



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 Lila (now Charlie)'s Happy Tail



Bond County Humane Society pulled Lila, a Shepherd mix puppy, from a high-risk animal control facility in Clinton county. Her mild mannered and cautious nature didn't stop her from looking forward to experiencing new things. We matched her into a home during a Saturday Petco Adoption event in June 2022, and knew this six month old would get plenty of play-time, training, and lazy days of belly rubs too. Lila (now Charlie)'s new family sent us this fantastic update... from Charlie's point of view!

“Hi! I live with Dad, Mom, my sister Reagan, my brother Matthew, & two pit bulls named Dante and Libby. Don't tell Dad, but even though I was

his Father's Day present, Reagan is my favorite. Our house is so much fun! The kids leave their shoes, cups, and toys out for me to chew on. Did you know that when you bite into a Lego building it crunches really loudly and then falls into a million pieces? That's the best! Sometimes I play with Dante and Libby, too. We wrestle around and chase each other through the house. I had the best day of my life when it snowed, but the pits wouldn't come outside and enjoy it with me. Dad said it was because they're too cold, but I just don't understand. Mom says I'm really good at singing because I have Fox Hound in me. I really like to sit at the top of the hill in our backyard and sing for the neighborhood, especially first thing in the morning. I even sometimes run in circles and sing with joy because life is just so much fun! I'm a really smart girl, too. I learned how to open doors, closets, and even the pantry. It makes things much easier on Mom and Dad since I can help myself to snacks and toys whenever I want. Anyway, thanks for helping me find my people! They love me, even when my mischief is over the top and I'm so happy that we get to be together. Bark later, BCHS; all my love, Charlie!”

— Nikkilina & Bob Crouse, Nov 19, 2022

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

More Happy Tails! We Love All These PUP-dates!

This is Sherbert (now Kevin)'s Happy Tail

Bond County Humane Society pulled eight week old Sherbert from Clinton County Animal Control. He was covered in fleas! Yucky Sucky! We treated him for his parasites and cleared up some respiratory issues as well. A veterinarian at Greenville Vet Clinic, and a longtime friend of BCHS, decided Sherbert was the next kitten for her, and we agreed. She adopted him in early May 2022 when he was four months old. She writes:

“Sherbert’s doing great! (He’s Kevin now.) He’s allowed to roam around my house 24/7 now and gets along great with my other cats. He’s playing really

well with Steve which is what I was hoping for. Kevin seems to be tolerated by my other cat

Phil, which I expected. Bond County Humane Society cares about every pet that comes through their doors and takes good care of them. Thank you for all that you guys do! I hope you all have a great Memorial Day Weekend! I’ll add some pictures of Kevin in his new home. 😊”



— Dr Jade Rathmann, May 29, 2022

Rabies Vaccines for Cats—Illinois State Law now requires companion cats at least four (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 secure donation online bondcohumane.org/donate.html



192
Free-Roaming Cats
Trap-Neuter-Returned



44
Cats



17 Dogs
Companion Pets Altered

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 2022 year-to-date, we’ve helped alter **253** 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.

FUNdraining Second Half of 2022

Bond County Humane Society's **Roadblock Corner Collection** Saturday, Sept 24, generated over \$2,200. Thank you, drivers and volunteers (including Rebecca Clausen, RIGHT), for once again cheerfully representing us at Greenville city intersections. We collected impromptu spare change and larger planned gifts for our animal shelter, plus plenty of smiles and gratitude for our caring for rescued pets!



BCHS's Fall **Online Silent Auction** raised close to \$400. Eleven baskets were up for bid on Facebook October 6-16. Several great baking/serving pieces came from Dusty Hanner and her Pampered Chef party hosted earlier this year. Individuals and businesses may donate a themed basket any time of year in anticipation of our next silent auction or raffle.

The Fall **Garage Sale** brought in \$1,100 the crisp mornings of Oct 21 & 22. Thanks for your donations and for showing up to shop for fantastic second hand finds like bicycles, pet costumes, and jewelry bureau! Keep saving your gently used, clean stuff for our next sale expected in Spring 2023!

Thank you Michelle Grist-Merrifield for organizing both the Garage Sale and the Roadblock.



