



# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

## Little Shelter Big Results



Curley Sue after some TLC in her foster home

On a chilly, rainy day in September a good Samaritan found a nearly starved dog lying along busy State Road 46. The emaciated dog must have been fending for herself for a very long time because every rib and backbone could be seen. Her fur was matted and covered in mud and burrs. She was so weak that she could barely walk. The compassionate man rushed her home, cleaned her up and took her to the vet to see what could be done. With antibiotics to treat an infection, she began to gain a little strength. As much as he cared for her, he could not keep her permanently. He brought her to the BCHS knowing she would receive the care and attention she needed no matter what the future held for her.

Curley Sue, as she was named by her rescuer, went straight to a foster home in order to get the comfort and care she needed for however much time she might have left. After a few days, her foster mom was concerned that she wasn't making better strides at recovery. A vet visit gave grim news. Curley Sue was diagnosed with Dilated Cardiomyopathy, or, more simply, congestive heart failure. If that was not enough for one dog to go through, it was also found that she had severe arthritis and a skin infection causing intense itching. She was prescribed five medications, two of which were heart medications that she would continue for the rest of her life.

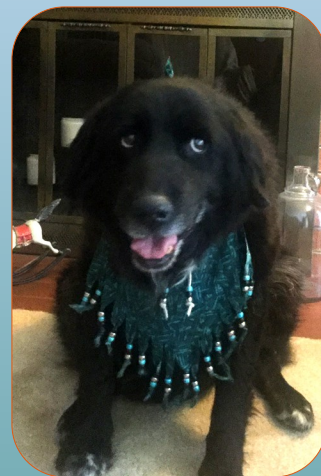
Much to her foster mom's surprise, after a few weeks of being on her new medications, Curley Sue began showing improvement. So much so that it was time

for Curley Sue to find her forever home. Even with all her progress, finding a home for an older dog with special needs would be a challenge. Luckily, the bi-monthly flyers that volunteers post in and around Brown County included a photo of Curley Sue. A woman saw one of the flyers and fell in love with Curley Sue's eyes. She called the shelter knowing that she wanted to provide Curley Sue a safe and loving home for the rest of her life. It was a perfect match for both Curley Sue and her new mom.



Curley Sue and her mom in their first holiday photo

What could have ended as a tragic situation was transformed into a story of hope and happiness. You, dedicated BCHS volunteers and donors, saved Curley Sue and over 700 other pets that ended up at the shelter last year. Curley Sue thanks you. And so do we!



Curley Sue is all smiles in her new forever home

### Here are just a few ways you can volunteer and help save homeless animals in 2016

Animal Care Volunteers  
Offsite adoptions and spay/neuter days

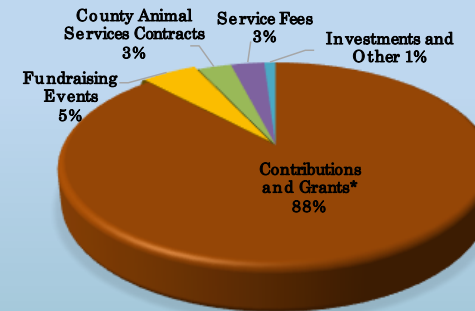
Board Members  
Event planning and day-of event support

Foster Parent  
Shelter help and maintenance

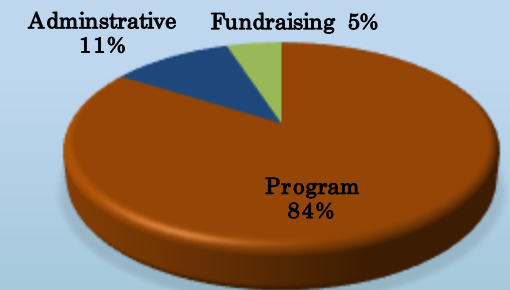
So much more! To learn more visit <http://bchumane.org/volunteer>

Brown County Humane Society depends on generous donations from individuals, businesses and foundations to operate its shelter and adoption facilities and provide community outreach services to Brown County residents. Not included in the expense amounts below are the countless hours of operating, administrative, and fundraising services provided by numerous volunteers, each day, throughout the year.

### 2015 Revenue



### 2015 Expenses



\* Due to generous bequests in 2015, our revenue from contributions and grants is significantly higher than during a typical year. Our organization typically receives 40-50% of our income from contributions and grants.

### Upcoming Events in 2016

February 28-March 12: Online Auction

April 24: Rabies Clinic

May 22: Dawg Gone Walk & Fiesta

July 22: National Craft for Your Shelter Day

August 11-13: Annual Barn Sale

September 11: National Day of Service

September 18-October 1: Online Auction

November 12: Chocolate Walk



### Our Vision

A community where all animals are valued and treated with respect.

### Our Mission

The Brown County Humane Society (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.

**You made it possible.**

To help continue creating Big Results donate today at [www.bchumane.org](http://www.bchumane.org)



To Our Special Supporters :



As I reflect on 2015, our team spent a great deal of time setting the foundation for the future of the Brown County Humane Society. As we plan for the future, we must continue to provide our community with a resource dedicated to promoting animal welfare.

One major area of focus in 2015 pertained to the average length of stay for our resident pets. For 2015, we set aggressive goals to lower those numbers. At the end of the year, I'm happy to report that we reduced the average length of stay for dogs by 40% and cats by 30%.

This reduction allowed us to think of ways we could save even more lives and led to the creation of an import program. The import program is a collaboration with neighboring animal shelters to bring pets from their shelters to ours when we have space. It not only helps save the lives of animals in adjacent communities, but also provides more adoption opportunities for our customers.

Another area of focus related to our Behavioral Program, which allows us to have a trained certified staff member coordinating our behavioral training, for those harder to place dogs and cats. In the future, this program will expand to offer consultations and public training classes, to help reduce the number of owner surrendered pets.

The SPOT program had another wonderful year, during which it performed 553 spay/neuter surgeries for the pets of Brown County- which brought the total to 4,200 in six years.

We were also able to hire two key, full-time employees to help further develop the future of the BCHS. This investment in our future will help propel the organization toward becoming a regional leader in animal welfare.

Last, I'm continually reminded of all of the wonderful people who make our organization truly successful. Our staff members, volunteers, donors and community continue to support our passion and dedication, to make a difference in the lives of our pets. We are a LITTLE Shelter with BIG Results.

Sincerely,

Sue Ann Werling, President

# 2015 *A Year in Review*



Adoptions were up **20%** from 2014. Because of our generous donors and dedicated staff we saved over 700 animals last year!



Last year, **151** people provided over **13,000** volunteer hours to help the homeless animals in our community.

With continued dedication, we were able to achieve a save rate of **98%** last year. That is well above the national average of just 60%.



The SPOT program provided **18,000** pounds of food to animals in the community and over **60** bales of straw to help keep them warm last winter.

Over **550** animals were spayed/neutered by the SPOT program in 2015.



Because of our successful adoption rate, we were able to transfer in **62** animals from other shelters and rescues to help them find their forever home.



Over **85%** of our daily operating budget was provided through the generosity of our donors.

