

Humane Society for Boone County

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A photograph of two black and white cats resting on a colorful floral patterned blanket. One cat is lying down in the foreground, looking towards the camera, while the other is lying on its back behind it, looking upwards.

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The 2018 Humane Society for Boone County calendar featuring recently adopted and currently available animals.

Get yours today
suggested donation \$10

All proceeds benefit our shelter operations!

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

**HSforBC needs
volunteers!!**



Foster a shelter animal



HSforBC often needs foster homes for cats and dogs. If you would like to foster one of our animals contact us.

Call 1-877-473-6722 (1-877-HSforBC) or visit www.boonecountyhumane.org and click on "foster/adopt/vol" on the menu at the top of the page.

Thank You

Thank you to the employees of Air Systems Components - Johnson Controls in Lebanon, who generously donated \$700 to the Humane Society Boone County from their recent Community Charity Week!

Kappa Delta Phi a philanthropic sorority organized a fund raising competition called Snowflake Princess. The girl who raised the most money is named Snowflake Princess and gets to select a local not-for-profit to receive 20% of what she raised.

Aleigha Schenck and Esmerelda Santos each selected the Humane Society for Boone County. HSforBC received a total of \$179. \$107 was from Aleigha's fundraising efforts, and \$72 came from Esmerelda's fundraising. Thank you girls for your thoughtfulness.

Thank you BNI Chapter, Business Accelerations of Zionsville for your \$136 donation.



Thank You Dr Grasse DVM of VCA Eagle Park Animal Hospital for donating \$250 from the sale of your handmade pottery Christmas ornaments to HSforBC.

Cans for Canines Recycling for Rescues Metal for Mutts

You can help Humane Society for Boone County raise money through an ongoing recycling program at Gabriel Metals in Lebanon. Take your scrap metal to their facility on Ransdell Road and ask that your recycling proceeds be donated to HSforBC.

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Electronic Scrap

Computer Scrap

Humane Society for Boone County is deeply saddened by the death of Boone County Deputy Jacob Pickett.



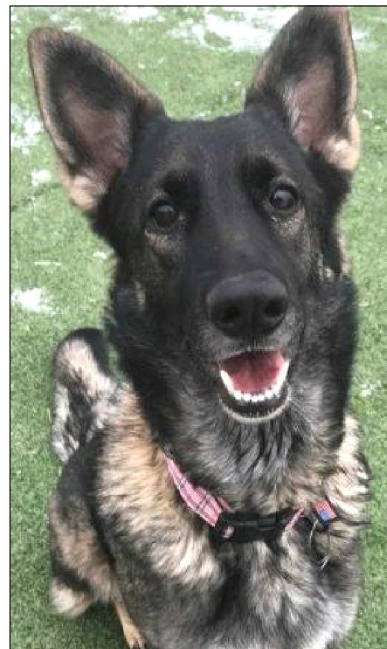
You will be missed Jacob.

From **Amazon Smile** for 2017 we have received \$190.68 for the 1st quarter, \$134.91 for the 2nd quarter, \$130.39 for the 3rd quarter, and 180.72 for the 4th quarter. \$636.70 total. Thank you shoppers.

HSforBC has partnered with Kroger on a fundraiser using Kroger's Community Rewards Program. Go online to register for the program at kroger.com/communityrewards and list HSforBC as your organization. HSforBC's Organization Number is **39616**.



Kroger periodically donates money back to HSforBC based on purchases tied to registered cards. For 2017 we received \$584.18 for the 1st quarter, \$564.56 for the 2nd quarter, \$612.72 for the 3rd quarter, and \$601.14 for the 4th quarter. \$2362.60 total. Thank you Kroger shoppers.



Millie

Millie is a two year old German Shepherd. She is a really sweet girl! She has special needs because she has Pannus and will need to have eye drops for the rest of her life.

From Grrrr to Purr - the story of Marshmallow and Bailey, two feral kittens

HSforBC and the feral colony caretaker had been working to TNR (trap/neuter/release) all the cats in a small feral colony in Boone County. After months of work, all that remained were the colony's patriarch, a beautiful black cat named Midnight; Tammy - a mama cat who was not much more than a kitten herself; and three kittens. Two of the kittens belonged to Tammy. The third kitten had been adopted by Tammy when its mother moved indoors to live.

