

The Buzz at BRAWA

APRIL 2022

Save the Date:
June 4th
SHAKE YOUR PAW BALL



Not Fat — Just a Little Husky

How do you know if your dog is overweight?

Obesity in pets is an overlooked problem. Nearly 60% of dogs and cats in the US are either overweight or obese. A chubby puppy might be cute, but an overweight and obese pet can face a range of health problems; these include joint disease, respiratory disease, diabetes, cancers, and heart problems and ultimately shorter lifespans and a poor quality of life.

Sometimes the breed build and fur type can make it difficult to tell if your pet is overweight.

So here are some things to look for:

How easily can you feel your dog's ribs and shoulder bones? Can you feel your dog's spine and hip bones but not see them? Can you see your dog's last rib? Does your dog have an hourglass figure? Does your dog have a defined waist when you view them from the side?

These are some guidelines to follow:

Ribs, spine and hip bones are easily visible, little fat, very obvious waist - the pet is underweight

Ribs, spine and hip bones are not visible but can be felt easily, well proportioned, can see a waist line - the pet is the ideal weight

Ribs, spine and hip bones are not easily visible or felt, diminished waist or you can't see the waist at all, excess of fat deposits on waist, face and limbs - the pet is overweight to obese

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GENERAL SHELTER MANAGER:
CONNIE GREER

A Message from the Board President

BRAWA SUPPORTERS,

OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 HAS CREATED NEW AND UNEXPECTED CHALLENGES RELATED TO OPERATIONS, FUNDING, AND PROGRAMMING AT BRAWA. BUT WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY, BRAWA NOT ONLY SURVIVED, BUT THRIVED. ON BEHALF OF OUR BOARD, STAFF, AND ALL OF THE ANIMALS THAT COME THROUGH OUR DOORS, I WANT TO EXTEND SINCERE THANKS TO EVERYONE WHOSE SUPPORT HAS HELPED MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.

OUR SUPPORTERS, ALONG WITH OUR DEDICATED STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS, ARE A VITAL PART OF WHAT WE DO. ALTHOUGH FINDING HOMELESS ANIMALS A NEW HOME IS OUR PRIMARY FOCUS, BRAWA WORKS IN OTHER WAYS TO ENSURE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE RECEIVE THE BEST TREATMENT POSSIBLE. BECAUSE MUCH OF WHAT WE DO IS NOT ALWAYS CLEARLY VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC, I WANT TO SHARE SOME THINGS THAT WE ARE DOING TO ADVANCE OUR MISSION BY PROVIDING ANIMALS IN NEED WITH HUMANE TREATMENT AND GOOD HOMES WHILE ALSO WORKING TO REDUCE THE POPULATION OF UNWANTED ANIMALS THROUGH SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAMS.

- WITH THE ONSET OF COVID, BRAWA STAFF SUCCESSFULLY ADJUSTED OUR OPERATIONS TO ADD PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES TO ASSURE OUR ANIMALS AND THOSE VISITING BRAWA HAVE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE AMID THE CHANGING DEMANDS AND RESTRICTIONS. THIS INCLUDES PROMOTING ONLINE ADOPTIONS AND OTHER PROCESSES TO MAKE THE ADOPTION PROCESS AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE.
- NEW RELATIONSHIPS WITH SEVERAL GRANT-MAKING ENTITIES SUCH AS THE BISSELL FOUNDATION, PETCO-LOVE, THE LATHAM FOUNDATION, AND THE KENTUCKY COLONEL FOUNDATION HELP US ACHIEVE PROGRAMMING AND ACTIVITIES THAT OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. THIS INCLUDES NEW EQUIPMENT, EDUCATION PROGRAMMING, AND NECESSARY MEDICAL SUPPLIES.
- PARTNERSHIPS WITH ANIMAL RESCUE KARE (HART COUNTY) AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE EXPANDED OUR MISSION TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF UNWANTED CATS AND KITTENS VIA A SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM. WE ALSO CONTINUE TO OFFER LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER VOUCHERS TO RESIDENTS OF BARREN AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES.
- OUR RESCUE PROGRAM ALLOWS US TO TRANSPORT ADOPTABLE ANIMALS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH IN TURN FREES UP SPACE IN OUR SHELTER. THIS PROGRAM IS A VITAL PART OF OUR MISSION AND WE APPRECIATE ALL WHO HELP MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.
- FINDING NEW WAYS TO PROMOTE BRAWA HAS BEEN A PRIORITY. ACTIVITIES SUCH AS EDUCATION OUTREACH IN AREA SCHOOLS, SOCIAL MEDIA, WEEKLY PROMOTIONS ON LOCAL RADIO, CLEAR THE SHELTERS AND EMPTY THE SHELTERS EVENTS, ETC. ALL HIGHLIGHT AND PROMOTE OUR MISSION OF HELPING HOMELESS ANIMALS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

