

Your Perfect Match May Have a Few Grey Hairs

At the Brown County Humane Society, we believe every animal deserves a loving home—puppies and kittens, of course, but also the ones who don't always get the spotlight: our seniors. Pets age seven and older are often overlooked, yet they make some of the most rewarding companions you'll ever meet. Here's why:

They Have Endless Love to Give

Senior pets know the value of a second chance. They've experienced life, and when someone opens their heart to them, they return that kindness with deep loyalty and affection. The bond you form with an older pet is often immediate and incredibly meaningful.



Garfield - 7 years old

Coraline - 9 years old



They Fit Right In

Many senior pets have already lived with families, which means they often come with good manners. They may be house-trained, know how to walk on a leash, or even have a few tricks up their sleeve. With seniors, the hard work of raising a puppy or kitten is often behind you—leaving more time to simply enjoy life together.

They Match Your Pace

Older pets tend to be calmer and more easy-going. If you enjoy cozy evenings at home, leisurely strolls, or a quiet companion by your side, a senior pet may be your perfect match. Their relaxed nature makes them ideal for households that prefer a gentler pace.

They're Extra Grateful

Senior pets seem to know when they've been given another chance. The love and gratitude they show is immeasurable, and the joy of giving them a comfortable, happy home in their golden years is a gift like no other.

If you're ready to make a difference, consider adopting a senior pet. Stop by BCHS and meet the wonderful older cats and dogs waiting for their forever homes. They're eager to bring joy, comfort, and love into your life—you just have to say yes.



Triton - 9 years old

Siri - 8 years old



A Litter's Battle: The High Cost of Panleukopenia

Panleukopenia, also known as feline distemper, is a highly contagious and often fatal disease in cats. Sadly, the Brown County Humane Society has seen a troubling resurgence of this virus over the past year. Most recently, a litter of seven kittens and their mom were rushed to an emergency clinic, fighting for their lives after being diagnosed. Despite intensive care, only four kittens and their mom survived. Your support made their treatment possible and gave them a second chance.



Panleukopenia is caused by the feline parvovirus, which weakens the immune system and leaves cats vulnerable to life-threatening infections. It spreads easily—through bodily fluids, contaminated surfaces, or even objects carried from one place to another—and it can survive in the environment for months. Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, fever, and sudden lethargy. The disease moves quickly and, even with treatment, can be difficult to overcome.

The good news is that panleukopenia is preventable. Vaccination is the best protection, starting for kittens at 6–8 weeks of age with boosters as recommended by a veterinarian.

Adult cats should also stay up to date on vaccines to maintain immunity. Keeping cats indoors further reduces their risk of exposure.

The recent cases at BCHS are a sobering reminder of why preventive care matters so deeply. Vaccinating your pets not only protects them but also strengthens the health of the whole feline community. If you have questions or need to schedule vaccines, talk to your veterinarian. Together, we can stop the spread of this deadly virus and keep more cats safe.



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BCHS Board Seeks Members to Support Organization

Are you looking for a unique leadership position that will be a fulfilling and inspiring experience? Are you committed to the welfare of animals? If you answered YES! to those questions, we would love to talk to you.

BCHS is seeking enthusiastic and compassionate people with business, leadership, project management or animal welfare experience to join our Board of Directors. Board members are responsible for developing policies and programs to ensure the organization fully realizes its potential.

Our board members are active advocates for the organization and are fully engaged in identifying and securing the financial resources and partnerships necessary for BCHS to advance its mission.

If you are interested in learning more, email Sue Ann Werling, board president, at sawerling@gmail.com or Jane Weatherford, board treasurer, at jane@bchumane.org or complete a volunteer application indicating your interest in a board position at www.bchumane.org/volunteer/volunteer-application/.

Lend a Paw: Become an Enrichment Volunteer

Do you love spending time with animals? We're looking for caring volunteers to join our Animal Socialization and Enrichment Program—a vital effort to give our dogs and cats the one-on-one time they need while waiting for their forever homes.

