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Newsletter of the Brown County Humane Society

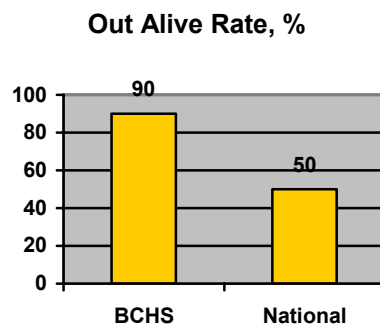
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Here we are almost three-quarters of the way through the year and we are finally able to take a breath and consider what we have accomplished so far. The year started out pretty normal – the usual number of cats and dogs visiting us and finding new homes. Spring arrived and with it kitten season – no surprises there. Then, whammy, June 7th arrived and brought a major storm causing horrendous flooding. We are now thankful that when we built our shelter we were required to haul in tons and tons of fill and have it packed down in order to raise our building above the flood level. At that time, it seemed like a lot of extra work and expense but this year it saved our shelter from the flooding that so many of our neighbors suffered. Unfortunately, the shelter in Morgan County was not as lucky. It sits right along the White River and as the rains kept pouring down we realized they were in serious trouble. Several of our staff and volunteers jumped in their vehicles and headed to the animal shelter in Morgan County. The usual 30 minute drive turned into hours as roads were under water and impassable. Our volunteers persisted and finally arrived at the shelter late at night. They immediately began loading dogs into crates and hauling them away. Our shelter was, as always, full and so we asked for help from local kennels and foster homes. That night 30 dogs were transported from Morgan to Brown County. The next morning as the river continued to rise, our staff and volunteers were back at it, this time to rescue Morgan County cats. About 30 cats were taken to our shelter and foster homes. In addition to Morgan County pets affected by the flood, we had several local residents who were flooded out of their homes with no where to go and no place for their pets. Many wet and scared cats and dogs (and a pot-bellied pig!) arrived at the shelter.

Some stayed for just a few days others for many weeks. All in all we cared for about 100 pets that were affected by the flood. That influx of additional pets took a toll on our staff, volunteers and budget but finally things are back to normal.

Through all of this we are delighted to report that our Out Alive rate increased to an all time high of 90% (national average is 50%). Only those pets that are severely medically or behaviorally challenged are not rehomed. (Track our progress at www.bchumane.org).



Our biggest concern right now is the huge number of cats in our community that are allowed to breed indiscriminately. Many people arrive at the shelter with a mom cat and kittens in tow and say, “This cat just showed up at my house and I felt sorry for it. It’s not really my cat, I was just feeding it and then it had kittens. I can no longer care for them.” **It is news to most people that if they feed a cat or dog for 3 days then according to the law, that animal is theirs.**

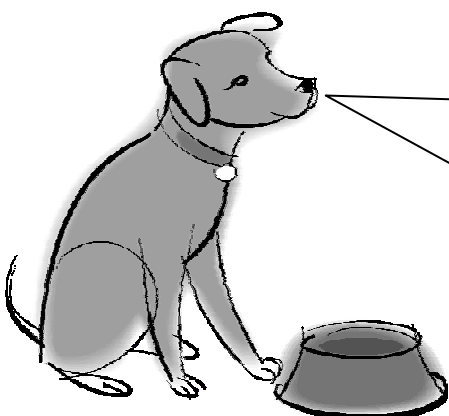
The Brown County Animal Control Ordinance defines: “Harbor – is to permit to remain at large, to keep, to feed, to shelter or to care for an animal within or upon a person’s property or property under a person’s control. An animal that is fed or sheltered for **3 consecutive days** by a person within or upon his home, enclosure, yard or place of business, or upon any premises

under a person’s control, is presumed to be harbored by that person.” The ordinance then goes on to state that a person who harbors an animal must: 1) vaccinate it for rabies if over 6 months old, 2) not allow the animal to stray off their premises, 3) provide proper and adequate food, water, shelter, protection from weather and medical care.

Those kind hearted folks that just want to “help the cat” end up doing more harm than good. Cats are very efficient breeders and if they have a constant source of food will soon be bringing more kitties into the world. If you don’t want a cat that shows up at your house, instead of feeding it, the more responsible thing to do is to bring it to the shelter. It will then have a chance to find a home where someone wants it and it will not add to the overpopulation problem.

The Brown County Humane Society has a terrific track record of finding homes for cats. Please don’t allow a cat you are harboring to breed and add to the problem.

