

**Humane Society for Boone County**

# ***SHELTER TAILS***

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# Thank You



Thank you Daisy Troop #1520 for the lovely donations. They stopped by the shelter to visit and drop off some great donation items for our furry animals. We had a wonderful time. What a great group of girls.

## Humane Society for Boone County 2021 Recap

- ◆ 533 cats and dogs helped
- ◆ 463 adoptions
- ◆ 46 pets returned to owners
- ◆ 52 cats and dogs transferred in from overflowing shelters
- ◆ 90 animals housed for Boone County Sheriff's Animal Control Division
- ◆ Maintained our status as "No Kill" with 97.7% live release rate

Thank you to Daisies Troop 3892. They helped us organize collars, leashes, harnesses and jackets. They also helped us pack some items to prepare for our shelter renovations. Thank you girls, you are awesome.



Thank you Trey Wilhoite. Trey asked for donations for HSforBC instead of gifts for his birthday. The pups and kitties think you are the BEST!

Thank you to Berri and her friends at Eagle Elementary School. For Berri's ninth birthday she asked for donations for HSforBC instead of presents. Berri and her friends are fantastic. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness and generosity. And Happy Belated Birthday to Berri.

During "Mini Mutt Strut 2022" on April 7, the Charles F. Frank Lodge #760 in Zionsville collected donations for Humane Society for Boone County. Thank you. We appreciate the gifts and support.

## Help us help them more!

Due to the high cost of paper and the difficulty getting it, we will be moving to a digital newsletter format.

Going digital will help us:  
Spay/neuter 27 more cats or  
Spay/neuter 21 more dogs or  
Give 300 more vaccinations

Send us your email to [hsforbc@gmail.com](mailto:hsforbc@gmail.com) so we can keep you updated.



Thank you John Garber for digging out a large drainage pipe on the north side of Lebanon where community cats nest year round. They were trapped when the heavy snow drifted across the opening. He also put dry cat food inside the drainage pipe.

## The Betty White Challenge

Over the years we all came to admire actress Betty White. So it was sad to hear of her passing. She lived an active 99 years. Those who knew her spoke of how sweet she was. She loved animals and was an advocate for animals of all kinds.

So many people remembered her by donating to local animal shelters for what would have been her 100th birthday on January 17. That is a wonderful tribute.

Humane Society for Boone County received more than \$12,000 in her name.

Betty White was a wonderful role model.



Thank you Denis Oberg for picking up and putting away the food and treat donations from Tractor Supply and Gleaners. You are our rock.



Thank you Laurie and Richard Stump for your generous donations of pet food.

During Do Days, March 10-12, our friends and students at Pleasant View Elementary Pre-school in Zionsville delivered donations to HSforBC. Thank you.

## Fur Ball raises more than \$50,000

by Mary Ann Garber

Memorable rescue stories from 2021 and exciting news about shelter expansion plans were highlights of the ninth annual Humane Society for Boone County Fur Ball on February 26 at the Golf Club of Indiana in Zionsville.

The "Mardi Gras Pawty to Renovate Their World" raised more than \$50,000 to help HSforBC provide ongoing medical care for rescued dogs and cats as well as assist with operational expenses for the shelter at 5366 S. Indianapolis Road in Whitestown. It was the first time that "pawty" supporters participated in person and virtually.

HSforBC executive director Susan Austin told the gathering that fundraising is underway for needs-based shelter renovations to expand kennel space and update clinic facilities to better serve a growing number of homeless dogs, puppies, cats and kittens in Boone County.

As part of the festivities, Austin honored Laurie Durham, a longtime volunteer, dog foster and former Board member, by crowning her the Mardi Gras Queen.

Austin also recognized Boone County Sheriff's Deputy Hannah Fisher for her four years of outstanding service as the county's first Animal Control Officer. Fisher recently accepted a position as Animal Welfare Operations Director with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health.

"I am so thankful for how helpful and friendly the members of the HSforBC family were to me all those years," Fisher said later. "I'll look back fondly on what we collectively accomplished for the animals of our county."

