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Fur Ball festivities start now with silent auction online

By Wendy Gabers

The Humane Society for Boone County's 11th annual Fur Ball—the “pawpular” Mardi Gras themed fundraiser that helps HSforBC rescue and care for homeless dogs and cats—is February 24 at the Golf Club of Indiana.

There are just two pairs of tickets available so reserve them now while they last! But even if you can't attend, you can still participate and help the animals by bidding in both the silent and live auctions.

The “pawsome” online silent auction features a variety of unique items and packages with something for everyone! There are tickets to musical, cultural, sports and museum events, handmade quilts and driver autographed limited edition motorsport art prints. You can also bid on professional and collegiate sports tickets, home décor, personal pampering packages, original autographed artwork, pet pampering and enrichment packages filled with toys, blankets, beds and treats, and other “furbulous” items.

The online auction opened at noon on February 18 and closes at noon on February 25. Auction bidding can be accessed online at HSforBCFurBall.givesmart.com. Check back often to see new items added and the status of your bids.

Event attendees will have the opportunity to bid on items onsite with a live auction in the Cardinal Room that includes a Key West getaway and the annual favorite “Eat Your Way Around Boone County” basket filled with gift cards from restaurants, wine, spirits and more! All live items will be bid on and sold during the event. Proxy bidding for the live auction can be arranged if you can't attend by contacting us in advance with your maximum bid amount.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., a Cajun dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and the program starts at 7 p.m.

“We are so grateful to the event sponsors and auction item donors,” said Susan Austin, interim executive director. “They help make this event happen, and it all raises funds that allow us to provide care for more dogs, cats, puppies and kittens in need.”

The silent auction item pickup and wine/spirits pickup are at the shelter at 5366 S. Indianapolis Road in Whitestown from 2 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. on February 25.

To purchase event or virtual tickets online, log on to HSforBCFurBall.givesmart.com. For more information, call HSforBC at 877-473-6722 or send an email to hsforbcd@gmail.com.

Cover photo

Marble is a handsome 18-month-old male Tabby cat with a sweet disposition and gorgeous black, brown and sable fur pattern. He is very affectionate and seeks attention. Cat Program volunteer Trung Chenh took this “purrfect” portrait of Marble posing in his kennel. To meet Marble, log on to hsforbc.org and fill out the Meet and Greet form under the Adopt and Available Cats links.



2024

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Virtual Viewing Pawty of 8—\$250
(Zoom Access to the Virtual Gala, Auctions and In-Home Viewing Party Kit for 8)



In-House Couple—\$125
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Mummy and her kittens learn about love in foster homes

By Mary Ann Garber



Pretty Tabby girl Mummy is a sweet kitty.



Mummy loves to look out the windows of her foster home.

October 18 was "Caughtcha Day" for a hungry and homeless scaredy cat and her three kittens.

HSforBC Cat Program volunteer Claire Haughton rescued the young mama kitty and her babies using humane traps on that late October day then chose Halloween theme names for the feline family. She named the frightened brown Tabby cat Mummy, her male brown Tabby kitten Trick, her male fluffy black kitten Treat and her female black kitten Boo.

Fosters Anne and Denis Oberg cared for the kittens to prepare them for adoption. After the kittens received vaccinations and spay or neuter surgery, Trick was the first sibling to find his forever family on November 9. Boo was adopted after meeting her people on December 2 during HSforBC's annual Whiskerfest holiday fundraiser and adoption event. Then Treat celebrated the New Year a little late with his adoption on January 14.

Pretty Mummy is a friendly but shy kitty who has needed more socialization time to prepare her for adoption so Jen, also a Cat Program volunteer, is fostering her and keeping a journal to document her progress.

By Week 4 of foster care, Mummy was calmer and less skittish.

"She continues to come out of her shell more and more," Jen said. "She is obviously still very much a kitten. She plays well with her toys by herself. This week I worked on picking her up and holding her while I'm standing. By the end of the week, I have been able to hold her close to my chest for over a minute. Now when she is finished being held and begins to wiggle, she allows me to lower her to the ground where she eagerly accepts her treats."

Mummy enjoys sleeping on a sofa and chairs, she said, and now also snuggles on her lap.

