marc Seale (left) constructed a beautiful and sturdy moveable shelf system for slat walls in a few of our cat and kitten community environments! Barb Dothage



Painted many artwork pieces for our reception and hallways. Students in Leslie Lloyd's school in Brownstown painted folksy cats and dogs for our conference room. Cindy Moser (above) created our front door sign in adhesive vinyl with our logo and listing of public hours. Brad Heckman and Dennis Hundsdorfer installed two new donated play yard floodlights for evening pooch play time. Thank you, friends, for your thoughtful and skilled workmanship and guidance. This may inspire others to contribute in the future to BCCHS needs or to other nonprofits as well.



## We've Got PURR-sonality Spotlight: Meet Volunteers Deb Dixon & Barb Dothage!

Meet Debra Dixon and Barb Dothage! These sisters, our “Dynamic Duo”, have been volunteering with Bond County Humane Society for nearly five years, since February 2014 and live in the Edwardsville / Glen Carbon community. As Adoption Event Assistants they help Rachel and Dennis Hundsdorfer each Saturday at the Petco store in Fairview Heights: unloading the van and trailer in the morning, setting up the crates, supplies, and other gear, and settling the adoptable dogs and cats in for several hours of meet and greet with store customers and prospective adopting families, then packing it all up at the end of the afternoon. Barb takes many of the Adoption Day “Happy Family” photographs which are later posted on BCHS’s Facebook page. Deb and Barb also volunteer at BCHS’s annual September event, Paws In The Park, where Barb is in charge of the Silent Auction and Deb leads Food & Beverages.

If you ask Deb and Barb about their dedicated years volunteering with us, you’ll receive cheerful while modest replies. Here’s what they had to share about themselves and their experiences!

**Barb & Deb:** We met Dennis years ago – around 2008? – when we used BCHS’s feral cat TNR program to low-cost spay/neuter some of Deb’s outdoor felines.

**Barb:** My sister and I did some volunteering for the Metro East Humane Society ten or so years ago.

**Barb & Deb:** We really got thinking about animal welfare awareness and education when we heard about Best Friends Animal Society in Utah and their mission to “bring about a time when there are No More Homeless Pets.” Now working alongside Rachel and Dennis in BCHS, those two leaders are our biggest personal influence, teaching us the hands-on principles and programs involved to achieve ambitious missions on local, regional, even national scales.

**Deb:** I’ve learned so much by listening to Rachel and Dennis. I feel a part of the BCHS Family and I’m so glad I decided to volunteer.

**Barb:** Before BCHS, I didn’t realize how important good pet nutrition was, for one thing. I’ve learned about different diseases and afflictions both cats and dogs may suffer. I’ve seen how difficult it is to raise money in a private not-for-profit organization and the cost of everything for a pet shelter to operate: food, veterinarian expenses, etc.



**Sisters Barb (on left) and Deb (on right) flank BCHS VP Dennis Hundsdorfer at a Paws in the Park event.**

**Deb:** I have five cats inside: Sissy (Clawdia), Purracy and Buffy (Lee) are from Bond County Humane Society; Tuck & Fanny are not from BCHS. Also three outside cats: Snowball, her daughter Snowstorm and Sweet Pea.

**Barb:** Currently I have four cats, three of them adopted from Bond County Humane Society. The first cat I adopted from BCHS was Samantha, back in 2007. I’m partial to longhaired kitties.

**Deb:** Outside of BCHS, I enjoy teaching at the dental school, gardening and golf.

**Barb:** I like to travel, especially to Hawaii where I lived for a year right out of college, and I’ve been back 25 times! I love to horseback ride – I owned a horse years ago. I go bike riding, to the gym; I read a lot. I do crafts: painting and jewelry making. My major was art. Deb and I do volunteer work for our parish, too. I help at Bingos. Every year, we help at our parish picnic – a two night event – where we’ve worked the raffle booth for 20+ years. I’ve also volunteered with a girl friend for a children’s hospital.

**Barb:** If you love animals and want to help them and make a difference in our small corner of the world, then you NEED to volunteer!

**Deb:** Yes, volunteer! Do it! You won’t be disappointed!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Deb and Barb, for being fantastic supporters and colleagues. Keep shining bright!

