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## Orphaned bottle baby kittens require skilled care to survive

By Mary Ann Garber



Paisley, a bottle baby rescued on July 8, nurses from a tiny kitten bottle expertly held by Cat Program director Dawn Walker.

Paisley is a pretty little Calico kitten who is pretty lucky too.

She is a tiny miracle who was found orphaned on July 8 then rescued by HSforBC Cat Program director Dawn Walker, a registered nurse and experienced bottle feeder. When she weighed Paisley the first day, the kitten was the size of a 1 week old but her incisors were visible in her mouth, her ears were open and she could walk as well as a 3 week old.

Walker has saved the lives of more than 30 bottle babies, which means feeding them kitten milk replacement formula every two or three hours around the clock, gently massaging their bottoms with a cotton ball or toilet paper so they can urinate and pass stool, and keeping them warm because they can't regulate their body heat until about four weeks of age.

It takes a lot of time, patience, love, energy and sacrifices to nurse bottle babies to a healthy weight and age then help them learn to eat on their own. Sleep loss is challenging because the tiny kittens must be bottle fed throughout the night. She sets an alarm and keeps the kittens' kennel with heated bedding nearby to monitor and feed them easily.

Walker said she feels extreme relief when bottle babies are able to eat slurry—canned kitten food softened with formula or water. Until then, she feeds the kittens on a blanket on her lap with their four paws down and holds the tiny bottle in place in the same position they would nurse from their mother.

"The kittens like to knead the blanket to make the milk 'flow,' " she said, as they would instinctively do on their mother's stomach. Lots of cuddle time is part of the nurturing process to help the kittens thrive and bond with her. She weighs the kittens twice a day at first then once daily to make sure they are growing properly.

"Kittens will typically start using a litter box around 3 weeks of age," Walker said. "Most will start to transition to wet food at 5 to 6 weeks old. Dry kitten food is available at all times by this stage. A smaller kennel space should be used for kittens until 5 to 7 weeks to keep them safe and limit their activities."

An orphaned kitten is cared for separately for two weeks to monitor for illness then placed with kittens the same age for socialization. Shoes aren't allowed in the kitten room in her home to prevent visitors from accidentally stepping on them because they can run fast.

Paisley progressed to eating slurry in addition to bottle feeding on August 9, a day after Walker began bottle feeding four newborn kittens who need around the clock care.

"HSforBC can always use more bottle feeders," Walker said. If you are interested in volunteering as a bottle feeder and kitten foster, call the HSforBC Helpline at 877-473-6722 and leave a message to learn more about how you can save the lives of tiny kittens.

## Orphaned newborn kittens receive lifesaving 24/7 care

By Mary Ann Garber



These four newborn kittens are HSforBC's newest bottle babies.



Cat Program director Dawn Walker feeds one of the four female kittens born on August 6.

On July 8, Cat Program director Dawn Walker began caring for one tiny kitten without a mother. Then exactly a month later, four orphaned newborn kittens were rescued on August 8.

Kitten foster and longtime volunteer Anne Oberg, a trained bottle feeder, rushed to the shelter to take care of the neonates until Walker, an experienced bottle baby nurse, could pick up the orphans and take them home.

Walker is now providing skilled care around the clock to feed and save the lives of the four newborn kittens. It's exhausting work because the neonate kittens need to be bottle fed every one and a half hours. She takes the kittens with her whenever she has to leave her house.

"Four neonates were brought to the shelter needing immediate help," executive director Susan Austin said. "Our cat lead is looking at another five weeks of bottle feeding to help them thrive—not counting all the prior months of bottle feeding since kitten season started. It takes a village. Please spay or neuter your pets!"

Thankfully, the older bottle baby kitten progressed to eating slurry in addition to bottle feeding on August 9, a day after Walker began providing intensive care for the newborn kittens.

