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HSforBC Dog Program volunteers adopt longest shelter resident

By Mary Ann Garber



Kane Atlas McFadden runs joyfully across the grass on a beautiful Autumn day.

Kane finally found his forever home.

After living at the shelter for 1,129 days and setting the record for longest resident, the handsome gray and white American Pit Bull Terrier mix got lucky on Friday the 13th of October when Dog Program volunteers Betsy Smith and Jeremy McFadden adopted him.

Smith formed a close bond with Kane while helping provide care for canine residents at the shelter each week. Her husband also bonded with the 4-year-old dog as the months turned into years and no one chose him due to his special needs.

HSforBC staff members and volunteers celebrated Kane's adoption with a party on October 13 before he left the shelter to go home. A WISH-TV Channel 8 reporter was there to document his "Gotcha Day" festivities and Kane was also featured in *Newsweek's* national online magazine.

"We thought about this for a long time," McFadden said during the party. "I think this will be good for us, and especially good for [Kane]. ... This is a good day."

Festivities included a dog cake for Kane and large sheet cake with his photo on it for the party guests.

"Kane has always left out the back door [of the shelter for outings]," executive director Susan Austin said. "Today he's leaving through the front door [to go home]."

Dog Program volunteers cheered and cried happy tears when the goofy dog they all love walked out the door of the shelter on a leash with Smith and McFadden then climbed into their car to begin his new life as a beloved pet.

Smith said preparations for Kane's adoption and homecoming included gradual introductions to their two dogs as well as installing a large kennel in their heated garage and mounting a television on the wall there to entertain him and help with his transition from life at the shelter to living in their home.

More than three years after his arrival at the shelter, Kane Atlas McFadden has happily settled into a wonderful new life with his favorite people.

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Cover photo

HSforBC Dog Program volunteers Betsy Smith and Jeremy McFadden pose for a homecoming photo with Kane after his adoption on October 13.

HSforBC volunteers adopt longest shelter resident

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Dog Program volunteer Nikki Hunter laughs as shelter dog Toby licks Kane's face during a recent hike on the Big Four Trail.

"He made it through his first night very well," Smith said the next day. "Our goal is to keep him safe and happy. He had the very best send-off celebration that we couldn't even have dreamed of and we were surprised at every moment! This is a marathon and we are on board to see it through at his mental and emotional pace."

Kane is a "resource guarder," she said, who will chew and eat just about anything so he has to be closely supervised when not safe inside his large kennel.

"He eats things he's not supposed to as a way of coping with life," Smith explained. "His [resource] guarding leads him to ingest things he shouldn't, and unfortunately with his colon they tend to get stuck so he has trouble passing them without surgery. He has already had a couple surgeries that the shelter blessedly let him go through to save his life. Unfortunately, each surgery causes more scarring inside so there are not an unlimited number of times they can do it."

Kane's habit of resource guarding limited his ability to be adopted, she said, because he has to live in a safe space with very close supervision when outside his kennel.

"Ultimately, his biggest difficulty with joining a home is that he does require constant monitoring because he could find any little thing like a bottle cap or an old glass bottle in the garbage and end up in real danger," Smith said. "Obviously in a family with children that would not work due to toys, etc. But with our family we are willing to be as diligent as humanly possible to protect him from this natural tendency he has by keeping him medicated, healthy, and emotionally loved and comfortable so that he will hopefully grow out of some of those tendencies in time. Or at least they will start to diminish over time in a healthy, loving, stable and predictable environment."

Other Dog Program volunteers who provided shelter care for Kane and are friends with Smith and McFadden have promised to help them if necessary.

On a warm and sunny late October day, Dog Program volunteer Nikki Hunter brought Kane's shelter friend Toby—a handsome black and white American Pit Bull Terrier mix who is available for adoption—to the Big Four Trail for a hike with Smith and Kane. It was a joyous reunion for the dogs and fun exercise time for Smith and Hunter too. Toby was delighted to see his dog friend again and licked Kane's face.

"He is so beloved by this [HSforBC] community," Smith said, "and we feel honored to be his family."

