



Paw Prints

Newsletter of the Brown County Humane Society

Autumn, 2007

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Society News

October already? How did that happen?

Luckily, just as the influx of tourists begins to swell here in Brown County, the influx of dogs and cats at our shelter begins to wane. And with our busiest months behind us, we pause for a moment and take stock of the year so far, to tally our gains and our losses, to orient ourselves (and you), and to try to make everything shipshape and in Bristol fashion so that we might better weather the next big wave to come.

Crunchy Numbers

With three-quarters of 2007 over, we are delighted to announce that the number of dogs entering our shelter so far is significantly lower than it was this time last year. So it looks like maybe, hopefully, our efforts to help get pets spayed and neutered is beginning to pay off—with the dog population, at least. The cat population, on the other hand, seems to still be out of control, based on the number of homeless felines that came to our shelter this year... and kept on coming.

Still, fewer dogs is a big plus in the Win column and we are all thrilled and relieved to know that the ones that come to us, being fewer in number, will have a much better chance of finding good homes. In fact, so far this year we were able to place 450 pets through our shelter, and another 175 have been adopted through our partnerships with other shelters and rescue groups.

When compared to other Indiana shelters, ours is doing a terrific job of finding each adoptable pet a home.

And happiest news of all: it looks like we are going to break last year's record high "Out Alive" rate this year. It feels great to know that most of the sweet, gentle pets

"I just wanted to send you a quick update on the puppy that we adopted from you in March... I may be a little bias, but she is possibly the most perfect puppy I have ever seen! She is GREAT with other dogs, people, children, and our cats. I just wanted to say THANK YOU for choosing us to be Chole's parents! She is the joy of my life and I love her to pieces!"



that we meet and care for at the shelter are ending up in their forever homes and getting their happily ever afters. Makes all the hard work of the past nine months more than worth it.

S/N Campaign

So far this year 430 shelter pets have been spayed or neutered and we've assisted Brown County residents with getting another 88 altered.

That should go a long way towards decreasing the number of homeless pets next year, and for years to come. And we aren't resting on our laurels either—we are already planning new ways to raise money for more spays/neuters next year and to spread the word about spaying and neutering as the only sensible and humane way to make sure all companion animals have the best chance of finding loving homes.

Balancing Act

The ultimate goal is for ours to be a "No Kill" community where no healthy dog or cat is euthanized because there are not enough homes to go around.

To do that, we have to make sure there is a balance between the number of animals born here and the number of homes available for them. It would do little good to simply declare ourselves a "No Kill" shelter now, only to have to turn away hundreds of homeless pets because our kennels are already full. Whose problem would those other animals be? Where would they go and what would become of them?

So we keep on attacking the problem at its source—pet overpopulation—trying to balance the number of pets in Brown County

with the number of homes available to them, as we work for a future that best serves the animals, and the community.

Several New England states have managed to achieve the "No Kill" goal, proving that an aggressive spay/neuter program is the way to make that happen. Using their model, we are beginning to make progress toward this goal in here Brown County, too.

You can read more about some of these shelters and how they are working with us to find good homes for surplus Brown County dogs on page 3 (*New Englanders Seek Brown County Mutts*).

So to all of you who have donated time or money to the BCHS so far this year Thank You!

Your generosity has done a lot of good. You have saved the lives of a lot of dogs and cats, puppies and kittens; you have helped us to find homes for them where they are loved and well cared for, and in the process you have helped make a lot of people happy, too. Throughout this newsletter you'll find quotes from people whose lives have been enriched by pets that you helped save.

Way to go!



Upcoming Events

A fun way to show your support for the shelter is to participate in our fundraising events. Scheduled events are:

- Garage Sale – Oct 15, 2007, 8-4pm at our shelter
- Appreciation Event and 50/50 Raffle Drawing– Nov 30 at the Art Gallery
- Quilt Raffle Drawing– Dec 1 (location TBA)

The Brown County Humane Society, 128 S. State Rd. 135, Nashville, IN 47448

812-988-7362

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Open 12-5 M,W,F,Sa,Su

New Englanders Seek Brown County Mutts

It's true, folks in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts want Brown County dogs. Why? Because the animal welfare organizations and state governments in these communities have done such a fantastic job of promoting the importance of spaying and neutering, they don't have a surplus of unwanted dogs in their area like we have here.