During the program, Dr. Amy Rader, president of the HSforBC Board of Directors, thanked Boone County veterinarians and veterinary technicians for their exceptional medical services that enabled the Humane Society to save the lives of 533 cats and dogs during 2021. Many of the rescued animals were puppies and kittens. One veterinary staff generously volunteered to provide lifesaving overnight care for a litter of tiny puppies suffering from seizures.

Austin also thanked TDS, presenting sponsor; Dentons Bingham Greenebaum, VIP viewing



Longtime volunteer Laurie Durham was crowned the Mardi Gras Queen by Susan Austin at the Fur Ball.

party sponsor; D.R. Horton, auction sponsor; The Farmer's Bank, prize sponsor; and Realtor Tracy Ridings, VIP party kit sponsor, for their generous financial support of HSforBC's Fur Ball.

Currently, she said, 206 active volunteers and many other dedicated supporters are helping HSforBC continue to grow and care for homeless dogs and cats in Boone County.

"We go above and beyond basic shelter clinic medicine with the love and care we provide every day," Austin said. "We have a great track record for bringing in and helping animals."



Fur Ball attendees Kathleen Bowers, from left, Vanessa Shumate, Denis Oberg and Anne Oberg pose for a photo at their table.

# HSforBC plans needs-based shelter renovation

by Tracy Coussens

The Humane Society for Boone County has two obvious needs right now: to increase the number of animals we can serve and to better serve all animals. HSforBC will soon begin a shelter renovation that will help us meet both needs.

The human population of Boone County has increased 25 percent in the past 10 years. Increased population doesn't just mean more people in the county, it also means more pets and more needs.

"This isn't a want, it's a need," explained executive director Susan Austin. "The animals must always come first and reducing stress for them while in our care is a priority."

HSforBC has well utilized every foot of space in the shelter building, including using existing cabinetry and reusing anything that is usable. In our renovated space we will continue to utilize everything we can. However, the updated layout will streamline care of the animals we take in and help us better serve families who need a little assistance with their animals.

Our current cat space has no ceiling, which means it's difficult to keep the temperatures in the building balanced, and it's easy for cats to escape to the entire building if they get out of their kennel. After the renovation, our cats will have a more comfortable climate, won't hear

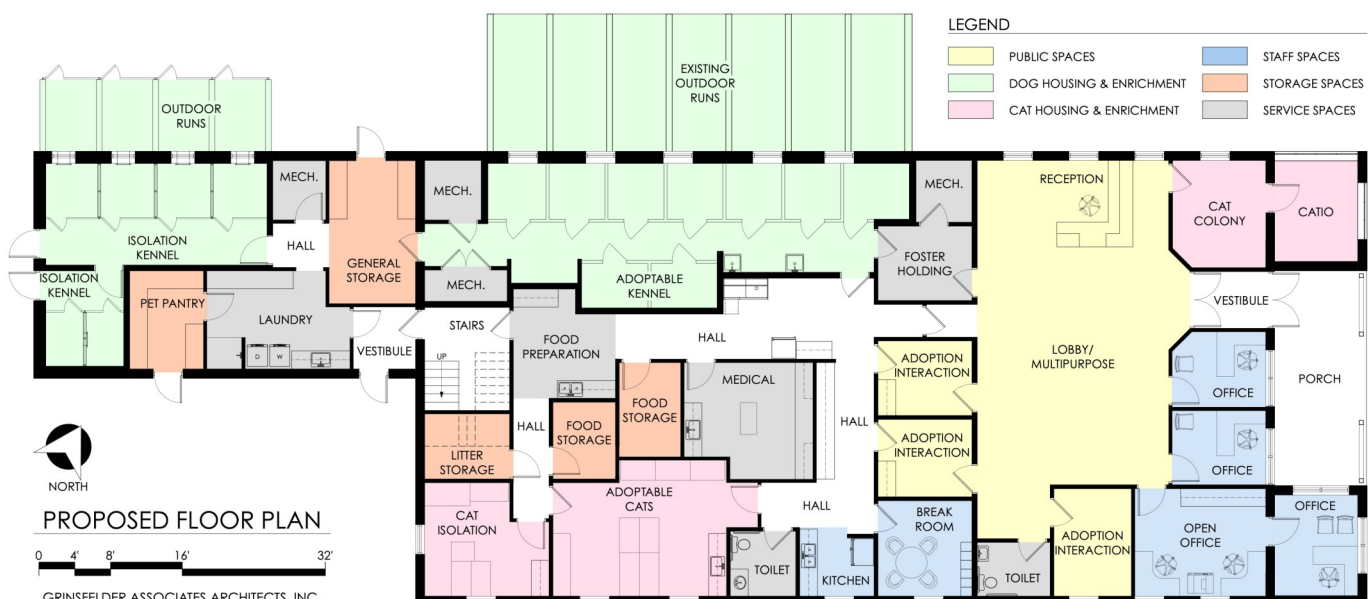
barking dogs, and even have an outdoor catio and larger free roaming room to enjoy! We will also have more space to quarantine sick cats, which will help prevent the spread of disease.

