



Paw Prints

Newsletter of the Brown County Humane Society

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UNCHAIN OUR DOGS: The journey to get an ordinance passed to limit dog chaining in Brown County has been a long one with many bumps. It started in Oct 2010 when the Animal Control Commission asked the Commissioners to pass an ordinance to regulate dog chaining. Since then the Commissioners have been back and forth on their support. At the final meeting on Sep 21 they passed a watered down version which does little to help chained dogs. We will continue this fight.

NEW VOLUNTEER PROGRAM: The BCHS received a grant from the William and Charlotte Parks Foundation to provide funds for a volunteer program. We are excited about the possibilities this funding provides and are in the process of getting this new program up and running.

PETSMART OFF-SITE ADOPTIONS: Claire Mitchell, one of our shelter staff, took on the project to organize an off-site adoption event every Saturday at the PetSmart in Greenwood. Claire is averaging 3-4 adoptions/week. So far this program has found homes for 90 dogs and cats!

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS: The BCHS was asked to speak at two conferences in November. Board member and SPOT chair, Sue Ann Werling will address about 20 Pets Alive Spay/Neuter transport partners in Bloomington. She will be providing information on how to create a SPOT program in each of their communities. Jane Weatherford, Board Secretary, is traveling to Las Vegas to speak at the No More Homeless Pets Conference, sponsored by Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. Jane will be sharing Brown County's path to no-kill with approximately 1000 attendees. The BCHS is delighted to be able to share their success stories with organizations, to help move the entire nation to No Kill.

S.P.O.T. UPDATE: We are three-quarters through the year and it looks like SPOT will meet their goal of providing assistance to Brown County residents to have 1000 dogs and cats fixed in 2011. So far this year SPOT has assisted with 750 surgeries with another 50 already scheduled. Nice job SPOT!!

SHELTER INTAKE: Thanks to SPOT's aggressive spay/neuter program, we are seeing a decline in the number of pets coming into the shelter for the 2nd year in a row! Last year, we received 34% fewer cats and 18% fewer dogs. So far this year as compared to last year, we have received 21% fewer cats and 4% fewer dogs.

SHELTER DOG TRAINING: We were very lucky to have had Steve Buckmann, a positive reinforcement dog trainer, spend the summer with several volunteers and staff members teaching them to train shelter dogs. Steve is an accomplished trainer and is very interested in helping shelter dogs. He donated his time and expertise so that we could learn ways to help our dogs be more adoptable. It paid off as several dogs who went through the training were quickly adopted!

FIND YOUR MATCH: Creative shelter volunteers wanted match-making to be easier for potential adopters. They created a color-code scheme that indicates the personality category of each dog and cat at the shelter. The cats and dogs are categorized as: Couch Potato (orange), The Entertainer (green), Bashful (purple) etc. Won't you stop by the shelter and see which pets match your personality?

PETCO CATS: Three years ago the BCHS partnered with PetCo in Bloomington to help find homes for our cats and kittens. A huge thanks goes to the volunteers who make this program possible. Every morning and evening a BCHS volunteer must stop in and care for the cats. Their hard work has paid off! To date, 311 cats have found homes through this partnership!

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Hours: M,W,F,S,S noon to 5 pm
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BCHS Events

Nov 12, 2011 - Chocolate Walk in Nashville
Nov 18, 2011 - Appreciation Event at BC Art Gallery
Dec 18, 2011 - Open House at the Shelter
Feb 12, 2012 - Chocolate! Chocolate! at the Season's
May 15, 2012 - Dawg Gone Walk & Fiesta at Deer Run

Happy Tails – Real Stories about Real Pets



Charlie – Home Again!

Charlie arrived late in March with a painful urinary tract infection and teeth that were the worst the veterinarian had ever seen. After a few days in the shelter it was obvious that this boy needed to be in a foster home. For an old guy, 10-14 years, those kennel floors were just too hard for his arthritic bones. Charlie recovered swimmingly in foster and became a happy-go-lucky boy. Amazingly, after 4 months, Charlie’s family saw his picture on a BCHS flyer and were ecstatic to be reunited with him.

