



# THE BUZZ AT BRAWA

*Spring 2025*



Misty Hurt had an idea this past Christmas that she pitched to her family and friends, "Let's cook and serve dinner for all the animals at the shelter on Christmas Day!" They agreed and Richard Hurt proceeded to cook several turkeys which they brought to the shelter along with pans of green beans and sweet potatoes. Each dog received a bowl served by the Hurts, board members, staff, and volunteers. Cats each received a serving of turkey. They loved it! But most of all they loved having all the attention from the visitors and even got to go outdoors for walks on a beautiful Christmas Day. Many thanks to Misty and the Hurt family!

## Hours

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



## 2025 Board Members

Rhonda Trautman  
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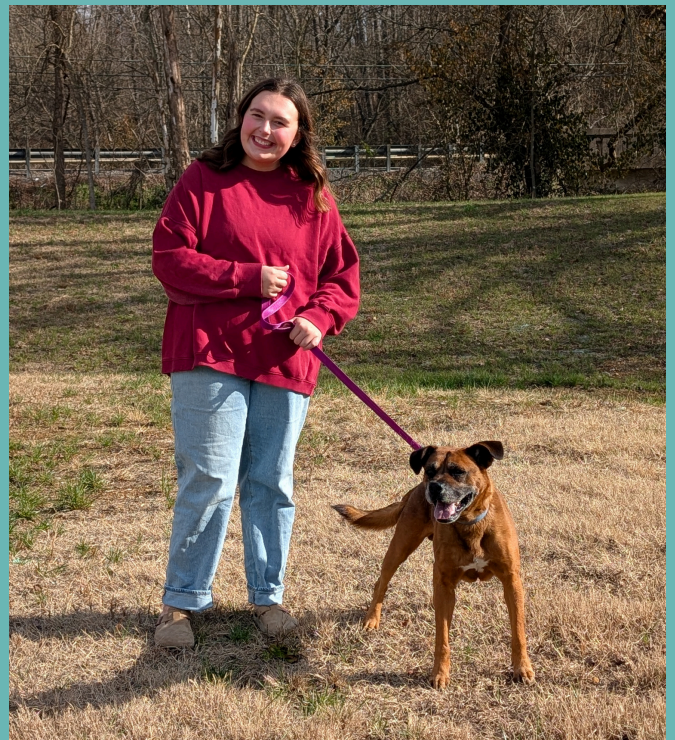


# Doug the Doodle

Meet Doug. This poor Doodle boy came to us carrying 16 pounds of filthy, matted coat. After the mess of hair was removed, a dog with several skin infections was revealed. BRAWA's Dr. Karen Thomas treated his various issues and Doug went to a foster home to recover and receive some needed TLC. We are happy to announce that Doug will be making his permanent home with his foster mom which is the perfect place for him because she is a groomer and is well aware of the needs of this breed. Thanks to financial donations from our supporters, we were able to give this sweet dog a new beginning.



Volunteering at BRAWA to walk dogs is a rewarding experience. Shelter dogs crave companionship and each walk gives them exercise, socialization, and a break from their kennels—boosting their happiness and adoptability. For volunteers, it's a great way to stay active, improve cardiovascular health, and enjoy fresh air. Walking dogs also reduces stress and lifts the mood of both the human and animal, proving a simple walk can bring joy, hope, and a second chance to a dog in need. To volunteer as a dog walker, contact BRAWA at 270-651-7297.



# BRAWA's Wish List: How You Can Make a Difference!



At Barren River Animal Welfare Association, we rely on the kindness of animal lovers like you to help us provide food, shelter, and medical care to the pets in our care. Every donation big or small makes a life-saving impact!

## Want to help but not sure what we need most?

- Pet Food - Wet & dry food for dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens (Pedigree ground dog/puppy food, Friskies Pate canned cat food, and Fancy Feast Pate canned kitten food)
- Cleaning Supplies - Bleach, liquid laundry detergent, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, trash bags
- Bedding & Towels - New or gently used blankets, towels, and pet beds
- Toys & Enrichment - Durable chew toys for dogs and puppies, crinkle toys and small balls for cats
- Office Supplies - Printer paper, postage stamps, pens, roller white out, post it notes, kitchen trash bags, gallon ziplock bags

Donations can be dropped off at BRAWA during business hours, or you can ship directly from our Amazon Wish List [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/DQJZ8oBOXoCR?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/DQJZ8oBOXoCR?ref_=wl_share)

## Other Ways to Give

Monetary Donations - Every dollar counts! Donate online at [brawashelter.org](http://brawashelter.org) or mail a check to BRAWA.

Sponsor a Pet - Cover the adoption fee or medical expenses for a shelter pet and help them find a forever home faster. Call BRAWA to learn about this opportunity.

Become a Monthly Donor - Set up an automatic monthly donation through Donor Box to provide ongoing support for our animals. Go to [brawashelter.org](http://brawashelter.org) or call BRAWA to learn how.

Corporate Giving & Matching Gifts - Many businesses will match your donation. Check with your employer to see if they offer a matching gift program!

Host a Fundraiser - Organize a supply drive, Facebook fundraiser, or community event to help support the shelter. To get involved with existing fundraisers, contact BRAWA.

Every Donation Makes a Difference! Your generosity helps us rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome animals in need. Thank you for being part of our mission!



Ideally, pets should be kept inside during cold weather, but it isn't an option for everyone. Our shelter manager purchased a dozen bales of straw to assist people struggling to keep their pets warm this winter. After they were gone, she sought donated straw to fill the remaining need. Joe Turner generously donated 50 straw bales which were given away to locals who needed a little extra help, especially during the really cold spells. We appreciate his big heart and know the animals he helped do too.

Thank you, Joe!



## 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.

Dear Friends of BRAWA,

Spring is a season of renewal and what better way to celebrate than by joining or renewing your membership with the Barren River Animal Welfare Association! As a BRAWA member, you play a vital role in helping us provide second chances to animals in need.

Membership includes:

- 🐾 10% discount in the BRAWA Shop – stock up on pet supplies to help our mission!
- 🐾 Pride in being part of a dedicated team working to care for animals in our community.
- 🐾 Our heartfelt appreciation for being a champion for homeless pets in our community.

Most importantly, your membership helps us continue our life-saving work—providing food, medical care, and loving homes for animals in need.

Join or renew today and make a difference by returning your membership in the enclosed envelope or visit BRAWA at 175 Trojan Trail to sign up.

With gratitude,

BRAWA Board of Directors and Staff

