



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 Lulu's Happy Tail!



Bond County Humane Society rescued **Lulu**, an 11 month old Chihuahua mix, from Bond County Animal Control in December 2022 after she'd been found as an unclaimed stray, running at large. She was scared in the shelter at first, but warmed up quickly; now no one is a stranger! Lulu is happiest when she's sitting on someone's lap; as soon as someone sits down, she takes it as her cue. She's also very fast, zooming through doors, even able to climb a chain link fence! We were pleased to send Lulu off to her forever home in January 2023. Her family writes:

"We adopted Lulu. I just wanted to let you know she's doing great! She's been to the beach and the lake. She took her first boat ride last weekend. We love her so much! Thank you for letting us adopt her" 🥰

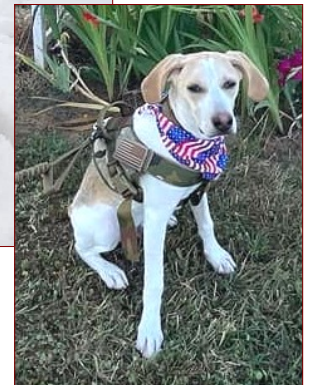
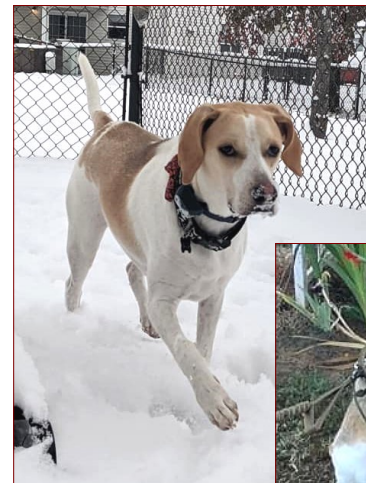
— MaryAnn Mierzejewski, June 2023

This is Charlie's Happy Tail!

BCHS rescued **Charlie**, a Beagle mix, and his four littermates from a Tennessee animal control facility. He's friendly, energetic, loves food and playtime with his siblings and toys. Shelter volunteers enjoyed working on his manners and practicing commands like "Sit." When he was 12 weeks old, we placed him with an adopting family. They write:

"Our Charlie boy, adopted April 2022, is doing so good and he is getting so big; he is currently 35lbs. We love him so much!... He LOVES the snow. He is now 10 months and weighs 50lbs." 🥰🥰🥰

— Errin Williamson, Aug. & Nov. 2022



More Rescue Stories & Happy Tails! We Love All These PUP-dates!

Jemma's Happy Tail

Jemma came to Bond County Humane Society as a four month old stray way back in 2010. She'd been very reserved around people she didn't know, but sometimes warmed up to those she could learn to trust. She was happy to just watch the other cats in her community room without interacting very much. After waiting an astonishing 11 years, Jemma's adoption day finally came in May 2021! Here's just a tiny fraction of the stories her dad checks in with:

"Hey Hey Hey Jane, and Everyone at BCHS!! I want you all to know off the top that Jemma is so happy, and doing so well, and we absolutely positively ridiculously couldn't love her more. She's our Jemmy Jam, our Jommy, our Ginger Snap, our Freckle Nose, our OOG (Original Orange Girl), our Lady Marmalade, our Sunset. She's the first cat we've gotten to share, my partner Justin and I. She might even like him a little better. He can't sit on the couch without her having to be in his lap. We've experienced so much joy watching her blossom. She is the perfect girl for our family at the exact right moment. We lost our cat Taylor in December of 2020. I thank the universe for the internet and seeing Jemma on Petfinder from Denver. It's been a long adjustment, though. Our 16-year old cat Grace did not



take well to having a new cat in the house and we had to keep them separated for the first six weeks. And then the tables completely flipped in their power dynamic. Jemma snuck up on Grace and scared her. Our social, vocal Grace became the