In order to alleviate the problem of cat overpopulation the BCHS offers spay/neuter assistance to qualified individuals. This year, with the support of a grant through the Pets Alive Spay Neuter clinic, we have helped Brown County residents sterilize 90 owned cats. However, the number of kittens entering the shelter continues to increase. So far this year we have had 334 kittens arrive at the shelter. It is so much easier and cheaper to get a cat spayed or neutered than it is to care for a litter of kittens and find homes for all of them. Obviously, we have a long way to go, but with your help we should be able to reduce the cat population in our community.

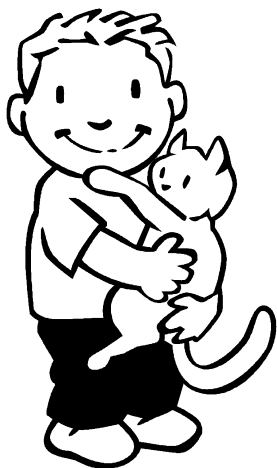


To all who donated to help fill our bowls,
Thank You♥

Upcoming Events

- A fun way to show your support of the shelter is to participate in our fund raising events.
- ☺ Barn Sale – Sep 26 & 27, 8:30-4 pm @ BCHS Animal Shelter
 - ☺ Chocolate Walk – Nov 15, 10 am-4 pm, Nashville *NEW EVENT*see enclosed flyer
 - ☺ Christmas Tree Decorating – Nov 10-14, Nashville
 - ☺ 50/50 Raffle Drawing – Nov 21, 8 pm Brown County Art Gallery

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With a Little Help from Our Friends...



The following volunteers were instrumental in helping pets at the shelter find new homes. They helped with a variety of tasks from walking dogs to fostering pets to fund raising and much more. If you'd like to join our volunteer team, contact Todd & Ann at 988-8750.

Jody Rainbolt ✂ Cathi Eagan ✂ Marge Cook ✂ Mary George ✂ Dr. Mary Alice Cox ✂ Dr. Jim Koch ✂ Dr. James Brester & Staff ✂ Dr. Robert Gillespie ✂ Ruth Riley ✂ Dr. Sue Whitman ✂ Ray & Sarah Smith ✂ Jim Hahn ✂ Tony, Samantha & Tony II West ✂ Bob Bowers ✂ Taylor & Leann Politan ✂ Marilyn & Glenn McAtee ✂ Sharlene Wozniak ✂ Emily & Carol Cameron ✂ Nicole & Kelly McPheeters ✂ Todd Baker ✂ Ann McCann ✂ Mary Jo Conley ✂ Red Nastoff ✂ Pat & Kendra Loyal ✂ Suzannah Zody ✂ Juanita Boles ✂ Susie Woodall ✂ Wanda Jones ✂ Kathy Sharp ✂ Debbie & Mike Pope ✂ Patricia Madden ✂ Jeanne Snow ✂ Stephanie Losey ✂ Gwen & Larry Blair ✂ Karen Arnold ✂ Deanne, Mallory & Alex Baker ✂ Donald Moore ✂ Brandi Lacefield ✂ Amber Franklin ✂ Dyllon Sizemore ✂ Becky Burr ✂ Mary Ann Soll ✂ Patty Peaker ✂ James Sizemore ✂ Paige Vinson ✂ Zoe Arndt ✂ Azur, Kiersten & Graham Brester ✂ Chris Bailey ✂ Luke Browning ✂ Anna Crowley ✂ Mike Cobb ✂ Emily Dickinson ✂ Ashley Hall ✂ Val & Bob Hudson ✂ Carli Hoffacker ✂ Duncan & Mimi Huntley ✂ Jesse Holly ✂ Marcia Debock ✂ Madisyn Fry ✂ Keisha Graham ✂ Janet Kramer ✂ Jimmy Koller ✂ Victoria, Judy & Rebecca Kelp ✂ Jon LaShure ✂ Dorian Leiva ✂ Michelle, Gabe & Savannah Lovins ✂ Molly McConnell ✂ Hannah Miller ✂ Claire Mitchell ✂ Jacob Mitchell ✂ Heather Newton ✂ Nancy Peters ✂ Sierra Patterson ✂ Angie, Paulett & Jacob Riehl ✂ Malachi Petro ✂ Katie Ennis ✂ Anna O'Neill ✂ Kelly,

