



Humane Society for Boone County

SHELTER TAILS

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Future Shelter Location for HSforBC

The Humane Society for Boone County was organized in September 2007. Since that time we have had no permanent shelter, which has limited the services we can provide. Through foster care, our dedicated volunteers have helped us by sheltering many of our animals.

In November, HSforBC took ownership of a 6.2 acre site in Whitestown, which will be the home of our organization's first-ever animal shelter.

The land was donated by Whitestown land development company Valenti-Held, and is located at 4329 Perry Worth Road, next to GreenCycle of Indiana.

Since the donation in February 2014, an agreement had to be created, which took some time. Next we had to obtain a special exemption from the Whitestown Board of Zoning Appeals to allow a shelter and kennel facility to operate on the property. It was a fairly involved process, that included an application and public notifications sent out to all adjacent landowners. At the public hearing, a short presentation was made, nobody spoke against the project, and the request was approved by the board.

An environmental study was performed, just to make sure the property was clean and contained no contaminants that could harm the animals.

The board has chosen C.F. Jones as the contractor and Peterson Architecture of Noblesville as the architect. They are currently brainstorming to put all their ideas to paper and get a formal action plan together for construction. The groundbreaking is expected to take place in a few months.

Nearly \$350,000 has been raised to date for the shelter's construction. The goal is \$1.5 million, a good deal of which is earmarked for operating costs to ensure the shelter's sustainability once it opens. The roughly 4,000 square foot facility will include a rescue and quarantine area, an exam clinic, a kennel for dogs and cats, and an adoption area for meeting the animals. Final construction costs have not been announced.

Even with the shelter, HSforBC President Mike Hancock said even though we will have the shelter open and operating, we will still use foster families because the animals seem to learn better socialization skills while living in an actual home. The shelter will be a place where the organization can keep animals that come from the street department, until a family volunteers to foster. It will also be a place where people can come and see the animals available for adoption. Hancock believes this will increase the number of



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Humane Society for Boone County received a \$1000 donation from the Boone County division of MIBOR (Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS). Our much sincere appreciation to Boone County MIBOR.

Our New Vehicle

We would like to extend a huge Thank You to the talented people at Whitestown's Indy Pro Graphix for donating this incredible wrap to the little bus we purchased for transport. It replaces our well worn 1984 chevy van. We think it looks great!!!



HSforBC Will Accept Gifts of:

- Antibacterial Dish Soap
- Bleach (Unscented)
- Clorox Wipes
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper towels
- 33 Gallon Trash Bags
- Disposable Latex Gloves
- Old Hand and Bath Towels
- Old Blankets (Not Electric please)
- Grooming Combs/Brushes
- Kitten Chow
- Wet & Dry Cat Foods
- Scoopable Cat Litter
- Metal Feeding Bowls with Raised Feeding Stands
- Metal Gobble bowls
- Martingale brand Collars in a variety of sizes
- Heavy Duty Leads for walking
- 'EasyWalk' brand harnesses in an variety of sizes

Thanks to The Arc

Participants from The Arc of Greater Boone County donated pet supplies to HSforBC during the 2014 holiday season.

For the holidays in previous years, participants exchanged gifts with each other. This year, they organized a pet supply drive and collected nearly 2,000 pounds of food and cat litter.

The Arc participants have been volunteers with HSforBC for the past two years, caring for cats three to four days a week. Tracy Autrey, manager of the Personal & Community Services program at The Arc, said that the program participants wanted to do this for their animal friends at the humane society, and it made their holidays bright to see the collection grow over the three-week collection period.



Humane Society for Boone County received a wonderful surprise from Lebanon Kroger employees. They presented us with a gift of \$1100. Thank You for your generosity.

HSforBC received \$2500 in donations from our newsletter recipients in November. A Heartfelt Thank You!

Our friends at Zionsville Country Kennel matched each cash donation to HSforBC received at the kennel during the holiday season. The grand total of this generous gift was \$3276.78. Thank You all.

Success Stories.....

The Kunttu family adopted Freddy in August after a chance meeting at an event in Zionsville. "We hesitated for a couple of weeks thinking that maybe we weren't ready for another dog since our dog of 14 years had passed away in February. The bonus for us though was that he had been living with a foster mom who was able to give us insight into Freddy's personality. This helped us come to the conclusion that he was the dog for us! We took him for an overnight visit. That was all it took for us to know that Freddy was our dog. He livened up our house again. Freddy has so much fun playing with the kids and the bonding experience has been incredible to witness! As time goes on, we know we made the right decision! We even decided to take in a foster dog of our own to pay it forward since adopting was such a wonderful experience for us! "



This is volunteer Mark Smith's story. "In August, 2009, a young Rat Terrier/Chihuahua mix (our best guess) was found on the streets of Lebanon with a broken leg. He was taken in by HSforBC, and they paid the cost of setting the bone. The late Dr. Mark Cunningham informed us he could someday have arthritis at the site of the break. My wife and I agreed to foster the dog through his recovery. We named our new little friend "Sonny", and knew almost immediately that we would end up being "failed fosters"....i.e. we knew that we couldn't let him go. He's still here five years later, is 6 years old, follows me everywhere, and sits in my lap every evening. We had a cat and another dog, and were unsure how they would all get along, but decided that it was worth the effort to give him a secure temporary home, and weather through whatever trouble there might be. They all figured it out.

Fostering a homeless animal is a gratifying experience, and we recommend it to anyone who might be inclined."



Sonny in his cast 5 years ago

Petfinder.com

ADOPT A HOMELESS PET

Former HSforBC volunteer Karen McNiel has fostered many animals over the years and has adopted some of these fosters. Her latest adoption was Troy, an eight year old Sharpei. Troy has gained a much needed eight pounds and is thriving in his new environment. He quickly bonded with his two new furry brothers.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

FUR BALL

GOLF CLUB OF INDIANA
THE CARDINAL ROOM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30
DINNER AT 6:30
TICKETS: \$50 PER PERSON
OR \$475 FOR TABLE OF 10

TRACTOR SUPPLY

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2015, 9AM — 2PM
SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2015, 9AM — 2PM

HSforBC needs volunteers!!

There are different positions, some of which include hands-on animal care. It is very rewarding and lots of fun! A few 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



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Presents

The 2nd Annual FUR BALL



Silent & Live Auctions
Casual Attire



Cash Bar
Most Original Mask Contest

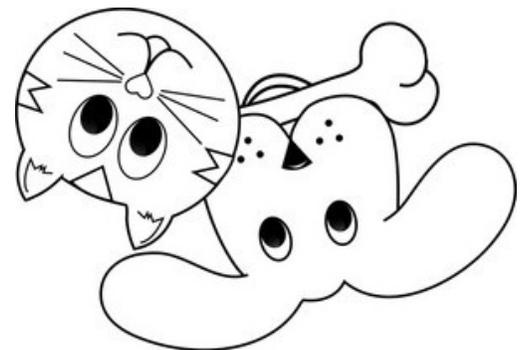
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A **Mardi Gras Pawty** TO
RAISE THE ROOF FOR THE ANIMALS
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS OUR OPERATION SHELTER FUND



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