If you would like to help HSforBC provide lifesaving care for these tiny kittens, you can donate cans of Breeder's Edge, a powdered kitten milk replacement formula, to the shelter

at 5366 S. Indianapolis Road in Whitestown. Or you can send a check with "kitten formula" on the memo line to Humane Society for Boone County, P.O. Box 708, Lebanon, IN 46052 or click on this link to [donate](#) online. Thank you for helping save these babies!

### Cover photo

Tabby boy Bryce is as cute and sweet as can be, and adjusts easily to new situations. Bryce is 3 to 4 months old.



## Microchips help bring lost pets home safely

By Mary Ann Garber



In July, this friendly dog wandered away from home in Lebanon. The finder requested a microchip scan and the dog was reunited with the owner.

What do these two dogs have in common?

Both dogs were lost recently in Boone County. They were found by concerned animal lovers who took care of them and tried to find their owners. When they were scanned for a microchip, both dogs were chipped and their correct information was on record with the chip companies. Both dogs were reunited with their loved ones and happy to be home again.

National statistics indicate that 1 in 3 pets gets lost at least once in their lifetime. Even indoor only cats can get outside then may be lost, hurt or killed.

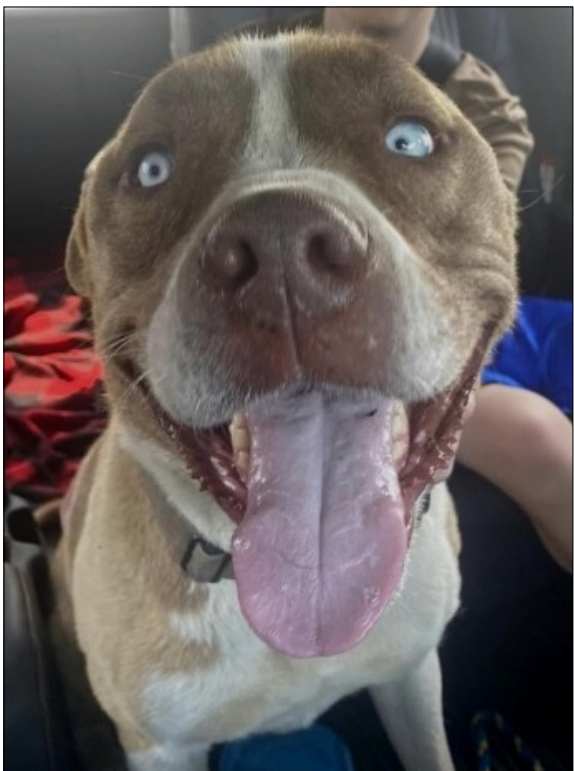
Microchips help get pets home safely if registrations are updated with current owner information. However, only 6 out of 10 microchips are registered in chip company databases. Dogs that are microchipped are more likely to be returned home, and microchipped cats are 20 times more likely to be reunited with their owners.

Pet owners should write their phone number on the inside of a pet's collar with a permanent marker, attach veterinary tags on the collar, get their pet microchipped, update identification information with the chip company and take photos of their pet to post on social media if lost. They also need to properly secure their outdoor yard space with fencing, and keep their pet's presence visible when outside.

Sometimes pets are found years later and miles away from home. An implanted microchip will continue to work during a pet's life, and the dog or cat will make it home quickly if the pet owner's contact information is correct with the registration agency.

If the unthinkable happens and a pet slips out of the house or gets away at another location, contact the Humane Society, area veterinarians and the non-emergency Dispatch number at 765-482-1412, extension 4, to report your cat or dog as lost and provide your phone number.

"Everyone celebrates when a found dog or cat has a microchip and the pet owner's information is current," HSforBC executive director Susan Austin said. "Most veterinarians and police departments in Boone County have microchip scanners and will scan a found pet free of charge. Please microchip and tag your pets so they can get home quickly when found."



Blu was found on July 25 walking along 100 South in Boone County. He was scanned for a microchip and returned home safely.

