



Bond County
Humane Society

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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Shelter hours, 1-5pm
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.
(Sun, Wed by appt only)

This is Stella's Happy Tail



Bond County Humane Society pulled **Stella** - an 8 week old, high energy, intelligent Black Mouth Cur mix - from an Animal Control facility that had no more space. The litter of puppies had originally been transported to Illinois from Tennessee. Volunteers worked with the puppies at the BCHS dog shelter, getting to know their personalities and finding out just how smart they were. Stella took quickly to playing fetch with a ball and other objects. She learned "Sit" and had started on the commands "Leave It" and "Wait." The Black Mouth Cur breed is known to be a great family dog and protective of children, so we were excited to match Stella to a young family with two boys during a Petco Adoption Event in August 2021.

Stella's adoptive parents write:
"Thank you for your help in

bringing Stella into our family. She is already so very loved. We have wonderful days full of running and playing and, boy, does she sure love the water! We had to tempt her with a treat to get her to come in and rest. She was pretty content lounging on the patio after an afternoon of playing outside in the water with us. We go on our evening walks and she wants to run! She has no shortage of snuggles as we all lounge around for a movie. She's tuckered out but seems very happy here.

"Our other dogs are taking to her from day one. I know it'll be an adjustment period but they play really well together! Thanks again for everything. We are so excited that she is part of our family now!"

— Kara & Michael Corby, Aug 28, 2021



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 BCHS 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 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 financial aid and 2021 year-to-date, we've helped alter **217** 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.

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 BCHS can easily make a donation online at PayPal <https://bit.ly/bondcohsonline>



143
Free-Roaming Cats
Trap-Neuter-Returned



62
Cats

12 Dogs



Companion
Pets

217 Spayed & Neutered!!



This is River (now Merlin)'s Happy Tail

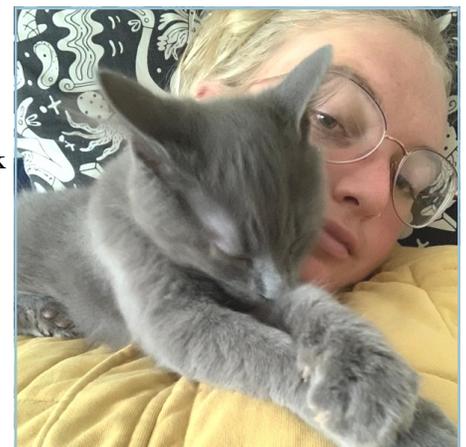
Bond County Humane Society rescued 7 week old **River** - a gray kitten with tons of ear floof - and his siblings from Bond County Animal Control. In our cat shelter, River treated everyone as a friend and loved playing with all the other kittens, climbing, studying nature and farming out the window. His favorite sport was playing punching bag (maybe it was tetherball?) with a toy that hung from the top of his compartment. In no time at all we matched him with an international student attending a local university.

River (now Merlin)'s mom sent us this great note:
“Hello! Hope you are doing well! I just wanted to update you on River. I renamed him to Merlin (the great wizard). He is extremely affectionate and loving but he does tend to get *the zoomies*, where he bites and

scratches. But other than that he is happy and healthy!... I'll [take your advice on this behavior and] definitely ignore his *zoomies* next time in case he's doing it to get attention.

“I have attached a few pictures of him. Thank you again for letting me adopt this beautiful little boy! All my best,”

— Molly Smalley,
August 25, 2021



Fun Outing for People & Dogs at September's Paws in the Park Celebration & Fundraiser

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



Australian Shepherd, Dogue De Bordeaux, Collie, Saint Bernard, Great Pyrenees, or Standard Poodle? Picking a Prettiest Large Pure Breed winner is a tough choice for BCHS contest judges. #PawsInThePark2021

Thank you everyone so much for spending another great Paws In The Park with us Saturday, September 18, 2021! It was our 17th such event celebrating the bond between people and their pets! We enjoyed seeing all of your loveable and talented dogs again after having to take a year off! We raised lots of much needed money for our shelter animals and community programs with the silent auction, dog contests, food, photos, nail trimming, and Tennis Ball Drop For Dollars raffle.

Thank you to all of our hardworking volunteers—classic and new—for planning and carrying out a big, BIG event for us! It takes all year to make it happen! Thank you to our sponsors, donors, and vendors. Thanks for sharing your own photos from the day on social!

