

Humane Society for Boone County

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Orton Ortwein from Zionsville Library presents a check for \$241 to HSforBC Director of events, Laurie Durham. When adults enrolled in the library's Summer Reading Program \$1 was donated to HSforBC when they chose the charity option. Thank You all.

## WhiskerFest

A Craft Show and Pet Photo with Santa Event to Benefit  
the Humane Society for Boone County

🐾 Saturday, December 2, 2017 🐾 Doors Open to Public: 9 am - 4 pm  
🐾 Whitestown Municipal Complex, 6210 Veterans Drive, Whitestown, IN 46075

30+ Boone County  
Vendors in 1 Spot!



Pet Photos with Santa!  
11am-4pm  
Printed photo &  
emailed digital!

🐾 Lunch will be available on site

🐾 Micro-chipping from 2-4 pm



Calling All Craft & Home Party Furrnatics!!

For more information, email: [HSFORBC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HSFORBC@GMAIL.COM), or call: 877-473-6722  
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With all building plans finally approved for our kennel expansion we are scheduling groundbreaking and construction in earnest. We will soon have our perimeter fencing and exercise area fence installed. This will make our energetic guests safe and secure while they get fresh air and exercise.

## 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](http://www.boonecountyhumane.org) and click on "foster/adopt/vol" on the menu at the top of the page.



Girl Scout Troop 426 educates others with questions from the spinning wheel. The poster board was developed by Audrey Mast (far right) to provide facts about bully breeds. Thank you girls and troop leader Casey Mast.



Humane Society for Boone County would like to thank Community Foundation for Boone County President Kristi Reynolds and volunteers who made a surprise visit to the shelter bringing hundreds of pounds of dog and cat food donated by Amazon at Anson.

Cover photo is of Bella. Bella is about three years old. She is friendly and good with basic commands.

Each month the Lebanon Rotary Club donates to a local charity. HSforBC was the recipient of their September donation of \$246. Thank you Lebanon Rotary Club!!



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HSforBC has partnered with Kroger on a fundraiser using Kroger's Community Rewards Program.



Go to your local Kroger store and secure a Kroger Rewards card. Then, go online to register for the program at [kroger.com/communityrewards](http://kroger.com/communityrewards) and list HSforBC as your organization. HSforBC's Organization Number is **39616**.

Kroger will periodically donate money back to HSforBC based on purchases tied to registered cards. Tell your friends, family, and colleagues. For 2017 we have received \$584.18 for the 1st quarter, \$564.56 for the 2nd quarter, and \$612.72 for the 3rd quarter. \$1761.46 total.

From **Amazon Smile** for 2017 we received \$190.68 for the 1st quarter, \$134.91 for the 2nd quarter, and \$130.39 for the 3rd quarter. \$455.98 total. Thank you shoppers.

# FINDING MY PURPOSE

For as long as I can remember my family had pets. My parents were huge fans of the Scotty Breed and my brother and I were magnets to strays. Luckily, our parents supported the occasional drifters we brought home.

My first involvement with volunteering and shelter dogs was during college. I persuaded my sociology professor to accept my volunteer work at a local zoo as meeting the community hours required for class. Finding rental homes that allowed pets was more prevalent during this time, so my life of adopting shelter and rescue pets began. My first experience was a far cry from my happy expectations. Both dogs passed quickly from the parvo virus they contracted prior to adoption.

Then I stumbled upon a Collie rescue group where my heart was captured by a purebred puppy I named Shasta. Life was then complete in the home I shared with other roommates and their pets.

About 10 years later, I was blessed with a special dog named Snickers, a 3-month-old pound puppy from Indy Humane. Snickers was my soulmate and sidekick for over 13 years. She also functioned as an informal therapy dog. A close friend and neighbor who suffered from anxiety would take Snickers on walks 2-3 times a day to help cope. I can still picture them walking down the street together, my neighbor engaged in conversation like she's talking with her best friend and Snickers providing her the occasional glance like she's acknowledging what's being said.

Snickers passed. Then, I became unemployed due to company acquisition. I needed something of purpose during my job search. I realized it was time for me to give back. This was the beginning of my volunteer work with Humane Society for Boone County. I learned quickly the work is not glamorous and that the needs are many. I wasn't prepared for the pain I experienced helping animals too weak to eat, too scared to accept affection, and so malnourished I wondered how they survived.

