

# The Pet Dispatch

## Summer, August 2024

Official Newsletter of Bond County Humane Society

#ConsiderAShelterPet

### Happy Tails & Rescue Stories

Stories of Bond County Humane Society pets' happy adopted endings

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Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.

### This is Sabrina's Happy Tail!

Brought in to Bond County Humane Society with her four kittens, two year old **Sabrina** was an unclaimed stray, an elegant Domestic Shorthair kitty with soft black fur. Shelter volunteers liked her friendly and affectionate nature, but although her kittens found loving homes fairly quickly, Sabrina remained un-adopted for five years! Granted, she was rather shy, preferring to play by herself or with other kitties in the community room than with visitors she didn't know very well. But at last, in August 2023, we had the chance to approve an application for Sabrina!

Her adoptive parents have written two notes:

"[Right away] Sabrina is doing better than we expected. She has been exploring the room each night and is using the litter box plus eating and drinking. While she does not want to leave a cubby of the cat tree during the day, she has taken to us pretty fast and loves when we pet her. We have not introduced her to the other cat yet. We are already in

love with her and soon she'll be exploring the whole house....

"Hi! We adopted a black cat named Sabrina a few months ago. Just wanted to update you guys on how she is doing. We absolutely love her! She has seriously blown us away. She is very cuddly and is constantly following us around being nosy! She gets along great with our other cat. She also even comes out to visit when company is over. Sabrina always is playing with some sort of toy too! She was the perfect addition to our home, thank you for everything!"

— David Payne & Lexi Martin,  
August 21 & November 4, 2023



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

### This is Ranger (now Bennett)'s Happy Tail

When BCHS rescued **Ranger**—the 5 month old Australian Shepherd mix puppy—from Bond County Animal Control, the little unclaimed stray was dirty, underweight, and very recently treated for a major infestation of intestinal parasites. Within a day of arriving, Ranger was running a high temperature and our vet prescribed several medications. Within 48 hours, he was acting like nothing was wrong. A real trooper, he tolerated a bath, brushing, and fur mats removal very well. He loved being with people, getting petted, and playing with his favorite squeaky toy. What a turnaround for this smart, eye-catching guy! In March 2024, at 6 months old, he went home with his adoptive parents. They tell us:

“After many Adopt-A-Day events and endless talks and research, we agreed that our dream dog would be a Husky/Shepherd breed. We thought we may have found a Husky during one event but something was still missing, so we decided to wait. We met Rachel from BCHS and she told us about Ranger; how [sick and dirty] he was when he arrived at the shelter but he was healthy now! We set up an

appointment to go meet him after he was neutered without complication and ended up bringing him home that day! [We renamed him] Bennett, [and he] never looks back on his first days as a pup! He is always full of energy, loves playing with squeaky toys, going to his favorite dog park, walks, shopping at the pet store and Lowes, getting treats, and of course he’s always ready to visit his ‘Granny’ and ‘Grumps’. He’ll play with anyone he sees and is happy to greet any animal. Anytime Bennett is out and about he is always told how gentle, well mannered, handsome and polite he is. We couldn’t have found a better addition to our family!”

— Rachel and Zach Leuenberger, Aug 1, 2024



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, 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

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** Over the last 21 years we’ve made pet population reduction a major part of our mission. Our financial aid in 2023-24 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 BCHS to expand Low-Cost Spay/Neuter opportunities for 3 years, has been depleted and the APL Clinic in Springfield has yet to resume their spay/neuter services for shelters that transported companion and feral cats for surgery. Contact our Office for possible alternate options in obtaining pet spay/neuter help.

### BCHS and Double J Win Collaboration Award at Chamber of Commerce Gala



Pictured L-R: Jane Hopkins (BCHS Secretary), Rebecca Clausen (BCHS VP Communications), Ashley Iberg (DJ General Manager), Jason Prichard (DJ Owner). What an unexpected honor to be chosen by Greenville, IL Chamber of Commerce for their Collaboration Award at January 27’s Gala!! Together with the support and hard work of Double J Doggie Play ‘N Stay, Paws in the Park returned in 2023.

**January—July 2024, BCBS has taken in 82 animals & found forever homes for 67 pets in 2024, our 21st Anniversary!!**

### Surprise! We’ve Got Dumped Kittens!

A lively bunch of kittens, ranging from 4 weeks to 3 months old, found their way to our shelter June 10. Each one was in dire need of nourishment and medical care. We rallied the troops to raise funds and find more helping hands for their care. Already bursting at the seams, we gave them the safe haven they deserved. Let’s remember, our parking lot is no place for these adorable fur-balls to be dumped unannounced. Please spay and neuter your animals!!