## Summer intern loves meaningful work helping HSforBC

By Marissa Urbanek



HSforBC summer intern and two-year volunteer Marissa Urbanek enjoys quiet time with Toby, one of the dogs available for adoption at the shelter.

There is a special place in Boone County that has captured my heart—the Humane Society. I have been volunteering here for two and a half years, sharing love and care with furry friends. This summer, stepping into a new role as an intern, I was eager to amplify my contributions. My journey ahead was about making a bigger difference, adding more love and being part of this wonderful shelter of hope. From event promotions to heartwarming Shelter Spotlights, my time at the shelter was a symphony of meaningful work and unforgettable memories.

As an advocate for our cause, I dove into promoting local events. It was heartening to witness the unwavering support of the community. From Farmers Markets to adoption events to “Dine and Donates,” I experienced firsthand the profound impact of collective action fueled by a love for animals.

One of the highlights of my internship was creating Shelter Spotlights on Facebook, where I unveiled the unique personalities of our canine residents. Through the power of storytelling and photographs, I tried to create a sense of connection and the hope of forever homes.

The pinnacle of my time at the shelter was when I had the opportunity to shine a spotlight on Kane, a longtime canine resident.

With persistence and determination, I orchestrated his appearance on WISH-TV’s [broadcast](#) and [website](#). His story continues to blossom and be shared far and wide, hopefully leading to a forever home someday.

I also embarked on a creative journey with City Barbeque in Whitestown to promote their August “Dog Days of Summer” program, where diners can donate a dog or cat toy in exchange for a \$5 coupon. I am hopeful that by the end of August there will be a full barrel of toys waiting to be delivered to all the furry residents and fosters in the care of HSforBC.

My time as an intern with the Humane Society for Boone County taught me that each animal has a story waiting to be shared. Each animal I encountered left a lasting mark, reminding me that our shared path is one of compassion, resilience and hope. As I look ahead, I am excited to continue learning, growing and making a positive difference in the lives of these remarkable animals.



## HSforBC internship has been an amazing experience

By Cara Hofer



I've had so much fun this summer being a social media intern for HSforBC! I've met so many great people, and so many deserving and amazing animals.

It's been awesome to see how platforms like TikTok can raise awareness on certain rescues and adoption.

Kane's TikTok reached 11,400 views, the account has more than 4,400 likes, and a total engagement of over 15,000!

I've also loved doing outreach events like the Farmer's Market and capturing the moments that animals get adopted.

I've always loved animals and being able to learn about these platforms while raising awareness for HSforBC has been a privilege and such a treat.

I plan to continue doing social media after this summer and volunteering as I've seen just how

much this organization and its members put into giving the best lives possible to these animals. The countless hours, dedication and love has been so amazing to capture.

## 'Dine and Donate'



*Be sure to mention  
you are supporting HSforBC.*

### **Panera Bread in Whitestown**

Friday, August 25  
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### **City Barbeque in Whitestown**

Saturday, September 29  
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### **Amore Pizzeria in Zionsville**

First Monday of each month  
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### **El Meson in Zionsville**

Second Wednesday of each month



# Trudy loves to have fun with people and dogs

By Marissa Urbanek



Sniff-sniff! Hi there! I'm Trudy, the sweetest, fluffiest and friendliest pup around!

I love nothing more than showering you with endless love and tail wags, making each moment together a joyful experience.

