



## When Care is Challenged

Bumpus, an orange and white cat with ever-so-slightly crossed eyes, arrived at the Michiana Humane Society in February after the Michigan City police found him with a sock wrapped around his neck. They took him to Michigan City Animal Hospital first for emergency care. His neck was raw and infected, probably from a wound someone covered with the sock. He clearly needed to be where his condition could be monitored and cared for on a daily basis. In our community, he needed the Michiana Humane Society.

A month later he is healing well, but still needs daily wound care and bandage changes because healing itches and scratching reopens his wounds. We have found him to be a delightful office cat who greets people and dogs, reviews our

paperwork and purrs all the while.

### **Where would Bumpus have ended up if the Michiana Humane Society wasn't here?**

More and more of the pets we take in need extra help. They are injured or sick; they are elderly with chronic diseases; they have never been trained or socialized. We estimate as many as 20% of the pets we work with fall into one or more of these categories.

There was a time when animals like these that ended up at shelters would be euthanized. The amount of time and money spent providing specialized care simply wasn't available. It's easy to imagine that Bumpus might have met that fate,

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### LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

## We Still Face Challenges

**We do so many good things for so many pets. I hope you agree that the Michiana Humane Society is a trusted place that cares for the animals in our community that need help. We have worked hard to get to this point. But there are still places where we fall short.**

Every day we turn animals away - for no other reason than we do not have a kennel or cage available. We long ago stopped keeping a waiting list for cats because it became unwieldy. Our dog wait list is typically 5-20 animals long, and people often wait a month or more to surrender a dog.

If we had more housing, we could help more animals. With 40-50 people visiting the shelter every day, we think they would find homes.

Right now we have a virus embedded in our cat population. After weeks of trying to address it with milder antibiotics, we have decided to halt intakes for two weeks so that no more healthy cats get sick, and to treat the sick cats with a stronger drug. As our cover story describes, we have also had the bordetella virus in our dog kennels.

If we had a place to isolate sick animals, we could quite possibly have contained both of these outbreaks, protecting the healthy shelter pets and also the healthy pets in the homes our animals are adopted into.

We frequently get phone calls from people looking for low cost services to get their pet spayed or neutered, or for vaccinations. We encourage them to contact the nearest high volume clinic, which is ABC in South Bend. But it takes months to get an appointment. The Neuter Scooter for cats is only in the area infrequently. We know that spay/neuter reduces the overpopulation of unwanted animals, but there is still an abundance of intact animals in the community.

If we had a high volume, low cost spay/neuter clinic available nearby, many of these animals could be tended to.

As the Humane Society for this region, we are investigating ways that we can meet these challenges and better serve our community's needs.

*Johanna Humbert*  
Executive Director

## Volunteer Test Drives Dogs!

Many factors lead to animal behavior inside the shelter and it often isn't an accurate representation of who the animal actually is. But we are lucky enough to have a volunteer, Jeff Fitzhugh, who has dedicated himself to learning more about our adoptable dogs and actually taking them home on the weekend for a "test drive"! Here's Jeff's report on his test drive with Greta:

### Greta's Story

When I first met Greta, she so was afraid of me that she used a kennel tech as a human shield to avoid me. A few days later I walked by her kennel and I was surprised to see that she was very excited to see me. I sat down with her and she jumped right into my lap. Greta likes - and actually prefers - being around people, it just takes time for her to get comfortable.

When she first arrived at my apartment she was timid. She jumped onto my bed and wanted to stay there. I sat next to her and calmly talked to her as I gently pet her.

When Greta became more comfortable, I brought my cat upstairs for an introduction. Greta curiously sniffed my cat at first but other than that, Greta was completely indifferent to her. She showed no aggression or interest in my cat.

**Greta was generally very calm but she always got excited when it was time to go outside. She loved to be outside! A fenced-in yard would be amazing for her! And most importantly - she did not have a single accident inside!**

She was very quiet the entire time, she did not whine or bark once. If I was not directly interacting with Greta, she preferred to lay on my bed and didn't cause much of a fuss. I feel as though she'd be fine to be left out by herself without much separation anxiety.

Greta is relaxed, affectionate, and obedient. She is very timid at first, but she will blossom in a calm environment with a person that truly cares for her. Greta loves to run around a fenced-in area and will play bow and get the zoomies when she gets excited.

