



The Pet Dispatch

Holiday, November 2023

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 Franklin's & Simon's Happy Tail



When a 3 month old orange and white tabby cat showed up at a house, their own cat bullied him badly so they surrendered him in 2013 to Bond County Humane Society. We named the unclaimed stray Franklin. Since then he's been adopted and returned twice and is considered special needs due to his urinary issues and Rx food. Franklin was so affectionate, playful, loved cuddles and instructing the other cats in proper scratching technique. Simon's owner could not care for the 2 month old buff orange kitten and so surrendered him to BCHS in 2018. He's always been so gentle, shy, and reserved, keeping to himself. But then Simon finally made a best friend in his community room: Franklin. In Septem-

ber 2022, we were thrilled to send our Franklin home with a kindhearted couple who previously gave one of our senior girls the best cozy and easy life. A week later, Franklin's new parents returned to the shelter to adopt Simon, too! They write:

"Hello Rachel, Jane, and all! First of all, Franklin and Simon are doing very well! They continue to be partners in crime, and never stray far from one another. We are really glad that we made the decision to come back for Simon. We can't imagine life without this pair! Franklin's had very few issues with our other younger cats. And Simon has really come out of his shell. At first, if he ventured out and you moved, he'd run and hide, but now he comes out and lounges around. He'll even let you pet him for a while as long as you have food ready to give him. He's become very vocal at feeding time. He's even gotten to the point where he'll occasionally sleep at the foot of the bed at night with us. I doubt he'll ever be a cat that cuddles, but then again we also didn't expect him to let us pet him so you never know. Thank you for all you do!"

— Bob and Michelle Schaege,

Nov 9, 2022 & June 19, 2023

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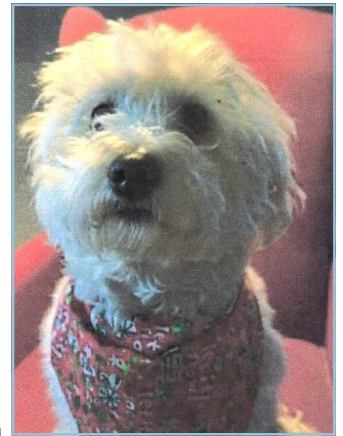
Shelter hours, 1-5pm
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.
(Sun, Wed by appt only)

This is Daisy’s Rescue Story & Happy Tail



Daisy, recently rescued An unclaimed stray sitting in an animal control facility in Tennessee, Daisy the 4 year old miniature Poodle mix, was rescued by Bond County Humane Society thanks to a pet transport program. Her initial dirty and scruffy appearance was no match for a bath and a visit to the groomer. At the vet, she was spayed and had serious dental work done. Her beauty always shone through as well as her sociable joy in long walks, squeaky toys, and splashing in the kiddie pool. BCCHS’ shelter director knew the perfect couple to introduce to Daisy and they adopted her into their pack June 28, 2023. Daisy sent us this note (with some help!):

“Mom and Dad lost their precious dog Zoe to complications of Cushing disease in May. They soon saw my picture and it was love at first sight. I immediately acclimated myself to my new home and have been a joy to everyone I meet. I love to cuddle and spend the night on the people bed. My favorite pastimes are looking for squirrels in my yard and playing with my squeaky toys. My bro-fur Toby and I love to do zoomies around the house, too. I am ever so happy that I found my forever home and wish that every dog and kitty will find their forever home as well.”



Daisy, ready for holidays

— Daisy Mae, Jan & Tom Hoffman, Nov. 30, 2023



Road Block Fundraiser in Greenville on Nov. 18th brought in \$1,050 !!

Pet lovers and supporters of BCCHS can easily make a secure donation online bondcohumane.org/donate.html



56 Free-Roaming Cats Trap-Neuter-Returned



70 Cats



14 Dogs Companion Pets Altered

VOLUNTEERING can mean shifts of shelter care, animal feeding, kitten socializing, dog walking, office work, 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 Over the last 20 years we’ve made pet population reduction a major part of our mission. Our financial aid in 2023 year-to-date, has helped alter **140** animals in

Bond County and close surrounding areas, preventing the unwanted litters.

