



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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(Sun, Wed by appt only)

This is a Tail of Three Kitties: Miracle, Éclair, and Star



“Miracle, an orange tabby, came to Bond County Humane Society (BCHS) when someone found her scooting across the parking lot of Greenville’s Super 8 motel. She was badly injured; she had a two inch gash across her back where she was burnt all the way down to the bone trying to stay warm under the hood of a car. Plus, she had frostbite. To save her life, Miracle had to have her tail and her front right leg amputated. I fostered her for four months while she healed, and by then I was hopelessly attached to her quirky habits. She’s seven years old now and nothing stops her! She has taught her sisters some things, good AND bad!

“Éclair and her 4 littermates [were surrendered to BCHS when their owner was jailed. They had been living in horrible conditions and were infested with fleas and ear mites]. Éclair had dried red paint on her foot, a rectal prolapse, and a corkscrew tail. Her tail was like a cinnamon

bun flat against her back side. Her rectal prolapse was fixed surgically, and her tail amputated. Still, Éclair has lasting nerve damage in her hind end; so she waddles when she walks and has no control over her potty functions. I fostered Éclair for three years before finally making her a permanent part of the family. Éclair wears baby diapers so that her life can be as normal as possible. She just turned four and is my “wild child”, always running and playing with things... sometimes things only SHE can see!



“Star, my black longhair and my oldest at thirteen, is also from BCHS. She’s not without her own medical issues. Star started her life out with coccidia, then tested positive for E. coli bacteria, and at last was diagnosed with feline herpes (FHV). I almost lost her twice, but she is a FIGHTER. [She has permanent issues with sneezing and nasal discharge], but I don’t mind.

“Miracle, Éclair, and Star may be special needs kitties, but all three are cuddle bugs and the joys of my life. I wouldn’t trade them for anything in the world.

“Thank you, BCHS, for all of your volunteer, employment, foster, and adoption opportunities!”

—KayAnna Warthen, October 29, 2020

VOLUNTEERING can mean shifts of shelter care, animal feeding, kitten socializing, dog walking, fostering, etc. **OR** assistance at 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 night 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 financial aid and 2020 year-to-date, we've helped alter **184** animals in Bond Coun-

ty and close surrounding areas, preventing the unwanted litters.

An April 2020 donation from disbanded *SNIP Alliance*, a Madison County non-profit, has allowed BCCHS to expand Low-Cost Spay/Neuter opportunities. Please call our office at (618) 664-4068 for more information about Trap-Neuter-Return or about financial assistance to have your companion animals spayed or neutered.

Rabies Vaccines for Cats—Illinois State Law now requires companion cats at least 4 months old to receive a rabies vaccination with a veterinarian certification. The requirement does not apply to feral cats unless the feral cat is taken to the vet for sterilization.

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

124 Free-Roaming Cats Trap-Neuter-Returned

44 Cats

16 Dogs

Companion Pets

This is Duke's Happy Tail

Surrendered to Bond County Humane Society by his too-busy owner after the shelter who'd originally adopted him out had no space to take him back, six month old Hound mix **Duke** found himself living in a foster home with a long-time BCCHS volunteer. The



home also fostered kittens and Duke absolutely loved the cat babies, trying to climb into bed with them even though he wouldn't truly fit. He's never met a stranger and is a

softy for squeaky toys. In just a few weeks' time, BCCHS matched Duke into a forever home. His family writes:

"Duke is doing good! He loves going for car rides and going to the drive up at the bank. The teller lady gives him treats! Today we went to the doggie car wash; he didn't care much for that. He's one loved, spoiled dog. The crate came down so he has the run of the house. We couldn't have asked for a better dog... Duke now has this new thing: he will be outside playing and runs into the garage and nips Rick on the butt and takes off like crazy and comes back and does it again, then stands at the garage door like, "Ha ha, got ya!" This dog is a blast."

— Barbara Downs, August 22 & October 28, 2020

FUNdraising Events Went Virtual and Socially Distant in 2020!

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

COVID-19 has forced Bond County Humane Society to cancel several 2020 fundraisers, which made our **T-shirt Campaigns, Online Silent Auctions,** and **Roadblock Collection Day** that much more important. Through shirt sales, auction bids, spare change donations, and additional promotions, our generous community has ensured the mission of Bond County Humane Society continues into 2021.

