

Humane Society for Boone County

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A photograph of a brown and white dog, possibly a pit bull mix, standing in a grassy field with fallen yellow and orange leaves. The dog is wearing a blue collar and is looking towards the right. A blue leash is visible extending from the dog's collar towards the right edge of the frame. The background shows a line of trees with autumn foliage and a dark fence.

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Thank You



This is Claire. She recently celebrated her 8th birthday and asked for donations for HSforBC. Thank you, young lady. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and kind heart. The animals love you.



Thank you to our friends at The Farmers Bank! These troopers painted our inside kennel runs, sorted collars, washed windows and mopped floors! All in a day of service. Thank you all.



Thank you to our friends in the Willow Ridge neighborhood. They collected donations for Humane Society for Boone County at their summer party. Thank you so much.



Humane Society for Boone County volunteers Susan and Tony Chavez transformed the landscaping at the shelter with lots of weed pulling and trimming on a beautiful early autumn day. Susan also volunteers for the shelter cat care program. Thanks so much for your hard work, Susan and Tony!

Thank you to Mrs. Jennifer Hamelmann's third grade class at Union Elementary for the wonderful toss and tug toys. The dogs love them.



Chase, formerly HSforBC's Opie, is a special cat. In July, owner Ian Malicoat earned a collection of championship ribbons and the grand champion trophy during the 4-H Cat Show competition at the Boone County Fair. Ian used his birthday money to pay for Chase's adoption fee, and has provided excellent care and training for his beloved pet. Congratulations, Ian and Chase, on your outstanding awards.



Cover Photo:
Wobbles is about 30 lbs and is a Terrier Dachshund mix. He is good with other dogs, but chases cats. He is still working on potty training. He loves to get petted and play with his toys.



Sign up at <http://smile.amazon.com>. You can designate HSforBC as your target charity. The **Amazon Smile** donation for 2019 3rd quarter is \$199.93. To date, Amazon Smile has donated a total of \$2,294.43.

Thank you, shoppers.

If You Cannot find Your Pet

Post a current photo of your pet on facebook - the HSforBC pages, Lebanon Chatter, etc. Give a good cross street for reference.

Keep microchip info up to date.

Call all area veterinarians. Most have bulletin boards for your 'Lost Pet' flyer.

Call HSforBC at 877-473-6722 and leave your pet's details on our recording. We check messages frequently and will return your call. Or email the details with some good images to: hsforbc@gmail.com.

Place a "Lost Pet" ad in The Lebanon Reporter 765-482-4650. You may wish to place ads in the newspapers of outlying areas as well.

Call neighboring county humane societies. Many animals are turned in to shelters miles from their owner's home. A personal visit is recommended if the pet is not found within a few days or weeks.

When you find your lost pet don't forget to notify everyone. Also, carefully examine your pet for illness or injury.



HSforBC 2020 Calendar

Suggested donation \$10

Available at HSforBC events, Pleasant Paws, Zionsville Animal Hospital, Lebanon Vet Clinic, All Animals Vet Clinic, VCA Animal Hospital (Oak St location).

Foster and Adopt Special Needs Pets by Brenda Clark

After I had been an HSforBC volunteer for six months, I decided to take the next step and foster a dog. I chose Boomer. He was an intelligent nine year old Rat Terrier and was obese, about 33 pounds. Once we were home with my pack he seemed to freak out. I don't think he had been socialized to other dogs. He would get in a trance-like state and stare at the wall, licking and drooling. Sometimes he would attack one of the dogs. A trainer diagnosed him as having OCD and anxiety. A vet suggested a generic version of Prozac for life. I was warned that sometimes this medication can make behaviors worse, but I took the chance. His behavior improved about 80% and a thunder coat also helped with his anxiety. His weight dropped to a normal 22 pounds for his size. With time he began to like his new home. I thought it would have been stressful for him to adjust to another home and for another home to adjust to him. So, I adopted him. Boomer went on to become a slightly normal member of the pack. He even had a fun side and enjoyed making me laugh. He liked to run errands with me.

I have had other "special needs" dogs.

One of Boomer's pack mates was Izzy, a rescued Coonhound that lived her first few months with a feral pack. Izzy had medical issues that began at age two with cataract surgery. At 10 years old she needed an anti-inflammatory for hip dysplasia. At age 12 she began having seizures requiring anti-seizure meds. At age 14 her hair began falling out and she was put on thyroid meds. And a few months later she had a torn ACL and spent the next six weeks in physical therapy, which helped a lot. I used a pill organizer because she took four meds 2 times daily for her last few years of life.

