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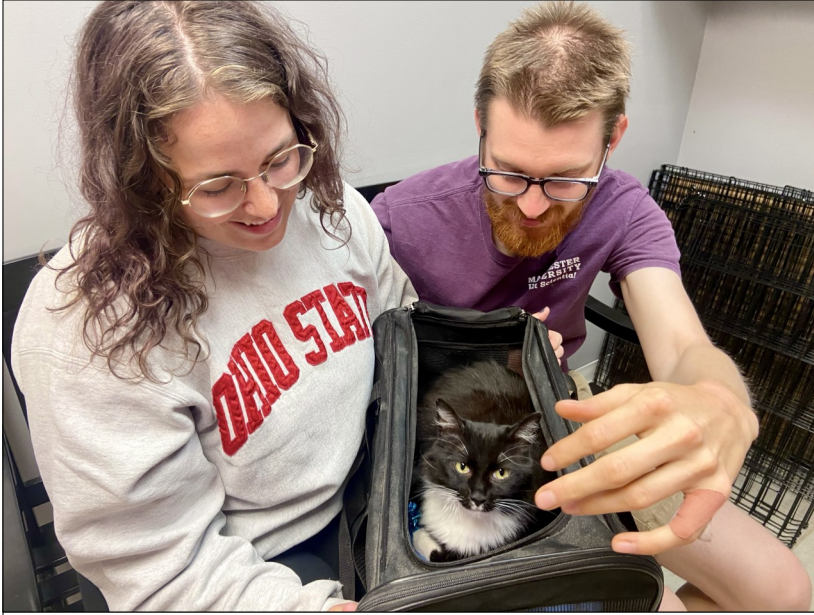
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It is truly a joy to volunteer for HSforBC's Cat Program

By Tiffany Byers



HSforBC rescue cat Socks chose Tiffany Byers and Cory Rowland as his people when he met them on June 14 at the shelter then jumped into their cat carrier!

Being a volunteer for HSforBC has brought joy into my life in multiple ways. The journey started in March 2020 when I adopted a cat named Katie from the shelter. She brought so much joy and light in my life as the world was slowly shutting down during the beginning of Covid 19. She helped me get through an unbelievable amount in those few short months when we were home together every day.

I slowly learned what all HSforBC did to help her find a new home and wanted to help other cats like her. I started to volunteer in June 2021 and have been working with the cats at the shelter twice a month since then.

Even though I had my own cat, I found joy in volunteering with more cats at

the shelter—especially those that I got to see during multiple volunteer trips there. They tended to be more shy and apprehensive cats like Katie. Seeing the difference in their behavior during every visit warmed my heart. They were more playful, trusting and open to people with each visit. Helping these cats feel safe is one of the biggest joys that comes from working with them.

During one of my volunteer days, I met a black and white Tuxedo cat named Socks, who seemed like the perfect fit for my home and as a companion for Katie. The next day, on June 14, I brought my husband Cory to the shelter so we could have a Meet and Greet with Socks. I put the cat carrier in the car just in case he was the right fit for us.

After we played with Socks in the Meet and Greet room for a few minutes, I brought the cat carrier into the room. Socks darted across the room and jumped into the cat carrier! He chose us and we couldn't say no!

Socks is one of 70 cats adopted from January through November. During that time, 155 kittens under 6 months of age also found their forever homes.

Being a volunteer at HSforBC has brought me joy and continues to find ways to bring joy into my life in unexpected ways. Consider joining me as an HSforBC volunteer and start adding more joy to your life!

Go to www.hsforbc.org/volunteer for the volunteer application online.

Cover photo

Five-week-old Elsie Ott, a light gray Tabby kitten with white paws, is all dressed up in a Santa Claus costume for the holidays. She will be available for adoption in a few weeks.

More than 230 HSforBC dogs and puppies were adopted in 11 months

By Mary Ann Garber

What are the best gifts you can give to HSforBC Dog Program volunteers?

Adopt a homeless or surrendered dog or puppy rescued by the Humane Society and provide a loving forever home. Or donate funds to help with veterinary care expenses for an ill or injured dog or puppy.

