



Humane Society for Boone County

SHELTER TAILS

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From Small Beginnings to a Solid Future

The Humane Society for Boone County (HSforBC), is an all-volunteer not-for-profit 501(c)(3) pet rescue and placement group. We are dedicated to the rescue, welfare, and re-homing of the homeless, abandoned and surrendered domestic dogs and cats in Boone County Indiana. HSforBC is the only organization located in Boone County dedicated to rescuing both cats and dogs.

In September of 2007, The Humane Society for Boone County was organized by the citizens of Boone County to formalize the task of animal rescue for homeless domestic animals. The community selected a board of directors at a series of public meetings where a mission outline was created and governance established.



The first elected board of directors from front left: Missy Healey, Linda Howard, Julie Shrock-Miller, Dianne Ellis, Guy Davis and Patricia Gilogoly.

With no financial assistance, the newly founded board contributed their own funds to open bank accounts, file legal paperwork and develop a plan of action that included the immediate rescue of homeless domestic animals.

In nine years of operation, HSforBC has successfully transitioned well over 1,000 homeless, at risk animals to permanent homes. Our network of volunteers has returned to owner thousands of lost and stray pets.

HSforBC is currently comprised of 10 volunteer board members who provide governance, management and staffing of all operations.

Today, there is no official Boone County animal control division in any municipal or county government. The City of Lebanon utilizes their street department staff to collect stray dogs. Their location is used as a temporary kennel for those strays until they can be forwarded to the care of HSforBC. We are on call day and night for community and county law enforcement when at-risk animals are in need. We also provide quarantine services for law enforcement and the Boone County Prosecutor when the need arises. We are advocates for the implementation of sensible animal control ordinances and support the creation of a county-wide animal control officer.

There are no reimbursements or tax provisions for the services we provide to government agencies.

HSforBC volunteers respond to every phone message and email inquiry within twenty-four hours, and many

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Call HSforBC today at (765) 485-8888 or email us at hsforbc@gmail.com

Meet a Volunteer

Anne Oberg has been helping HSforBC in various positions for several years. This is her story.

"It all started in 2010, when I was working on the computer and noticed a plea from the Humane Society for Hamilton County for foster homes. I filled out the application and was given 4 bottle fed kittens. I literally learned to bottle feed in about 10 minutes in the parking lot! After about 2 years of fostering and perfecting my skills, I noticed a large banner at a local bank in Zionsville that said 'Humane Society for Boone County'. I stopped by and learned that although they had no shelter, Boone County had a very active group of volunteers who fostered and found homes for their animals. After trying to foster for both humane societies and becoming overrun with kitties, I decided to foster only for Boone County, the county that I live in."

"My first HSforBC fosters were 6 kittens and their mom. This was an easy assignment; no bottles and feeding every 2 - 3 hours round the clock, no bandages to worry about due to broken legs or amputations, no upper respiratory infections, pneumonia, or infected eyes, no fleas, and no ear mites. Those were all things that I had learned to treat in the past. As litters came and went, each group was different and I learned to adjust to each one. One of the biggest challenges was treating giardia, a very stubborn parasite that causes extreme diarrhea and possible dehydration leading to death. I learned how to socialize feral kittens, and found that to be very

rewarding if you can get them young enough."

"Becoming a volunteer for HSforBC led to some other opportunities. My husband Denis and I became active in setup and tear downs for multiple fundraising events. I started transporting cats and kittens to vet appointments and helped get them spay/neutered. We attended adoption events with our fosters and found them some great homes. I helped new volunteers learn about kitten care and made some wonderful friends. At the end of the day, I have fostered over 200 cats/kittens, about half of them for HSforBC. Each one kept a piece of my heart when they left, as they were all loved and pampered. Each one I listed in my Facebook notes so that I could keep track of their names in my Facebook notes so that I could keep track of their names and adoptions. There were a few that sadly passed, but the vast majority were successfully placed in loving homes."

"I would encourage anyone with a heart for homeless animals to consider fostering and/or volunteering. There is a job for everyone! You will also get to meet some amazing people that work very hard for the animals of Boone County!"

Thank you Anne. We appreciate all you do for our organization and the animals.

Volunteer!



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Happy Endings for Minnie



It was a hot summer day when HSforBC received a call about a small dog tied up on a trail in Lebanon. We soon learned it was Minnie, a beagle mix with a big personality. Minnie went into a foster home to await her lucky day.

Around the same time the Tom Plavcan family experienced the loss of their beloved lab. A coworker mentioned Minnie and the conversation started. The Plavcans were not sure if they were ready for a new family member. They discussed the possibility as a family and decided to meet Minnie...and that's all it took.

That was over a month ago and the Plavcan family and Minnie could not be happier.

Thanks to the Plavcan family for adopting Minnie and giving her all the love she deserves.



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Humane Society for Boone County is now registered for Marsh Cares Weekend Events. You can earn money for HSforBC by simply shopping at Marsh. Our organization will receive 5% of qualifying purchases when certificates supplied by HSforBC are used. Certificates are good at all Marsh and O'Malia stores.