Sheila, another pack mate, is a 12 year old Cattle Dog. She began losing her vision five years ago. I first noticed her pupils were always huge. I took her to the vet and she had a kidney infection. For the next few years it seemed she could see shadows and light. During the day when the sun was bright she would get around better than at night. For these last two years she seems to see very little. She knows where the furniture is, she knows where the doors are.

Sometimes she bumps into walls, furniture, and the fence. I help guide her by making noises like snapping my fingers, stomping my feet, and by calling her name and tapping on the doors when she is making her way to the house. I've found she doesn't want to be picked up, she would rather find her own way. I do not rearrange the furniture. Since she gets so nervous leaving home, the vet makes house calls. Sheila is my couch snuggle doggy.

And finally there is Freddy, another one of my HSforBC foster dogs. He was adopted by a family and did well with the children, but three years later needed to be rehomed. He is high strung, often whining and barking to extremes. He can go crazy barking at thunder, loud cars, and fireworks. Freddy can be very annoying. Thinking he would continue to cycle through shelters and families, I decided to keep him. He gets along with the other dogs. A really good thing about Freddy is he is a great guard dog!

Only two of the pack remain now, Sheila and Freddy. Izzy crossed over in August at age 16. She was a gentle soul and loved the other dogs. I was often amazed at how much she trusted me. Boomer developed heart problems and crossed over in October at age 14. It makes me happy that he got to spend his last five years as a somewhat normal dog. I have loved all of these special dogs and would take them all again.

Thank you to the professionals who helped guide me. By accident I became a caretaker for dogs with special needs. Caring for my dogs has not always be easy. But they have been worth it.



The Benefits of Fostering for Pets and Their Fosters

Fostering provides an animal opportunities for socialization, exploration, and expressing a wide range of normal behaviors. Fostering also provides animals a great place for recovery from medical issues.

Kittens and puppies need to be socialized and monitored properly during the first few weeks after birth. For long stay animals, fostering increases exposure to the public (your friends, relatives and people you meet with your pet) and makes it more likely the pet will be adopted. When pets leave the shelter environment, they have better access to training. This is especially critical for dogs that have not lived inside a home before, and for pets that struggle with inappropriate bathroom and/or greeting behaviors. Cats benefit from the stimuli and interaction of a home environment.

Unsocialized dogs struggle with the move into a home, others have issues with their exposure to new people and pets. Foster homes allow the dog time to adjust to new situations, unfamiliar people or to become accustomed to being around one person for

extended periods of time. Fostering can be especially helpful for dogs in the "gray area" of adoptability.

The benefits for the pet are many. The animal has an opportunity to live in a more personal and loving setting. It also provides a safe and secure place where the pet's true personality can be seen. This observation can be helpful in determining the best environment for placing that particular animal. Most people want to know all they can about their perspective pets before adopting, and fosters can provide that information. Another important benefit to animals in foster care is the love, individual attention, and training (if needed) they receive there.

Fosters experience the joy of knowing that an animal will be placed in a loving home due to their efforts. Fosters free up space in shelters for other animals that need to be rescued. Many of our adoptive families send updates on their new pets and contact their former fosters to let them know how they are doing, and even to pet sit.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Giving Tuesday

December 2, 2019

Watch Facebook for info

Whiskerfest

Saturday, December 7th

10:00am – 4:00pm

Whitestown Municipal Complex

Pet photos with Santa

30+ vendors

Adoption Event with Santa

Saturday, December 21st

11:00am - 1:00pm

PetValu Zionsville

Fur Ball

February 22, 2020

Golf Club of Indiana, The Cardinal Room

\$50 per person, or \$500 per table of 10

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. Click on "foster/adopt/vol" on the menu at the top of the page.

Boone County Sheriff
Animal Control Division

Under county ordinance, ID is now required for domestic animals residing in Boone County. This is effective June 1, 2019. The ID can be in the form of a tag attached to a collar (displaying the owner's name, address, phone), or it can be a properly registered microchip.