From January through November, 101 dogs and 135 puppies under 6 months of age that were in HSforBC's care found their people and have wonderful lives now.

Donations from generous supporters also made it possible for HSforBC to arrange for veterinary care to help 22 ill or injured dogs and puppies during the first 11 months of 2023.

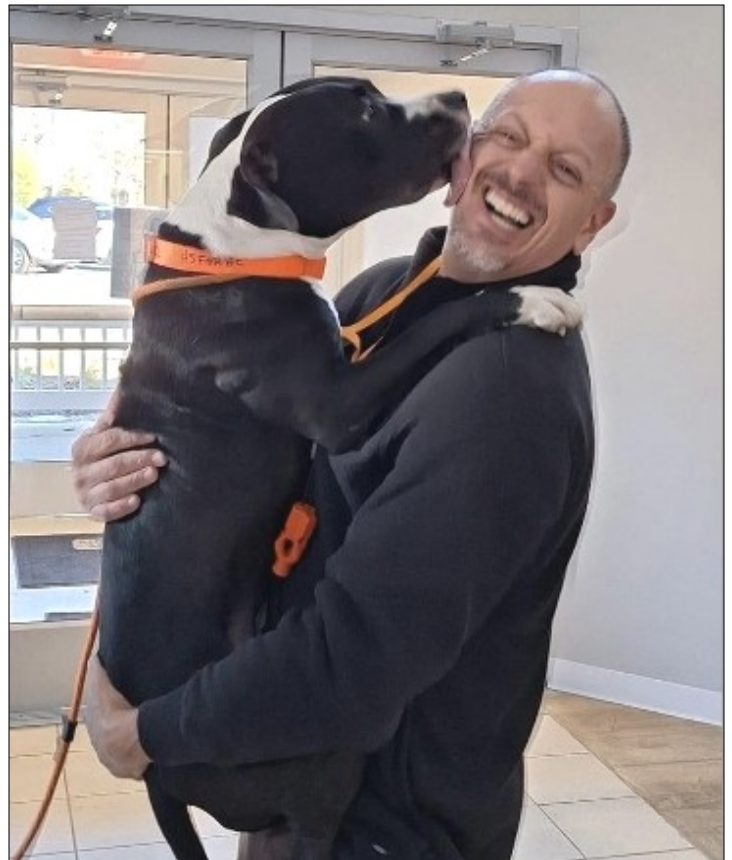
"Our volunteers are always excited when a dog or puppy is adopted but they miss them too," said Christy Brubaker, director of Canine Foster and Adoption. "They work hard to provide loving care and behavior training at the shelter and in foster homes to help with their transition to home life."

Before shelter dog Toby's recent Meet and Greet with a family, volunteer Dan Chatson spent time petting the affectionate young black and white Pit Bull Terrier mix at the shelter. He scooped Toby up in his arms then was rewarded with hugs and kisses from the happy dog.

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Dog Program volunteer Dan Chatson hugged Toby, an affectionate young black and white Pit Bull Terrier mix, at the shelter. Toby was adopted after his Thanksgiving weekend home visit.



When it was time for Toby to leave the shelter for his home visit with a couple, the sweet and goofy young dog gave volunteer Dan Chatson a big kiss.

HSforBC dogs and puppies adopted

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Handsome Husky mix Sid enjoyed his bath after a walk and play time with volunteers Alexander and Maggie Betz, who got him ready for a home visit.

"Sweet, goofy Toby has left for an extended Thanksgiving visit with a nice family," Chatson said later. "We made sure to let him run and play with Sid one last time so they could burn off that puppy energy. He was sent [to their home] with several of his favorite things, including a headless alligator toy and blankets. To all the hard-working volunteers, this is why we do what we do!"

Shelter dog Sid, a handsome brown Husky mix, is 2 years old and has lots of energy. To prepare Sid for a recent Meet and Greet, volunteers Maggie and Alexander Betz took him for a walk and played with him in the exercise yard then bathed him in the dog tub. After enjoying the walk, play time and relaxing bath, a delighted Sid looked and smelled great for his home visit.

During a walk with volunteer Kjari Newell a few weeks ago, Sid demonstrated how well he walks on a leash.