In early October, Tammy was struck by a speeding motorist and killed. Before volunteers could arrive to attempt to trap the three kittens, one of the kittens was also struck and killed.

Then finally, there was a lucky break. Not only did they trap both remaining kittens, they also trapped Midnight, the patriarch!

They were all fixed and vaccinated. Midnight was released back to his colony, where he continues to do well, and the newly named kittens, Marshmallow and Bailey, came to stay with my family to see if they could be socialized.

The two kittens came to us in a trap, and were transferred into a large size dog crate that we'd set up with a litter box, towels, food and water bowls. They were scared, and they had only observed people. They had never been touched by people. But we were hoping that we could get them to the point where they could be adopted, and hopefully even stay together in the same home.

As a rule, the younger the kitten the easier this process is, and Marshmallow and Bailey were around six months old already. But all cats are different, and we were determined to make this work!

Listed below are some of the techniques that worked well for us in socializing them:

1. Keep them in a quiet area away from other pets, loud noises, and small children. A separate room that can be closed off is ideal.
2. Initially, confine them to a crate or cage of some type. It needs to be large enough for a litter pan, something soft to sleep on, and food and water bowls. If you can tie a dangly cat toy inside to play with and keep the top and three sides covered at first, this will



help the cats comfort level.

3. Spend a lot of time in the room, sitting near the cage, and talking in a calm, quiet voice. When you are away from home, leave a radio on low, tuned to talk shows, so they can get used to human voices.
4. As soon as possible, handle them as much as they will tolerate, always putting them back down when they get uncomfortable. But be persistent and give them as much contact as you can. Be careful, because they are going to be afraid at first, and they will lash out. And forcing them too early will only reinforce their mistrust.
5. Always be calm and non-threatening. Don't loom over them, because then they'll see you as a predator. Facing them and maintaining eye contact is threatening, so turn at an angle, duck your head, and move slowly. Reach out your hand to the kitty, and wait for them to come forward to check you out.
6. Long, slow blinks are how cats communicate trust. So, when they look at you, slowly close your eyes, hold it for a couple seconds, and then slowly open them again. When they return the favor, they are saying that they trust you.
7. As soon as you are certain they will not be impossible to catch, let them out of the crate to roam in the room. Keep them confined to the same room. Secure breakables and make sure there isn't anything they can break or pull down on themselves in case they panic. Have a cat carrier or crate open where they can go hide if they need to. Continue to spend as much time with them as you can, talking to them, playing with them, and holding and petting them.

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8. Always have water available. Take food with you when you enter the room, and remove any that is left when you leave. This gives your arrival a positive association with getting food. We took in just enough for them to finish in one sitting, and did it 4 or 5 times a day. After the first day, they would eat while we sat by the dishes and we could pet them as they ate. Then they got to where they would come to greet us when we entered.

9. Use treat therapy. Every time they come out to see you, let you pet them or pick them up, or have a great play session, give a treat or two before you leave the room. We began by putting it down for them, but within a few days, they were taking them gently from our fingers.

10. Lots of playtime. While you are sitting on the floor, drag a toy on a string or stick for them. Let them chase it right up to you, getting closer all the time. Take your time, judge when they're comfy enough getting close that you can pet.

11. When they are comfortable, you can start bringing in other pets or people, one at a time. Be sure to supervise this, and don't overstress them, this is a gradual thing.

Once we got to the point that Marshmallow and Bailey accepted us, were friendly with all our other cats, and were willing to let us pick them up, we let them have the run of the house.

By the time they found their Fur-ever home, they were used to playing with us and our other cats, sleeping on our bed at night, cuddling with us, and running to us as soon as they heard the shaking of the cat treat jar or the tapping of a spoon on a can lid. They would respond to their names, and were even becoming lap cats!

Socializing semi-feral or feral cats takes patience and commitment. And it is so worth it when it works!

