

Humane Society for Boone County

SHELTER TAILS

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A Labor of Love

After more than a year of being in the building, our renovations finally started in July. Our goal is always to do all we can at HSforBC with donations of our community's time, talents and treasure. The renovations of the shelter building is no different. HSforBC is grateful to former board member Christopher Colson who also happens to be a licensed architect! Do you have any idea how many pages of drawings are required at the state house and local planning offices for a commercial building renovation? Chris kindly donated his talents and we now have both renovation plans and future expansion plans! Thank you Chris! We will pay you in free kitten adoptions!

Although much of the time and materials were donated freely, HSforBC did incur considerable remodeling expenses. This was paid for out of our Operation Shelter building fund.

We had standing pledges for HVAC from True Temp Heating and Cooling, a roof and masonry help from the owners at Bone Dry Roofing, cement from IMI, and many volunteers willing to lend a hand. What we didn't have was a general contractor that put all the pieces together. We finally begged the right person, and he said yes. So, with the generous help of volunteer general contractor and all-round worker Matt Lohmeyer, we were off and digging. Many times I would walk into the shelter in the evening and I was startled to find Matt working hard after putting in a full day at his Tri-State Forestry company. That's dedication to a cause. Or is it to paws?

Our groundbreaking was in July. You might have seen the board using litter scoops and pooper scoopers to assist digging those footers. Dogs and cats were quickly moved from the building and into foster homes. Deputy Fisher just kept bringing in more critters, it was the middle of kitten season! Our directors of fosters and adoptions Christy Brubaker (canine) and Dawn Walker (feline) worked miracles to get them all into foster homes. We send our deepest thanks to Lebanon Vet Clinic for graciously helping us house the

dogs when a foster home was not available.

It is Indiana and what happens when you break ground in Indiana? It rains, and rains and rains. Thanks to the Valenti Group for drainage materials and stone. We really appreciate it. While outside work was held up waiting for the ground to dry, Bone Dry Masonry and Presley's Concrete Inc. were busy stripping and gutting the inside walls, ripping up the flooring to move the floor drain, and prepping for the inside renovations to begin. Once the footers were poured, courtesy of IMI Irving Materials, the outside block work began and the kennel walls went up. As with any project there were a couple of changes. Our friends at Bone Dry Masonry quickly helped us add additional windows to allow more light into the kennel runs. Thanks!

Work quickly moved indoors to building block kennel walls, framing for new drywall, and installing new plumbing. Bullseye Fencing stepped in to create custom exterior gates, install kennel toppers and build a run area that links the inside / outside runs to the large play yard. On nice weather days our canine guests will be able to safely and securely be inside or outside as they choose.

Our inside floors were refinished by Presley's Concrete and they are absolutely beautiful! Who says a shelter can't have functional beauty? Just wait until you see them in person! Thank you to Tony and Bones for going above and beyond.

Many thanks to the volunteers that helped prime and paint inside kennel walls, and pull out cabinetry with care so it can be reused. They were constantly dusting, dusting, dusting. They helped organize everything we need to care for the animals.

Very special thanks go to Denis Oberg and Kevin Walker for all the cabinetry and dry wall/plastic board work. These two are always the first to give a helping hand. They have spent many hours donating carpentry skills and keeping up with the project list.

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Denis, thank you for retiring just to help us!
Kevin, I hope you know we all appreciate your plumbing help!

Huston Electric joined us to help run all new electric circuits and install LED fixtures in the dog runs, inside and out. With our indoor/outdoor dog runs we need light outside and fans to help keep the air circulating. Huston helped us greatly while crawling in small spaces to get the job done. It Looks great!

There is a downside to working at an animal shelter. Just ask those who ended up adopting from us. Shane from Bone Dry Masonry was at the right place at the right time to adopt a gorgeous Siamese named Ghosty. Matt helped foster Summer the pibble, now known as Willow. Willow has taken up permanent residence in the Lohmeyer house! Congrats on your adoptions!

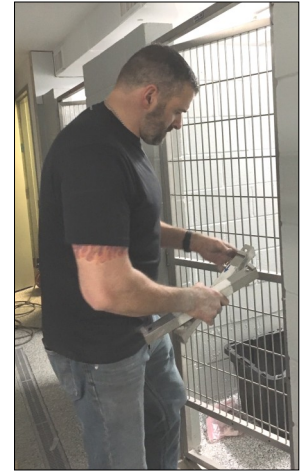
The shelter renovations are almost done. We are hoping to have our grand opening in January 2019, after we get all our procedures in place for caring for the animals in the new structure. As always, we are available to meet by appointment, just like we have been for the last 10 years.

