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Newsletter of the Brown County Humane Society

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WHERE THE DOLLARS COME FROM...

Thanks to you, the very generous folks who are receiving this newsletter, the Brown County Humane Society was able to find homes for 96% of the animals that came to the shelter in 2010. This is one amazing statistic considering that the national average is 50% and that the BCHS in 2010 received 3X the national average of pets per capita.

As illustrated below, donations comprise the majority of our income. **Simply put, we could not achieve the wonderful results we do without your generous support.** As hard as we work at creating fun and lucrative fundraising events, they cannot be relied on to survive. Grants we receive are typically designated to specific items – spay/neuter or equipment-type expenses. The Service Fees include adoption fees and return-to-owner fees. The municipal amount is the amount the county contracts with the Humane Society to care for the animals picked up by Animal Control officers.

We value every penny you send and use it directly to help the homeless pets.

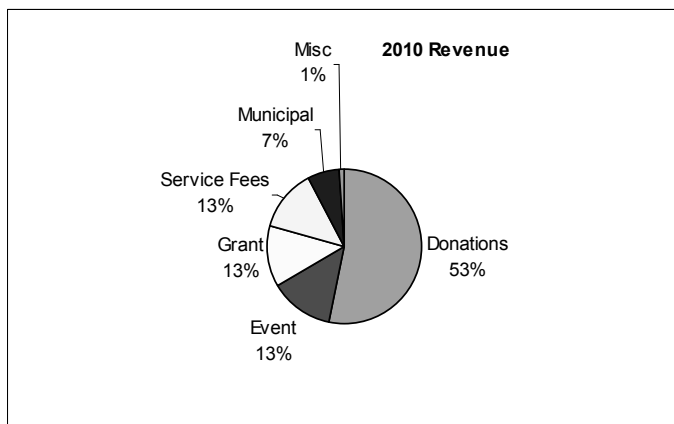
🐾 The BCHS does not pay anyone to fundraise – it is all done by volunteers.

🐾 The majority of grants are written by volunteers.

🐾 We don't have an Executive Director, the tasks such a person would do, are again, done by volunteers.

🐾 Our board members are not paid. Last year they put in a total of 6000 volunteer hours.

As you can see you get a lot of bang for your buck when you donate to the BCHS.

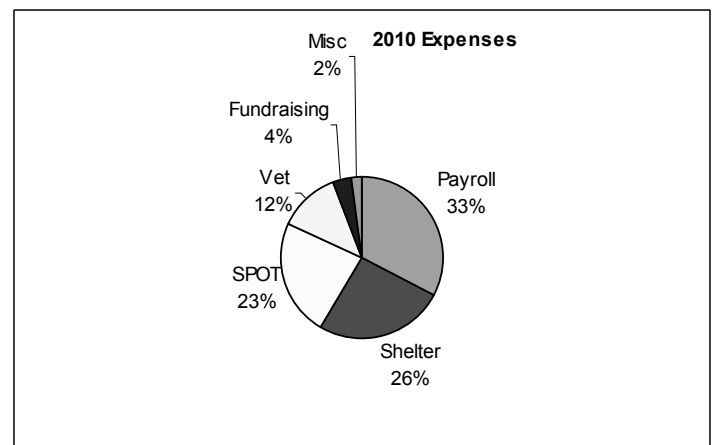


AND WHERE THE DOLLARS GO...

As with most businesses, our biggest expense is payroll. We currently have 3 full-time employees and 4 part-time employees. These folks work incredibly hard to ensure all the shelter pets are kept clean, healthy and happy. They also work just as hard at finding the very right home for each pet that comes our way. The things they need to do their work, cleaning supplies, pet food, etc, is reflected in the next largest chunk of the budget, the Shelter category.

Our newest program, S.P.O.T. (Serving Pets Outreach Team), represents 23% of last year's expenses. SPOT is a huge bargain, as the majority of these expenses went toward helping get pets of county residents spayed and neutered. A conservative estimate is that SPOT prevented the birth of over 4000 unwanted pets. That directly impacted the number of pets coming into the shelter. Therefore, SPOT is a great deal!

The next largest expenditure was for veterinary care, the majority of which was used to spay/neuter shelter pets prior to adoption. Also included in this amount is the care for those special cases - broken legs, heartworm treatments, etc. that we incur throughout the year. Just 4% was spent on fundraising last year.



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Wow! I had no idea. Astounding numbers from 2010...



Duchess - Left at shelter

1087 That's how many pets entered the shelter in 2010. Duchess represents one of 578 dogs left at the shelter last year along with 509 cats. This is down significantly from 2009, due in part to the aggressive public pet spay/neuter initiative that our new SPOT program implemented. Yet, it is still **3 times** the national average. We obviously have a long way to go to get to a pet population that is manageable for our community.



