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## Seven HSforBC rescues 'Change Their Luck' at adoption event

By Wendy Gabers



Midnight and Jibri met at the shelter while living in adjacent kennels and were adopted together during the March 23 event.

A shelter animal usually hasn't had the best of luck. A best friend is like a four-leaf clover, hard to find and lucky to have as a keepsake. But with a bit of luck, four dogs and three cats found their new best friends and "forever" homes on March 23 at the Humane Society for Boone County's "Change Their Luck" adoption event.

The well-attended event featured eight foster dogs, 10 puppies and one foster cat as well as the animals housed in the shelter. More than 30 volunteers helped visitors meet the animals for cuddles and kisses, complete adoption applications, and provide background and insight on available animals.

Volunteer Adam MacKinnon videotaped the event for the HSforBC website and other

social media platforms. Jackie Nowinski, volunteer program manager, posted live Facebook updates.

The Irish lass of the day was Honey Bee, a Beagle and Bassett Hound mix, and her 10 puppies! Many interested prospective families completed paperwork to welcome a puppy in their "forever" home when they're ready for adoption.

Also sharing the spotlight were two lucky kitties, Midnight and Jibri. They met each other while living in adjacent kennels. A family fell in love with them as they watched the cats play together in a Meet and Greet Room and decided to adopt them both! A double adoption is more typical with a bonded pair of cats or kittens, but these two kitties chose each other. Their "forever" family reports that they are doing well in their new home with each other.

### Next adoption event is April 27 at shelter

"Spring Fling," HSforBC's next adoption event, will be held at the shelter from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, at 5366 S. Indianapolis Road in Whitestown. Photos of dogs, puppies, cats and kittens available for adoption can be seen on the website at [HSforBC.org](http://HSforBC.org).

### Cover photo

Sweet Kiki is a pretty Tabby girl with a lot of love to share with her "purrfect purrson" or people. She is between 2 and 3 years old. Kiki is enjoying her stay in the shelter's catio with lots of free roam and climbing activities while she waits for her "forever" home.

## Paisley needs your help with her lifesaving surgery

By Mary Ann Garber



Tiny Paisley has struggled to survive since she was born with a severe cleft palate deformity.



Paisley's cleft palate deformity is hard to see in the back of her mouth.

Foster kitten Paisley is a beautiful 9-month-old dilute Calico and Tabby mix with a severe congenital deformity. She was born with a soft cleft palate in the back of her mouth, and needs reconstructive surgery in April that will enable her to eat and thrive like a normal kitty.

"Paisley was brought to HSforBC as a sickly 4-week-old kitten," said Kat Bowers, Paisley's second foster and an HSforBC board member. "She wasn't old enough to eat solid food on her own and without her mother we had to assist her. She was bottle fed every few hours around the clock by Dawn Walker, our Cat Program director, who has fostered many orphaned bottle babies. Paisley was not easy to feed though because she didn't like to be touched or held and was terrified when the nipple was put in her mouth."

Undeterred, Walker continued to work patiently with Paisley to feed her. She would gain 2 ounces then lose 4 ounces, and struggle with upper respiratory infections and diarrhea that require ongoing veterinary care and antibiotics. With each episode, she would lose energy and weight.

HSforBC arranged for fecal tests and in-depth blood profiles to determine what was causing Paisley to be critically ill without learning the cause. Walker, her first foster, then Bowers would hand feed her small amounts of wet cat food throughout the day and she slowly started to gain weight. Her sneezing, congestion and fatigue began to ease then she would have trouble breathing again.

When a veterinarian sedated Paisley to examine her throat, it was apparent that she was born with a severe congenital soft cleft palate deformation that causes her to inhale her food into her nasal cavity when she eats it.

Miraculously, Paisley has overcome her fears and is a very loving, playful kitten even with chronic upper respiratory infections. An operation to repair her soft cleft palate deformity will cost between \$4,100 and \$4,800.