"He also enjoyed stopping and sitting to watch the birds flying over a construction area," Newell said. "He leaned against me as we sat and even gave me a little lick on the cheek. Good boy, Sid! Such a sweet soul."

There are lots of priceless gifts like these dog volunteers' stories throughout the year, which illustrate that spending time in the presence of a pet is truly an incredible present.

Donors honor people and pets with gifts to HSforBC

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

Bear Bear

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

Manda Jo Clevenger
Matthew Kersey
Donna Turner
Betty Watson

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

Kobe and Molly

Donors recently gave HSforBC gifts in honor of the following:

my BFF Cheryl Stone
all the hard-working volunteers

HSforBC appreciates your generosity on #GivingTuesday

By Wendy Gabers

#GivingTuesday promotes the concept of people giving back by supporting local causes and organizations in their local communities.

HSforBC is fortunate to have supporters that share our commitment to care for Boone County's homeless, helpless and heartbroken unwanted dogs, puppies, cats and kittens.

"We are always so very thankful to all who donate on #GivingTuesday," said Susan Austin, executive director, "but this year we are especially grateful."

Austin said the generosity of supporters made it possible for HSforBC to exceed the 2023 #GivingTuesday fundraising goal.

"We set a goal of \$5,000," she said. "We had a generous donor agree to match donations for the first \$2,500 donated to make sure we met our goal. I'm pleased to say that we reached and surpassed the \$5,000 mark, and with online direct donations and check pledges we raised more than \$12,000."

These dollars help provide heartworm treatments and preventatives, monthly flea and tick preventatives and many of the veterinary related items that go directly to the care of the animals, Austin said. "We appreciate the extra generosity of those wishing to make a positive impact for the animals in need during the holiday season."

HSforBC 2024 calendar



2024 CALENDAR

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2024 12 Month Calendar

All the animals featured in this calendar are still in need of loving homes. Thank you for your support!

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For the eighth year in a row, we are offering our calendar of recently adopted and still available rescue animals of Boone County. Each month is filled with animal holidays so you can celebrate your pets all year long! For an appointment, call 877-473-6722 (877-HSforBC).

Order online at HSforBC.org
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You can order online by going to www.hsforbc.org and scroll down to the calendar.

Or you can click [here](#).

Zionsville 'Christmas in the Village' Parade



HSforBC volunteers served hot cocoa, carried a Humane Society banner and marched with dogs available for adoption during the annual holiday parade on November 25 in historic downtown Zionsville. Dog Program volunteer Tricia Davis walked with Duke, center, while Finnick, at right, kept up a good pace in the parade.

'Whiskerfest'



A mixed breed dog wearing a Santa costume, at left, and two Schnauzers dressed in red and green ruffled collars, at right, were among the pets who posed for holiday photos with Santa Claws assisted by four elves, center, during the ninth annual "Whiskerfest Holiday Craft Show and Pet Photos with Santa" on December 2 at the Indianapolis Car Exchange in Whitestown. The holiday event was presented by Centier Bank and benefited HSforBC and The Arc of Greater Boone County.

'Whiskerfest' shares in the joy of the holiday season

By Wendy Gabers



HSforBC's Santa Claws enjoys helping the real Santa Claus each December in Boone County. He is Mitch Allen, the shelter's maintenance manager.

More than 450 people enjoyed the ninth annual "Whiskerfest Holiday Craft Show and Pet Photos with Santa" on December 2 at the Indianapolis Car Exchange in Whitestown.

"Whiskerfest," which benefits both the Humane Society for Boone County and highlights the talents of the Artisans from The Arc of Greater Boone County, was a tremendous success.

Presented by Centier Bank, the event featured 50 vendors who offered a variety of unique holiday decorations and gifts for family, friends and pets. The Arc Artisans booth showcased their numerous crafts and the HSforBC booth displayed a wide range of holiday décor and seasonal pet apparel, treats and toys.

Santa, assisted by adorable volunteer elves, posed for 47 photos with families and pets that included dogs, puppies, cats, kittens and even a pet rat!

