



Humane Society for Boone County

SHELTER TAILS

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Samson, now known as Sam, was adopted by Logan and Vanessa Garner.

"We fostered Sam two years ago while he underwent heart worm treatment. He was a stray that had been with HSforBC for a good bit, and it didn't seem like he'd ever had a loving home. The vet guessed he was around 5 or 6 years old. Sam wasn't house trained, was afraid of going from one room to the next in the house, and was a very nervous pup with mats all over his fur. Nowadays, Sam is a new dog. We relocated to the Pacific Northwest and he enjoys daily walks on the beach, trips to the dog park, kongs galore, snuggling in bed and playing with his canine sister Zelda. We just wanted to let you all know how far he's come. We get so many comments on how happy, healthy and handsome he looks. Thank you for all you do for animal welfare and for bringing this valued family member into our lives."

HSforBC is grateful that Sam has found such a wonderful home.

In the spotlight:

Sisters Dixie Taylor and Dawn Walker have been volunteering for HSforBC for two years. They care for the cats, but like to stop and visit with the dogs also. They were raised on a farm in the Lebanon area, and hung around the family business, The Boone County Sale Barn. So, they were around lots of animals as children. There were always cats and dogs at home. They remember at one time having 21 cats and kittens, and 2 dogs. Both ladies have fostered several cats and kittens for HSforBC over the last 2 years. Dixie has a few "failed foster" cats at home and Dawn helps with her daughter's mixed terrier, Jack. They say their work with HSforBC is very rewarding and they feel privileged to be part of this important work.

When not helping the with animal species, they are helping their fellow humans. Dawn is a psychiatric RN and life coach, and Dixie works in billing at a Zionsville OB/GYN.

Thank you ladies for being an important part of our organization.

In August 2015, the HSforBC Facebook page helped over 25 stray dogs find their way back home.

HSforBC has taken in at least 8 litters of abandoned kittens this year. Most of these kittens required bottle feeding.

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Xylitol is a sugar substitute that is found in many sugarless gums and candies. It also can be used in baking and is being used in toothpaste. The canine pancreas is confused by the chemical structure of Xylitol and as a result, releases too much insulin. This causes the dog to experience low blood sugar, and if enough exposure occurs, can proceed to liver failure and death. Even small amounts can cause symptoms in a dog. Symptoms of xylitol exposure include vomiting which progresses to weakness, lethargy, diarrhea, collapse, seizures and death.

In 2008, the ASPCA Poison Control Center reported 4000 cases of xylitol poisoning. This is greatly increased from the 2 cases seen in 2002. This is an alarming number because this toxicity is life threatening, and the more products that use xylitol the more poisonings we will see.

Xylitol is absorbed quickly. Please call your vet immediately if your dog ingests a product containing xylitol. Check product labels and keep products containing xylitol away from pets. Remember just 1-2 pieces of gum can be toxic to dogs.

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Visit us on Facebook for a complete list of our available pets. Click on Photos, adoptables.



Totals from this year's fundraisers:

Furball! raised \$45,000.

Wolf Run Golf Scramble raised \$24,415.

Paws & Claws raised \$21,750.

Polo at Sunset raised \$1,718.

Grand Total \$92,883 for our new shelter.

Our thanks to Indy Pro Graphix in Whitestown for the awesome property sign.



Paws and Claws 2015, the weather was purrfect.



Polo at Sunset 2015 with our own Courtney Shafer.

Report Animal Cruelty

What can you do if you think an animal is being abused or neglected? Your involvement may be the animal's only hope.

Every state has laws prohibiting animal cruelty, and all of them contain felony provisions. However, a law is only as good as its enforcement, and that's why animals rely on you to protect them by reporting animal abuse.

