



The Pet Dispatch

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Official Newsletter of Bond County Humane Society #ConsiderAShelterPet

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Happy Tails & Rescue Stories

Stories of Bond County Humane Society pets' happy adopted endings

Becca's Tail

♥ Becca, a 4-year-old dilute calico with the sweetest soul, officially found her forever home in June 2025. Becca's journey began in April 2023, when she arrived at Bond County Humane Society as a pregnant stray. A few weeks later, she gave birth to six kittens and proved herself to be a devoted little mama. While Becca has always been a laid-back girl, she could be shy at first—especially with new people eager to pet and cuddle right away.

During Becca's medical exam she tested positive for FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus). Fortunately, FIV does not pass from the mom to the kittens. Cats with FIV can have a happy life with a normal life expectancy. Even so, it meant Becca waited a bit longer than most to find just the right match. That wait, however, was absolutely worth it.

Her adopters have already checked in multiple times to share how wonderfully Becca is doing:

“Me and Kamron truly believe we found the best cat possible for us. She has completed our little family. Since coming home, Becca has become a completely different cat. She loves



pets all the time and any kind of attention. She will rub on you and come up to you as soon as you step in the door. She curls up on the bed with us at night. She is such a loving and social cat. I honestly never expected her to open up this much or be so affectionate and playful! We are so thankful to you guys for letting us get our new fur baby!!”

— Cadence Perkins, July 1, 2025

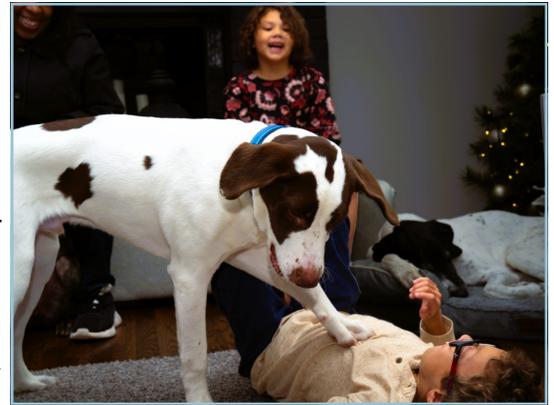


This is Becker's Rescue Story & Happy Tail

♥ Bond County Humane Society rescued **Becker**, a Pointer / Labrador Retriever mix, along with his 3 littermates, from an Animal Control facility in Tennessee. Adopted once before being returned due to a housing change, Becker continued to show what a special pup he is. He did wonderfully with other dogs, happily playing with them or entertaining himself with toys and chew bones. He loved fetching balls, sticks, and toys, and he was always up for a car ride. Sweet, easy-going, and now 7 months old, Becker finally found his forever home just in time for the holidays. His new mom shared how well he's

settled in:

“He’s developed a beautiful bond with [his new canine sibling] Lincoln. They play together and relax peacefully side by side, and even sleep together in bed with me. We’ve enjoyed several long walks through the neighborhood, and lots of family time, including meeting the grandkids. Becker has truly been a wonderful addition to the family. There will be another stocking hung at the fire place with his name on it. Thanks again for everything. I could not be happier with our new puppy.” — Tracy Livingston, Nov. 22 & 28, 2025



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%: RCXHAQTL2U8AD8Z.**

Learn more at: bondcohumane.org/communitypets.html

Pet lovers and supporters of BCHS can easily make a secure donation online

bondcohumane.org/donate.html



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Free-Roaming Cats Trap-Neuter-Returned



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Companion Cats 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

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 22 years we've made pet population reduction a major part of our mission. Our spay/neuter coordination just since 2008 has helped alter more than **3800** animals, increasing pet wellness and preventing unwanted litters.

Snip, Snip Hooray! More Cat Spay/Neuters!

Thanks to Hartz Second Chance in Collinsville, we offered a low-cost spay/neuter transport option for feral, free roaming, and companion cats in 2025.

In 2026, we are actively conducting Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return projects throughout Greenville and Bond County. We welcome 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.

Paws in the Park Dampened & Shortened by Storm

Thank you 2025 Paws in the Park Sponsors, Volunteers, and Attendees! Our event is all about encouraging the bond between pets and their humans and it would not have been paws-sible without you!!!

While Paws in the Park this year was cut short Saturday, October 18 at the Bond County fairgrounds by a strong thunderstorm, we were still able to enjoy about an hour of activities! Thank you to all the dog parents who came out early and got your professional portrait or selfie station dress-up photo, a buy-it-now auction item, and checked out Eponavet's health and wellness booth including a real life skele-horse!

