

Humane Society for Boone County

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HSforBC has received three checks from elementary school student fundraisers. Our future is bright with these kids!! It really makes us happy to see these donations.

First - Stonegate Elementary School -Tower Garden Sales of Basil. Raised a Total of \$275.00. The following note was from the teacher Leslie Frobig. Stonegate Elementary first graders are doing a project in which they have voted to support the dogs at the humane society. With the use of a ZEF grant, we have two different hydroponic gardens that we are using to grow basil. We are selling the basil to different grade levels - so far only kindergarten and first grade. Our goal is to raise enough money "to help with food and shots" for three dogs.

Second- Boone Meadow Elementary School Student Council worked hard on many projects throughout the year to raise money. They as a group wanted to give to the Humane Society. They raised \$200.00.

Third - Stonegate Elementary School - 4th grade class. They wanted to purchase a new canopy for our events. They raised a Total \$192.00. Michelle Atkinson helped organize this project. The fourth grade classes of Mrs. Milam and Mrs. Knueven at Stonegate Elementary are working on a Project Based Learning endeavor. This is a project where the students pick an organization to support, determine needs for that organization, create ways to support that organization, and finally, deliver the support items to the organization. Our classes would like to help the Humane Society for Boone County.

Below is the sweet letter the students composed.

"Dear Humane Society for Boone County:
We are fourth grade students from Stonegate Elementary in Zionsville, Indiana. Congratulations on your new building! We would like to support you. What items do you need?"



The children at Hattie B. Stokes raised \$250 in honor of Kandi Caldwell's retirement. She would like the donation applied to Thumper's heartworm treatment. Thumper has had two rounds of his treatment shots and will go for another heartworm test at year end. Thank you SO MUCH!

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.

Many thanks to Center Trailblazer 4-H Club for their cleaning efforts on our new building and shelter grounds.



HSforBC Intakes and Adoptions For Cats and Dogs

Each year HSforBC averages about 300 animal intakes, that is cats and dogs combined. Canines usually make up approximately 35% of the total and felines about 65%.

So far for 2017 we have taken in about 300 felines and about 200 canines. About 175 felines and 50 canines have been adopted.

FACE low cost animal clinic

1505 Massachusetts Avenue

Indianapolis 46201

317-638-3223

Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm



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 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. We received \$584.18 for the 1st quarter of 2017 and \$564.56 for the 2nd quarter of 2017.

From **Amazon Smile** we received \$190.68 for the 1st quarter of 2017 and \$134.91 for the 2nd quarter of 2017. Thank you shoppers.

FREE MICROCHIP EVENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10:00am - 3:00pm



KAHLO CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE RAM
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NOBLESVILLE, IN



Paws And Claws Ride for Rescues 2017

This year we raised over \$18,000.

Thank you to our sponsors, the riders, and our volunteers for making this happen.

Dear Possible Pet Adoptee,

When asked to write this letter, I struggled with what to say. I was asked to write this because I have a special needs animal. His story is complicated, but I will share a little bit of his story in hopes of opening up a conversation about these animals that need extra love.

My cat Huckleberry has a liver shunt, which is rare in cats, and decreases his life expectancy. He has to take multiple medications each day, consume prescription low protein food, and we have to keep him away from any other food that could make him sick. There are increased risks due to his liver shunt, some that we have experienced already in his two years of life. Because of the shunt, Huckleberry has had kidney stones, which have caused him to experience nausea, drooling, and overall just not acting like himself. The shunt prevents us from getting rid of the stones, so the symptoms have come back again when the stones are bothering him. We have learned to take it day by day, and enjoy what time we have with our kitty.

I share this story to encourage all of you to take a second look at those animals that desperately need our help. It is easy for us to tell ourselves that someone will come along that will be a better fit, and who will be able to devote more time into helping these special needs animals. I say that not out of judgement, but out of understanding. We were filled with questions when we were contemplating the idea of adopting Huckleberry, and wondered if we were up to the task of providing a good life for him. What I do know, is that there are those there to help you. In our case, the staff of Zionsville Animal Hospital, and Dr. Noblitt, have listened to us through the tears, the struggle of what to do, and have approached us with kindness and compassion.

Adopting a pet that already has health concerns can be intimidating. What I can tell you, from our experience, is that it was and is, worth it. We made one of the greatest decisions the day we adopted Huckleberry through the Humane Society for Boone County. While his ongoing health is a constant concern, we take comfort in knowing that we are providing a loving home, and life for him. In return, we have gained the best kitty that anyone could ask for.

Sincerely,

Megan Winchester



HSforBC Wish List Items

dry Iams kitten food (kitten not cat)
disinfectant wipes
trash bags 13 and 45 gallon
paper towels

HSforBC Membership Program

\$9,996 for membership year 2016
\$5,415 for membership year 2017 to date.

Canine Rehabilitation

by Brenda Clark

Izzy is my 14 year old rescue. I got her when she was about four months. She has been a great pal, and for the past two years has been dealing with slowly progressing hip displasia. Izzy never complains.

