

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

The BUZZ at BRAWA



It's Hip to Snip!

Spay or neuter your pet.

Low risks. Lots of benies. Awesome for your community.

*Thank
You!*



HOURS
Monday:
10am - 5pm
Tuesday:
10am - 5pm
Wednesday:
CLOSED
Thursday:
10am - 5pm
Friday:
10am - 5pm
Saturday:
10am - 4pm
Sunday:
CLOSED

Connie Greer/GM

Thank you for voting BRAWA

"Best of Barren 2023" Non-profit Organization!

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A PEEK Behind the SCENES of BRAWA

Animal shelters across the country work to save and improve the lives of homeless animals via staff, volunteers, and community support - all working to create a compassionate environment where animals receive the care they need and the opportunity to find loving forever homes. When visitors enter a shelter whether to adopt or just look, what they see are dogs, cats, puppies, kittens of all ages and breeds as well as an occasional rabbit, hamster, or gerbil. The common thing they share is they are all eagerly waiting for a forever home. But there is a lot of work outside the view of the public to get animals to that point.

Behind the scenes of BRAWA is no different - there is a dedicated team working tirelessly to provide care, support, and a chance at a better life for animals in need. The days typically start well before opening time with the staff preparing the shelter for the incoming animals and providing care for those already in our care. Staff clean the kennels, replenish food and water supplies for all animals, and ensure the shelter environment is safe and comfortable and animals are healthy. Volunteers may assist with these tasks, providing an extra pair of hands and lots of love for the animals.

BRAWA's primary mission is to find suitable homes for the homeless animals coming to the shelter. But well before adoption is possible, a lot goes on behind the scenes including conducting behavioral assessments and medical evaluations to better understand each animal's needs and personality. Kennel attendants work to socialize animals if needed, addressing any behavioral issues to increase their chances of adoption. Staff and volunteers observe the animals closely, noting any changes in behavior or health and report them to the veterinary staff if additional care is needed. Volunteers are on hand to walk dogs, play with cats and kittens, and other activities to provide a stimulating, engaging environment.

Behind the scenes, veterinary care is a top priority. All animals receive basic health care, health checks and vaccinations by our animal intake staff. BRAWA's veterinarian and veterinarian technician provide spaying or neutering, and treat any injuries or illnesses. They may also perform other surgeries, administer medications, and provide ongoing healthcare to ensure the animals are in the best possible condition before being adopted. Some animals may require additional rehabilitation or behavior modification due to abuse, neglect, or trauma. Shelter staff and volunteers work tirelessly to provide specialized care, training, and rehabilitation services to help these animals regain their trust and confidence. This all happens behind the scenes, well before animals are available for adoption. Once cleared for adoption, front desk staff prepare paperwork, update information in the computer, and get all records in order so the animals are ready to go when that perfect "forever" family arrives.

We also collaborate with rescue organizations to transport animals to areas of the country where animals are in high demand. On "Transport Fridays", the shelter is hopping with activities to organize, feed, kennel, and load animals in preparation for their trip. In addition to caring for animals, administrative tasks are crucial for what we do. The shelter manager is busy with paperwork, maintaining records, coordinating with potential adopters, and overseeing the shelter's finances and personnel. So peeking behind the scenes, it is clear we are more than a "dog pound". We are a caring, professional organization providing services to and homes for homeless animals in our community. Let us know if you would like to volunteer, foster animals, or help in another way as there is always much to do!

BRAWA BOARD

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Where do your BRAWA donations go?

Meet Gypsy and her 11 babies born at the shelter.

During their 9 weeks with BRAWA we provided:

- 200 pounds of Science Diet food \$200 (shelter price)
- 11 doses of Nemex dewormer 88
- 24 distemper parvo vaccinations 192
- 12 Bordetella vaccinations 144
- 12 dewormings with Panacur 240
- 13 topical flea control applications 130
- 9 spay surgeries 450
- 3 neuter surgeries 105
- 1 rabies vaccination 8
- 1 heartworm test 15
- 12 heartworm preventive tablets 75
- 12 microchips 87
- 12 baths and nail trims 60

TOTAL \$1794

Taking proper care of animals is an expensive proposition, and we couldn't do it without our supporters. Thank you!



GRANTS PLAY A ROLE IN SUPPORTING BRAWA

Over the years, BRAWA has developed very positive relationships with grant-making organizations that help us achieve our mission. As with other nonprofit organizations, grants received from these organizations are a vital part of our operations allowing us to provide the best care possible for the animals that come through our doors.

These are some important ways in which grants have benefited BRAWA in the past:

Financial Support: Grants offer BRAWA much-needed financial assistance to help cover the costs associated with animal care, including veterinary medical supplies, vaccinations, spaying/neutering and medications.

Capacity Building: BRAWA has used grant funds to improve our facility, upgrade our equipment, and other ways to create a safe and comfortable environment for animals, enhancing their well-being, and increasing the shelter's capacity to house and care for more animals.

Humane Education: BRAWA has received grants in the past to facilitate educational programs and support the development of educational materials promoting responsible pet ownership, humane treatment of animals, and the benefits of adoption via youth service projects, summer camps, partnerships with area schools, and more.

Outreach and Adoption Programs:

BRAWA's grant program has helped with community outreach and adoption initiatives by funding marketing campaigns and advertising to increase awareness about adoptable animals; funds sometimes help with adoption events, reduced-fee adoption programs, and collaborations with local businesses or organizations to find loving homes for animals in their care which can increase adoption rates and reduce overcrowding.

The Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers are very thankful to these organizations that support our mission and contribute to our success. We appreciate the past support and look forward to continued partnerships.

- Petco Love Foundation
- Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels
- The City of Glasgow
- Petfinder Foundation
- Banfield Foundation
- Kentucky Department of Agriculture
- Barren County Government
- Mecham Foundation
- The Latham Foundation
- Bissell Pet Foundation
- Pedigree Foundation

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.