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Trained clinic volunteers provide veterinary care for HSforBC rescues

By Mary Ann Garber



Tiny Plinko, a black and white Tuxedo kitten, wasn't eating well and became dehydrated so Dr. Amy Rader administered intravenous fluids while Cat Program director Dawn Walker, a registered nurse, held him during the lifesaving procedure. Plinko is healthy now thanks to this expert veterinary care provided at the recently remodeled shelter clinic.

Sunday is clinic day at the shelter. A parade of volunteer fosters start arriving with their dogs, puppies, cats and kittens shortly before 11 a.m. for vaccinations, blood tests and other veterinary care required before adoption.

Dogs and cats living at the shelter also receive vaccines, blood draws, deworming medicine, flea, tick and heartworm preventatives, allergy treatment if necessary, ear cleanings, nail and claw trimming, and wound care if needed in the onsite clinic.

Dr. Amy Rader, a veterinarian and Board president, operates the shelter clinic with a dedicated team of trained volunteers, who provide affordable veterinary care for homeless dogs and cats in HSforBC care awaiting their forever homes.

Clinic team members may take care of as few as 10 dogs and cats or more than 50 dogs, puppies, cats and kittens during one Sunday session.

"Care visits can run until as late as 6 p.m. with additional paperwork to be completed the next day," said Susan Austin, executive director. "Dr. Rader as well as Abby Carney, a registered veterinary technician, and Patty Healey, who keeps our veterinary records complete and up to date, put in a ton of hours of medical care, with Dr. Rader and Abby holding down full-time jobs. They also come in on other days to make sure the animals all have medications as needed and prescribed, and paperwork is updated and available for adoptions or forwarded to other veterinarians as needed."

Dog Program director Christy Brubaker and Cat Program director Dawn Walker also assist with clinic duties in addition to the many volunteer hours they spend working with fosters, adoptions, and intake of homeless dogs and cats.



A puppy sickened by the Parvo virus is comforted while receiving an intravenous injection of frozen serum from spun down blood in the shelter clinic.

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Clinic volunteers

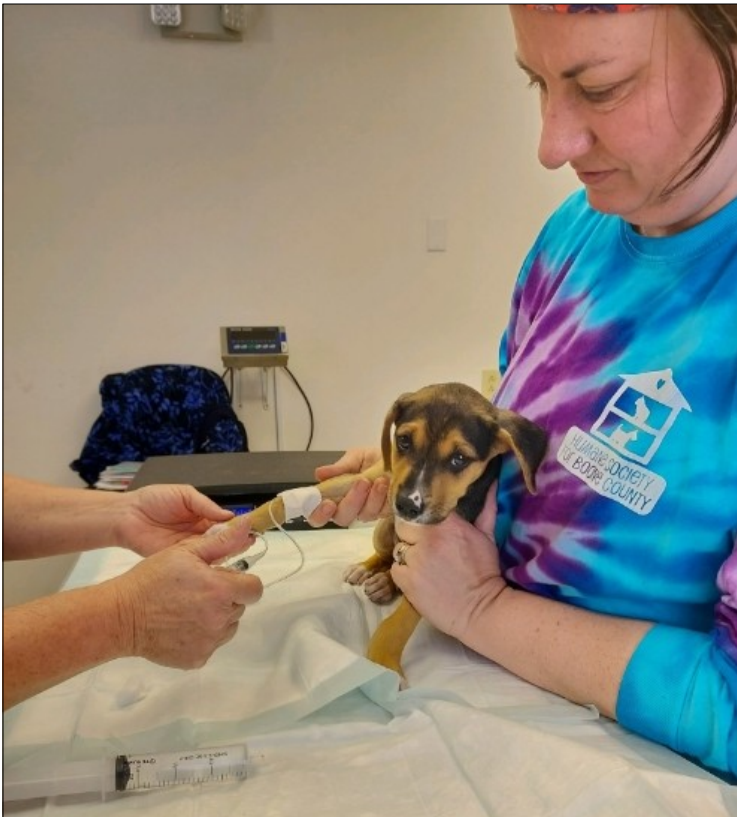
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Other clinic volunteers are Board member Kat Bowers, Jillian Brubaker, Rachel Erickson, Claire Haughton, Suzy Runge and Vanessa Shumate, who also help HSforBC in other ways ranging from fostering to staffing adoption events to TNR (Trap/Neuter/Return) of community cats for population control.

