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FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER

# THE BUZZ AT BRAWA

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## WHAT'S ONE MORE?

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This time last year Abbie and her son Victor drove all the way down from Cincinnati to consider adopting a male Chesapeake Bay Retriever from BRAWA. What they weren't prepared for was to also fall in love with his sister. These siblings were brought in by animal control after they were found running in the streets of Barren County. They were incredibly thin, had dense coats and needed our love and care. The dogs were posted on Lost and Found, but were never claimed. After the 5 day stray hold was over they were put up for adoption.

The female Oakley took quickly to the families 13 year old Great Dane, Chuck. Abbie says, Oakley never left his side right up to the day he passed away. Both dogs, Tucker and Oakley blended in very well with this wonderful family and the other canines and felines in the home. Abbie states, "they don't even try to eat the cats anymore." We are told they both love to go for walks, wrestle together and snuggle with Miss Abbie every night.

It was our pleasure to help match Abbie and her family with these wonderful dogs. Thank you Abbie for keeping in contact with us and for opening up your heart and your home to not one but two shelter dogs.

# Flood Abatement – What's It All About?

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BRAWA works hard to care for the area's abandoned and neglected animals in our community. However, the shelter has one continuing nemesis that threatens our mission: recurrent flooding. Our community has rallied to help us recover from recent flood events, but it's time for BRAWA to take big steps to prevent future flooding - so the team at BRAWA is embarking on an ambitious Flood Abatement Project designed to control flooding and safeguarding the future of the shelter, our staff, visitors, volunteers, and the animals in our care.

After months of investigation, BRAWA has teamed up with American Engineers and the Kentucky Division of Water to identify the best approach to solve the problem. American Engineers, with input and approval from the Division of Water, has designed a comprehensive flood abatement plan to ensure the flood abatement project adheres to all necessary regulations and guidelines. For that we are very grateful.

The Flood Abatement Project involves a multi-faceted approach, including the construction of a system of earthen berms around the facility, relocating the entrance, and enhancing the facility's drainage systems. These measures are designed not only to protect the shelter but also to mitigate flooding with the goal of reducing flood risks and minimizing property damage. Construction is scheduled to start soon. As the Project gets underway, visitors to the shelter will see some big changes to our property and we hope you will bear with us during the construction phase. We plan to keep the public updated on our progress so stay tuned!

With the help of two generous donations, we are well on our way to funding this Project, but your help is still welcomed and greatly appreciated! There are several ways to help fund our Flood Abatement Project: 1) send your donation to BRAWA, 175 Trojan Trail, Glasgow, KY 42141 with the note "Flood Abatement," 2) call 270-651-7297 to make a credit card donation by phone or 3) go to [brawashelter.org](http://brawashelter.org) and click on "donate" for other options. Your support is a critical part of protecting the animals and our facility for decades to come. Donors to this project will be publicly recognized upon completion of the Project unless anonymity is requested.

Thank you,  
Rhonda Trautman, Board President



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## HOURS

**MONDAY: 10 - 5**  
**TUESDAY: 10 - 5**  
**WEDNESDAY: CLOSED**  
**THURSDAY: 10 - 5**  
**FRIDAY: 10 - 5**  
**SATURDAY: 10 - 4**  
**SUNDAY: CLOSED**

**Connie Greer**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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## 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.

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# THANK YOU JORDAN'S WAY



**NEW WHEELS** – Thanks to a \$17,000 grant from the Kentucky Colonels Good Works Program, BRAWA was able to purchase a used van to transport animals from our shelter to rescue organizations in other parts of the country. This was very important to our transport program as Brawa's previous van was no longer roadworthy and had to be retired.

More than 3000 animals have gone on to new homes through our transport program. This new, larger vehicle will allow us to transport greater numbers of animals and more large dogs than before. We appreciate Mike Hyde and his staff from Gillie Hyde for their assistance in locating the van and making the process easy.

We would also like to thank Kris Rotunda with Jordan's Way and everyone that participated in the Jordan's Way Fundraising Event. Your generosity made it possible for us to raise enough funds to pay the balance for the new van.

Because of you, more lives will be saved. Coming together as a community is what it is all about.



## BRAWA BOARD

President: Rhonda Trautman, Vice-President: Robin Crane, Secretary: Stacey Bartlett, Treasurer: Margie Patton  
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# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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**Supporting your animal shelter is a great way to help us achieve our mission. Here's a list of things people can do to assist BRAWA:**

**Adopt a Pet:** Give a loving home to a shelter animal by adopting a pet in need. This helps make space for more animals to be rescued.

**Foster Animals:** Become a temporary caregiver for animals awaiting adoption. Fostering helps socialize animals and eases overcrowding. Taking care of a pregnant mother or a litter of puppies or kittens helps BRAWA make room for other animals in need.

**Volunteer:** Offer your time and skills to help with daily operations, such as cleaning, feeding, or walking the animals. We offer volunteer training every month so call today to find out how.

**Donate:** As all animal shelters do, BRAWA relies on donations to operate. Donate money, pet supplies, or food to support.

**Sponsor a Pet:** Pay for the adoption fee or medical expenses for a specific pet to make it more attractive to potential adopters.

**Offer Professional Services:** BRAWA welcomes help with services such as photography for PetFinder, web design/maintenance, marketing materials, newsletters design/mailings, and building maintenance – as we all know, it takes a village so let us know how you can help.

**Spread the Word:** Share information about BRAWA's adoptable animals and events on social media to increase their visibility.

**Fundraise:** Organize or participate in fundraisers to raise money for BRAWA. Become a member of our Fundraising Committee to help.

**Educate:** Promote educational programs or workshops about responsible pet ownership and animal welfare in our community. We are always looking for help with summer camps, youth programs, and school outreach.

**Advocate for Legislation:** Support and advocate for animal welfare laws such as stricter animal cruelty laws or mandatory spaying/neutering. Together, we can make our community safer for all animals.

**Sponsorship and Partnerships:** Encourage local businesses or organizations to sponsor or collaborate on BRAWA adoption and fundraiser events.

**Donation Drives:** Organize donation drives at your workplace, school, or community, collecting pet food, toys, blankets, and other supplies.

**Attend Adoption Events:** Attend adoption events organized by the shelter and consider adopting a pet during these events.

**Transport and Rescue:** Volunteer with BRAWA to transport animals to our rescue partners freeing up critical space for other needy animals. This is a weekly event so let us know how you can help!

**Be a Responsible Pet Owner:** Lead by example by being a responsible and caring pet owner. spay or neuter your pets!