



Humane Society for Boone County

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Whitestown Town Hall Provides Temporary Home for Adoptable Kittens

By Chris Bavender

Walk into Whitestown Town Hall and you'll find the usual work place environment, with three furry exceptions - kittens looking for a home.

Two months ago, at a Humane Society for Boone County board meeting, members were discussing different ways to display the kittens and cats filling up their foster homes.

"Dogs seem to get a lot of exposure but cats really don't," said Michelle Atkinson, Director of Fosters at the Humane Society. "Tanya Sumner mentioned perhaps the Town Hall could take a few in. We thought that was such a great idea."

Sumner, director of public relations for Whitestown, said the town was happy to help the humane society through its busy spring kitten explosion season.

"We have the space and we get a lot of foot traffic through the lobby here at the Whitestown Municipal Complex, so it seemed like a natural partnership," Sumner said. "Until the new, permanent Humane Society for Boone County rescue shelter is built here in Whitestown, this seemed like a great option for exposure for these little kittens looking for a new home. And hopefully, Town Hall will be a convenient place for families looking for a new pet to visit during normal business hours."



So, on May 3, Tiny Tim, Oliver and Bluto - gray male tabbies - moved into Town Hall, complete with biographies and adoption forms. The move helps the shelter by freeing up much needed space in foster homes.

"We have taken in several litters in the last month and the foster home keeps them until they are 3-months-old and can be spayed or neutered, so now their foster has room and can bottle feed a new litter instead of having big kittens at her house," Atkinson said.

While HSBC has partnered with area vet clinics in the past to feature adoptable cats, this is the first time it's been done at a town hall or business. Atkinson hopes it won't be the last time.

"I would certainly hope others would consider doing this. Maybe an insurance company or a

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9 Ways to Welcome Home your New Cat

Congratulations on your new relationship. It's bound to be filled with fun and affection. By starting off on the right foot, you can cut short the adjustment period.



Little Girl, a full bred Manx, is available for adoption.

- **Go slowly at first.** A new cat may need seven to fourteen days to relax into her new environment. Save meet-and-greets with friends, neighbors and relatives until the cat is eating and eliminating on a normal schedule.
- **Offer her a safe place to hide while she gets her bearings.** She'll appreciate the chance to observe her new family's routine from a small, dark space or one high above the action.
- **Bring your new feline to a veterinarian for a wellness exam within one week after adoption.**
- **Provide the same diet she had at the shelter at least for the first week or two.** If you wish to switch to a different flavor or brand, start with a quarter ration of the new food mixed into the old favorite. From there, up the ratio of new to old about 10% each day.
- **Set up a litter box in a quiet, low-traffic area.** Unsure of what litter to use? The majority of cats prefer fine grain clumping litter. Try that first unless the new adoptee is so young that she is in the litter-eating stage. For kittens under ten weeks of age non-clumping litter is recommended.
- **Cats must scratch, so make sure to provide a sturdy, rough-textured scratching post to save wear and tear on furniture.** Cat manicures every ten to fourteen days also help reduce damage.
- **Cat-proof your home before giving your new feline run of the house.** Put away harsh cleaning products, human medications and household poisons. Re-home any poisonous houseplants. And if the newcomer is a kitten, lock away any breakables and remember to keep the toilet lid down.
- **Once settled in, a young cat or kitten will be eager to play.** Stock up on interactive toys such as feather wands and kitty fishing poles to engage attention and direct energies toward a positive pursuit.
- **Ready a comfortable cat perch on a sunny window sill - if it overlooks the birdfeeder, all the better!** Observing live birds and squirrels beats out kitty videos any day.



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storefront on the brick street - anyone who is interested," she said. "We can get all the supplies they need and send volunteers to them. If we have more opportunities like this then it means we can take in more animals in need, because there will be a time I will have to say I can't take a litter of kittens because we have no room - and then, what will happen to them?"

Atkinson also hopes this helps reinforce the message to spay and neuter - even if it's a stray neighborhood cat.

"We can do a trap and release and come get them to be spayed and neutered and returned back. You will still have a stray in your area but it will be fixed and won't be having litters. A lot of people don't know that a kitten that is 6-months-old can get pregnant," she said. "And, a mama cat can get pregnant while she is nursing her litter by two different males and carry two different litters. She doesn't even have to be in heat to get pregnant. In fact, assuming a mama cat lives to be 8, in her lifetime she can have 360 kittens if she isn't spayed."

For more information on hosting kittens or fostering, contact Atkinson at hsforbc@gmail.com.



Sabrina, Chevy, and Liberty are doing very well in the **Collars and Cuffs** program. They are now available for adoption. The cats greet employees, play, and snuggle at night. Please consider adopting one or more of these kitties.