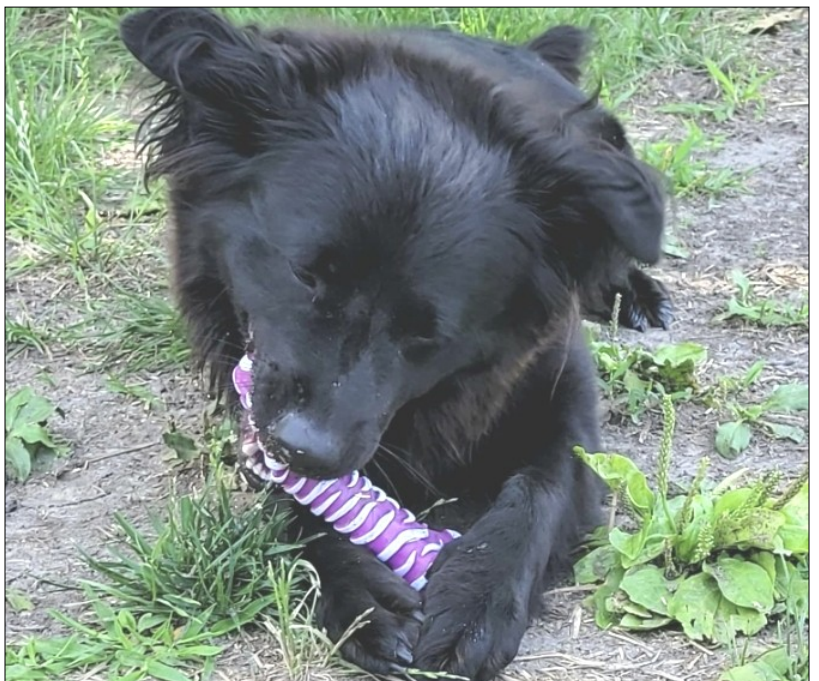
I'm a social butterfly! I love making new friends, both humans and dogs.

I do well on a leash and enjoy exploring new smells. I also love playtime, especially with soft squeaker toys. Chasing, chewing, tossing the toys to myself, you name it! Trust me, I'll keep you entertained for hours with my enthusiasm and joyous energy!

And guess what? I'm not just a land-loving pooch. I'm a water-loving one too! Splashing in water and dancing in the rain are some of my favorite ways to have fun! I'm the perfect furry companion for any adventure.

I'm bursting with excitement just thinking about future experiences with my new family!

Go to <https://www.hsforbc.org/dogs.html> and fill out the Meet and Greet form if you would like to meet me.

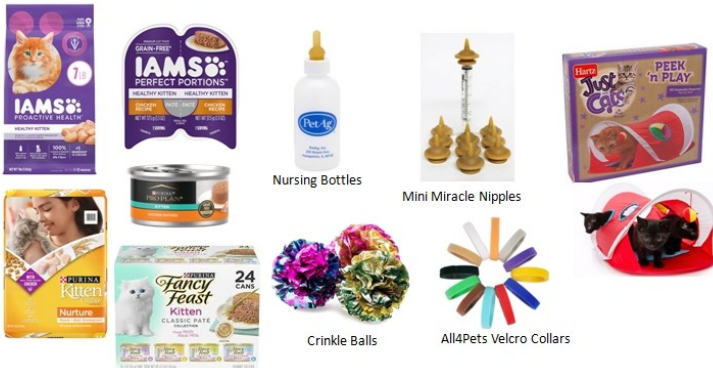




# HSforBC Wish List

Click [here](#) for HSforBC Wish List at Chewy.

## HSforBC Kitten Wish List



## HSforBC Puppy Wish List



## Did your pet go missing?

Take these four steps to help find them.

1. Report your pet missing for free at [petcolovelost.org](https://petcolovelost.org).
2. Print free lost pet fliers and share them around your local community.
3. Organize a lost pet search in your neighborhood.
4. Call your local animal shelters and rescues to let them know your pet is missing.



## ★ City BARBEQUE ★

# Home

IS WHERE THE SMOKE IS

COMPETITION-QUALITY BARBEQUE

TOY DRIVE

Everyone who brings in a new, unused dog or cat toy for the Humane Society for Boone County August 1-31, 2023 will receive a coupon for \$5 off a future order. Visit [HSforBC.org](https://HSforBC.org) for more info on the shelter and animals available for adoption.