shy cat. It took our kitchen renovation to bring the girls closer. When they'd get to come out from their separate rooms each night, they'd immediately find each other and sniff noses. There is still tension between them, but they're at the point where they co-exist peacefully. They have dinner together every day in the new kitchen. They're cute together and they've become sisters. This year has really been a succession of firsts: Jemma learned to stop doing laps around the house and took a moment to lie on the bed next to me; both Grace and Jemma sat on the couch with me; Jemma got the zooms and felt comfortable enough to play and run from room to room without the need to patrol or feel threatened. She may be 12, but she is getting to live some of those kitten years now. She is such a bright little point of light. She loves to have her nose rubbed. She seems to know she waited a long time to be here with us and we feel incredibly lucky we could give her that. She brings us so much joy every day. Again, thank you so so so so so much, and I will keep you posted on our Peach Tree, our Golden Girl."

— Nathan Grover, April 9, 2022

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



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 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 2023 year-to-date, we've helped alter **90** animals in Bond County

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.

CEO Class Supports BCBS in 2023

Philanthropy is an important part of life and of business, and the Bond County CEO program tries to teach high school students the importance of giving back. Each year, the CEO class picks a charity of their choice to donate a portion of the class business funds to. This year the CEO class chose Bond County Humane Society. We are so grateful to Bond County CEO students and mentors for their hard work and success this past school year! One of the class members is a long time youth volunteer who walks dogs for us and we thank him and his class for their donation! Jane Hopkins, Bond County Humane Society secretary, accepted a donation check May 28, 2023 from Bond County CEO facilitator Amanda Dussold. It quickly helped to ensure we could care for more cats, kittens, dogs, and puppies into the summer!



(RIGHT) It's time for another huge shout out to Girl Scout Troop 8420!! They brought us a bunch of wonderful shelter supply donations in March 2023 purchased with funds they've been raising for MONTHS. Many of the ladies are Cadettes working toward their Silver Award by learning about Bond County Humane Society and teaching other Scouts about our mission and vision!! One dedicated Cadette is now a youth volunteer with our shelter cats, too. Thanks, girls, and keep up the good work!!

Pre-Teen Donates to Shelter Pets for Lent

Ella Marcoot, 10 years old of Pierron, saved up her Lent money and donated \$30 to BCBS on Thursday, April 6, 2023. A major part of Lent (the weeks leading up to Easter) for many Christians is almsgiving, which is donating one's time, money, and possessions to those who are less fortunate. Ella and her mother and some siblings took time to play with the adoptable kitties during their shelter visit, too. Thank you so much, Ella, for your donation and your giving spirit!



Another Successful Road Block Fundraiser

(LEFT) Way to go, Bond County!! Our road block volunteers at several key Greenville intersections collected just over \$2k in 4 hours on Saturday, May 20, 2023 to support cats and dogs in our shelter and foster homes! Thank you, drivers and bucket team!

January—June 2023, BCBS has taken in 59 animals & found forever homes for 49 pets in 2023, our 20th Anniversary!!





PAWS 'N THE PARK

@ **DOUBLE J DOGGIE
PLAY 'N STAY
864 IL RT 127
GREENVILLE, IL**

**SEPTEMBER 16TH
10AM-2PM**

THINGS TO DO

- ✓ DUNK TANK
- ✓ CONTESTS
- ✓ COSTUME PARADE
- ✓ DOCK DIVING
- ✓ SILENT AUCTION
- ✓ TENNIS BALL DROP
- ✓ SAR K9 Co-Op DEMO
- ✓ MICROCHIPPING
- ✓ VENDOR FAIR



**BRING THE KIDS & DOGS!
PHOTOS & FOOD!**

CELEBRATE PEOPLE & THEIR PETS!

**ALL PROCEEDS
BENEFIT BCHS!**



**Bond County
Humane Society**

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, OR ON THE WEB

www.bondcohumane.org

for more information!



Pet Friendly Lodging in Greenville:

SureStay, Comfort Inn & Suites, Super 8

Advertising funding in part by Greenville Tourism

WIN CASH TENNIS BALL DROP FOR DOLLARS \$5 BALL

Raffle part of 2023 Paws In The Park, see official website or social for participation details!

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 618-664-4068

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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 December 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 in MEMORY of...