Girl Scout Troop 8420 Holds Bake Sales, Visits Cat Shelter, Towards Silver Award

Girl Scout Cadettes from Troop 8420 spent their summer working towards completing their Silver Award by raising funds and awareness for Bond County Humane Society. At the Greenville Farmers' Market, they sold treats like homemade breads, cake pops, brownies, cookies, and also cute pet bandanas.

The troop then visited our shelter Tuesday evening October 18. Jane Hopkins, BCBS Secretary and office volunteer, led a discussion about how pets can benefit people and how responsible, loving pet owners care for their pets. Then Jane listed what happens when a new animal enters the shelter and described a typical "Clean and Feed" shift. Handouts showed the scope of BCBS's annual activities in support of our mission.

Several of the girls told us they had already discussed with their parents becoming a volunteer, adopting a new pet, or having stray cats on their property spayed and neutered. Thanks for your donations of shelter supplies and for your fun, educational visit girls, moms, and other relatives!



Girl Scouts spent time petting felines and playing interactive toy games in the shelter's **Community Cat Rooms**.

Room 3 of BCBS Cat Shelter Named for Cris Hart

Volunteer and retired teacher Cris Hart's dedication to cats and kittens at BCBS has been honored through her friend's recent financial gift and room naming. For 8 years, Cris unfailingly deep cleaned "Cat Community Room 3" every Wednesday morning and, until Covid-19 hit, she helped again on the Wednesday afternoon Clean and Feed team. We are happy to welcome Cris back onto the schedule this Fall after her lengthy rehab following a broken elbow in early 2022. Opportunities remain to name a particular room or other feature of the BCBS Shelter building at various donation levels.



151 Adoptions Year-To-Date! BCCHS Pet Intakes/Outcomes Report 2022 YTD

166 animals (128 cats/kittens & 38 dogs/puppies) have been taken into Bond County Humane Society shelter care between Jan 1—Nov 30, 2022.

151 animals adopted: **115** felines (31 adult cats & 84 kittens) and **36** canines (16 adult dogs & 20 puppies) have been adopted through Bond County Humane Society into forever homes between Jan 1—Nov 30, 2022.

In the nineteen years since BCCHS was formed, over 2,510 animals have been rescued and found permanent homes!

Much Needed Updates For The Pups: Dog Shelter Roof Repaired



Worn, damaged roof panels removed and new lumber extended over BCCHS's outside dog runs and paved walkway. Black Sheep Homes completed the repairs and improvements on time and on budget. Top photo and story by Rachel Hundsdorfer. Lower photo of completed work by Black Sheep Homes.

Black Sheep Homes completed a partial replacement of Bond County Humane Society's dog shelter roof and the extension of the overhang in August 2022.

The dog kennel portion of our shelter buildings was completed in early 2012. The roof over the outside portion of the six individual kennels extended to the end of the kennels which provided protection to the dogs during inclement weather while their inside kennels are cleaned and disinfected every day. Over the years the roof over that portion began showing major wear and water leakage to the inside. There was a fear that the high winds we experience at our location would blow off that portion of roof or that it would simply fall down.

We had been referred to Dan Kutzgar at Black Sheep Homes by another reputable contractor. Dan was very responsive to our request. He provided a reasonable quote and timeline for construction. We decided at the beginning of the project to extend the roof over the sidewalk outside the kennels to give the dogs more protection from weather. Dan reused as much of the materials as possible to keep the costs down. He finished the job on time and on budget.

This construction job was just the first of many things, outdoors and indoors, at the dog shelter that are requiring updates in 2022-2023.

Donations are welcome to cover the cost of future jobs and this most recent necessary repair and improvement to the dog shelter roof. The temporarily homeless and awaiting permanent, loving homes pups and our dedicated volunteers and staff who now have a covered outdoor walkway would greatly appreciate it!

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.

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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 walls 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: Animal Friends (\$25 - \$99, acknowledged in newsletter/website only as of 2022), Animal Lovers (\$100 - \$499), Animal Sponsors (\$500 - \$2499), Animal Angels (\$2500 - \$4999), and Animal Heroes (\$5000 and up).

In Loving Memory

Donations have been received between July 1, 2022 - November 30, 2022 in MEMORY of...

Animal Lovers (\$100 - \$499):

... **Tarren**, beloved dog of Tom & Dandy Ferkol, by Dave & Beth Martin.