Dumpster Dog Adopted by Whitestown Officer



Remember the dog found in the corner of a dumpster in Whitestown on a miserable, rainy night? We are happy to report the dog has been adopted by a Whitestown Police Officer. Officer John Jurkash was one of the first on the scene after a call from a family who had heard the dog's whimpers. The dog, now named Chance, has settled into his new home and is a playful and friendly guy. Way to go Officer Jurkash!!

Dehydration in Dogs

Dogs can't sweat, they cool off by panting. An overheated dog will drool excessively. The dog will become lethargic, his eyes will be bloodshot, and he may appear a little pale. If you lift his skin, it will take longer than usual for the skin to fall back in place.

Different dogs have different needs when battling the heat. Darker coats absorb more heat than lighter coats. Overweight dogs are at a higher risk for dehydration. Carry a bottle of water when walking your dog in warmer weather.

Jack's Donuts of Carmel takes suggestions for businesses and individuals who deserve to be recognized, and then delivers free donuts. Patty Healey of Humane Society for Boone County nominated board members Michelle Atkinson and Susan Austin. Patty says "Michelle takes calls at all hours of the day and night to help with lost or abandoned animals. Susan is our fundraiser and gets little recognition but does a fantastic job for the organization". Lee Marcum noted that it's a team effort. All of the ladies look out for the animals and each other.



Meet Petey (black & white) and Suzie.

They are chill cats looking for love. Suzie is especially laid back. The Humane Society for Boone County is willing to do a "buy one, get one free" with these two to keep them together. Their human went into a nursing home recently and had to surrender them.

Let's find Petey & Suzie a new furever home!

Come meet them during normal business hours, 8:30a-5p M-F. They are older, sweet, and chill.

Saturday, August 13, 2016

Join us for Ride, Prizes, Great Food and Fun!!!



ESCORTED!

Humane Society for Boone County Motorcycle Ride
Registration Fee: \$25 per person/\$40 per couple

SCHEDULE:

9 – 10:15 AM Registration at Harley Davidson of Indianapolis 4146 E 96th St, Indy
 10:15 AM Welcome and Rules of the Road
 10:30 AM Kick Stands Up! Ends at the Whitestown Municipal Complex, with food, fun, auction and prizes about 1:30 PM.
 Don't Ride? You can still join us for the post party for just \$20!

Pre-Register! First 150 registrations receive a T-Shirt! Mail-In Form By August 1 :

Rider Name:	Passenger Name:
Address:	Address:
City/ State / Zip:	City/ State / Zip:
Email:	Email:
Phone:	Phone:
Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL	Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Sorry, I can't ride, but my tax deductible gift of _____ is enclosed.

Mail with check made payable to: HSforBC ATTN: RIDE
 Humane Society for Boone County PO Box 708 Lebanon, IN 46052



Paws and Claws is an Operation Shelter capital fundraiser for the Humane Society for Boone County. A shelterless 501(c)3 pet rescue staffed 100% by volunteers. To learn more about us visit www.hsforbc.org. Questions? Email pawsclaws@hsforbc.org or call 765-485-8888



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Amazon has created a program called AmazonSmile. When you sign up and designate HSforBC as your target charity, a portion of each purchase is donated by Amazon to HSforBC. It is easy and costs nothing. To sign up go to <http://smile.amazon.com>.

Our ADORABLE ADOPTABLES

Visit us at www.boonecountyhumane.org for more info on *these* and *other* animals.

If you would like to foster an animal or schedule a **MEET & GREET**

Call 765-485-8888.



Little Girl is a full bred Manx! She is anything but little! She is sweet and slow to warm up. Little Girl would prefer to be your one and only!



Cali — Cali is a beautiful chow chow mix around 1 year old. Her foster says she is a very sweet girl. She is gentle with kids of all ages, gets along great with other dogs, kennel trained and loves belly rubs.

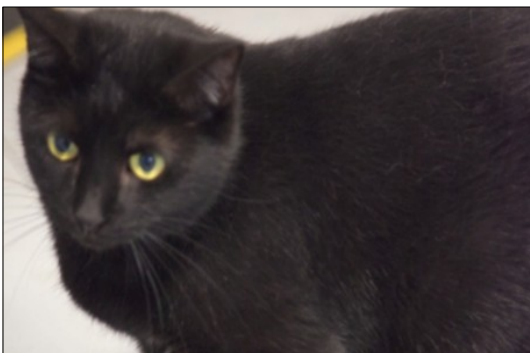


Chevy is a 6-7 year old male. He is a loving, laid back guy. He gets along with other cats and dogs and kids.



Sammy

He is a senior Shih-Tzu, but he still has a lot of pep in his step. He is very loving and is definitely a people guy.



Sabrina is a sweet girl who has been with us since 2012. She is approx 6-8 years old. She is quiet and keeps to herself. But with time, she will make a great lap cat.



Jenny

Jenny is a hound mix. She weighs 75 lbs, is sweet and well mannered. She likes kids, cats, and dogs.