But the April 2020 grant from disbanded *SNIP Alliance*, which allowed BCCHS to expand Low-Cost Spay/Neuter opportunities for 3 years, has been depleted and APL in Springfield has yet to resume their TNR Clinic. Still, contact our office for more information about feral cat Trap-Neuter-Return or about options to have your companion animals spayed or neutered. Donations welcome!!

Good Crowd at Paws in the Park at New Location

Story adapted from items published in the *Greenville Advocate* (Susan Chism, staff writer) and in the *WGEL Daily News*

Paws in the Park returned to its pre-Covid fun Saturday, September 16, 2023, at a new location: Double J Doggie Play 'n Stay on the south edge of Greenville. Double J owner Jason Prichard opened up his giant side yard and dock diving pool to help raise money for Bond County Humane Society. BCHS acting president Rachel Hundsdorfer said “without the help from Double J and many other volunteers, we could not have pulled this off. Last year we had to cancel because we couldn’t get enough help.” BCHS raised more than \$11,000 before expenses to provide care and medical services for adoptable dogs and cats in their care.

A very good crowd attended the event, the 18th held in BCHS history. Dozens of dogs brought their owners for games, contests, pictures, and just visiting with other pets. Many talked their owners into buying cool bandanas, leashes, tee shirts, raffle tickets, or silent auction baskets. They participated in several contests whose results appear below. Visitors enjoyed the costume parade and the best dressed dog and owner contest. Vendors offered pet related wares. Many people also had fun getting Greenville Mayor George Barber and other good sports wet in the dunk tank. Elaine McNamara of 97.5 WDLJ The Rock kept the tunes blasting, broadcasting live from the event.

Tara Carsrud, owner of Pet Designs Pet Salon,

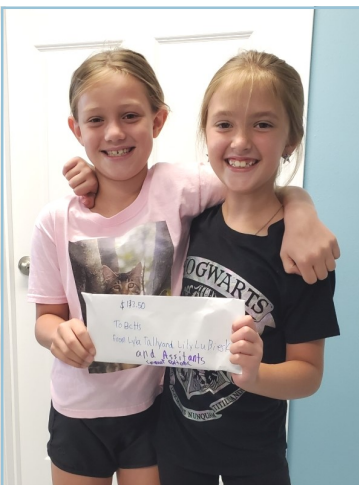
led her two award winning pups, Ivy and Major, in an Agility Course demonstration. SAR K9 CO-OP, INC. teams conducted search and rescue demonstrations. St. Clair Special Emergency Services brought Holmes, a German shorthaired pointer, certified as a cadaver recovery dog.



Best Parade Costume winners Black Jack and Rowen Finley

Paws In The Park is all about encouraging the bond between pets and their humans. BCHS appreciates the support of business sponsors and community members who came out and had fun.

- ✦ **Cutest Pet Photo winner: Wonder the blind cat from KayAnna Warthen;**
- ✦ **Best Costume in the Pet Parade: Black Jack with Rowen Finley (Hot Dogs);**
- ✦ **Fastest Fetch: Isaac (8.66 seconds) with Amy Hemann;**
- ✦ **Best Trick: Wednesday (Play Dead!) with Heidi Thompson;**
- ✦ **Most Sits in 1 Minute: Ada (15 sits) with Leon Dorsey;**
- ✦ **Longest Down: Belle with Lyla Tally.**