By Kathy Zimmerman

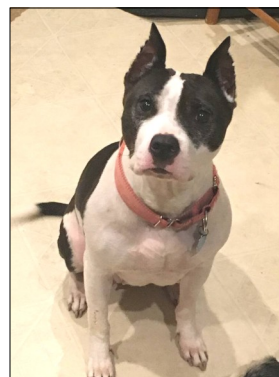
A Message from Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife about Coyotes

January 31 , 2018

Over the last several months there have been stories about sightings of coyotes and "coywolves" in central Indiana. Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife released the following statement.

"There has been a lot of talk recently about coyotes, and 'coywolves', so we would like to provide a little more information about these mammals. There are no records of coywolves in Indiana. There is a lot of misinformation around the term 'coywolf', but in the Midwest, it is generally a term that is incorrectly applied to coyotes. There are currently no known wolf populations in Indiana. Hybridization is rare and can only be determined by genetic testing. Individual wildlife can vary, just like individual people, so hybridization should not be assumed because of appearance. Coyotes vary in color and size. They are usually a mix of gray and brown, but may be blond, black, red, reddish blond, or numerous colors inbetween. They tend to look larger than they are because of their long fur, especially in winter."

Go to wildlife.in.gov/5688.htm for more information on coyotes.



Matilda

She's a great cuddler and is getting along great with her foster brothers. One smaller than her and one slightly bigger, but still a puppy. She handles setting her boundaries with them wonderfully and they are now getting to be buddies.

Why Volunteer? Why Foster? by Leslie Hine

I truly love to volunteer. I've been told that I am one the hardest working people for organizations that don't pay me anything!! Ha! Actually, I do it because I like to give back. And volunteering for HSforBC came about because I had adopted three dogs from HSforBC and I wanted to give back to the people who had saved my fur babies.

I started volunteering about three years ago before there was a shelter. Initially I only helped with the cats, but now I work more with the dogs. I am comfortable now with both the dogs and cats. Recently I started to help at some of the adoption events. The events are fun because you get to see the animals interact and get out of the shelter for a little bit. I continue to volunteer because I believe in HSforBC. I believe in the mission, in the dedication to the animals, and the continued education they provide.

I began thinking about becoming a foster parent after losing two dogs and one cat in less than a year. At one time we had four dogs and three cats in our family and I missed the fun they brought into my life. One day I woke up and decided that one way to help was to foster. Our first two foster dogs were puppies. That was interesting since we hadn't had a puppy in our home for more than a decade. Puppies tend to get adopted faster and so these puppies did not last long in our home. And sometimes you get attached. But the adopting families and the puppies were a good fit.

Benny is our third and current foster. He had been at the shelter for a while. When I would go for my volunteer shift, he would be

a handful to deal with. But something about him kept drawing me in. It got to where he would allow me to sit on his bed with him and he would put his head in my lap and let me love him. Bringing him to my home has changed him completely. He is a large dog but believes he's a lap dog, and oh my, he loves to be loved. He has brought so much joy and happiness into my home.

Simon is another current foster dog. He is a tough case. When he was brought to the shelter he had a terrible skin infection that made him scratch until he bled. He was on medication, but really needed to be able to go into a home to heal. Simon has since been diagnosed with global allergies and requires daily medication. I believe he has a great chance at being adopted. Being in a home has brought out his fun personality.

I have enjoyed being a volunteer and foster mom for the HSforBC. The aspect of a volunteer is to give back and learn from your experiences. I believe I have been taught kindness, patience, and resilience. I have learned to love animals that I know will go to an adoptive family and to enjoy them while they are living in my house. I hope to continue on this journey and that HSforBC continues to grow and that more people want to volunteer and/or foster so they can experience this amazing journey as well.

Update:

Benny has been adopted by his foster parents.

Lucky Dogs Who Made it Home Thanks to Their Microchip

According to dogtime.com approximately one third of pets end up getting lost at one point or another in their lives and only 1 in 10 ends up being found and returned to the owner. One way to increase the chances of finding your lost pet is having it microchipped. Dogtime.com shared a few microchip stories. Included here are two of the stories, two lucky Indiana dogs that were reunited with their families thanks to the pet having that vital microchip.