COMING SOON - lots of kittens

Humane Society for Boone County

Membership Application

For the Love of Animals



www.hsforbc.org

Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Newsletter Preference	Email _____ USPS _____
*Do not list my donation	_____ *Do not list my name. Please show as anonymous.

Membership Levels

___ FRIEND - \$20.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame.
___ GUARDIAN - \$50.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, recognition on website and newsletter *, 10% discount on adoptions, and invitation to member dinner.
___ PROTECTOR - \$500.00 +	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, recognition on website and newsletter *, 20% discount on adoptions and HSforBC apparel, and invitation to member dinner.
___ PUP - \$5.00 (15 and under)	Newsletter, membership card, and special gift. Select age: 9 years and under _____, 10-15 years _____. Name for membership card: _____

About Us

The Humane Society for Boone County is a nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization that receives no government funding. We are solely supported by contributions, grants, bequest, and adoption fees. We receive no funds from the Humane Society of the United States or ASPCA. Your financial gift stays in Boone County and shows your deep personal commitment to the animals of Boone County. We accept cash, check, or credit card. You can also use PayPal from our website www.hsforbc.org. Please note your donation is for Membership when using PayPal.

* Please mark box if you do not want your name listed on website or newsletter.

YES! I want to become an HSforBC Member and add to the Operation Shelter Fund and help homeless pets with my donation.



For months, Neo Houston wanted to open a lemonade stand with his friends. His parents agreed provided he donated the earnings to a local community organization. His immediate choice was the Humane Society for Boone County since the family had fostered a number of dogs for the rescue.

Neo (far left), along with business associates Roan Eastwood and June Dimiceli raised \$174.30 in their first week for HSforBC, which was matched by Tribbett Rich Insurance Group. The kids grand total so far is \$194.55. They hope to continue selling lemonade at the Lebanon Farmer's Market, if only the organizers would invite them back.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

PAWS AND CLAWS RIDE FOR RESCUES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2016 9:00 AM

\$25 PER PERSON, \$40 PER COUPLE

ADOPTION EVENTS

WHITESTOWN FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016 10:00-2:00

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016 10:00-2:00

JEEP FRENZY

BOONE COUNTY 4H FAIRGROUNDS, LEBANON

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2016

LEBANON JULY 4TH PARADE

How Many Lives Can Be Saved?



www.GetThemFixed.org

Spay Neuter Services of Indiana (SNSI) is a statewide financial assistance organization that raises funds and partners with a group of veterinarians who perform spay and neuter surgeries. SNSI provides low-cost spay/neuter certificates to limited-income pet owners and free certificates to rescue groups and shelters. The shelters, groups, and individuals take the certificates to participating vets and SNSI pays the bill.

The Spay-Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) is for limited income pet owners. Pet owners who meet the eligibility criteria pay just \$20 per surgery and can schedule their appointment with a vet in SNSI's statewide network once they receive their spay/neuter certificate.

Visit www.getthemfixed.org, select "Our Programs" on the menu, select "SNAP", and apply for a certificate.

Sarah Holley and Cylar Collings, two Zionsville friends, went door-to-door selling cupcakes and lemonade. They wanted to raise money for Humane Society for Boone County. The young ladies raised a total of \$93.42. All money collected was donated to our organization. Many thanks to these fantastic young ladies!!

Canine Lyme Disease at a Glance

- ◆ Lyme disease is a potentially serious tick-borne illness that can affect your dog.
 - Lameness
 - Joint Pain and Swelling
 - Stiffness
 - Fever
 - Anorexia
 - Depression
- ◆ Dogs have tested positive for Lyme disease in 48 states.
- ◆ Dogs get Lyme disease from the bite of an infected *Ixodes* tick called "the deer tick".
- ◆ *Borrelia burgdorferi* is what actually causes canine Lyme disease - the tick is just the transmitter, or "vector", for the bacteria.
- ◆ Exposure to Lyme disease may be greater among dogs than humans, because dogs spend more time in backyards or roaming where they are in contact with ticks.
- ◆ Ticks can flare up in the spring, and again when the weather cools off in the fall.
- ◆ Canine Lyme disease is largely preventable by using tick control, tick checks, and annual vaccination.
- ◆ Annual vaccination can help protect your dog from Lyme disease all year.



deer ticks are very hard to spot on dogs

HSforBC has begun a membership program. We would like to thank these individuals for joining. To become a member return to us the application on page four.

Cylar Collings
Mark Smith
Beverly Kranz
Jill Howard
LeAnn Melichar
Susan Richardson
Cathy Treen
Jill Ridge
Daniel and Nancy Genatiempo
Susan and Will Berry
Betsy Ridge
Victoria and Robert Wesseler
Olivia Cook
Danny and Barb Hockett
Leslie Russell
Kent and Charlotte Frandsen
Mark and Elle Starkey
Micci Childers
Louis Gerbick
Jo Anna Booher
Christopher & Ember Atkinson
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David Strawmyer
Kenneth and Vicki Carr
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