Each shift, you'll receive a short list of animals who could use extra attention, along with guidance on what will help them most—whether it's quiet companionship, playful energy-burning, or a mix of both. Your presence can make all the difference in helping pets shine for potential adopters.

This role is flexible—sign up for the days that fit your schedule, no weekly commitment required. Volunteers can visit the shelter between 9am and 5pm and spend as much time as they'd like with the animals. Sign-ups are managed through a simple monthly online calendar.

If you're interested in making a direct impact on the lives of animals, we'd love to hear from you! Please complete our online volunteer application (www.bchumane.org/volunteer), and we'll follow up to talk more and see if this program is the right fit for you.



Join Us to Spread Holiday Cheer to Shelter Pets

On Thursday, Dec. 18 we will hold a Facebook Live for our supporters to share the fun as we shower our dogs and cats with gifts made possible by your donations.

We had so much fun sharing the evening with you last year, we want to do it again! So, save the date and be sure to join us **Dec. 18 at 7pm on Facebook Live** to spread some holiday cheer to the pets still waiting for their forever homes.

To donate to this fun event go to <https://www.bchumane.org/holiday-gifts/> on or after Nov 17th and select the gifts you want to send to shelter pets.

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Treasure Hunting for a Cause

Barn Sale is always full of surprises, and this year was no exception. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, the event raised **over \$81,300**.

This success wouldn't have been possible without the **nearly 100 dedicated volunteers** who gave more than **1,500 hours** of their time. We would like to share a special thank you with the Indiana Air Force, Edinburgh Correctional Unit, Two Men and a Truck and the Cummins Machine Integration Center for providing groups of volunteers to help out.

We are grateful to Away A Day RV Campground for again allowing us to use their property for the sale.

We also extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone

who donated treasures and to all who came out to shop. Together, we turned a weekend into something truly life-saving for animals.

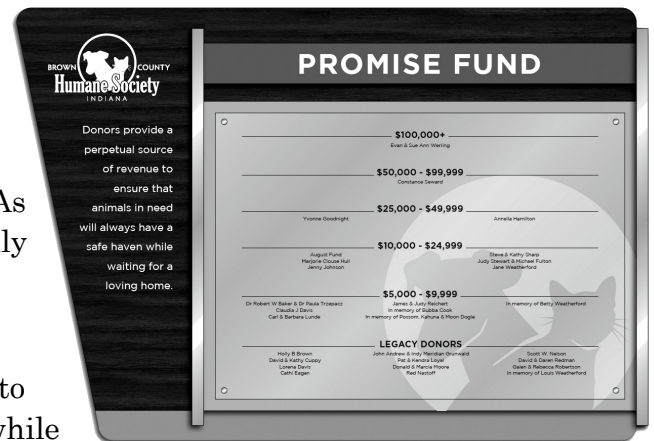


Your Support of Homeless Pets Can Reach Far into the Future

Would you like to ensure that homeless pets have a safe place to go beyond your lifetime? Do you have assets that you would like to designate toward saving pets far into the future? The BCHS has an endowment fund, the Promise Fund, that is designed to support the shelter in perpetuity. As this fund grows over the years, a portion can be used annually to care for homeless pets while the remaining assets are retained in the fund to provide for growth over time.

Promise Fund donors provide a perpetual source of revenue to ensure that animals in need will always have a safe haven while waiting for a loving home. If you would like to leave a loving legacy for homeless pets, join the 30 families who have already chosen to be a part of the Promise Fund.

As you think about estate planning, please consider a donation to the Promise Fund. More information is available at <https://www.bchumane.org/donate/promise-fund/>. You can also reach out via email to fundbchs@gmail.com if you would like to talk to someone in person about your planned giving.



Crusty

6 years old

Waiting
149 days

Charming,
quirky
chatterbox!



LONG STAY PET

Spotlight



Titan

1 year old

Waiting
118 days

Smart, fun-
loving
adventurer

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.*