She is an amazing girl and has so much to offer a new family. 🐾

*Jeff Fitzhugh*



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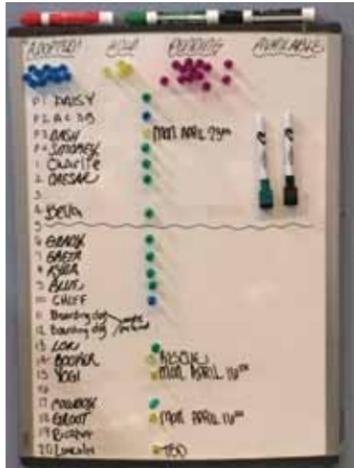
After two months at the shelter, Greta has not had any applications. We hope having this extra information about her behavior will help us help her find her family.



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given the extended medical care he has required. But nowadays we try to address the needs of challenging animals so we can adopt them out.

Having Alynne's Animal Aid Center here at the shelter gives us space onsite to provide many medical treatments. Between our Vet Assistant, Becky Blackmun, and veterinarians like Dr. Tim Sullivan and Dr. Kelly Daly who volunteer hours and hours of time each month, we are able to put together treatment plans for care, and to monitor our sickest animals. And when their troubles are bigger than our capacity for care at the shelter, we make use of Michigan City Animal Hospital, Animal Wellness Clinic, and New Buffalo Animal Hospital, all of which are most generous in helping the shelter!



**Our dog kennels are full!**

Unfortunately, our capacity is limited not only by the severity of the condition, but by the layout of our kennels and cages. It is nearly impossible to isolate sick animals here.

Last fall a dog brought bordetella ("kennel cough") into MHS. It's not a particularly serious illness in and of itself, but it is terribly contagious and can progress into pneumonia in dogs with weakened immune systems. If you've ever boarded a dog, or attended a training class, you were probably required to have your pet vaccinated for bordetella - and been told that, like

the flu vaccine, it only addresses a few variants and cannot protect the dog from every type of virus. Still, we immediately immunized all of the dogs at the shelter despite the cost of over \$7 per dog, and added the bordetella vaccination to our standard intake protocol in hopes of avoiding shelter-wide infection.

But we had nowhere to isolate the coughing dog. Before long, multiple dogs had the distinctive hacking cough. Then we began to get telephone calls from people who had adopted, complaining that their new dog infected their pet at home. We could only offer apologies and encouragement.

It took over four months to reach a point where we do not have any dogs coughing, and we are very aware that the virus could come in on another dog at any time. We will continue to

include bordetella vaccination at intake.

We dream of the day when we have an isolation room where sick animals can recover in peace, without infecting the rest of the shelter. But until that day comes, we will do our best to find homes willing to give a sick pet a place to recover, or place them through rescue organizations. And while they are at the shelter, we will give them the best care we can.

We are committed to the care of our community's homeless pets. 🐾

## Karen's Corner – Catnip!

### Want to add some excitement to your cat's day? Try catnip!

This herbal member of the mint family can be given to your cats fresh or dried, and most cats find it very stimulating. Even older cats may react by rolling around or running through your house, and toys with catnip take the game to a whole new level!

Interestingly, about 1/3 of cats do not react at all to catnip due to genetics. The simplest way to find out is to try it!

In 2018 we've been focusing our efforts on enrichment and for cats that means catnip. Here are a few ideas:

Take your leftover plastic Easter eggs (ones with small holes in them) and put a pinch of catnip inside. The cats will smell the catnip and enjoy batting the eggs around with their paws. You can also use a small sock (like for a baby).

Items such as bent pipe cleaners, milk rings from a gallon of milk, bread ties, and toilet paper holders make great cat toys when tossed on the floor,

and if you sprinkle them with catnip they become doubly exciting. Attach a length of yarn and you can pull the toy along while your cat chases.

Catnip also comes distilled in a spray, so you can spray it onto a towel or wine corks for other playful objects that provide enhancement.