"Having a volunteer veterinary team helps reduce medical care expenses for the organization, gives greater continuity of care to have it in house, and is beneficial in other ways," Austin said. "We are so very grateful they donate their love and time to help the animals receive the veterinary care needed. They give up their Sundays to keep our guests in 'purrfect' health. Our volunteer fosters join us on their day off too, and their time and patience are appreciated when an animal needs extra care from the team and it makes the schedule run later."

HSforBC is also thankful for Boone County veterinarians, who perform complicated medical procedures at their clinics, Austin said, to treat injuries or when other specialized care is required beyond the preventative care services offered at the shelter.

Wriggling puppies, scared dogs, squirming kittens and skittish cats all receive expert veterinary care in the recently remodeled shelter clinic thanks to the medical team volunteers, whose gifts of time and talent enable these homeless animals to become healthy then find their forever homes.



Dog Program director Christy Brubaker holds Sweet Pea, a puppy sickened by the Parvo virus, during an intravenous injection of frozen serum from spun down blood.



Volunteer Patty Healey holds a puppy while Dr. Rader provides veterinary care.

Pet Pantry grant and donations help keep pets in homes

By Mary Ann Garber



Shelter dog Trudy, held by HSforBC executive director Susan Austin, left, poses for a photo with Dr. Amy Rader, Board president, second from left, and representatives of the Community Foundation for Boone County during a check presentation on July 13 at the shelter. HSforBC received a \$6,000 grant from the Community Foundation to buy food for the Pet Pantry.

When times are tough and bills are overdue, pet owners struggle to feed their hungry dogs and cats too.

It's heartbreaking when a beloved pet needs food, the kibble is gone and pay day is four days away.

People facing financial hardships are often forced to try to surrender their dog or cat to a shelter or attempt to safely rehome their longtime companion during a stressful time when they need the emotional support of a pet's unconditional love.

Sadly, people unable to feed their pets sometimes abandon the dogs and cats outside to fend for themselves in the hope that they will find new homes. Dumping pets results in suffering, injuries and even death.

Thanks to a \$6,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Boone County, HSforBC will be able to help more county

residents in need of pet food assistance so they can keep their canine and feline companions.

"HSforBC's Pet Pantry supports people and their animals," executive director Susan Austin said. "In addition to the Community Foundation grant, we are grateful to longtime Pet Pantry supporter Dennis Cunningham at Kern, Kirtley and Herr as well as Petco, Tractor Supply Company, Walmart, Amazon, and other individuals and companies that support HSforBC's mission of helping homeless dogs and cats and efforts to assist people who need help feeding their pets. We rely on donations from individuals who give us dog food and cat food throughout the year as well as pet owners who donate food and supplies when their pets have crossed the Rainbow Bridge."

Despite this wonderful support, pet food donations to HSforBC are down 45 percent this year, Austin said, and new donations are always needed so the shelter can respond to an increasing number of requests for assistance.

If you would like to help HSforBC assist pet owners in need of dog food and cat food, please deliver donations to the shelter at 5366 S. Indianapolis Road in Whitestown or send a check to the Humane Society for Boone County, P.O. Box 708, Lebanon, IN 46052 with "Pet Pantry" written in the memo line or click on this [link](#) to donate online.

Your donations are priceless gifts and tax deductible too. Best of all, hungry dogs and cats will have pet food to eat and be able to stay with their loved ones in what will hopefully remain their forever homes.

July is National Lost Pet Prevention Month

by Brenda Clark

Protect your dog

There are the obvious ways to keep your dog from getting lost—microchips, using a collar and tags with the collar tight enough the dog can't slip out of it, and keeping your dog leashed or fenced when outside your home.