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YAPPY HOUR

Meet Buggy available at [HSforBC.org](https://HSforBC.org)

LEBANON

# AMERICAN LEGION

Post No. 113 • 1020 Hendricks Drive

## AUGUST 13, 2023

### 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Join us and some of our Pets for Patriots qualified dogs at the Lebanon American Legion Car Show.

Humane Society for Boone County partners with Pets for Patriots to help veterans adopt companion dogs and cats.

PROUD partner  
[PETSFORPATRIOTS.ORG](https://PETSFORPATRIOTS.ORG)

Want more information about the program?

## [petsforpatriots.org](https://petsforpatriots.org)

Finney



## Upcoming events



A FUNDRAISER FOR THE  
**HUMANE SOCIETY  
FOR BOONE COUNTY**

Annual September  
**MUM SALE**

Purchase Online at [HSforBC.org](http://HSforBC.org)  
August 13–September 7

10"	\$15
12"	\$25
14"/grass	\$40

Colors: Red, Yellow, Pink, Bronze

**Mums for Mutts!**  
Help support the dogs (and cats) at the Humane Society for Boone County by purchasing your fall mums from us. We will be accepting pre-orders with online credit card payment. Additional mums will be available for cash or credit card purchase at the shelter during pre-paid pick up hours.

**Pre-Paid Pick Up**  
September 11–September 13  
12:00 pm–6:30 pm  
September 16  
Sat 10:00 am–1:00 pm  
5366 S Indianapolis Rd, Whitestown

### **Pets for Patriots**

American Legion in Lebanon  
Sunday, August 13  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Mums for Mutts**

order now  
Pre-paid pick up begins  
Monday, September 11  
5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### **Moontown Trivia Night with Mibor**

Moontown Brewing Company  
in Whitestown  
Tuesday, August 15  
7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

### **Zionsville Farmers Market**

Saturday, August 19  
7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### **Clear the Shelters**

Whitestown Petco  
Saturday, August 26  
noon to 3 p.m.

### **Zionsville Fall Festival**

Friday, September 8, through  
Sunday, September 10  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Hops for Hounds**

Panther Park in Whitestown  
Thursday, September 14  
5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### **Howl at the Moontown**

Friday, October 27  
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### **5K-9 Run for Rescue**

Saturday, October 28  
10 a.m.  
starts at LA Café  
ends at Moontown



FIRST COME FIRST  
SERVE SEATING

HELP SUPPORT  
HOMELESS ANIMALS!

**TRIVIA  
NIGHT**

AT MOONTOWN BREWING COMPANY

FUN & PRIZES!

TUESDAY AUGUST 15

BOONE COUNTY  
DIVISION  
**MIBOR**  
REALTOR ASSOCIATION

DOORS OPEN 6:30

MUST BE 21+  
YEARS OF AGE

Competition starts at 7:00 pm—inside and out  
Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams

Good will donations for the shelter welcome  
Visit [HSforBC.org](http://HSforBC.org) for our wishlist

A portion of the  
night sales will be  
donated to HSforBC  
by Moontown

345 S Bowers Street  
Whitestown

HUMANE SOCIETY  
FOR BOONE COUNTY



# Thank You



**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS**

**YOU** +  =  \$\$\$

Support **HSforBC** while you shop!  
Enroll in **Kroger Community Rewards**  
Use code **SI396** to register your Plus Card  
[krogercommunityrewards.com](https://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)



Thank you to Kroger and to the Kroger shoppers. You raised more than \$850 for HSforBC during the second quarter of 2023 with Kroger Rewards.



Thank you, Thorntown Girl Scout Troop #3248 for your day of service! This great group returned for another day of service and helped us clean kennel doors and drains, sorted and organized cat food, and donated cat scratchers.



Our good friends at Amazon IND1 Whitestown sent another pallet of donations to the cats and dogs. Thank you, Amazon.

Thank you to Home2 Suites by Hilton in Whitestown. They had a fundraiser for our animals in May. Their guests donated \$134. Thank you all.