As Boone County grows, the demand for dog assistance also grows. Currently, we only have nine dog kennels, and they have a shared HVAC system so illness from a new dog can quickly spread to all resident dogs. We currently have no space to isolate a sick dog.

"Helping more than 533 animals a year with only nine dog runs and 20 cat kennels strains our volunteers and staff," Austin explained.

Our Pet Pantry enables us to help families keep their pets in their homes, sometimes by eliminating the need to choose between purchasing food for their families or their pets. This helps more animals stay in their home and not need our other services. Pet Pantry food is currently stored in every extra hallway and corner in the shelter, but in the future will have a large, dedicated area that doesn't require volunteers to haul carts through the entire shelter to get pet food to those who need it.

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Two shelter areas of HSforBC that the public does not see are the medical and office spaces. Currently, the medical room is in the back corner of the building, has no sink and is not easily accessible. Soon, the medical room will be centrally located so cats can access the space without being carried past barking dogs, and volunteers will have a more practical, time-saving layout. Trained veterinary care volunteers will be better able to provide vaccinations and wellness care.

The entire HSforBC operation is being administered from an 8-foot by 12-foot office. Day-to-day shelter needs, confidential conversations,

meetings and more are held in the one office in the building, where our executive director also works full time. More office space will mean more space for planning, meetings and the shelter's general operations.

Our volunteers will be better able to care for the animals, and the dogs and cats will have a less stressful experience in our building, keeping them healthier and calmer so their personalities can shine, making them easier to adopt into forever homes.

As we receive bids in March and break ground on the renovation in April, we value our donor investments and are grateful for your support! We also look forward to caring for many more animals.

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## Did You Know:

- ◆ \$5 will provide one heartworm test
- ◆ \$20 will provide the first round of vaccines for a dog or cat
- ◆ \$25 will provide two cats with FELV/FIV disease testing
- ◆ \$50 will provide spay or neuter surgery for a cat
- ◆ \$100 will provide flea and tick protection to two litters of kittens
- ◆ \$175 will provide a sponsor adoption fee for a senior dog
- ◆ \$250 will provide heartworm preventative to 30 dogs in our care
- ◆ \$500+ will provide heartworm treatment for one dog

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## 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**May 16**

**Golf Scramble**

**August 14**

**Paws and Claws Ride for Rescues  
Motorcycle Ride**



HSforBC had some Double Merle Australian Shepherd puppies adopted recently. A Double Merle is created when two Merle dogs are bred together. This is a bad breeding practice. Double Merles usually have vision and hearing issues. Our pups did well navigating in their foster homes. They knew where everything was. If something gets left out of place they will probably run into it. They were learning potty training and loved being outside. They went to homes with at least one other dog that can be a companion and to great families that have experience with hearing impaired and/or visually impaired animals.

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Currently, 48 cat fosters and more than 20 dog fosters open their hearts and homes to care for the kittens, puppies and smaller dogs that would be stressed in a kennel environment. Fosters allow us to care for more animals than the shelter can possibly hold.

# HSforBC welcomes three new board members

By Mary Ann Garber

The Humane Society for Boone County Board of Directors welcomes three new board members in 2022.

They will assist Dr. Amy Rader, president, other officers and board members to continue HSforBC's mission of serving homeless dogs, puppies, cats and kittens in Boone County.

Zionsville resident and longtime HSforBC volunteer Denis Oberg enjoys keeping busy during his retirement years by working on construction projects and maintenance duties at the shelter. His expertise benefits the non-profit community service organization in countless ways.

