

Humane Society for Boone County

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Kroger employee Lori Ann Stump and her husband Richard of Lebanon donated a car load of food and pet supplies to HSforBC. Thank you Lori and Richard.

Cover photo:

Peyote is a beautiful 3-month-old female tuxedo kitten who is ready for adoption. She's very playful and affectionate. Peyote is a lucky kitten who was born in a foster home.

Did you know volunteers donated 7,170 hours to HSforBC?

Thanks to you for making us your charity of choice when shopping at Kroger.

Thanks to your purchases HSforBC received \$647.15 for the third quarter of 2021.

Go online to [kroger.com/communityrewards](https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards). List HSforBC as your organization. HSforBC's Organization Number is **SI396**.

Thank you Kroger and Kroger shoppers



Thank you to the employees of Milestone Contractors for your wonderful donations. We received a check for \$845 and a donation of much needed items. We are grateful.

Thank You



A 2020 grant from the Community Foundation of Boone County provided the sound dampening panels above the doors. The cats living at the shelter think the panels are wonderful.



Dawn Walker, our queen of all things cats and kittens, made a plea for kitten food because HSforBC had 50 kittens to feed! We received these donations from our generous supporters. Thank you all.

Halloween Costume Contest Winners

Thank you to everyone who entered and thank you to the voters for their donations.
You helped raise more than \$1,430 for our cats and dogs.



Opie
First Place



Dr. Cue Ball
Second Place



Sadie
Third Place



ESCORTED RIDE!!



FOOD, FUN, AUCTION!!

Ride for Rescues



Thank you to the all participants and sponsors.
You helped us earn \$11,232 for the kitties and puppies of HSforBC.

HSforBC receives no tax dollars and relies on the generosity of individual donors and sponsors to fund our mission. Thank You.



In 2020 Quinn Lyday partnered with HSforBC to build these dog platforms so he could achieve Eagle Scout status. The dogs use them daily. Thank you Quinn and Eagle Scout Troop 112.



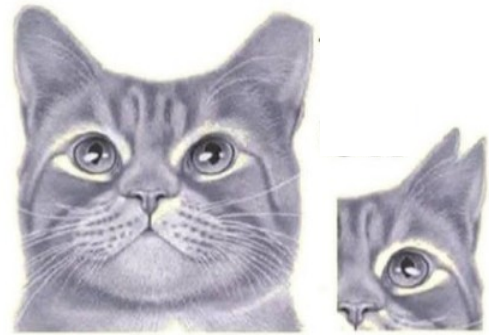
Boone County 4-H Fair Cat Show participant Lindsey Mount of Lebanon poses for a picture with her cat, Annie, who she adopted from the Humane Society for Boone County about 10 years ago. Lindsey decorated Annie's kennel in a "Skater Girl" theme for the annual 4-H competition on July 23 at the Boone County Fairgrounds.



HSforBC volunteer and Boone County 4-H Fair Cat Show participant Anastasia Durell of Lebanon poses for a picture with her very social barn cat Mush on July 23 at the Boone County Fairgrounds. She chose the theme "Cool Cats Read" for her cat's kennel display.

December is
National Cat Lover's Month.

Have you seen cats with ears like this?



These cats have been "ear-tipped" or "notched." Ear-tipping involves surgically removing a small portion of one of a cat's ears while the cat is under anesthesia for spay or neuter surgery. It is the universally accepted way to signify that a community cat has been spayed or neutered, which means no new kittens will be born, and that's a good thing.

The ear-tipping procedure is done as part of a trap-neuter-return (TNR) program, which involves humanely trapping community cats, vaccinating them, spaying or neutering and then returning them to their neighborhoods to live out their lives. TNR is the best way to humanely reduce the population of outdoor homeless cats.

Usually these cats aren't family pets. They are cats who were abandoned, got lost and ended up living on their own, or were born on the streets. They are lovable in their own way, but are usually not cuddly types.