Also, you should spay or neuter your dog. An unneutered male is more likely to wander off trying to find female dogs, putting him at risk of getting hit by cars. Neutering your dog reduces this instinct, making your dog calmer and preventing further behavioral problems. Female dogs benefit from being spayed as fewer males will attempt to mate with them.

Never leave your dogs tied to bike racks, parking meters or fences while you go into a store. Your dog could slip out of their collar and get lost or stolen. Your dogs should always be within eyesight of you.

Keep your dog safe in the car. Your dog could run off when you open the car door. Some dogs could even escape if you open the window too far. Most SUV type cars have a loop in the back where a dog leash can be attached. Be aware of your dog's behavior and figure out what works best.

Do not leave your dog alone in the car. Not only could your dog die from heat stroke on a hot day, but someone could break into your car to steal your dog.

Keep your dog inside when you're not home. A common problem is people thinking dogs are strays when really they've just escaped from their yard and can't get back in because no one is home.

If you find a stray cat or dog

Try to trap and confine the animal if the situation allows. Don't put yourself in danger by attempting to catch aggressive animals. Contact animal control.

Once you've captured a lost pet, check the I.D. tag and contact the owner. If there is no identification tag, take the cat or dog to a local vet to check for a microchip.

You can also create posts on social media for lost and found pets.

Require proof of ownership with photos or veterinary records before relinquishing the pet to anyone.

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.



Reunite more lost pets with Petco Love Lost and the Neighbors App



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Neighbors by Ring

Petco Love Lost is excited to announce a new integration with Ring and its Neighbors app. The new integration allows customers to share images of their pet via a Neighbors Pet Profile or a lost pet post with Petco Love Lost. From there, Petco Love Lost's patented image-recognition technology will check all partner shelters and private found-pet reports to see if there are any pets matching the images provided through Neighbors.

By encouraging your adopters to register with Neighbors and Petco Love Lost, and by ensuring your pet data on Petco Love Lost is up to date, you are helping bring pets home to the people who love them. It's now easier than ever with the integration between Neighbors and Petco Love Lost.



FOUND PET BINGO

Cover each of these bases before you surrender a stray pet to a local shelter!

check pet's collar and tags for information	knock on several doors nearby to ask neighbors if they know pet	check pet for microchip	call local vets, boarding facilities, and pet hubs with description of pet
snap a quality photo of pet (clear face and eyes, good lighting)	search Facebook groups for "lost pet" post	create Facebook "found pet" post in groups	search Nextdoor app for "lost pet" post
create Nextdoor "found pet" post	design a "found pet" flyer	print 10 copies of "found pet" flyer and distribute in found location	print 10 copies of "found pet" flyer and distribute in local pet hubs
Upload photo of pet's face to Petco Love Lost	Ask shelter about "found foster" program options	Ask shelter for guidance on how to help pet and avoid shelter surrender	Check with local rescue groups on pet surrender options

National Kitten Day serves as an opportunity to raise awareness

By Tiffany Byers



Wallace, one of HSforBC's foster kittens, is currently waiting for his new home!

National Kitten Day on July 10 serves as an awareness campaign to highlight the amount of kittens that are homeless in an effort to save as many as possible through adoption.

HSforBC currently has 48 kittens in foster homes with more coming in frequently. HSforBC ensures that each of the kittens in our care receives spay or neuter surgery, blood tests, deworming, vaccinations, microchips and socialization before their adoptions. And we need help to make this happen.

There are a variety of ways that you can help current and future kittens in HSforBC's care! HSforBC seeks foster families to help host kittens in their homes, accepts donations to help take care of kittens (view our wish list in this newsletter), and of course also helps facilitate kitten adoptions!