HSforBC is humbled and in awe by the generosity of these donors and workers for all their time and skills. Their donations help us help more animals. "Thank you" from us at HSforBC will never be adequate. Please help us give thanks to each of these big hearted people if you see them around. They don't do it for the pat on the back, they do it for the love of animals.

I remain pawsitively yours,
Susan Austin,
President



Denis Oberg



Matt Lohmeyer



View of kennels from outside



outdoor view of kennel (left), inside view (right)



Thank You



Many thanks to Mrs. Boggs class at Union Elementary School in Zionsville for their donations of much needed supplies. Great job kids!

Jaidens Paws for a cause



Jaiden and her dogs Zane (left) and Gixxy (right)

Six year old Boone County resident Jaiden Weathers saw a video about abused dogs and cried so hard she could hardly speak. What Jaiden was trying to say was "she wanted to help animals as much as possible." So Jaiden got to work making donation jars and collecting items for the new HSforBC shelter. So far she has raised a total of \$100. Jaiden also designed a logo for her project "Jaidens paws for a cause" and created a Facebook page to collect donations for HSforBC. Pretty impressive for six years old. Great job Jaiden. We love you and the animals love you!



Our friends at Boone County MIBOR spent their **Day of Caring** working at the shelter and chose HSforBC as the recipient of their \$1500 gift. Thank You Boone County MIBOR for the \$1500 donation.

Our **Amazon Smile** donation for the first quarter of 2018 is \$190.68, \$125.28 for the second quarter, and \$135.33 for the 3rd quarter. That is a total of \$451.29. Thank you shoppers.



Jaiden's fundraiser for Humane Society for Boone County Inc

Fundraiser for Humane Society for Boone County Inc by Jaiden Weathers · 🇺🇸



Dory is about 16 weeks old, loves to play and seek out adventures. She is a high energy girl and will do best in a home with a play-mate with the same energy level.



Nessie is the new public relations dog for the Whitestown Metropolitan Police Department. She was recently introduced at the police board meeting and took the honor very well. Nessie is a gift from HSforBC.



HSforBC 2019 Calendar

Suggested donation \$10

Available at HSforBC events, Lebanon Vet Clinic, PC Clinic, Zionsville Animal Hospital, Pleasant Paws, VCA Animal Hospital (Oak St location)

2018-19 HSforBC Board of Directors

- Animal Welfare: Susan Austin
- Events: Lisa Vogel
- Foster/Adoptions Canine: Christy Brubaker
- Foster/Adoptions Feline: Dawn Walker
- Communication: Jill Ridge
- Sheltering: Natalie Deaver
- PR/Marketing: Laurie Durham
- Fundraising: Susan Austin
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Thank You. We can't do it without you.

I know each of you cares about animals as much as we do. We appreciate your thoughtful donations. Here I am, asking each of you to donate again.

We treated Dutchess, Simon, Ralph, Mr. Bingley and Princess for horrible skin conditions from years of neglect. Each animal required expensive anti-itch medicines, antifungals, antibiotics and medicated shampoos. Dutchess was allowed to peacefully cross the rainbow bridge. After many months of love and foster care there was no improvement in her health. We lost our first dog to the horrible Parvo virus. We medicated and carefully nursed three others through this viral nightmare.

Morgan the kitty had a broken jaw requiring many xrays, a feeding tube, expensive specialty foods and long term care. Kitten season started early and hasn't stopped. Kitten food, probiotics, antibiotics, fecal tests and extensive deworming meds are a staple of almost every kitten litter these days.

Where do our donations go? To the heat in the building that keeps them warm. To required monthly medicines, flea and tick prevention, and every special drug prescribed in between. Your donations are also used to print the proof of vaccinations and the veterinary paperwork given to every adopter. Donations are also used for spaying and neutering to end the cycle of abandonment and surrender of unwanted litters. And your donations are used for food, litter, and cleaning products for a sanitary and safe environment.

This year our challenge remains the same. Your donation, whether it is \$5, \$20, \$50 or more, makes a true difference in the health and quality of life for the animals in our care. Can we count on your help again? Can you please help us help the homeless, neglected and abandoned animals receive the love and care they so desperately need?

Donations can be sent to:
Humane Society for Boone County
PO Box 708
Lebanon, IN 46052

To charge your donation, you can visit us at www.hsforbc.org and use our donate button. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. From Simon, Ralph, Morgan, and every other doggie and kitty we have helped because of your generous donations, we thank you and wish you the happiest of holidays.

Muzzlesnuzzles,

Susan and the Critters



By Nurse. Educator. Administrator. Cat lover.

by Dawn Walker

As director of the HSforBC Cat Program since 2016, I combine each of these facets of my life to rescue—and sometimes help restore to health—the homeless and occasionally ill or injured kitties who are among the hundreds of cats and kittens saved in Boone County each year.

