



Little Shelter, Big Results

Paw Prints

Newsletter of the Brown County Humane Society

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Itty Bitty Andi

Life Beyond the Puppy Mill

Imagine spending your entire life in a cage with no light, no fresh air, no affection or comfort. That is the life that many puppy mill dogs experience. Kept in over-crowded conditions, forced to breed for profit, they are pawns in a multi-million dollar industry of cruelty.

According to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), there are an estimated 10,000 puppy mills in the United States with almost 200,000 dogs kept solely for breeding purposes. Female dogs are delivering an average 9.4 puppies per year.

Little Andi was a survivor of one of those puppy mills, rescued as part of an operation by HSUS. We do not know the extent of Andi's experience, but by ten years old, her little body had experienced the trauma of birth many times.

Andi spent her first few days at the shelter in the office, practically swallowed up by her soft dog bed. She was understandably frightened, and nervous about everything going on around her. To make things worse, she tested positive for heartworm, and that wasn't the only challenge she was facing. Andi was pregnant. The repercussions of her puppy mill days weren't yet behind her.

On the day after Christmas, Andi delivered her final litter...five puppies born via caesarian section. As tiny as mice, they needed to be bottle fed every two hours for several days until Andi recovered from her surgery. It was genuinely touch-and-go for a while, for both Andi and the puppies, but they were in good hands. Bennie, Nate, Bitsy, Rosie, and Heidi all pulled through and in March were adopted into wonderful homes.

Now Andi is able to focus on her own recovery. She is in foster care with the family that plans to adopt her once she has completed her heartworm treatment. Now she is learning the joy of what it is like to be nothing more than a pampered member of a family. You've given her the chance to know comfort and kindness for the first time.

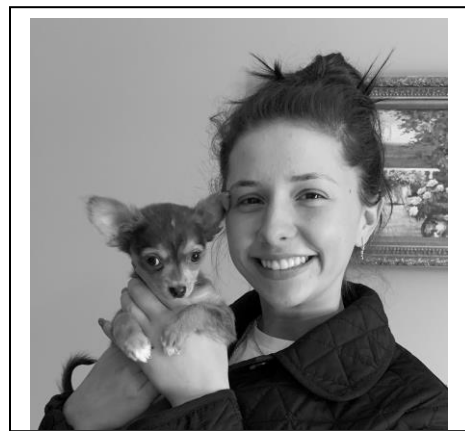
Of course Andi and her puppies represent just six of the pets your support has saved. There are hundreds more every year, each facing their own special challenges, that are living better lives because of you.



Andi on her first day at the shelter.



Andi and one of her puppies: Heidi



Puppy Bitsy on her adoption day

To make a memorial or honorarium 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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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.*

Donations Were Made in Memory of...

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Mollie

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Bob, Deb and Dodie Barr

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Visit our Facebook page at
www.facebook.com/bchumane/
at noon on JUNE 1st for a
major announcement.

Teaching Cats New Tricks

It turns out you can teach old cats new tricks. BCHS was selected to participate in the Jackson Galaxy Project *Paws Positive* program. Jackson Galaxy is a well-known cat behaviorist from the television show *My Cat From Hell*. This Signature Program of GreaterGood.org teaches staff how to train shelter cats to respond to commands such as sit, touch, high-five, and even jumping through a hoop.

The aim of the training is to increase feline adoption rates. It provides much-needed enrichment time for the cats and, more importantly, can encourage cats to become more outgoing. Staff and volunteers can show off a cat's skills to potential adopters, causing them to take a second look at a cat they might previously have passed by.



Days Out With the Dogs

For many dogs, time at the shelter can be especially stressful. Even with regular walks, they still spend hours at a time in their kennels, following the same routine every day.

A new program this year is the Doggy Day Out. Any trained volunteer can now schedule time to take a dog on an outing away from the shelter.

Some dogs get to go for a hike in the park or a walk in town. Others might head to the volunteer's home for some TV time on the couch. Or maybe it's a drive in the country followed by an ice cream cone at McDonald's.

No matter where they go, these outings create a wonderful break in routine for the dogs and also help us learn more about each dog's real personality... information we can pass on to potential adopters.



Ten Years of Service

Later this year, we will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Serving Pets Outreach Team (SPOT) program and you will learn how your support for SPOT has impacted the people and pets in Brown County and beyond.

We have just conducted our Phoneathon to support the SPOT program. You can still help us receive all of the matching funds available, worth up to \$30,000, if you donate by May 30th. Donate online at www.bchumane.org/donate or mail a check to: SPOT, PO Box 746, Nashville, IN, 47448

Until next time,

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

2019 Events

Dawg Gone Walk & Fiesta:

May 19 from 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm

The best darn party for dogs (and their humans). Games, contests, vendors, and so much more. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

Barn Sale:

August 8-10 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Shop from thousands of gently-used items at fantastic prices: antiques, collectibles, toys, tools, kitchen appliances, books, furniture, etc.

Donations for the sale can be dropped off at the BCHS barn on August 2 – 6.

Online Auction:

October 20 at 8:00 am – October 24 at 7:00 pm

Bid on donated items like vacations, original artwork, tickets to events and adventures, unique experiences, jewelry, gift certificates, sports memorabilia and collectibles, and more.

To donate to the auction, contact Megan at fundbchs@gmail.com

Chocolate Walk:

November 9 from 10am – 5pm

Stroll through the town of Nashville enjoying treats from over 30 participating shops and restaurants. Music, food, shopping and more.

Learn more about our events online at www.bchumane.org/upcoming-events/

BCHS Staff

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