Kitten's big adventure ends happily

By Mary Ann Garber

When Megan Smith posted a notice on Facebook that her son's barn kitten was missing from their rural Lafayette farm and may have hitched a ride inside the engine of their truck, she never expected to find her safe a day later more than 35 miles away in Lebanon.

"It's a long shot but it's worth a try," Smith wrote in the post on October 19. "We are missing our grey female kitten, Wolfie. Our son is going to be so upset when he gets home. Wolfie is notorious for climbing up in our vehicles, but normally she's out and about when we are leaving. Today we didn't check."

Smith explained that, "At different times today we've been to Menard's, Lowe's and the Family Express on [State Road] 52. I also ran my daughter downtown to her dance lessons. Like I said, a long shot. If you or someone you know has found our sweet girl, please reach out! Please share if you're willing."

Little did she know that Wolfie had jumped out of the truck engine during one of their stops then climbed into the engine of a car headed to Lebanon. That car apparently stopped in the Brendan Wood neighborhood. Wolfie once again got out of that engine and later found a hiding place under the hood of a minivan parked in a driveway.

The next morning, the minivan owner drove to the Countryside neighborhood to pick up a relative then headed south on Elm Swamp Road en route to a Colts football game in downtown Indianapolis. A few houses north of a HSforBC volunteer's home, they were saddened to hear meows coming from under the hood.

Anxious to get to the NFL game on time, they left the minivan in a friend's driveway and took another vehicle to Indianapolis. Another relative opened the hood of the van and saw a grey kitten jump out then run across the road to the Chadwick neighborhood. Yet another relative contacted the HSforBC volunteer, who took a humane trap to the area in search of what she thought was a community cat from the Brendan Wood neighborhood.



Hoping to trap the cat for TNR (Trap, Neuter or Spay, and Return) she searched on both sides of the road. About to give up, she meowed a few times then heard a response from the engine of the minivan. Amazingly, the cat had returned to the hiding place in the car after everyone left the yard.

When a relative opened the hood a second time and removed the manifold cover, the HSforBC volunteer was able to reach into the engine and pick up the friendly but very scared kitten from beneath the battery. Obviously, this kitten was someone's pet so she posted the kitten's photo and rescue details on the HSforBC Facebook page then brought her home to give her a flea bath, food and keep her safe in an extra bathroom.

Later that day, Christopher Robbins saw Megan Smith's post and the HSforBC post. Grey kitten. Car engine. It was definitely a long shot, but he contacted Smith, who quickly responded on Facebook and called the Helpline.

"I will cry if this is our kitten," Smith told the Humane Society volunteer. "I'm so glad you found her. We drove around looking and looking at the places we went to yesterday."

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On October 21, Smith and her three children drove down to Lebanon to see if this grey kitten was their Wolfie. It was hard to decide who was the happiest. She snuggled with the kitten while blinking back tears then Wolfie jumped up on her shoulder. The children were amazed that their barn kitten had traveled so far in such a short time.

Two days later, Smith sent a thank you message to the volunteer. "Wolfie is great," she wrote. "It took her a couple days to be back to her normal self but she's good. She slept the whole first day she got home!"

This happy ending serves as a poignant reminder for the Smiths and other drivers to check the car engine for adventurous cats before turning on the car.

We have kittens



Ladybug and Cricket! Both females!



Firefly—coming soon

Whiskerfest

Holiday Craft Show & Pet Photo With Santa Event
benefiting the

HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY

Saturday, December 7, 2019
10:00 am-4:00 pm

Whitestown Municipal Complex
6210 Veterans Drive, Whitestown In 46075

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Vendors Now

Lunch Available
On-site

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Our ADORABLE ADOPTABLES

Visit 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

1-877-473-6722 (877-HSforBC) or fill out the form on our website.



Lulu

Lulu loves to play in a sack. She is independent and snuggles on her own terms. She does not like to be picked up, but will follow you everywhere. She likes to be in the same room with you and involved in what you're doing. Do you need a project supervisor or helper? Let Lulu assist you! She lives in a foster home with dogs and she is good with young children.



Chip

Chip is a sweet terrier mix, about two years old. He is shy, but warms up quickly. He loves attention and playing. At 25 pounds is he is a good size for any family.



Vixen

This beautiful girl is energetic and loves people. She loves to run, and would make a great running buddy or playmate.



Tootie

Little Tootie is living in an HSforBC foster home with other kittens. She is very smart, affectionate and playful.



