



Little Shelter, Big Results

Paw Prints

Newsletter of the Brown County Humane Society

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It's All a Matter of Time

Noogie had it all. For 16 years, he'd had a loving home, regular meals, and plenty of companionship. Then his owner passed away and everything changed.

Artemis Fowl must have had a home at one time, because he was declawed, but it was obvious that he'd been on his own for a while before the shelter. Twelve years old, terribly thin, and with a foot that had been broken but not properly healed, it was a miracle that this elderly, injured, white cat had managed to make it in the wild.

Both cats needed medical care. Noogie had problems with his ears. Artemis Fowl's foot needed checking in case it needed amputation (it didn't) and medication for chronic pain. Special diets helped them both with digestive issues and allergies. Both cats would clearly take more time than usual to be adopted.

Noogie and Artemis Fowl are just two examples of many of the animals we see at the shelter: older, injured, or sick animals that require additional medical care and additional time before they'll get to their new homes. At many shelters, they would be deemed unadoptable and never given that time.

You're making it possible for these animals to get that time. Whether it's an elderly cat like Estelle who needs to meet the right adopter, or a dog like Dwyer who needed to heal after hip surgery, or a frightened cat like Harriet learning to trust, you provide the time that makes it possible for them to get home. For Noogie and Artemis Fowl, it took five months.



Artemis Fowl and Noogie greeting customers at the Farmers Insurance office in Nashville.

Working for a Living

Christina owns the Farmers Insurance agency in Nashville. She came to the shelter looking for an office cat...an older cat that might otherwise have trouble getting adopted. She immediately fell in love with Noogie. The rest of the family fell in love with Artemis Fowl. Fortunately, Christina decided there was room for both.

Now, Noogie and Artemis Fowl are working for a living, greeting customers when they come to the office. Noogie has a special spot next to Christina's desk, always in reach of petting (a compromise to his preference for the middle of the desk). Artemis Fowl prefers the chair at the lobby desk. They have perches in the front windows to watch the birds, comfortable beds everywhere, and plenty of affection from family and visitors.

It's because of you that Noogie, Artemis Fowl, and so many others have gone on to know the love of a new home.

Lending a Healing Hand

One way in which you provide more time for the shelter animals is through the Medical Fund, which pays for cases just like these: serious injuries or illnesses that need costlier treatment. Your support of this fund is what gives animals the opportunity for that care they may not otherwise be able to receive.

We recently held a phoneathon to raise money for the Medical Fund. Four donors, including the Tony Stewart Foundation, Werling Charitable Foundation, an anonymous donor, and Dog Tag Brewing Foundation, provided matching grants that doubled the amount of each donation.

A Hero's Legacy

The grant from the Dog Tag Brewing Foundation was in honor of Sgt. Jeremy McQueary, an Indiana native and U.S. Marine who lost his life serving in Afghanistan. Dog Tag Brewing works with the families of fallen soldiers to help fund Legacy Projects that honor the soldier's service and have meaning to the family. Jeremy's family chose BCHS as the organization they wanted to work with because Jeremy was a life-long animal advocate and lover of Brown County.

In addition to the grant for the Medical Fund, they also provided a grant to cover the adoption fees for many senior and special-needs animals. It's one more way that these animals will be getting an extra chance at a new life.

Learn more about Sgt. McQueary and how his Legacy Project will be helping animals in Brown County on our website at: <http://www.bchumane.org/legacy-honor-warrior/>

Upcoming Events

Barn Sale: August 11 - 13 from 8am – 4pm

It's the biggest yard sale of the year, with *thousands* of items available.

We are currently looking for donations of high-value items (cars, trucks, boats, antiques, artwork, furniture, jewelry, etc.) that will help us achieve our goal of raising \$30,000 at this year's sale.

Items individually valued at \$100 or more are being accepted now. Please contact our Development Manager, Megan Gushwa, at fundbchs@gmail.com or 317-946-8235 to discuss your donation today.

We will be gratefully accepting all other donations at the BCHS barn on the following dates: August 5th and 6th from 9am to 4pm and August 7th through 9th from 12pm-4pm. (No clothes or shoes, please.)

