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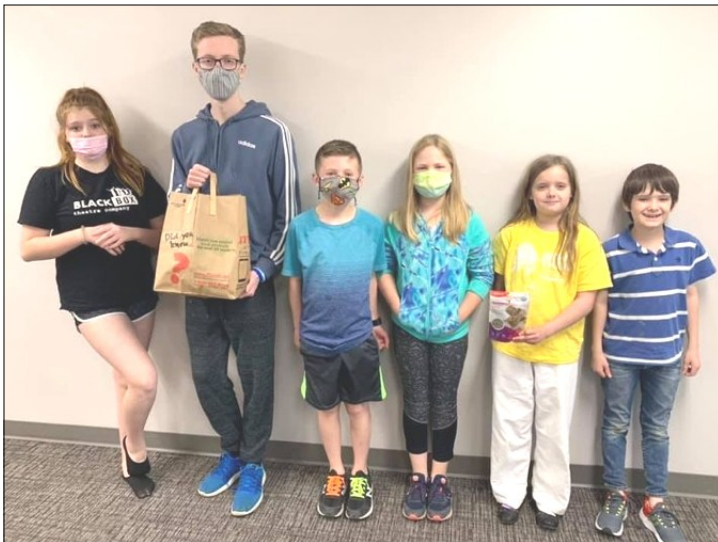
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Lawson and her mom delivered some goodies for the kitties and they adopted Lady Tremain the cat.

Cover Photo:

Klaus is 1-1/2 years old. He is a loving, energetic boy that needs a home with a fenced yard. He does not do well with small animals, including small dogs. He is good with large dogs and loves to play tug-of-war and fetch. He is a smart boy and loves to snuggle!



Thanks to the kids of the Worth While 4-H Club for the doggy treats. The doggies said they were pawsitively delicious.

August 8 is **World Cat Day**.

Thank You



As part of the WTHR Channel 13 program called "To The Rescue," staff members have been visiting a central Indiana shelter each week. On April 22, WTHR's Julia Moffitt visited Humane Society for Boone County. Julia's hometown is Lebanon. Thank you Julia and WTHR for featuring our shelter.



Thank you Dyllan Uehlin for choosing HSforBC as the recipient of your senior project. The dogs and cats send you their love.

Thank you to all our friends that donated to HSforBC during the Menards Food Drive. We appreciate you and are grateful to Menards for hosting the event.

August 28 is
Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day.

Thank You



Thank you Legends Charity Riders, Kickstand Bar & Grill and The Jesse M. Lee V.F.W. Auxiliary 1550 for your generous donation in memory of Mikinzie Dodson, a huge animal lover. The dogs, cats, kittens and puppies of HSforBC thank you for honoring Mikinzie and helping them.



The turnout for our first in-house adoption event on April 30 was amazing. Sherman Burdette of Fox 59 stopped by to help promote National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day. Twelve of 18 animals either went on overnights or had paperwork filled out! Thank you so much to our friend Sherman and everyone who came to see the animals. You are making a difference!



Thank you to the Young Republican Group in Boone County for your donation drive for HSforBC.



Thank you Girl Scouts! On their Sunday Day of Service they swept and mopped the shelter floor and transferred barrels of kitty litter into smaller containers. Thank you so much!



Thank you to Mrs. Condon's third-grade class at Eagle Elementary School for their service project to provide supplies for the dogs and cats.

August 21 is
Clear the Shelters Day.

HSforBC 2021 Golf Scramble at Golf Club of Indiana



Indy Pro Graphix
HSforBC 2021 Golf Scramble winners

The winners of the HSforBC Golf Scramble at Golf Club of Indiana are Indy Pro Graphix. It started as a wet day on May 18. By the end of the second hole, the rain and drizzle had stopped and it was a great day for the players. The golfers and sponsors raised \$26,100 for the kitties and puppies at HSforBC. Thank you all for your participation.



DK Pierce All-Ladies Team never fails to inspire others.

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Caitlin, an amazing blind kitten, overcomes challenges

by Chloe McQueen



When Caitlin was found in Thorntown in July 2020, she was in rough shape. She was born with an extremely rare eye condition called Microphthalmia, in which both of her eyes were very small and underdeveloped. She was around 3 to 4 weeks old and her litter mates had already died.