Many times I wondered if I was really making a difference because of the never-ending number of animals entering our system. Fortunately, there have been many successes that keep me grounded.

This past March I fostered a senior pit mix named Cami. After only a few months, she became a permanent member of my family. She and Bolt, our Italian Greyhound rescue from Kentucky, make our lives whole.

Today as Volunteer Director of Education, I partner with other board members and volunteers spreading awareness to our community and educating the young on how to be responsible pet owners. I work with knowledgeable people who share the same passion. It really does take a village.

The services HSforBC provides are never ending but the impact is invaluable. There are still many animals that have not been touched. But through community support and everyone's involvement, I'm confident we will make a difference.

I've learned to never underestimate the power of love and understanding pets can bring to your life. I've been blessed with many great experiences and will continue to pay it forward.

THANK YOU to those four legged creatures that have helped mold my life. Thank you to those who climb trees to retrieve newborn kittens, and to those who answer the call night or day to help animals in need. Thank you to those who understand the need for HSforBC and used money from their own pockets to start the vision. And thank you to those who have given their time, helping HSforBC acquire a brick and mortar building.

My favorite saying is from Lily Tomlin. "I always thought someone should do something about that....then I realized, I'm that someone".

LeAnn Melichar

## A purrrfect love story



This is a purrrfect love story, and a story of how a purrrrr can heal. A story about a boy and a girl, and how love can conquer all. Clark is a handsome tuxedo kitten rescued by an LPD officer off of SR 32 after being hit. His rescuers made sure he got help and hand delivered him to an HSforBC volunteer. Another volunteer quickly ran him to the vet for what turns out to be extraordinary care. Clark had xrays taken and Dr. Wasem at Zionsville Animal Hospital quickly fashioned a special superhero cast that he wore to help hold his break in place for healing. It was amazing to watch that break heal via xrays. Clark was the very best patient.

He purred with reckless abandon and I have no idea how his motor didn't wear out. As Dr. Wasem told me, a cats purr has the ability to heal and that is why kittens are

resilient. Cats purr during both inhalation and exhalation with a consistent pattern and frequency between 25 and 150 Hertz. Various investigators have shown that sound frequencies in this range can improve bone density and promote healing.

As his broken leg healed, another poor kitty was picked up and taken in for care. And it was another broken leg! This time a back leg. As I fostered both kittens, every time Clark could get out he would run to be next to Charlotte in her crate. He purred, and reached in to pet and play and his visits made her days. She would always immediately begin purring the minute she saw Clark.

Well, one week later - just purrs, love, no cast and that back broken leg decided to start healing itself. Hmmmm, no cast and it's healing? It's a love spell I tell you! Charlotte's leg healed, Clark's leg healed and alas, it was time to find furrever homes for the kittens. Charlotte was adopted first and went to her furrever home. I must tell you Clark moped around. He missed his girlfriend. Even when Ember came to stay with us (she had a broken back leg that had to be amputated) Clark was sure to share his purrs with her for healing, but he missed his Charlotte.

When I checked back in with the adopter, he mentioned that Charlotte needed a friend - YES! And of course - who better than Clark. Just two weeks apart and the two kittens are happy back together. Their dad loves them dearly. Now renamed Milo and Nala Rose, this proves kittens are the best therapy for everyone.

Susan Austin

# WE NEED YOU!



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## «Cans for Canines»

“Recycling for Rescues”

## “Metal for Mutts”



**\$206 raised recently...Thank You!**

You can help the **Humane Society for Boone County** raise money thru an **ongoing** recycling program at **Gabriel Metals** in Lebanon

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Take your scrap metal to their facility on Ransdell Road and ask that your recycling proceeds be donated to the Humane Society for Boone County.

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It's easy, it's responsible, it benefits the needy dogs and cats of Boone County.

### Gabriel Metals

720 Ransdell Rd (in back)  
Lebanon, IN 46052  
765-485-0877 –Office

Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm  
Closed Sat & Sun

[www.Gabrielmetals.com](http://www.Gabrielmetals.com)

### Recycle:

Iron and Steel  
Copper – all grades  
Aluminum – all grades  
Brasses – all grades  
Stainless Steel- all grades  
Insulated Wire  
Turnings & Borings  
Electric Motors  
Carbide & Tool Steels  
Electronic Scrap  
Computer scrap



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HSforBC received this heartfelt memorial:

Dear Humane Society for Boone County,

My mother, Mildred S Marling, passed away on October 1, 2017. She designated the Humane Society for Boone County as one of the recipients for her memorials. She did this because three years ago at Octoberfest in Zionsville, I adopted her grand dog, a pup named Dot. Dot was in a litter of 9. Her name is now Sierra and she gave her grandmother three years of love and kisses. She laid beside her in her bed as she slept when she was dying. She gave her companionship as we walked mom around in her wheel chair out in the sunshine for her last weeks.