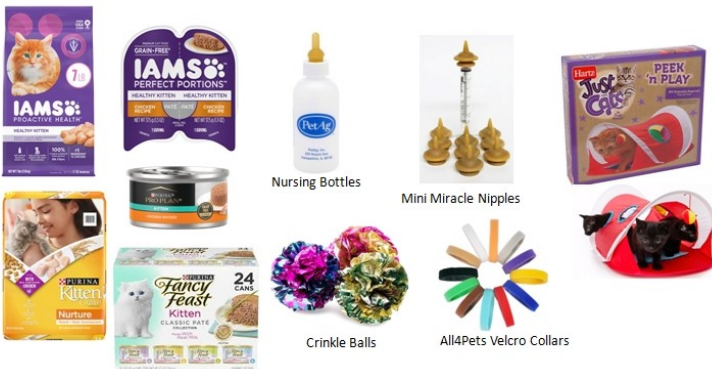
You also can help the kittens at HSforBC by attending our adoption events. We are hosting one at the Whitestown Petco from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 15.

Learn about more ways you can help the kittens in our care here.

HSforBC Wish List

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

HSforBC Kitten Wish List



HSforBC Puppy Wish List



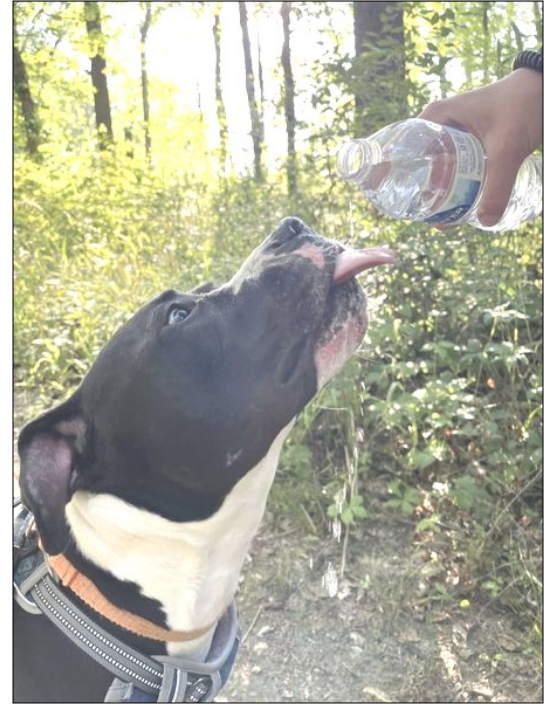
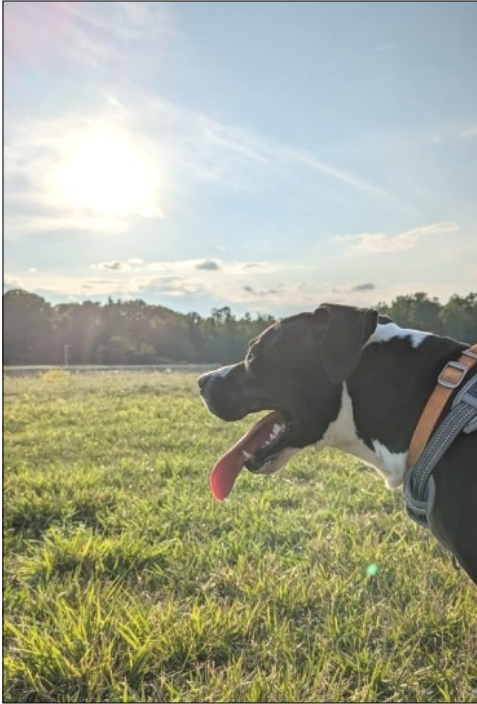
Thank You Indiana Native Plant Society

Indiana Native Plant Society—Center Chapter granted Humane Society for Boone County a \$300 grant for their native plant project. We appreciate this beautiful and developing landscape. Dr. Amy Rader, HSforBC Board president, helped coordinate the landscape project.

