

It's Beginning to Feel A Lot Like Home

Three months ago our shelter staff, volunteers and animals made the journey across the parking lot and into our new facility. After some time to adjust and learn the ins and outs of the new shelter, everyone is enjoying all the building has to offer!



Dogs are enjoying the flat outdoor play areas where they can run and socialize.

With the move, we were able to resume normal operations and open our doors to the public once again. This has been a welcomed change for all and even the animals seem to like having visitors. The shelter is now open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Noon to 5pm.

One of our biggest hopes for this new facility was to improve the interaction between adopters and the dogs and cats they were interested in meeting. And, this building has done just that. Adopters are now able to interact with cats in our open community rooms and with dogs in our indoor meet and greet room. The new setup is proving to be a much more pleasant interaction for both people and animals.

We have also welcomed back a full crew of volunteers, something we haven't been able to do since early last year. We currently have nearly 30 individuals who come each week to help care for the animals, walk the dogs, interact with the public during open hours and so much more. And, as we continue to get settled we are adding more positions to help enrich the lives of the dogs and cats waiting on their new homes. If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities, visit our website at www.bchumane.org/volunteer/.

We know there are still many possibilities with this new shelter that we haven't explored yet and we look forward to doing just that in the months and years to come.



(Left) Group office space helps staff be more productive while also allowing for some adorable office visitors when animals need just a little individual attention.

(Right) Cats are enjoying both the openness of the cat community rooms as well as the chance at fresh air on their fully enclosed catios.



Not All Missing Cats Are Lost Causes

Lots of wonderfully friendly stray cats end up at the animal shelter every year. It's obvious that most are loved family members. Last year, Brown County Humane Society received 85 stray cats. Of those 85, only 5 were reunited with their owner. While you might assume your lost cat was snatched by a coyote, most are not. There are some things to know that can help increase the likelihood that your cat can be found.



If your cat does go missing, here are tips to help find them:

- * Search around your home – look in bushes, under buildings, under cars or any other tiny space your cat can squeeze into. Remember that they are in hiding mode and can fit in tiny spaces.
- * The chances of your cat making sounds are very slim and they could be right where you are looking so be thorough in your visual search.
- * Search your surroundings at different times of day – cats are active at night and so may be out of hiding.
- * Make flyers with a photo of your lost cat. Distribute it to all your neighbors and remember cats can travel through woods and fields. So, even if you don't consider someone a close neighbor, reach out to them anyway as a cat's path is not on a road.
- * Ask neighbors to check under porches and inside of their outbuildings. Your cat could have snuck in when a door was open and now cannot get out.
- * Place large, brightly colored posters with your cat's picture and your phone number at major intersections close to your home. Also, be sure to post your lost cat on your social media page as well as local lost and found pet social media pages (locally, we suggest Critters of Brown County Indiana on Facebook).
- * Call the shelter and report your cat missing, 812-988-7362. Visit the shelter often to look for your cat. And, if you live near a county line, call surrounding shelters as well.

These are all great tips for finding your lost cat, but there is one thing you can do to increase chances of reunification before your cat ever goes missing. Get your cat microchipped! Cats with a microchip are 20 times more likely to be reunited with their owner than those without. 20 times! Microchips can be inserted by veterinarians at your cat's next visit; it is as easy as getting a shot.

How big can it go? We may never know!

Each year we are convinced the annual Barn Sale is the biggest it could ever be. And, last year was no exception. After raising over \$45,000 in 2020 we thought there was no way to top it. We were wrong.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, this year's Barn Sale raised \$55,800 in funds that will go directly toward caring for the homeless animals in the shelter. We simply don't have the words to properly express our thanks for making this such a huge success.

Whether you dropped off your unwanted treasures, shopped one or all of our sale dates or did both, you helped support this event and the animals in need.

Roughly 60 volunteers logged over 1,300 hours. It was hot, days were long, but still our amazing volunteers showed up, smiled and had a great time. There is no way the Barn Sale could have happened without each and every person who stopped by to help. We can't wait to see what next year will bring!

To make a donation, please send a check along with your name and the name of the person or pet you want to honor to: BCHS, 128 State Road 135 South, Nashville, IN 47448 or donate online at: www.bchumane.org/donate/. The following gifts were received from June 2021 through Sept. 14, 2021.

Donations were made in honor of...

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Cynthia Jo Temple

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Barbara Ann Parks

Frank Zody

Ruth Jarrett

**Gift was inadvertently left out of previous newsletter. We apologize for this oversight.*

Update to publication of memorial listings

This will be the final newsletter that includes a printed listing of memorial and honorarium gifts received. Beginning September 15, all gifts received will now be listed on our website. Gifts will be displayed for six months after receipt. This will allow these meaningful gifts to be acknowledged in a more timely fashion. To view a listing of memorial giving going forward, visit www.bchumane.org/donate/.

Saving the sweetest for last...

The final event of the year for BCHS is our annual Chocolate Walk. This year's event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10am to 5pm throughout Nashville. And, it is going to be bigger than ever with 39 shops providing chocolate treats for our attendees.

Chocolate Walkers can stroll through town and admire the beauty of fall in Nashville, hunt for unique holiday gifts or just enjoy a great day out with friends.

And, don't forget all the chocolate you consume is 100% guilt-free as all proceeds from the event go straight to the animals at the shelter.

Tickets for the Chocolate Walk are \$25 each and are selling quickly. We have already sold nearly 500 of the only 1,250 available tickets. In addition, tickets purchased before Nov. 1 can be mailed directly to your home for a small fee – no waiting in line on event day! So, don't delay (ticket prices do increase to \$30 on Nov. 1) and be sure to buy your tickets now before they are gone. Tickets can be purchased on our website at www.bchumane.org/chocolate-walk/.

Not interested in chocolate but want to help the shelter? With 39 shops comes an increase in the number of volunteers needed to make this event a success. We are estimating needing roughly 90 people to cover all the shifts in one single day. If you don't plan to attend to eat chocolate, please consider volunteering 4 hours of your day to greet attendees, mark off their tickets and distribute their yummy treat. To learn more about volunteering, contact Megan Gushwa at 317-946-8235 or volunteer@bchumane.org



Until next time,

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