... **Darlene Disch Rainville** by Douglas & Cathy Dothager, Duane & Debra Hoffmann, Gerald McCray (Crittter Hill Farms), McKay Auto Parts, Randall Neumann, Thomas & Brenda Rankin, Patrick & Rosemary York, Kenneth & Shirla Zobrist, Lynn & Paula Zobrist.

... **Carl Robert "Bob" Johnson** by Denise Bell, Dean & Elloise Black, Alberta Hartman, Phyllis Johnson, Beverly & William Klaus Jr, Laverne Laux, Randall Neumann, Jerry & Connie Nuby, Darrell & Ann Stewart, Debbie Trone, and Dalelene & Ted Yates.

... **Donald B. Paintiff** by Leonard Jenkins, Randall Neumann, Linda K Thoms, and Hubert & Amy Wood.

... **Lenny Powell** by Shiela Bachtell and Don & Karen Langendorf.

Animal Friends (\$25 - \$99):

... **Angus**, beloved dog, by Susan Read.

... **Ron May** by St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

Animal Friends (\$25 - \$99):

... **Chi-Chi**, beloved dog of Shannon Beckman & Amber Daulbaugh, by Andrea (Nance) Jump.

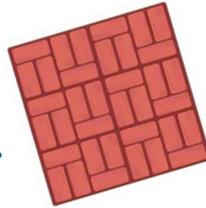
... **Marshall Mollet** by Randall Neumann.

... **Kenneth D. Myers** by Gail Harnetiaux.

... **Maurice "Bud" Schmollinger** by Linda Schmollinger



Do you struggle month to month to feed your pet? We have a **FREE PET FOOD CUPBOARD** offering prescription, specialty-diet, and formulas not part of BCHS shelter pets' diet. Wet and dry foods subject to availability. Limited quantity of food dispersed per claimant per visit.



Engraved Bricks Purchases By...

Orders received between
July 1, 2022 - November 30, 2022
brochure at our office. <https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/bondcountyhumanesociety>

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

Monthly Pledge Donors

Janice Carr, Margaret Chase, Charles Davis, Debra Dixon, Michael Heath, Lonnie & Karen Kes-
singer, Barb McClure, Jennifer Mendes, Karen Milby, Deedra Pestle, Robert Schaeg, 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 Kasmak
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!

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Animal Angels (\$2500-4999):
Allen W Belcher named *Communi-
ty Cat Room #3 in honor of BCCHS
volunteer Cris Hart*

Many Friends & Family *in honor
of Dennis Hundsdorfer's Birthday*

Anonymous

Animal Sponsors (\$500-2499)
Marjorie Cuvar
June Blaine & John Duft
Ken Hilliard
Mickey Grist-Merrifield

Animal Lovers (\$100 - \$499):

Christy Magnusen *sponsored Thor
the Great Dane mix*

Greg Beaumont
Laura Beckmann
Rosalee Bortz
Mark & Lori File
Jeffrey Flamm
Diane Harms
Jeanie Maroon
Frank Snyder
David & Cecelia Ulmer
Carol Ziemba

Animal Friends (\$25 - \$99):

KayAnna Warthen *in honor of
Rachel Hundsdorfer's Birthday*

Girl Scout Cadettes, Troop 8420
(Caring & Sharing Event)

Tonia Davison
David & Kathryn Dobrinic
John & Gina Goldsmith
Thomas & Cookie Langel
Roger Lloyd
Margaret Read
Tracy Weatherly





Fall Garage Sale

LEFT: Early morning shoppers search for treasures at Bond County Humane Society’s Fall Garage Sale Friday, October 21. The two-day event at our animal shelter offered gently used items—such as bicycles, golf clubs, Tupperware, a jewelry bureau, yard lighting, cookware, and décor for all holidays—all donated by our supportive community of friends. Keep saving for our next Garage Sale coming this Spring!



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 – bondcohumane.org/adopt.html

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.



Sandy



Archie



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Thank you to everyone who contributed stories, letters, facts, ideas, & photos that have helped create the Holiday 2022 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 2023? 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 or Receipts Your Cause.

DONATIONS MAY BE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE !

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when you take a WALK or a RUN!
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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