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## Paisley *continued*



Like any kitten, Paisley loves to play with toys. Walker and Bowers have enjoyed fostering her.

"Paisley is a fighter more than we even realized since learning what we know now," Bowers said. "She kept trying to eat through the worst part of her life. We aren't willing to give up on her now despite the steep price tag for this lifesaving surgery. We are hoping that HSforBC's generous supporters can help us give Paisley the future that she fought so hard to secure for herself—a chance at finding her forever person and living a long, happy life."

To help with the cost of Paisley's surgery, send a check to Humane Society for Boone County, P.O. Box 708, Lebanon, IN 46052 with her name written on the memo line. Thank you for caring enough to help her.

## Calendar of Events

The Humane Society for Boone County Invites You To  
**SPRING FLING**  
ADOPTION EVENT

**HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY**  
For the Love of Animals

Come to the shelter to meet some of our adoptables  
**Saturday, April 27**  
**11:00 am-2:00 pm**  
5366 Indianapolis Rd  
Use 5370 S Indianapolis Rd if using GPS

Visit [HSforBC.org](http://HSforBC.org)  
to see more available animals.  
Fill out a Meet and Greet if there is one you would like to meet.  
(Not all of our adoptables will be at this event.)

Jack is available at HSforBC  
Link is available at HSforBC

### **UPS Shred Event**

Boone Village  
Zionsville  
Saturday, April 27  
9 a.m. to noon

### **"Hops and Hounds"**

Gateway Park  
Whitestown  
Monday, May 9  
5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### **"Golf Scramble"**

Golf Club of Indiana  
Whitestown  
Monday, May 13  
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
shotgun start at noon

### **Zionsville Farmer's Market**

Main Street  
Saturday, May 25  
7 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

## Older, gentle dog seeks loving family to share forever home

By Kathy Zimmerman and Mark



HSforBC Dog Program volunteers love me! I hope you will too!

Hello! My name is Mark. I'm a handsome, older fellow, 7 to 10 years young, and I'm seeking a loving family.

I'm a medium-sized, white American Staffordshire Terrier, weigh about 63 pounds and have a few health problems. My veterinarian said I have severe allergies so will always need medication and special food. I also have heartworms, but I'm sure my treatment plan will be successful.

Having just left my only long-term relationship due to a change in family dynamics—nothing that was my fault—I am currently living at the Humane Society for Boone County shelter. While everyone here is wonderful, I am looking forward to settling back down into a home of my own.

I enjoy long walks outdoors—though I sometimes do not want to come back inside right away—being active, cuddling up, and plenty of pets and scratches.

I am very sociable and my previous roommates have included humans, other dogs, cats, chickens and even a skunk.

I have a good appetite, and have been told that I'm a real sweetheart.

I would love to meet someone who wants an enthusiastic walking buddy and devoted Best Friend Forever so we can enjoy quiet time together.

If you are a reliable person who believes in forever, I'm your Good Boy! Please contact the Humane Society for Boone County and ask for Mark so we can set up a Meet and Greet time to get to know each other!

## 'Golf Scramble' on May 13 is 'Fore the Love of Animals'

By Wendy Gabers



HSforBC's 10th annual "Golf Scramble" fundraiser is May 13 at the beautiful Golf Club of Indiana course in Whitestown.

Hit the fairways to raise funds "fore" the animals! HSforBC's 10th annual "Golf Scramble" tees off on Monday, May 13, at the Golf Club of Indiana, 6905 S. 525 E., in Whitestown and is always a fun fundraiser.

The event features a foursome shotgun start, delicious lunch, Rubber Ducky long drive competition, on course challenges presented by Dixon Golf, participant gift bags, silent auction and awards following final play.

A foursome registration is \$500 until May 5 and \$550 from May 6 until the "Golf Scramble" is sold out. Go to [HSforBCgolf.givesmart.com](https://HSforBCgolf.givesmart.com) to register your foursome. Check-in begins at

10:30 a.m. followed by a warm-up and lunch. The foursome shotgun start begins at noon.