Recently, she was trying to run out the door the same time as two other dogs and she fell, tearing her ACL. It was very distressing for me. She seemed too old to be spending about \$2000 for surgery. I was unsure about putting her thru that at her age, especially since she also has hip displasia. I kept thinking this might be the end of her life.

Then my vet suggested canine rehab with Community Pet Healthcare, Whitestown. They explained the rehab process and a few other options available to me, such as the surgery and a leg brace. I decided to try rehab.

Izzy's rehab was a six week program, two times a week. Her rehab included laser therapy on the rear leg muscles, passive range of motion, massage on the rear leg muscles, treadmill therapy in water, and pain and anti-inflammatory meds. The point is to build up strength on the good side also. It will take about 6 months for a scar to form on the leg.

Izzy is now stronger, has better balance, maneuvers better and seems to feel more comfortable. She takes the two steps on and off the deck more easily. I still need to keep an eye on her and exercise her a few times weekly. She will remain on medications for the rest of her life.

I am optimistic now for Izzy's last bit of life. This feels like a good and acceptable outcome for my long time pal.



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How Quickly Cats Multiply!

Recently HSforBC was called to a residence with 50+ cats and kittens. FACE contacted us with concerns about a Boone County resident who brought 16 kittens to FACE. FACE asked us to contact the owner and assess the situation. The owner accepted our offer of help. This family started with four or five cats, and without acting to vet, spay and neuter they soon became overwhelmed with sick cats and kittens.

HSforBC took in eleven of the cats. All but one of these eleven showed some degree of respiratory infection. FACE donated all of the antibiotics, IV fluids, and vaccines for these ten infected kittens. Nine other cats were neutered or spayed and then released on the same property. FACE took in four that needed more intense medical attention. Boone County Sheriff's Department Cuffs and Collars program is fostering six cats. A volunteer is fostering four kittens, leaving eight kittens that are five weeks and younger that will be pulled once they are finished nursing. Then mamma cat will be spayed. Thank you FACE for donating your spay neuter services and for initiating the medical help for these cats!!

What is Cat Hoarding?

by Renae Hamrick, RVT Petplace.com

Well, it goes something like this. A call comes into the Humane Society. The gentleman calling has noticed a horrible odor of urine and feces coming from his neighbor's home. Sometimes he even hears the sad cries of what sounds like numerous cats. He fears that his neighbors are neglecting their pets. Action is taken quickly; this is a potentially dangerous case of cat hoarding.

Cat hoarding (also called cat collecting) is the collection of large quantities of cats without the ability to properly care for them. Not everyone with many pets is considered a hoarder. It is possible to have more cats than the average home, give them the love and care they need, and simply be exceptionally devoted to pets or even a "crazy cat lady". Hoarding is when the population becomes out of control, and the animals and even the humans living with them suffer.

Improper diet, lack of veterinary care, and an unsanitary environment are the results of the overly large population (often more than 100) which cannot be afforded and maintained. The typical home of a hoarder has horrific living conditions. Many things are covered in feces and urine; often waste several inches thick is present in some areas of the house. It is not uncommon to find cat corpses lying about and severe illness and malnourishment

amongst the live population.

Single, middle-aged to elderly women are the most common cat hoarders. However, anyone of any sex, age, or class can be guilty of this habit.

It is believed that some hoarders suffer from mental illness, this may include obsessive-compulsive disorder. Hoarders may seem healthy and "normal" outside their home. They will deny their obsession and try to keep their extreme pet population a secret. Hoarders fear that others want to harm or euthanize their pets.

People who collect cats truly believe they are being helpful to the animals. They feel they are doing a good deed; some even refer to their home as a rescue organization and to themselves as a saint. It is believed that mental illness makes them blind to the suffering their pets are enduring.

A cat collection may begin with the adoption of a couple cats that are never spayed and neutered. These cats begin breeding, their offspring begin breeding, and soon the population is large and out of control. A cat collection may also be fed by an obsessed person who adopts and accepts every stray cat free to a good home.

The living conditions in the home of a hoarder are unfit for both the pets and the humans. The unvaccinated cats spread respiratory diseases and fatal infectious feline diseases such as FIV, FIP, and FeLV. Parasites, such as fleas and intestinal worms, are also present in high numbers. The hoarder usually does not have money to spend on veterinary visits, so the cats suffer and often die. Quality and quantity of food are not appropriate, so these sick cats are often also starving.

The ammonia levels from the waste in the house of a hoarder may make the air dangerous to breathe. In these cases, oxygen masks and protective clothing are worn by the teams evacuating the pets. Along with poor air quality, microorganisms from the pet waste and corpses make a hoarder's house a dangerous place to live.

It is extremely rare for hoarders to realize they have a problem and ask for help. Cats in this situation are usually rescued when a Good Samaritan suspects a problem and reports the situation.

If you are suspicious of a cat hoarder, DO NOT be afraid to do something. The suffering cats need and very much long for your help. Call your local police department, animal control officer, or humane society. You can do it anonymously. That one phone call can be the first step in ending the suffering of many cats and making a huge difference in the animal world.



Hagrid

He has a great personality. He is a mature male, knows basic commands and is house broken. Hagrid still has some energy so an active family or person would be ideal.