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

- ... Robert V. Clausen, by friends & family
- ... Hans Peter Dietz, by friends & family
- ... Cynthia "Cid" Odneal, by friends & family

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

- ... Linda Casto, by Gail Harnetiaux
- ... Harold Dugan, by friends & family
- ... Iris Merritt, by friends & family
- ... Virginia "Ginnie" Potts, by David Kleinik & Sam Stoecklin
- ... Judy Schoeny, by friends & family
- ... Marilyn Smith, by friends & family



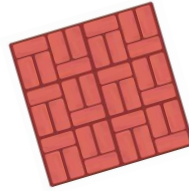
Animal Friends (\$25 - \$99):

- ... Caesar, beloved dog, by Gene & Sandy Daum
- ... Daisy, beloved dog, by Irene & Marc Seale
- ... Kodiak, dog brother of Bruce, by Sarah Bivens
- ... Miller, beloved dog, by Lee Bohannon Smith
- ... Odin, beloved cat of Tobey Raiser, by Anna Oestreich
- ... Peanut Dappert-McMahon, faithful Doxie, by Nancy Marti & Annis Hopkins
- ... Spot, beloved cat, by Roger & Kathy Reeves
- ... Mary Jo Bielong, by Lonnie & Karen Kessinger

- and Sonya & Bil Curry
- ... Judy Brady, by Roger & Kathy Reeves
- ... Susan K. Cline, by Randall Neumann
- ... Genny Ennen, by Glen & Cheryl Mueller
- ... Ed Hargave, by friends & family
- ... Art Hopper, by Gail Harnetiaux
- ... Joseph Michael Jones, by Randall Neumann
- ... Lenny Powell, by Sarah Nischwitz



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...

Order Your Own Plaza Brick Today!

Orders received between December 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
Rose Bone in memory of Linda K. Potts; Pam Masulla in memory of Milkweed & Velcro; Robert Schaeg in memory of Buttons; BCHS in memory of Robert V. Clausen; BCHS in memory of cat Elmo Gillard

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 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):
John Gillard named Community Cat Room #2 in honor of BCHS volunteer Nancy Gillard

Smith Family Fund

Animal Sponsors (\$500 - \$2499):
Various donors *sponsored care of cat Elmo*

Anonymous
Bond County CEO class business
Network For Good (Facebook

Donations)
Petco Love
Rotary Club of Edwardsville
John & Nancy Gillard
Mike & Cindy Lotz
Steven & Kae Schmitt

Animal Lovers (\$100 - \$499):
Bond Madison Water Co.
GU Student Fundraiser
Thacker Insurance
Walmart Spark Good
Anonymous
Donna Grebel
Kenny & Linda Hampton
Jennifer & Douglas Harned

Jeannie Maroon
Janell Smith
Tammy Stief
Carol Ziemba

Animal Friends (\$25 - \$99):
Emily & Daniel Lynch sponsored medicine for cat Tatiana
Kristen M. & Nick Matyaszek sponsored adoption of cat Clover
Sandra Meyers sponsored cat Tatiana
Ella Marcoot gave \$30 offering for Lent

Donations, continued...

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

AmazonSmile
Bank of Hillsboro 50/50 raffle
Jean Burnett
Robin Davis
Ronald Farson
Dixie Harrison
Julie Juarez Heckman
Sandy Krober
Mary Joyce MacDonald

Sue McCasland
James & Nona Nance
John & Charlotte Nesbit
Beverly Stilt
Mike & Elaine Westbrooks
Rick & Belinda Wickham



Seeking Treasurer!

BCHS is seeking a person with great trust and integrity to serve as Treasurer. The ideal person will provide advice regarding handling of BCHS finances, develop policies and procedures for handling of finances and prepare financial reports. This person will also develop strategies to maximize our organization's fundraising efforts. Contact us today about this rewarding volunteer opportunity!

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.



Jaguar



Trixie



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Thank you to everyone who contributed stories, letters, facts, ideas, & photos that have helped create the Summer 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 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 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, ResQwalk, 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!
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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!**

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