Oberg worked for the Archer Daniels Midland Company for 40 years. He and his wife, Anne, volunteer by fostering kittens as well as helping with fundraising and events. They have two cats, Raven and Casper.

"The Humane Society provides valuable services to the community," Oberg said. "We reunite lost pets with their owners, through our TNR (Trap / Neuter or Spay / Return and Release) Program, we reduce and control the population of feral cats, and we have an excellent rate of finding homes for animals that come into our care."

HSforBC is always in need of new volunteers and donations, Oberg said. "I have really enjoyed the challenges that several of the projects I worked on at the shelter presented to me. I also appreciated the fact that whenever I needed help there were volunteers who were willing to lend me a hand."

Whitestown resident Nicholas Topoll cares about animal welfare and brings financial expertise to his board service. He began volunteering for HSforBC six months ago, and hopes more people will volunteer this year.

Topoll is the senior manager of Accounting Advisory Services for Crowe, L.L.P. He and his wife, Kate, who is a Canine Program volunteer, have two dogs, Koda and Meeko.

"HSforBC provides important support for the community," Topoll said, "and raises awareness for animal welfare."

Zionsville resident Allison Upchurch has volunteered for the Cat Program since last April and brings legal experience to her board service. She is an attorney for Lewis Kappes, P.C., and the owner of three cats, Senshi, Tsuki and Kiwi, who was adopted from HSforBC.

"I have always loved animals," Upchurch said. "So many of our cats and dogs come to the shelter as uncertain and often terrified animals. I love watching them flourish under our care and support, and grow into confident, happy and healthy animals ready to take on their new lives."

Upchurch encourages community members to support HSforBC because "it is an incredible organization that works tirelessly to support and protect our community's cats and dogs."

HSforBC relies on a strong network of volunteers and community supporters to accomplish its lifesaving rescue work, she said, which includes educational resources, a community pet pantry and connections to low cost veterinary care for people who need help caring for their dogs and cats.

"The Humane Society needs ongoing community support ranging from volunteer opportunities to financial support," Upchurch said. "There are many ways for individuals to help us help the animals."

## **2021-2022 HSforBC Board of Directors**

Amy Rader, D.V.M. – President  
Pam Verbarg – Vice President  
Laura Alter – Secretary  
Greg Sigman – Treasurer  
Tiffany Edwards  
Kevin Estes  
Chelee John  
Denis Oberg  
Tracy Ridings  
Laura Slick  
Nicholas Topoll  
Allison Upchurch  
Dawn Walker

# Our Adorable Adoptables

Visit [www.hsforbc.org](http://www.hsforbc.org) for information on these and other animals.

If you would like to foster an animal or schedule a Meet and Greet, call

**1-877-473-6722** (877-HSforBC) or fill out the form on our website.

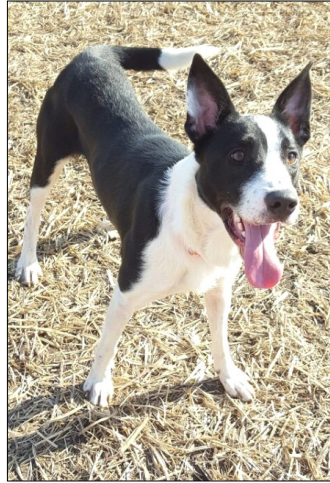
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## Jade

This female Pyrenees - Shepherd mix is 4 to 6 months old. She is shy but once she gets to know you she will be your best friend. Jade loves her toys and wants to be near her humans. She barks at cats but will get along with them once she learns her boundaries. She sleeps on her bed when resting and all night. Jade is crate trained and working on full house training.

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## Dallas Cowboy

He is 6 months old and very energetic. Dallas loves to play fetch. He needs an active family to work with him on basic training.