### Karats For K9s Dinner & Comedy Show



The hilarious Sonya White delivered laughs and joy with her Southern Style Clean Comedy Show to our Karats For K9s Dinner and Charity Auction the evening of April 27. Thank you again to all who bid on

your items and experiences. Thank you to our wonderful sponsors. And we hope every door prize winner is enjoying your bling and glitz! Pictured is Regina Brown, a BCBS volunteer, who won the diamond ring at the event.



### Rehome by Adopt A Pet



You are welcome to reach out to BCBS to try to rehome your pet but we are limited on shelter space, volunteer workers, and available fosters. Did you know that you can post them online yourself for adoption at Rehome by Adopt a Pet and reach many local adopters! If you click through our referral link, your adoptable pet will even show up on our website’s new Community Pets page.

<https://link.bondcohumane.org/rehome>

Owners add their pet’s information and photos to Rehome and pay a small one-time-per-pet listing fee to list their pet. Enter this coupon code to reduce your listing fee to just \$1: RCXHAQTL2U8AD8Z. Adopt a Pet continues to guide the owner through reviewing applications, meeting potential adopters safely, and finalizing the adoption.





## THINGS TO DO

- ✓ VENDOR FAIR
- ✓ DUNK TANK
- ✓ DOG PIE EATING CONTEST
- ✓ CONTESTS
- ✓ MULTIPLE DEMOS
- ✓ MICROCHIPPING
- ✓ SILENT AUCTION
- ✓ YOGA
- ✓ AND MORE....



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Humane Society

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# BOND COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PAWS IN THE PARK

@ Double J Greenville

## 19th ANNUAL

@ **DOUBLE J DOGGIE  
PLAY 'N STAY**

**864 IL RT 127 GREENVILLE, IL**

**SEPTEMBER 21  
10AM-2PM**

BRING THE KIDS & DOGS!  
CELEBRATE PEOPLE &  
THEIR PETS!

**ALL PROCEEDS  
BENEFIT BCHS!**

**WIN CASH TENNIS BALL DROP FOR DOLLARS \$5 /BALL**

Raffle part of 2024 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](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**.

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, 2023 - July 31, 2024 in MEMORY of...

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

... **Coreen "Corky" Hutchinson** by Mary Adams, Michael & Edith Brady, Cathy A. Ellis, Michelle Forrester, Patti & Estle Smith, Frank Snyder, John & Carla Stille, and Anonymous.

... **Victoria Mettler** by Lindell Bassett, Jo Ann Buchanan, Lori & Joe Coco, Julie McDevitt, Brenda Meretes, Jerry Mollett, Dick Newman, Denise Schoen, Lauren E. Schoen, and Anonymous.

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

... **Maggie & Rudy**, beloved dogs, by Greg Beaumont.

... **Heather Alton** by Warren Benson, Dennis & Janice Blunt, Donald Blunt & Family, Mervin Blunt, Cheryl Crouch, and Delores & Lynn Filer.

... **Ethel Beeler** by Gail Harnetiaux.

... **Leroy "Lee" Brandsma** by Gail Harnetiaux and Randall Neumann.

... **Dustin Breuer** by Peggy Allan, Evan Bockenfield, Maureen Frueh, Linda J. Gehrig, Terry Hoppes, Susan Kelley, Boyd & Janet McCracken, Randall Neumann, Irene & Marc Seale, Kimberly A. Trudell, Ronald Volkmar and Doreen Whalen & Family.

... **Charles B. "Brad" Hanner** by Judy Stewart, Sharon

Brown, Debbie Blankenship, Debra Dixon, Terry E. Huber, Matt & Erin Scheibel, Deborah Pratt, Tracey Reagan, and Julie Juarez Heckman.

... **Fred Martinez** by Gail Harnetiaux.

... **Barbara L. Trojan** by Pam Craig.



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

... **Beep**, beloved cat of the **McDonald Family**, by Roger & Kathy Reeves.

... **Delia**, beloved cat of **Rebecca Clausen**, by Nancy Marti & Annis Hopkins and Irene & Marc Seale.

... **Leo**, beloved cat of **Jean Thomas**, by Elaine Westbrooks.

... **Theo**, beloved dog of the **Hertel Family**, by Roger & Kathy Reeves.

... **Jan Hoffman** by Craig & Nancy Dvorak.

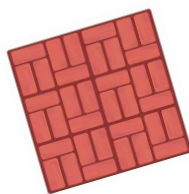
... **Denny Shaw** by Claudine Hickam and Rena Ward.

