

2012 Community Service Award Winner

Bath Animal Welfare Foundation

Presented by Nick Moga

Receiving Award: Joanne Wertz, Letty Danforth, and Jo Windham



Bath Animal Welfare Association has been chosen as the 2012 Community Service Award Winner based upon their tireless efforts to provide a safe haven for abused, abandoned or lost animals. They operate the County's only no kill rescue organization dedicated to caring for these animals. In 2001, Joanne Wertz, Letty Danforth and Jean von Schilling began this non-profit charitable organization staffed solely by volunteers. They own and operate a Thrift Shop in Mitcheltown that sells donated items such as furniture, clothing, housewares and antiques. Sales from the shop are used

to fund a variety of programs from spaying and neutering county pets, rescue and adoption, to underwriting emergency care for pets owned by low income families. Since 2010, BAWF has rescued and placed over 114 abandoned companion animals. Current Directors Joanne Wertz, Ann Snead, Jo Windham, Nancy Miller and Marion Kober plus 18 more volunteers have worked hard to develop Rescue Services, Adoption Services, Foster Care, a Spay/Neuter program and Community Outreach/Human Education. Jean von Schilling provided a quote from Albert Schweitzer, which simply explains the reason for their mission:

“It doesn’t matter if an animal can reason. It matters only that it is capable of suffering, and that is why I consider it my neighbor.”

