

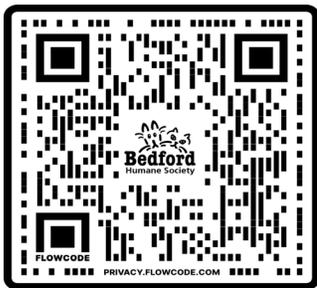


Summer 2022

Bedford Humane Society, Inc.
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Spay/Neuter Shuttle
September 8, 2022
October 13, 2022
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BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Written by Becky McCraw, BHS Treasurer & Director

Bedford Humane Society has been improving the lives of cats, dogs and people for 27 years. The nonprofit was established in 1994 with dedicated volunteers insisting on changing the lives for cats, dogs and people. Over the next 15 years BHS ran as a foster only organization with no facility. In 2004, Vernon D. Lybolt passed away, willing BHS his estate. With these funds BHS purchased property at 829 Ole Turnpike Drive in the Town of Bedford in 2009, with future plans to build the first no-kill adoption center in Bedford. Over the past years BHS has been planning and preparing for the day to break ground for the adoption center. You may ask, where are the funds that were willed by Mr. Lybolt. These funds have been used to purchase the land to build an adoption center, in soil testing, architecture plans, site plans, waste water plans, surveying and many more fees. BHS is ready to start Phase One of a Three Phase plan.

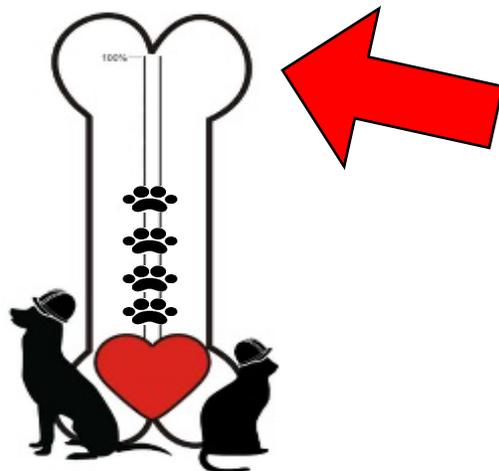
Phase One consists of: land demolition, rough grading, utility work, curb & gutters, driveway prep, building pad subgrade preparation, temporary and final seeding of site, sidewalks, asphalt paving, landscaping, underground rough-ins within the building footprint for electric and water and building concrete work.

It is up to you to help Bedford Humane Society break ground in filling a dream for so many animals and people. The adoption center is not just to help homeless animals but to help people who need assistance with their animals' medical bills, spay & neuter, animal training and most important, help with their animals to find new homes when people have no other choice but to rehome. As of today, Bedford Humane Society has taken in 131 cats and dogs. Of that number, 58% are from owner surrenders, and 42% have been rescued from the Bedford County Animal Shelter.

LET'S GET DIGGING! Our total goal for this fundraiser is \$100,000.00.

FUNDRAISER WILL RUN FROM AUGUST 1 – SEPTEMBER 30

Make a donation by PayPal or credit card on our website. www.bhsva.org.
You can also mail a check to the office. Tag donation as: **"BUILDING FUND"**!



BHS raised \$50,000.00 in donations last year with the help of a rescue angel and the community.

Let's double our already raised \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

BHS SEEKING SPECIAL ADOPTER!

Written by Shana Sayers, Director and Kim Ryder, Foster

BHS is looking for a special adopter for a very special puppy named Oreo! BHS took him in and thought maybe he had "swimmer syndrome"



and was hoping to foster him and train him to walk. Unfortunately, after several veterinarian evaluations it has been determined that Oreo is paralyzed. Oreo is a happy, sweet and gentle little fella that does not let his handicap get him down. Thanks to many donors he now has wheels and a life jacket. He can walk, trot and run with his wheels and he is a very good swimmer. He gets along well with people and even farm animals. Oreo is currently being fostered but we would like to have him adopted and help him find his furever home. You can tell from his photos that he enjoys being outside and socializing. If you have the patience, space and time to provide Oreo a home where he can get plenty of attention and exercise please let us know. From his current foster mom: "We went to Jake's Place for brunch and he LOVED all the attention he got. There were other dogs there and he never lost focus of how he should behave, kids came over and petted him and he was super gentle (as always). We keep him out socializing, in different settings, and he is always the charmer. Very well behaved, understands "wait" and "stay" (still a puppy so sometimes the wiggles still cause distraction with stay). Once he knows the house rules he is super well behaved, for example, I have a candy dish on my coffee table and he could easily get it but has never touched it because he knows the coffee table is off limits (taught by only being told "no" and being told "good boy" when he left it). He has an amazing personality and is full of love to give."