Spot the signs

Animal neglect comprises the vast majority of cruelty cases to which animal control officers respond. Animal neglect can take on many forms, including: **Hoarding:** A person who keeps far more animals than they can properly care for is a hoarder. **Lack of veterinary care:** Untreated wounds are a red flag that demand immediate attention; emaciation, scabs and hair loss can also be a sign of untreated underlying diseases. **Inadequate shelter,** especially in extreme heat or cold temperatures can be deadly to pets. **Chained dogs** who are tethered continuously suffer tremendously, both from social isolation and exposure to predators and the elements. **Abandonment:** A startling number of animals die every year when people move out of their residences and simply leave the animals behind. Sometimes, an abandoned dog's barking or cat's howling can alert the neighbors, but it's wise to keep an eye on a recently vacated home, especially if the former residents moved suddenly. **Direct violence:** It can be upsetting to see someone beating or physically attacking an animal, but it's important not to turn away. Especially when violence is concerned, it's crucial to involve law enforcement, because violence toward animals is often part of a larger pattern of violence that includes people as well as animals.

Time is of the essence—don't delay. Call authorities immediately.

Take action

Make the call. If you make a report of alleged animal cruelty, the responding agency is required to investigate. In Boone County dialing 482-1412 may be the quickest route to get a response, but it is also useful to have the proper animal welfare agency's number on hand.

Be prepared: Do an online search to **identify the agency**—your local animal control department, animal shelter or

humane society in your area, and program the number into your cell phone.

If you're traveling or live in a community without an animal welfare agency, call the **local police department or sheriff department** (or 482-1412) to report suspected animal abuse.

Document

As with any crime, documenting the details is essential to making the case and stopping the animal abuser. The responding agency will need to know details like date, time and location of the alleged crime, as well as physical descriptions of all individuals (people and animals) involved.

Cell phone photos and videos have proven excellent tools in cementing criminal cases against animal abusers.

Working with law enforcement

An officer will look into the complaint to see if animal cruelty laws have been violated.

In cases of neglect, the officer may speak with the owner and issue a citation and give the owner a chance to correct the violation. If the neglect or abuse is extreme, a humane agency may take custody of the animals to protect them. The agency will present the case to the prosecutor's office for further evaluation and possible prosecution.

Prepare to testify

Most cases never make it to trial, but if you want to ensure justice for the abused, you should be willing to give your testimony in court in order to bolster the case.

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Be a responsible pet owner:

- ◆ Have your pet spayed or neutered
 - ◆ Micro-chip your dog
- ◆ Remember to register your chip on-line
 - ◆ Immunize your pet

Detecting Illness in Your Cat

Cats can't tell us where or when it hurts. In fact, cats often mask illnesses, an instinctive behavior left over from their wild origins, when showing weakness advertised that they were easy prey.

That's why it's so important that you get to know your cat's regular habits and behaviors and keep an eye out for changes. Any deviation from your cat's normal behavior could indicate a problem with his health.

Is my cat sick? Some symptoms are obvious: diarrhea, vomiting, coughing, sneezing, runny nose or eyes, and trouble using the litter box. Other signs are more subtle.

Take note if your cat does any of the following:

- Misses more than one meal
- Drinks more water than usual
- Has no energy
- Stops using the litter box or strains when he's using the litter box
- Develops puffiness or a lump under the skin
- Hides for more than a day
- Becomes suddenly short-tempered or doesn't want to be touched
- Frequently shakes his head
- Changes his routine or loses interest in his favorite games
- Stops grooming
- Exhibits the "third eyelid" (nictitating membrane) in the corner of his eye(s)

Don't hesitate to take your cat to the veterinarian if you suspect something's wrong. As the saying goes, "better safe than sorry."

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Humane Society for Boone County needs volunteers!! There are different positions, some of which include hands-on animal care. It's very rewarding and lots of fun! A couple of hours a week can make a huge difference! Please consider helping the stray, lost, neglected and unwanted animals of Boone County. Call 765-485-8888 or email hsforbc@gmail.com.



It's rumored that, at the end of the Beatles song, "A Day in the Life", Paul McCartney recorded an ultrasonic whistle, audible only to dogs, just for his Shetland Sheepdog.



We love our friends at The Arc. They are Kathy, Monica, Lisa, Teresa, Kim, Carl, Donald and Henry.



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