Bear and Germaine were two amazingly close brothers. They played together, slept curled together and even ate with their heads in the same bowl. A lot of people are only looking to adopt one cat, but we knew if these two were separated, they would be miserable. Luckily, a father and his daughter came in and saw how close the boys were and knew they needed to adopt both. Today Bear and Germaine are happy as can be because they have a wonderful loving home—and they have each other.



Brothers – together forever!



Crew – Adopted!

Crew came in as a young puppy with his brother, Motley. Both were infested with demodectic mange. Motley recovered fairly quickly and was adopted, but Crew couldn’t seem to kick it. Crew was moved to a foster home where life was less stressful. There he lived for over a year with a family who did all they could to help find him a home. Finally 728 days after entering the shelter, a wonderful family with 3 young boys, chose Crew to be their best friend.

Michael Jackson was surrendered to us because the owners’ apartment wouldn’t allow pets. Michael Jackson became a staff favorite at the shelter and we could never understand why he wasn’t adopted. Five months later his owners, still badly missing him, saw his photo on our posters and realized he was still with us. That was their sign. They got a new apartment that allowed pets and came and re-adopted him. As soon as MJ saw his family, he perked up and started purring. Now we know that he didn’t want to be adopted by just anyone, he was waiting to return to his family.



Michael Jackson goes home!



Cajun – All you need is love!

Cajun – wouldn’t stop cowering in his kennel. It took one special volunteer to change this. For weeks, Mike went in every day to just sit with Cajun, creating a bond. Others tried to walk him, but Cajun would lie as flat to the ground as he could possibly get. Eventually Cajun became comfortable and Mike was able to take him for short walks. To help Cajun improve, Mike began fostering him. Cajun improved daily. Today Cajun is a happy boy who walks for miles every day. It just took love and trust—something BCHS specializes in.

Save The Shelter Money: We’re now offering our newsletters via e-mail. To go paperless, please e-mail Jane@bchumane.org and put “newsletter” in the subject line. **Less paper = more money for homeless pets**



Medical Fund Saves Lives

The Brown County Humane Society has a special fund set aside to care for pets who come in with special medical needs. Below are the stories of some of the pets who have been saved this year due to the folks who have generously donated to this fund.



Dharma – Foster to Family

Dharma – a beautiful husky mix was hit by a car and left for dead. One of our supporters saw her by the side of the road and called the shelter asking if we could check on this dog. This is not something we typically do, but Animal Control was too far away so our shelter manager and a volunteer rushed to the scene. There they found Dharma in shock and near death. She was taken straight to a vet and immediately underwent surgery. Although Dharma lost her leg, she found a wonderful home with the volunteer who helped rescue her.

Bernie – suffers from an incurable inner ear infection which causes him to tilt his head and sometimes walk in circles. Living outside on his own, Bernie had ear mites when he arrived. Years of not being treated caused permanent damage to Bernie's ears. He has been through multiple rounds of antibiotics, which helped reduce the circling. Bernie's a happy boy and doesn't seem to mind the tilted world he sometimes sees. The vets have said not to worry about Bernie's condition and that he is fine to be adopted. Bernie is looking for a forever family.



Bernie – sees the world a little differently



Yogi – still recovering

Yogi – another unfortunate dog who was hit by a car. He sustained a broken jaw and two broken back legs. One leg's femur was broken in 3 places. Hours and hours were spent trying to find Yogi's family, to no avail. With Yogi showing a strong will to live, the BCHS gave the go ahead to repair the fractures. Unfortunately the femur was too shattered to be able to be fixed and Yogi's leg was amputated. He is currently in foster care.

Hector – Arrived with a Cuterebra infection (warble fly) in his nose. Cats are accidental hosts for this, rather disgusting, botfly larvae. Hector's little nose was swollen 3X the normal size, and Hector was not able to eat because he couldn't smell his food. He was starving to death. Within the hour we made an emergency vet appointment and the warble fly was surgically removed. After 2 weeks in foster care, Hector gained 2 pounds and is now at PetCo waiting for a forever family.



Hector – Before & After

Brown County Humane Society Mission

The BCHS 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.

