#### General Manager: Connie Greer

HOURS: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 10am-5pm Sat 10am-4pm Wed/Sun CLOSED

# THE BUZZ AT BRAWA

2022 NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Barren County
for voting
BRAWA

"Best Non-Profit 2022"!

# DO DOGS KNOW LOVE & GIVE US UNCONDITIONAL LOVE?

"Dogs are non-judgmental and provide unconditional love, meaning, and joy to our lives."

The relationship pet owners form with their animals can be stronger than the relationship they have with most humans. The most obvious benefits to pet ownership are love and companionship.

Just like every other living, breathing being, dogs have needs and they will give their loyalty and affection to whomever fulfills those needs. Dogs can sense your love towards them and will react to it as such. Dogs are simple creatures who just want to be loved.

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."

Anatole France











In May 2021 BRAWA experienced a devastating flood event that caused damage to our facility and endangered our animals. Our community rallied around us in support of recovery efforts and donated a huge quantity of supplies and more than \$10,000. Since then BRAWA has taken proactive measures to mitigate issues in the future. As part of our evacuation plan, we recently purchased and refurbished a bus to serve as an animal evacuation vehicle in the event of high water.

This purchase would not be possible without financial support from the community. The bus, equipped with permanent kennels, allows for quick and safe removal of the animals in case of high water, allowing us to locate them on dry ground until flood waters subside.

The bus will also be used to transport animals to off-site adoption events, community events, schools, and other activities to help promote BRAWA's mission.

With the support of the Kentucky Colonel Foundation, we purchased flood gates for the exterior doors to prevent water from entering the building. The flood gates, which are easily installed, will be used when the threat of heavy rain is predicted.

Finally, on a bigger scale, we are working with American Engineers and the City of Glasgow Floodplain Manager to develop a comprehensive flood plain management/abatement project. This project is designed to protect our facility in the long-term by creating earth berms, drainage systems, and other strategies to improve the water management on our property. This project is still in the planning stages and will be implemented as funds are available.

Our main priority is to provide a safe and secure facility for not only the animals under our care but also our employees, visitors and others coming to the shelter.

As always, the community support of these efforts is greatly appreciated.

We could not achieve these goals without it.



#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Barren River Animal Welfare Association is a partnership of caring community members providing a safe haven for homeless companion animals. We provide animals in need with humane treatment and good homes while working to reduce the population of unwanted pets through spay/neuter programs, education, and outreach.

## **BRAWA Open House**



### Cookies & Pictures with Santa

Sunday December 11th, 1 - 3 pm Bring your dogs, cats and kids





#### **CHRISTMAS WISH LIST:**

Kuranda Beds / Medium 28" Pet Carriers
Lg. Tug Ropes & Hard Balls / Fleece Blankets
Pedigree Canned Puppy & Ground Canned Dog Food
Crinkle Cat Toys / Catnip Mice & Cat Balls
Friskies Pate Canned Cat Food / Purina Dry Kitten Chow
Heavy Ceramic Crock & Bowls
Bleach / Gain or Tide Liquid Detergent
Monetary Donations Appreciated