Hard to imagine, isn't it? Some of our board members were skeptical when first approached about this project, so we sent the President of our organization on one of the first New England transports so she could check out the shelters and meet the folks who run them. She came back absolutely amazed by the wonderful facilities these folks have and by their dedication to the welfare of the pets in their care.

So we joined the CanINE Express project and have been transporting about 10 dogs a month to New England ever since.

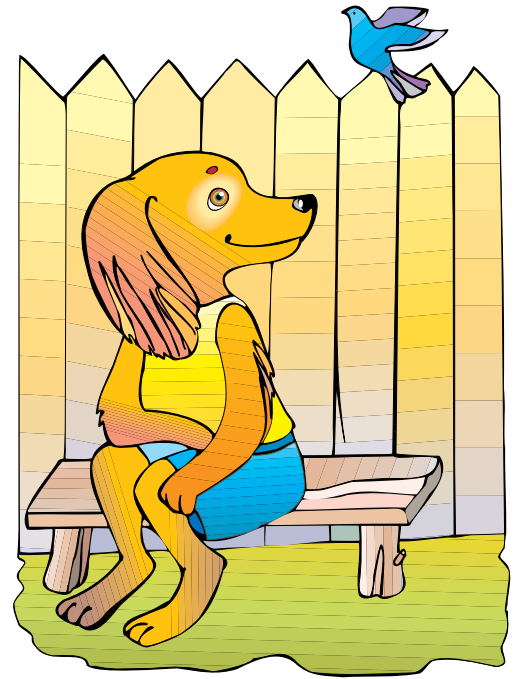
Since December 2004, 358 Brown County dogs have been sent to New England and placed in loving homes. The majority of these dogs would not have found homes here

in Brown County because there are just too many dogs for the number of families willing to adopt. Someday we hope that Brown County will be like New England and not have a surplus of dogs. The Brown County Humane Society continues to promote spaying and neutering and will help families in need of this service as a way to attain our "No Kill" community goal.

This project is truly a collaborative effort with seven shelters in Indiana working with eight shelters in New England to ensure that healthy, adoptable dogs are placed in loving homes. The project would not exist without the help of many very dedicated volunteers.

At the helm is volunteer Cathi Eagan, the founder and coordinator of CanINE Express. Each month she spends over 100 hours working with shelters in New England and south central Indiana to coordinate which dogs will go on the transport. She then spends 3 days every month driving to New England along with 4-8 other volunteers. The biggest headache for Cathi is finding drivers each month. If you'd like to

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Of course, there is another explanation for why our dogs are in such high demand: we think it's because we have the world's best mutts. It seems that many people in New England agree with us. Each month we receive emails from folks there who have adopted Brown County dogs. Here's an excerpt from one describing their vacation with two BCHS beagle mixes ->

"Our trip to the Cape was a blast. Taud and Copper just returned from a week's vacation in Provincetown, out on the tip of Cape Cod. The boys loved the Beach, not so much the water. They are both doing quite well. Taud is learning his rules and limits with all of his puppy energy boy did he need limits! :-) Copper is much less nervous now around strangers. [...] He is now an angel!"

≈IN HONOR OF≈

"SPIKE," BELOVED FAMILY MEMBER OF MARJE & GENE PARSON"

—Kathy Cuppy

JIM HUBER ON HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY

—Pat & Kendra Loyal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHUCK THOMPSON

—David & Kathy Cuppy

"TRASHMO"

—David Cox

JAMIE ROBBINS

—Janet Hollis (Selby)

JUDITH STEWART

—Jennifer Fletcher

SALLY HUNT & FAITHFUL

—Ana Mary Perez

SHIRLEY WOZNAK

—Jim & Luella Brunnemer

THANKS TO AMBER FOR RETURNED CAT

—Jennifer Beck

"MIMI" GOTTWALLES

—John & Pamillia Cavosie

"MEGS," MY FAITHFUL BEST FRIEND

—Dianne Farrell

≈IN MEMORY OF≈

"FLING"

—Barbara Henry

"LUKE" BELOVED BEAGLE

—Rozelles Ozma Bond

"RASCAL" FROM COLLEEN & MARGE

—Colleen Seal & Marge Abels

"SAMMY"

—Bonnie Kinghorn

—Betty Weatherford

—Kathy Sharp

—Jane Weahterford

"SIDNEY"

—Steve & Danna Moore

PATTY NOLTING

—Bill & Jackie Phillips

FRAN FEARS

—James & Carol Roberts

—Kathryn Brown

—Henry & Mardi Swain

—Mary Pipik & Geri Hritz

—Darrel & Janet Kramer

FRED SHOEMAKER

—David & Kathy Cuppy

HOLLY SALEM & SHAWNA GORE FROM "ALFIE"

