



Together, We Unleashed A Brighter Future

August 2021

Three Years Later - a New Shelter Ready to Serve You

In March 2018, the first meetings were held to plan a capital campaign for a new animal shelter for Brown County. Because of you, that shelter is now a reality and is already serving our community.

When we set out to make this building happen, we knew that raising over \$3 million was not going to be an easy task in our small community. But, we also knew the great passion you have for helping homeless animals and, because of that, we knew you could make it happen.

Not only was our local community key to creating an amazing new facility, a terrific building team was assembled. The process began with architectural firm, Shelter Planners of America, meeting with us to understand the needs of the organization and the character of Brown County. Once it was time to build, Strauser Construction made it happen. The first movement on the new shelter took place on May 7, 2020 and just 13 months later, we were operational in our new facility.

On Saturday, June 12, 2021 volunteers and major donors to the campaign celebrated the move to our new shelter with an animal parade. It was a fun way to welcome the dogs and cats to the new shelter complete with balloons, boas and lots of excitement.

One month later, on July 17 we celebrated our official grand opening with you, our community. The day began with a ribbon cutting ceremony and followed with tours showcasing the features of this state-of-the-art animal shelter. Read more about how this building will improve the lives of our shelter pets, the community and our staff and volunteers inside.

In just three short years the money was raised and the building complete – that is amazing! And, only possible because of your support and passion for helping homeless pets. Thank you for making this dream a reality.

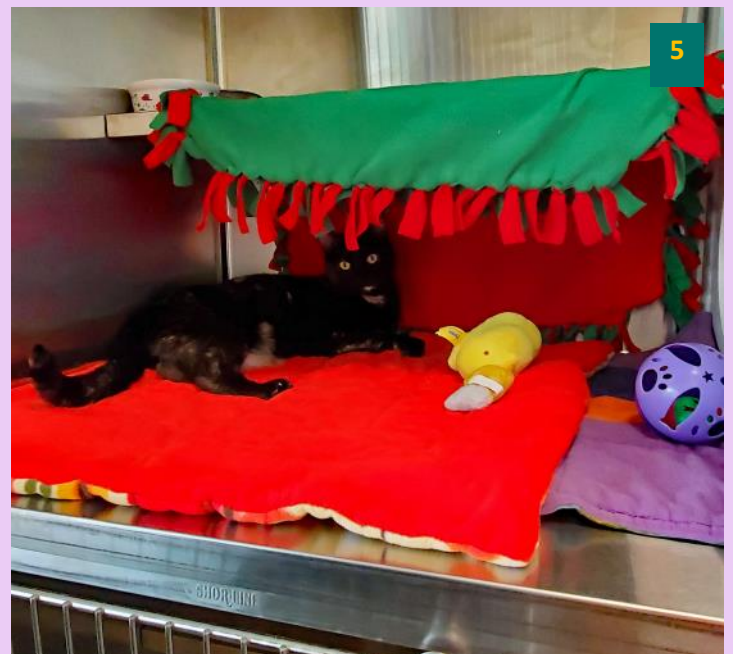


Learn how this new shelter benefits those who matter most...

Shelter Pets



1. Cat community rooms allow free roaming and a more home-like atmosphere for cats who enjoy other cats
2. All dogs kennels have indoor and outdoor access with a beautiful view of the play yards and pond out back
3. Dog kennels now all face one direction and are much brighter, both of which increases mental health
4. Outdoor play yards allow social dogs to enjoy time together and work off some energy
5. For cats who prefer living as single cats, we have bigger cat condos with separate living space and windows to watch all the happenings