Under the care of the Humane Society for Boone County, Caitlin started to receive treatment. She was fostered by Dawn Walker and Anne Oberg, who helped bring her back to health. "Her eyes required daily cleaning, ointment and eye drops twice a day. Other than that, she was just like any other kitten. Caitlin was very adventurous and loving, and she navigated my house like a champ!" Oberg said. Because of her small eye sockets, a lot of things such as dirt would get trapped in them. The Humane Society decided that it would be best to remove her eyes completely, so a veterinarian performed surgery to give Caitlin her best chance.

Meanwhile, Jennifer Schenkel happened to be looking on the Humane Society for Boone County's website just for fun. "It was a totally random thing. I just was curious to see what animals were at nearby shelters," Schenkel said. After looking at the available cats, Caitlin immediately caught her eye. The following day, she decided to show pictures of some available shelter cats to her daughter, Gracen, to see what she thought. Gracen pointed to Caitlin's picture and said, "That one!"

Schenkel told her that Caitlin is a pretty special cat because she is blind. Gracen's response was, "Oh my gosh, Mommy! Now we HAVE to get her!"

Within 24 hours, Schenkel had filled out a meet and greet form, and was at the shelter with Gracen ready to meet Caitlin. "I think it was meant to be that we were looking on that website that day for sure," Schenkel said. After Caitlin's surgery, the family adopted her.

Being a blind cat hasn't stopped Caitlin one bit from enjoying life! She is very smart and has her own way of communicating with her family. She even loves going on walks and has a very sassy personality. "If we get on her about something, she always has to have the last word!" Schenkel said. "She is very persistent when she wants fed." Because Caitlin can't see daylight, she will often meow during the night thinking it's time for food. Schenkel and Caitlin have a very special bond, and Caitlin also has a very special bond with Gracen. They love to cuddle together, and Gracen will often pick her up and carry her around like a baby. She even has her own cat stroller! Caitlin is the perfect addition to their family.

According to the Schenkels', Caitlin has been an absolute blessing in their lives. When they first got her, the family had recently moved to a new town and were going through the divorce process. The weeks that Gracen isn't with her mom, Caitlin is Schenkel's best friend. "I love having someone to care for and nurture, and she does the same to me," Schenkel said. "She's definitely filled a void and come into our lives at the perfect time."

From being the last sickly kitten alive in her litter to becoming a best friend and wonderful family pet, Caitlin is truly an amazing cat. She has overcome all odds and has never let anything bring her down. With the help of her family, she is able to live every single day knowing she is loved and cared for despite her disability.

"She's helped us more than we've helped her."

All but one of 14 abandoned pets rescued in April have wonderful forever homes

By Mary Ann Garber

Harmony's story is heartbreaking, but the pretty Calico cat has found happiness with her new forever family. Gabbana's story is heart wrenching too, but now this sweet brown mixed breed dog has a wonderful home.

On April 7, Harmony and six other cats as well as Gabbana and six other dogs were rescued from a rental house in Lebanon by Boone County Sheriff's Deputy Hannah Fisher, the animal control officer, another deputy, a Humane Society for Boone County staff member and HSforBC volunteers after a concerned person contacted authorities to report animals abandoned there by former tenants.

Harmony, who was very thin, dehydrated and hungry, was meowing frantically and trying to get out a window when authorities arrived to rescue the abandoned pets. The other cats were starving and frightened too. Gabbana and the other dogs were very hungry and barking in obvious distress.

Humane Society for Boone County executive director Susan Austin and five HSforBC volunteers assisted Fisher with their rescue from a house filled with an excessive amount of feces and urine. Most of the terrified dogs and cats had no food and water left at the time of their rescue. Criminal misdemeanor charges of cruelty to animals are pending against the owner for neglecting and abandoning the pets, which endangered their lives.

"The initial concern about these animals came from a family friend that had intimate knowledge of the situation," Fisher said. "This is a perfect example of 'If you see something, say something.' Family members, close friends, neighbors, utility workers, mail carriers, delivery personnel and others all have a unique chance to be firsthand witnesses of this type of cruelty and neglect. I always encourage someone with concerns, regardless of how minor they think it might be, to reach out to the Boone County Sheriffs Animal Control Division for me to open an investigation. I would always prefer 'safe than sorry.'"