HSforBC Board of Directors thanks retiring members for service

By Mary Ann Garber



Longtime Board member Dawn Walker of Lebanon completed seven years of service as a director and will continue to lead the Cat Program. She received this framed print as a thank you gift for her volunteer leadership.

Three retiring members of the HSforBC Board of Directors—Tracy Ridings of Zionsville, Nicholas Topoll of Whitestown and Dawn Walker of Lebanon—were honored for their years of service during the October 19 meeting.

President Amy Rader and Susan Austin, executive director, expressed their gratitude to Ridings, Topoll and Walker for their dedication and commitment to helping HSforBC further its mission of rescuing homeless dogs and cats in Boone County.

Dr. Amy Rader of Thorntown, a veterinarian with NVA Zionsville Animal Hospital, will continue her leadership service as Board president during 2024. One of her ongoing goals is to increase HSforBC’s visibility in Boone County because “we would not be able to succeed in our mission without community support” from caring people.

Also continuing their leadership service on the Board are Pam Verberg of Lebanon, vice president; Greg Sigman of Zionsville, treasurer; and Laura Alter of Zionsville, secretary.

Other volunteer members of the Board of Directors who are dedicated to fulfilling HSforBC’s mission of service “For the Love of Animals” are Kristin Alosinac of Indianapolis,

Kathleen “Kat” Bowers of Brownsburg, Tiffany Edwards of Zionsville, Kevin Estes of Whitestown, Denis Oberg of Zionsville, Denise Pierce of Zionsville, Jason Roberts of Zionsville, Laura Slick of Zionsville and Allison Upchurch of Zionsville.



Their affection is timeless,
Their Devotion is ageless,
And their love is forever...

NOVEMBER IS ADOPT A SENIOR PET MONTH

Lebanon High School senior helps HSforBC as intern

By Wendy Gabers



Lebanon High School senior Autumn Barnes is enjoying her HSforBC internship.

Autumn Barnes, a senior at Lebanon High School, is currently interning at HSforBC with the Internship Program through the Lebanon Community School Corporation. She works approximately six hours per week at the shelter, and will help for the entire school year while still attending classes and holding down a part-time job!

The internship program is designed to allow students to explore potential career interests and discover and nurture their talents. Barnes, who has previously volunteered with her mom at HSforBC as well as adopting a dog from the shelter, is excited about her internship. She has been involved in a variety of shelter operations activities and anticipates assisting with social media activities in the future.

"I'm so thankful for this internship because it allows me to help the animals in any way possible," said Barnes, who wants to pursue a career as a zoologist. "Because I've volunteered here and had an adopted dog, I know how important the shelter is to animals in need and to the community."

Welcome aboard, Autumn. We're happy to have you on the volunteer team!

'Dine and Donate'



El Meson in Zionsville
Wednesday, November 8
all day

Amore Pizzeria in Zionsville
Monday, December 4
all day

*Be sure to mention
you are supporting HSforBC.*

Family members volunteer together to help HSforBC



The Brubaker, Jarrett, Walker and Chenh families enjoy volunteering for HSforBC. Michael and Christy Brubaker's twin sons Noah, top left, and Riley hold foster puppies Anchovy and Flounder in their yard on a beautiful Autumn day. Bruce and Dawn Jarrett's granddaughter Vivian, top right, plays with foster dog Rio on another pretty Fall afternoon. Kevin and Dawn Walker's granddaughter Carly, bottom left, holds Guenevere and has helped her grandmother take care of foster kittens since she was a preschooler. Trung and Erin Chenh's daughter Hannah, bottom right, pets Tinley while helping her parents with shelter cat care.

Day of Service volunteers help HSforBC with shelter work and events

By Nancy Comiskey



Last month was HSforBC's biggest of the year for Day of Service volunteers, and that's a lot to be thankful for. Nearly 30 volunteers from five businesses donated 141 hours of their time in October to the shelter.

On October 6 alone, 10 volunteers each from GXO and Festool in Lebanon trimmed overgrown walkways, weeded flowerbeds and spread "a mountain of mulch," said Jackie Nowinski, HSforBC's volunteer manager. The Boone County Economic Development Corporation initiated the October 6 Day of Service.