Our Community



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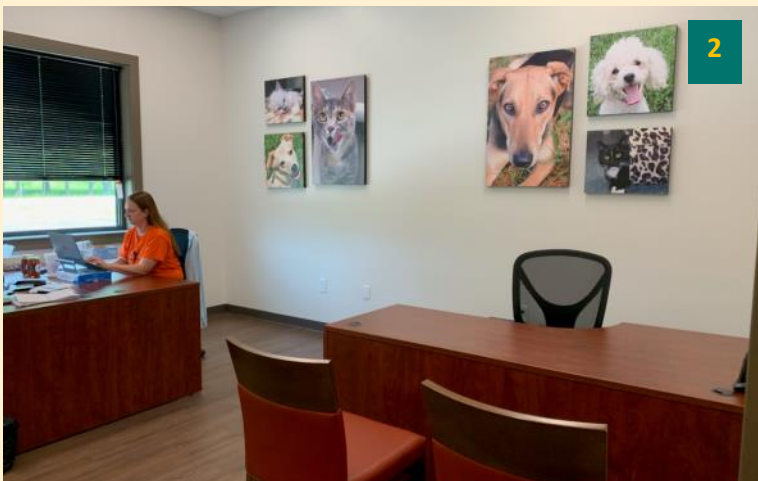
1. Visitors walk into a welcoming lobby with lots of natural light, plenty of room to explore, and entertainment provided by cats in a community room
2. Indoor meet and greet rooms for both dogs and cats allow adopters to have one-on-one time with animals to learn about their personality before taking them home
3. Surrendering an animal can be hard. For this we now have these semi-private cubbies for staff to talk with visitors away from the general traffic of the shelter

Staff and Volunteers

1. Our veterinary technician now has room to perform routine medical intakes and vaccinations and even a desk to sit under when on their computer
2. Group office space allows staff to be on-site to complete work efficiently and collaborate in a more effective way
3. Staff and volunteers now have a dedicated room to store their personal items, eat lunch and just take a break away when things get overwhelming



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Thank you to the generous donors who built new shelter

Every person who donated to our campaign made this shelter possible. We are so thankful to all who donated. Donors who generously gave \$1,000 or more to the campaign are listed below.

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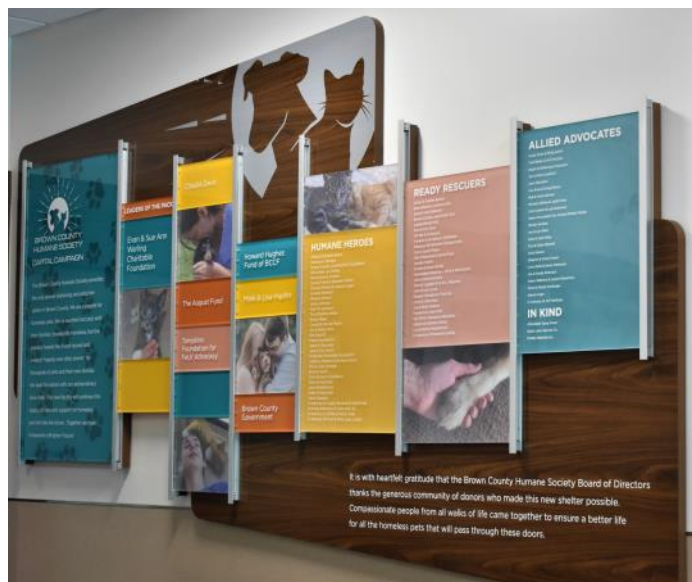
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The vision for the future - to serve animals and community



Not only will the new shelter serve the homeless animals of Brown County, our vision is that it will also serve as a community resource in so many other ways.

Our expanded space will allow community groups to hold meetings and celebrations. For example, a girl scout or boy scout troop can come in to learn about animal care and interact directly with adoptable cats and dogs. Teaching young children the proper way to handle animals creates an understanding that they will carry well into their future.

Our Education Center is also fully equipped with audio/visual equipment for community groups to hold meetings for up to 30 people. The layout also provides access to a kitchenette and bathrooms. After-hours access can be granted to this room while keeping our animals safe.

Finally, with a new facility comes the ability to return to normal operations. After more than a year of limiting visitors, the new shelter allows us to safely reopen to the public with normal operating hours (Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Noon to 5pm. Closed on Tuesday and Thursday).

If you weren't able to join our grand opening, stop by and check out the building you helped make possible!

Want to help even further?

One of the most exciting things about this new facility is that we can now fully open up our volunteer program and welcome more assistance in the shelter. We have already added 7 additional morning cleaning positions and 5 afternoon shelter helpers. We still have a need to fill additional spots and anticipate even more opportunities becoming available as we settle in and learn more about the daily needs of the expanded space.

To learn more about volunteering opportunities as they become available, visit www.bchumane.org/volunteer/. If you see a position you would be interested in assisting with, please complete an online volunteer application and Megan, our Community Relations Manager, will follow up to discuss additional details.

