



Society News

First, The Good News...

We're very proud to announce that our "Out Alive" rate at the shelter for 2006 is a phenomenal 82%! This increased adoption success is due to all the new programs we've implemented to take care of the animals at our shelter. We've all committed to going that extra mile to help—or, in the case of our "Waggin' Train" volunteers who transport animals to shelters in New England, that extra thousand miles.

Of course, it's not just the shelter staff and Board of Directors who deserve the credit for finding so many homeless animals their forever homes, but all the other people who gave to the cause, too:

From the volunteers who gave their time and their homes to foster pets, which made so many dogs and cats more adoptable and relieved the shelter's overcrowding; to those who drove pets to out-of-state shelters where more homes were waiting for them; to those who exercised and groomed shelter pets; to the people who donated money to medical funds, the spay/neuter program, and the other BCHS funds that keep the shelter and its programs going; to the folks who donated cleaning products, blankets, food, toys, treats, collars and leashes; this year's success was a group effort. An effort that succeeded in making a marked change for the better in our community.

Together we saved the lives of more than a thousand pets this year. That's a thousand dogs and cats that are living in loving homes who otherwise wouldn't be living at all.

And, also thanks to our members' hard work and generosity, there are many, many more people out there who found a special companion to share their lives, because they were able to adopt one of



the pets we all helped save.

So while you're enjoying all the gift-giving this season, try to remember to pause and think about the wonderful gift you gave to all those homeless dogs and cats—the gift of a happy, secure life with a loving family.

As the Aussies say: *Good on ya!*

More good news is that the number of dogs entering the shelter seems to have leveled off over the last few years. That the number of homeless dogs is holding steady for once, rather than continuing to grow as in the past, probably means that all these years of the BCHS's efforts to promote the spaying and neutering of companion animals has at last made a difference with the county's dog owners.

Too bad the cat owners haven't gotten the message. Which brings us to:

Now the Bad News...

Even though the dog population has stabilized, the cat population is still booming.

Over the past few years we've seen a dramatic increase in the number of cats coming into our shelter, and this year, for the first time in the history of the Brown County

Humane Society, the number of cats entering our shelter will equal or exceed the number of dogs.

In 2000 we had 296 cats come through our doors. This year, in just the first ten months, we have had more than double that many cats to the shelter! As I write this, in mid-November, cats and kittens are still pouring in at a rapid rate.

Sadly, even with all our wonderful volunteers' help and all the resources that they and the BCHS can bring to bear, finding homes for more than six-hundred cats in one year is nearly impossible.

We are hopeful that our spay/neuter programs will begin to curb this disturbing trend, and soon. It's such a waste to have so many kitties without a hope of finding a friendly lap to curl up in. It's just not right.

So please forgive us if we sound like a broken record but: The BCHS encourages everyone to spay and neuter both their dogs and cats, as cats can reproduce at an astounding rate—one un-spayed female cat and her inevitable offspring can produce 420,000 cats in just seven years. So if you need help getting your pet spayed or neutered please contact the shelter. We are here to help.



Amazing Shelter Success Story: Jody's 175 Kitties

What one person can do to make a difference for the homeless animals in our county is truly amazing.

Our relationship with Jody Rainbolt began in 2002 when she stopped by the shelter while visiting Brown County one day.

Jody introduced herself and explained that she was an Indianapolis-based cat lover who devoted much of her time to saving cats in her community. As she described her operation, it became clear that she wasn't your average part-time cat rescuer—Jody has dedicated time and resources above and beyond the usual, and she was amazingly organized, dedicated, and resourceful.

She had been saving cats advertised in her local newspaper, singly and by entire litters at a time.

Once acquiring the cats, she pays to have them vaccinated, vet checked, and spayed/neutered at one of many local vets she works with, then offers them for adoption by advertising them on veterinarian bulletin boards, ads in local newspapers and at her office complex, and online.

She explained that she had been trying to form relationships with Indianapolis area animal shelter organizations so she could help even more cats find homes, but she wasn't having much luck.