There are kind people around the country who keep an eye on community cat colonies in their neighborhoods. They help get the cats fixed through TNR programs. Ear-tipping allows them to tell from a distance if a community cat has been spayed or neutered. That tipped ear saves the cat the stress of being trapped and anesthetized a second time.

Ear-tipping can also help anyone who is feeding the cats to keep track of them, and notice if a new cat has joined the colony. And it lets animal control officers know that a cat has benefitted from TNR and medical care by a veterinarian.

2021 LA Café 5K Run for Rescue

Thank you so much to everyone who came to LA Café in Whitestown for the 5K Run for Rescue. You all raised more than \$5,100 for our animals. Thank you to our generous sponsors who helped make this event possible.



Thank you to our many volunteers. You help make events like this possible.



LA Café owner and HSforBC supporter Jessica Averitt participates in the run in her fluffy red tutu.



Long time HSforBC volunteer Laurie Durham runs with a shelter dog from HSforBC.



First, second and third place runners



Moms and Dads and babies and dogs run for HSforBC.



HSforBC crowd gathers for the LA Café 5K Run for Rescue.

'Tale of Two Kitties' can have 'Happy Tails' ending with help

By Mary Ann Garber

This "Tale of Two Kitties" is a story about Hannah and Cambridge, two special needs HSforBC foster kittens who have had medical challenges that require veterinary care. They also have lots of love to share with others.

Hannah, a light ginger colored kitten, needed to have her left eye removed by a veterinarian due to an infection, injury or birth defect. When she was found hiding under a house on August 26, she was about 10 to 12 weeks old, scared and quite ill. Her fur was extremely dirty, her left eye was damaged and she was limping from burns on her feet.

After Deputy Hannah Fisher, the Boone County Sheriff's Department Animal Control Officer, rescued her, it was obvious that she needed immediate veterinary care. HSforBC named her Hannah, bathed her, and made arrangements for vaccinations as well as veterinary surgery to spay her and remove her hurt eye. Donations to HSforBC for her medical care helped defray some of the cost of the enucleation surgery.

"She's a great kitten who is a lot like a dog in personality," explained Anne Oberg, her foster mom, and is "so loving, loyal and fun."

Hannah is healthy now and happily living in her forever home. She purrs loudly and loves to fetch her toy ball then bring it back for another throw so she can chase it again.

Thankfully, Hannah has found her "Happy Tails" ending, but Cambridge still needs help with his happily ever after journey to adoption.

This sweet black HSforBC foster kitten was adopted then returned to the Humane Society when he developed serious digestive problems. HSforBC arranged for diagnostic tests, and the veterinary examination determined that Cambridge, now a year old, has a serious chronic condition called megacolon.

"Megacolon requires lifelong medical management," explained Dawn Walker, HSforBC's feline coordinator, "with a proper diet and medications taken multiple times each day to help the colon work correctly."

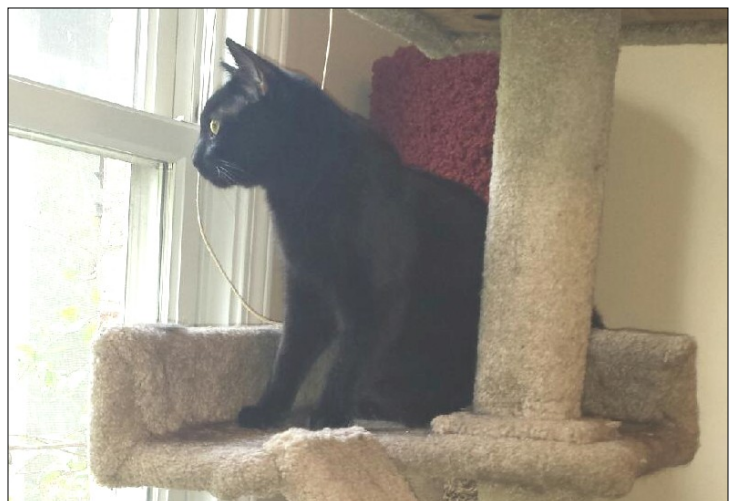


HSforBC foster kitten Hannah was rescued on August 26 then underwent lifesaving surgery to remove her damaged left eye, which was made possible by donations. She was adopted on November 7.