Day of Service volunteers are vital to the shelter, she said. Depending on the day and the need, volunteers may work outside, bag food for the Pet Pantry, deep clean an area of the shelter or organize the supplies.

The teams help complete tasks that regular volunteers may not be available to do. "And they get the work done quickly," Nowinski said. "They can do in two hours what it would take one volunteer all day to finish."

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Day of Service

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Two years ago, Kendra Anderson, a sales agent with Seven Corners Travel Insurance, came to HSforBC and adopted Matilda, a Siamese kitten rescued with her 4-week-old littermates at Ray's Trash Service in Whitestown. The mama kitty could not be found so the tiny kittens were bottle fed by Dawn Walker, HSforBC's Cat Program director, who fostered them for two months until they were old enough for adoption.

When Anderson's company was considering volunteer opportunities, she suggested the Humane Society. Anderson enjoyed her Day of Service so much that she's now a regular cat care volunteer on the first Friday of every month.

"You feel like you're among like-minded people," Anderson said. "They all go above and beyond to care for the animals and give them a little extra attention."



Day of Service teams may range in size from two to 10 or more and may volunteer for two or three hours or an entire workday. In addition to GXO, Festool and Seven Corners, other businesses that sent teams to HSforBC this year include Forum Credit Union, Salesforce, Amazon, Resultant, RCI and Keystone Home Lending, LLC.

Another 26 volunteers from the Lebanon Future Farmers of America and the National Charity League helped with HSforBC's "5K Run for Rescue" fundraiser on October 28.

Both the Humane Society and the service teams benefit from the volunteer experience.

"The teamwork and bonding that you do with your team there would be hard to match," Anderson said. "When you're together working with the animals, it lets you see a different side of each other."

Companies interested in participating in the Day of Service program can contact Jackie Nowinski at HSforBC at 877-473-6722 for more information.

'Whiskerfest' features pets and presents on December 2

by Wendy Gabers



The poster for Whiskerfest is framed in red with holly leaves in the corners. At the top, it says 'Centier BANK Presents Whiskerfest'. Below that, 'Holiday Craft Show & Pet Photo With Santa Event benefiting'. Two green boxes list the beneficiaries: 'HUMAN SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY' and 'THE ARC OF GREATER BOONE COUNTY'. The event date is 'Saturday, December 2, 2023' from '10:00 am-4:00 pm' at the 'Indianapolis Car Exchange, 5161 Indianapolis Rd, Whitestown In 46075'. A central illustration shows a cat's face wearing a red Santa hat. Text around the cat includes: '50+ Vendors in One Spot', 'Pet Photos With Santa 12:00-4:00 pm', 'Lunch available on-site', 'See the work of The ARC Artisans!', 'Unique Gift Opportunities', and 'Adoptable Cats & Dogs Will Be There Too!'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'Questions? Contact us at hsforbc@gmail.com or 877-473-6722' and the website 'HSFORBC.ORG'.

Mark your calendar! The ninth annual "Whiskerfest Holiday Craft Show and Pet Photos with Santa" presented by Centier Bank is Saturday, December 2. Join us from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Indianapolis Car Exchange, 5161 S. Indianapolis Road, in Whitestown. Admission is free.

Come shop for family, friends, pets, yourself and your home with many unique holiday theme gifts from more than 50 vendors. And don't forget your holiday family and pet photo opportunity with Santa from noon until 4 p.m. Santa loves to pose for photos with children and pets. Photos are \$20 for a print and digital image.

Be sure to visit and snuggle with our adoptable cats and dogs for holiday kisses and cuddles! Enjoy lunch on site available from Grace Food Truck and stay for the afternoon.

"Whiskerfest" benefits both the Humane Society for Boone County and The Arc of Greater Boone County. The Arc Artisans will

have a booth showcasing their numerous crafts. Other vendors will have a wide variety of amazing holiday and Christmas décor and gifts. HSforBC will have a booth with items for purchase to benefit the shelter.

