**BCHS 2016 “A Passion for Compassion” Award**

The Brown County Humane Society (BCHS) is pleased to present the opportunity for qualifying individuals to compete for the BCHS 2016 “A Passion for Compassion” Award by demonstrating responsible and compassionate animal husbandry/ownership.

Established in 1976, BCHS is a dedicated organization working to care for animals that have been rescued by the Humane Society due to cruelty, neglect, homelessness or owner surrenders. We are committed to place these animals into permanent, loving homes. It is our moral obligation to protect and improve the lives of all animals as we strive to educate our community about proper and responsible care.

To be eligible for this award the applicants must meet the following criteria.

1) 8 years of age as of January 1, 2016 and no older than 18 years of age as of January 1, 2016,
2) Recommendation by a club advisor,
3) A resident of Brown County Ohio, and
4) Undertaking an animal project in 4-H this year.

If you meet the above criteria, please review and adhere to the instructions below to be considered for this Award.

- Complete the Award Application & include a picture of your animal project. Responses must be hand written and legible.
- Have your 4-H advisor, sign your application.
- Have your 4-H advisor complete the recommendation form and place it in a sealed envelope. Submit the sealed envelope with the recommendation with your application.
- The application must be submitted on or before August 1st to the Extension Office. **No applications will be accepted after August 1st, 2016.**

Three (3) finalists who have best demonstrated responsible and compassionate animal husbandry/ownership will be selected and contacted for interviews by September 16. Community service activities will also be taken into consideration in determining the winner. The Award winner will be announced at the 4-H Fall Banquet and awarded $100.