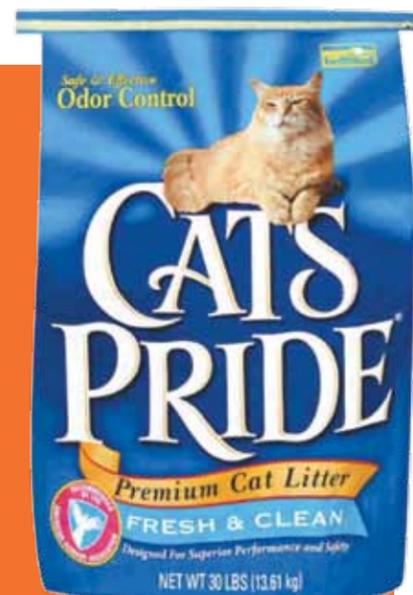


You can grow catnip in your garden, or even in a flower pot on your windowsill. Pick off a couple of leaves now and then and your cat will be delighted! (Probably best not to keep a pot of catnip where the cat can reach it, or he'll help himself!) 🐾

## Karen's Tip:

If you have adopted a cat from MHS and are working on litter box training, please note that we use non-clumping litter at the Michiana Humane Society because it is less expensive and easier for us to manage in a kennel environment. If your cat refuses to use clumping litter, we suggest that you start off with two litter boxes: one with non-clumping litter and the other can contain clumping litter. Once your cat urinates in the non-clumping litter, scoop some of that litter into the box with the clumping kind. Depending on the cat, you should see the cat begin to use the box with clumping litter within a couple of weeks, because its scent is there. Then you can ultimately transition back to one litter box with clumping litter.

Visit [www.catspride.com/litterforgood](http://www.catspride.com/litterforgood) to nominate MHS to receive free litter!



# Celebrating Volunteers

## The Family that Volunteers Together

The plan was to wait a full year before adding a pet when the Hadaway family moved to Michigan City last June. But as these things happen, they “stopped by to look” one Saturday in July and met Brie. Before they knew it, Brie was adopted and renamed Delphie.

When they lived in Indianapolis, two of the Hadaway’s daughters, Juliette (16) and Hermione (14), volunteered at the local library. But in Michigan City, the girls asked if they could volunteer at MHS and give back to the people who had cared for Delphie. Now they come in two mornings a week as part of their homeschooling curriculum. Hermione and Juliette have loved being able to work with the dogs. It may not seem possible, but the girls even like doing dishes or folding laundry. Is it fun? No, not exactly fun, but the girls love knowing that the animals will have clean food bowls and soft blankets. Mom Chris

itches in, too, often bringing homemade toys and treats for the animals (and sometimes the staff!).

“Starting something new can make you nervous,” says Juliette. “But it only takes one volunteer session at MHS to see and feel the benefits for the animals and for yourself, so definitely stop in and get started!” Hermione adds, “It’s really rewarding to see all the animals find loving forever homes and knowing that you’ve helped their lives change for the good.”

## Animal Lovers Welcome

Jen Rucinski has enjoyed being a Board Member of the Michiana Humane Society for the past 13 years. She decided to get involved in MHS because of her love for animals. In fact, she grew up in Iowa with a variety of animals including dogs, kittens, chickens, geese and even a few cows and horses. The Rucinski’s - Jen, Todd and Ella - live in Long Beach and have 2 rescue dogs (Wrigley and Lacey) they adopted when their owners could no longer care for them. Jen has shared this love for animals with her daughter, Ella, who enjoys visiting the shelter and playing with the kittens. Ella hopes someday to volunteer at the shelter!

MHS offered Jen the opportunity to meet new people who were also animal lovers. She volunteers on three different committees: Spring Fling (chaired for 3 consecutive years), Marketing and Development. Jen also offers the expertise she has gained in 15 years of owning a print management business by overseeing any printing needs the shelter has. She offers insight with the design, content, and layout and pulls from her experience of working with other nonprofits in Illinois and Indiana. She is amazed and proud of how the shelter has grown and developed over the past years!

MHS is delighted to have volunteers like Jen and the Hadaways who help support our mission of caring for our area’s homeless animals! If you have been wondering if you can help at MHS, give us a call, fill out a form, take a tour, and jump in. There is something for everyone! 🐾



Destiny and Ronnie are mother-daughter volunteers.