—Linda McQueary

JOHN LANE (NM)

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JOHN RUDD

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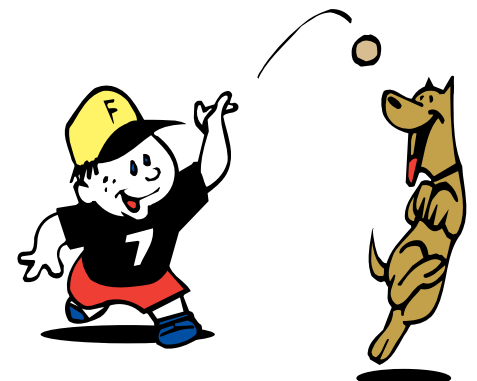
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Brown County Humane Society
c/o Agnes Unger
18 Redbud Lane
Nashville, TN 47448

"I wanted to thank you for helping me find the pet for my grandmother. I told her about the baby poodle you helped me get. She is very excited. The puppy will have a very good home. If you ever need anything let me know and I will do my very best to help."



"Hello, my husband and I came from Delaware and adopted Sugar from your shelter in early August. I wanted to email you and let you know she is doing wonderfully! She was great for the ride home and has adjusted so well. She loves to go for runs and explore. I just wanted to thank you for being so helpful and kind. She is the light of our lives! She is the perfect puppy for us and its all thanks to your Humane Society. You guys are doing great work."



Meet the Staff

We think we have some of the *best* people in the world working at our shelter and we'd like you to get to know them. It's better if you stop by the shelter to meet them in person, but in case you can't do that we'll dedicate space in the next few issues of *Paw Prints* to introduce them to you.

It only makes sense to start with our Top Dog, shelter manager Jaime Robbins.

Jaime joined our shelter as an assistant three-and-a-half years ago, after having been a volunteer at Bloomington Animal Care and Control. She quickly proved her skills at managing people, providing excellent customer service, and administering superb pet care, and was promoted to manager after just six months.

Jaime continues to amaze with her creative ways of getting the job done. She has found innovative ways to promote adoptions, save lives, and money.

Jaime just a few classes away from her BS in Biology at IU and though she's recently taken a sabbatical to focus on projects at the shelter and at home, she has hopes of return-

ing to her studies part time soon.

When Jaime joined the shelter she and her husband Paul had a cat and a couple of fish. They now share their home with 10 cats, 2 dogs and 2 fish.

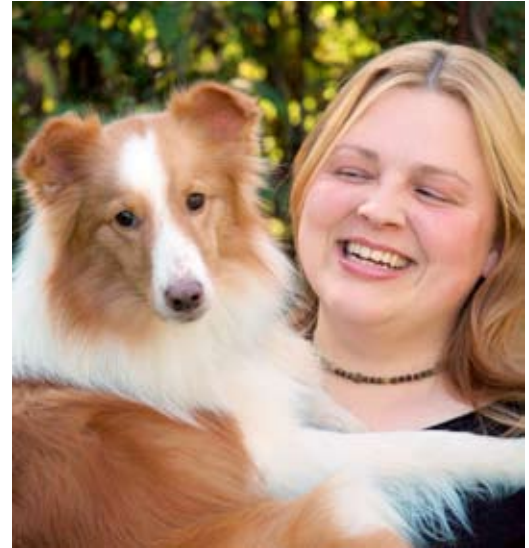
Hmmm, wonder where all those other pets came from?

Jaime and Paul also frequently foster the neediest dogs and cats providing them with medical or behavioral rehabilitation. In fact, the couple has recently moved into a new home that they've spent much time and energy remodeling so as to make it as pet-friendly as possible, adding linoleum floors and such.

In their spare time Jaime and Paul enjoy hiking, gardening, playing video games, and watching movies. "*Spirited Away*" is Jaime's all-time favorite movie.

When asked to list three traits that best described Jaime, her colleagues said she was: compassionate, dedicated, and hard working.

So stop by the shelter and meet Jaime. You'll see why she's the Top Dog!



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"Hi, I came in Friday and ended up adopting "Calla" a calico. She is absolutely wonderful. She is so lovey and just fits right in to the family. She shows affection to both me and my husband and sleeps with us each night. She is a BIG BABY. We already love her very much. She is exactly what we were looking for. Thanks so much."

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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.