After three ordering cycles, our limited edition “Paws Outside The Park 2020” shirts fundraising campaign is set to re-launch for an incredible fourth cycle beginning December 1 with fresh new color choices in the tee (short and long sleeved), tank, and sweatshirt styles. Your purchases between August 29 and mid-November of this memorable, comfortable apparel designed by BCHS volunteers already benefit our vision of a world where every pet in our care is placed in a loving, forever home. **THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!**

So, if you’ve yet to grab your merch, it is still possible to buy shirts at the shop link below through mid-December, but we cannot guarantee how long this opportunity will remain available! <https://www.bonfire.com/paws-outside-the-park/>

Thanks so much to Barb McClure for organizing the baskets and other items for our Fall & Holiday Online Silent Auctions which included pet supplies, designer bags, plants, beauty products, gifts, home décor, and more; Rebecca Clausen for organizing the Facebook auction activities; and Jane Hopkins in the office for organizing winning bidder purchase completion! And of course thank you to all who participated in the auctions. Your interest and bids have helped BCHS provide food, medical care, and other necessities for our shelter and foster pets, even during the time of COVID.

Our Roadblock Collection the morning of Saturday October 10, 2020 generated over \$2,500 as well as dozens of accounts of wide smiles, thumbs up, “Thank you for saving dogs and cats!” and “I got my pets from you!” Gina Allen, one of our volunteers stationed at



Love seeing two of our amazing volunteers rocking our tee shirts from Bonfire! Post a photo of yourself wearing your “Paws Outside The Park 2020” gear on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! Tag us and use the hash tags: #WearBonfire #BondCountyHumaneSociety #PawsOutsideThePark

Capri IGA grocery, shared this experience: “The absolute best thing that happened was a mom gave her little boy money to donate. Then I offered a piece of candy or a Milk bone for his dog. He could have had both but I guess he didn’t understand. He chose a bone for his dog over a piece of candy for himself.”

Thank you, Gina for sharing this heartwarming story! Thank you to roadblock coordinators Dusty Hanner and Michelle Merrifield and to all of our dozens of volunteers for cheerfully representing Bond County Humane Society at Greenville city intersections and retail locations and for collecting both impromptu spare change and larger planned gifts for our animal shelter.



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78 Adoptions Year-To-Date! BCHS Pet Intakes/Outcomes Report 2020 YTD

86 animals (61 cats/kittens & 25 dogs/puppies) have been taken into Bond County Humane Society shelter care between Jan 1—Nov 24, 2020.

78 animals adopted: **54** felines (25 adult cats & 29 kittens) and **24** canines (16 adult dogs & 8 puppies) have been adopted through BCHS into forever homes between Jan 1—Nov 24, 2020.

In the seventeen years since BCHS was formed, over 1,850 animals have been rescued and found permanent homes!

2020 is a Year Like No Other: We're an Essential Business & Need Your Extra Support

Bond County Humane Society's office and animal shelter (an essential business in Illinois) has been **open by appointment** and with limited visitor capacity since March 16, 2020 and we've not held any off-site meet & greet adoption events at Petco during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We thank the community for your patience and support as we've continued to the best of our ability to keep our volunteers, staff, and visitors safe while completing our pet adoption counseling, spay/neuter program activities, processing donations, fielding phone calls and emails, and day-to-day cleaning and disinfecting regimen of BCHS's shelter animal environments and public and private office areas. We are also grateful to our **dedicated volunteers** who have been asked to work extra hours due to FCI Greenville's prison inmate work program being temporarily suspended.

Can our pet crash on your couch?? Adoptions are down in 2020 and our dog shelter has been closed due to an inconsistent supply of human resources. Please consider becoming a **foster family** or adopting a cat, kitten, maybe even a "less adoptable" pet (older, missing a limb or eye, FIV+, one-pet home, special diet, on medications, black fur) to make space for BCHS to be able

Below: A litter of tabby kittens in their foster home. Bond County Humane Society routinely places pets into foster for extra TLC, training with less distractions, medical supervision, or simply because our shelter is full.



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Memories Before COVID: Preschool Class Visits Cat Shelter

A Mulberry Grove Elementary Kindergarten Readiness Program class of eighteen four and five year olds came to visit Bond County Humane Society on their field trip Tuesday, March 12, 2019. They had been studying cats and dogs and proper pet care in their class for several days.

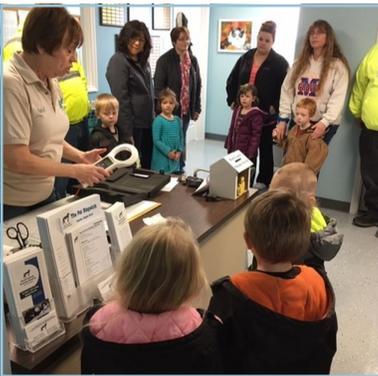
Tuesday they boarded a school bus along with various parents and grandparents and enjoyed a tour of the Cat Shelter. After a presentation by President Rachel Hundsdorfer about how BCHS rescues and cares for cats and dogs and we try to find adoptive homes for them, she explained how to apply to adopt

a pet from BCHS and how we try to match them with the best fit for their situation.

The children and their chaperones split up into small groups and visited the cats and kittens in the three Community Rooms. Then Miss Rachel brought a couple of dogs, thirteen week old puppy Bongo and two year old King, into the hall to visit the children. They were all happy to see the spacious shelter and the friendly cats and dogs.

