



# Humane Society for Boone County

## **SHELTER TAILS**

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### Jay

In October a call came to HSforBC regarding a dog with injuries. The dog was found tied to a pole at the Flying J truck stop on I65. A veterinary exam and x-ray found he had a broken leg and fractured ribs. He also had fluid in his chest and abdomen, a lacerated liver and an infection was found after testing his urine.



Jay prior to surgery

Information we received stated it was a possible case of animal abuse. There is an investigation by local authorities to see if prosecution is warranted.

Given the name Jay, he underwent surgery to repair the broken leg and further examination showed his internal organs were returning to normal. Jay underwent massage therapy to speed his leg recovery and his foster family helped with leg stretches three times a day.

Jay received a new kennel and bed donated by Pet Valu in Zionsville. He seems very happy in it. Jay is a playful guy, and he loves playing with his toys!

Community Pet Healthcare of Zionsville has donated a lot of veterinary care and resources to help Jay.

With the costs of Jay's care mounting, an appeal was made to friends of HSforBC and the response has been overwhelming. To date we have received over \$3900.00 for Jay's recovery and care.

Thank you to all the thoughtful friends and supporters of HSforBC.



X-ray of Jay's broken leg

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## Cesar Update

Taken from a neglectful owner in April of last year, Cesar was in pretty rough shape. The Boone County prosecutor asked HSforBC to provide care while the court decided his fate. Months later he was officially ours.

When Cesar came to us, he had mange and his body was covered with infectious bacteria that caused him to lose much of his hair. Through vet care and diet we were able to clear up much of the skin infection and mange and it was a joy to see hair growing back on him.

Even though he has come so far, Cesar still has health problems. Chronic ear infections have caused swelling and scar tissue to form in his ear canals. After several procedures and medication he still requires daily ear cleanings. Due to this his hearing is limited.

Cesar has been receiving treatment from a dermatologist for the last two months. We were hoping this would help improve his skin, reduce his itching and grow more hair. While he feels a lot better, the medication has not completely eliminated the ear infections.

Cesar now needs surgery to remove his ear canals completely. This procedure is called a TECA (Total Ear Canal Ablation) and is quite expensive. Friends of HSforBC have given to Cesar's get well fund yet we are falling short of covering medical expenses.



When people look past his skin condition and the way his ears smell, they have the joy of meeting one of the sweetest souls ever. You would think that a dog that had lived with his condition for so many years would be mean or fearful, but Cesar is full of love. He loves nothing more than to be petted and to play with toys on a soft dog bed.

We want to thank all our fantastic supporters for donating \$1435.00 to Cesar's recovery.

And many thanks to Christy, our wonderful volunteer who took Cesar into her home and has cared for him during the past year. Christy has been with us from the start and has opened her home to many of our special needs animals preparing them for the day they find their forever home.



## Volunteer!



## Cuffs and Collars Update

Many times HSforBC takes in feral or semi-feral cats and kittens that we feel could become great house pets. But since we do not have a physical shelter we must find foster homes for them. Feral cats in a foster home can be a challenge for obvious reasons. A recent conversation with board members and Sheriff Mike Nielsen created a unique and successful program.

A new collaboration with the Boone County Sheriff's Office, jail inmates and HSforBC brings unsocialized and feral cats together in the detention area. The first cats were introduced to this program February 2016. Since then, the program has fostered about ten kittens and four adult cats. The inmates and staff feed them, clean up after them, love and play with them. By fostering, the inmates help socialize felines that have received very little if any human contact. The cats learn to live with other felines, play and build a trusting relationship with their human companions.

Sometimes cats will only need a few weeks to develop their social manners, however some cats may take a little longer. Not only do the cats benefit, but the inmates benefit as well. The inmates are always happy to accept new cats into the program. They keep HSforBC updated on their progress and we are notified when a cat isn't feeling well and needs to see a vet. The inmates know all the cats by name and can tell us about each cat's personality.

Two of the adult cats have since been adopted. The other two adult cats are thriving in their cell environment and are loved by the inmates and staff at the jail. There are currently three young cats in the program continuing their socialization "training". All the others have been adopted into loving homes.

HSforBC provides all supplies needed and transportation to vet appointments. The Boone County Jail staff and inmates provide the love.

