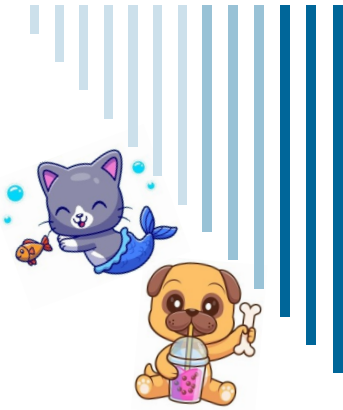




The Pet Dispatch

Summer, August 2026

Official Newsletter of Bond County Humane Society

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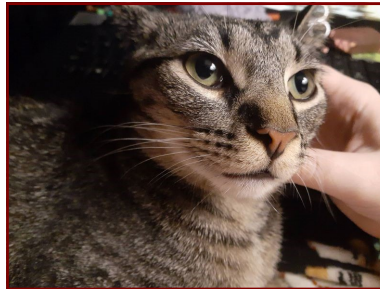
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Shelter hours, 1-5pm
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.
(Sun, Wed by appt only.)

Happy Tails & Rescue Stories

Stories of Bond County Humane Society pets' happy adopted endings

Shorty (now Roswell)

Tabby kitten **Shorty** came to BCHS in October 2025 when someone found him beside a car in downtown Greenville. He was just 6 weeks old then! Shorty loved to play hide-and-seek with the other shelter kittens. We matched him into a forever home in early May when he was 7 ½ months old. His adoptive mom writes:



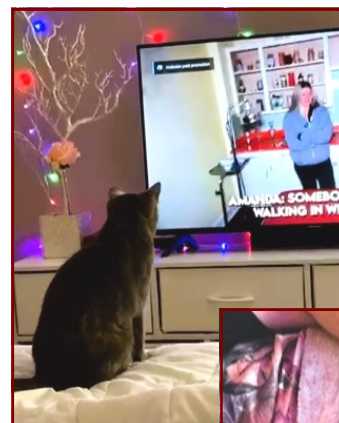
"First of all, his name is Roswell now! And Roswell is such a sweet boy. He loves to play, and to knead on me and purr. It took him a little while, but now he's very comfortable and has his favorite spots for napping: the cat tower by the window and beneath the couch. He does like to chew and to bite! We've been working on that and he's already so much better than before, though sometimes the temptation gets the best of him. I've also been working with him to let me trim his nails. He's really very well-behaved for the most part. Thank you for taking such good care of him until he found his home with me."

— Emily Bruce, May 24, 2026

Zelda

Rescued from a crowded shelter in March 2025, **Zelda**—a 7-month-old dilute tortoiseshell kitten—initially struggled with shyness but quickly warmed up in her foster home. Embracing affection and playtime, especially with her rescue companion, Zelda thrived and was matched with her adopter in April 2025, after we moved her from foster into the shelter. Her mom checked in:

"Zelda is LOVING it here. She cuddles with us in bed; She watches TV like *actually watches TV*. She is still getting used to her big sister but they're playing together. Here are some pictures and a video. Also she's



been eating 2 times a day! Thank you!"

— Kenzie Montgomery,
May 6, 2025





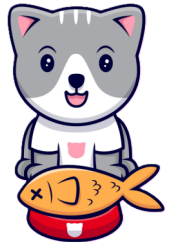
Sunshine's Happy Tail!

"Sunshine, now Luna, has been the perfect addition to our family! She is loving life!"
— Kristi Hilmes

The Shepherd / Labrador Retriever mix was adopted in March 2024 after BCHS rescued her as an unclaimed stray from an animal control facility.



January—June,
BCHS has taken in
126 animals & found
forever homes for
69 pets in 2026,
our 23rd Anniversary!!



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.



Rehome by Adopt-a-Pet

If a pet you've adopted from BCHS unfortunately needs rehomed, please contact BCHS for assistance. Otherwise try *Rehome by Adopt-a-Pet*. It's the safe, easy way to rehome your animal on your own, with some expert guidance along the way. Plus, **enter this coupon code to reduce your listing fee by 90%: BCHS100893**. If you click through our referral link, your adoptable pet will even show up on our website's Community Pets page. Learn more at:

bondcohumane.org/communitypets.html

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



9 Foster Homes

35 Pets in Foster



Inventory stats as of
June 31, 2026.