JOIN US BY SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISERS

LUNCHEON FOR PAWS

Join us for a delicious lunch at Historic Avenel (413 Avenel Ave, Bedford) and support the animals! Saturday, **August 27, 2022**. 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. \$15.00 advance ticket sales only. Take out is available. Use this link to purchase tickets and to view the menu:

<https://www.bhsva.org/events>



Pet Yoga	Saturday, September 10, 2022	SML
Open House	Saturday, September 10, 2022	Timberlake Animal Hospital
Centerfest	Saturday, September 24, 2022	Downton Bedford
Blessing of the Animals	Saturday, October 1, 2022	St. Stephen's, Forest
Golf Tournament	Saturday, October 1, 2022	Mariner's Landing
Rail Yard Dawgs Hockey	Saturday, October 21, 2022	Berglund Center

SAVE THE DATES - MORE INFO TO FOLLOW!

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Bedford Humane Society would like to take a moment to recognize Marc Nevin for volunteer of the month for June. It is overdue but he deserves his moment of appreciation. From one of our board members... "I fostered Sandy and took her to an

event when Marc came. He had just lost his companion dog. I don't think he necessarily thought he would find his next companion but he did in Sandy. He fell for her immediately and I think she with him. Sandy was not spayed so he couldn't adopt her yet. I took her to her appointment but the vet felt she had kennel cough and had to put spaying off. Marc was very patient and came and visited her at my home quite often. Marc brought Sandy to many of our events to visit and after a couple of years he found he was in a position to foster since he had put up beautiful fencing. He has been doing a great job fostering and has been so much help in many other ways. We value his help and his friendship."



HAPPY SUMMER

Dear Friends of Bedford Humane Society,

Summer is a great season, full of outdoor activities, but please, please be cautious with your furry friends. My husband and I adjust our daily walks to early morning and mid-evening and then let our pups set the pace. Back when I was a runner and took my standard poodle Esther with me, we would go in the cooler hours, and I would actually run the water hose over her before we started. She would flash me resentful eyes at that moment but would quickly appreciate the gesture. Keep in mind that if a surface is hot for your bare feet, it will burn your pets' feet as well. Clipping fur to a short crop can help too or wearing a cooling vest or booties if you must go out at hotter times of the day. Alternatively, just leave your friends at home. Only a few moments in a car, even parked in the shade with the windows cracked can be devastating. Dogs and cats do not have sweat glands across their bodies like we do; they remove internal heat by panting and some radiantly through

their ears and foot pads. This just cannot dissipate heat fast enough when it is truly hot. For their comfort, strive for temps under 80 degrees Fahrenheit either with air conditioning or perhaps with shade and a fan. Never leave your pets outside in the direct sun without their having access to shade and plenty of water.

Know the signs of overheating, and act quickly. If your pet is panting excessively, with thick, ropy saliva, acting unusually lethargic, vomiting or experiencing diarrhea, get care immediately. In dogs, signs of heat stroke also include a deep red tongue and brick red gums. For cats, open-mouth breathing can indicate that they are too hot. Don't delay care if your pet shows these signs. Moisten towels with cool water — not ice water, which can cause blood vessels to constrict — and wrap them around your pet. Take your pet to a vet or animal hospital as soon as you can. Another handy resource is the Red Cross pet first aid app that also includes a directory of local animal emergency resources. All that said, go out and have fun and bring along Fido and Fluffy when the conditions are right!

Wishing you all the best during this fun outdoor season,

Dr. Terri R. Clark, DVM, DACLAM

**ADOPT
SHELLIE** 

Submit an application

www.bhsva.org



LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER

All Bedford Town/
County residents
are eligible!

Vaccinations are
also available for pets undergoing surgery.
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2022 Mid-Year Program Totals

S/N Shuttle: 174 Families, 151 Spays & 116 Neuters

Forgotten Feline (TNR): 73 Spays and 95 Neuters

Animals: 16 Families – 29 Dogs and 19 Cats
(1979 pounds of dog/cat food)

Year to date adoptions: 95

Microchip totals: 112

OUR PROGRAMS

Animeals – Bedford residents, please reach out for assistance, we want to help you and your pet!

Forgotten Felines – Helping control the population of free-roaming cats & cat colonies.

Low Cost Spay Neuter – Low cost services through the monthly shuttle.

Emergency Fund – Assisting when pets are traumatically injured.

EXCITING WEBSITE NEWS! HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW SITE?

Earlier this year, Bedford Humane Society launched a new website. We've given our site an updated look and made it easier to navigate so you can find your next best friend more quickly!

Event and Program information is easily accessible too.

If you haven't seen it yet, please take a look! www.bhsva.org



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