Cambridge is living in a foster home again while HSforBC investigates options for his medical care so he can have the best quality of life.

"Surgery to repair his colon may be an option

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Sweet Cambridge looks out the window at his HSforBC foster home. Donations will help him live a healthy and active life.

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in the future with estimates of about \$4,500," Walker said. "But he's a great cat that isn't letting his health issue slow him down."

His foster mom, Sally Routh, said Cambridge has always been very affectionate.

"He loves to climb on his cat tree and play with his toys," Routh said. "It doesn't appear that there is anything wrong with him since he looks and acts like a healthy cat. He will make someone a great, loveable pet and hopefully will have another cat to play with."

If you would like to adopt the sweetest, special needs black kitty ever, visit our website and complete the Meet and Greet form. Cambridge is waiting to meet you!

If you would like to donate to help our medical needs kitties, please send a check to HSforBC, P.O. Box 708, Lebanon, IN 46052 or you may donate online via a secure link at www.hsforbc.org by clicking on the blue Donate button at the top right corner and indicating that you want your donation to go to medical needs.



Volunteers worked through the night to save a litter of puppies suffering from a toxin. Only one did not survive the illness.

We welcome the 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
Nicolas Topell
Allison Upchurch
Dawn Walker

Forty-eight cat fosters and more than 20 dog fosters open their hearts and homes to care for the kittens, puppies and smaller dogs that would experience stress in a kennel environment. Fosters allow us to care for more animals than the shelter can possibly hold.

2022 CALENDAR

RESCUED
2022 12 Month Calendar
HSforBC.org • (877) HSforBC

ON SALE AT OUR EVENTS
AND AT THE SHELTER
DURING OPEN HOURS OR
BY APPOINTMENT
OPEN 1:00-5:00 PM
2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH

A Great Gift for the Animal Lovers in Your Life!
For the sixth 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
Just \$10 plus shipping

A Special Thank You to
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Proud Sponsor of the 2022 HSforBC Calendar

HSforBC 2022 Calendar \$10

Order online at www.hsforbc.org

Our Adorable 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.



Michael Bull

This handsome boy is young and full of energy! He would do best with a fenced yard and an active family. He needs some work on basic training.



Petey

Petey is an older guy who loves to sleep at your feet and sit on your lap. He also loves his dinner! He gets along with cats and other dogs. He needs to wear a belly band because he sometimes doesn't make it outside to urinate.

Did You Know?

You can now visit the shelter on the second and fourth Sundays of each month between 1 pm and 5 pm 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.



Ivy

This sweet girl does well with children and other dogs. She likes cats, but will play a little rough with them.



Ashville, Charlotte, Kiawah and Charleston are 7-week-old litter mates and will be available for adoption after receiving veterinary care when they are a few weeks older.

Whiskerfest

Holiday Craft Show & Pet Photo With Santa Event
benefiting the

HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY AND THE ARC OF GREATER BOONE COUNTY

Saturday, December 4, 2021
10:00 am-4:00 pm


Indianapolis Car Exchange
5161 Indianapolis Rd, Whitestown In 46075

Accepting
Vendors Now

Pet Photos
With Santa
12:00-4:00 pm

Lunch available
on-site



See the work of
The ARC Artisans!

30+ Vendors in
One Spot

Adoptable Cats
& Dogs Will Be
There Too!