Headed to *petsalive*

828 The number of pets owned by Brown County residents that SPOT provided financial assistance to have spayed/neutered. Every other week SPOT coordinates a transport of pets from the shelter to the Bloomington *petsalive* spay/neuter clinic to have fixed. A conservative estimate is that this program prevented the births of over 4000 unwanted pets in 2010.



Ed - Waiting for owner

10 The number of cats that were returned to their owners, a **dismal** number considering we received 509 cats. Ninety percent of the cats received were friendly and most likely had a family at some point in their life. It is a tragedy that no one comes looking for these lost kitties. **Please call the shelter if your cat goes missing.**

12,814 – Pounds of dog and cat food given to families in Brown County who were struggling to feed their pets. All this food is donated to the humane society.



Pet food for needy families



Murry – Adopted!

1061 - Number of pets that left the shelter bound for new homes. This includes those that were adopted from the shelter, those that were returned to their owners and those that were transferred to partner shelters. These represent 95.7% of all pets that left the shelter in 2010.

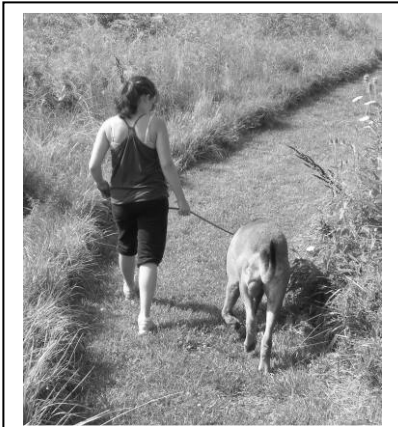
1152 – Number of pets SPOT visited on field runs delivering straw, food, dog houses, leashes and collars, runner lines and a myriad of other pet related products.



SPOT team on field run

More astounding numbers...

141 – Number of dogs sent to partner shelters in New England and Ohio where they found wonderful homes. It's pretty amazing, but these communities have done a terrific job of providing assistance to low-income people to have their pets sterilized and so have eliminated dog overpopulation. They now are able to help other areas of the country, like Brown County, where there are too many dogs for the number of homes available.



Claudia walking Billy Ray

4 – Number of fenced enclosures constructed in order to get dogs off chains. A generous supporter of BCHS provides materials and some labor. Families receiving the enclosure are asked to help build the fence, if possible.



Drop-trap to catch feral cats

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.



Dogs on transport

231 – Number of volunteers that helped at the shelter, at fundraising events and in various other capacities. These volunteers logged a total of 14,863 hours. Walking dogs is a key volunteer activity as the staff doesn't have time to get each and every dog out daily. Equally important are volunteers to socialize cats, help at off-site adoptions, at fundraising events and to help maintain the shelter. Another vitally important volunteer activity is fostering. These individuals save the lives of hundreds of pets each year. There really is something for everyone to do to help our homeless pets.



Tyson's new fence

5 – Number of feral cat colonies that SPOT assisted with trapping and having spayed and neutered. Last year 64 cats in 5 feral cat colonies were sterilized. Through attrition this is the best method to reduce the number of feral cats in our community.

BCHS Events

April 13 – Annual meeting at Brown County Library
May 7 – Look for SPOT at Spring Blossom Parade
May 15 - Dawg Gone Walk & Fiesta at Deer Run Park
Aug 19-21 - Barn Sale at Humane Society Barn
Sep 10-11 - Puppies & Pumpkins at BC Art Gallery
Nov 12 - Chocolate Walk in Nashville
Nov 18 – Appreciation Event at BC Art Gallery
Dec 18 - Open House at the Shelter
Additional information at www.bchumane.org

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~~

Augie – Doris and Ray Jones
Amy Parker – The Parker/Hooton Family
Kaycee – Pat & Kendra Loyal
Fern Garner – Richard & Maria Lawrence
Bly Roll – Margaret Horn
Peabody – Pat & Kendra Loyal
Spanky & Shelby – Claudia Davis
Simon & Kitty – Sue Holmes
Max Lunde – Sharon Browning

~~ IN MEMORY OF PAT MCGUIRE~~

Joyce Stuber
John & Donna Walker
Mary & Kay Stockton
Lynette Miller
Gerald & Linda Broussard
Dick & Barbara Wigh
Mable Emberton
Donald Poynter
Carl Epler
Ruby Jacobs

~~ IN MEMORY OF PHIL HINSHAW~~

Robert & Trudy Weaver
Sydney & Jim Suiter
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Sue Ann Werling – Anonymous

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Karen Westfall started volunteering at the shelter a few years ago helping to walk dogs. At that same time, she and a neighbor began trapping feral cats on their street, taking them to be sterilized, and returning them for the neighbors to care for. She found it to be rewarding to care for these cats that did not have a home. That is how Karen came to want to work with shelter cats. In addition to working at the shelter, Karen enjoys gardening, walking, and church activities. She and her husband, Skip, are retired and have lots of time for their three feral cats and Roland, the wonder dog.



Karen & Roland

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