My service as an HSforBC board member is both rewarding and challenging as I respond to a variety of daily responsibilities that range from shelter duties to bottle feeding kittens to trapping community cats for spay/neuter and veterinary care to working with our wonderful foster families and other dedicated Cat Program volunteers.

My husband, Kevin, and our 3-year-old granddaughter, Carly, help me as volunteers too. Kevin and I work together to give flea baths to kitties and bottle feed tiny kits who need to be fed every few hours around the clock until they are old enough to eat on their own. Carly is a gentle and loving helper who plays with the cats and kittens so they receive socialization in preparation for adoption. She also goes with me for vet visits or other transports and assists me with cat care at the shelter.

I do it all for the love of animals. All of the HSforBC volunteers do! But it means time away from my family because I'm picking up more helpless and homeless kittens. All for the love of animals. It means waking up every two to three hours at night to feed yet another litter of bottle babies. All for the love of animals. It means driving around the county to drop off shelter coolers so outside cats can stay warm during the winter months. All

for the love of animals. It means spending many Saturdays at HSforBC adoption events to find them all wonderful homes. This is the end result—these furever homes. All for the love of animals.

HSforBC board members are grateful for the financial and volunteer support of so many people who care enough to assist with our lifesaving work in countless ways. We welcome new volunteers and supporters to join us in the year-round work of rescuing homeless cats, kittens, dogs and puppies. We are thankful for the wonderful veterinarians, Boone County Sheriff's Department Animal Control Officer, countywide police officers and pet store staff members who assist us with the diverse needs of our all-volunteer 501c3 organization.

Education is a big part of the HSforBC mission, and it is my dream that one day there will be very little need for rescues and humane societies. I hope and pray that one day there will be no such thing as a homeless cat, that every cat will have a home, and that every home will have a cat—or two or three!

I invite you to visit our website at www.hsforbc.org to see photographs of our cats and kittens available for adoption as well as read about service opportunities so that you can become an HSforBC cat person too!



Be the Help They Need.

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Make a difference for homeless animals, boonecountyhumane.org

7 ways to make the holidays safer for your pets

1. Keep people food out of the reach of your pet and ask your guests to do the same.
2. Make sure your pet doesn't have access to treats, especially those containing chocolate, xylitol, grapes and raisins, onions or other toxic foods.
3. Don't leave your pet alone in the room with lit candles, a decorated tree or potpourri.
4. Keep holiday plants out of reach of pets (especially holly, mistletoe and lillies).
5. Consider leaving the tinsel off your tree if you have a cat.
6. Secure your Christmas tree to keep it from falling over if your dog bumps it or your cat climbs it; hanging lemon-scented car air fresheners in the tree may deter your cat from climbing it.
7. If your pet is excitable or scared when you have company, consider moving your pet to another room with some toys, a comfortable bed, or providing a safe place for your pet to escape the excitement (kennel, crate, perching place, scratching post shelf or hiding place).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Whiskerfest

Whitestown Municipal Center
Saturday, December 1, 9:00—4:00
Pet photos with Santa starts at 11:30
Microchipping 1:00—2:30

PetValu Zionsville Adoption Event

Saturday, December 8, 12:00-4:00

Fur Ball

Cardinal Room Golf Club of Indiana
Saturday, February 16, 2019
Doors open at 5:30

Microchip your pet

According to dogtime.com approximately one third of pets end up getting lost at some point in their lives. Without microchipping they have a 1 in 10 chance of getting returned to the owner. Microchipping your pet is the best way to increase the chances of your lost pet getting home. Even if your pet is microchipped it's a good idea to ask your vet to scan the chip at every check-up to make sure it's still reading, and to determine if it's still where it should be which is on the back near the shoulder blades. Microchips can sometimes migrate in the body.

Effective 1/1/2019 Boone County requires a permanent ID for domestic animals 6 months and older. It can be in the form of a microchip or a tag attached to a collar that must be worn at all times.

The world can be a scary and cruel place for a lost dog. The lucky ones end up in a shelter where they have a second chance for a loving home. The very lucky ones have owners who cared enough to have them microchipped or tagged, increasing the chances that their dog will make it back home.

Humane Society for Boone County has partnered with Kroger on a fundraiser using Kroger's Community Rewards Program. Go online to register for the program at kroger.com/communityrewards You can list HSforBC as your organization. **HSforBC's Organization Number has changed to SI396.**

Kroger periodically donates money back to HSforBC based on purchases tied to registered cards. For 2018 we received \$588.15 for the 1st quarter, \$660.99 for the 2nd quarter, and \$620.03 for the 3rd quarter. That is \$1869.17 total.

Thank you

Kroger shoppers



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

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



Opal

Opal is a beautiful girl that loves to play ball. She has a cyst on her eye lid that the vet says will not need to be removed. She can jump a 4 foot fence, so she needs a home where she is walked or the fence is 6 feet. She does well with most dogs.