**Pit Mix Fix Expands Footprint to More Counties**



**PIT MIX FIX™**

*\$10 spay/neuters for pit mixes and large dogs*



**PET FRIENDLY SERVICES OF INDIANA**

LOVE THEM FOR LIFE

Did you know that Pit Mixes and large dogs are most at risk for euthanasia in shelters? To help these lovable dogs, Pet Friendly Services has launched the "Pit Mix Fix" to help income-qualified owners fix their dogs for just \$10. Thanks to special funding from generous donors, **we are now able to expand this program to Jackson, Lawrence, Wayne, Starke, Henry, Hancock, Bartholomew, Boone, Hendricks and Dubois counties!**



## Thank You



Two great organizations, Seven Corners and Resultant, assisted the Humane Society for Boone County recently with various projects including completely reorganizing our supply shed, dog food room, and cat litter area, and doing some deep cleaning! We couldn't get these projects completed without the assistance of organizations doing community service hours!

## Donors honor people and pets with gifts to HSforBC

HSforBC supporters sent memorial donations in remembrance of these beloved pet companions:

Seymour, beloved dog of the Daugeette Family  
Bella, beloved dog of the Schulte Family  
Penny, beloved dog of the Smith Family

Donors recently gave HSforBC gifts in honor of the following:

Luz Angulo  
Jack Denger  
Alexis Durbin  
Vesta Gahn  
Mary Ann Garber  
Dollie Merritt

Donors recently supported HSforBC with memorial gifts in remembrance of friends and loved ones:

Kate Comiskey  
John Dimos  
Donelda Hume  
Ed Moffitt  
Frank Moore  
Jeffrey Richter  
Paula Scism  
Jerry and Avonelle Selby  
Wanda Thompson

## A Summer Full of Thanks

We are grateful for our dedicated high school and college volunteers that helped with dog and cat care, enrichment and administrative duties over this past summer. You will be missed! Have a great school year and we hope you come back over breaks!



## Our Featured 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.



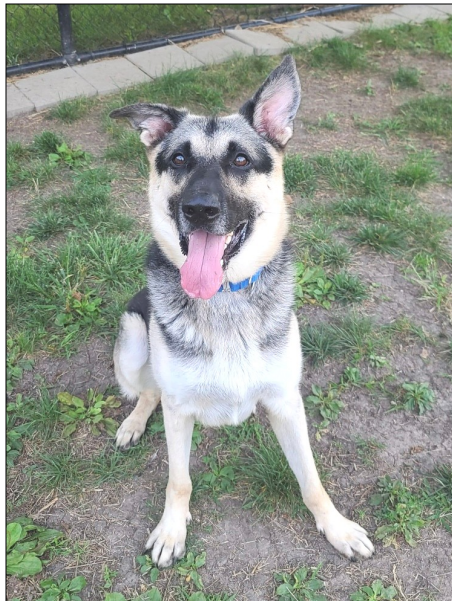
Chiffon, a fluffy Tuxedo girl, is about 3 months old and has medium length fur with pretty tufts in her ears.



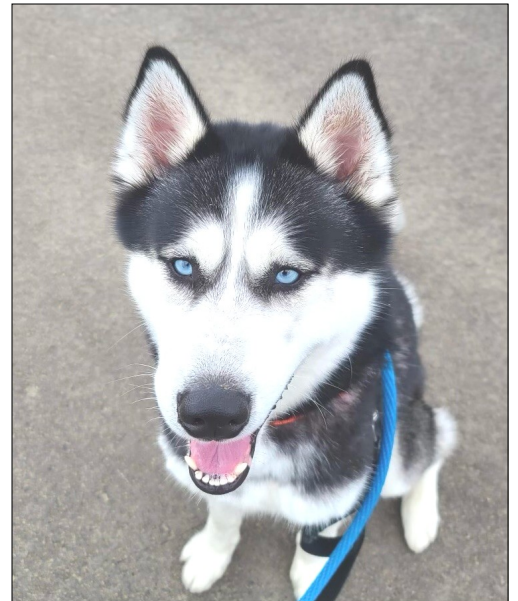
Crush is a beautiful boy and is 3 to 4 months old.