May the animals feel the blessing from my mom, Mildred Marling.

## Animal Stats

January 1 - Sept 30, 2017

### Cats / Kittens:

total number through our system = 235  
adopted - 222  
returned to owner - 7  
surrendered - 54  
stray / found / abandoned - 129  
under 1 yr old - 159

### Dogs:

total in system - 199  
adopted - 53  
returned to owner - 28  
surrendered - 55  
stray / found / abandoned - 75  
under 1 yr old - 16

## More than just rescue and adoption, Christy brings love and care to the lost and endangered

Christy Brubaker, our Director of Canine Foster and Adoptions shares her participation in several recent rescue situations.

"Often, our friends from county police departments will send me an image of a found dog or cat and I post them on Facebook hoping to locate the owner. Most have happy outcomes while others can be heartbreaking."

### Angel and Sierra

"Police called about two dogs that a renter had left in a home. The officer texted me a picture and I immediately drove to the situation. The dogs had been kept in one cage together without food and water for an undetermined amount of time. They were both emaciated and covered in fleas. One of the dogs had terrible bald patches and skin irritation. I rushed them to our shelter and called around for assistance. Six volunteers showed up and we got to work. We bathed them in Dawn dish soap multiple times and finally cleaned them up. One of the dogs, Sierra, ended up being a rescue from another shelter, so we contacted them and she was returned. The other dog, Angel, became a foster and gained weight. She has been adopted."

### Leonard Nimoy

"Nimoy was another police call. This time charges were filed against the person that abandoned two dogs and a kitten when they moved and left them behind. Matilda, the female pit bull, had escaped the house and was found eating trash. The other two animals were still in the house when I got the call. The dog inside, Nimoy, had a head wound and was sick and emaciated. We have cared for all three since May and just received custody by the court system. Nimoy has been adopted."

### Yin and Yang

"I saw a Facebook plea from a lady whose daughter had a mommy dog that had given birth to one puppy and had a second puppy stuck in the birth canal. By the time I saw the post, they had rushed her to a vet where it was decided she would have to be euthanized. This was due to the infection from the puppy that had died in the canal. They were able to do a c-section and resuscitate one of the 10 puppies that were still inside. I offered to help and they brought me the two orphaned puppies."

Former board member and volunteer Michelle Atkinson and I passed the pups back and forth for two days before I found a foster to keep them full time. Sadly, Yin, the resuscitated puppy, passed away after four days. Happily, Yang is now eight weeks old and doing great."

### Kelsey, the little hero that found Gracie

"I got a call from law enforcement that a dog was found in someone's ditch. The homeowner's shih tzu, Kelsey, had alerted them to the problem. I expected to find a dog that had been hit and was on the side of the road. But the homeowner led us to the back of the house and showed us a dog down in a ravine. I looked for the best way in and ended up using a sheet to sit and scoot my way down a 12 foot incline. I picked a slope about 4 yards from the dog, where the brambles were less thick. That meant I had to wade through knee deep water to get to the dog. Even though it was summer, the water was extremely cold. When I made it to the dog I discovered she had a large open wound on her back leg that was covered in maggots I was in the water with her for about 30 minutes while we all discussed possible ways to get her out of the ravine. I finally suggested we call the fire department and have them bring a backboard. They arrived quickly. One of the firefighters came into the muck with us and we got the dog strapped onto the backboard. She was quiet and calm the whole time, which made me fear she was in shock. Another firefighter stationed himself halfway up and another at the top. We lifted and passed her up to the top and they carried her to my car. I rushed her to an emergency vet in Indy (on the phone with board members all the way). After she was cleaned up enough we were to get a picture and I posted her on Facebook. That's how we determined she was Gracie, a senior dog that had been missing a few days. She was suffering from hypothermia and the vets suspected she had been hit by a car. Sadly, she passed away at home two days later. I am thankful she did not die alone in that cold water, but at home with her family. I would like to personally thank all who helped with Gracie's rescue. It was a team effort."

