

Goodbye 2011—it was a great year!!!

The Brown County Humane Society (BCHS) had an amazing 2011. We had everything from heartwarming stories of homeless pets finding their forever families to sold-out fundraisers. We had a new volunteer coordinator join our team, and S.P.O.T. reached more community members than ever before. This edition of the newsletter will showcase our highlights as well as let you know what's coming up for 2012.

97%

By far the biggest achievement this year was reaching a 97% Out Alive rate—our highest rate ever!!! This means that we found forever homes for almost all of our homeless pets. The remaining 3% included many sick kittens and puppies who were just too sick when they arrived and dogs that were too dangerous to safely re-home.

Zero: the number of cats we euthanized this year!!! This is the first year that we have reached that incredible goal. We were able to find homes for all of our barn cats as well as our special-needs kitties—over a dozen cats we treated for ringworm, 2 cats who tested positive for feline AIDS (Mungo Jerry and Nakota), kittens with birth defects (Tootsie was born without a back paw), cats with chronic diarrhea (Angelo), and 5 siblings (Bo, Bernard, Bernice, Belinda and Barney) who tested positive for feline leukemia. All happy endings beginnings!



388!

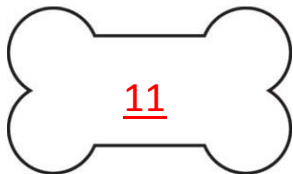


Strawberry

That's the number of days Strawberry, one of our senior cats, was at the shelter. But today she has a forever home with a wonderful lady--and Strawberry's friend Meagan (age 12) got adopted too! We will miss both girls, but are thrilled they have a new loving family to join--and they get to stay together.



Meagan



11: The number of dogs who entered our shelter with mange. After weeks of medicine and baths, all of these loving dogs were adopted into forever homes—completely mange-free! Cheers to: Bea, Hugo, Daisy, Finnegan, Mango, Squiggles, Betty, Wilma, Dewey, Crew and Muffin!



A Few of Our Other Amazing Statistics for 2011

- 🐾 614: the number of dogs who entered our shelter
- 🐾 482: the number of cats who entered our shelter
- 🐾 122: the number of dogs adopted off-site at adoption fairs
- 🐾 40: the number of feral cats who entered our shelter—then were adopted as barn cats.
- 🐾 111: the number of cats adopted off-site
- 🐾 6: The number of dogs who arrived at the shelter & tested positive for heartworm
- 🐾 13,000+: the number of hours our volunteers donated

Wish List for 2012

- 🐾 Cat Litter
- 🐾 Purina Kitten and Indoor Formula Cat Food
- 🐾 Purina Puppy and Dog Chow
- 🐾 KMR (Kitten Milk Replacer)
- 🐾 Pig Ears
- 🐾 Dog hair clippers
- 🐾 Furminators (cats & dogs)
- 🐾 Bleach
- 🐾 Dawn dish soap
- 🐾 Paper towels
- 🐾 Office Supplies

Some of our favorite 2011 adoption moments:

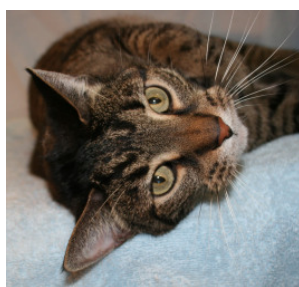
After waiting for 727 days, **Crew** found his forever home! The BCHS does not have time limits on their pets. After several bouts with mange, Crew is a healthy, beautiful boy. Crew spent over a year with a committed foster family to help him find the perfect home. Crew is now being spoiled like crazy every day.

Tony and Tippy, 9-year-old brothers, were brought to the shelter when their owner died. Determined to adopt these senior boys together, the staff explained to potential adopters how reliant they were on each other after being together for so long. It worked! Tony and Tippy were adopted together to a loving forever home where they can curl up and sleep together every single day.

Near death, **Yogi** arrived after sustaining major injuries from a car accident. With the will to live, Yogi overcame head trauma, a fracture to one leg and removal of the other leg. Within 1 ½ months of special care in a dual foster environment, Yogi found a new, loving home with a new dog sister and two parents who adore them.



Crew



Tony



Tippy



Yogi

Microchipping for Cats!!

Only 2% of cats were reclaimed by owners in 2011. In an effort to get more cats returned to their owners, in Fall 2011, we began microchipping our cats as part of their adoption. We received many friendly cats last year, and we know they had previous homes. Come on Brown County, we know you love your cats, check the shelter when they go missing!