... **Alexis Nichole Willis** by Melissa Risenhoover-Warfield.



## 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...

## Order Your Own Plaza Brick Today!

Orders received between  
December 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024

Eileen Schulte, in tribute to her parents Don and Jo Ann Rokita; Dennis & Rachel Hundsdorfer, in memory of their friend Jan Hoffman

## 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 & Gina Goldsmith  
Michelle Grist-Merrifield  
Jeff Hemker  
Rick & Jane Hilliard

Jane Hopkins  
Dennis & Rachel Hundsdorfer  
Carolyn Johnson  
Julie Juarez-Heckman  
Mary Kasmark  
Mike & Cindy Lotz  
Barb McClure  
James & Nona Nance  
James Plunkett  
Ken Slatton

Nyla Strole  
David Voils  
KayAnna Warthen  
Kit & Mark Whittington  
Kathleen R. Wildi  
Dave & Mary Ann Willey  
Amanda Zeller



## Thank You For All Of Your Donations!

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**Animal Angels (\$2500 - \$4999):**  
MasterCard (*matching corporate gift*)  
Smith Family Fund  
Kathleen R. Wildi

**Animal Sponsors (\$500 - \$2499):**  
Midwest National Bank, *in honor of Randy Neumann*  
Carlisle Construction Materials  
Funderburk's Diner & Gas (*Counter Jar Donations*)  
Paypal Giving Fund (*Facebook Donations*)  
Renaissance Charitable Foundation  
John & Nancy Gillard  
Michelle Grist-Merrifield  
Steven & Kae Schmitt

**Animal Lovers (\$100 - \$499):**  
Michelle Grist-Merrifield's Network  
Products Operations (NPO)  
Directs at MasterCard,  
"Wishing Mickey a Merry Christmas!"

Matter Family Office, *in honor of the Mary Gayle Nevinger family*

American Farm Heritage Museum  
(*Christmas Display Farm Dog Name Contest*)  
Network For Good (*Facebook & Walmart Spark Good Donations*)  
Rick's Ace Hardware of Highland  
Bethany Beaver  
Don & Vickie Beaver  
Kenny & Rose Bone  
Larry & Karen Boudouris

David & Kathryn Dobrinic  
Roger Ennen  
Mark & Lori File  
Donna Grebel  
Kenny & Linda Hampton  
Dusty Hanner  
Virginia Heinz  
Ken Hilliard  
Judy Hulskotter  
Mike & Cindy Lotz  
Kathleen & Gary Mollerus  
Drew Retzer  
Charlotte Rosenak  
Tammy Stief  
Saundra Stoneburner  
Mike & Dorene Wasmuth  
Rick & Belinda Wickham  
Carol Ziemba

**Donations, continued...**

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

Irene and Marc Seale, *in honor of Michelle Grist-Merrifield's rescuing their dog Yuki*

Kristen M. & Nick Matyaszek *purchased a Kuranda Cat Bed*

Kristen M. and Nick Matyaszek *sponsored adoption of cat Dumplin'*

FNB Community Bank (*matching corporate gift*)

Frontstream/NPO Connect (*matching corporate gift*)

Old Ripley 4H Club (*Wish List contributions*)

Roger & Kathy Reeves

Thomas & Lea Sommers

Monica Blake

Regina Brown

Marti or Mary Coderko

Tonia Davison

Crystal Deichmann (*Amazon Wish List contributions*)

Pollyanna Feazel

Susan Fox

Becky Harris

Erica Knebel (*contributions to Silent Auction*)

Sue McCasland

Nancy Marti & Annis Hopkins

Bobbi Smith

Elyse Snitka

**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](http://bondcohumane.org/adopt.html)

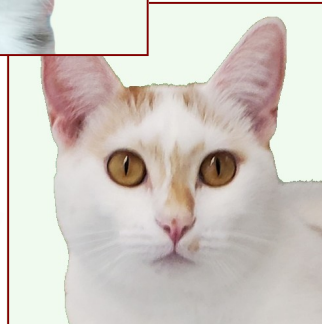
Standard adoption fees range from \$65 (for adult cats) up to \$250 (for puppies) and the fee includes veterinary testing and treatment, routine shots/vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, and state-mandated microchipping.



**Becca**



**Munchkin**



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Thank you to everyone who contributed stories, letters, facts, ideas, & photos that have helped create the Summer 2024 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 !**

**Make Pet Adoption Your First Option!**



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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:

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

- \$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 \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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