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, PO Box 746, Nashville, IN 47448**

~~ IN MEMORY OF~~

Anne Smith & Niki – Pat & Kendra Loyal
Annie – Leo & Lyn Miller
Athena Christina – Rochelle Banziger
Connie Korte – Harry & Mary Ashman
Dasher Vigdal – Eric Gaylord
Rev. Keith Mills – Harold & Carol Cameron
Margaret Locken – Marge Cook
Margaret Locken – Jane Weatherford
Helen Fisher – Hotel Nashville Resort
Helen Fisher – Steve & Danna Moore
Helen O'Grady – Sharlene Wozniak & Eric Whitlock
Helen O'Grady – Nancy Markland
Kate Comiskey – Steven & Nancy Comiskey
Ladson Richardson – Darrin & Angela Hauk
Ladson Richardson – Thomas & Janet Murray
Libby – Quinn & Linda Hetherington
Licy & Buck – Lee Edgren
Miss Margaret – Kathleen Allspaw
Misty & Patches – Brenda Krieger
Pat Mcguire – Terry Linthicum
Patty Nolting – Bill & Jackie Phillips
Sandra Biszantz – Carl Biszantz
Shelley – Sue Ahbe
Max – Carl & Barb Lunde

~~ IN MEMORY OF CHARLES TIDD~~

Yvonne Tidd Robert & Shirley Malina
Bond-Mitchell Funeral Home

~~ IN MEMORY OF JEFF QUICK~~

Dan & Elizabeth Bass Clara Young
Richard & Jan Halladay

~~ IN MEMORY OF KATHY KIRK~~

Frederick Ary Curtis & Jeanette Scheifinger
Katrina Vollmer Marvin & Rosemary Antonides
Wenvell & Carol Shoultz Joyce Jordan-Peek
Dunham Plumbing Co Larry & Rebecca Foster
Charles & Elaine Hoefflin CE & Janice Willis
Joan Foster Gene & Glenna Brown
Faithe Welch Barbara Bowman

~~ IN MEMORY OF WILBUR~~

Kenn & Pat Underwood 4H Ridgerunners Club
James & Judith Huber Anton & Deon Loyal
Michael & Jaydene Laros Sue Ahbe

~~ IN MEMORY OF RUTH CULP ~~

Edith Snyder Maxine Snyder
Parkview Lot Owners Association

~~ IN MEMORY OF PAUL WILLIAMSON~~

Sandra Cain Steve & Brenda Fox
Linda Campbell Richard & Jan Halladay
Lois & James Gredy Steven & Leslie
Commercial Office Environments
Brown County Democrat Women

~~ IN HONOR OF~~

Animal Control – Coretta York
Frankie – June Mercer
Sweet Sam – James & Barbara Wittwer
Rich Royster's Birthday – Nancy Winkley
Sue Ann Werling – Linda Moeller
Olivia – Nate & Gretchen Tipton
Charles Cody – Evan & Sue Ann Werling
Ian Flessers 11th Birthday – Edward & Cheryl Fleming
Jaime Robbins – Arlene Badger
Stacy Cutter – Cynthia Jo Temple
Sue Ann Werling – Emil & Edith Moeller

Meet the Staff: Amy Nevins started as a volunteer helping out one day a week, but as the shelter filled up with kitties, she realized the huge need and began volunteering every day. She was such a wonderful asset that we ended up hiring her. Amy is the proud mom of 23 companion animals. She has a passion for horses, and prior to coming to the shelter, her favorite job was as a therapeutic riding instructor. She is also skilled in massage therapy (human). Her favorite critter is her solid black American Paint horse named Tank, but that all depends on how well Tank is behaving that day! Amy and her husband have 2 children and are the proud grandparents of Hayeleigh (a.k.a. Pookie).

Amy & Tank



Shelter Staff – Jaime Robbins – Manager; Amy Sizemore – Canine Coord; Sherry Lane – Feline Coord, Heidi Duncan, Claire Mitchell, Amy Nevins, Eliot Reynolds, Kylie VanArsdale, Karen Westfall