59 Pets in Shelter

VOLUNTEERING can mean shifts of shelter care, animal feeding, kitten socializing, dog walking, office work, fostering, social media content creation, facility maintenance, 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 no longer held regularly but scheduled by the board as needed. Society memberships are renewed in the first part of every calendar year. See form on back page!

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Programs Over the last 23 years we've made pet population reduction a major part of our mission. Our spay/neuter coordination in 2026 YTD has helped alter **144** free-roaming, feral, and companion cats in Bond County and close surrounding areas, increasing pet wellness and preventing the unwanted litters. That's **97** in our low/cost program and **47** via our

Trap/Neuter/Vaccinate/Return (TNVR).

Snip, Snip Hooray! More Cat Spay/Neuters!

Thanks to 2 grants, BCHS is actively conducting TNVR projects throughout Greenville and Bond County in 2026. We welcome Dr. Green and her Silver Lake Veterinary's mobile unit at the BCHS location to conduct spay/neuter clinics for cats. Contact our office for more info and for options to spay/neuter your pet or outdoor feline.

Eponavet's Dr. Ford also holds Feline Fix Clinics at Double J Doggie Play N Stay. Follow her on socials for registration: www.facebook.com/EponaVetLLC/

First BCHS Shelter Slumber Pawty a Success!

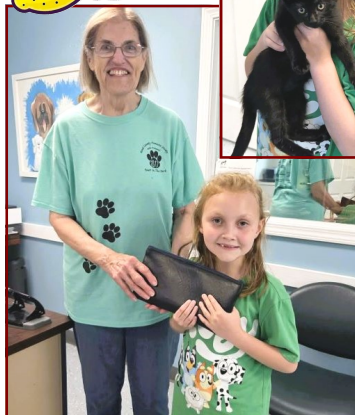


**Shelter Slumber Pawty
April 18-19 brought in
\$8,300+ !!**



For one unforgettable night, dedicated paw-ticipants spent 24 hours inside the shelter and slept alongside adoptable

dogs and cats, experiencing what life is like here while raising critical funds through their personal networks to support them. Our pawtifiers and event organizers kept our followers updated with social media posts throughout the whole thing! Visit our Facebook and Instagram pages to watch videos of the fun and personal messages from our paw-ticipants. Who's coming to stay overnight in 2027? Is it you?



Thank you, Maris Goldsmith, for holding your Lemonade & Cookies Stand to benefit cats and dogs at Bond County Humane Society! Maris and her mom baked treats and mixed up cool drinks for July 4th visitors to the DeMoulin Museum in Greenville. The Goldsmith family are lifetime BCHS members and have also rescued kittens!

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- ✳ **Wes Pourchot & Friends Cookout @ The Milk House (Aug. 21 10a-2p)**
- ✳ **Corner Collection, Greenville (Sep. 5 9a-1p)**
- ✳ **Joe's Pizza & Pasta Night (Sep. 15 4p-8p)**
- ✳ **Paws In The Park w/ dog costume parade, dog contests, silent auction, photos & more (Oct. 24 11a-3p @ Bond Co Fairgrounds. Visit us on the web for more details!)**
- ✳ **Pet Photos with Santa, Bake Sale, Silent Auction @ The Milk House (Nov. 21 10a-2p)**
- ✳ **Crazy Bowl @ 4th Street Lanes (2027)**
- ✳ **Paint & Sip Party @ The Old Mill (2027)**

Brody's Cancer Battle Honored with Over \$12k in Memorial Giving

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed and who considered Brody Haston a family member, friend, classmate, neighbor, or animal advocate. The tremendous support shown through donations has been overwhelming, making it nearly impossible to thank each donor by name in this publication. To see the complete list of donors, please visit our website's Memorials page. While we may never have the opportunity to care for a pink unicorn, we remain committed to helping cats and dogs in our community.



FOSTERS save lives!

WANTED FOSTER FAMILIES

LOOKING FOR ANIMAL LOVERS



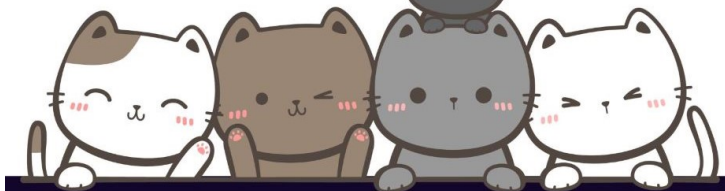
NEEDS to provide love, time, and a caring environment with structure and exercise for the foster pet

HELP cats & kittens, dogs & puppies

ALL food & medical is supplied!

