



THE BUZZ AT BRAWA

Winter 2025

Foster Families

MAKE THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHT

While many of us gather with family and friends during the holidays, countless shelter pets are still waiting for a place to call home. That's where our amazing foster families step in—opening their hearts and homes to animals who need a temporary safe haven.

Fostering not only provides comfort and socialization for dogs and cats, it also frees up space at the shelter, allowing BRAWA to rescue more animals in need. From tiny kittens to senior dogs, every foster pet benefits from the one-on-one love and care that only a home can provide.

The holiday season is an especially important time for fostering. The shelter is often full, and many animals could use a cozy place to stay while waiting for adoption. Even a short-term foster—just a few weeks—can make a huge difference.

BRAWA provides all the supplies, veterinary care, and support; all you need to give is your time and affection. This holiday season, consider becoming a foster hero. You'll change an animal's life—and they just might change yours, too.



Hours

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



2025 Board Members

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Helping Community Cats

BRAWA'S NEW TNVR PROGRAM

BRAWA is excited to launch our new Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, and Release (TNVR) Program, a humane and effective way to manage the community cat population. TNVR helps prevent the cycle of unwanted litters while improving the health and safety of outdoor cats in our area. Through this program, free-roaming cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and then returned to their home territory where they can live healthier, safer lives. TNVR not only reduces the number of kittens born outside each year but also decreases nuisance behaviors like spraying and fighting.

To make this program successful, BRAWA needs your help! We are currently seeking:

- Volunteers to assist with trapping, transport, and releasing.
- Sponsors to help cover the cost of surgeries and vaccines.
- Colony Monitors to watch over established cat colonies, ensuring cats remain healthy and cared for.

By working together, we can make a lasting difference for community cats and our neighborhoods. Whether you give your time, resources, or support, every contribution helps us create a more compassionate community for animals.

If you'd like to get involved or learn more about BRAWA's TNVR efforts, please contact us at 270.651.7297.



How You Can Help

BRAWA's mission wouldn't be possible without community support. Whether you choose to adopt, foster, volunteer, or donate, every contribution makes a difference. **Financial donations are so appreciated, and go directly toward food, medical supplies, and maintaining the shelter.**

To learn more about how you can get involved, visit us at brawashelter.org, on Facebook, or stop by the shelter. Let's continue making a difference for animals in need!



Winter Whiskers

Holiday Mixer

Date: Thursday, December 4

Time: 5:30–7:30 pm

Location: Ole French Restaurant
255 Perkins Rd
Glasgow, KY 42141

Ticket price: \$50/each

Heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine.
Food by Hidden Hickory



Scan here for tickets

The first 50 people to arrive will get a swag bag!

Everyone will be entered for door prizes!

Come Jingle & Mingle with us at the Winter Whiskers Holiday Mixer benefiting BRAWA! Because of generous supporters like you, our organization can continue to make a meaningful impact in the lives of the homeless animals in our community. Your kindness provides warmth, safety and second chances for countless animals who deserve loving homes.

Get your tickets today!



WarmHearts for Cold Noses

WINTER CARE TIPS FOR OUTDOOR PETS

As temperatures drop, it's important to remember that our furry friends feel the cold, too. Whether you have outdoor pets or help care for community animals, a little preparation goes a long way in keeping them safe and comfortable during the winter months.

If animals must stay outside, ensure they have a dry, insulated shelter—raised off the ground, out of the wind, and lined with straw (not blankets, which can hold moisture). Always provide fresh, unfrozen water in a sturdy bowl, and check it several times a day. Add extra calories to their meals to help them maintain energy and body warmth.

Be mindful of cold-weather hazards: antifreeze is deadly even in small amounts, and pets can get frostbite quickly on paws, ears, and tails. Cats often seek warmth under car hoods, so tap on your hood before starting your engine.

If you see an animal without proper shelter or in distress, contact BRAWA or local authorities—your call could save a life.

With your help, we can make sure every cold nose has a warm heart watching out for it this winter.





A huge thank you to Span Tech for spending a day with us to spruce up BRAWA!



CHRISTMAS WISH LIST



- Kuranda Beds
- 4x6 Entrance Mat
- Rope Toys
- Tennis Balls
- Tide or Gain liquid detergent
- Clorox Bleach
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Drum Liners
- 13 gallon trash bags
- Paper towels
- Lysol Wipes
- Fabuloso
- Foaming Glass Cleaner
- Pedigree Ground Canned Dog Food
- Pill Pockets
- Royal Canin mother & baby cat canned food
- Fancy Feast canned kitten food
- Friskies Pate style canned cat food
- Chewy dog treats



Scan QR code to donate, see animals available for adoption, and more!



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.