## When the End is Near

Whether you are involved in the work of animal rescue and fostering, or you are simply a devoted animal lover and owner, we must all face the eventual difficult decision about euthanasia for our companions. No matter how many times, it still remains tough.

I have been involved in animal rescue, rehab, and rehoming volunteer work for nearly 20 years, and I have personally faced this issue about 10 times. Every instance has been heartrending, and tears flowed.

We're human and we feel and we love and we hurt. But we also have strength and conviction to do the right thing. It is from that well that we collect the courage to do what we know must be done.

I believe when it's time to make the euthanizing decision, we must find the strength to stay with our animal. Stand right next to the table, or on the floor, or in the grass, or in the barn, so that you can be seen

and heard. Put your face down near your friend and speak softly, and gently caress him/her. It's awfully hard, but your animal has been a loyal friend. Try not to scare your friend by wailing.....not yet. You can do that later. You would do this for your parent, your spouse, your child, your best friend. You owe it to your furry companions, no matter how difficult. Remember that your vet has been through this many times and is empathetic to your feelings. You've nothing to hide. The vet will generally give you some alone time after the journey is complete.

Whether you choose cremation or burial is very personal. Let no one tell you that either one is "right" or "wrong". Follow your heart.

Thank you for your support of the Humane Society for Boone County. We really are making a difference in the lives of many animals.

For The Love of Animals,  
Mark Smith

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### FURRBALL

Cardinal Room, Golf Club of Indiana

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Doors Open at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30

Tickets: \$50 per person OR \$475 for table of 10

### GOLF SCRAMBLE

Wolf Run Golf Club

Monday, May 15, 2017

### DOG WASH

Pet Valu Zionsville

Saturday, January 7, 2017

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM,

\$10.00 per dog

HSforBC would like to thank these individuals for joining our membership program. To become a member return the application on page four.

Denis and Anne Oberg

Sally Routh

Linda Darnell

Aleighta Zoe Schenck

Sandy Chambers

Kent and Charlotte Frandsen

Carol Suico

Leslie Russell

Susan Engledow

Dawn Walker

Barbara Wolff

Linda Kmetz

Ron and Sharon Hysong

## Five Foods Your Dog Should Not Eat

from Mother Nature Network (mnn.com)

**Chocolate:** You've likely heard that you're never supposed to feed a dog chocolate, and there's a reason for that. That delicious candy contains caffeine-like stimulants known as methylxanthines. If ingested in large amounts, chocolate can cause vomiting, diarrhea, irregular heartbeat, seizures and even death.

**Grapes and raisins:** While this fruit is nutritious for you, it's toxic to dogs and can cause kidney failure.

**Onions:** They may make you cry, but they can make your dog very sick by causing damage to his red blood cells.

**Avocado:** Avocado leaves, fruit, seeds and bark contain a toxin called persin that can cause upset stomach and breathing difficulties.

**Alcohol:** Even drinking a small amount of alcohol can result in significant intoxication for a dog, which can lead to vomiting, seizures and even death.



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](http://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. To date we have received \$240.01.

## Our ADORABLE ADOPTABLES

Visit us at [www.boonecountyhumane.org](http://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.



### Blues

Blues is a five month old gray neutered male with beautiful swirls on his sides. He loves attention!



### TrailKitty (aka TK)

I love to play and explore, and I can make you laugh. I'm a special needs guy. I have FIV, which means I must be the only kitty and I can't go outside. Please give me a chance, you won't regret it!!



### Cinder

Cinder is a little on the shy side. She is cuddly and ready for a new home.



### Maizie, Midge, and Millie

These girls are gray tabby sisters that wear colored bands so their foster mom can tell them apart ! They love to play and chase. They also like to interact with their foster mom. These girls are comfortable around other cats and kittens



**Jazz** This handsome five month old medium hair male tabby appreciates feeling safe and likes giving kisses.



### Ronnie

Ronnie is a two year old mix. He is very smart and well behaved. He is great with other dogs, but will chase cats. Ronnie is up to date on vaccinations, micro-chipped and neutered.

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## Membership Application

*For the Love of Animals*



www.hsforbc.org

### Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Newsletter Preference	Email _____ USPS _____
*Do not list my donation	_____ *Do not list my name. Please show as anonymous.