Below are the 1st place contest trophy winners:

- ❖ Pet Parade Best Costume: Cheyenne (dressed as a señorita in sombrero and poncho), shown by Lesley Frisby
- ❖ Fastest Fetch: Axel, shown by Zac Kiffmeyer
- ❖ Best Kisser: Isaac, shown by Amy Hemann
- ❖ Best Trick: Isaac, shown by Amy Hemann
- ❖ Most Sits in 1 Minute: Thomas Jay, shown by Candy Busch
- ❖ Longest Down: Ivy, shown by Tara Carsrud

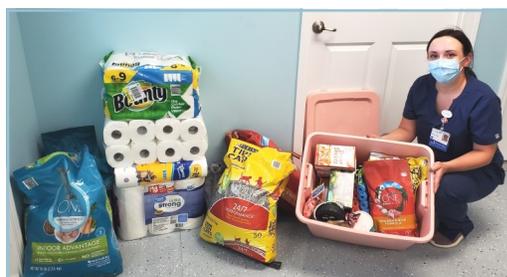
- ❖ Prettiest Petite Pure or Mix Breed: Annie, shown by Sherry Clayton
- ❖ Prettiest Small Pure Breed: Sophie, shown by Bryleigh Thomas
- ❖ Prettiest Medium Pure Breed: Jazz, shown by Melody Bassett
- ❖ Prettiest Large Pure Breed: Holly, shown by Melayna File
- ❖ Prettiest Small Mix Breed: Tequila, shown by Kelli Jones
- ❖ Prettiest Medium Mix Breed: Riley, shown by Sherry Manker
- ❖ Prettiest Large Mix Breed: Thomas Jay, shown by Candy Busch
- ❖ Cutest Pet Photo (voting by donations): Porkchop, 12-year-old Pug, submitted by Julie Heckman



The winners of the 2021 Tennis Ball Drop For Dollars Raffle were Dawson Enloe (first), Dusty Hanner & Julie Heckman (second), and Charity Campbell (third). Dusty, Julie, and Charity donated their winnings back to BCHS—wow!

Hospital Nurses Donate Pet Supplies

In-Patient Unit Nurses at HSHS Holy Family Hospital Greenville delivered a surprise and very useful gift to Bond County Humane Society on Thursday, June 17, 2021. The wonderful donation—one of their team mission projects—included cat and dog food and supplies, as well as general supplies, all selected from our Wish List available online! The donation also included an amount of cash. A hearty



thank you from all the pets, volunteers, and staff at BCHS!!

80 Adoptions Year-To-Date! BCCHS Pet Intakes/Outcomes Report 2021 YTD

100 animals (78 cats/kittens & 22 dogs/puppies) have been taken into Bond County Humane Society shelter care between Jan 1—Nov 15, 2021.

80 animals adopted: **64** felines (14 adult cats & 50 kittens) and **16** canines (1 adult dogs & 15 puppies) have been adopted through BCCHS into forever homes between Jan 1—Nov 15, 2021.

In the eighteen years since BCCHS was formed, over 2,360 animals have been rescued and found permanent homes!

Rock Sign Spruces up BCCHS Animal Shelter

Say hello to one of our newest residents: our SHELTER BUILDING SIGN! Illusion River Engraving of Breese, Ill. personalized an Arkansas Gold-N-Gray landscape stone with our name and logo. We accepted delivery on July 22, 2021. We express much thanks to the crew—Dennis Hundsdorfer, Mickey Merrifield, Brad & Julie Heckman, Gunner Heckman, and Devin Meisinger (an Enertech employee with the heavy lifting equipment!)—who planned and prepared the site, constructed the foundation, maneuvered the stone into place, and finished up the spot with river rock. Our sign would not be possible if not for the generous donations made expressly related to the project. Keep an eye out for possible further improvements and decorations at the sign site! Have an idea?



Above l-r: Brad Heckman, Chuck Cooley of Illusion River Engraving, Dennis Hundsdorfer, and Devin Meisinger stand BCCHS's new rock sign into place on its concrete foundation. Photo by Julie Heckman.

Smiths Recognized for Generosity to BCCHS, Simple Room, and Other Causes



Standing l-r: Rebecca Clausen, Jane Hopkins, Julie Heckman, Dennis Hundsdorfer; sitting l-r: Steve Smith, Karen Smith, Rachel Hundsdorfer. Not Pictured: Mickey Merrifield.

Bond County Humane Society's board attended the reception July 22 honoring 2021 Gerald Turley Memorial Award winners Steve and Karen Smith. The award was the 28th annual presented by Greenville Chamber of Commerce. With creating and growing their company, Enertech, and supporting community programs, events, and their church, the Smiths became excellent ambassadors for Bond County. BCCHS thanks Steve and Karen for their many years of friendship to our animal operations, our shelter building, and for their regular financial donations, all making a true difference in the lives of those homeless pets who pass through our doors on their way to a forever home. The Smiths deserve their award and we know they'll keep up the great work!

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. BCHS's Tax ID Number is 37-1470493

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
- ... Steven Hoxey, by friends & family
- ... Dale Smith by friends & family
- ... Kathy Sue Yaeger by friends & family

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

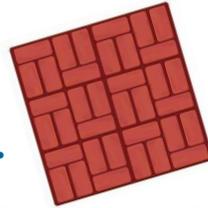
- ... Chloe, beloved dog, by Danny & Christine O'Dell
- ... Jett, Schautze, Solo, Coal, & Shadow, beloved dogs, by Christine Ernest & Mike Terry
- ... Joe, beloved dog, by John & Mary Jo DeMichael
- ... Tim the Fish, by Sam Lee
- ... Dana Anderson, by Karen Shaw
- ... Bobby Bone, by Randall Neumann
- ... Jim Darnell, by Jerry McFarland & Randall Neumann
- ... Frank Hockett, by Randall Neumann
- ... Barbara Jones, by Gail Harnetiaux

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

- ... Sgt. Deborah Keserauskis, by Randall Neumann
- ... G. L. Kimball, by Jennifer Richards c/o Joyce Kimball
- ... Harry L. Smith by friends & family
- ... Norman C. Stechman, by Randall Neumann



Above: Dogs and dog parents say hello to old friends and new during Sept 18, 2021's Paws In The Park's Pet Parade & Best Costume Contest. Covid-19 forced BCHS to cancel in 2020. Read more about the day's events on Page 3.