## 140 Adoptions! BCBS Pet Intakes/Outcomes Report 2018

**191** animals (131 cats & 60 dogs) have been taken into Bond County Humane Society shelter care between Jan 1—Dec 31, 2018.

- ✿ 41 cats & 13 dogs were owner-surrendered to BCBS.
- ✿ 33 cats and 2 dogs were found stray and brought to BCBS.
- ✿ 45 dogs and 57 cats were rescued from area high-kill facilities because their time had expired and they were at risk of euthanization.

**140** animals adopted: **82** felines (35 adult cats & 47 kittens) and **58** canines (25 adult dogs & 33 puppies) have been adopted through BCBS into forever homes between Jan 1—Dec 31, 2018.

In the fifteen and a half years since BCBS was formed, over 1,700 animals have been rescued and found permanent homes!

## Rock and Roll BINGO Updates 'Name That Tune' Game



This wasn't your grandma's bingo! Friday October 12, 2018 at Highland Knights of Columbus hall proved a full evening of Rock and Roll BINGO fund-raising amusement! Much thanks to our

event coordinator Dusty Hanner and all of our volunteer workers helping with the set-up, 50/50, Silent Auction, and Cash Prizes! With our bingo cards in hand and our dabbers on standby, we listened out for 10-20 seconds bursts of the most toe-tappin', head boppin', bum wigglin' sing along songs from the past and present and marked them off as we would a normal game of bingo. A wide demographic came together in this game of luck and skill as younger helped the more seasoned and rockers helped mods. Emcee Sam (great guy!) from the Arch Rivals Company presented our Rock and Roll Bingo, and each round featured various genres, including Oldies, Disco, Country, Hip Hop, Disney and Pop. Artists ranged from Elvis Presley and The Who to Miley Cyrus and 50 Cent. Thank you so much to our Corporate Sponsors: K Five Contracting of Pocahontas, First National Bank Greenville, NACO Printing, Don's Lawn and Saw, American Family Insurance of Greenville, Dave's Greenlight Auto Sales, The Twisted Shears, and People's State Bank of Greenville.



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.



## Home-Crafted Goodies at LRCF's Come Home For Christmas Market

We had a great time participating in the first annual Come Home For Christmas Market sponsored by The Lemuel Rhodes Cancer Foundation (LRCF) on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at the Greenville First United Methodist Church. Area non-profits had gift, craft, books, crocheted caps, and live wreath booths. Santa appeared for pictures by donations. The DeMoulin Museum organized a cookie/candy walk booth, and LRCF offered a coffee and hot chocolate bar, cinnamon rolls for breakfast, and soups for lunch. At Bond County Humane Society's market booth, we peddled home crafted holiday ornaments and decorations, dog bow ties and bandanas, stocking stuffers filled with dog treats, and tee shirts from past Paws in the Park. Thank you to the BCBS volunteers who contributed their crafting skills and imagination! LRCF hopes to grow their Christmas Market in 2019. Thank you to everyone who started their Christmas shopping with us! Our dogs and cats appreciate you so much!

## Another Paws in the “Bark”... er, um, Park is in the Books!

“We had good contests. We had good participation, but overall the attendance [at our 15th annual Paws In The Park festival and fundraiser Saturday, September 15, 2018] was down,” Bond County Humane Society Acting President Rachel Hundsdorfer said to WGEL Reporter Jeff Leidel. “The dogs were great; they all participated so well, they did an awesome job and the people really get into it! That’s the fun part of it; to watch all of that. It was pretty warm. We had a lot of people sitting in the shade with their dogs... We’re primarily a volunteer-based organization so all of the animal care is primarily provided by volunteers. This [event] is put together all by volunteers; so there’s not a paid person here doing any of this work. We had good attendance, not great attendance, but we had good attendance. What we see are primarily Greenville or Bond County people here, so that’s impressive that we can do this whole thing and have [that support from] Greenville and Bond County... Yeah, we’ve had a good time today!”

New booths and interest areas in 2018 were Greenville Public Library Children’s Story Tent, Photography by Nostalgic Captures, Woof’n Weiner Wear, and Quinns Creations. Returning were Pet Designs Grooming Nail Trims, Brown Dawg Bakery, Double J Doggie Play ‘n Stay, food by Wes Pourchot, Silent Auction, Adoptable Dogs Meet & Greet, Microchipping by Greenville Veterinary Clinic.