Congratulations to our raffle winners; Cutest Pet Photo Winner: Sunny cat submitted by Robyn Hargan; and Best Dressed in the Costume Parade: a gorgeous Great Dane Charlee, with her owner Shawna Henrichsmeyer, portraying a Holstein cow in the Chick-fil-A commercials! Second place went to Tammy Finley and Kendra Cripe with Athena, third place to Pam Conine with Posey, and fourth place to Seth Powers with Wycliffe. Awards were presented by Miss Bond County Fair Kylie Doll and Junior Miss Taitum Walker. Check out the parade video and sponsors list on our Facebook page!

We really enjoyed seeing your dogs and your support of our mission in Bond County to increase awareness and action for the welfare of companion

animals, especially those temporarily homeless cats and dogs. Remember to adopt and/or foster a needy pet and spay/neuter your own pets to prevent unwanted litters. Thank you again, pet lovers!



ABOVE: Lick Painting at the Dog Art Booth. Would you call that more of a Paw-casso or a Paw-llock?



ABOVE: Charlee and Shawna Henrichsmeyer took first place in the Best Dressed Contest! Clever Costume!

LEFT: Congrats Sunny and Robyn Hargan! This kitty raised over \$50 in donations for Cutest Pet Photo first prize!



Silent Auction, Bake Sale, & Pet Photos Grosses Over \$3000



Enormous thank you to The Milk House in Greenville for hosting our Pet Photos with Santa & Bake Sale on Saturday, December 13, and allowing our Silent Auction to run the whole week before. Thank you to our festive volunteers who set up the event areas and guided our customers through all the activities and purchases Saturday. Thank you so much to Mickey our overall event coordinator, to Jennifer our Santa photos coordinator, and to Lorri our photographer! We are so grateful to everyone who baked a treat, bid on an auction item(s), bought a Lottery Tree raffle ticket or greeting card, brought their dog or cat for a photo, sponsored a Secret Santa Shelter Pet, and contributed to the fundraiser in any way, helping our shelter and foster pets waiting for adoptive homes!!

109 Adoptions in 2025! BCBS Pet Intakes/Outcomes Report

129 animals (111 cats/kittens & 18 dogs/puppies) have been taken into Bond County Humane Society shelter care between Jan 1—Dec 31, 2025. **37** rescued from high risk facilities. **109** animals adopted: **94** felines (38 adult cats & 54 kittens) and **17** canines (9 adult dogs & 8 puppies) have been adopted through Bond County Humane Society into forever homes between Jan 1—Dec 31, 2025.

In the **TWENTY-TWO YEARS** since BCBS formed, over **2,850** animals have been rescued and found permanent homes!



ABOVE: Thank you, Carlisle Construction Materials, for your generous end-of-year financial donation (and kitty snuggles session!). So many pets will be helped. We love our community!



ABOVE: These sweet kids and their mom, Heather Drazen, stopped by Bond County Humane Society in December with donations from our wish list, given in loving memory of their Boxer Piper that they adopted from us over 10 years ago. Acts like this remind us how long the love from a rescue lasts—and how it keeps helping others even after goodbye. Thank you for honoring your beloved pup in such a meaningful way.



LEFT: Some fabulous BCBS volunteers served up sandwiches, chips, soft drinks, and home-baked pies, cakes, and cookies at our Cookout Fundraiser Friday, October 3rd at The Milk House in Greenville! Good eats for a great cause! Thanks for grilling, Wes Pourchot & Friends!

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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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 September 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025 in MEMORY of...

Animal Lovers (\$100 - \$499)

... Missy, beloved BCHS shelter cat, by Dusty Hanner and Cris Hart.



... Alan Thomilson by Christopher Barth, Valerie Grissom, Elizabeth Reinders, and the Timmerman Family c/o Robert Timmermann.

... Cynthia Ann Crecelius by Elaine Chastain, Matthew Farwig, Georgianne Kaiser, Koenig Family Trust c/o Marsha Koenig, Dave & Beth Martin, and KayAnna Warthan.

Animal Friends (\$10 - \$99)

... Bernice Kovach, by Linda Fisher.

... Jon Ray Thacker by Randall Neumann.

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!

WGEL's 12 Strays of Christmas

WGEL Radio helped to find some rescued stray and surrendered pets homes this past holiday season. Just like last year, each day for 12 days in December, the station highlighted a different dog or cat on the airwaves at 101.7FM, their website, their email blast, and social media. The DJs reminded listeners that Bond County Humane Society is a splendid place for End Of Year charity giving, too. WGEL's 12 Strays of Christmas program was sponsored by Integrity Financial Services of Greenville.



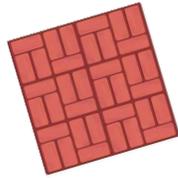
Pet Food Cupboard Program

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
Mar 1, 2025 - Dec 31, 2025



Craig Barton, in loving memory of **Molly, Winnie, Rosie, and Zoe**; Wendy House, in loving memory of **Nancy J. Grist**.