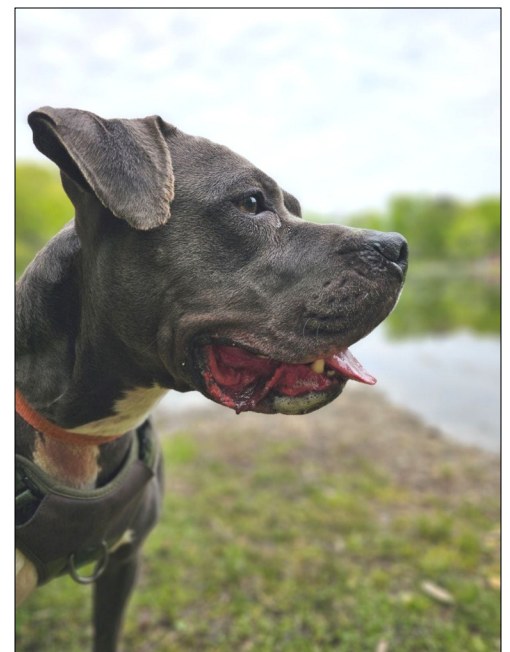


Toby and Sissy Jean love to explore nature at Eagle Creek Park

Toby, a handsome black and white Pit Bull Terrier, recently enjoyed a sunset hike with HSforBC volunteer Genevieve McLaughlin at Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis. After hiking 3 miles, Toby was ready for bedtime in his kennel at the shelter. He is a very energetic boy who would be best adopted by a person, couple or family without small children. He has been with other dogs and interacted well with them. (Photos by Genevieve McLaughlin)



Sissy Jean, a pretty gray and white Pit Bull Terrier, also had fun exploring and hiking the trails at Eagle Creek Park with volunteer Genevieve McLaughlin. She is a strong girl, but was very well behaved during their recent outing. They passed lots of other dogs on the trails and she only pulled toward them a couple times. Sissy loves attention and will do anything for treats. She loves to play, is good with other dogs, and is looking for a person, couple or family interested in giving her lots of love and attention. (Photos by Genevieve McLaughlin)



'Dine and Donate' is a fun food fundraiser in Boone County

HSforBC started a new monthly culinary event in January named "Dine and Donate" which combines dining out with fundraising. It's easy, delicious and fun!

Two to three restaurants participate each month by donating a portion of the day's proceeds on a scheduled date. Customers simply mention they are supporting HSforBC when they order dine in or carryout menu items on that day and the restaurant makes the donation.

Participating restaurants include Amore Pizzeria Ristorante in Zionsville, El Meson in Zionsville, The Pub at Anson in Whitestown, Noble Roman's in Whitestown, Kinnard & Drake's 1830 Chophouse in Lebanon, Verde Flavors of Mexico in Zionsville, City Barbeque in Whitestown and Panera Bread in Whitestown.

New restaurants are added throughout the year so check HSforBC's social media channels for the latest information.

Volunteer Christy Collignon coordinates the fundraiser and continues to search for new dining opportunities.

"Through the generosity of our local restaurants and the steady support from our HSforBC friends, we have been able to raise more than \$2,200 so far this year," Collignon said. "By just dining out or ordering takeout at these restaurants, you are making a difference. Thank you and please continue participating! And if you haven't already, please consider taking part in this fun food fundraiser as a tasty way to help HSforBC!"

'Dine and Donate'



*Be sure to mention
you are supporting HSforBC.*

Verde Flavors of Mexico in Zionsville

Thursday, July 27
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Panera Bread in Whitestown

Friday, August 25
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

City Barbeque in Whitestown

Friday, September 29
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Amore Pizzeria in Zionsville

First Monday of each month
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

El Meson in Zionsville

Second Wednesday of each month

Upcoming events



Domingo

HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY

at the Zionsville Farmers Market



The Zionsville Farmers Market is kindly hosting HSforBC and some of our furry friends once a month May-September.