### Membership Levels

___ FRIEND - \$20.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame.
___ GUARDIAN - \$50.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, recognition on website and newsletter *, 10% discount on adoptions, and 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 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.hsforbc.org](http://www.hsforbc.org). Please note your donation is for Membership when using PayPal.

\* Please mark box if you do not want your name listed on website or newsletter.

*YES! I want to become an HSforBC Member and add to the Operation Shelter Fund and help homeless pets with my donation.*

## 12 human foods dogs can eat

from Mother Nature Network (mnn.com)

1. **Peanut butter:** Giving your dog the occasional tablespoon of unsalted peanut butter is a treat you can both enjoy. (Just make sure your brand of peanut butter doesn't [contain xylitol](#).) It's a great source of protein and healthy fats for dogs, and it's a perfect photo opportunity for you.
2. **Yogurt:** High in protein and calcium, plain yogurt is an ideal treat for dogs, especially if your pooch suffers from digestion problems. Make sure you opt for yogurts that don't contain added sugar or artificial sweeteners.
3. **Oatmeal:** Oatmeal is a good source of fiber, making it great for dogs with bowel irregularity issues, and it's also safe for dogs with wheat allergies. Before serving it to your pet, cook the oatmeal and don't add any sugar.
4. **Chicken:** If your dog requires extra protein in his diet, cooked, unseasoned chicken is an easy addition to his regular food. It also makes a good meal replacement if you're out of dog food.
5. **Salmon:** Dogs can benefit from omega 3 fatty acids too, so slip some cooked salmon into the food bowl for a healthier, shinier coat.
6. **Broccoli:** This vitamin-rich vegetable can be a great occasional nutrition boost for dogs. However, it shouldn't make up more than 10 percent of a dog's diet as it could cause gastrointestinal irritation.
7. **Pumpkin:** You can serve your dog pumpkin — raw or in a can — as a source of fiber or vitamin A. It's also a helpful addition to doggie diets if your pooch is experiencing digestion problems.
8. **Green beans:** Nutritious and low in calories, green beans are a good choice that will load dogs up with iron and vitamins. Make sure to feed your dog only fresh beans or canned ones with no added salt.
9. **Cottage cheese:** This bland food is high in calcium and protein, so it can be a good addition to dog food. However, avoid it if your dog has issues digesting dairy.
10. **Other cheese:** In small quantities, cheese is a great treat for pets, says the [American Kennel Club](#), as long as your dog isn't lactose intolerant (which is rare for dogs, but possible). Choose lower-fat options like mozzarella.
11. **Carrots:** This vegetable is low in calories and high in fiber and vitamins. Plus, crunching on carrots can be good for dogs' teeth.
12. **Eggs:** If your pooch needs a protein boost, scramble an occasional egg for a healthy snack. Eggs are high in protein, but they're also high in fat, so don't give your pet too many of them. Don't feed raw or undercooked eggs to your dog, cautions the [American Veterinary Medical Association](#). There's the risk of contamination from bacteria such as salmonella, and that can make your dog sick.



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## 2016-2017 Board of Directors

HSforBC has begun a new fiscal year. We welcome some new faces to the board while we say goodbye to one member who has moved on to other endeavors. "Thank you" Tanya Sumner for your service to the board over the past year as director of PR & Marketing. "Welcome" Dawn Walker, Laurie Durham, and Jennifer Pickett.

### Director and Officer Positions:

Director of animal welfare- Susan Austin

Director of events- Laurie Durham

Director of foster/adoptions canine- Michelle Atkinson

Director of foster/adoptions feline- Dawn Walker

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## Microchip your pets

Robert Clark and his wife of Carmel arrived home near 111th and College to find they had left a door ajar. A cat and two of their dogs were still inside the house. But Carl, a white male maltese, was gone. The Clarks looked everywhere for Carl but could not find him. They posted his information on the pet site [indylostpetalert.com](http://indylostpetalert.com).

Meanwhile, Brian Paxson and son Nate were window cleaning on a job site at 116th and Springmill when Carl showed up. The Paxson's decided it would be best to take Carl home with them.

The two families finally connected through the above website, and Carl was returned home.

Carl managed to travel about a mile and cross the new US 31, probably by the 111th Street Overpass. It was an exciting day for Carl. We are very happy that he was not injured.

Let this story remind us all to microchip our pets.

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