A girl pets Harmony before her adoption on May 15 at PetCo in Whitestown. Now the pretty Calico cat has a wonderful forever home with this girl and her family.

Fisher said it was quickly apparent that animals needed help when she arrived at the house to investigate the situation.

"I knew within seconds of getting out of my truck that there was a problem at this house," she said. "Large quantities of animals being kept in a residential structure, or unclean animal conditions in general, have a distinct smell. I knew immediately that the concerns expressed to me were justified. This has been one of just a handful of warrant services in which I wore a respirator. The ammonia levels in the house, although not formally checked, were so high that breathing was difficult without the proper personal protective equipment."

Fisher said she expected to find three dogs and two cats abandoned in the rental house.

"As we progressed through searching the house, we ultimately discovered seven dogs and seven cats, nine animals more than we planned for," she said. "The Humane Society for Boone County acted so swiftly in accommodating that quantity of animals with such short notice. It was another great team effort, and I really appreciate their help."

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All of the rescued cats received veterinary care as well as lots of love from HSforBC Shelter Cat Program volunteers, said Dawn Walker, Feline Program director, before they were adopted by individuals and families who are so happy to have them.

Christy Brubaker, Canine Program director, said Humane Society volunteers provided loving care for the abandoned dogs. Veterinary care and socialization also helped prepare the dogs for adoption.

Six of the dogs have found homes with great families, she said, and HSforBC is doing a careful search for the perfect placement of one dog.

"I want to thank all of the volunteers that did so much for these animals," Brubaker said. "We had a team of volunteers on site to help trap and care for the dogs and cats. We had people that helped with transporting them to the shelter, volunteers that cared for them and volunteers that helped with adoptions. We have a great team."



Gabbana, now named Biscuit, poses for a picture with one of his new family members. In a thank you note to HSforBC, the family said, "Biscuit is loving his new environment and forever home."



Sunday, August 22, 2021

12 pm

Registration at 6210 Veterans Drive, Whitestown, IN 46075

12:45 pm

Kick Stands Up! **Escorted** ride with rest break and then finish about **2:45 PM** with food, fun and auction opportunities at Hotel Tango Zionsville!

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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.



Chloe

Chloe is a sweet little girl who loves attention! She is good with other dogs and loves people.



Bonzo

This handsome 2-month-old boy loves wrestling with his brother. He's a little on the shy side, but warms up quickly. He'll be great in a home with school age or older children.

Did You Know?

You can now visit the shelter the second and fourth Sundays in each month between 1 pm and 5 pm without an appointment. Because we use so many fosters, not every animal is housed in the shelter. Formal meet and greets for a specific animal are always recommended in advance and are available online at hsforbc.org.

Kayla and Marshall

Kayla, left, and Marshall, right, are brother and sister, and are 1-1/2 years old. Kayla loves to play with her brother. She is sweet and likes to be petted. Marshall is a sweet boy and loves to play with his sister. He is an escape artist, and needs a very tall and secure fence.



Baby

Baby is about 4 or 5 years old. She was found as a stray a few years ago and was altered as an outdoor cat, hence the ear tip. After discovering she was friendly she was brought to HSforBC. She likes attention, but go slow and be patient. She will be your best friend.