IN CLOSING, WE ALWAYS LOOK FOR NEW WAYS TO HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WELCOME SUGGESTIONS OF WAYS TO DO THAT. WE ALSO SEEK VOLUNTEERS WHO WANT TO ASSIST US IN ACHIEVING OUR MISSION, SO PLEASE REACH OUT TO US TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN BECOME A PART OF BRAWA! THANK YOU, AGAIN, FOR THE SUPPORT THAT YOU PROVIDE.

RHONDA TRAUTMAN, BOARD PRESIDENT

BRAWA BOARD:

PRESIDENT: RHONDA TRAUTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT: ROBIN CRANE,
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Anything is Pawsible



With the pet overpopulation in Kentucky, we depend on our rescue program to help aid the shelter in times of overcrowding. Overcrowding can lead to disease, difficulty in placing all the animals into good homes and staff stress. Sending animals to other organizations that do not have an abundance of adoptable pets is one way to save lives. In the past several years BRAWA staff, volunteers and our rescue partners have placed over 3000 adoptable pets into loving homes.



Why Dogs Bark

- To protect
- Out of fear
- To greet or play
- Out of boredom or loneliness
- Due to separation anxiety



ARE YOUR PETS PROTECTED?



EFFITIX

Repels fleas, ticks and mosquitoes.
Kills fleas, ticks, mosquitoes and lice.
Starts working on contact.

12th Annual Shake Your Paw Ball

A fundraiser to support the
Barren River Animal Welfare Association

**Saturday, June 4, 2022
6:30 PM**

Music By Tyrone Dunn & Kinfoke

Cave City Convention Center

**502 Mammoth Cave Street
Cave City, KY 42127**



BARREN RIVER
ANIMAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION

brawashelter.org

Tickets \$60 per person include meal and two drinks (beer & wine).

A shuttle will be available to and from nearby hotels.

For more information and to reserve your tickets,
please call Molly Taylor 270-670-4422 or Margie Patton 270-590-3575

Tickets are also available at paypal.me/brawapawball
(tickets will be held at will-call the night of the event)



Barren River Animal Welfare Association



Yes, I want to help BRAWA reduce the unwanted pet population by supporting the Spay/Neuter Assistance Program with my donation of:

___ \$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$250 ___ other

Name: _____ Ph: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Email: _____

Please cut out and return with your donation in the enclosed envelope.
BRAWA, P.O. BOX 171, Glasgow, KY 42142

Our Goal:

To reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats by providing low cost spay/neuter vouchers.

If you've ever visited an animal shelter, you've seen first hand some of the thousands of pets who are homeless. Nearly 2,500 dogs and cats came to BRAWA in 2021 and we seek to control this pet population by performing hundreds of low cost spay/neuter surgeries each year. We can't do this without you!

Please help us continue our mission to help the animals in Glasgow/Barren County!

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To donate online, go to www.brawashelter.org and click DONATE