Answering the Call

*How Your Support Is Giving Even More Animals the Chance for a New Life*

On May 10 and 15, volunteers gathered at the Brown County library for the annual BCHS Phone-a-thon. This year’s fundraising effort was for the Medical Fund, used to provide medical care above-and-beyond what might normally be necessary for one of the shelter animals.

As an open-admission shelter, the Brown County Humane Society accepts every cat and dog brought to us from the county, regardless of their age, or breed, or health. Every week animals arrive who are injured or ill, and we believe that each one deserves a chance to heal and find a home. **We know that you believe that too, because your support for the Medical Fund is what makes those chances possible.**

For some animals, medical treatment may include x-rays to diagnose a problem or special prescription food to address a dietary need. Others might require more complicated treatment while they wait for their forever home. That’s what the Medical Fund is there for, to provide additional care where needed.

Four foundations provided matching funds: Howard F. Hughes Legacy Passthrough Fund, Tompkins Foundation for FeLV Advocacy, Tony Stewart Foundation, and Werling Charitable Foundation. Combined with your support, this means that even more animals will receive the care and time they need.

**Fiesta Fun in the Sun**

It was a brilliant, sunny day for the **16th annual Dawg Gone Walk & Fiesta** on May 20. The afternoon started with the blessing of the animals and the introduction of the adoptable shelter dogs. Then, everyone was off for the walk along the river and around the park before competition in the games and contests began.

Whether bobbing for hot dogs, dressing up in costumes, or just watching from the sidelines, all of the dogs, and their humans, had a great time.

With the help of the attendees and sponsors, including the Brown County Inn, Jones Law Offices, Royal on the Eastside, Tony Stewart Foundation, Werling Charitable Foundation, and Zacks Investment Management, $30,000 was raised to support the animals at the shelter.
SPOT-ing a Need

For almost ten years, the Serving Pets Outreach Team (SPOT) has provided services to help people keep and care for their pets. SPOT's mission is to reduce the population of unwanted animals while making it possible for loved pets to remain in their homes, even during difficult times.

Affordable care for pets is a major issue, and 2018 has seen a big increase in the requests for assistance from SPOT. In April alone, SPOT received over 200 calls to schedule slots for just 105 spay/neuter appointments.

At the annual SPOT Rabies Clinic, where low-cost rabies and yearly vaccines are offered, we saw a 45% increase over last year in pets receiving services. Pets and their owners lined up, some for hours, to take advantage of the $5 vaccines, microchips, and nail trims.

It’s clear that the SPOT program is fulfilling a great need in Brown County. By providing opportunities for affordable care, and more easily accessible spay/neuter, families are able to keep their pets healthy and in their homes, rather than surrendering them to the shelter. That builds a better community.

Thank you for your support. We hope that you and your pets have a safe and healthy summer.

Until next time,

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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.

Meet Finn

Smart, playful, and eager to please, Finn is easy to have fun with. He’s just as happy to chill out as he is to play. His steel-gray coloring makes him a beautiful dog to look at, too.

Finn has been at the shelter for three long months. He’s not sure about young children, so a home without is best. Visit the shelter to meet this lover-boy.

Dogs wait their turn at the Rabies Clinic.

The Sneaker Sniffer, Costume Contest, and Sitting Ducks were just three of the games and contests at the Dawg Gone Walk & Fiesta.
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 “gift note” box

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**Upcoming Events**

**Barn Sale:** August 9 - 11 from 8am – 4pm  
Accepting donations at the barn on: August 3 & 4 from 9am to 4pm and August 5 - 7 from 12pm to 4pm.

**Online Auction:** October, 2018 (Date TBD)

**Chocolate Walk:** November 10 from 10am – 5pm  
Watch the BCHS website for updates on these, and other events at www.bchumane.org

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