



# The Pet Dispatch

## Summer, August 2022

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)

### These are Bubble's & Squeak's Happy Tails!

“Bubble and Squeak” is more than just a British peasant dish of fried potatoes and cabbage; they’re two kittens Bond County Humane Society rescued from Bond County Animal Control when they were about 3 weeks old. The brothers stayed in a foster home where they were bottle fed and loved on by human adults, an adult cat, and a German Shepherd. Bubble – the adventurous and fun orange tabby – found his forever home first, on December 24, 2021. Squeak – the charming and sweet gray and white tuxedo – went to his forever family a few weeks later on January 29, 2022. Their families each sent us these great notes!

#### Bubble (now Tinsel)

“We are having a blast with Bubble AKA Tinsel! He gets along with both dogs – especially loves our 90 pound husky mix and playing with her tail! He



has the run of the house. Our 11 year old daughter LOVES to play with Tinsel and have the kitten sleep on her bed.” Thank you so much!”

— The Ritz Household, January 29, 2022

#### Squeak (now Grayson)

“Hello! We adopted Squeak, now known as Grayson, at Petco and just love the super helpful ladies who were patient to answer all



of our questions. My family and I just want to thank BCHS for everything you do. We are so happy to have Grayson. He has been such a joy and super sweet addition to our family. It barely took him a week to get fully comfortable walking and climbing around the house and cuddling with everyone including his fur brother, Charlie the Labradoodle. He is such a laid back and very affectionate little dude. We just love him so much!”

— Jade Maokosy, February 12, 2022

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

**Sadie, Cloud, & Dexter**, Pointer mix puppies rescued along with two additional litter mates from an animal control facility in Tennessee.

(RIGHT) “We adopted [Sadie’s] brother, Dexter!! He is 37 lbs and a goofy, silly boy.” — Amy Ritz, June 30, 2022



(LEFT) “Thank you for our new addition: Sadie!”  
— Austin Gude, Mar 26, 2022



(LEFT) “Here is Moogie (Cloud) now. She is 27lbs and the sweetest girl.”  
— Lindsey Cox, July 1, 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.

## FUNdraising Events Held in 2022 So Far

It’s back to busy: hosting fundraising events online and in person! All proceeds from our fundraisers go directly toward paying for operational expenses unless earmarked differently. Our Bake-Less Bake Sale, Pampered Chef Virtual Party, and Betty White Birthday Challenge brought in over \$2,000 in much appreciated donations. Next came our Valentine’s Day themed online Silent Auction, Register Round Up at Capri IGA Greenville, and Corner Collection which added up to another \$4,000. A Yard Sale and Fair Carnival Ticket Booth rounded out the summer with close to \$2,500. Looking ahead, it’s another Corner Collection, Yard Sale, and... more? Follow us on Facebook for dates and details!

Pet lovers and supporters of BCHS can easily make a secure donation online [bondcohumane.org/donate.html](https://bondcohumane.org/donate.html)



**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 **154** 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.

### Volunteer Voices: Pamela Masulla

Our new friend Pamela currently volunteers as a Feline Socializer. Dependable and enthusiastic, we can't thank her enough for her dedication to Bond County Humane Society and her commitment to our pets available for adoption! Come find out what it takes to volunteer with us!



Pamela told us:

“In February 2022, we lost our beloved tuxedo cat to an aggressive facial tumor. I thought that maybe if I volunteered at BCHS it would help to fill the empty place left by the loss. So, since March I've been going to the shelter once a week for an hour or so to provide a little TLC and playtime for the resident cats. What an interesting and rewarding experience it has been! I'm learning that every cat has a unique personality. I'm laughing at all the silly kitty antics. I'm healing by giving to another living being. And I'm celebrating whenever one of my feline friends finds a loving 'fur-ever' home!”



(RIGHT) Round Up At the Register totaled \$729.99! Thank you so much to managers, checkers, and shoppers of the grocery store, Capri IGA Greenville. On March 21, 2022, representing IGA, Tyler Adams presented a check to Michelle Grist-Merrifield, VP Grants for Bond County Humane Society .

### It Took 13 Years, But Then... Gotcha Day!

**Buttons:** Abandoned and diagnosed with dietary issues, she rolled with change at the shelter and entertained herself with toys. At a mature 14 years old, Buttons settled into her forever home in Villa Ridge, MO.



