

Humane Society for Boone County

# ***SHELTER TAILS***

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A brown and white pit bull dog is sitting on a wooden deck. The dog has a white blaze on its face and white markings on its chest and paws. It is wearing a teal and black collar with a black buckle. A teal leash is attached to the collar and lies on the deck. The dog is looking directly at the camera. In the background, there is a black chain-link fence and some trees under a clear blue sky.

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# Thank You

Many thanks to the Brownie Troop from Forest Glen Elementary School in Lawrence Township for their wonderful donation of a box of hand-made cardboard cat scratchers. Our foster families and shelter kitties thank you for saving the furniture.



Quinn Lyday and Troop 112 finished his Eagle Scout project. We are so impressed by the attention to detail in his planning to create a wonderful, sturdy set of platforms that our dogs will love to play on. All of us, especially the doggies at Humane Society for Boone County, say thank you, Quinn.



Thank you to the employees of the Town of Whitestown and the Boone County Economic Development Commission for sharing their talents with us at the shelter recently for a day of service. You lightened the load for our regular volunteers, and we appreciate it so very much.

## Cover Photo:

Omar is a big sweetie and has done well with all people. He has been good with a female dog at the shelter. He walks well on leash. He will sit on command and is loyal. He likes being around his humans.



## Daisies Troop 3892 visit the shelter on October 4, 2020

They inventoried shirts while they were there. The girls also had a donation drive for HSforBC. Thank you, girls! We appreciate your hard work.

December is **National Cat Lover's Month**. To celebrate, order our 2021 calendar online at [www.hsforbc.org](http://www.hsforbc.org).

## Moontown Brewing Company

Moontown Brewing Company in Whitestown held its annual Howl-at-the-Moontown event from October 25 through October 31. They donated 10% of draft beer sales to Humane Society for Boone County for a total of \$776.

Thank you  
Moontown Brewing Company  
Bottoms Up



# November Is 'Adopt a Senior Pet Month'

By Brenda Clark

Kittens and puppies are usually the first to be adopted in shelters, which means the older animals hang around longer. But senior pets often come with perks. They tend to be housebroken, and need very little training and leave few messes. They are usually more laid back.

I have adopted a few senior dogs over the years. Usually they already know some commands like sit and stay. They already know how to ride in the car and walk on a leash. Their chewing days are far behind them. The senior dogs demand less attention, making them a good choice for older people and families with young kids. And I've always felt they understand what you are doing for them.

My first senior adoptee was a 9-year-old German Shorthair Pointer mix named Shelby. It was the summer of 2010. People were losing their homes because of the 2009 market crash and could no longer keep their pets. There were stories on TV about shelters with stacks of cages in their entries because so many pets had to be surrendered.

I had room for another dog and wanted to find a true rescue. So I decided to adopt an older dog.

I visited a local shelter several times. One of the volunteers pointed out Shelby.



Shelby, on the right, rests with one of my dogs.

She told me all about Shelby's sweet personality. Her owners had to give her up because they lost their home and dogs were not allowed in their rental. On the ride home, Shelby was so happy to be going somewhere and she did very well in the car. Shelby fit in with us from the start. She was housebroken, and got along well with my other two dogs. She had no aggression. Shelby even cooperated well at the vet.

The only training she needed was for the doggy door and that took about 30 minutes.

Shelby was a great addition to our family.

HSforBC has partnered with Kroger on a fundraiser using Kroger's Community Rewards Program. Kroger periodically donates money back to HSforBC based on purchases tied to registered cards.

For 2020, we have received \$638.62 for the first quarter, \$615.16 for the second quarter, and \$641.78 for the third quarter. That is \$1895.56 total so far for 2020.

Go online to [kroger.com/communityrewards](https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards). List HSforBC as your organization. HSforBC's Organization Number is **SI396**.

Thank you  
Kroger and  
Kroger shoppers



Thank you to **PetValu Zionsville** for all you have done for Humane Society for Boone County. April, we will miss you and your hardworking staff when the store closes. You have been a true friend to HSforBC!