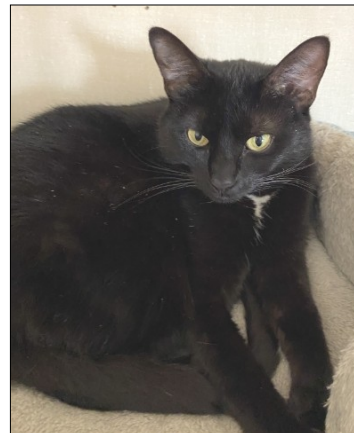
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## Salem

This big boy is a 100 lb. Mastiff and a laid back guy. He loves getting pets and scratches. He pulls a bit on the leash. We are not sure how he will interact with other dogs.

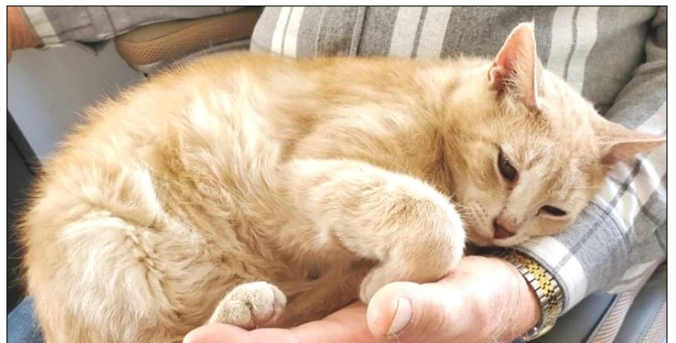
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## June

This beautiful girl is about 4 years old. She is independent and loves attention on her terms.

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## Charlie

He is a sweet, cuddly 1 year old. He came in as a stray and seems to have some hearing loss. He is in a foster home being showered with love, but he wants a family to call his own.

Cover Photo:

Meet Bam Bam. This handsome guy is 63 lbs. He is very smart and knows some basic commands. He loves attention.





Thank you to the young ladies from Troop 2478 near Advance for their day of service.

### Did You Know:

You can now visit the shelter on the second and fourth Sundays of each month between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. without an appointment. Because we have so many fosters, not every animal is housed in the shelter. Meet and Greet applications for a specific animal are always recommended in advance and are available online at [hsforbc.org](https://hsforbc.org).

### The Traveling Microchip

This is an X-ray of a dog's bent leg. That tiny white speck is a microchip that has migrated down the leg, far from the shoulder where it was inserted. This is quite common. When lost pets are scanned, the entire body should be scanned in case of chip migration.

At your pet's yearly exam, you should ask for a quick scan. You want to make sure the chip is still functioning correctly, the location is good and the chip information is correct.

Microchips can reunite families with their lost pets. Remember to check the chips regularly.

**JUST IN TIME FOR MOTHERS DAY!**



**HANGING BASKETS**  
TO BENEFIT THE HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY

Order your beautiful 10" Mixed Flower Combo Basket for direct sun and lend a helping hand to the homeless animals of Boone County.

**Just \$30 Each • Sale runs April 1–April 29, 2022**  
**Order online at [HSforBC.org](https://HSforBC.org)**

Pick up at the shelter  
5366 S Indianapolis Road, Whitestown

May 1	2:00–6:00 PM
May 2–May 6	9:00–6:00 PM



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FOR BOONE COUNTY  
For the Love of Animals

Thanks to your Kroger purchases, HSforBC received \$645.62 for the fourth quarter of 2021. The total rewards for 2021 was \$2,602.21.

Visit [kroger.com/communityrewards](https://kroger.com/communityrewards) online and list HSforBC as your organization. HSforBC's Organization Number is **SI396**.