**Boots:** A rescued stray as a kitten, he has his quirks, his daily appointments with sun puddles, and he adored the other cats in his shelter room. A tuxedoed older gentleman, Boots found his forever home in Granite City, IL.



## Buchheit Customers Raise \$701 For BCHS



The entire month of May 2022, Buchheit Stores asked customers to support their “Pet Pantry” drive. And so many customers came through, donating to local animal shelters and saving \$5 off their next purchase of \$25 or more.

On June 8, Bond County Humane Society, represented by society secretary and shelter office manager Jane Hopkins, accepted \$701 in Buchheit gift cards, all thanks to generous pet loving customers at the Greenville location! We couldn’t help but start shopping and found a big bag of Purina Pro Plan Adult Dry Dog Food in Chicken & Rice variety. Our shelter dogs are on a strict diet and this formula meets their nutritional needs as they transition from rescued status to adoptable status, ready to meet and greet their forever parents.

Thank you to Cory (pictured with Jane), Elvira, and store manager Carla for your support in the donation drive and your passion to help Bond County Humane Society fulfill our mission. Between all of Buchheit’s 8 retail locations, a total of \$5,239 was donated to local pet pantries, rescues, and shelters.

Don’t forget Buchheit is a pet friendly store, so bring your four legged babies in with you on your next visit!

## Volunteers and Leaders Stretched Too Thin: 2022 Paws In The Park Cancelled

Bond County Humane Society has made the difficult decision not to hold the 18th Annual Paws in the Park event this year. “It was a very difficult decision to make,” leaders of the society said, “since we depend on the income from the event to continue our mission of saving homeless, neglected, and abandoned cats and dogs.”

A lack of volunteers—to organize the event, perform setup the day before, and conduct the event on Saturday—was the primary reason for cancelling. That, along with a decline in attendance at last year’s event, prompted the decision. In the past, Paws in the Park has featured dog contests, costume parade, and demonstrations of racing, agility, and K-9 units, drawing more than 350 participants and guests throughout the day. It is the society’s hope that Paws in the Park will return in 2023.

Donations are appreciated to help cover the expenses associated with our lifesaving mission. BCHS is based on the core value that all animals deserve to be treated in a humane manner. Dogs and cats with no homes need temporary shelter until a permanent, loving home can be found for them. We believe that awareness and education allows animals and humans to come together, for the benefit of both.



## Seeking Vice-President of Fundraising!

In this unpaid volunteer position, you will co-chair events, donation drives, & special projects! You’ll help introduce new traditions, activities, & inspire helpers! As a member of the BCHS board, you’ll stay up to date on society business and be a part of creating policy dedicated to strengthening the bond between people and their pets. Contact us today about this rewarding opportunity!

**Companion cats & dogs aren’t “broken,” but they and you will both benefit from their getting “fixed”!**

Bond County Humane Society is committed to promote animal welfare through education and to actively encourage pet population reduction. As a result of BCHS’s Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Programs, more than 3,287 animals have been altered... just since 2008!

## 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.**

[bondcohumane.org/donate.html](http://bondcohumane.org/donate.html) 618-664-4068

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### Memorialize a relative, friend or animal companion with a **PLAQUE** on our **MEMORY WALL**.

For categories Animal Lovers and above, the name can be inscribed on a brass plate mounted on the wall in our 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 - \$99), Animal Lovers (\$100 - \$500), Animal Sponsors (\$501 - \$2499), Animal Angels (\$2500 - \$4999), and Animal Heroes (\$5000 and up).

## In Loving Memory

Donations have been received between Nov 16, 2021 - June 30, 2022 in MEMORY of...