Christy Brubaker

Director of Canine Fostering and Adoptions

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### WHISKERFEST

Saturday December 2, 2017

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Whitestown Municipal Complex

Pet Photos with Santa

Adoptables will be available

### FURBALL

Saturday February 17, 2018

Golf Club of Indiana

The Cardinal Room

Doors open at 5:30

Dinner at 6:00

Tickets \$50 per person

or \$475 for table of 10



### Harley

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.

### Memorialize Your Pet

The Bricks will be placed in a prominent place on either side of the sidewalk leading to our front door, so they will be visible and proudly displayed.



We offer bricks in two sizes:

**8"x 4" Bricks** can have up to 3 lines of text with 16 letters per line (including numbers, symbols, and spaces) **\$50.00**

**8"x 8" Bricks** can have up to 6 lines of text with 16 letters per line (including numbers, symbols, and spaces) **\$100.00**

Go online to [www.boonecountyhumane.org](http://www.boonecountyhumane.org) for more information.



### Beatrice

She is a sweet 8 month old hound mix. She can be vocal and energetic. She loves to play and is good with people and other dogs.

HSforBC would like to thank the following individuals for joining our membership program for 2017. To become a member return the application in this newsletter.

Julia Haines

Andrea and Steve Richel

Elaina Rombach

Steve and Janet Jacob

Joe and Andrea Hayes

George and Georgia Kreil

Sherry and Jim Meyer

Dennis and Barb Carrell

# Our ADORABLE ADOPTABLES

Visit us at [www.boonecountyhumane.org](http://www.boonecountyhumane.org) for more info on *these* and *other* animals.

If you would like to foster an animal or schedule a **MEET & GREET** call 765-485-8888 or fill out the form on our website.



## Cocoa

She is about 1 yr old and is 40 lbs. She loves to play. She would be best as an only dog and needs training because she can be protective.



## Little Girl

I'm the Queen of the shelter cats. As you can see, I have a stub for a tail. I'm actually a Manx. So I was born this way. Sometimes I can be a little temperamental.



## Trip

Trip is an adventurous four month old boy, who likes to figure things out on his own.



## Acorn

Acorn is 3 - 4 months old. She is a quiet and energetic kitten, and very loving. She is currently spending time in the Cuffs and Collars program at the Boone County jail.



## Turquoise

She is a quiet girl, but still loves playing with her litter mates! She is about 13 weeks old.



## Benny

Benny is the big guy in front. He is a happy, energetic boy. He is up-to-date on his shots and neutered. Benny loves to chase squirrels and rabbits, so he needs a fenced yard. He would probably not be good around cats.

# Humane Society for Boone County

## Membership Application

*For the Love of Animals*

P.O.Box 708  
Lebanon, IN. 46052

[www.boonecountyhumane.org](http://www.boonecountyhumane.org)



### Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City State Zip	
Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Newsletter Preference	Email _____ USPS _____
Do not list my donation	_____ Do not list my name on website or newsletter

### 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](http://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)  
Dog Harnesses (large & extra large)  
Pet beds  
Treats  
Adult and Puppy food (dry & canned)  
Heavy duty and training Leashes  
Greenie's Pill Pockets  
Nylabones  
Martingale-style collars (all sizes)  
Adopt Me Harness  
Toys  
Fleece blankets  
Puppy pee pads  
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 brushed  
Shampoo  
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)  
Treats  
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)  
Combs and brushes  
Shampoo  
New or gently used cat trees  
Cat playpens

## 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

## Cleaning Supplies

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

## Office Supplies

### **Stamps**

**Copy paper**  
(8.5" x 11" and 11" x 17")

**Card stock**  
(8.5" x 11" and 11" x 17")

Post-its

Sharpies

Colored markers

Kids paint and brushes

Posterboard

Foamboard (all sizes)

Highlighters

Staples

All kinds of tape  
(duct, scotch, masking, etc.)

Large bulletin board





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## Donate to Humane Society for Boone County

We are a private, nonprofit, 501(c)(3), all 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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Visit our website: [www.boonecountyhumane.org](http://www.boonecountyhumane.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Secure online donations may be made via Paypal at [www.boonecountyhumane.org](http://www.boonecountyhumane.org)

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