Emma, Jacob Quackenbush ✂ Debbie Matz ✂ TeeTee Purtlebaugh ✂ Paul Robbins ✂ Matt Roberts ✂ Chantal Ryan ✂ Jessica Schwingle ✂ Sandy Sigmund ✂ Carl Stanback ✂ Heather Starr ✂ Kim Tiner ✂ Harry Turner ✂ Lesa Thomas ✂ Jenny Johnson ✂ Gwen Welch ✂ Cessie Wander ✂ Stephanie Wray ✂ Carmen Penley ✂ Debbie Dunbar ✂ Jeanne Skillman ✂ Diane Pettiner ✂ Laurie Burgess ✂ Connie Weddle ✂ Jeff Hayhow ✂ Steve Pyles ✂ Christie & Jason Hammelman ✂ Jay Charon ✂ Kathy Brown ✂ Julie Coykendall ✂ Karen Tice ✂ Nancy & Gary Pugh ✂ Barb Woods ✂ Tammi Drenth ✂ Debbie Beasley ✂ Shelly Taylor ✂ Mikki Fincher ✂ Barbara Roberts ✂ Brian Davis ✂ Micah Emler ✂ Barb Lunde ✂ Kristi Brown ✂ Jenny Morrison ✂ Sharon Kropack & family ✂ Sharon Kikendall & family

Meet the Staff

We think we have some of the best people in the world working at our shelter and we'd like for you to get to know them. Amy Sizemore, aka FOSTER MOM EXTRAORDINAIRE, has worked at the shelter for over 2 years and has certainly earned her nickname.

More people and animals have called Amy 'mom' than any other person we know. She not only fosters pets from the shelter, often taking home two litters of puppies at a time, but she has also fostered several disadvantaged children through Indiana's Foster Care Program. Amy and her husband James live on a farm in Brown County with their two sons and two daughters, their foster children, dogs, cats and a whole host of farm animals - pigs, goats, chickens and a pet cow named Annabelle.

In what little spare time Amy has, she enjoys camping and hiking with her dogs and children. She is also a Girl Scout Leader and somehow even finds time to crochet afghans for her coworkers.

Stop by the shelter sometime and meet Amy and the rest of our terrific staff.



Amy with buddies Milo, Deago and Sid

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
18 Redbud Lane. Nashville, IN 47448

~~ IN HONOR OF ~~

Ruthann Bailey – Happy Birthday – Pam & Jerry Simo
"Alfie Mikelsons" – David & Kathy Cuppy
Bill Kelp & Jennifer Williams Wedding – Jennifer Williams
Fannie Rae – Eliot & Pamela Smith
Pat Loyal's Birthday – David & Kathy Cuppy
My Mom, an angel – Daniel & Lynne Coverdale

~~ IN MEMORY OF ~~

Duke Loyal – Nan Schenck Polley, Sue Ahbe, Joe & Sandra Ridenour
Maggie – Jim & Judy Reichert
Chessie Treff – Janet Collester
Missy & Norman – Kathy Mason
Tia – Steve & Danna Moore
Betty Levitts – Nina Fitch, Viki McKinley, Eric Whitlock, Sharlene Wozniak, Univ Heights Heath & Living Center
Fred & Mary Jane Lorenz – their daughters
Grover Percifield – Donna Duff
Kate Comiskey – Steven & Nancy Comiskey
Madeline Bachelier – Clifton & Janna Hocker
Marcia Dennis – Roy & Vivian Boastrom
Pat Richardson – Phil & Joan Wagner
Skipper, Missy, Shadow & Riley – Jeanne Turner
Sharon Zeigler – Bev Bishop
Dak – Renee Buening
Emerson, companion of Sutherlins – Pat & Kendra Loyal
Gerty – Robert & Nancy Nixon
Honey, Sersee, Dinker & Duke – Daniel & Nancy Loyal
Moonheart, Gardner's beloved dog – Irene Fox
Bill Ammons – Richard & Jan Halladay
Marge Tissot – Jeanne Turner, Donald & Margaret Acton, Barbara Zieg, Roger & Marjorie Woodbury, Nell Culp Perival
Ray Schaeffer – Bill & Jackie Phillips, John & Marjorie McKune, Robert & Nancy Coulter, Darrel & Janet Kramer, Thomas & Loretta McMahan, Delbert & Cynthia Krueger
Della Ford – Beverly Rister, Tony Luenebrink, Charles Farrell, Roscoe & Kathy Ford, Francis & Karen Probst
Duke, beloved Big, Brown Boy – James & Judith Huber

Board of Directors

Jane Weatherford – President
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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.