If you're not a golfer, you can still score a hole in one "fore" the animals by bidding in the silent auction, which features golf related items as well as a variety of sports, animal oriented and decorative offerings. The online silent auction begins on May 5 and ends at noon on May 15. To see and bid on the silent auction items, go to [HSforBCgivesmart.com](https://HSforBCgivesmart.com).

"In addition to our foursome players contributing to this event's success, we're extremely grateful for the support from our generous sponsors," said Susan Austin, interim executive director. "Our 'Leader Board' sponsors are Bone Dry Roofing and Owens Corning, and our returning 'Hole in One' sponsor is Tom Wood Toyota."

Additional sponsors include LA Cafe, Amore, Engineered Solutions Midwest, ms consultants, Ridings Realty Group, Coca Cola Consolidated, Indianapolis Car Exchange, Tito's Handmade Vodka, Kern, Kirtley and Herr, on course tastings from Klooz Brewz, and Indy's Pro Graphix.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are still available as well as individual hole sponsorships, which are discounted with a foursome registration.

For questions or additional information about the event, sponsorship or silent auction, call 877-473-6722 or email [hsforbc@gmail.com](mailto:hsforbc@gmail.com).

**MONDAY MAY 13, 2024**  
10:30 CHECK-IN/WARM UP/LUNCH  
12:00 SHOTGUN START  
AWARDS FOLLOWING FINAL PLAY

Foursomes \$500 until May 5  
\$550 May 6

Individual Hole Sponsor \$250  
(\$200 with a foursome)

**Online Auction**  
Opens May 5-  
Ends Noon May 15  
You do not need to  
be a golfer to bid!

**HUMANE SOCIETY  
FOR BOONE COUNTY**  
For the Love of Animals

Register your foursome and bid  
on auction items at [HSforBCgolf.givesmart.com](https://HSforBCgolf.givesmart.com)

## HSforBC sets a record for dog and cat rescues during 2023

By Mary Ann Garber

2023 was another very good year for HSforBC. Major shelter renovations were finished a year ago in March, and both the Dog Program and Cat Program volunteers rescued a record number of homeless or surrendered dogs, puppies, cats and kittens.

“What an amazing year,” said Susan Austin, interim executive director. “Last year, we had 579 animals in our care at the shelter and in foster homes. That was an additional 66 animals over the prior year and we were still under construction [during the first quarter of the year]. We had 503 adoptions, up from 436 adoptions the year before. Our dog and cat volunteer leads really kicked into high gear to get all those animals adopted so congratulations go to them.”

HSforBC also accepted 94 animals from overcrowded shelters, she said, and some of the rescues were listed as high risk for euthanasia at those facilities.

Throughout the year, HSforBC’s Pet Pantry distributed 32,868 pounds of dry kibble and 25,263 cans of wet food to Boone County pet parents in need of assistance.

“We’re so proud of that program,” Austin said. “It helps keep animals where they need to be—in the home where they’re loved—versus having to be surrendered to us just because the pet owners can’t afford to feed them.”

Last year, Humane Society volunteers logged 17,584 hours of service, she said. Of that number, more than 10,000 hours were donated by volunteers caring for the dogs and cats.

HSforBC further assisted pet owners in need of help by arranging spay or neuter services for 101 animals owned or cared for by community members.

“Our medical volunteers administered 2,262 vaccinations last year,” Austin said, “and we microchipped 492 dogs and cats.”

