



Little Shelter, Big Results

Paw Prints

Newsletter of the Brown County Humane Society

June 2017

You Gave Her Hope

On a freezing cold day in January, a sweet boxer was found in a family's barn and brought to the shelter. Covered in infected wounds and horribly emaciated at just 34 pounds, she was so weak she was unable to stand.

The shelter staff gave her the name Hope because, at that point, hope was all she had going for her.

That's true for so many of the animals that come to the shelter. Whether they are injured, sick, or just homeless, what they need the most is hope. That's what you been give them.

Hope's journey wasn't easy. Initial tests showed that she had an enlarged heart, a heart murmur, and a BB shot lodged in her leg. She went to foster care with an employee, Stephanie, where she spent two weeks receiving high doses of antibiotics and pain medication. Her wounds were cleaned twice daily and she ate five times a day. But Stephanie said from the first day, Hope was happy...and she's been happy ever since.

Stephanie and her husband decided to adopt Hope into their family. She now lives with them and their dogs and cats. She's put on weight and her wounds have healed. Best of all, she's learning what it's like to have family. She climbs into bed for cuddles and she's learned about toys for the first time, and now carries one with her wherever she goes. She's finally safe. She has a new name, too...Abby.

Thanks to you, she no longer needs Hope.



Getting There is Half the Fun

Driving through Brown County in the spring, you may not notice all of the narrow gravel roads and steep hills that make up a large part of the county. Come winter, though, when the leaves are off the trees, you start to see just how many houses there are hidden off the main roads. It's down those roads and up those hills that you'll see our Serving Pets Outreach Team (SPOT) van travelling, as the team meets with county residents to tell them about our programs or delivers pet food and supplies for those in need.



In 2016, 220 field visits were made, delivering more than 21,000 pounds of pet food, 54 bales of straw, collars, leashes, dog houses, runner lines, and feral traps. Those roads put a lot of wear and tear on a vehicle and, after many years of service, our SPOT van finally gave up. Rusted through in so many places that pavement was visible through gaps in the floor, it was no longer safe to drive.

Thankfully, through grants from several organizations, (the Petco Foundation, the Brown County Community Foundation, South Central Indiana REMC, and Howard F. Hughes Legacy Passthrough Fund), we'll soon be able to purchase a new van, one that can handle the workload as well as provide safe transportation for our volunteers.

An Opportunity for Double the Impact

In May, we held our annual Phone-a-Thon, this year raising money for the SPOT fund. Donors have so far contributed a generous \$23,000. However, with matching funds provided by the Tony Stewart Foundation, the Werling Charitable Foundation, the Tompkins Foundation for FeLV Advocacy, and the Howard F. Hughes Legacy Passthrough Fund, **we have the opportunity to match up to \$33,000.** That's \$10,000 of added matching funds you can help us receive if you contribute before June 30th.

This funding comes at an especially critical moment. As we celebrate a major milestone--5,000 pets altered since the inception of the SPOT program--the only veterinarian in our community is no longer performing surgeries. As a result, we've seen a 60% increase in requests for spay/neuter services in the first four months of 2017. Your support here will have more of an impact than ever in reducing the population of unwanted animals.

Dawg Gone Walk & Fiesta

Despite a brief downpour in the morning, May 21 turned into a beautiful day for a dog walk. With plenty of games and contests, shopping and socializing, it was an opportunity to celebrate the joy that dogs bring to our lives and to raise over \$25,000 for the animals at the shelter.

We're grateful to the attendees, donors, and volunteers who made the day so much fun, and to our corporate sponsors who helped make it possible: Bloomington Veterinary Hospital, Jones Law Offices, Ratts Family Charitable Fund, Royal on the Eastside, Tony Stewart Foundation, Werling Charitable Foundation, and Zacks Investment Management.



Upcoming Events

Learn more about all of our events on our website at www.bchumane.org/upcoming-events/

BARN SALE – August 10th - 12th, 8am – 4pm

The biggest yard sale of the year. Thousands of new and gently-used items.

ONLINE AUCTION – October (dates TBD)

Our popular auction returns in October, even better.

If you have an item, tickets, or service that you would like to donate, please contact Megan Gushwa at fundbchs@gmail.com

CHOCOLATE WALK – November 11th, 10am - 4pm

It's the 10th anniversary of our most popular fundraising event.

Tickets go on sale August 1.

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.*

To make a memorial or gift 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

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

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Virginia Hays

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Luigi

Michael and Mitzie Salem

Special Mother's Day Gifts

In Honor of Bobbi Winger – Jim Winger

In Honor of the mothers of our grandchildren – Jim and Bobbi Winger

In Honor of Elizabeth Hanson – Jody Hanson

In Honor of Patty Gushwa – Megan Gushwa

In Honor of Amanda Stevenson-Holmes – Matt Holmes

In Memory of Marilynne Imhoof – Erika Imhoof

Donations Were Made in Memory of...

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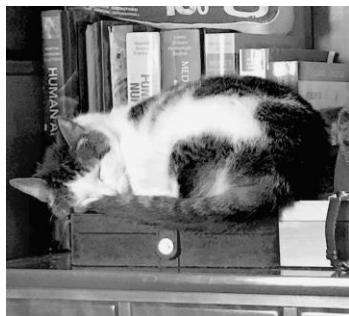
Jennifer Miers

Hope Helped Them All

Not every story is as traumatic as Hope's, but every animal deserves the hope of a new future. Here are recent adoptions you made possible:



Winnie – Rescued after falling into a ravine in the state park, senior girl Winnie (now Princess Belle) enjoys finally sleeping in her own soft bed, going for easy walks (out of the rain), and playing with her new beagle brother, Bumpus.



Bill Nye – Given up after six years because his owner was moving, he now has his own spot in the home office, close enough to be reached for petting at all times.

Hope makes a difference.

Until next time,

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Follow us on Instagram at: [bchumane](https://www.instagram.com/bchumane)

P.S. You can give hope to even more animals by making a gift online, or sending a donation in the enclosed envelope.

Save the Bea

She's not the prettiest, or the sweetest, or the youngest, but Bea has the biggest personality of them all. She lives life on her terms, which includes regular access to your lap, petting in the spots *she* likes, good conversation (and a bit of grumbling), a soft bed near the window, and toys. She tolerates other cats if *they* tolerate her hissing. She's declawed, too, which is great for when she sits on your shoulders.

Bea has been hoping for *her* home for ten long months. Spend 15 minutes with her, and we know that she'll win you over. Or share her story and help us find that special someone who's looking for her.



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