Lemonade Aids Adoptable Dogs

A group of kids opened a lemonade stand in an effort to help homeless animals living at Bond County Humane Society. Nine year old Lyla Tally (left) of Dudleyville and her friend Lily Bieski of Smithboro sold cups of the refreshing lemonade, bringing in \$133.50. The stand also had some helpers assisting the two girls. Lyla and Lily hand delivered their donation to our shelter office on August 3, 2023. “I think it is the sweetest thing,” said Rebecca Clausen for BCHS. “We’ve had such unselfish kids who sell yummy treats, items they’ve sewn, and others will have birthday parties and not accept gifts for themselves, but will ask donations be made for pets here.” Lyla and her family’s Great Pyrenees Belle have earned multiple awards in the 4H Dog Show for obedience and presentation and in Paws In The Park contests. Thank you Lyla, and Lily! That’s paws-itive thinking.

77 Adoptions Year-To-Date! BCCHS Pet Intakes/Outcomes Report 2023 YTD

81 animals (67 cats/kittens & 14 dogs/puppies) have been taken into Bond County Humane Society shelter care between Jan 1—Nov 30, 2023.

77 animals adopted: **61** felines (27 adult cats & 34 kittens) and **16** canines (10 adult dogs & 6 puppies) have been adopted through Bond County Humane Society into forever homes between Jan 1—Nov 30, 2023.

In the **TWENTY YEARS** since BCCHS was formed, over **2,580** animals have been rescued and found permanent homes!

A Happy Hagler Birthday!



Turning 70 is an impressive milestone that requires more than just a simple celebration. It represents seven decades of experiences, adventures, wisdom, and relationships – all elements that have uniquely shaped the life of the individual reaching this monumental age.

We couldn't agree more because when Ed

Hagler turned 70 this year, he asked his friends and family to purchase gifts for the pets at Bond County Humane Society instead of for himself! The donations he brought to our shelter on October 5, 2023 included cat and dog food plus monetary donations to be used towards medical bills. Thank you, Ed, for your love of animals and here's to another great and kind year!

City Tourism's "Monday Minute"

Thank you, Bill Walker and the Facebook Monday Minute, for your visits to our pet shelter and the site of Paws In The Park! Bill is the City of Greenville's Tourism Director and he recorded his weekly social media segment at Bond County Humane Society for May 15, 2023. He and Rachel Hundsdorfer, BCCHS acting President, shared information about the society, the shelter and pets in our care, as well as opportunities for volunteers and financial supporters. The Monday Minute again featured BCCHS on September 11 to promote the upcoming annual fundraiser hosted for the first time at Double J Doggie Play 'n Stay. Jason Prichard, owner, and Ashley Iberg joined Bill and Rachel to discuss returning dog contests and attractions plus new activities.

WGEL Radio Community Partner

Thank you to WGEL 101.7 for making Bond County Humane Society their Community Partner for July 2023! All month long, the station's Daily News email included a banner with a link to their article explaining more about us, the important work we are doing to reduce pet homelessness in Bond County, and an interview with co-founder and Shelter Director Rachel Hundsdorfer! Plus, BCCHS Secretary and Office Manager Jane Hopkins made an on-air appearance Monday

morning July 31 with radio host and BCCHS friend Ryan Mifflin promoting Paws in the Park, pet adoption, and volunteer opportunities at the shelter! Here's the article: <https://wgel.com/community-partners/2023/06/community-partners-the-bond-county-humane-society/>



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, 2023 - November 30, 2023 in MEMORY of...

Animal Sponsors (\$500-2499)

... **William Arnold** by Kathleen Bargiel, Andy & Lisa Mena Burnett, Jean Burnett, Deb Dixon, Julie Garcia, Gary & Colleen Gass, Tom Jenkins (Tom's Building & Repair), Dr. Cathy & Tom Longos, Barb Dothage McClure, George & Annie Markezich, Dennis & Mary Martinez, Joe & Susan Martinez, Gary & Kathleen Mollerus, Katie Rembey.