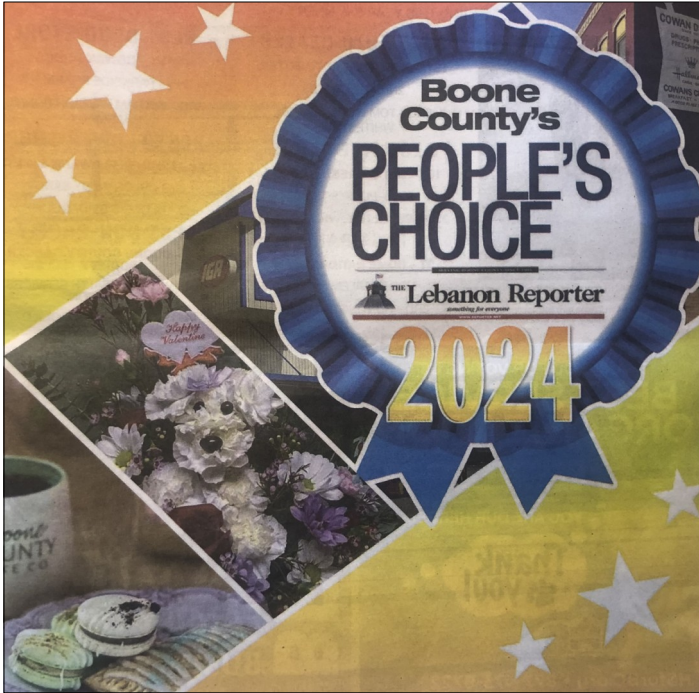
Best of all, HSforBC remains a “No Kill Shelter,” she said, with a live release rate of an amazing 97.04 percent of the dogs and cats in the Humane Society’s care.

That’s lots of good news to celebrate as HSforBC volunteers look ahead to another busy year of helping save the lives of homeless and surrendered dogs, puppies, cats and kittens then preparing them to find their “forever” homes.



April is Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month. This month is dedicated to raising awareness about the mistreatment of animals and finding ways to combat animal cruelty.

## HSforBC earns 'People's Choice' Award for outstanding service



For the third consecutive year, the Humane Society for Boone County was voted "Best Service Organization" in *The Lebanon Reporter's* annual Boone County "People's Choice" Awards competition. HSforBC earned the top community service award again because dedicated volunteers and generous donors continue to support the Humane Society's mission of rescuing homeless and surrendered dogs, puppies, cats and kittens then providing veterinary care and socialization before placing them for adoption in wonderful homes.

## Dine and Donate



Thursday, April 18th  
11:00am-9:00pm

3221 S. US-421, Zionsville  
317-344-2030

Enjoy delicious Mexican cuisine at **Verde** in Zionsville and support HSforBC at the same time! Try a sizzling entry or a traditional favorite and a cocktail and a portion of your bill will be donated to the **Humane Society For Boone County!**

You can dine-in or carryout, but **please mention that you are supporting HSforBC when you order!**

Thank you for your support!!



## Springtime and play time combine for happy shelter dogs



On sunny Spring days, warm breezes delight HSforBC's shelter dogs during their play times in the exercise yards. Elsa, a beautiful white Husky, loves to play chase and wrestle with her canine friends. Jack, a handsome brown Boxer and Terrier mix, and Peanut, a black and white Pit Bull Terrier mix, have fun with Elsa while running around the yard, fetching balls and cuddling stuffies. The Meet and Greet form is online at [hsforbc.org](http://hsforbc.org) under the Adopt and Available Dogs links.

## Donors honor people and pets with gifts to HSforBC

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

Bear Bear

In memory of our boy Tibbs. Our wish would be that every animal be as deeply loved as Tibbs is.

Sunny "Sun Bug" who went to be with his mama

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

Heather Adams

Elaine Bunch

Virginia Burkhammer

Mary Pat Elston

Peggy Hine

Michael Lake

Victoria Moore

Emily Ritchie

Donors recently gave HSforBC gifts in honor of the following friends and loved ones:

Steve David

Lincoln Lewis's 11th birthday

**JUST IN TIME FOR MOTHERS DAY!**



**HANGING BASKETS**  
TO BENEFIT THE HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY

Order your beautiful 10" Mixed Flower Combo Basket for direct sun and lend a helping hand to the homeless animals of Boone County.