Charlie

Charlie somehow broke free from his chain in the backyard of his Fort Wayne home. His worried family scoured their neighborhood, posting fliers and searching everywhere for the lost sheppard mix. He was turned in anonymously overnight 6 months later. Personnel at the local animal care shelter don't know where Charlie had been or why someone chose to drop him off. Scanning the dog for a microchip did tell them his name, and provided them with owner contact information. Much to the delight of Charlie and his family there is a happy ending. Because of that microchip Charlie is safely home.

Bandit

Indianapolis resident Mike got his Shih Tzu Bandit as a puppy 10 years ago. He became agitated in his crate, so Mike let him out to play in the yard. His last sight of Bandit was of the little dog being put in a car by a stranger who quickly sped away. Despite getting the car's license number, Mike was never able to recover his dog. Five years later a local non-profit was having an event highlighting animal welfare issues. They had received a stray Shih Tzu and scanned it for a microchip. Within 10 minutes of getting this most unexpected phone call an

emotional Mike arrived at the event. Mike was moved to tears when he was finally able to hold the little dog he thought was lost forever.

Dogtime.com states that 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. 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 a microchip implanted, increasing the chances that their beloved dog will make it back home.



FurBall!! 2018

Humane Society for Boone County held its Fifth Annual Furball!! at the Golf Club of Indiana's Cardinal Room. The February event brought in over \$31,000. HSforBC was honored to have the one and only Patty Spitler as emcee. Steve Cross was once again our awesome auctioneer.

Many thanks to our presenting sponsor Zionsville Country Kennel, photobooth sponsor Pulte Homes, and Low Cost Spay Neuter for sponsoring our door prizes and jester hat contest.



These puppies will be available soon

2018 Membership Dinner

The HSforBC membership dinner is scheduled for April 15, at the Whitestown Municipal Complex, from 5pm to 7pm. This year's event host is animal advocate Dense Pierce, President of DKP Consulting.

Speakers include Boone County's new animal control officer Hannah Fisher. Hannah will give an update on ACO progress and will open the floor to questions on the county's progress enacting much needed animal ordinances. HSforBC President Susan Austin will offer an update on current shelter operations with an overview of our remodeling progress. Buffet catering will be provided by LA Cafe.

Tickets are available by becoming a member of HSforBC. To become a member of HSforBC go to: boonecountyhumane.org/membership. \$50 memberships are available at the door.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

8th GRADERS SERVICE DAY

March 14, 2018 9:00 - 11:30 PM

April 11, 2018 9:00 - 11:30 PM

ADOPTION EVENTS

April 21, 2018 10:00 - 2:00 PM

PetValu Zionsville

May 12, 2018 10:00 - 2:00 PM

PetValu Zionsville

May 19, 2018

Justins Run 4 Hope

New Hope Church

HSforBC would like to thank the following individuals for joining our membership program for 2018. To become a member return the application in this newsletter.

Ginger Claremohr
 Elizabeth Mutzl
 Peter and Susan Blackadar
 Greg and Sunday Woods
 Stephanie Goetz
 Timothy McGaha
 Nancy Kehrer
 Lynne Timmermans
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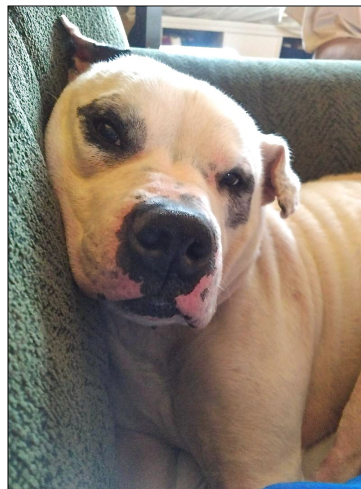


Little Girl

I'm the Queen of the shelter cats. As you can see, I'm special! I have a stub for a tail. I'm actually a Manx. So I was born this way. I'm a little tempermental, and just haven't been able to find my furever home.