Because, according to Jody, "The other shelters I worked with were happy to send as many cats to me as I wanted to take, but the cats were poorly cared for, did not have good documentation of health records, and

the shelters would never help out getting medicines the cats needed. So I had a hard time dealing with them."

But the BCHS was more than happy to join her as a working partner in her efforts—we were over the moon about having a chance to save more homeless Brown County cats.

So we checked out her operation, which we found to be efficient and wonderfully cat-friendly, then forged a strong relationship with her which still thrives today.

As a result, over the last four years Jody has found good homes for hundreds of Brown County cats. In fact, in just the first 10 months of this year she single-handedly found homes for 175 of them. (You can read about one of them, a kitten named Max, in another *Shelter Success Story* on page 4.)

So for all the cats she's saved, we all want to say *Thanks Jody*, you truly are amazing!



Something to Think About...

We recently began working with Ed Ryan, broker and manager of the Nashville office of the Edward Jones investment firm. Ed now manages our Promise Fund and advises us on financial matters as we begin work to secure the BCHS's extended future. He is also available to work with donors who wish to consider including the Humane Society in their estate planning.

Feel free to call on Ed to discuss how you might structure "tax smart" donations to the Humane Society or to our Promise Fund. You can reach him at his office at: (812) 988-8261.



Happy Holidays

Memberships & Donations

Yes! I want to be a member!

- Student (18yrs & Under).....\$10
- Senior (55 & Over).....\$10
- Individual.....\$25
- Family.....\$35
- Organizations, Clubs, Businesses..\$65
- Sustaining Member.....\$100+

Yes! I want to help! Here's my tax-deductible donation:



Your Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Donation \$ _____ Check # _____

Please help the animals!

The BCHS is a nonprofit organization; contributions are tax deductible. Please fill out this form and send it along with a check or money order to:

Brown County Humane Society
c/o Agnes Unger
18 Redbud Lane
Nashville, IN 47448



Volunteers Needed! Please check each activity you are interested in:

Education:

- ___ Work at information booths
- ___ Help with publications/web-sites

Fundraising:

- ___ Join the committee to help plan events

Shelter:

- ___ Work with the animals
- ___ Front office assistant
- ___ Adoption follow-up
- ___ Shelter maintenance
- ___ Lost and found
- ___ Breed Rescue
- ___ Fostering

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SHAWN COLLEEN LUNDE

—Carl and Barbara Lunde

JANE GAMES

—David Girot

MY SWEET "REAGAN"

—James Lynch

"BOB," BELOVED CAT OF LOREN REUTER

—Barbara Zieg

"CORY," PET OF SUTHERLIN'S

—Pat & Kendra Loyal

"GRACIE"

—Susan Jablonski

"JAKE" THE CAT

—David & Daren Redman

"LUCY"

—Kathleen Allspaw

"MAGGIE"

—Jerry & Marilyn Huffman

"RJ"

—Pam & Jerry Simo

"SASS," THE POD-NESS

—Marge Abels

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—Christine Veith

BRANDY, MISS KITTY & MY DAD

—Patti Fleetwood

LOUIS WEATHERFORD

—Steven & Kathleen Sharp

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—Marilyn Bryant

TOM BARNHART

—Ronald & B. Elizabeth Harvey



To make a memorial donation, please send a check for any amount along with your name, the name of the person or pet, and a brief message, if desired, to:

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c/o Agnes Unger

18 Redbud Lane

Nashville, TN 47448



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"MOKEY" THE BIGGEST LITTLE GUY ♥

—James & Barbara Wittwer

"KING FRITZ OF INDIANA"

—Robert & Shirley Malina

FOR "KILO" LOVED BY THE SOUTHERLAND FAMILY

—Marge Abels

FOR MACDUFF SAVESKY, A GREAT CAT.