**Just \$30 Each • Sale runs April 1–April 26, 2024**  
Order online at [HSforBC.org](https://HSforBC.org)


**Pick up at the shelter**  
5366 S Indianapolis Road, Whitestown

Saturday, April 27	3:00–5:00 PM
Sunday, April 28	12:00–5:00 PM
Monday, April 29	9:00 AM–5:30 PM



**HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY**  
For the Love of Animals

**COME SEE US**  
April 27, 2024 • 9:00 AM–12:00 PM



**Shredding\***

**Come to The UPS Store for a shredding day.**

Bring your business and personal documents  
shred 100 lbs for FREE\*\*



48 Boone Village  
Zionsville, IN 46077

**Drop Off Much Needed Kitten and Puppy Food Donations**

Want to help the homeless animals in Boone County? The shelter is in need of Fancy Feast canned wet kitten food, Purina Kitten Chow and Purina Pro Plan puppy food.

We will have volunteers on hand to answer questions on adopting, fostering, volunteering or on the Humane Society for Boone County in general.

For more information on HSforBC visit

**HSforBC.org**



**HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY**  
For the Love of Animals

**Order now**

# It's puppy and kitten season and we need your help

## HSforBC Puppy Wish List



Small Collars

Washable Pee Pads

Stuffless Toys

## HSforBC Kitten Wish List



Nursing Bottles

Mini Miracle Nipples

Crinkle Balls

All4Pets Velcro Collars

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

## Our Featured Adoptables

Visit [www.hsforbc.org](http://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.



### Olaf

This handsome Husky does well with other dogs. He needs a home with an active family, older children and secure fenced yard.



### Kuma

Sweet Tortoiseshell kitty Kuma is 6 months old and loves cuddles. She is an adventure seeker and very entertaining kitten.



### Lenten Rose

Beautiful Tortoiseshell kitty Lenten Rose is a year old. She is waiting to charm her new owner at Petco in Whitestown.



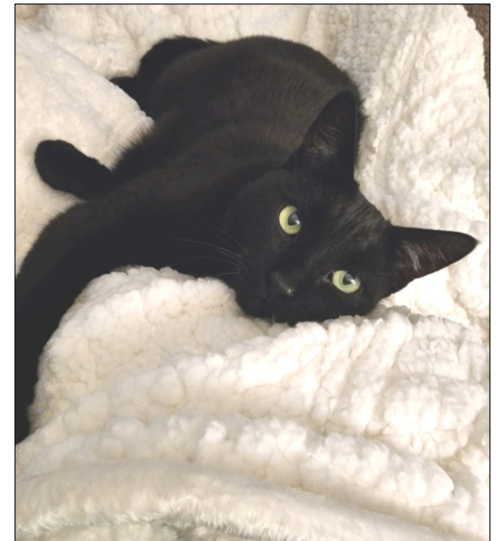
### Night

Tall, dark and handsome Night is a large 1-year-old male German Shepherd mix. He is high energy and sometimes acts nervous.



### Mummy

Sweet Mummy is a pretty Tabby kitty who is almost 2 years old. She would like a quieter home and needs time to get to know her new people.



### Boo Boo

This handsome black panther kitty is 10 years old. He is front declawed.

## Thank You



Thank you to the Hussey-Mayfield Library's Tuesday night youth group for helping pick up trash around our property, cleaning and vacuuming our lobby, and decorating Pet Pantry bags.



Thank you to the Boone Meadow Elementary School students for decorating our medicine bags, painting rocks for our garden and making cute cat toys.



Pleasant View Elementary Preschool surprised us with these wonderful fleece blankets for the shelter! The students measured, cut and tied these blankets! Thank you all so very much! You are helping keep the kitties and pups warm and comfy!

Thank you to Amazon Distribution Center in Whitestown. We received food for the Pet Pantry! The dogs, cats, puppies and kittens in Boone County appreciate your generosity! You are awesome!