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>MORE Paper towels</p> <p>Garbage bags (tall kitchen to heavy duty 13 and 45 or 55 gallon)</p> <p>Scrub Sponges</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>Stamps</p> <p>Envelopes (#10 size and larger)</p> <p>Copy paper (8.5" x 11" and 11" x 17")</p> <p>Card stock (8.5" x 11" and 11" x 17")</p> <p>Posterboard</p> <p>Foamboard (all sizes)</p> <p>Permanent markers</p> <p>Post-it notes</p> <p>Kids paint and brushes</p> <p>Dry erase markers</p>	<p>Puppy pads</p> <p>Purina Calming Care</p> <p>Jolly Balls (all sizes)</p> <p>Kongs (all sizes but especially the larger ones)</p> <p>Martingale-style collars (all sizes)</p> <p>Easy Cheese</p> <p>Peanut butter</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>Greenie's Pill Pockets</p> <p>Adopt Me harness</p> <p>Stainless steel buckets (6 quart size)</p>	<p>Forta Flora probiotics</p> <p>Weighted stainless steel bowls for kittens</p> <p>Corrugated scratch boxes</p> <p>Iams kitten food (dry and wet)</p> <p>Purina kitten food (dry and wet)</p> <p>Bird seed and bird seed bells (for bird activity areas outside windows by the cats)</p> <p>Washable pet beds</p> <p>Kitty litter (clumpable/scoopable)</p> <p>Adult and kitten food (dry and canned)</p> <p>Toys</p> <p>KMR (kitten milk replacement) Powder</p> <p>Nursing bottles</p> <p>Pill pockets</p>	<p>Money</p> <p>Gas cards (for bus)</p> <p>Gift cards for pet stores or that can be used anywhere</p> <p>Sponsors for animals with additional health issues</p> <p>Auction items for fundraisers</p> <p>Paper lunch sacks</p> <p>Kleenex</p> <p>Garden tools</p> <p>Zip-lock bags (gallon size)</p> <p>10' x 10' pop-up canopy</p> <p>Heavy-duty tarps (all sizes)</p>



During Adopt a Shelter Cat Month, 40 cats and kittens found furever homes

By Mary Ann Garber



Reese's Cup, from left, Snickers and Milky Way are among the HSforBC foster kittens that were adopted in June.

June is National Adopt a Shelter Cat Month, and the Humane Society for Boone County staff members and volunteers celebrated it with a record number of cat and kitten adoptions this year.

The annual observance was created to save the lives of homeless cats and kittens by promoting adoption as well as educating people about the need to spay or neuter unaltered kitties to prevent unwanted litters. Each year, millions of cats of all ages throughout the U.S. need loving furever homes.

During June, HSforBC Feline Program volunteers helped nine cats and 31 kittens find their purrfect purrsons or fantastic families. In addition to those 40 lucky kitties, HSforBC volunteers were fostering 27 kittens in homes on June 30. Nine cats were also being cared for at the shelter, PetCo or Pet Supplies Plus in Whitestown or the Boone County Jail in Lebanon at the end of June.

It was a very busy month—including two especially hectic days—for foster families, who helped Dawn Walker, Feline Program director, prepare for and finalize the adoptions of three cats and nine kittens on June 6 and seven kittens on June 21.

Adoption preparations include daily care and socialization as well as transportation for vaccinations, spay or neuter surgery and other necessary veterinary care, which add up to count-

less behind the scenes volunteer hours.

Walker welcomes new volunteers and greatly appreciates the dedicated people who currently open their hearts and homes to foster kittens or care for the cats living at the shelter while awaiting their loving homes.

"We have been so blessed with the number of fosters and other volunteers to help with caring for these babies," Walker said. "The kittens and cats come to us at all levels of social behaviors, and we have done a fantastic job of helping these felines enjoy human interaction as much as we enjoy interacting with them."

(For information about cats and kittens available for adoption as well as a variety of volunteer opportunities, log on to the website at hsforbc.org.)

ThunderWorks and HSforBC promote pet safety at two events in July

The "ThunderBus Here Comes the Calm" tour visited two locations in Whitestown on July 2-3 to promote a variety of ThunderWorks pet calming products in advance of area Fourth of July fireworks festivities.

The ThunderWorks bus tour crew stopped at Pet Supplies Plus in Whitestown on July 2, and joined Humane Society for Boone County volunteers to provide educational information about pet anxiety issues. The ThunderBus crew also helped pet owners find calming solutions that work for their dogs and cats.

Next on the Boone County part of the national bus tour was a visit to Whitestown's annual Fourth of July Festival on July 3.

"Most dogs and cats go missing during the Fourth of July holiday weekend each year," said Susan Austin, executive director of the Humane Society for Boone County. "ThunderWorks and HSforBC wanted to help pet owners be prepared for fireworks celebrations before the holiday."

The ThunderBus tour stops are part of HSforBC's ongoing community education efforts to promote pet safety.



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To receive the giving brochures by mail, send a request to HSforBCED@gmail.com.



Our memorial sidewalk at the shelter has been installed. Stop by and find your memorial brick. To purchase bricks at 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:

Pamela Connor
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