Gregory

Gregory is a handsome guy that loves attention. He is a high energy, sit-trained, ball chasing companion. He likes long walks and belly rubs. And he gives big kisses too!

Calling all animal lovers!!

As you are planning your gift giving this year, can we humbly ask you to remember to include the dogs and cats in our care at HSforBC?

The Boone County Community needs our help more than ever. We are helping with feed for feral cat colonies, we handled a major hoarding situation and kitten season is now seems to be year-round. Our trap-neuter-return help for feral/ community cats is starting to show real results – but it can't stop now.

Just today, we rushed a dog to the ER after it ate prescription meds and a kitty with a broken back injury. One life is hanging in the balance at the ER vet and another life lost. We are only able to respond because of your support.

For those who think - my donation won't make a difference - let us reassure you – your donation makes a HUGE difference!!

\$5 helps provide the first round of vaccinations for a dog or cat

\$10 helps provide flea/tick or heartworm meds to that same animal

\$15 provides a box of scoopable cat litter

\$20 provides a microchip to an animal before adoption

\$40 spays or neuters a cat or kitten keeping the population in control and

\$75 provides for the biggest of our doggies to be spayed or neutered.

Gifts of \$200 or more help us begin treatment of heartworm infected dogs, or help pay emergency medical bills. Every penny is put to good use.

You decide how your donation is used – for medical care, for general operating expenses, as needed or to give the gift that keeps on giving by donating to the HSforBC endowment held at the Community Foundation. Whichever direction you decide to go, know that your donation is used as you intend it to be used. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

You may mail your donation to:

Humane Society for Boone County

P.O. BOX 708

LEBANON, IN 46052 (note in memo how to use your donation)

Secure online donations can be made at our website www.boonecountyhumane.org.

To give the gift that keeps on giving – send your donation directly to:

Community Foundation (CFBC)

102 N Lebanon Street

Lebanon, IN 46052 (with a note in the memo line: CFBC - HSforBC Endowment Fund)

From all the doggies and kitties helped because you donated, we thank you again for your donation and wish you the happiest of holidays.

The volunteers of Humane Society for Boone County



Humane Society for Boone County

Membership Application

For the Love of Animals

P.O.Box 708
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www.boonecountyhumane.org



Contact Information

Name	
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Phone	
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Newsletter Preference	Email _____ USPS _____

Membership Levels

<input type="checkbox"/> FRIEND - \$20.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame.
<input type="checkbox"/> GUARDIAN - \$50.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, and 10% discount on adoptions.
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFENDER - \$250.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, and 15% discount on adoptions.
<input type="checkbox"/> PROTECTOR - \$500.00 +	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, and 20% discount on adoptions and HSforBC apparel.
<input type="checkbox"/> 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. We are solely supported by contributions, grants, bequests, 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.](#)

Humane Society for Boone County Wishlist

Bolded items are biggest needs currently

Dogs & Puppies

Jolly Balls (all sizes)

Kongs

(all sizes, especially larger ones)

Martingale-style collars

(all sizes)

Greenie's Pill Pockets

Adopt Me harness

Durable toys

Fleece blankets

Canned pumpkin

6' Heavy duty slip leads

Stainless Steel Buckets
(9 quart size)

Puppy pads

Cats & Kittens

Weighted stainless steel bowls for kittens

Corrugated scratch boxes

Washable pet beds

Kitty litter
(clumpable/scoopable)

Adult and kitten food
(dry & canned)

Toys

KMR Powder
(kitten milk replacement)

Nursing bottles

Stainless steel feeding bowls
(small sizes)

Pill pockets

Cleaning Supplies

Paper towels

Garbage bags

(tall kitchen to heavy duty
13 and 45 or 55 gallon)

Dish soap (original Dawn)

Unscented liquid laundry
detergent

Sponges

Antibacterial hand soap

Scotch Brite scrub sponges

Clorox/Lysol wipes

Individual hand sanitizer

Office Supplies

Stamps

Copy paper

(8.5" x 11" and 11" x 17")

Card stock

(8.5" x 11" and 11" x 17")

Permanent markers

Staples

Envelopes (#10 size & larger)

Dry erase markers



Miscellaneous

Money

Gas cards (for bus)

**Gift cards for pet stores or
that can be used anywhere**

Fur Ball Auction items

Garden tools

Zip-lock bags (all sizes)

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