**May is Chip Your Pet Month**

**Did your pet go missing?**

**Take these four steps to help find them.**

1. Report your pet missing for free at [petcolovelost.org](https://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.



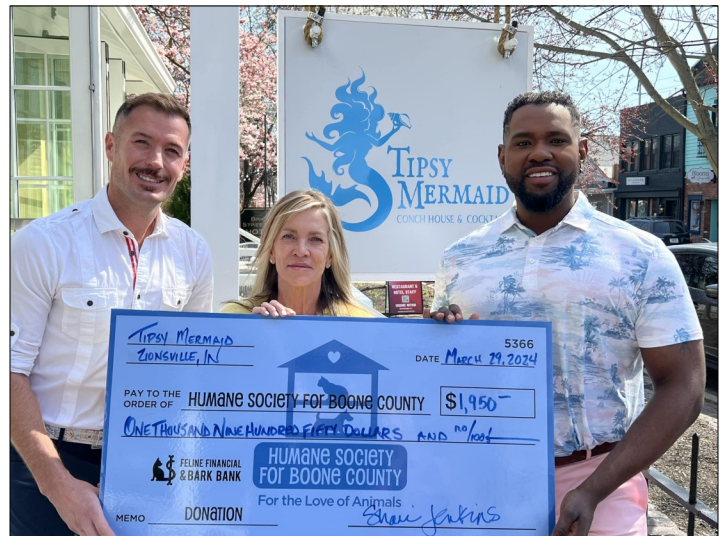
# Thank You



We can't thank MonoSol, L.L.C. enough! Their employees spent two days at the shelter recently and did so much work! They opened and sorted more than 10 boxes of donations, got all the food ready for Pet Pantry, bagged food, mopped and cleaned the building, and put together hanging file inserts for our filing cabinets. Thanks so much!



Thank you, Eleanor! She adopted Pippin from HSforBC last year, and brought kitten food just in time for the start of kitten season.




Many thanks to Shari Jenkins at Topsy Mermaid for hosting three days of "Dine and Donate" fundraising for us! Thanks to all that dined. It's a wonderful way to support us! We can't wait to do this again very soon! Thank you!

**Heartworms are spread through the bite of a mosquito.**

**It takes only 6 months for larvae to mature into adult heartworms.**

**Symptoms to watch for include:**

- Coughing
- Reluctance to exercise
- Decreased appetite
- Fatigue after moderate activity




**Heartworms can lead to lung disease, heart failure and organ damage.**

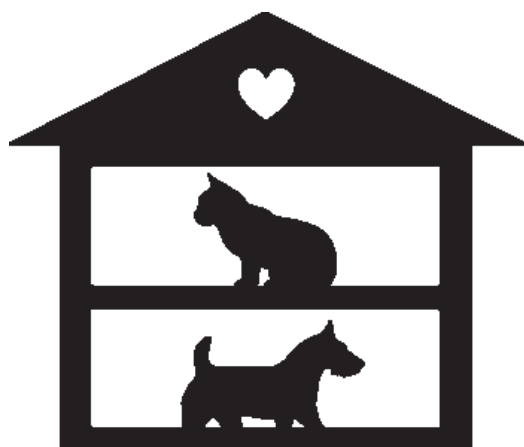
**Heartworms are more common in dogs, but can effect cats also.**

**Heartworm is a serious disease that can be prevented by medication and tested for annually.**

**April is Heartworm Awareness Month**

Don't let your pet be one of the many infected with this fatal, but 100% preventable condition. Talk to your vet today.





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## **Donate to Humane Society for Boone County**

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.

### **Humane Society for Boone County**

P.O. Box 708  
Lebanon, Indiana 46052  
(877) 473-6722 or (877) HSforBC  
Visit our website: [www.hsforbc.org](http://www.hsforbc.org)

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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One time / or for recurring monthly donations contact us at [HSforBC@gmail.com](mailto:HSforBC@gmail.com)

(Gifts to the Humane Society for Boone County are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.)