—Kathleen Allspaw

FOR WHEEZER, NEIGHBOR CAT, THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

—Marge Abels

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, BUD LOYAL

—Pat & Kendra Loyal

CATHI EGAN AND ALL HER WORK

—Marjorie Cook

DOROTHY ADAMS, FOR HER BEQUEST

—The Brown County Humane Society

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—Wanda Jones

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♥ ♥ To everyone who has donated to help the animals this year

Thank You! ♥ ♥



Shelter Success Story: Finding “Max”

Who could resist a face like that? I can tell you for a fact, I could not!

My husband Robert and I are both animal lovers. We have four cats who are all rescues: Britney, Karma, Cali, and Rufus (the youngest).

The company I work for has an online classified section which I frequently browse, just looking at the pictures of the kittens advertised there. (Our Rufus actually came from someone on those classifieds.) I’d noticed that many of the cats posted were by someone named Jody Ann Rainbolt. I emailed her a few times about certain cats, but never got the chance to go and see the kitties at her house. Until I came across the picture of Max (printed at right).

I showed my husband the picture of this

beautiful buff kitty and used these two arguments with him:

—We don’t have one this color!

—We need one cat for every person in our house! (We have three children.)

Because my husband loves animals just as much as I do – he fell in love with that beautiful little face. So I finally called Jody and made an appointment to go see her.

When we got to Jody’s house, it was obvious that she was a cat lover as well (I believe she has 8 of her own). She took me back into her back room – and I walked into a den of purring fur. I sat down on the floor and had about ten cats instantly in my lap begging for attention. Anyone could see that these cats were spoiled while they were in Jody’s care.

The little ball of fur that was my reason for being there came up to me and put his paw on my leg – but was unwilling to break



through the chaos in my lap. I picked him up and he immediately started purring. I was hooked. I asked Jody where I needed to sign.

As I was filling out the paperwork, Jody mentioned that my new little kitty had come all the way from a shelter in Brown County.

Max has been a ray of sunshine in our house ever since. He and Rufus became fast pals and go everywhere together.

— Elizabeth A. Hofmann

With a ^{Lot of} ~~Little~~ Help from Our Friends...

Patty Lindley – photographing the pets for the website

Levi Thomas – editing, publishing, and distributing the newsletters

Jim Reichert – attorney services

Cathi Eagan – rescue coordination, transportation, medical costs, off-site adoption coordination, and hundreds of other things, too

Marge Cook – driving to New England, working at off-site adoption, parking cars

Stephanie Gore – accounting services

Brown County Printing – help with special printing projects and storage of parking banners

Jodi & Matt Schermerhorn at Rescue Farm, Mary George at Labor of Love and Bloomington Vet Hospital – housing BCHS dogs until they go on transport to New England

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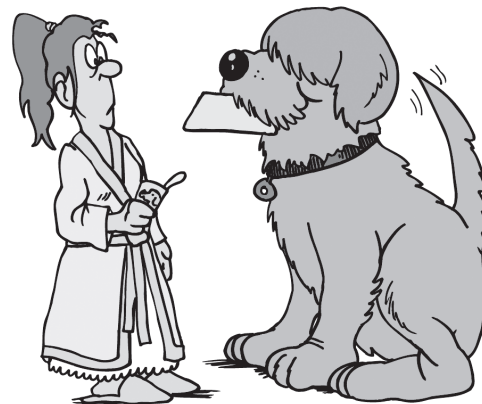
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Free Big Dog Spay/Neuter

Got a BIG DOG? One that weighs 40 pounds or more? If so, you can contact our shelter (988-7362) and get a certificate good for one free spay or neuter for your big dog. The only requirement is that your dog weigh 40 pounds or more, but this is a limited time offer, so call today!

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The mission of the Brown County Humane Society is to be a community resource dedicated to promoting the welfare of all animals in our county. We provide temporary shelter to pets in need and promote the adoption of homeless pets into loving, permanent homes. We advocate respect for animals through public education about responsible pet ownership. We support and promote the spaying and neutering of companion animals as the best solution to pet overpopulation in our community.