

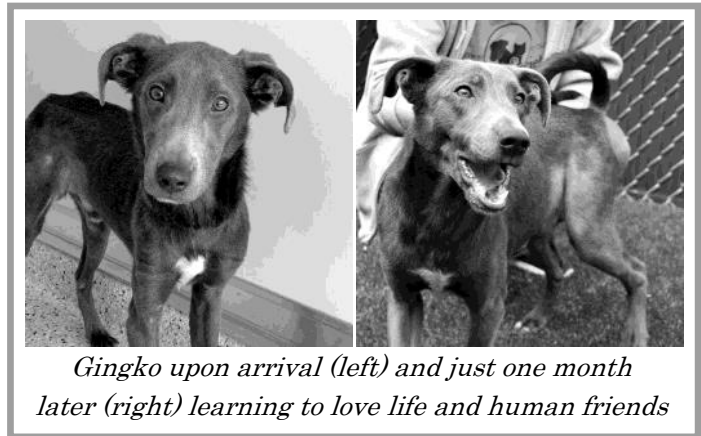
From terrified, starving to happy and ready for new homes

You never quite know what to expect when working at an animal shelter. Some days more animals go home than arrive. Other days, more animals come in than go out. It was a day like this when Bramble, Bodhi, Elwood and Gingko arrived.

Five minutes before closing, these four boys were brought to the shelter after being found abandoned in the woods crammed into one large crate. They were skinny, dehydrated, full of parasites and terrified of people - a perfect storm of many complications. Caregivers had to decide what to tackle first.

Our medical team evaluated their conditions and treated the most concerning issues immediately. They were given plenty of water and a controlled feeding schedule was initiated to allow them to gain weight safely. When animals are as skinny as these guys, simply free feeding can be dangerous.

After a few days to settle in, caregivers started to address their fear of people. Luckily, all four enjoyed treats and so with lots of patience, and lots of treats, they started to realize they were safe. Slowly they began to look forward to people visiting them and to accept affection from visitors.



Gingko upon arrival (left) and just one month later (right) learning to love life and human friends

It has been one month since they arrived and all four are entirely different dogs. They have gained weight and gained confidence! Their favorite activity is puppy play time when they can run and tussle with each other in the big play yards. They all now approach caregivers and volunteers for attention (and, of course, treats!). All four have the biggest, goofiest smiles.



Elwood upon arrival (left) and one month later (right) after discovering the joy of playing with toys!

They still have a lot to learn about how amazing life can be. They aren't perfect, but who is? New noises scare them, they take time to warm up to new people and they are still learning basic manners. We know that time will be the key to their happiness and we cannot wait to see them fully blossom once in their loving forever homes.

As of publication of this newsletter (June 2nd), all four dogs are now available for adoption and looking for the perfect home to provide them with the continued support and love they need.

To learn more about them, please stop by the shelter or visit our website at www.bchumane.org/adopt/.

Return of annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic serves 344 pets

After being canceled the past two years due to the pandemic, the BCHS Rabies Vaccination Clinic returned on Sunday, April 24th. Over 340 dogs and cats from nearly 200 families received services during the four-hour event.



This year's Clinic saw many changes including a change in location. For the first time, services were provided in a drive-thru approach in the parking lot of the Brown

County Music Center. This allowed everyone to maintain a safe distance and also made the event calmer for the animals as they stayed inside the vehicle with their owners instead of standing side by side with hundreds of unfamiliar dogs and cats.

We would like to thank the dozens of volunteers who helped make the day possible as well as the veterinarians who donated their time to ensure the health of the pets in our community—Drs. Finney, Funk, Hennessy and Soto. Thank you as well to Diane Brubaker for providing nail trims for the dogs. Finally, this event would not have been possible without the support of Susan Armstrong at Brown County Emergency Management as well as Christian Webb from BC Music Center.

It is a great feeling to know that this event helps local pets get the basic vaccinations they need. To all who attended the Clinic, we are grateful for your support and cannot wait to see you again next year!

Double Your Gift Now!

BCHS recently held our annual phoneathon with the goal of raising \$65,000 to support the animals that will arrive at the shelter this year. Animals like Bodhi, Bramble, Elwood and Gingko. The Tony Stewart and Werling Charitable Foundations teamed up to offer \$32,500 dollar for dollar matching funds for the event. Our generous donors pledged over \$20,000 during the two-night calling blitz. We still need another \$12,500 to maximize the matching funds and to reach our total goal of \$65,000.

If you haven't considered a donation yet, there is still time to have your gift doubled! The deadline for matching funds is July 15th.

Donations can be mailed to BCHS, 128 State Road 135 South, Nashville, IN 47448 or made online at www.bchumane.org/donate-phoneathon/.



My How Time Flies ... One Year Down

It's hard to believe that one year ago (June 12th), the dogs, cats and shelter staff made the official move into the new building. It seems to have passed in the blink of an eye!

Throughout the year, 732 dogs and cats (and one temporarily lost coatimundi) have crossed through the doors of the new shelter. And, while we don't count the human visitors, we know that number is well into the thousands. It has been a pleasure sharing this amazing facility with our community.

We are grateful to every person who donated to and supported the building of the new shelter. Everything about this facility creates a better environment for our animals and visitors and enhances our ability to provide the best possible care to both.

20th annual Dawg Walk generates largest revenue ever

On Sunday, May 15th, 114 dogs and their people gathered at Deer Run Park in Nashville to celebrate the 20th Annual Dawg Gone Walk & Fiesta. While it was an unexpectedly hot day, spirits were high and tons of fun was had by all. Dogs participated in games and contests, shopped at the vendor booths, got a little pampered with nail trims and massages and some even got to enjoy a nice (unflavored) Kona Ice treat to cool off! Dobie (Kara Barnard, owner) was crowned Queen of the Dawg Walk and Bear (Kayla Matkins, owner) was crowned King. The event ended with an exciting ball drop thanks to the help of the folks from the Helmsburg Fire Department.

This year's event raised the most proceeds ever, over \$41,000, all going directly to the care of the animals at the shelter. We are so grateful to all who sponsored, attended, raised additional donations for our King and Queen contest and helped make this year a great success.



Looking for the listing of memorial and honorarium gifts received?

This listing is now published on our website. Gifts will be displayed for six months after receipt. To view the current listing of memorial and honorarium giving, visit www.bchumane.org/memorial-giving/.

Free Microchips for Local Cats

Free to the first 50 Brown County cats only at Bean Blossom Animal Clinic.

No appointments needed - stop by Mon, Tues, Thurs or Fri between either 8-11am or 3-4pm.

Microchip implant is free with another service at BBAC. If no other service is needed, there is a \$10 technician fee. Regular price is \$37.50.

Program available thanks to a grant from the Brown County Lion's Club.



Upcoming Events

Barn Sale

Away A Day RV Campground
(New name, same location as last year!)
5515 State Road 46, Nashville

Donation Drop off dates

Friday, Aug. 5th and Saturday, Aug. 6th
9am to 4pm
Sunday, Aug. 7th and Monday, Aug. 8th
Noon to 4pm

Sale Dates

Thursday, Aug. 11th through Saturday,
Aug. 13th: 8am to 4pm daily

Volunteer are needed to help. The best part? Volunteers get the first look at the items available for purchase! To learn more, contact Megan at volunteer@bchumane.org or (317) 946-8235.

Chocolate Walk

Saturday, Nov. 12
10am to 5pm

Tickets will go on sale online on August 1.

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

Learn more about these events by visiting www.bchumane.org or following us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bchumane.

Until next time,

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