Puck

Puck is a young dog that was not socialized and is in a foster home. He seeks attention, likes to be petted, loves daily walks, and he can get overly excited. He needs someone with patience to work with him. He is smart and learns quickly. He has learned the sit command. He is mostly housebroken, but doesn't always make it through the night. He has done great with all kinds of dogs, is fine with kids. He is very interested in cats.



Lyra

Lyra is a 30 pound young female mix. She loves people and does well with most dogs. Lyra is about two years old.



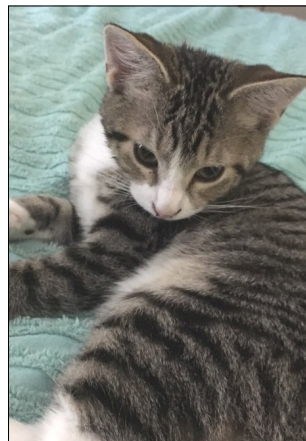
Li Shang

Li Shang is a handsome boy. He is about 9 weeks old. He does well with dogs and other cats. He loves to carry toys around so the other cats cannot get them.



Gwen

Gwen is 10 months old and will sit in your lap and lick your face once she warms up to you. She would need a tall fenced area because she loves to chase squirrels and can jump fences. She is great with kids and other dogs. Gwen was positive for Parvo and has recovered completely. She is doing great now.



Rossi

Rossi is a sweet, playful boy and is about seven months old. He is cuddly, loving, playful, and fun.

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Membership Application
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Membership Levels

___ FRIEND - \$20.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame.
___ GUARDIAN - \$50.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, 10% discount on adoptions.
___ DEFENDER - \$250.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, 15% discount on adoptions.
___ PROTECTOR - \$500.00 +	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, 20% discount on adoptions and HSforBC apparel.
___ 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.boonecountyhumane.org. Please note your donation is for Membership when using PayPal.

I want to become an HSforBC Member and help homeless pets.

What a difference a foster can make



This photo is a before and after update to the "happy ending" story in the June 2018 newsletter. A good citizen rescued a kitten from the side of SR 32 west of Lebanon. The kitten's eyes were sealed shut with pus. This kitten, Georgia, is in the care of HSforBC foster mom Julie. Julie says "This is why I foster." Wow! Georgia is so beautiful. Thanks for all you do Julie.

Humane Society for Boone County Wishlist				Bolder are biggest needs currently
Cleaning Supplies	Office Supplies	Dogs & Puppies	Cats & Kittens	Misc.
Paper towels	Stamps	Jolly Balls (all sizes)	Sunny seat window mounted beds	Money
Brooms/dust pans	Copy paper (8.5" x 11" and 11" x 17")	Kongs (all sizes but especially the larger ones)	Weighted stainless steel bowls for kittens	Gas cards (for bus)
Handheld broom and dust pans	Card stock (8.5" x 11" and 11" x 17")	Large and extra large dog harnesses	Corrugated scratch boxes	Gift cards for pet stores or that can be used anywhere
Garbage bags (tall kitchen to heavy duty/13 and 45 or 55 gallon)	Posterboard	Martingale-style collars (all sizes)	Washable pet beds	Sponsors for animals with additional health issues
Dish soap (original Dawn preferred)	Foamboard (all sizes)	Air-tight containers for treats and food	Kitty litter (clumpable/scoopable)	Storage bins with lids (various sizes)
Uncentrated liquid laundry detergent	Permanent markers	6' Heavy duty training leashes	Adult and kitten food (dry & canned)	Auction items for fundraisers
Sponges	Kids paint and brushes	Greenie's Pill Pockets	Toys	Heavy-duty tarps (all sizes)
Antibacterial hand soap	Staples	Nylabones	Fleece blankets	Kleenex
Scotch Brite scrub sponges	Large bulletin board	Adopt Me harness	All sizes of carriers	Toilet paper (septic safe)
Clorox/Lysol wipes	Scissors	Durable toys	KMR (kitten milk replacement) Powder	Distilled water
Toilet cleaner	Envelopes (#10 size and larger)	Fleece blankets	Nursing bottles	Step ladders (2-4 step)
Steam cleaner	Note pads/note paper	Creamy peanut butter	Stainless steel feeding bowls (small sizes)	Garden tools
Individual hand sanitizer		Canned pumpkin	Cat playpens	Zip-lock bags (all sizes)
		Clean blankets		10' x 10' popup canopy
		6' Heavy duty slip leads		
		Stainless Steel Buckets (9 quart size)		
		Stainless Steel Feeding Bowls (all sizes)		
		Large crates		
		Play pens for puppies		
		Puppy pads		





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