

August 2022

## Grants kick off shelter renovation

By Tracy Coussens



Maddie Muller with Petco, HSforBC Executive Director Susan Austin and HSforBC Board President Amy Rader pose with the grant check on June 21.

HSforBC recently received \$35,000 in grants from two national non-profits: \$20,000 from the Petco Love Foundation and \$15,000 from The Friends for Pets Foundation.

Petco Love presented the grant to HSforBC Executive Director Susan Austin during a special celebration at Whitestown Mills Petco at 6298 Mills Drive, Suite 300, on June 21.

“Our investment in Humane Society for Boone County is part of more than \$15 million in investments recently announced by Petco Love to power local organizations across the country as part of our com-

mitment to create a future in which no pet is unnecessarily euthanized,” said Susanne Kogut, president of Petco Love.

Similarly, The Friends for Pets Foundation was “thoroughly impressed with the innovative work that you are doing and hope that this award will assist your organization in continuing those important rescue efforts,” wrote Torin Monahan, Executive Director of the Friends for Pets Foundation. That check will arrive at HSforBC in the next few weeks.

Petco Love is a national nonprofit that supports organizations such as HSforBC by awarding grants, investing in pet health and adoptions, and helping find loving homes for pets. The Friends For Pets Foundation is a fully volunteer, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to providing veterinary care, comprehensive evaluation and adoptive homes for animals who are abandoned, mistreated, neglected or left in shelters.

HSforBC plans to use the awarded grant money from both organizations to help pay for the shelter renovation, which began on July 11.

“This is a planned expansion and renovation of the shelter to reduce stress, reduce the risk of cross-contamination of illnesses when new pets come in and allow us all more efficient use of the building when completed,” explained Austin.

One of the more visible components of the first renovation phase will be the construction of a catio near a new front entrance.

“The renovation of the free roam room to include a catio area will allow us to care for more cats while providing much needed enrichment to help minimize the stress of a shelter home,” said Austin. “With the support of Petco Love and The Friends for Pets Foundation and their commitment to shelters, we are able to turn dreams into reality.”

## Final "Paws and Claws Ride for Rescues" was a fun fundraiser

LAST RIDE!

HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY  
For the Love of Animals

# Motorcycle Ride

Presented by: ALL ANIMALS VETERINARY CLINIC

With Pound Pals: BONE DRY, BOSE, MCKINNEY & EVANS LLP, Pulte HOMES, etc.

Top Dog Sponsors: The Arc, Benu, Betsy Ridge, Center, easy@henies, FANCHER mortgage, First Mile SECURITY, etc.

The final "Paws and Claws Ride for Rescues" on August 14 raised more than \$11,000 for the kitties and puppies at the shelter. Thank you Lebanon Police Department, Whitestown Police Department and Boone County Sheriffs Department for your guidance during the benefit ride. We all felt better knowing you were there to ensure our safety. And thank you to all the wonderful participants and sponsors who made this fun fundraising event possible each year.

## Our featured adoptables



**Jagger**

He is a handsome boy. His snow white coat highlights his two-toned eyes. He can be a little nervous at first, and has typical husky behaviors, so an experienced owner is a plus. He is about a year old and is a total love bug. He is very intelligent and talkative.



**Kittens**

We have a lot of wonderful kittens available for adoption. Click [here](#) to view kittens or go to [hsforbc.org](http://hsforbc.org), select Adopt on top menu, then select Available Cats.

**Donate**

## Thank you

The Clintoneers 4-H Club hosted a bake sale to raise funds for the kitties and puppies. Thank you!

Uncle Bill's brought us more than 1,000 pounds of dry dog food and multiple cases of canned dog food and treats. Thank you for helping us help the animals of Boone County.

Thank you, Amelia, for making the amazing cat boxes for the "No Dogs Allowed" future catio room. She earned her Bronze Award for Junior Girl Scouts.

Annalise and Sophia asked for donations to HSforBC instead of gifts for their half birthdays. Thank you, girls!

Kroger shoppers earned \$847.60 for us from April 1 through June 30. Keep on shopping!

Thank you, Jasmine and Brooklyn, for your donations. Our kitties love you.

## What could be more 'purrfect'? Triplets adopt triplet kittens

By Mary Ann Garber



The Vitale triplets—Chiara, Viktor and Sofia—and their parents, Joe and Lara Vitale, adopted the "Shrek" triplet kittens on July 29 after helping to foster them.

Teeny tiny triplets.

Three newborn kittens discovered by construction workers on a commercial building site at Anson on May 12 miraculously survived after their mother could not be found and a worker rushed them to the Vetco Total Care veterinary clinic at Petco in Whitestown.

"We are so grateful the construction workers cared enough to deliver them to a veterinarian," said Dawn Walker, HSforBC's Feline Program director. "Otherwise, they would have died in the 90-plus degree heat. We nearly lost Shrek, the smallest one. He was receiving intravenous fluids every few hours and pooping constantly."

HSforBC volunteer kitten foster Jules Yates expertly bottle fed the tinies, who were only a few days old, every two hours and massaged them gently to help stimulate their output of urine and stool.

"She didn't give up on him and he didn't give up either," Walker said. "With around the clock care and persistence of the foster, Shrek is now a big healthy boy."

A second foster family—Joe and Lara Vitale and their triplets Chiara, Viktor and Sofia—provided the second phase of in home care after the kittens were old enough to eat cat food and drink water.

Two and a half months later, the three little kittens named for "Shrek" movie characters had received age appropriate veterinary care, including spay or neuter and vaccinations, and were ready for their forever homes.

Then yet another miracle resulted in the "purrfect" adoption story. The triplet kittens—two Tabbies and a black and white Tuxedo named Fiona, Shrek and Donkey—were adopted together by their second foster family on July 29 and renamed Fi-Fi, Benny and Bonkey.