Attendees also snuggled and cuddled with several adoptable kitties. A lucky cat and

kitten got an early Christmas present when they were adopted and went home to live with their forever families.

"A big thank you to all the shoppers, supporters, vendors and volunteers who together made 'Whiskerfest' a successful event," said Susan Austin, executive director. "A special thank you to the mothers and daughters of the Zionsville National Charity League (NCL) for helping with the event. The hard work and dedication of all those involved greatly benefit the homeless animals of Boone County."

Did your pet go missing?

Take these four steps to help find them.

1. Report your pet missing for free at 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.



Our Featured Adoptables

Visit 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.



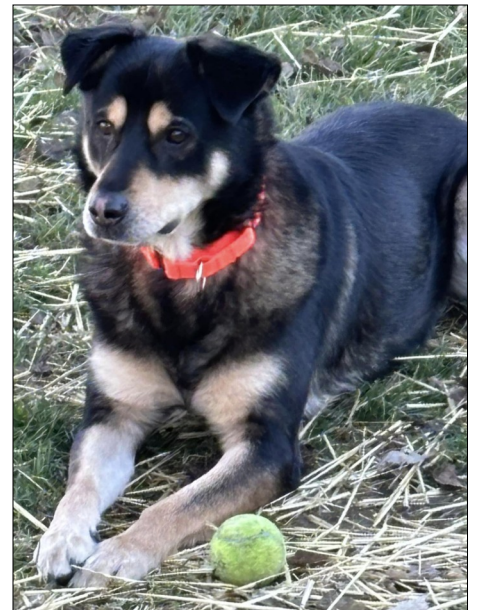
Belle

Belle is a playful girl who has lived with other dogs. She is a great size at 38 pounds. She would do best with an active family.



Eleonore

She is about 9 weeks old. Her family was found abandoned, malnourished and with wounds. She will be a big girl!



Duke

Duke is a senior at 8, but you would never know. He is so energetic and loving. He knows some tricks and is housetrained.



Onion

This pretty female Tabby and white kitten is 3 months old and ready to find her forever home. She has five siblings named Barbecue, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo and Relish who are just as cute!



Tiana

Ginger Tabby girl Tiana recently had surgery to remove her injured left front leg so is now a tripod kitty. She is an active 7-month-old kitten and has a wonderful personality.

Thank You



Thank you Aurora Auto Parts in Lebanon for volunteering with HSforBC. They bagged Pet Pantry food and treats, cleaned windows, and organized donations and dog toys. They accomplished a lot in four hours. Thank you all.



Brad Cohen from Katz, Sapper & Miller used his Community Involvement Day to help HSforBC with cleaning, organizing and folding laundry. He also spent time with two cats, Spooky and Mendoza, that needed some extra love. Thank you.



Huge thanks to Sherry and her coworkers at DHL Supply Chain for the wonderful donations! We can use all of these items—and some made the “cat ladies” squeal with delight! That “12 Days of Catmas” Advent Calendar is so cute! Thank you for your support.

Thank you to our fantastic friends and supporters at Amazon IND1 Distribution Center in Whitestown!
You are always thinking of us.
We greatly appreciate your support.

HSforBC appreciates donations for animal welfare needs

By Mary Ann Garber

Your monetary and material donations help HSforBC rescue homeless and surrendered dogs, puppies, cats and kittens in Boone County then provide food, shelter and veterinary care for them.

Your donations of pet food and supplies not used for shelter dogs and cats or foster pet care go to HSforBC's Pet Pantry and are given to pet owners in need of assistance.

Your material donations of dog and cat food, clean and gently used pet beds and other supplies, the original blue Dawn dish soap, laundry detergent and paper products are helpful. We cannot accept donations of pillows, cushions, bedspreads and comforters because the dogs may chew on and eat the stuffing. HSforBC is unable to accept syringes or medicines except for unopened heartworm preventatives and flea/tick medications.

Your donations of time and talent are always needed, and information about how to volunteer with us is listed on the website at hsforbc.org under the "Get Involved" link.

Other ways that you can help with a variety of shelter needs are listed below. When in doubt about the suitability of a donation, please call the HSforBC Helpline at 877-473-6722 and leave a message. Thank you in advance for your continued support of HSforBC!