Our 2011 Volunteers of the Year!!!

Congratulations to Carol and Emily Cameron!!!

Together, they logged over 500 hours a year for our shelter, taking photographs of our cats and dogs, and posting them to www.Petfinder.com, to help us get everyone adopted. We are thrilled to give them this well-deserved award.

A Few Hours a Week Helps Our Homeless Pets

Our new Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Jean Holwager, is determined to make 2012 the best year for the shelter pets with YOUR help. Whatever your interest is, Mary Jean will match you with the perfect job. Contact Mary Jean at 988—0893 or bchumanevolunteer@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities

Cat Care Specialist – Assist staff with daily cat cleaning.

Dog Walking - All dogs benefit from some time outside of the kennel. Enjoy our nice walking path and fenced area with a shelter dog.

Foster Family – Provide temporary care for shelter animals and prepare them for adoption into a permanent home.

Off-site Adoptions - Showcase pets and assist with adoptions at various venues.

Animal Socialization - Play with puppies, kittens and cats. Help them get used to people. This is a great one for kids to help with.

Grooming - Bathe puppies, dogs and occasionally cats. Brush them and help them look their best for potential adopters.

PetCo in Bloomington - Stop by PetCo to feed, clean and play with the shelter's adoptable pets.

Adoption Follow-Up – Call or e-mail adopters to ensure that each adopted pet is doing well.

Dog Care Specialist - Assist staff with daily dog cleaning.

Special Events Planning/Worker - Help plan and implement events like Chocolate! Chocolate!, Dawg Gone Walk & Fiesta, Chocolate Walk & Barn Sale.

Animal Transporter – Transport animals for appointments with veterinary offices, groomers, rescue groups, and as part of Canine Express.

Providing Shelter Maintenance - If you're handy around the house, let us know. The shelter ALWAYS need some maintenance work done.

Office Assistant – Greet visitors, answer phone calls, complete paperwork, process data.

Board Member - Board members are responsible for determining policy, approving the annual budget, and determining the goals of the Society.

Legislative - Work to change laws to reduce pet overpopulation and to improve the daily lives of animals.

Humane Education - Provide presentations to various civic groups and classrooms regarding humane animal care and the various BCHS programs.

Dog Trainer – Work with shelter dogs to make them more adoptable.

Seamstress – Cut & sew donated quilts/blankets to useable size.

Videographer – Take videos of shelter pets and at special events.

S.P.O.T. - Help with spay/neuter days, field team members, the Phoneathon and rabies clinic.

[Join the fun with the 100+ other people who volunteer for the BCHS](#)



To make a memorial donation, please send a check along with your name and the name of the person or pet you want to honor to: **Brown County Humane Society, P.O. Box 746, Nashville, IN 47448**

In Memory Of Henry David And Biscuit — Steven And Sue Crandall
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In Memory Of Charlotte Wyatt — Melissa J. Davis
In Memory Of Cheryl Kocher — Patricia Bolinger
In Memory Of Knight, For His Many Years Of Service — Michael And Abby Gray
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In Memory Of Nina Fitch

Eve, Gillian and Helen Gardner
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Charmaine
David and Lorilyn Thomas
Paul and Maribeth Haulter

In Memory Of Wilbur

David and Kathy Cuppy
Pat and Kendra Loyal

In Memory Of Al Pockevich

Dennis and Barbara Watson
Andrea Barber
Larry and Elizabeth Kolar
Kermit & Fenelia Flinn
Evalena Smith

Our Enhanced Foster Program

Have you ever wanted to try fostering an animal from our shelter? Now is the time. We've made many improvements to make things easier and more fun. We'll work with your schedule. If you can only foster for a few weeks, that's better than not fostering at all. Some kittens or puppies will only need a few weeks before they are ready to be adopted.

Our new Foster Coordinator, Diane, will be checking in with you weekly to see how things are going and to let you know about potential adopters for your foster babies. We also have a veterinary technician available by phone or e-mail for any questions or concerns. We will give you set dates for things like spay/neuter and needed vaccines, so you know each stage of the fostering process.

Our Goal: All kittens under 3 months and puppies under 2 months old will be in foster homes, and all dogs undergoing heartworm treatment. We are estimating that we need about 25 kitty foster homes, 10 puppy foster homes and 10 adult dog foster homes.

