



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 King's Tail

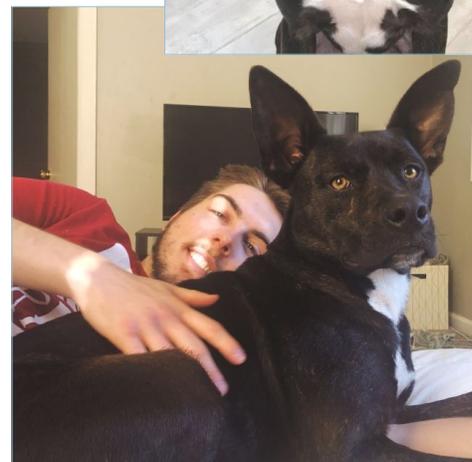


Bond County Humane Society rescued King, a terrier mix, from another shelter when he was just a puppy. Such a cool dog, King still spent over 500 days waiting for just the right placement! It's like he grew up with us. He knew all the volunteers and staff because he would hang out in the office and in the Meet N Greet room on the sofa. King's an amazing, friendly, affectionate guy with very memorable ears. A trainer worked with him 2-3 times a week, teaching him Sit, Down, Off, Come, High Five, Heel, Stay, Shake, and more!! He enjoyed pool time in the summer and is a master at fetch and tug-of-war.

King, now two years old, finally found his perfect fit into a furever home during a Saturday Petco Adoption Event in October 2019.

His parents write:

"We adopted King and we have seriously had the best weekend with him. King is so smart, so well-behaved, and such a loving dog. Thank you for introducing us to our forever friend, we are so grateful... We sure do love our boy King!! Here he is all dressed up for our Christmas party... I catch him looking at me [sometimes] and I burst out laughing, he has soooo much personality!! 😊"
— Kylee Patterson and Adam Stadts, October 28, 2019 & January 2, 2020



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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 first half of 2020, we've helped alter **131** 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 BCHS 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.

FUNdraising Events

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

🐾 COVID-19 has forced BCHS to cancel several spring, summer, and now fall fundraisers, which makes our **“Paws Outside The Park” T-shirt campaign** and **Online Silent Auction** that much more important. Looking at our operating budget, we are hoping to raise \$4,000 by the end of September—through shirt sales, auction bids, and additional

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

promotions to be announced—to ensure every pet in our care has the best chance for a happy forever life in a loving, forever home. T-shirts go on sale August 29, 2020. Our Online Silent Auction launches on Facebook on Friday, September 18. Find the full story about Paws Outside The Park and limited edition shirts on page 5.

This is Phineas & Ferb's Happy Tail

Phineas and Ferb came to Bond County Humane Society in 2019 at ten weeks old from Bond County Animal Control after they'd been discovered



as unclaimed stray kittens. In the cat shelter, both Phineas (buff/tan fur) and Ferb (black fur) were wonderfully cuddly, playing with toys and each other, though some-

times Ferb tried getting bossy about it. The first week of December, the kitten brothers, now four months old, went to their new adoptive home **TOGETHER**, the human kids receiving their new pets as a surprise gift they'd been requesting for a while!

Their happy family sent this great note: “I promised I would email a photo of my kids, Kaitlyn and Cameron, with our two newly-adopted kittens. The kids have named the black one Apollo and the tan one Simba. Thanks so much for the opportunity to add to our family. We are already so in love with them!!”

— Jennifer Voss, December 8, 2019”



Fast Cars, Shelter Dogs, & Biscuits!

Stock Car Show at Kelly's Korner in Millersburg: Drawings, raffles, and donations benefited Bond County Humane Society on Sat., March 7, 2020. Drivers, pit crews, and race fans met two of our friendly shelter dogs and chatted about pets, adoption, and family fun on and off the track. Much thanks to event coordinator Mariah Melton and co-sponsor Kelly Wiese-Floyd!



Happy Birthday Clara: Clara Mayfield (bottom right) asked for donations to the shelter animals in lieu of 6th birthday gifts. She delivered a box of wonderful goodies in November 2019. Included in the mix of treats, food, leashes, and toys were these Dog Biscuits and Hedgehog Toy! We greatly appreciate her thoughtfulness!



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.