May 27	June 24	July 11	Aug 19	Sept 23
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Not attending due to forecasted storms

Please come by to see us!
Visit HSforBC.org
to see our current adoptables



Pets for Patriots Adoption Event

Whitestown Petco
Saturday, July 15
noon to 3 p.m. at Petco

UPS Free Shredding Event

Whitestown Parkway
Saturday, July 15
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Petco Feline Adoption Event

Whitestown Petco
Saturday, July 15
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Whitestown Farmers Market

Thursday, July 27
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY HSforBC.org

PETS FOR PATRIOTS

SATURDAY
JULY 15, 2023
12:00 PM-3:00 PM

Join us and some of our Pets for Patriots qualified dogs at Petco for this informational event.

The Humane Society for Boone County partners with Pets for Patriots to help veterans adopt companion dogs and cats.

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PETSFORPATRIOTS.ORG

Want more information about the program?
petsforpatriots.org

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IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

July 15, 2023 • 3:00-5:00 PM

Come find the love of your life

FELINE ADOPTION EVENT

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Onsite Adoptables

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Thank You



Thank you to The Peterson Company in Zionsville for your \$10,000 donation. We greatly appreciate your generosity.



Thank you to Avery and Grant for hosting a bake sale to benefit HSforBC. They also made toys for our cats and kittens. Thank you for supporting our animals.



Thank you Petco in Whitestown. We are so grateful for your cat food and dog food donations. You help us care for many dogs and cats, keeping them in their homes and out of the shelter.



Thank you to Tractor Supply in Whitestown for your generous donation of dog food. The dogs and pup parents in Boone County thank you. Thanks, Bill.

Boone County Animal Control

Office: 765-482-1412, option 4

email: animalcontrol@co.boone.in.us

website: <https://www.boonecountyindianasheriff.com/divisions/animal-control/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1754434438198357>

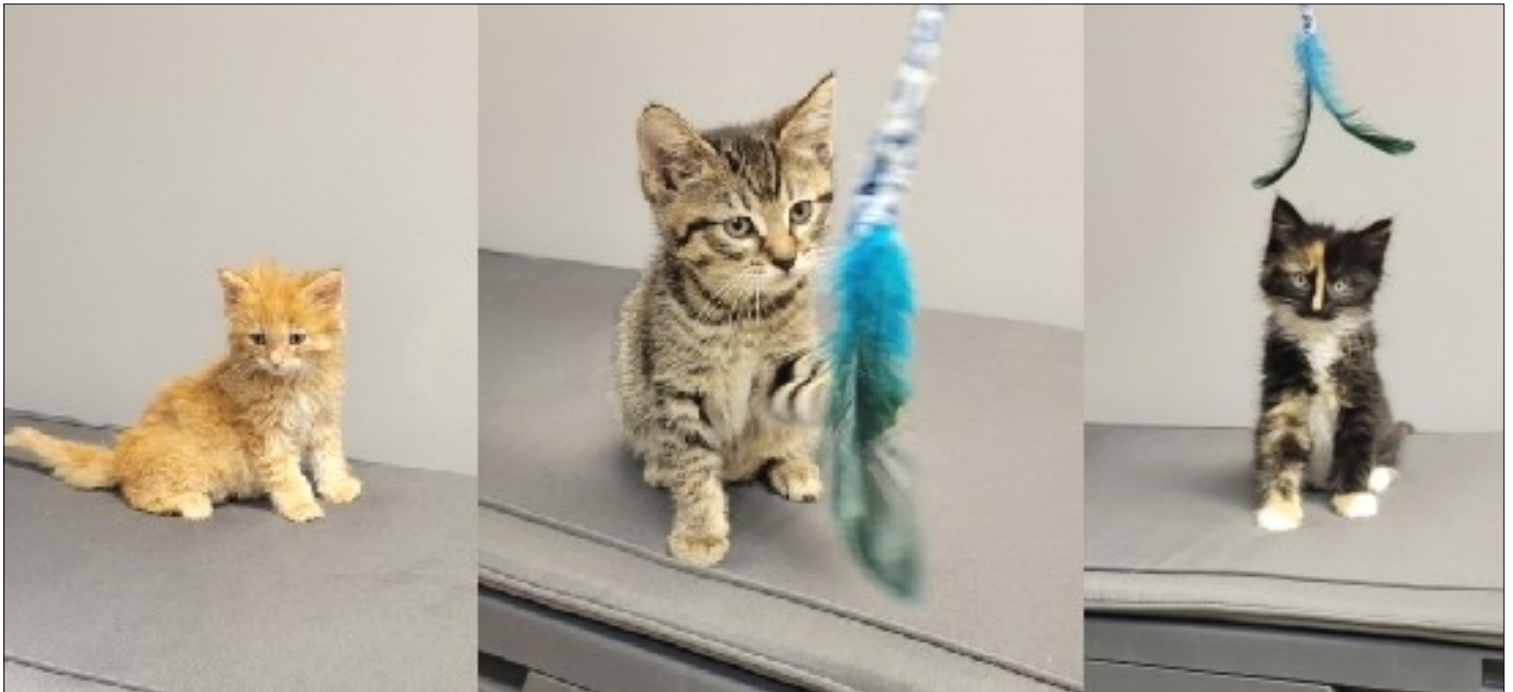
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This darling female puppy, Kitty, is doing great with house training and crate training. She is fostered with a dog, cats and young children. She loves everyone and will always find a lap to take a nap on.