It takes a great community of passionate pet people to pull off Paws In The Park, our biggest annual fundraiser and party of the year! So thank you, thank you, everyone!

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.htm>

### 2018’s First Place Competition Winners:

- 🐾 Best Parade Costume: Paris (DC Comics’ Supergirl), with Tammy Rushing
- 🐾 Fastest Fetch: Isaac (6 seconds), Amy Hemann
- 🐾 Best Kisser: Leroy, Ali Bourgeois
- 🐾 Best Trick: Isaac (volleyball), Amy Hemann
- 🐾 Most Sits: Isaac (19 in 1 minute), Amy Hemann
- 🐾 Longest Down: Paris, Tammy Rushing
- 🐾 Agility Course: Patches, Don Balkenbush
- 🐾 Prettiest Petite Pure/Mix: Yodi, Braydon Nordike
- 🐾 Prettiest Small Pure: Stella (French Bulldog)
- 🐾 Prettiest Medium Pure: Gidget (Golden Doodle)
- 🐾 Prettiest Large Pure: Loki (French Mastiff), Mary Eller
- 🐾 Prettiest Small Mix: Badjer
- 🐾 Prettiest Medium Mix: Hazel, Mary Holt
- 🐾 Prettiest Large Mix: Vaeda, Brian Busch
- 🐾 Musical Hoops: Ellie, Crystal Holmes (small dog); Cinch, Leona Baum (large dog)
- 🐾 Cutest Pet Photo Contest (determined by most donations collected during Paws In The Park): Ellie, submitted by Crystal Holmes of East Alton, Illinois

## Images from Bond County Humane Society’s 15th Annual Paws In The Park



Left: Ellie, a ruby Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, took home 2 trophies with parents Steve and Crystal Holmes.

Center: Don Balkenbush leads Patches, his daughter’s Australian Shepherd, through a trophy winning run of the Agility Course.

Right: Isaac, Amy Hemann’s Boston Terrier, proved a top competitor in several contests including Fastest Fetch, Most Sits, and Best Trick.

## 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 over the past half-year in MEMORY of...

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

... Barbara Maroon by family and friends

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

... Duke by Don & Vickie Beaver

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

... Cloudy, beloved pet, by Dave & Beth Martin

... Florence Booher by family & friends  
(Kent & Sharon Young, Nancy Hanratty)

... Clela Gan by Irene & Marc Seale

... Frances Fansler by family & friends  
(Karen & Lonnie Kessinger, R. Randall Neumann)

... Walter Landgraf by Nancy & Alan Machmer

... Denny Mueller by family & friends (Gail Har-  
netiaux, R. Randall Neumann)

... Barbara Maroon by David Caulk with his purchase  
of a Kuranda Shelter Dog Bed



## Engraved Bricks Purchases

Orders received between Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2018

Terry & Judy Weiss;  
BCHS Volunteers & Officers in memory of Barbara Maroon

**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

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David Voils

Mike & Cindy Lotz

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James & Nona Nance

Kathleen R. Wildi

James Plunkett

Dave & Mary Ann Willey

Ken Slatton

Amanda Zeller

Nyla Strole

Thank You For All Of Your Donations!

Donations received between Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2018

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

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

Animal Lovers (\$101 - \$500): Donna Grebel, Julie Juarez (dog play yard lighting), Paul Schorsch, Donna Sommars

Animal Friends (\$25 - \$100): Cindy Burton, Janice Carr, Evie Conant, Germantown Trust & Savings Bank

Kenny & Linda Hampton, John Harrison, Jeffery & Laura Hoffman, Andrea Hull, T.J. Johnson, Elmo Linton, Network for Good (Facebook donations), Cyd Odneal, Darla Petchulat, Hope & Donna Walker, KayAnna Warthen

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.



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 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 2019? 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!

www.bondcohs.petfinder.com

And we can always use more:

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

All donations are TAX-DEDUCTIBLE !

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Membership for 2019!! 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 equipping the new BCHS Cat Shelter / Office: \$\_\_\_\_\_ One-Time \$\_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \$\_\_\_\_\_ Annual.
- Sponsor-A-Pet Donation: \$\_\_\_\_\_ One-Time \$\_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \$\_\_\_\_\_ Annual. Pet Name \_\_\_\_\_.

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