Questions? Contact us at
hsforbc@gmail.com or 877-473-6722



**FurBall is coming
on February 26.**

2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

February 26

FurBall

May 16

Golf Scramble

August 14

Paws and Claws Ride for Rescues
Motorcycle Ride

October 1

LA Café 5K Run for Rescues

Humane Society for Boone County 2020 - 2021 Recap*

- ◆ 516 cats and dogs helped
- ◆ 437 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

* fiscal year 9/1/2020 - 8/31/2021

Dear Friends,

As we near the end of 2021, **I wanted to take a little time to say thank you for your continued support** and recap our accomplishments over the last year. The Humane Society for Boone County was positioned well to deal with the pandemic when it hit Indiana in 2020. Our pets were already in foster homes and we already used social media, our website and other online adoption avenues to find homes for our pets. Although those are still the mainstays of our organization, in 2021 we were able to start "Open Business Hours" every other weekend and we were able to resume Outreach adoption events at several locations throughout Boone County.

Our community outreach programs (Pet Pantry, Spay/Neuter assistance, Trap-Neuter-Release) continued to grow through 2021. We work with other organizations within Boone County to help identify people and pets in need. We provided 28,319 pounds of pet food and supplies through our Pet Pantry. This year 167 cats and dogs were spayed or neutered with SNAP certificates and through our TNR program. Our goal is to help keep pets in the homes where they are loved and cherished as well as to help decrease the homeless pet population through spay/neutering services.

As the Boone County population continues to grow, so does the need for more services for homeless, lost and unwanted pets. Each year the number of pets that we help increases.

This year will be another record year as we anticipate helping more than 500 dogs and cats before the New Year. As of the end of October, we have provided care for 474 pets (285 kittens/cats, 189 puppies/dogs). We have adopted out 363 pets, returned to owner 29 pets, and transferred to other welfare organizations 16 pets. We have had to make the heartbreaking end-of-life decision for three pets to prevent suffering due to terminal illnesses.

We could not achieve all of our success without your support. Kitties like Hannah and Cambridge, and puppies needing emergency care couldn't be helped without your support. We deeply appreciate every donation whether it is supplies, monetary or time given as a volunteer or providing a foster home. Over 98 percent of the hands-on care of the dogs and cats is provided by our dedicated volunteers and foster families. Our volunteers are invaluable in our Outreach programs, fundraising, and our day-to-day business. We are always in need of helping hands so that we can expand our programs.

As the weather turns cold, there will be a need for outdoor shelters for community cats. We will also receive increased calls about animals that are in need due to homelessness or inadequate shelter/care. **Please consider making an end of the year donation to the Humane Society for Boone County. Every dollar makes a difference. Every bag of food saves lives.**

Thank you for your kindness, generosity and support.

Sincerely,

Amy Rader, D.V.M./Board President



Memorial and Honorary Donations

Your gift is a lasting tribute.

For more information go to 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.

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:

Rosemary Dial
 Robert DiNapoli, Jr.
 Gerri Giles
 Don Gleb
 Joanna Hunter
 Gary Katona
 Cynthia Lowes
 James Murphy
 Mark Wood

A brick makes a purrrfect gift.



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."

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

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

Susan Austin
 Tim and Teresa Eversole
 Hannah Fisher
 Dawn Walker

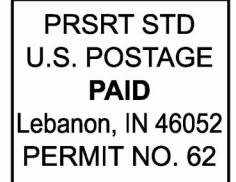
Memorial gifts for cats and dogs offer comfort to grieving pet owners

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

Jerry and Mary Lou Burns' dog Wrigley
 Roy and Missy Cooper's dog Lucy
 Jennifer Jones-Katona's dog Marco
 Steve and Jackie O'Hara's dog Nellie
 Cathy Vlahos's dog Belle



**Humane Society
for Boone County**
P.O. Box 708
Lebanon, IN 46052



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

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

Circle Donation Preference:

Medical Services / General / Other _____

One time / or for recurring monthly donations contact us at HSforBC@gmail.com

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