Harley is a senior boy, about 13. He has some mobility issues and will need medications to help with this. He is great with other animals, very loving. Adoption fee has been reduced.



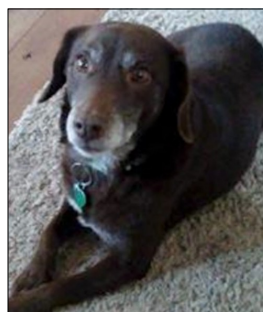
Simon

He is a good dog and loves to cuddle. He gets along great with other dogs but he's still not sure about cats. He walks great on a leash. He will require allergy meds for the rest of his life, and it works wonders for him.



Skye

She is a sweet active girl! She gets along with other dogs and small (not too small) humans. No cats. She is energetic, is easily excited, and loves to cuddle and play. She needs patience and wants lots of attention. She is spayed and potty trained.



Marley

She is a sweet senior girl that likes to be near her people. She does not like change and can be fearful in the car. She currently lives with dogs in her foster home, but prefers they don't bother her. She needs a nice, quiet home.

Humane Society for Boone County

Membership Application

For the Love of Animals

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Membership Levels

___ FRIEND - \$20.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame. (does NOT include invitation to membership dinner)
___ GUARDIAN - \$50.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, recognition on website and newsletter *, 10% discount on adoptions, and an invitation to member dinner.
___ DEFENDER - \$250.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, recognition on website and newsletter *, 15% discount on adoptions, and an 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 an 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.boonecountyhumane.org. Please note your donation is for Membership when using PayPal.

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

Humane Society for Boone County Wishlist

Bolded items are biggest needs currently

Dogs & Puppies

Jolly Balls (all sizes)
Kongs (all sizes especially large)
Large and extra large dog harnesses
Martingale-style collars (all sizes)
Air-tight containers for treats
Pet beds
Heavy duty and training Leashes
Greenie's Pill Pockets
Nylabones
Adopt Me Harness
Toys
Fleece blankets
Puppy pee pads
Creamy peanut butter
Canned pumpkin
Clean towels/washcloths/blankets
6' Heavy duty slip leads
Stainless Steel Buckets (9 quart)
Stainless Steel Feeding Bowls (all sizes)
Combs and brushes
Large crates
Play pens for puppies

Cats & Kittens

Sunny seat window mounted beds
Weighted stainless steel bowls for kittens
Pet beds
Kitty litter (clumpable/scoopable)
Adult and kitten food (dry & canned)
Baby Blankets for cages
Toys
Fleece blankets
All sizes of carriers
Clean towels/washcloths/blankets
KMR (kitten milk replacement) Powder
Nursing Bottles
Stainless Steel Feeding Bowls (small sizes)
Combs and brushes
New or gently used cat trees
Cat playpens

Office Supplies

Stamps
Copy paper (8.5" x 11" , 11" x 17")
Card stock (8.5" x 11" , 11" x 17")
Post-its
Sharpies
Colored markers
Kids paint and brushes
Posterboard
Foamboard (all sizes)
Highlighters
Staples
tape—all kinds (duct, scotch, masking, etc.)
Large bulletin board
scissors

Cleaning Supplies

Paper towels
Brooms/dust pans
Garbage Bags (tall kitchen to heavy duty/13 and 45 or 55 gallon)
Bleach (unscented)
Dish soap (original Dawn preferred)
Scented Liquid Laundry Detergent
Sponges
Antibacterial Hand Soap
Scotch Brite Scrub Sponges
Clorox/Lysol wipes
Toilet cleaner
Buckets
Empty new spray bottles

Miscellaneous

Money
Gas cards (for bus)
Gift Cards from PetSmart, Petco, Petvalu, Specks, Target, Walmart
Sponsors for animals with health issues
Folding tables
Outdoor benches
Mulch
Kleenex
Zip-lock bags (all sizes)
Storage bins with lids (various sizes)
Toilet paper (septic safe)
Distilled water
Auction items for fundraisers
Step ladders (2-4 step)
Fabric for making cat/dog toys
Tools





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