You won't want to miss this festive holiday event! It's always a favorite with HSforBC volunteers, who will be there with dogs, puppies, cats and kittens available for adoption. Celebrate with HSforBC and The Arc at "Whiskerfest," and share in the joy of the holiday season.

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.

Village Dance Studio partners with HSforBC for 'Muttcracker' calendar

By Tiffany Byers



Ballerina Zoe Weaver poses with five busy kittens during the photo session for the 2024 "Muttcracker" calendar. Profits from the fundraiser benefit HSforBC's mission of rescuing homeless dogs and cats.

After a five-hour photoshoot with Village Dance Studio dancers and HSforBC cats and dogs, the 2024 "Muttcracker" calendars are officially in production!

This is the second year that Village Dance Studio has worked with HSforBC to produce the "Muttcracker" calendars. They donate all profits of the calendar sales to HSforBC. Last year, they donated \$2,500 to HSforBC.

Prior to last year's donation, a dog was adopted at the "Muttcracker" photo session by a family member of one of the ballerinas.

The donations from the calendar sales help HSforBC take care of the dogs and cats at the shelter until they find their forever homes.

HSforBC is grateful to the Village Dance Studio and dancers, and would also like to thank photographer Jon Ellegood and TF Publishing for donating their time to this project.

Keep an eye out for announcements of calendar sales in the upcoming weeks. They will cost \$20 and be available at a

variety of local businesses in Carmel, Whitestown and Zionsville with a special two for \$35 deal at Village Dance Studio.

Calendars can also be purchased at Village Dance Studio's "Nutcracker Short & Suite" event on December 10.



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Their affection is timeless,
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And their love is forever...
NOVEMBER IS ADOPT A SENIOR PET MONTH

'Run for Rescue 5K-9 Run/Walk' sets event record

By Wendy Gabers



This year's "Run for Rescue 5K-9 Run/Walk" hosted by L.A. Cafe and Moontown Brewery Company on October 28 saw a record number of participants with more than 150 human runners and walkers and many four-legged furry friends.

Landon Rivera posted a time of 20.36.6 minutes to win the men's division while Emilie Hill finished in 27.57.2 minutes to take top honors in the women's division. Both winners received a \$50 gift card and an HSforBC sweatshirt.



Christmas came early at the "Run for Rescue!" Fan favorite Farren Cook and her young bulldog, Bennett, won the Best Halloween Costume contest dressed as the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who.

Cookies, bananas and bottled water—and a refreshing half-print of Moontown's own brew for age appropriate participants—awaited the runners and walkers in the 1915 Room at Moontown Brewery. On display were a variety of items and gift certificates offered during the event's silent auction.



"With the event registrations, donations for the silent auction and sponsorships, we raised more than \$16,000 to help the dogs, cats, puppies and kittens in need at HSforBC," explained Susan Austin, executive director. "We couldn't do this event without the support and generosity of our wonderful sponsors."



Many volunteers also contributed to the success of the fundraiser, Austin said. "A special thank you to the Whitestown Police Department, Lebanon Future Farmers of America, mothers and daughters of the Zionsville National Charity League (NCL), and the many HSforBC volunteers who all work together to ensure a safe and successful event to support animal rescue in Boone County."

Run for Rescues Hosts and Sponsors



THANK OUR RACE HOSTS AND SPONSORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT



Thank You



Thank you to Keystone Home Lending, LLC for helping us a second time this year with organizing our cat food and moving furniture. They even had time to provide enrichment to the kitties in our free roaming room!



Lebanon Elks Lodge #635 held a month long donation drive and delivered the donations! We are so very grateful. You are wonderful supporters for the dogs and cats!



Thank you to our friends and supporters at Amazon IND1 Distribution Center in Whitestown! Christmas came early again!



Madelyn Dimiceli planted a vegetable garden this summer and presented the proceeds from her bountiful harvest of \$100 to HSforBC. Thank you, Madelyn!

Upcoming Events



Indiana Coalition for Animal Welfare Professionals
ADOPT A HOOSIER SHELTER PET

November 11, 2023 • 11:00-2:00 PM

Come to the shelter during the event to adopt your Hoosier shelter pet!