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

Humane Society for Boone County Wishlist

Cleaning Supplies	Office Supplies	Dogs and Puppies	Cats and Kittens	Misc.
Paper Towels	Stamps	Puppy Pads	Purina Kitten Chow (dry)	Money
More Paper Towels	Envelopes (#10 size)	Purina Calming Care	Iams Kitten Food (dry and wet)	Gas Cards (for shelter bus)
Garbage Bags (tall kitchen and 55 gallon)	Letter Size Copy Paper	Jolly Balls (all sizes)	KMR (Kitten Milk Replacement) Powder	Gift Cards for Pet Stores
Scrub Sponges	Binder Clips	Kongs (large and extra large)	Forta Flora Probiotics	Paper Lunch Sacks
Antibacterial Hand Soap	Dry Erase Markers	Martingale Collars	Fancy Feast Kitten Food (wet)	Zip-lock Bags (gallon size and larger)
Clorox Wipes	Black Sharpie Markers	Easy Cheese	Corrugated Scratch Boxes	Bird Seed and Bird Seed Bells (cat enrichment)
Toilet Cleaner	Packing Tape	Cream Cheese Blocks	Kitty Litter (clumpable/ scoopable)	Auction Items for Fundraisers
		Peanut Butter	Pro Plan Adult Cat Food (dry) Kitty Toys	
		Bully Sticks	Nursing Bottles	
		Purina Pro Plan Puppy Food (dry)	Washable Pet Beds	
		Smart Bones		
		6' Heavy Duty Leashes		
		Stainless Steel Buckets (6 qt and smaller sizes)		





Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much! Your help makes it all happen!

It must seem like we are always tugging on your heartstrings to give just a little bit more to support HSforBC. I know each of you care about the animals' needs just as much as we do. At the end of every year, we are full of thanks for the thoughtful donations received and want to share how you made a difference.

With your help, we surgically repaired the broken legs of Cullen/Kofi, Shea and Gruyere. With your donations, our medical volunteers administered 2,068 vaccinations and implanted 449 microchips in the dogs, cats, puppies and kittens. We lost five pups to the dreaded Parvo virus, but were able to medicate and carefully nurse several litters through this viral nightmare thanks to your donations.

Kitten season started early and has barely slowed down. Kitten food, probiotics, antibiotics, fecal tests and extensive deworming medications have become necessary for almost every litter of kittens these days.

Where do your donations go? You help heat the building that keeps the animals warm, cool the shelter in the summer and wash all the bedding. You help provide required vaccinations, monthly medicines, flea and tick prevention, and every special drug prescribed in between. You help provide spaying and neutering to limit the cycle of abandonment and surrender of unwanted litters. You help provide food, litter and cleaning products to make sure their home with us is sanitary and safe. You help supply everything our fosters need to open their hearts and homes.

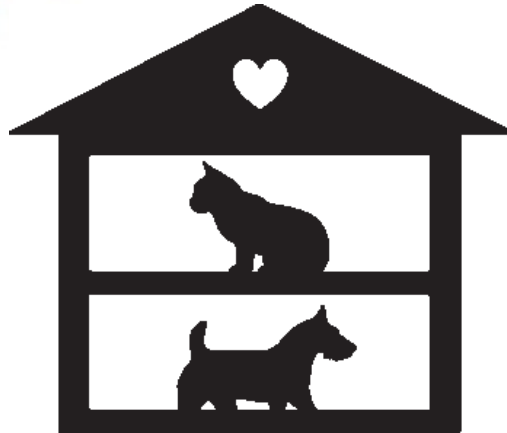
Year after year, our challenge remains the same, and your donation—whether it is \$5, \$20, \$50 or more—makes a huge difference in the health and quality of life for the animals in our care. All of the volunteers, staff and board members of the Humane Society for Boone County thank you for helping us rescue and care for the dogs, cats, puppies and kittens.

We all thank you for your donations and wish you the happiest of holidays.

Muzzlesnuzzles!!

Thank you,

Susan Austin,
Executive Director



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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.

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