Izzy is a 2 year old, 14 lb, full grown American Eskimo. She lives with cats and dogs and does fine with them. She will chase cats, though, if they they run. She is a bit bossy. She is crate trained and is working on being completely potty trained.



Picasso

He's about 6 weeks old and the only male of the litter. He has 3 sisters that look just like him. He and his three sisters will be available in a couple months. Please keep them in mind when looking for a new family member.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

FALL FESTIVAL ADOPTION EVENT

September 9, 2017 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
September 10, 2017 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Zionsville Lions Park

BACK TO THE FIFTIES

September 16, 2017 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Boone County Fair Grounds—Lebanon

3RD ANNUAL ADOPT A DOG DAY ADOPTION EVENT

September 23, 2017 11:00 - 2:00 PM
Clay Terrace—146th Street and US 31
Carmel/Westfield

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS ADOPTION EVENT

October 8, 2017 5:00 PM
St Francis Church—Zionsville

HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 26, 2017 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Boone Village—Zionsville

INDY PET EXPO

Saturday November 11, 2017 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday November 12, 2017 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
State Fairgrounds—Indianapolis

WHISKERFEST

Saturday December 2, 2017 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Whitestown Municipal Complex
Pet Photos with Santa

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

Florence and Monte Juillerat
Lynn O'Brien
Madison Johnson
David and Penny Bodenhamer
Linda and Bill Stoner
Bonnie Melvin
Dorita Lambert
Mary Lee Koppelman

Our ADORABLE ADOPTABLES

Visit us at 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.



Sprint

I am 3 months old and just as energetic as my siblings. We enjoy playing and chasing each other around the room. I'm the shiest of the bunch, but still enjoy attention.



Titus

is a very sweet 4 month old Cattle Dog mix. He is very smart and is working on potty training. He loves to play ball and is good with other dogs.



Petunia

came to us as a very friendly stray. She loves attention! Loves being the lap kitty. She is about 2 yrs. She is FIV+, but has a lot of healthy years ahead of her! You won't be disappointed. She's adorable!

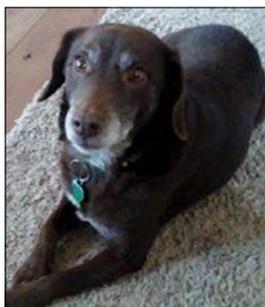


Nova is sweet, happy, and playful. She is about eight months old and does well with male dogs. She would be best with older children.



Atlas

Atlas is an American Bull Mastiff mix and he loves kids and seems to be good with other dogs. He knows some basic commands, but needs to work on walking on a leash without pulling.



Marley

is a sweet senior! She is a little shy, but does well in the home.



Linny

I love to play! I'm about 3yrs old, and have a lot of spunk. I am not fond of dogs. So if we could make a deal not to have them around, then I'd love to come join your family!

Humane Society for Boone County

Membership Application

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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.

Update on Jay the truck stop dog

Remember Jay? He was left tied to a post at a truck stop in Boone County last year with a broken leg and fractured ribs. Jay had surgery and went through canine rehab. HSforBC is happy to report that Jay has been adopted. Jay has a canine buddy at home, Kasha. Kasha is also an HSforBC dog.

Jays family says "Jay is doing well! He turned two in July! He is a cuddler and likes to steal ALL the attention. He loves to chase and be chased. He chases our boys around the yard pretending to capture them during nerf gun wars. In the mornings he sits in the yard and watches our oldest board the school bus."

"There are still random days where Jay does not want to get up. But most days he is a spunky pup and gets around pretty well."

"We are so blessed to have him in our lives and are so appreciative of all the love and support he has recieved!"

HSforBC is happy Jay and Kasha found such a great home.



Tucker's Story

At the end of 2016, HSforBC had taken in a young pup named Tucker. This guy is a Blue Nosed Pit mix that came to us through a sad situation. After being abandoned, he landed at our shelter where we immediately fell for his love of life and happy heart. Still going through his puppy stages at 40+ pounds and only nine months old, Tucker was quite an attention getter at our adoption events. As he continued to grow, we knew being a bully breed and large puppy put many odds against him.

Tucker stayed with HSforBC a few months, eventually topping out around 90 lbs, going through many meet and greets which landed him back at the shelter through no fault of his own. Everyone associated with HSforBC had a bonded love for this big guy and knew it would take a special person with knowledge and understanding of his breed and size.

Then, a gentleman from Michigan connected with us after recently losing both of his large pets. Donald brought his young son to meet Tucker and with no hesitation, fell in love, loaded him into his truck and headed to Michigan. To this day we continue to get updates and pictures on how well Tucker is fitting in and the unyielding connection he has developed with

Donald's son.

All of us with HSforBC love getting Donald's updates. We know Tucker's been blessed with filling the void for this wonderful family and has also found the piece he was missing. This dog is very special to us all, connecting us in a way that I'm sure we'll never forget.

Tucker's story proves, there is a place for everyone and everything. Those that are hard to find and hard to fill, reassures HSforBC's purpose. The support and donations from our community helps build successes like this today and those we'll have in the future. Please know, every little bit helps and every little bit counts.

Your support DOES help us make a difference!





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