“Thank you again for allowing our Pre-K classroom visit the shelter. Our class is still talking about the fun time they had!” —Mrs. Spurgeon

Story by Jane Hopkins, BCHS volunteer. Photos by Tammie Mosley, KRP class chaperone/parent and Nichole Spurgeon.



Fostering Pets, continued from pg 4

to rescue more local animals in need of care and permanent homes.

Pets that come from a foster home are more easily adopted. Sheltered animals do get a lot of personal attention and we do focus on training and good manners, but of course, living in a foster home amplifies that personal attention and acclimates the pet to typical family home life!

While fostering a pet you will be provided with the necessary food, litter, collar, crate, as well as support and training to help solve behavioral issues that may arise. You’ll reduce the length of stay for dogs and cats in our shelter system and help us gain insight on a pet’s personality and play habits.

Find our fostering application on our website!

FOSTER TESTIMONIAL: “I usually take care of neonatal orphan kittens (bottle babies) for BCHS since 2017. I hap- hazardly learned how to do this in 2002 when one of my own cats was an orphan. It’s sad sometimes when the foster kittens go to their forever homes, but I’ve met most of the adopting families and I get amazing photos and stories of their great new lives. It’s the ultimate reward!”
— Christine Vince, November 2020

Purina Provides Grant to BCHS, Supports Our Ongoing Efforts during COVID-19

As we all navigate this global pandemic, Purina is proving themselves committed to standing tall by supporting their essential associates, our local communities and national and local nonprofit partners helping pets and people in need. Purina has recognized the tireless work we’re still doing at Bond County Humane Society to continue to care for pets during this critical time, and have provided our organization with a **grant to support our ongoing efforts**. These funds certainly provide a little additional financial support during a time when so much is unknown. Our volunteers, staff, board, and members – plus our adoptable cats and dogs waiting for their permanent homes – thank Purina for their gift and their support of hardworking local partners like BCHS. #BetterTogether



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.

<https://bit.ly/bondcohsdonate>

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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 six months in MEMORY of...

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

... Tim Duft, by friends & family
... Jewel Holt, beloved dog, by Mary Holt

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

... Bossie, beloved dog, by Mary Reymond
... Daisy Seale, beloved dog by Irene & Marc Seale
... Gracie Clark, beloved dog, by Dave & Beth Martin
... Kizzy Brissenden, beloved dog, by Marc & Irene Seale

... Shadow, beloved dog of Christine Ernest and Mike Terry

... Tinkerbelle, beloved dog, by Maria Mejia
... Patricia Blankenship, by Rebecca Clausen & Jane Hopkins

... Elaine Dagan, by friends & family

... Marilyn Jackson, by R.

Randall Neumann

... Gloria Juarez, by Alicia Juarez

... Rosemary Meyer, by friends & family

... Ronald Spradling, by R. Randall Neumann.



Engraved Bricks Purchases By...

Orders received between
June 11, 2020 - November 24, 2020

Mary Holt;
Dr. Charlotte Rosenak;
Laurie Timmermann

Monthly Pledge Donors

Margaret Chase, Deb Dixon, Michael Heath, Lonnie & Karen Kessinger, Mike Lotz, Barb McClure, Jennifer Mendes, Steven Schmitt

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Animal Sponsors (\$501 - \$1000):

Rick & Jane Hilliard
Michelle Grist-Merrifield

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

Gary Forshaw ... in honor of Ava,
beloved dog
Shelter Pets Toys
Mark & Lori File
Donna Grebel

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

Karen Milby

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

Facebook Fundraiser
Camilla Stock Barringer
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Betty Brown
Mignon Fetterhoff
Crystal Holmes
Glenda S. Morgan
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Tom Quigley
Dr. Charlotte Rosenak
Merle Shaw
Michelle Spaulding
Mary Jane Swope
Karen Waugh

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 (in non-Covid-19 times) at the Petco store in Fairview Heights Saturdays.

You can visit our website for more information and see more adoptable pets, plus grab a pet adoption application form – <https://bit.ly/bondcohsadopt>

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.



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Thank you to everyone who contributed stories, letters, facts, ideas, & photos that have helped create the Holiday 2020 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 Heckman, VP Membership; KayAnna Warthen, VP Feline Wellness; Jane Hopkins, Secretary.

Wondering how you can help BCHS in 2021? 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.

DONATIONS

Purchase dog, cat, shelter or office supplies from our Wish List on our website!



And check out our new Amazon Wish List online

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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 and dog shelters' 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 equipping the BCHS Cat & Dog Shelters: \$_____ One-Time \$_____ Monthly \$_____ Annual.
- Sponsor-A-Pet Donation: \$_____ One-Time \$_____ Monthly \$_____ Annual. Pet Name _____.

Name: _____

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