2019 Impact: Rescued, Adopted, Altered

156 Animals taken into care

78 Animals pulled from animal controls or kill facilities



171 Pets found their forever home through adoption

70 Dogs & Puppies adopted

101 Cats & Kittens adopted

198 Animals spayed or neutered through low-cost programs



148 Community (feral / free-roaming) cats altered **42** Companion cats altered **8** Companion dogs altered

2020 Shelter Count Year-To-Date:

72 Pets Taken Into Care. 57 Pets Adopted.



Above: Bond County Humane Society's new Brick Plaza features water fountain, flowering plants, and 51 memorial bricks!

Brick Garden Completed in March 2020

The engraved memorial and honor bricks which Bond County Humane Society donors have been purchasing since 2016 are finally laid in their permanent home, a specially landscaped plaza on the northwest side of our Shelter Office, Adoption Center, and Cat & Dog Shelters. There are fifty-one (51) specially personalized tribute bricks in the initial installation.

Opperman Hardscape, a patio design company from Nokomis, Illinois, submitted the innovative sketch in February and completed the installation of border stones, memorial and filler bricks, fountain centerpiece, landscaping stones, and variety of flowering and evergreen plants the week of March 9, 2020. As previously announced, Greenville Garden Club covered the cost of the stone pillar water fountain.

Your tribute bricks 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.

BCHS is currently planning a formal Open House event, date to be determined, to show off the installed bricks and thank the donors in our pet-loving community once again.

Don't have a brick yet? Add your own brick(s) to the design! Order online or pick up a brochure at our office. <https://www.bricksrus.com/order/bondcountyhumanesociety>

We've Got PURR-sonality Spotlight: Meet Volunteers Tammy & Paige Mathias

Here's what mom and daughter Bond County Humane Society volunteers, Tammy and Paige Mathias have to share about their shelter work and experiences!

Tammy and Paige: "We volunteer with the dogs on Sunday mornings. We feed, walk, and play with the dogs as well as cleaning and sanitizing the dog kennels and additional areas [of the dog shelter such as food prep and groom spots, the lobby, and passageways]."

The pair also helps Bond County Humane Society with special projects and fundraisers.

Originally from Windsor, Illinois, for twenty years, Tammy has now called Greenville and Bond County home. Paige is fifteen years old; she was adopted as a baby from Jingdezhen, China.

Tammy: "I work full time at the federal prison in Greenville, although I retire in May 2020. I'm also a veteran of the U.S. Army; I was a military police officer for four years. I love reading and writing. I've published five children's books and plan to continue writing in my retirement. One of the books I've published is about animals in a shelter. It is the first in a planned series of children's books called Happy Paws Animal Rescue. The stories deal with the adoption process from the animal's perspective." *Paige assists in illustrating her mom's books. Search "Tammy Lyn" on Amazon.com for paperback and Kindle editions!*

Tammy: "I'm a single mom; my daughter loves animals and wants to be a veterinarian. She kept on me for months before I finally found the time to sign us up to volunteer for Bond County Humane Society. It's something I also wanted to do, but working full time and being a single mom keeps me pretty busy. We chose to volunteer with the dogs because we have all cats [at home] and wanted the new experience of working with and learning more about dogs. We currently have four cats. Two of our other cats passed away within the last couple years.

Paige: "I am a full time high school student. I love playing tennis and riding my bike. My mom and I also volunteer with the Restore Network, babysitting for foster kids during the monthly foster parent meetings. Together we volunteer at our church as well, in the

Below: Paige with the Mathias' youngest kitty, Boo Autumn. "Boo showed up around our house one day with her mom when Boo was only a couple months old. We worked every day sitting outside with food until Boo finally warmed up to us and let us bring her inside. We were going to find her a home, little did we know at the time she had already found one with us. We were never able to get her mom & she just stopped showing up. Boo loves to sleep on one of us & the closer to your face she can get the better. She still doesn't like strangers."

toddler room. Loving animals, I want to be a veterinarian, so once I was old enough, I knew I wanted to volunteer at a local shelter."