## DKP 2020 Olympics

By Nick Burris

About a year ago, we were introduced to some pretty amazing people (and dogs) at the Humane Society for Boone County. We hadn't planned on adopting a new pup just yet, but weren't closed off to the idea if we found a match. That's when we met Harper (formerly Ginger). This picture was taken on the day I met her. Her story is pretty amazing and it's just as amazing how the Humane Society for Boone County got her (and her sister) out of their not-so-good situation.

This year, our company is having a friendly competition (DKP Olympics) to raise money for a few nonprofit organizations in Boone County. It just so happens the Humane Society for Boone County is one of the organizations we are raising money for. A small donation of \$5 or \$10 can help tremendously with food and flea/tick treatments for the animals that are waiting for their forever home.

More details on how your monetary contributions can help are provided in the gofundme link below. I really want to send a very big thank you to all volunteers who are supporting this organization with their time and efforts.

To donate visit

[www.gofundme.com/f/dkp-olympics-2020-hsbc](http://www.gofundme.com/f/dkp-olympics-2020-hsbc)



Each year, DK Pierce and Associates of Zionsville partners with local organizations to raise money for the community. The DKP staff is divided into two teams. The teams complete challenges during the month of November. This year, Team Purple has joined forces with the Zionsville Fire Department to raise funds for the Boys and Girls Club of Boone County. Team Teal has joined with the Boone County Sheriff's Office to raise funds for Humane Society for Boone County.

Thank you to our friends at DKP.

Celebrate **"National Prevent a Litter Month"** in February. It is a time to encourage pet owners to spay and neuter their animals.

### **Boone County Sheriff Animal Control Division**

Effective June 1, 2019, under the county ordinance, all domestic animals residing in Boone County must have a microchip or tag attached securely to the collar. Microchips don't fall off. Ask your vet at your next visit how you can provide permanent identification for your pet.

Check out our Wishlist at  
[www.hsforbc.org/wishlist](http://www.hsforbc.org/wishlist)

# HSforBC Board Volunteers Are Dedicated Animal Lovers

By Mary Ann Garber

A veterinarian, special education teacher, certified public accountant and health care professional are serving the Humane Society for Boone County as Executive Committee members of the 2020-21 volunteer Board of Directors.

Dr. Amy Rader of Thorntown, a veterinarian with NVA Zionsville Animal Hospital, is the new President of the Board of Directors. She will serve a three-year term in that office.

"I have been an animal advocate for my entire life," Rader said. "As a child, the injured, sick, lost, pregnant, hungry and unwanted animals in Huntington County magically appeared on our door step. I would nurse them back to health and then we would find them permanent homes."

As an adult, Rader worked part-time jobs as an animal control officer and employee of the Tippecanoe County Humane Society Shelter. After graduating from the Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine, she served on the TCHS Board of Directors.

"Animal welfare is an inherent part of me," she said. "I have enjoyed working with the Humane Society for Boone County since joining Zionsville Animal Hospital, and I look forward to working with my fellow Board members, committee members and other volunteers of this wonderful organization."

Rader and her husband share their home with five cats.

"We would not be able to succeed in our mission without community support," she said. One of her goals is to increase HSforBC's visibility in Boone County.

Christy Brubaker of Lebanon, a special education teacher at Lebanon High School, expresses her love for dogs through volunteer service. In addition to her responsibilities as Canine Program director, Brubaker is Vice President of the Board of Directors.

"I love animals and have a passion for rescue," she said. "I believe the welfare of our community's animals is a reflection of the people.

Helping animals allows us to help them and their owners."

Animals are "angels on earth," Brubaker said. Her family owns four dogs and enjoys fostering dogs.

Improving community outreach through education, communication and sponsoring pet pantries for people who need help feeding their dogs and cats are among her goals.

"We have a great future ahead of us," she said, "and need to work together to make it happen."

Treasurer Greg Sigman of Zionsville brings his financial expertise as a tax director and certified public accountant at L.M. Henderson and Company in Indianapolis to his Board position.

HSforBC is "an organization that is dear to my family," Sigman said. Their three dogs are all rescues.

"Without this organization," he said, "there is not enough assistance in Boone County to provide help for all the animals that only need a good home to thrive."