"I was a little nervous about being a foster parent. I'd never raised baby kittens before and I was afraid the shelter wouldn't be able to find homes for them. If that happened, I knew I'd just end up keeping them. I sure didn't need five more cats of my own. However, my family and I had a wonderful experience. It was so much fun playing with the little kitties and watching them grow.

We look forward to fostering more kitten litters." --Heather



Please e-mail Diane for more info: dianepettiner@gmail.com



S.P.O.T.

(Serving Pets Outreach Team)

2011 Highlights

With your support, we surpassed every one of our goals!



1,003

We set a challenging goal in 2011: to get 1000 public pets spayed/neutered. We not only hit 1000, we kept going, hitting 1,003!!! Mr. Mercer's sweet cat, Girl, was our 1000th pet. Sue Ann Werling, SPOT's Chairman, presented Girl and her dad, Mr. Mercer, with a gift bag full of treats as a thank-you for helping us hit our goal.

3,244

3,244! This is the number of volunteer hours. We have an amazing team and would love for you to join us. Or if you can't spare the time, how about sparing some items for donations, like dog houses, fencing, pet food, etc.? Please call 812-703-0797.



31

We held 31 spay/neuter clinics in 2011. In those 31 clinics, we spayed or neutered 1003 community pets!

5,855

We delivered 5,855 pounds of dog and cat food to our Brown County neighbors who needed a bit of help. We want families (animal and human) to stay together in hard times, so if SPOT can help, please contact us.



751

Of all of the pets we fixed in 2011, 751 also needed rabies vaccines. That's 75% of the pets!! SPOT is planning a rabies clinic this spring to help all pets get their vaccines.



21

We helped 21 colonies of feral cats with our TNR program—Trap/Neuter/Return. This allows colony caretakers to have their outside cats, but not have to worry about a cat population explosion.

196

In 2011, we delivered 196 bales of straw to homes with outside dogs and cats, to help the animals stay warm. If you need straw for your outside pets, call us: 812-703-0797



And very exciting news: a new van was donated in 2011, so now we can help even more people in our community!



BCHS Events Roundup

For detailed information on our events,
go to our website: www.bchumane.org

Our fundraisers are one of our main sources of income. It costs over \$20,000 a month (\$240,000 a year!!!) to run our shelter. Thank you for coming out and helping us raise money. Hope to see you this year too! We've got some great things happening. The dates for our 2012 events are:

Feb 12: Chocolate! Chocolate!

Last year: A variety of over 80 different chocolate treats were served and we made over \$5,500!

This year: Spend Valentine's Day with your sweetie and help the homeless pets at the same time! We're also having a silent auction with amazing items.

May 20: Dawg Gone Walk & Fiesta

Last year: Over 100 dogs joined in the fun and everyone had a great time. We raised over \$22,000!!!

This year: It's our 10th anniversary!!! We want every dog in Brown County to join us for a fun-filled afternoon that they will never forget!

Aug. 16-18: Barn Sale

Last year: Everyone was incredibly generous with their donations, allowing us to raise almost \$9,000 for our homeless pets!!!

This year: Please remember us for donations when doing your spring cleaning, then in August, come and shop!

Sept. 8-9: Puppies & Pumpkins

Last year: A great adoption event at the BC Art Gallery. Lots of people got wonderful puppy kisses and everyone had a blast! We even had a couple of our dogs adopted into forever homes!

This year: We'll have more super-cute puppies looking for loving families.

November 10: Chocolate Walk

Last year: We sold out all 1,250 tickets and raised over \$21,000, making this our biggest Chocolate Walk so far!

This year: Our 5th anniversary!!! We can't wait for you to see which shops/chocolatiers will be participating!

Dec. 16: Open House

Last year: Your generous donations to our homeless cats & dogs were piled high, giving them a holiday to remember.

This year: We hope to give the animals another holiday to remember as they await their new homes.

BCHS MISSION: *The BCBS is a community resource dedicated to promoting animal welfare. We provide temporary shelter to pets in need and promote adoption into permanent, loving homes. We support and promote spaying and neutering to eliminate pet overpopulation. We advocate compassionate care and respect for animals through public education.*



Shelter Staff

Amy Sizemore – Canine Coordinator
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Amy Nevins, Karen Westfall
Mary Jean Holwager – Volunteer Coordinator
Red Nastoff – SPOT Coordinator

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Thank you for your generous support!