Tammy: "[I wouldn't say I have one particular influence for why I support animal welfare awareness/education, but] I simply love animals and I enjoy doing something to help them. We have learned

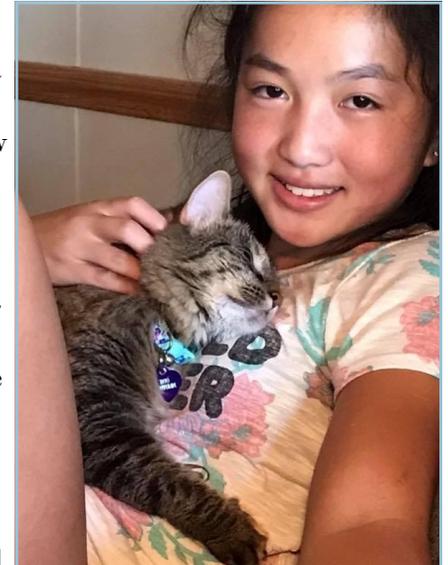
so much working with the shelter dogs in terms of taking care of them and training them.

Paige: "I just love animals. I enjoy watching all the veterinarian-themed reality television shows. I guess they do inspire me to do more for animals. My favorite is Dr. K [of Dr K's Exotic Animal ER on Nat Geo Wild channel].

Tammy: "[My advice to current or potential BCHS volunteers?] Just go on and do it! You won't regret it."

Paige: "If you have a love for animals, you will really enjoy volunteering!"

Dependable, responsible volunteers – like Tammy and Paige – are instrumental in the day-to-day operation of Bond County Humane Society's no-kill shelter! Your contribution of time and effort is greatly appreciated. Thank you for being a part of this important effort on behalf of adoptable companion animals. You are making a difference in the lives of the 200 animals that enter the shelter each year. Join our team, too!



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 year in MEMORY of...

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

... Frank, beloved cat, by Kenny & Linda Hampton
... Bud Schmollinger, by family & friends

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

... Ava, beloved cat, by Gary Forshaw
... Callye, beloved cat of Margaret Mahan, by Dave & Beth Martin
... Itchy & Cody, by Hope & Donna Walker
... Kallie, beloved dog by Gayle & Ted Wise
... Kallie, beloved dog of Wises, by Jerry McFarland
... Maggie, beloved dog, by Nancy Bivens

... Romeo, beloved cat, by Julie Juarez
... Shorty, beloved dog, by Ruth & Paul Steiner
... Surley, beloved cat of Jen & Lou Dixon, by Dave & Beth Martin
... Lois Batson, by friends & family
... Tim Duft, by friends & family
... Rosemary Meyer, by friends & family
... Lexie Pierson, by Keyesport Pokeno Club
... Ruth Stief, by friends & family
... David Stock, by friends & family
... Nancy Trobaugh, by Barbara Frerker
... Scott Bunyard, Shirley Clark, Florence C. Dyer, Victoria Ernspeker, George R. Gobberdiel, Dr James R. Goggin, Eugene Jolliff, David Joiner, Alan Mueller, and Dean Unterbrink by Randall Neumann



Engraved Bricks Purchases By...

Orders received between
July 1, 2019 - June 10, 2020

Anonymous in memory of shelter cat Romeo; George Ann Henderson; Jane Hopkins; Rachel & Dennis Hundsdorfer; Cindy Moser; Darla Petchulat & Laurie Timmermann; Becky Rieke; Alan & Charlotte Rosenak; Paul Schorsch; BCHS Vols in memory of Mike & Marilyn Barkley plus pets; BCHS Vols in memory of Lexie Pierson

Monthly Pledge Donors

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

Lifetime Memberships

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

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

Smith Family Fund
Kathleen Wildi

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

Friends & Family ... in honor of Paige Mathias' birthday

CARES, Inc
Janice Carr
Funderburk's Donation Jars
George R Gobberdiel
Tom & Melinda Harnetiaux

Kelly's Korner Stock Car Show

Elmo Linton
Mark & Lori File
Sandra File
Mona McElvain
Randall Neumann
Donna Summars

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

Beth Beaver
Donald & Carolyn Barnett
Larry & Karen Boudouris
Kyle Bradstreet
Facebook Fundraiser
Jeffrey Flamm

FNB Community Bank
Megan Fritzsche
Jim Hess
John & Nancy Hubbell
Rob & Tracy Johnson
Thomas & Cookie Langel
Jerry McFarland
Darla Petchulat
Dr. Charlotte Rosenak
Pamela & Robert Safriet
Pat & Judy Schoeny
Donna Sommars
Patricia Steiner
Rachel Terry
Gloria Uhl

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 – <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.



Sheldon
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Lizzy



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

Wondering how you can help BCHS in 2020 and 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 pet or shelter supplies from our Wish List on our website!



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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: _____

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