Add your own honor or memorial brick(s) to the BCHS Animal Shelter garden plaza! Order online or at our office.

Lifetime Memberships

Pam Chase	Mary Kasmak
Joe & Caryl Culumber	Mike & Cindy Lotz
Debra Dixon	Barb McClure
John Duft & June Blaine	James & Nona Nance
Dan & Mignon Fetterhoff	James Plunkett
John & Nancy Gillard	Ken Slatton
John & Gina Goldsmith	Nyla Strole
Michelle Grist-Merrifield	David Voils
Jeff Hemker	KayAnna Warthen
Rick & Jane Hilliard	Kathleen R. Wildi
Jane Hopkins	Kit & Mark Whittington
Dennis & Rachel Hundsdorfer	Dave & Mary Ann Willey
Carolyn Johnson	Amanda Zeller
Julie Juarez-Heckman	

Monthly Pledge Donors

Janice Carr	
Margaret Chase	
Debra Dixon	
Michael Heath	
Judy Hulskotter	
Lonnie & Karen Kessinger	
Barb McClure	
Jennifer Mendes	
Robert & Michelle Schaeg	
Milton Smith	

Thank You For All Of Your Donations!

Donations received between
Sept. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

Animal Heroes (\$5000 & up)

Kathleen R. Wildi

Animal Angels (\$2500-\$4999)

Dogs & Cats Stranded on the
Streets (*June Blaine nominated
BCHS for a grant*)

Animal Sponsors (\$500-2499)

Carlisle Construction Materials
Gabriel Gigliotti
Richard McClure
Steven & Kae Schmitt

Animal Lovers (\$100 - \$499)

Kimbery A. Trudell *gave in the
names of her grandchildren.*

Elliott & Cynthia Wiegand *gave in
honor of John & Nancy Gillard.*

FNB Community Bank *made a
corporate matching gift.*

Rose Bone
Larry & Karen Boudouris
Jean Budnicki
Tara L. White Culley
David & Kathryn Dobrinic
Delores & Lynn Filer
Patricia Ferrill
Jonathan & Barbara File
Gary (Robert) Forshaw
Donna Grebel
Kenny & Linda Hampton
Gail Harnetiaux

Cris Hart

Bella Hodges (*Also donated Wish
List Items*)

Wendy (Winifred) House
Margaret Iberg
Daniel & Annita Jackson
Brett Koca
Mike & Cindy Lotz
Bailey McNutt
Roger Neier
Petco Donation Box (*Giving by
Store Customers*)
Donna Sommars
Tammy Stief
Beverly & David Stilt
Kay Stoecklin
Mike & Dorene Wasmuth
Karen S. Watson
Rick Wickham & Belinda Carstens
-Wickham
Carol Ziemba

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Thank You For All Of Your Donations!

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Animal Friends (\$25 - \$99)

Julie Juarez Heckman *sponsored*

Tatiana cat.

Paypal Giving Fund (*Facebook Donations*)

Greg Beaumont

Regina Brown

Jean Burnett

Barbara Busch



Marti & Mary Coderko

Whitney Cook

Tonia Davison

Mary Jane & Dennis File

Mary Gilliland

John & Gina Goldsmith

Dixie Harrison

Thomas & Cookie Langel

Mary Joyce McDonald

Jerry McFarland

Pam Masulla

Randall Neumann

John & Charlotte Nesbit

Deedra Pestle

Candy & Haley Rensing

Mary Reymond

Shari Self

Linda Schmollinger

Thomas & Lea Sommers

Patricia Steiner

Christine Ernest & Mike Terry

KayAnna Warthen

David Williams

Available, Adorable, Adoptable!

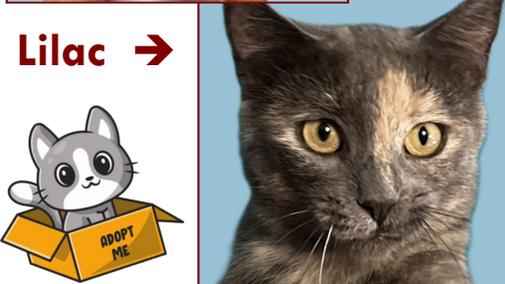
Please help us find homes for these wonderful animals. **Adoptions** are conducted at the BCHS office & adoption center at 2510 S. Elm Street in Greenville and at the Petco store in Fairview Heights 11a-3p most Saturdays.

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.



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Thank you to everyone who contributed stories, letters, facts, ideas, & photos that have helped create the Winter 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? 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.

DONATIONS MAY BE

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Four of our alumni are competing for a shelter grant in the Pet Lovers' Choice Awards.

Final voting ends March 26, 2026. Votes are free & it takes 2 minutes from your day! Find out more online!



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