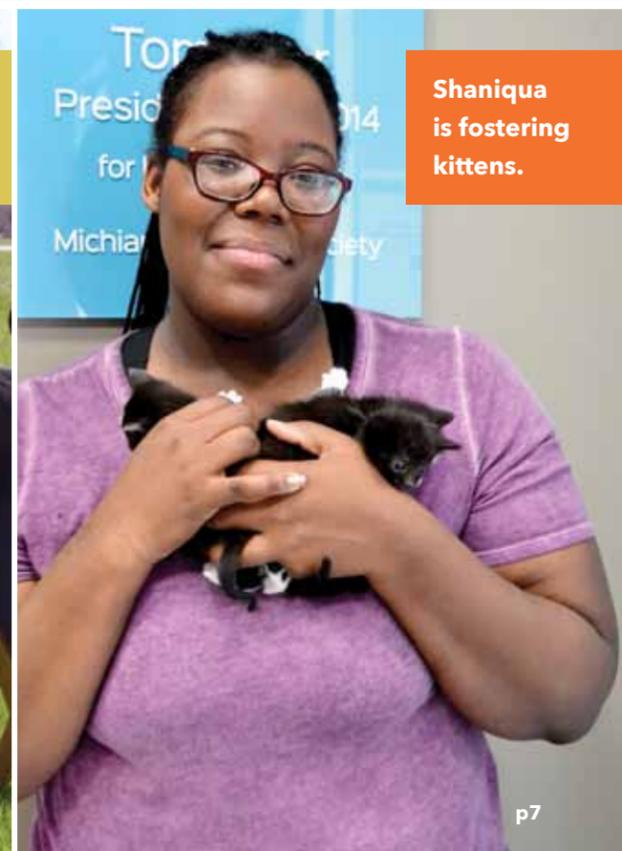
## Ready to Volunteer?

After reading about the good work our volunteers accomplish, maybe you are ready to step up! You can stop by the shelter to fill out an application, or simply download one from our website!

**There’s something for everyone to do at the Michiana Humane Society! So if you’d like to help or if you have questions, please contact the shelter at (219) 872-4499.**



Kristin runs with the shelter dogs



Shaniqua is fostering kittens.



## Disco Ball Hustles for Pets

From Afro wigs to platform shoes, this year's 20th Annual Spring Fling Disco Ball had a real party atmosphere! Guests arrived at the Uptown Center in Michigan City dressed in jumpsuits, sequins, and even a John Travolta white suit - clearly ready to "do the hustle" to benefit our homeless animals.

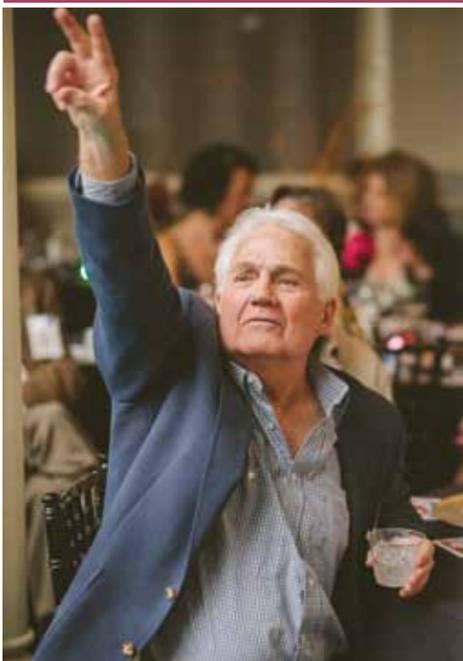


Disco Ball attendees bid during dinner on over 20 different silent items including sky diving, a fishing charter and horseback riding. Following dessert, the evening's live auction items included a lobster dinner by two of our Board Members, Eileen Kochanny and Mary Lambert, an MHS Puppy Pile Up and tickets to a Taste of Granor Farm Dinner.

After the auctions, Board Member Allison Black Goldberg and her husband, Jeff, helped Fund-a-Paws raise over \$23,000 to treat our animals with more serious medical conditions including entropion, heartworm and skin issues.

In total, we were able to raise over \$73,000 at this year's Spring Fling Disco Ball. Special thanks to our Gold and Silver Sponsors Harbor Country Storage, Scheerer

McCulloch, The Revel Group, Welcott Farm, Beth Doherty-Coldwell Banker New Buffalo and NIPSCO. Thanks to all of our Bronze and Individual Sponsors, as well. We wouldn't be able to accomplish our mission without the continued support of the community. 🐾



## 2017 Financial Report

The Board of Directors is pleased to share a preliminary financial report for the Michiana Humane Society & SPCA's 2017 fiscal year.