Brutus is about a year old and active. He is fostered with kids ages 4 to 9, a cat and other dogs. He is also housetrained! He is a great family dog who loves kids. His new family needs to remember that exercise is a must.



Domingo is a handsome guy that came in as a stray so we don't have a lot of information on him. He is very smart and treat motivated. He is about 3 years old and 75 pounds.



Thor, a male Husky, has beautiful blue eyes and is very smart. He is 2 years old and needs lots of exercise because of his breed. He can open kennel gates and so needs a home with a secure fence. He is a great running buddy.



## You can help make a difference

Animal welfare is in a crisis and it's starting to impact Boone County. The shelter and our fosters are full. There are more dogs and cats entering shelters than currently being adopted. Our rescue and shelter friends in Marion, Hamilton, Clinton, Hendricks and Montgomery Counties are all overflowing with animals and at the breaking point. Without an animal control officer at the Boone County Sheriff's Department, HSforBC is fielding more requests than ever to pick-up and take in lost and abandoned animals. HSforBC can't take in every animal, and we don't have the powers of animal control. We simply don't have the space or enough volunteers to care for more animals than we can humanely house at the shelter and in foster homes.

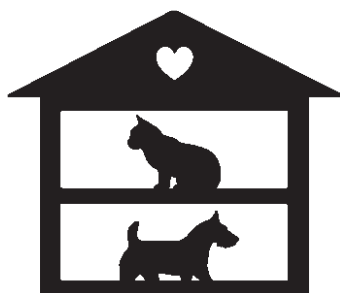
HSforBC needs your help. Thinking about adding a new pet to your home? NOW is a great time to do it! Check our adoptables on our website or Facebook page. Each pet adopted to a loving home opens up a space for another to be helped. Not ready to adopt but love dogs or cats? Foster! Do you have room in your heart and home to foster one of the cats or dogs that is up to date on vaccinations in your home? If you do foster, your help would allow another dog or cat to receive care and we will supply the crate, food and monthly preventatives needed until that pet is adopted. You can help choose their forever home parents!

If you see a lost pet—before you pick up the dog or cat—please try to see if it belongs to any of the houses close by. Knock on doors. Call Dispatch (765-482-1412 x 4) to request an officer to check for a microchip. If you find a pet, can you foster it in your home or garage safely until the owner can be found? Can you safely approach and handle the pet? If you can and can safely transport the animal, any vet will scan for a microchip free of charge. Can you keep the pet separate from your personal animals to make sure it's healthy, and to help you do that we can provide crates and food to help you feed the pet. Can you help post a photo of the pet with contact information on social media, flyers around your neighborhood and on [IndyLostPetAlert?](#)

Now, more than ever, if you can, adopt. If you can't adopt, can you foster? If you can't foster, can you volunteer to help care for the animals at the shelter or help us share our mission at events? And if you can't volunteer, can you donate to help us help crate, feed and medicate those pets in foster and waiting to come in for help? We love our furry friends, and know you do too. Please help us help them in the shelter, in the foster homes and in our community. Our four-pawed furry friends need our combined help. Together, we can make a difference.

Pawsitively yours,  
Susan Austin  
Executive Director





## **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**

P.O. Box 708

Lebanon, Indiana 46052

(877) 473-6722 or (877) HSforBC

Visit our website: [www.hsforbc.org](http://www.hsforbc.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept my gift of: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Circle Donation Preference:

Building Renovations / Medical Services / General / Other \_\_\_\_\_

One time / or for recurring monthly donations contact us at [HSforBC@gmail.com](mailto:HSforBC@gmail.com)

(Gifts to the Humane Society for Boone County are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.)