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Sigman said, "I think that our biggest challenge in the short term is to find ways to keep funding at a level to provide help and shelter for all the animals that need our assistance."

Secretary Laura Alter of rural Zionsville is a registered nurse and clinical manager who currently serves as director of critical care at IU Health's Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

"Since a young age, I have loved animals and always wanted to volunteer," she said. "I was thrilled to join the Board in 2019."

Alter and her daughter, Brooke, volunteer together by providing care for cats living at the Shelter. Two cats are beloved members of their family.

"As our community grows the needs grow, and

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we have many unwanted and uncared for animals in need of loving care," she said. "There is a huge opportunity to place these animals in loving homes and educate the public."

New volunteers are appreciated, she said, to help the current small group of dedicated people continue to fulfill HSforBC's mission of service "For the Love of Animals."

### HSforBC 2020-21 Board of Directors

Dr. Amy Rader, President  
Christy Brubaker, Vice President  
Greg Sigman, Treasurer  
Laura Alter, Secretary  
Natalie Deaver  
Tiffany Edwards  
Kevin Estes  
Chelee John  
Catheryne Pully  
Tracy Ridings  
Kevin Robinson  
Laura Slick  
Pam Verbarg  
Dawn Walker



**Watch Fox59 News  
with Sherman Burdette**  
December 16, 2020  
Watch for live sneak peeks of the  
HSforBC shelter beginning at 7 a.m.

January 21 is  
"National Hug Your Puppy Day".

### First Annual Virtual Howl-o-Ween Costume Contest Winners

Thank you to everyone who entered! You helped raise \$2,357 for the dogs and cats!  
Special thanks to TDS Telecommunications for our grand prize.  
Start planning now for next year!



#1 Opie



#2 George the Chick Magnet



#3 Rawlings - Zilla

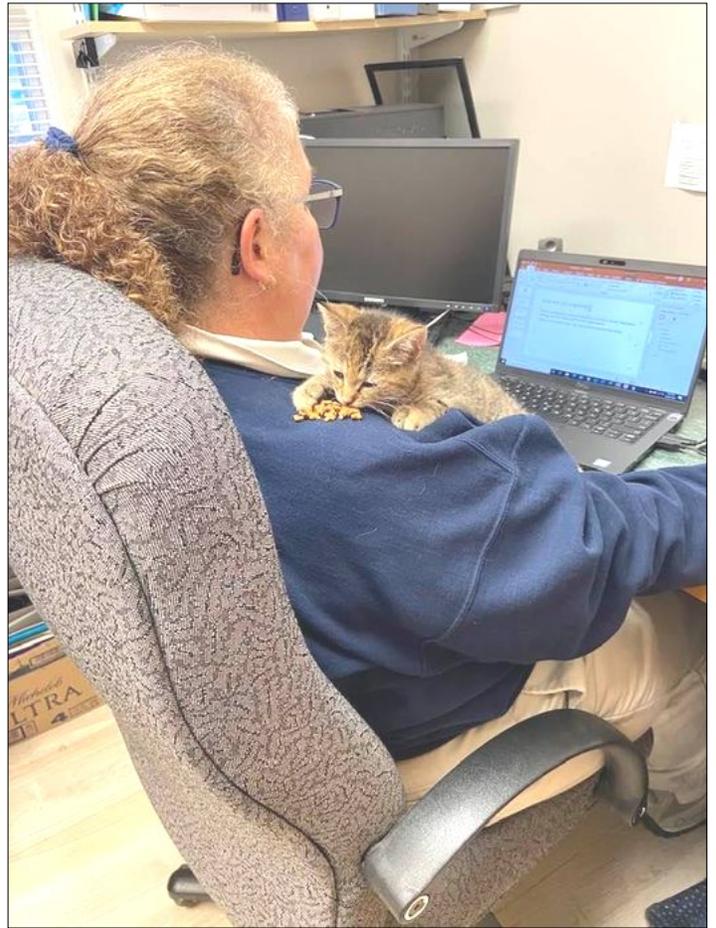
## Humane Society for Boone County Hires First Executive Director

The Humane Society for Boone County (HSforBC) Board of Directors has hired Susan Austin of Whitestown as its first Executive Director.