Once again the shelter received a large, unexpected bequest. It came from the estate of Susan Block, who retired to Michigan City with her husband in the 1990s. We are so grateful for people who choose to support the shelter's future.

Mrs. Block's bequest was unrestricted, and the shelter Board of Directors chose to set it aside with other recent bequests to be used for future improvements to our building and services.

Hutter & Associates completed a financial review of our 2016 books last year, which is available as a download on our website or by request at the shelter. We will have our 2017 books reviewed this summer.

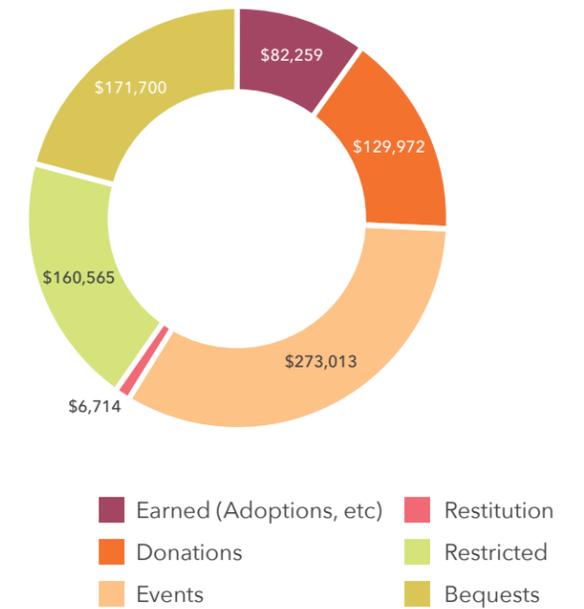
The support of our community is at the core of all of the Michiana Humane Society's success, making it possible for us to take in and place more and more pets. Our growth depends on you. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

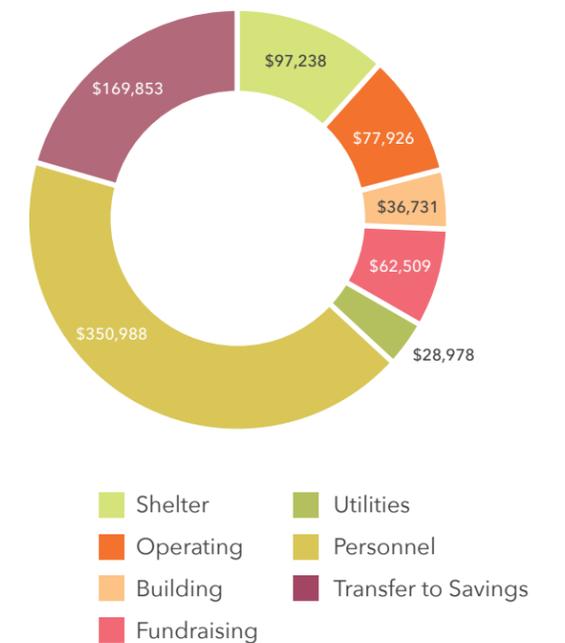
*Erik Bernethy*

Treasurer

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## Reading to Pets

After her older daughters began to volunteer at MHS (see story on page 6), Chris Hadaway sought out a program for reluctant readers for youngest daughter, Aeryn. Aeryn was so sure that her siblings were good at reading and she wasn't.

"I asked about the possibility of bringing her to read aloud to the animals. Now, each Thursday, Aeryn and I come and read to someone. Sometimes, it's a bunny (or three). Sometimes, it's a gazebo full of kittens. Sometimes, it's a dog in the education room either snuggled up on the couch or just reading along while the dog explores. Sometimes, we just sit on the concrete floor behind the cages and read to whoever wants to listen. Ok, ok. Sometimes we get distracted by puppies and don't read a single word but we try

hard to stay focused.

**"Aeryn and I love reading to whichever**

**animal wants to listen. And for me, I'll admit that watching Aeryn become more confident in her abilities as a reader makes our volunteer time really special."**

As a bonus, Aeryn now enjoys walking the Hadaway family dogs! Somehow, reading to the dogs at MHS has made her feel more confident with Delphie and Piper. And she's counting the days until she can volunteer at MHS like her sisters do. She will be very welcome! 🌸