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April 2, 2026 we hosted a **Cat 101 Workshop** in partnership with the **Bond County Illinois 4-H**, where youth explored all things feline with Rachel and Heather. The hands-on evening included learning about feeding, grooming, and socializing cats, along with tips for showing cats at the Bond County Fair. Of course, participants had the opportunity to meet the adoptable cats and kittens currently staying at our shelter and spent time giving them extra love, attention, and positive socialization. Thank you to 4-H and all of 4-H's partners, volunteers, and families who make these experiences possible. We love seeing our 4-H'ers learn, grow, and try new things with animals!



A BIG THANK YOU to the employees of The FNB Community Bank for picking Bond County Humane Society for your wonderful "Jeans For Charity" program in January 2026! This initiative allows bank employees to donate \$10 each month to wear jeans to work on Fridays. Your generous donation makes a **HUGE** difference, helping us keep our shelter guests in good health and great spirits. FNB is truly a hometown bank with locations in Vandalia, Ramsey, Patoka, Mulberry Grove and Greenville. Community partners like you make a lasting difference!



Thank you, Comets Give Back Day! Friday, May 1, 2026, students from Greenville High School once again volunteered for the Humane Society crew and got to play with dogs and cats getting ready for their adoption into forever homes. Seniors Eliana, Grace, Baylee, and Rayne also shined up our shelter's windows and screens! Thank you and wishing you all the best in your lives following graduation!

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 World For Animals (formerly The Humane Society of the United States and its international affiliate, Humane Society International). 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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LEAVE a LEGACY — NAME a ROOM

Bond County Humane Society is honored to recognize individuals who make significant contributions to our Cat & Dog Shelter, Business Office, and Adoption Center. Donors may honor beloved pets and pet lovers or show their own support for BCHS's work and mission. The number of naming opportunities is limited and they are subject to confirmation. Your donation is tax deductible. To discuss the specifics of your room naming opportunity, please contact us!

In Loving Memory

Donations have been received between January 1 - June 30, 2026 in MEMORY of...

Animal Heroes (\$5000+):

... **Brody Haston** by Friends & Family. *Find a full list of donors on our website.*

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

... **Judy Koontz** by Tamalco Township Town Fund, Donald & Mary Albert, Cheryl Buchanan, Lavada Caylor, Tom & Betty Kay Dawdy, Steven D. Forte, Dawn DaOnne Dothager, Tammy Johnston, Jeanine Leitschuh, Boyd & Janet McCracken, Glen & Cheryl Mueller, Nona Nance, Robert F. Shultz, Linda K. Thoms, Michael & Deborah Webb, and Jacqueline Williams.

... **Barbara Ann Smith** by Benton & Associates, Curry & Assoc. Engineers, Denne & Julia Evans, Michael & Jamie Heath, Marlyce C. Henderson, Rick & Jane Hilliard, Daniel & Annita Jackson, Boyd & Janet McCracken, Tom Marchello, Terry & Mary Neer, Randall Neumann, Michael Niepert, Timothy & Nori Schurwan, Shari & Gary Self, Kay & Philip Stoecklin, Kimberly A. Trudell, Roger, Barbara & Laura Wachal, Deborah & William Whitlock, Dan & Cheryl Willis.

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

... **Emma Jane Eyman** by Kevin J. Kaegy, Helen Long & friends, and Kimberly A. Trudell

... **John Nesbit** by Troby & Edward Gagen, Charlotte

Nesbit, Michael & Kimberly Peppler, and Craig & Elisa Wilson.

... **Linda Simmons** by Jody & Johnathan Collier, Clyde Dorrels, Kellie Harr, Janet Huene, Deborah McFarland, Nathan & Leslie Mewes, Dennis Plocher, Dennis & Carrie Rodgers, Dennis & Vicky Rodgers, Rodney & Eva Suhre, Ryan & Jody Weiss

... **Trinity Waelterman** by Van Loyd.

... **Carol Ziemba** by Denne & Julia Evans, Terry McNece, Dennis & Sheila Quick, and Christopher Ziemba.

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

... **Otis**, beloved pet, by Mildred "Millie" Elam.

... **Lulu**, beloved cat, by Randall Neumann.

... **Stephanie J. Bolte** by Gail Harnetiaux.

... **Victoria LaRue Cox** by Bill & Shirley Donnell.

... **Beverly Matthews Kapp** by NASCOTE Industries.

... **Dennis Pryor** by Dennis & Sheila Quick.