Board members selected Austin, a longtime volunteer, to fill the position after a thorough search and interview process. She has volunteered for HSforBC as a foster, Animal Wellness Coordinator, Board Member, Board President, Chair of the Fundraising Committee and Certified Shelter Technician.

Austin brings a strong work and volunteer history of planning, marketing and event sponsorship to the position. She earned a Certificate in Fundraising Management (CFRM) from the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.

HSforBC Board members and volunteers have worked tirelessly from the start with financial support from donors to create a solid foundation through fundraising, planning and saving funds to acquire the shelter facility in 2016 and renovate it. They are excited to enhance the organization's animal rescue services with the appointment of the first full-time paid staff member as Executive Director.



Feather was helping Executive Director Susan Austin work on a presentation, but she decided it was time to take a break for a snack.

**BE THEIR SECRET SANTA**  
Fill a Christmas Stocking Full of Holiday Goodies

Help us give our shelter and foster dogs, cats, puppies and kittens waiting to be adopted a special Christmas surprise. Won't you please sponsor a stocking? The toys and treats will make their time with us more enjoyable and what remains, will go with the adopters.

Small	\$15	Large	\$35
Medium	\$25	XLarge	\$50

Treats and toys can be dropped off at the shelter—5366 S Indianapolis Road, Whitestown  
Sponsor donations can be mailed to PO Box 708, Lebanon, IN 46052

Visit **HSforBC.org** to make an online sponsor donation

Luna

Trudie

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The advertisement features a white dog named Luna wearing a red Santa hat and a tabby cat named Trudie wearing a green elf hat. The background is light blue with various Christmas decorations like ornaments and stockings. The text is in a festive, bold font.

# Our Adorable 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.



## Apollo

Apollo is a handsome guy and he is very playful. He does well with other dogs. Apollo is about 2 years old.



## Miller

This gorgeous ginger Tabby is around 7-8 months old. He likes to perch up high and watch the surroundings below. He would make a great addition to any family. He's great with kids, lived with dogs, and lives with cats in his foster home.



## Mercury

Mercury is about 2 years old and loves to play! She is good with other dogs, but doesn't like to share her treats.



## Feather

Coming soon! She's a beautiful 2 month old. This girl loves to be with people. She seems to adjust well to new situations, and she likes to be perched on your shoulder.



## Gill

Gill has turned out to be such a handsome boy! He is so regal looking "in his tuxedo!"



## Luna

Luna is a little over a year old. She is deaf and needs someone with patience to continue working with her on training. She loves other dogs, cats, and children. She is very playful.

# 2021 CALENDAR



## A Great Christmas Gift for the Animal Lovers in Your Life!

For the fifth year in a row, we are offering our calendar of recently adopted and still available rescue animals of Boone County. Each month is filled with animal holidays so you can celebrate your pets all year long. Can be purchased at the shelter by appointment, call 877-473-6722 (877-HSforBC).

Order online at [HSforBC.org](https://HSforBC.org)

**Just \$10** plus shipping

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## Legacy, Memorial and Honorary Giving

Your gift is a lasting tribute

For more information go to [www.hsforbc.org](http://www.hsforbc.org). Click on the blue DONATE button in the upper right corner.

To receive the giving brochures by US mail send a request to [HSforBCED@gmail.com](mailto:HSforBCED@gmail.com).

## Honorary Gifts to HSforBC Recognize Special People

The Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation recently recognized two employees with honorary gifts to the Humane Society for Boone County. Steven Sett was honored for 30 years of distinguished service and Tess Boyer was recognized for five years of exceptional service.

Two Humane Society for Boone County volunteers were also recently recognized with honorary gifts of appreciation to HSforBC. Honorary gifts were gratefully received in recognition of Dr. Amy Rader, a Boone County veterinarian and member of the HSforBC Board of Directors, and Brenda Clark, an HSforBC volunteer who produces the "Shelter Tails" newsletter.

## Donors Honor People With Memorial Gifts

In recent months, generous donors supported HSforBC with memorial gifts in remembrance of deceased relatives and friends.