Learn more at www.bchumane.org/barn-sale

Chocolate Walk: November 12 from 10am – 4pm

This event has sold out for the last three years! Stroll through the beautiful town of Nashville as you sample chocolate-themed treats from over 30 local shops and restaurants. You can even do a little holiday shopping along the way. Tickets go on sale August 1 at <http://www.bchumane.org/chocolate-walk/>



Dawg Gone Walk & Fiesta

Beautiful green grass, temperatures in the 70s, and not a cloud in the sky...we couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day for the 2016 Dawg Gone Walk & Fiesta. A record number of dogs and people attended the event, which raised \$30,000 to support the animals at the shelter. Our new location at Eagle Park provided more than enough space for the games and contests, and plenty of room for the many vendors.

We're grateful to everyone who attended the event, to the donors and volunteers who made the day possible, and to our corporate sponsors: Bone Dry Waterproofing, Jones Law Offices, Tony Stewart Foundation, Werling Charitable Foundation, and Zacks Investment Management.



They're All Individuals

If you're giving the shelter animals more time, then it's up to us to use that time well. Two programs are working to give each animal every advantage possible:

Our **Behavior Committee** develops plans for the animals that will benefit from additional training, enrichment, or socialization. Every animal is different and might need an individualized approach with specific goals to achieve. Whether it's a dog learning better leash manners, a cat terrified of people, or a more difficult behavior issue, the committee focusses on getting each animal ready for when the right adopter arrives.

The **Adoption Marketing Committee** works on getting attention and exposure for all of the animals at the shelter. Sometimes, an animal might require an individual adoption plan to get them into the best home. By identifying the animal's unique qualities and needs, the committee can then create ways to get the animal seen by potential adopters, rather than just waiting for the adopters to come to us. Marketing, networking and, storytelling, all come into play here.

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.*

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and the name of the person or pet you want to honor to:

Brown County Humane Society, P.O. Box 746, Nashville, IN 47448

Or donate online at: www.bchumane.org/donate with the name written in the "special instructions" section

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Planning for Your Own Pet's Future

Pet owner deaths, especially sudden ones, leave many animals homeless and in shelters. Even accidents or illnesses find people unable to care for their pets with no alternative in place. So how do you make sure that your pets are taken care of if you no longer can?

First, make sure that several people in your life know that you have pets and can get access to them. You want someone to be able to get into your home and care for your pets until a longer-term situation can be arranged.

Next, make sure you have a plan in place in case of your death. Not only do you want to be sure that your pets will be cared for, but you don't want your family or friends to have to make those decisions for you at what will already be a difficult and confusing time. By planning in advance, you'll have peace of mind knowing that your pets will be cared for.



SPOT Highlights

"The best offense is a good defense." That's the reason for the Serving Pets Outreach Team. The best way to keep animals out of the shelter is to help people keep them and care for them in the first place.

Whether it's providing the opportunity for low-cost spay/neuter surgeries to reduce the number of unwanted pets, distributing food and supplies to families in temporary need to help keep them at home, or inexpensive yearly vaccines that ensure a healthier population, the SPOT team is always working in our community to assist the residents of Brown County in creating a safer and happier pet population.

The SPOT program's Rabies Clinic in April provided yearly vaccinations for 235 pets and microchipping for 37.

One at a Time and Counting

In the end, it's about finding homes for all of the animals, each one unique and deserving of love. By treating them as individuals and using the time to find the right adopters, we're getting them there. There are still more in need, though. Here are just two of the shelter animals who are benefitting from additional time, but still in need of new homes.



Ursula: Ursula came to the shelter when her owner died. She spent a lot of time in foster care, recovering from surgery to remove her spleen and getting her diabetes under better control. She's a senior girl and will need monitoring and medication for her diabetes, but will be a wonderful companion for someone able to give her that care. She deserves to know the love and comfort of her own home.



Monty: Monty has been with us the longest...over a year. He's a wonderful and affectionate dog, but some strangers upset him. He needs an owner who understands how to manage that, and can continue to work with him to make him more comfortable with the unknown. With his close family and friends, Monty is a gentle, loving, happy guy with a huge heart.

The support you give, whether it's financial support to the Medical Fund, participating in the Dawg Gone Walk & Fiesta, or giving a home to a special-needs cat or dog, is making an important difference in the lives of so many animals. These successes are *your* successes.

Until next time,

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