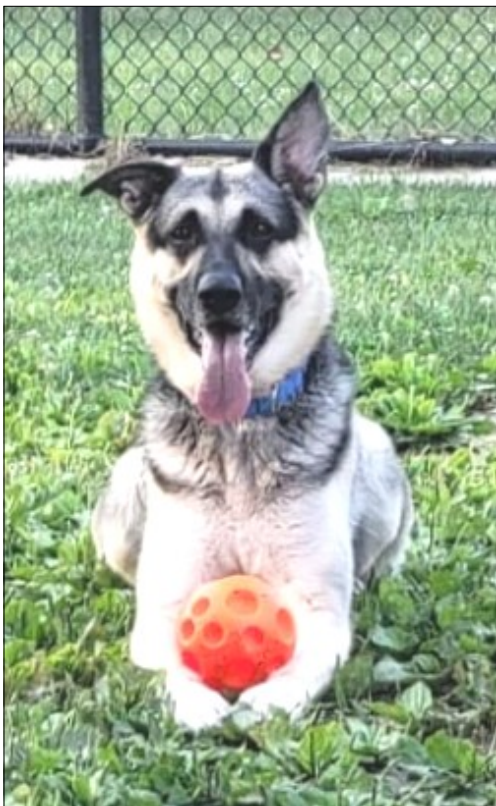
Our Featured Adoptables

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.



These kittens available for adoption are, from left, Milka, a ginger female; Mt. Olive, a female Tabby; and Danica, a 2-month old female Calico.



Domingo

This handsome guy came in as a stray so we don't have a lot of information on him. He is very smart and treat motivated. He is about 3 years old and 75 pounds.



Willa

She is sweet and friendly. She loves cuddling and enjoys playtimes. Willa is shy at first but warms up quickly. She is friendly and curious toward kids and other animals, however she nips and chases them when she is excited. Willa needs to learn basic commands and be house trained.

This past Fourth of July, HSforBC received a call about a sweet dog that was found injured on U.S. 421 and needed emergency care. HSforBC named him Highway and pleaded with the community to raise funds for his surgery.

It is with great sadness we share that during surgery, Highway's wound was much more severe than originally diagnosed, and the prognosis for his recovery was determined to be "not very good." The difficult decision was made to let Highway go versus undergoing many additional surgeries with no positive life ahead.

Tears have fallen at the shelter, with the finder and with all involved in helping Highway.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank each and every one of you for your Facebook donation. You made it possible for us to help him and give him a chance at surgery. Your donations will go toward his care prior to and during the surgery, and any extra funds will be saved for a future "Highway." Thank you for showing Highway that he was loved.

You have our deepest thanks for your support and care for the dogs, cats, puppies and kittens here in Boone County. You make a difference!

Pawsitively yours,
The Volunteers, Board and Staff of HSforBC

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

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