The Marsh Cares Weekend Events will be scheduled Thursday through Saturday on specific dates. The Marsh Cares identification certificates will be distributed on our Facebook page and website prior to the events. The first dates of participation are **September 1-3**, and **October 13-15**.

The certificates are date sensitive and are only good on the dates listed on the certificate. We can only participate every four weeks.

Please do not shrink the barcode. If a certificate fails please ask the manager and they will assist in making sure HSforBC gets credit for the qualifying purchases. Customer must show certificate.

Watch our website www.hsforbc.org and Facebook for certificates and dates.





Visit us at Whitestown Farmers Market adoption events. We have lots of fun and the animals love to see you.

@ Whitestown Municipal Complex.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

LIONS CLUB FALL FESTIVAL

Lions Park, Zionsville

Saturday, September 10, 2016 10:00-6:00

BACK TO THE 50'S FESTIVAL

Courthouse Square, Lebanon

Saturday, September 17, 2016 9:00-4:30

GREAT INDY PET EXPO

Exposition Hall, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indy

Saturday, November 12, 2016 10:00-6:00



HSforBC has partnered with Kroger on a fundraiser using Kroger's Community Rewards Program. It's an easy way to help HSforBC! Go to your local Kroger store and secure a Kroger Rewards card. Then, go online to register for the program at kroger.com/communityrewards and list HSforBC as your organization. HSforBC's Organization Number is **39616**.

Kroger will periodically donate money back to HSforBC based on purchases tied to registered cards. Tell your friends, family, and colleagues.

HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY GOLF SCRAMBLE

Event proceeds=\$27,000 !!!

Shot gun start at 11:30 pm.
Awards following the final play.

Limited foursomes for \$700 available until May 10 after \$750

Leader Board Sponsors

Lunch Sponsors

Awards Sponsors

Closest to the Hole Sponsor

engineering | architecture | geospatial

Beverage Hole Sponsors

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Warm Up Sponsor

Hole sponsorships are still available. Call Now!

The Humane Society for Boone County (HSforBC) is a shelterless 501(c)(3) charity domestic pet rescue staffed 100% by volunteers. To learn more about us visit www.hsforbc.org. For sponsorship or info contact golfscramble@hsforbc.org or leave a message at 765-485-8888 or 317-769-5092.

Humane Society for Boone County

Paws & Claws Ride for Rescues

Estimated funds raised

Despite the bad weather!!!!

\$17,400 !!!

Thank you to our amazing volunteers, participants, sponsors, and auctioneers

Foster! Volunteer!

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 765-485-8888.



Beau

Beau is 5 months old. He is good with dogs, cats, and kids.



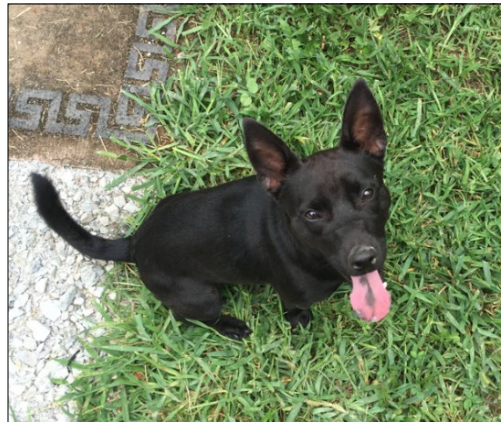
TrailKitty (aka TK)

I love to play and explore, and I can make you laugh. I'm a special needs guy. I have FIV, which means I must be the only kitty and I can't get outside. Please give me a chance, you won't regret it!!



Cinder

Cinder is a little on the shy side. She is cuddly and ready for a new home.



Rocket

Rocket is a 1-2 year old male. He is well behaved, and outgoing. He is good with kids, cats, and other dogs.



Lucy is an active 2 year old female. She is outgoing and affectionate.



Maggie

Maggie is a 3-4 year old female. She is very loving. She is good with kids and other dogs

Humane Society for Boone County

Membership Application

For the Love of Animals



www.hsforbc.org

Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Newsletter Preference	Email _____ USPS _____
*Do not list my donation	_____ *Do not list my name. Please show as anonymous.

Membership Levels

___ FRIEND - \$20.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame.
___ GUARDIAN - \$50.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, recognition on website and newsletter *, 10% discount on adoptions, and invitation to member dinner.
___ PROTECTOR - \$500.00 +	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, recognition on website and newsletter *, 20% discount on adoptions and HSforBC apparel, and invitation to member dinner.
___ 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.hsforbc.org. Please note your donation is for Membership when using PayPal.

* Please mark box if you do not want your name listed on website or newsletter.

YES! I want to become an HSforBC Member and add to the Operation Shelter Fund and help homeless pets with my donation.

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times within minutes for emergency needs. While Facebook is not acknowledged as an official contact means, volunteers respond to these inquiries as well, often making immediate contact.