"The relationship my triplets have with these triplet kittens is amazing," Lara Vitale said. "We actually are first-time fosters for HSforBC. We fostered and volunteered previously elsewhere. We decided to open our home when we heard there was a shortage of fosters this summer for kittens. The first fosters really had the hard work and did an amazing job with them. The 'Shrek' kittens were still very young and just finishing up on bottle feeding. ... Once the trios met it was just a perfect match. ... There was just something special between all of them."

The Vitales own other pets so the "Shrek" kittens have canine, feline, rat and fish brothers and sisters who all get along well. Their senior male cat helped with fostering too.

"We had no intention of asking for the adoption," she said, "but after seeing the bond between our children and the kittens we just knew there was no separating all of them. Just one of those connections you see and know in your heart the fit is perfect. ... All of the

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## Triplets continued ...



kittens must kiss every single person they come in contact with. They love hugs and snuggles. ... No matter where I look there is a triplet with a triplet."

The Vitales hope to continue fostering as HSforBC volunteers.

"We want to thank HSforBC and all the fosters who give their time and efforts to help the animals that cross their paths," Lara Vitale said. "There is so much compassion and long hours behind the scenes. Everyone really goes above and beyond."

## Did your pet go missing?

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

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



### About Petco Love

Petco Love is a life-changing nonprofit organization that makes communities and pet families closer, stronger and healthier. Since our founding in 1999 as the Petco Foundation, we've empowered animal welfare organizations by investing \$330 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. We've helped find loving homes for more than 6.5 million pets in partnership with Petco and organizations nationwide.

Our love for pets drives us to lead with innovation, creating tools animal lovers need to reunite lost pets, and lead with passion, inspiring and mobilizing communities and our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners to drive lifesaving change alongside us. Join us. Visit [petcolove.org](http://petcolove.org) or follow on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn to be part of the lifesaving work we lead every day.

## Upcoming events

**Mums for Mutts** - click [here](#) to order online  
Sunday, August 14, through Sunday, September 5

**Kiwanis Coolest Dog / Coolest Cat Contest**  
Friday, September 9, through Sunday, October 9

**Zionsville Fall Festival**  
Friday, September 9, through Sunday, September 11

**Kris Rotunda Facebook Live**  
Monday, September 19  
6 pm to 10 pm

**Zionsville Farmers Market**  
Saturday, September 24

**Maplelawn Farmstead Harvest Market**  
Saturday, October 1



A FUNDRAISER FOR THE  
**HUMANE SOCIETY  
FOR BOONE COUNTY**

Annual September  
**MUM SALE**

Purchase Online at [HSforBC.org](https://HSforBC.org)  
August 14–September 5

10"	\$10
12"	\$20
14" /grass	\$30

Colors: Red, Yellow, Pink, Bronze

**Mums for Mutts!**  
Help support the dogs (and cats) at the Humane Society for Boone County by purchasing your fall mums from us. We will be accepting pre-orders with online credit card payment. Additional mums will be available for cash or credit card purchase at the shelter during pre-paid pick up hours.

**Pre-Paid Pick Up**  
September 14–September 17  
Wed–Fri 5:00 pm–7:30 pm  
Sat 10:00 am–4:00 pm  
5366 S Indianapolis Rd, Whitestown



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Zionsville  
*Fall Festival*  
**CHILLS & THRILLS**  
IN LIONS PARK  
September 9–11, 2022

Visit the Humane Society for  
Boone County in the Pet Pavilion  
See some of our adoptables and purchase our mums to help support the shelter  
Saturday 11:00–6:00 • Sunday 11:00–5:00

**HUMANE SOCIETY  
FOR BOONE COUNTY**

**Howl at the Moontown**  
Friday, October 28

**LA Cafe 5K Run**  
Saturday, October 29  
11 am

**Giving Tuesday**  
Tuesday, November 29

**Whiskerfest**  
Saturday, December 3

## Did you know?

September is **Happy, Healthy Cat Month**.

September 8 is **National Hug Your Hound Day**.

October is **Adopt a Shelter Dog Month**.

## “Join the Challenge”

Construction work is underway to expand the shelter’s kennel, clinic and office areas in order to better serve the needs of Boone County’s homeless dogs and cats. Click [here](#) for more information about the shelter expansion.

You can support HSforBC as we complete these much needed expansions with a gift of any amount.

“Join the Challenge” to help us fund the shelter renovations! Your donations will go directly to the dog kennel isolation runs or the catio buildout for our feline friends.

You can join online at:

**Crazy Cat Catio Club**

**K-9 Kennel Krewe Klub**

If you prefer to mail a check, please send it to:

Humane Society for Boone County

P.O. Box 708

Lebanon, IN 46052

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

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept my gift of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the club that you want your gift to support:

Crazy Cat Catio Club

K-9 Kennel Krewe Klub

(Gifts to the Humane Society for Boone County are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Receipts will be mailed for each gift.)

## Grainery litter breed contest results

### Breed Summary

### Congratulations, Julie Yates.

Julie, you are the only person who guessed the #1 and #2 breeds correctly for the Grainery/Potato Pups.



### Hominy

Mixed Breed

52.9% American Pit Bull Terrier

25.2% German Shepherd Dog

21.9% Australian Shepherd

We hope you like our new e-newsletter format.

We are thrilled to offer our information in an electronic format which allows us to save money previously spent on paper, ink and stamps. This change makes additional funds available to help more cats and dogs.

We appreciate your support and want to keep you up to date on all things HSforBC.

Pawsitively yours,  
The volunteers, board and staff of HSforBC



## **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)

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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)

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