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Dear Friends and Supporters of the Bartholomew County Humane Society:

I'd like to provide an update in regards to the recent concerns pertaining to the pet cemetery located on Bartholomew County Humane Society (BCHS) property. The current Board of Directors is actively working to understand the entirety of the history surrounding both the previous actions impacting the "antique" landfill and retired cemetery, as well as any necessary future environmental compliance measures as informed by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM).

We understand the concern surrounding this important matter and ask the public for patience as we work to provide clarity and factual information to a heartfelt situation. Please know BCHS leadership is meeting directly with IDEM on the matter and will continue to update the public on developments and updates by way of social media and our website under the '**About**'--'**Pet Cemetery**' section.

As always, the mission of BCHS remains to support and care for the homeless animals within our community, as we have proudly done since 1966. We look forward to continuing to provide loving care to the animals' lives entrusted to us. Additionally, we are actively planning a memorial space to be open close to the current shelter building in the spring of 2025.

--Elizabeth E. James, President, Board of Directors

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