HSforBC strives to answer all questions, provide accurate data, and provide factual net results of all fundraising activities. There is an FAQ on our website with questions and answers inspired by our Facebook community and we respond directly to additional questions on Facebook. By being careful with our expenses and leveraging our veterinary support in the county, we have been able to keep our operating expenses to a bare minimum while managing to put more than just the big fundraising dollars to our savings account.

In 2008, Operation Shelter was established as a fundraising campaign to build or purchase a modern rescue and adoption shelter. Our plan for the physical facilities include a shelter building with offices, individual indoor/outdoor dog kennels/runs, cat cages, separate intake quarters for new animals, and cattery. The plan also allows for a kitchenette with dishwasher and refrigerator, laundry facilities and linen storage, food and litter storage, staff/volunteer area, and a pet wash/groom area. We plan a public welcoming area with lobby, reception desk, a room to meet and greet the animals, public restrooms, and a room for classes/meetings/specials events.

The grounds will also include a fenced dog playground for current residents, a fenced public bark park for both large and small dogs, and visitor parking .

Developer Valenti-Held has donated 6.2 acres of land for our building site. HSforBC is working with shelter planning groups on the needs assessment, structure placement and design renderings. Tens of thousands of dollars of in-kind donations have been made to Operation Shelter. These donations from contractors will reduce substantially our construction costs. \$10,000 in HVAC work has been pledged by True Temp Heating and Air. Bone Dry Roofing has pledged materials and manpower for the roof including one week of manpower for painting inside the shelter, and masonry work for the kennel runs. All of these ser-

vices can be utilized should an alternative building be identified and purchased.

Our financial accounts are divided into three areas of management. We have a savings plan for Operation Shelter, an operating account for day to day expenses, and a long term sustainability account for future needs. We have a number of income sources that contribute to our rescue operations. The adoption fees cover basic medical needs for healthy dogs and cats. This income alone funds 90% of the medical needs for all animals in our care. Extraordinary care for special needs animals is often covered by pleas via social media. This helps cover expensive injuries, heartworm treatment and other emergencies.

Our big events like Fur Ball, The HSforBC Golf Scramble, Paws and Claws Ride for Rescues, and WhiskerFest are current fundraising events that raise an average of \$85,000 per year for the organization.

This year we reestablished our membership program giving families and friends a way to partner with our rescue. Members have donated thousands of dollars this year beyond the basic member fee. HSforBC provides several levels of membership opportunities based on donation size.

FRIEND - \$20.00 receives the quarterly newsletter, membership card, and a custom license plate frame.

GUARDIAN - \$50.00 receives the newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, recognition on website and newsletter, 10% discount on adoptions, and an invitation to member dinner.

PROTECTOR - \$500.00+ receives the newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, recognition on website and newsletter, 20% discount on adoptions and HSforBC apparel, and invitation to member dinner.

PUP - \$5.00 (ages 15 & under) will receive the newsletter, membership card, and a special surprise gift.

Corporate sponsorships are available for our big fundraising events (Fur Ball, Golf Scramble, Paws and Claws Ride).

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Major sponsorship recognition will be highly visible in the new shelter. We plan to honor those large donors with a plaque in each area. The kennel runs, cat room, meet and greet areas, and animal assessment room are just a few locations where we will thank them for their gifts.

Attire with HSforBC logo and framed paw prints are available for newly adopted animals. Collars, leashes and other such pet related items are available at adoption events and will also be available in our gift shop.

HSforBC is in constant pursuit of available grants. In part, these cover spay/neuter procedures, purchase of vaccinations, and grants that contribute to operating expenses. We apply for matching grant opportunities with the Community Foundation for Boone County (CFBC) when these become available.

Spay Neuter Services of Indiana currently provides an annual grant of 30 certificates for spay/neuter of feral or 'community cats'. There are 15 other spay/neuter certificates that can be used by the dogs in our care. Grant pursuit will continue and expand once facility fundraising is complete.

Two endowments totaling \$40,000 currently exist from CFBC to fund future operational needs for HSforBC. These will be granted once the shelter is open to the public. CFBC also holds in trust approximately \$280,414 to be used for construction or building purchase. This, in addition to over \$440,000 HSforBC has in our operating and shelter savings accounts.

Our marketing strategy is to create awareness of the plight of at-risk animals in Boone County and celebrate every success. In order to keep HSforBC in the mind of everyone, we provide frequent shelter updates and news releases, and our best news of all are the heart-felt, happy ending stories of adoption.

HSforBC, "For The Love of Animals!"

HSforBC would like to thank these individuals for joining our membership program. To become a member return the application on page four.

Khadiga Farid

Heather Mills

Victoria Barbee

John and Mary Ann Garber

Norma J. Sweeney

Lynn and Ken Wakefield

Von Howard

Witt-Womack Family

Sterett and Janet Robertson

Stephanie Mackey

Donna Hoyt

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HSforBC has received \$194.97 in donations from AmazonSmile so far in 2016.



We have kittens!!!

They range in age from 4 weeks to 16 weeks.