Let's get them
HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY
For the Love of Animals

5366 Indianapolis Rd
HSforBC.org

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Zionsville Santa Parade

Saturday, November 25
4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Serving hot chocolate

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, November 28

"Whiskerfest"

Saturday, December 2
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Indianapolis Car Exchange

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

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order **PROCLAMATION**
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana is committed to promoting the welfare and well-being of its animal companions; and

WHEREAS, there are countless dogs, cats, and other animals in Indiana shelters eagerly awaiting loving homes; and

WHEREAS, adopting a shelter pet not only provides a forever home for an animal in need but also brings immeasurable joy and companionship to individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, it is our duty to encourage responsible pet ownership and to promote the benefits of adopting shelter animals; and

WHEREAS, the first week in November presents a fitting opportunity to recognize and celebrate the countless shelter pets who have found their forever homes and to encourage others to open their hearts and homes to these deserving animals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim November 5-11, 2023 as

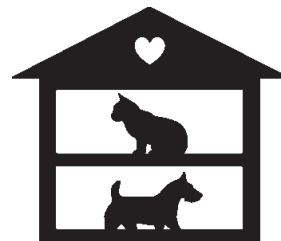
ADOPT A HOOSIER SHELTER PET WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of State. Done at the City of Indianapolis, this 1st day of November the year of our Lord 2023 and of the Independence of the United States 248.



BY THE GOVERNOR: Eric Holcomb

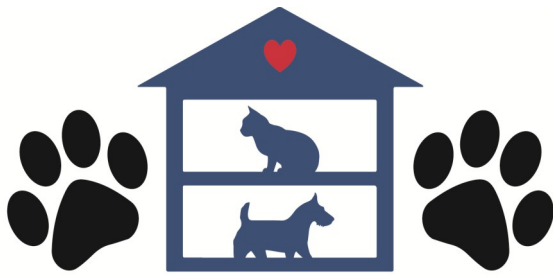


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'Giving Tuesday' support helps HSforBC rescue dogs and cats

By Wendy Gabers



#GIVINGTUESDAY

HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY

For the Love of Animals

"Giving Tuesday" on November 28 promotes the concept of people giving back to their communities. It offers service organizations like HSforBC the opportunity to share their mission, encourage donations and gain new supporters.

"We are so very thankful for those who donate on 'Giving Tuesday,' " said Susan Austin, executive director. "This event helps us raise much needed funds that can be put to great use for the dogs and cats at the shelter. We value and appreciate the generosity of those wishing to make a positive impact during the holiday season."

There are several ways to donate on "Giving Tuesday." You can give through our Facebook "Giving Tuesday" fundraiser link, send a check to HSforBC at P.O. Box 708, Lebanon, IN 46052, or use the "donate" button on our website at hsforbc.org. Be sure to check our Facebook page for live donation updates on "Giving Tuesday."

Donate to HSforBC

Humane Society for Boone County Wishlist

Cleaning Supplies	Office Supplies	Dogs and Puppies	Cats and Kittens	Misc.
Paper Towels	Stamps	Puppy Pads	Purina Kitten Chow (dry)	Money
More Paper Towels	Envelopes (#10 size)	Purina Calming Care	Iams Kitten Food (dry and wet)	Gas Cards (for shelter bus)
Garbage Bags (tall kitchen and 55 gallon)	Letter Size Copy Paper	Jolly Balls (all sizes)	KMR (Kitten Milk Replacement) Powder	Gift Cards for Pet Stores
Scrub Sponges	Binder Clips	Kongs (large and extra large)	Forta Flora Probiotics	Paper Lunch Sacks
Antibacterial Hand Soap	Dry Erase Markers	Martingale Collars	Fancy Feast Kitten Food (wet)	Zip-lock Bags (gallon size and larger)
Clorox Wipes	Black Sharpie Markers	Easy Cheese	Corrugated Scratch Boxes	Bird Seed and Bird Seed Bells (cat enrichment)
Toilet Cleaner	Packing Tape	Cream Cheese Blocks	Kitty Litter (clumpable/ scoopable)	Auction Items for Fundraisers
		Peanut Butter	Pro Plan Adult Cat Food (dry) Kitty Toys	
		Bully Sticks	Nursing Bottles	
		Purina Pro Plan Puppy Food (dry)	Washable Pet Beds	
		Smart Bones		
		6' Heavy Duty Leashes		
		Stainless Steel Buckets (6 qt and smaller sizes)		



HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY

HSforBC earns 'No-Kill Shelter' award for 2022

By Mary Ann Garber



The Best Friends Network has recognized HSforBC as a "No-Kill Shelter" for exceeding a 90 percent save rate for cats and dogs during 2022 thanks to exceptional volunteer service.

"We received this award because of our volunteers' dedication, support and lifesaving efforts," executive director Susan Austin said. "Congratulations! You all are making a huge difference! HSforBC's actual save rate was 94.7 percent."

Julie Castle, chief executive officer of the Best Friends Animal Society, said HSforBC has "joined an elite group of organizations across the country who are leading the way toward making us a no-kill nation by saving more than 90 percent or more of the animals in your shelter."

The national award represents HSforBC's dedication and leadership in animal rescue work, Castle said, and "the incredible milestone you've reached on behalf of the animals we all love."

Donors honor people and pets with gifts to HSforBC

HSforBC supporters sent memorial donations in remembrance of these beloved pet companions:

Ed Valdetarro and his companion Hercules
Ellie, the neighborhood ambassador
Siberian Husky
Maui Moreland
Fritz, ruler of the household with
a big personality
Benny, a great champion, you are missed

Donors recently gave HSforBC gifts in honor of the following:

Lorna Judd
Clayton and Madison Akers
Dr. Amanda Bourff
Emma and Eliza for their bake sale

Donors recently supported HSforBC with memorial gifts in remembrance of friends and loved ones:

Jeff Braddock
Cody Hornaday Brewer
Kate Comiskey
Matthew Kersey
Marcia Milward
Carol Ann Raub and her fur babies
Karl Robinson - from Lebanon High
School Class of 1965
Brenda Vandivier

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

Shepherd
Nori

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.



Ellie

Pretty 5-month-old Tabby girl Ellie is waiting for her turn to have a home. She was abandoned on a porch in a carrier with three other siblings. Ellie was in foster care and is now at Petco in Whitestown with her sister Sally.



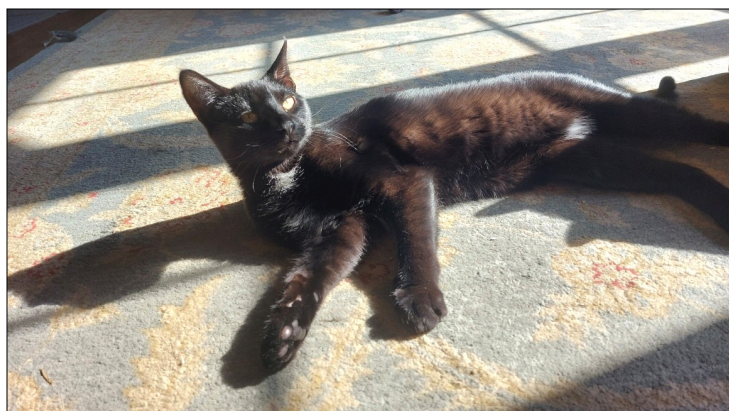
Haylee

This 5-year-old St. Bernadoodle needs regular brushing and grooming. Haylee is sweet, loves people and likes to snuggle. She is great with children and other dogs, but not good with cats. Haylee needs a fenced yard and more leash training. She loves walks, is calm in the house and does not bark while indoors. Haylee likes to be in the same room as her family.



Curtis

This sweet guy is a 4-month-old Beagle and Terrier mix. He loves to cuddle and may do best in a home with another dog because he can be shy and nervous about new things.



Pothos

Handsome 6-month-old Pothos has a sleek black panther coat with a white spot on his chest. He is an easy going and affectionate kitty who likes to curl up on laps. He loves to sleep in sunny places and likes to climb too.



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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.

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Please accept my gift of: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 Other: _____

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