

Welcome Spring!!!

But before we say hello to flowers, sunshine and green grass, let's have a quick look back to the first three months of 2013. The Brown County Humane Society (BCHS) has kicked off the year by finding forever homes for some of our hard-to-place pets, by increasing our Return-to-Owner numbers, by having our SPOT Program continue to connect with our community, letting them know that we're here to help, and by recently hiring incredibly talented, passionate, hard-working animals lovers who are dedicated to matching our adoptable pets to loving families. It's going to be a good year!

Welcome to Our New Staff Members!

This year several new faces joined the BCHS team. These animal lovers have a passion that fits perfectly into what BCHS stands for: *A community where all animals are valued and respected.* We asked each of them to pick a shelter animal who has touched their heart since they started working and this is what we discovered...

Patty and Takoni

She's happy, loving, appreciative, funny, housetrained....everything an adopter could ask for. She's talkative, loves car rides, walks and to play tag with the other doggies. She is one of those canine souls that has captured a piece of my heart!

—Patty



Chelsea and Leo

When Leo smiles, he makes everyone around him feel happy. He loves peanut butter and giving kisses. Leo wants to be by my side as much as possible. He will make an incredible family dog.

—Chelsea



Valerie and Redford

Redford is that perfect combination of sweetness and playful. And there's nothing more rewarding than rubbing his belly and listening to him purr!

—Valerie



Brandon and Spanky

Spanky makes me laugh! He's one of the funniest dogs. He loves to have fun all day long. We should all follow his example and just love life!

—Brandon



Troy and Rolly

Rolly won me over from the moment we met. She looked at me, wagged her tail at high speed and then smiled. I knew we would be best friends. She is loyal and sweet. I know when she is adopted it will be bittersweet. I'll miss her but be so happy for her at the same time.

—Troy



Jackie and Bonnee

Bonnee is sweet, feisty and goofy all in one. Some people just don't understand her right away, but it's because they need to spend time with her to understand how unique she is and how she'll add so much joy to their lives.

—Jackie



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 Honor of Becky Burr

Elizabeth Eagan
Gerald & Linda Broussard

In Honor of Ian Flesser's 11th Birthday

James & Judith Huber

In Honor of Keith Van Winkle

Joey Dallas

In Memory of Alfie McQuery

Dave Gore

In Memory of Alvin Black

Steve & Stefanie Gore
Tamra Galm
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John & Marilyn Werner
Vic & Debbie Bartes
Sue A. Findley
Linda & Tom Bauer
Louise B. Brown
Mary Pipik & Geri Hritz

In Memory of Amos

Pat & Kendra Loyal

In Memory of Augie

Ray & Doris Jones

In Memory of Bentley

Bill & Norma Jean Boren

In Memory of Bubba

Richard Lahann

In Memory of Buddy

Cheryl L. Rapp

In Memory of Debbie Denny

Jan Clark

In Memory of Eva Mae Davis

Donald Erickson

In Memory of Karen O'Hara

Sharon Linder
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Barbara Zike
Patrick Thomas
Robert & Donna Ormiston
David Leathers
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In Memory of Kendall Kritzer

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In Memory of Little Dog

Claudia J. Davis
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In Memory of Mary Seibert

D.K. and S.K. Fribley

In Memory of Patty Nolting

Bill & Jackie Phillips

In Memory of Robert "Bob" Rice

Rochelle A. Banziger

In Memory of Sadie

Ronald & Marsha Holmes

In Memory of Yeller, Setter and Katie

Richard Flecker

In Memory of Fred

Pat & Kendra Loyal

In Memory of Jeffrey Quick

Carmen Quick

We also have a **Memorial page on our website**, where you can honor your pet by submitting up to 5 photos, as well as up to 500 words of text, telling their story. We will create a custom webpage to honor your pet. Each memorial webpage can be created for a \$50 donation and will stay on our website for one year from the date it is published. Please visit our website for more details: www.bchumane.org.



In February, the SPOT team visited a family that needed help with community cats that were in their neighborhood. As with any lake property, there are families that live there year round, and others that visit only on weekends. Typically, these are "hot spot" areas for kitties. Sometimes they are fed on weekends- and are left behind, as families come and go. Therefore, it's up to the full-time residents to take these cats under their wing and provide for them.

We've never met a couple that was more committed to helping these kitties. The SPOT team started by dropping off 12 traps, and canned food to set the traps. Within a few days the family managed to trap 9 of the kitties- but knew the large male cats were left. SPOT altered the first group- then the family started working on the more challenging big boys. It took nearly 3 more weeks to bring the other cats in to be neutered—but we are happy to say that they are all fixed!!

During a recent SPOT run, we stopped by to check on the family and their community cats. As mentioned by the wife, they are all healthy and are enjoying life! We saw several of them from a distance, and noticed they were thriving and well-fed kitties. The family expressed their relief at having taken care of the problem. They would have no unnecessary litters this year.

Should you know of a family that needs our help, please call SPOT 812-703-0797. We can provide the necessary tools to help trap community cats, fix them and return them safely to their environment.

New Volunteers!

We've had many new volunteers join the BCHS team this year. Some walk dogs, some play with cats, and some help us with our fundraisers. We would be lost without them. We asked a few of them to tell us why they love to volunteer...They all answered the same: they love our animals and want to help find them forever homes.

Emily and Spirit

When he looks at me, I can tell he is searching for a kindred spirit. Spirit is a great dog, he is attentive and affectionate. His big smile will most certainly give you a big smile, for life.

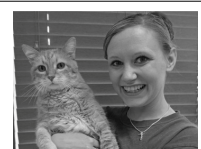
—Emily



Kristin and Arthur

Adopt Arthur! He's loving and sweet. So what if he's 6 years old. He can live 15 more years! My goal is to show people that age doesn't matter. The time spent together does.

—Kristin



Elley and Nick

Nick needs a home where he can sit on your lap. There's no other lap cat like him. He's the one I want to see get a home next!

—Elley



Becky and Harley

I love Harley because he is such a big contradiction...for such a muscular little guy, all he wants to do is crawl in your lap, all the while smiling away.

—Becky



Bethany and Jimmie

Jimmie is that great friend you've been searching for. He's smart, fun, sweet, loyal, loving, handsome...I could go on and on. Whoever decides to add him to their family is going to be very lucky.

—Bethany



Sherrie, Anna and Woodina

These girls have been together since they were kittens. I want to see them grow old together, so I'm doing everything I can to help them get adopted together.

—Sherrie



Mark Your Calendars!

We have so many events planned this year and we don't want you to miss a thing!

Full details at our website:
www.bchumane.org

- May 5: Artists for Animals—this new event is going to be a showstopper!
- May 19: Dog Gone Walk & Fiesta—get ready for an afternoon of fun with your canine companion!
- July 13: Hogs for Hounds Poker Run—another new event for us, and you can bet it's going to be a great time!
- August 15-17: Barn Sale—come shop for some incredible bargains, and there's no guilt because it's for our animals!
- November 9: Chocolate Walk—it's our 6th year and this time it will be even more delicious than before!



Have You Liked Us on Facebook?

Want to know the new arrivals to the shelter? Want to know what fundraisers we're planning? Want to let us know how your adopted pet is doing and share photos? It all happens on the BCHS Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/bchumane.

Once you like us, you'll have instant knowledge of what we're doing each day. And by working together, we're able to share photos of our adoptable animals and get them adopted faster. In one year we've gone from 967 friends to 2181!



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BCHS 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.*

Thank you for your generous support!