# Humane Society for Boone County Wishlist

Bolded are biggest needs currently

Cleaning Supplies	Office Supplies	Dogs and Puppies	Cats and Kittens	Misc.
<p>Paper towels</p> <p><b>MORE paper towels</b></p> <p><b>Garbage bags</b> (tall kitchen to heavy duty 13 and 45 or 55 gallon)</p> <p><b>Scrub sponges</b></p> <p>Unscented liquid laundry detergent</p> <p>Unscented bleach</p> <p>Antibacterial hand soap</p> <p>Disinfective wipes</p> <p>Toilet cleaner</p>	<p><b>Stamps</b></p> <p><b>Envelopes</b> (#10 size and larger)</p> <p><b>Copy paper</b> (8.5" x 11" and 11" x 17")</p> <p><b>Card stock</b> (8.5" x 11" and 11" x 17")</p> <p><b>Posterboard</b></p> <p><b>Foamboard</b> (all sizes)</p> <p><b>Permanent markers</b></p> <p>Kids paint and brushes</p> <p>Dry erase markers</p>	<p><b>Puppy pads</b> (washable and disposable)</p> <p><b>Purina Calming Care</b></p> <p><b>Jolly Balls</b> (all sizes)</p> <p><b>Kongs</b> (all sizes but especially the larger ones)</p> <p><b>Martingale-style collars</b> (all sizes)</p> <p><b>Easy Cheese</b></p> <p><b>Peanut butter</b></p> <p>Antlers</p> <p>Bully Sticks</p> <p>Smart Bones</p> <p>6' Heavy duty training leashes (prefer green, yellow, orange or red)</p> <p>Pill pockets</p> <p>Stainless steel buckets (6 quart size)</p>	<p><b>Forta Flora probiotics</b></p> <p><b>Weighted stainless steel bowls for kittens</b></p> <p><b>Corrugated scratch boxes</b></p> <p><b>Iams kitten food</b> (dry and wet)</p> <p><b>Purina Proplan or Purina One cat food</b> (dry and wet)</p> <p><b>Purina kitten food</b> (dry and wet)</p> <p><b>Bird seed and bird seed bells</b> (for bird activity areas outside windows by the cats)</p> <p>Washable pet beds</p> <p>Kitty litter (clumpable/scoopable)</p> <p>Toys</p> <p>KMR (kitten milk replacement) Powder</p> <p>Nursing bottles</p> <p>Pill pockets</p>	<p><b>Money</b></p> <p><b>Gas cards</b> (for bus)</p> <p><b>Gift cards for pet stores or that can be used anywhere</b></p> <p><b>Sponsors for animals with additional health issues</b></p> <p><b>Auction items for fundraisers</b></p> <p>Paper lunch sacks</p> <p>Kleenex</p> <p>Garden tools</p> <p>Zip-lock bags (gallon size)</p> <p>Heavy-duty tarps (all sizes)</p>





## Memorial and Honorary Donations

Your gift is a lasting tribute.

For more information go to [www.hsforbc.org](http://www.hsforbc.org). Click on the blue Donate button in the upper right corner.

To receive the giving brochures by mail, send a request to [HSforBCED@gmail.com](mailto:HSforBCED@gmail.com).

## Honorary gifts from donors help HSforBC provide care for homeless cats and dogs

Donors recently gave HSforBC gifts in honor of the following people:

Laura Alter  
Denise Chitwood Family  
Paul Frankewich  
Bonnie Huckleberry  
Matt and Amanda Nyerges  
Carl and Patti Schlager  
Sara and Erin Siders

## Memorial gifts for cats and dogs offer comfort to pet owners

Several HSforBC supporters recently sent memorial donations in remembrance of these beloved pets:

Zoe  
Gail Klotz's dog Roscoe  
Cindy Leffelman and Pete Banta's cat Gomer



Our memorial sidewalk at the shelter has been installed. Stop by and find your memorial brick. To purchase bricks at [www.hsforbc.org](http://www.hsforbc.org), click on the blue Donate button in the upper right corner and select "Bricks to Remember."

## Donors honor family and friends with memorial gifts to HSforBC

Generous donors recently supported HSforBC with memorial gifts in remembrance of friends and relatives.

Memorial gifts were gratefully received in memory of the following people:

Carl Alter	Christina Johnson
Griselda Belle	David Kirby II
Terry Bengé	John Langford, Sr.
June Carpenter	Susan Sanderock
Doug Chitwood	Robert Santos Family
Manda Clevenger	Winston Terrill
Joan Criswell	Rose Williams
Wilma Glasson	Dorothy Wilson
Sharon Huddleston	Mechelle Woodard



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## **Donate to Humane Society for Boone County**

We are a private, nonprofit, 501(c)(3), almost entirely volunteer organization dedicated to preventing cruelty to animals. We serve animals and residents of Boone County by providing shelter and compassionate care for abandoned, abused, surrendered and lost animals of Boone County.

### **Humane Society for Boone County**

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Secure online donations may be made via Paypal at [www.hsforbc.org](http://www.hsforbc.org)

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