Engraved Bricks Purchases By...

Orders received between
July 1, 2021 - November 15, 2021
brochure at our office. <https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/bondcountyhumanesociety>

Add your own honor or memorial brick(s) to the BCHS
Animal Shelter garden plaza. Order online or pick up a

Monthly Pledge Donors

Janice Carr, Margaret Chase, Debra Dixon, Michael Heath, Lonnie & Karen Kessinger,
Barb McClure, Jennifer Mendes, Karen Milby, Deedra Pestle, Milton Smith

Lifetime Memberships

Pam Chase
Joe & Caryl Culumber
Debra Dixon
John Duft & June Blaine
Dan & Mignon Fetterhoff
John & Nancy Gillard
John Goldsmith
Jeff Hemker
Rick & Jane Hilliard

Jane Hopkins
Dennis & Rachel Hundsdorfer
Carolyn Johnson
Julie Juarez-Heckman
Mary Kasmark
Michelle Grist-Merrifield
Mike & Cindy Lotz
Barb McClure
James & Nona Nance

James Plunkett
Ken Slatton
Nyla Strole
David Voils
KayAnna Warthen
Kit & Mark Whittington
Dave & Mary Ann Willey
Amanda Zeller

Thank You For All Of Your Donations!

Donations received between
February 1, 2021 - November 15, 2021

Animal Angels (\$2500 - \$4999):
Shelter Pets (*plush Peppa cat retail sales*)

Animal Sponsors (\$501 - \$1000):
Nestlé Purina
Steven & Kae Schmitt

Animal Lovers (\$101 - \$500):
John & Nancy Gillard *sponsored kitten Jalapeno*
Jane Worstell *sponsored a litter of kittens & their mama cat*

Animal Lovers (\$101 - \$500):
Facebook Fundraiser
Larry & Karen Boudouris
Betty Brown
Marjorie Cuvar
Brittini Davis
Donna Grebel
Robert Lindberg
Mike & Cindy Lotz
Mary Gayle Nevinger

Animal Friends (\$25 - \$100):
The FNB Community Bank
MaryAnn Aleman
Whitney Cook
Mahlon Crayton



Donations, continued...

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

Alexandrea Endsley
Leasha Harris
James & Nona Nance
Josh Niederhofer
Mary Phipps
Lois Ratenmann
Mary Rice
Mary E. Scheibel

David Stief

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

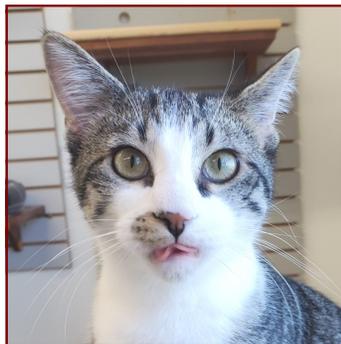
Beverly Stilt
Rick Wickham & Belinda Carstens-Wickham
Marsha E. White
Harold Winter
Malva & Anthony Yocco
Constance Zimpfer

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 11a-3p on most 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 puppies) 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 2021 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; Julie Juarez-Heckman, VP Membership; Mickey Grist-Merrifield, VP Grants; Jane Hopkins, Secretary.

Wondering how you can help BCHS in 2022? Join our membership and volunteer to serve as an officer or program manager!! We have great fun and make lifelong friendships while performing our mission to save adoptable pets. Open Officer Positions include: Treasurer, VP Volunteers, VP Fundraising, and President.

DONATIONS

Purchase supplies for dogs, cats, the shelter, or office from our Wish List on our website!

And check out our online Wish Lists at Amazon https://a.co/9RRzBwo

& Chewy https://bit.ly/chewyBCHSwish



Make us your charity of choice on AmazonSmile, ResQwalk, WoofTrax's Walk for a Dog, GoodShop, eBay for Charity, and Prairie Farms' Our Caps Your Cause.

DONATIONS MAY BE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE !

Make Pet Adoption Your First Option!



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Generate donations for BCHS
when you take a WALK or a RUN!
WoofTrax.com & ResQwalk.com



Or Current Resident

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) Pledge a recurring donation which helps form a predictable source of income BCHS can count on to fund our programs, or 2) Sponsor a cat or dog living in BCHS care. **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).
- Pledge a Recurring Donation: \$_____ Monthly \$_____ Quarterly \$_____ Annual.
- Sponsor-A-Pet Donation: \$_____ One-Time \$_____ Monthly \$_____ Annual. Pet Name _____.

**We need your direct
local support to help
the animals!**

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