Memorial gifts were gratefully received in memory of the following people:

Heather Adams  
Don Auten  
Patricia Burns  
Ralph Burriss  
Nina Crane  
Joette Cross  
Joyce Davidson  
Dan Davis  
Judy Demaree  
LaVon Ferger

Richard Griffith  
Verna Newton  
Doyne Raines  
Menelaos Reckas  
Frances Richards  
Patricia Roberts  
Eloise Smith  
Thomas Torrance  
Pauline Whited  
Rosemary Wood



By the time you read this A&K Monuments and Brush Lawncare will have all previous brick orders installed on either side of the shelter sidewalk. Stop by to find your special memorial.

## A Season to Paws, a Season to Save

By Susan Austin

Here we are again. Approaching the howlidays and I think it's safe to say we are all ready for 2020 to be tossed out now!

Yet this year has also brought out the very best in people. Our volunteers didn't hesitate to clear the shelter of dogs and cats when Covid first hit. These volunteer foster homes provided the best refuge for the fur babies waiting for adoption.

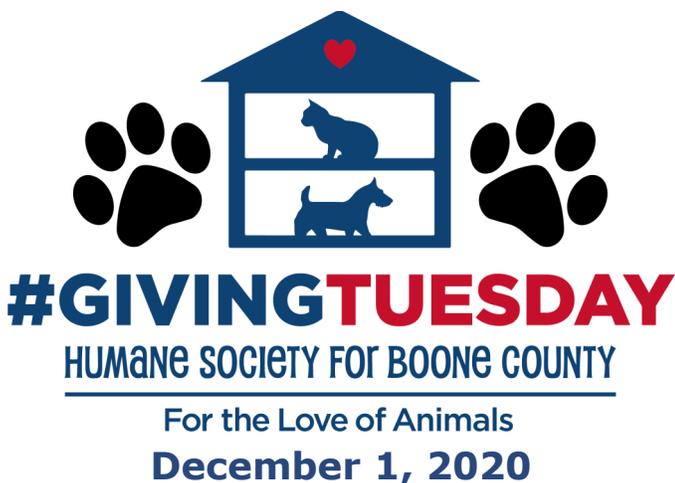
As our friends and family members faced layoffs, donor angels stepped in to allow us to expand our pet pantry distribution. These angels helped us provide a biweekly drive thru pet pantry so that no beloved pet went hungry during this pandemic. Imagine having to make the difficult decision of who eats in your household.

Several family pets had to be surrendered as families were forced to relocate out of state for new jobs. We accepted additional surrenders as jobs were lost and so was their owners ability to provide for their pets.

The strays continued to appear and somehow we found shelter and eventually a home for each dog and cat. HSforBC stretched our small but mighty mostly volunteer organization to meet the challenges of 2020 because of your faith in the work we do.

Since July, pandemic restrictions required us to cancel some of our favorite annual fundraising events like Paws and Claws and our holiday WhiskerFest with Santa Paws. These activities are near and dear to our hearts, and help fund much needed services like trap-neuter-return, pet pantry, food for community cat colony feeders and so much more. You can be our holiday angel, and help us continue to save pets' lives by donating to offset these losses. Watch for one of our upcoming minifundraiser for your opportunity to donate where you can make the biggest difference.

This season we look forward to saving more dogs, cats, puppies and kittens than ever before. We see the need to continue to expand our community outreach services and ask you to please donate to help us achieve those goals. Your year-end donation will help us feed, house, alter, provide medical care and find furever homes to those that have no voice. Your donation will save furry lives one tail at a time. Please help us help them this season, and celebrate the joy of saving.



This #GivingTuesday our Board is all in—all in the slammer! Tune in throughout the day as HSforBC Directors are escorted to a dog or cat kennel where they will use their best fundraising skills to raise money for HSforBC to be set free. We will be doing Facebook live sessions of these "strays" to help them reach their fundraising goal for the day. Who knows? They may be calling you to beg for a donation.

Facebook will match donations up to \$2 million made through Facebook on Giving Tuesday. Donate early to help us be eligible for the matching dollars.



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for Boone County**  
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Lebanon, IN 46052

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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)

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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)

Circle Donation Preference:

Medical Services / General / Other \_\_\_\_\_

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.)