... **Gene Daum** by Lori Corzine, Ed & Val Gaffner, Ed & Karla Gan, Michael & Nancy Haberer, Barbara J. Hedgepath, Highland High School Class of '76, Jacober Automotive, Larry & Connie Knebel, Steven & Patti Mahlandt, James & Linda Malan, Ken & Carla Maples, David W. Neier, Roger Neier, Susie Pfister, Robert & Paula Redman, Bambi L. Tebbe, Robert & Pamela Thompkins, Jeff & Nancy Tischhauser.

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

... **George**, beloved white German Shepherd, by Larry & Karen Boudouris.

... **Tanner, Sylvie, and Toby**, beloved cats: "Gone But Not Forgotten," by Donna Grebel.

... **Maryjo Bielong** by Jonathan Gould, Sandra Rose, Carol Stratton, John Timmermann, Cheryl & John Voegele, Kelsey & John Wetzell.

... **Mike Pulaski** by Gail Harnetiaux.

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

... **Annabelle Kuhn**, beloved dog of Misty & Derek Kuhn, by Larry & Christine Kuhn.

... **Mary Kasmark** by Cindy Collier.

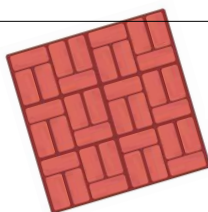
... **Larry Finn Linkey** by Randall Neumann.

... **Raymond Smith** by JoAnn Demkey and Alan Gaffner.



Pet Food Cupboard Program

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, 2023 - November 30, 2023

BCHS workers and volunteers in memory of Newton, beloved office cat; Karen Grant in memory of Vicki Cruse and her buddies Barney & Betty; Kasmark-Turley Family in memory of Mary T. Kasmark; Linda Johnson in honor of Charlotte Stowe Rosenak, a kind friend to all animals. **Add your own honor or memorial brick(s) to the BCBS Animal Shelter garden plaza! Order online or at our shelter.**

Monthly Pledge Donors

Janice Carr, Margaret Chase, Debra Dixon, Michael Heath, Lonnie & Karen Kessinger, Barb McClure, Jennifer Mendes, Robert & Michelle 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 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
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Animal Angels (\$2500-4999):

Anonymous

Animal Sponsors (\$500-2499)

Marjorie Cuvar

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

Don & JoAnn Rokita *sponsored Rosie the cat*

June Blaine & John Duft
Rodney & Nelda Christin

Mark & Lori File

Virginia Flamm

Ed Hagler

Gail Harnetiaux

Judy Hulskotter

Mike & Cindy Lotz

Richard McClure

Jennifer Rick (Pocahontas Antiques)

Lyla Tally & Lily Bieski

Karen S. Watson

Carol Ziemba

Connie Zimpfer

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

Debbie Blankenship

Tonia Davison

Mary A. Gilliland

JoAnn Hediger

Charlotte Nesbit

Deedra Pestle

Rick & Belinda Wickham





Potluck Celebrates Volunteers' Contributions

LEFT: We're not just animal people. We're people people. Bond County Humane Society recognizes the contributions of time and talent that our valued volunteers make every day. They create a true difference in the lives of rescued dogs and cats. Our November 18, 2023 Volunteers Potluck provided an opportunity to mingle with team members who work different shifts or in different roles. All enjoyed the fantastic food, an icebreaker game, and a rededication of passion and purpose. Thank you to shelter shift leaders Sofia Zidek and Michelle Rizvanovic for organizing the potluck!

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

Standard adoption fees range from \$65 (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 2023 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; Michelle Grist-Merrifield, VP Fundraising; Dennis Hundsdorfer, VP Facilities; Jane Hopkins, Secretary.

Wondering how you can help BCHS in 2024? 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 Membership, VP Volunteers, VP Grants, 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 Walmart Spark Good, WoofTrax's Walk for a Dog, GoodShop, and eBay for Charity.

DONATIONS MAY BE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE !

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Generate donations for BCHS when you take a WALK or a RUN! Download the WoofTrax app to your smartphone today!



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!

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