... **Adam Ridings** by Robert & Kathleen Kulhan and Tammy Stief.

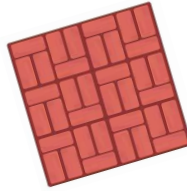


Smart Tax-Savvy Giving

At BCHS, giving appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds and real estate provide double tax benefits that you normally receive with a cash gift.

Turning your IRA's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) into a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is one of the easiest ways to make a meaningful impact in the lives of homeless pets while lowering your taxable income!

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Order Your Own Plaza Brick Today!

Orders received between
January 1 - July 10, 2026

Catharine Patenaude, in memory of Ronnie Jakubowicz; Jack & Merry Pippin AND OTHERS, in memory of Brody Haston; Laura Williamson, in memory of Carol Lynn Ziemba; John & Charlotte Turley, in memory of Roscoe the Aussie; Joyce Kimball. <https://www.bricksrus.com/order/bondcountyhumanesociety/>

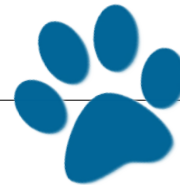
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Amanda Zeller

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Michael Heath
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Barb McClure
Jennifer Mendes
Robert & Michelle Schaeg
Milton Smith



Thank You For All Of Your Donations!

Donations received between
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Sadie dog's adoption fee.

Kimberly A. Trudell

Animal Heroes (\$5000 & up)
Michelle Grist-Merrifield
Mastercard made a corporate
matching gift.

Animal Sponsors (\$500-\$2499):
FNB Community Bank "Jeans
For Charity"
Larry & Karen Boudouris
Jane L. Hopkins Endowment
Fund
Nancy Marti
Smith Family Fund

Animal Lovers (\$100-\$499):
Tiffani Scott sponsored cat adoption fees for Delta, Nyx, & Tilly.
John & Nancy Gillard sponsored

Kaskaskia College Standing
Ovation Society & PTK
Paypal Giving Fund (*online giving*)
Jean Budnicki
Jonathan File
David Garmon
Gabriel Gigliotti
Cris Hart
Claudine Hickam
Ken Hilliard
Jody Hulskotter
Dennis & Rachel Hundsdorfer
Molly Jones
Van Loyd
Kathleen & Gary Mollerus
Carola Murphy
Charlotte Rosenak
Dan & Betsy Spearman

Animal Friends (\$25-\$99):
Bond County Pride
Haley Adrian
Jean Burnett
Patricia Crump
Greg Davis & Christine Vince
Sharon Durbin
Curtis Haas
Joan & P.J. Klawitter
Douglas & Doris Marti
Raul Caez-Roman
Eileen Schulte
Lynne & Patrick Slack
Mike & Elaine Westbrooks



Limited Edition Fundraiser Tees Are Here!

A new wearable fundraising campaign has launched at www.bonfire.com/store/bchs/

Thank you to volunteer Tiffani Scott for designing these delightful tee shirts and administering the online store. 100% of the proceeds benefit the pets of Bond County Humane Society! Each month and season will feature brand-new, limited edition designs and color themes—from patriotic summer looks to cozy fall styles, Halloween themes, winter designs, spring colors, and more! Available in sizes XS-4X and shipped straight to your door.



Recycle for Rescue

Collect your aluminum beverage and pet food cans and turn them into cash for temporarily homeless pets! And thank you, as always, to both the Greenville VFW Canteen and to the Kessinger family & neighbors for saving their cans for us!

Helpers Wanted! BCHS's VP of Facilities (Dennis) would appreciate an assistant several times a year loading up cans to deliver to Ted's Recycling in Mulberry Grove; so give him or us a call to volunteer in this and possibly additional capacities!

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 \$350 (for puppies) and the fee includes veterinary testing and treatment, routine shots/vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, and state-mandated microchipping.



Marble



Harper



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Thank you to everyone who contributed stories, letters, facts, ideas, & photos that have helped create the Summer 2026 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; Jackie Gruner, Treasurer; Jane Hopkins, Secretary, Jennifer Baird, Member At Large.

Wondering how you can help BCHS in 2026-2027? 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: 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 Walk for a Dog, Facebook Fundraising, and eBay for Charity.

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**PAWS IN THE PARK is Oct 24, 2026
@ BOND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Join us for Dog Costume Parade, Dog
Contests, Silent Auction, Photos, Food,
& More. *Visit us on the web for details!*

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.
Give Today!**



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