### **Animal Sponsors (\$500 - \$2499):**

- ... Zach, beloved dog, by Gail Harnetiaux
- ... Cynthia Nowlin, by friends & family
- ... Shirley Potthast, by friends & family

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

- ... Daisy, beloved dog, by Irene & Marc Seale
- ... Maggie, beloved dog, by Greg Beaumont
- ... Shirley Brown, by friends & family
- ... Cindy Livingston Burton, by friends & family
- ... Lou Dixon, by Dave & Beth Martin
- ... Helen & George Heide, by Karen Milby
- ... Merle Shaw, by friends & family

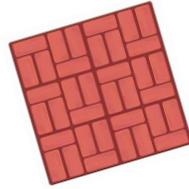
### **Animal Friends (\$25 - \$99):**

- ... Circus, beloved dog, by Andrea Nance Jump
- ... Mya, beloved German Shepherd of Matt & Morganne Hockett, by Lonnie & Karen Kessinger
- ... Porkchop, beloved Pug of Julie & Brad Heckman, by Irene & Marc Seale
- ... Shelby, beloved Border Collie, by Karen Palmer

- ... Stella, beloved dog of Cindy & Craig Moser, by Bill & Denise Von Der Haar
- ... Ty, beloved dog of Terry & Jim Durbin, by Dave & Beth Martin
- ... Betty Edwards, by Mike & Elaine Westbrook
- ... Shirley Gaffner, by Ken & Carla Maples
- ... Robert Koonce, by Margaret Iberg
- ... Delores Lutz, by Kevin J. Kaegy
- ... Art Obermark, by Judy Hinck
- ... Donald Young, by Janet S. Petri



**Above: BCHS volunteers total a customer's purchases at our Yard Sale Friday, June 24th. Over two mornings, we sold furniture, housewares, tools, toys, and all kinds of décor. Thanks for donating and shopping!**



Engraved Bricks Purchases By...

Order Your Own Plaza Brick Today!

Orders received between November 16, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Jennifer Baird for Lilly & Albus; Gail Harnetiaux in memory of Zach; Dave & Beth Martin in memory of Betty White; Cindy Moser in memory of Stella; Amy Reiss in memory of Marc Reiss

Monthly Pledge Donors

Janice Carr, Margaret Chase, Charles Davis, 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 November 16, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Animal Angels (\$2500 - \$4999):
Mickey Grist-Merrifield
Jane Hopkins

Animal Sponsors (\$500 - \$2499):
Betty White Birthday Challenge Donors
Buchheit Greenville
Capri IGA Greenville
CARES (Community Animal Resource, Education and Safety, Inc.)
Network For Good (Facebook Donations)

Petco Foundation
Renaissance Charitable Foundation
Kenny & Rose Bone
Marjorie Cuvar
Greg Davis & Christine Vince
Virginia Flamm
Virginia Heinz
Steven & Kae Schmitt
Smith Family Fund

Animal Lovers (\$100 - \$499):
Mary Rechert, in honor of Mickey Grist-Merrifield
AmazonSmile
Bond Madison Water Co.
FNB Community Bank
Funderburk's Donation Jars

Bob Keef Estate
LaDonna Boyd
Regina Brown
Charity Campbell
Janet Crowley
Cheri Doolin
Brant & Aimee Frey
Donna Grebel
N. Nathan Grover
Nita Grover
Jacqueline Hammer
Kenny & Linda Hampton
Dusty Hanner
Mary Holt
Bradley Iberg
Kristen Krebs
Donald & Kim Lugge
Brandy McCormick

## Donations, continued...

**Animal Lovers (\$100 - \$499):**  
 Nancy Marti & Annis Hopkins  
 Tammy Mathias  
 Don Rokita  
 Charlotte Rosenak  
 Adin Stambolic  
 Tammy Stief  
 Carol Ziemba  
 Lynn & Paula Zobrist

**Animal Friends (\$25 - \$99):**  
 Gary Forshaw, *in honor of his beloved dog Ava*  
 Robert Schaege *sponsored cat Buttons*  
 Jenny Brown  
 Rebecca Davis  
 David & Kathryn Dobrinic  
 Bill Elam  
 Ken Hilliard  
 Valerie Jenkins

John & Carol Knight  
 Brendan Kuhl  
 Thomas & Cookie Langel  
 Ronald Messerli  
 Richard J. Rasler  
 Pat & Judy Schoeny  
 Lynne & Patrick Slack  
 Sean & Chrystal Spicer  
 Erin Tergesen  
 Brad & Mary Wade  
 Tracy Weatherly

## 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 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](https://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.



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Thank you to everyone who contributed stories, letters, facts, ideas, & photos that have helped create the Summer 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; Michelle "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.

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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. BCHS Pet Name \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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