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Mummy and her kittens

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Mummy's kittens—Trick, Treat and Boo—play together in their foster home before their adoptions. Donations helped HSforBC provide veterinary care.

"She is really becoming a cuddle bug," Jen said. "She slept at the end of my bed a couple of times."

A week later, Mummy was "much more relaxed" even around visitors, Jen said. "She watches from a distance then warms up quickly. She is a full-on lap cat. She has a strong, loud and healthy purr. She's a talker, especially when it's chow time. She asks for me to sit so she can crawl up on my lap. She loves chasing her toys. In the beginning, she preferred to play alone but now she's very interactive with me and her toys. She is a sweet cat."

During January and February, Mummy has kept busy playing with toys, looking out the windows, zooming around the house, helping Jen with computer work and napping in sunny spots.

After four months of patient and loving foster care, Mummy has transitioned from a scaredy cat on Halloween to an affectionate companion on Valentine's Day. Mummy has been spayed and is up to date on her vaccinations, and now she is ready for her forever home too.

If you would like to meet Mummy, log on to hsforbc.org and fill out the Meet and Greet application under the Adopt and Available Cats links.

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Or you can click [here](#).

Boone County Chamber of Commerce honors HSforBC

By Mary Ann Garber



Humane Society for Boone County volunteers, board members and staff were recognized by the Boone County Chamber of Commerce on February 8 with the 2023 Non-Profit of the Year Award for distinguished community service.

“Non-profit organizations work each day to diligently make our communities better,” said Anita Bowen, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce. “We are excited to present the 2023 Non-Profit of the Year Award to the Humane Society for Boone County.”

Dr. Amy Rader, board president, several board members, and Susan Austin, interim executive director, represented HSforBC at the Chamber’s annual recognition dinner.

“We had the honor of accepting the Chamber of Commerce award for Non-Profit of the Year on behalf of all the hard work our volunteers, board and staff accomplish,” Austin said after the awards

dinner. “Again, our volunteers’ dedication and sacrifices are recognized and honored in our community. We thank all of you in the community for your support and recognition of all the hours and dedication of our volunteers. It is truly ‘For the Love of Animals.’ Congratulations to all our volunteers.”

Financial assistance from supporters makes it possible for HSforBC to rescue homeless and surrendered dogs, puppies, cats and kittens, she said. “The generosity of donors is much needed and greatly appreciated throughout the year to help HSforBC provide veterinary care and prepare them for adoption.”

HSforBC earns 2024 Candid Gold Seal of Transparency

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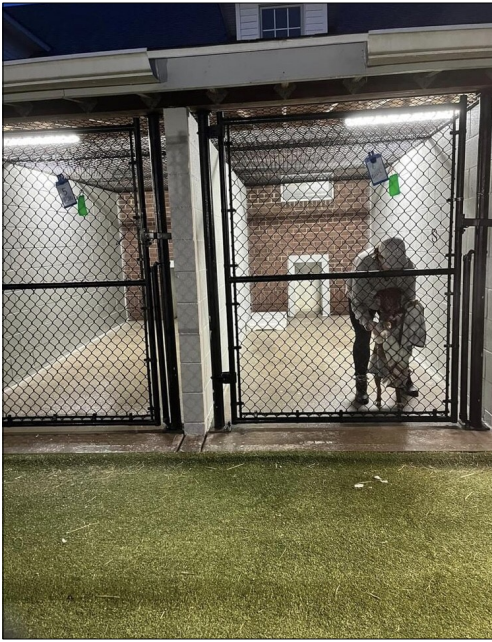
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Please keep this link handy. We want to make sure you always have the information you need to support our work with trust and confidence.

Love abounds every day for dogs and cats living at the shelter



Who's spoiled? All the dogs and cats living at the shelter receive a lot of love from HSforBC volunteers, and enjoy daily treats as well as play time with a variety of toys. Picard, top left, had fun running in the exercise yard on a rainy afternoon then stood patiently while a Dog Program volunteer wiped mud off his paws. Josephine, top center, practiced her yoga moves while waiting for her dinner to be served by a Cat Program volunteer. Sid, top right, wanted to take his blanket outside. Spooky, bottom left, has fun watching birds near a window in the free roam catio. Pumpkin, bottom center, loves to be petted by all the volunteers. Milo, bottom right, blended in with the snow during his exercise time. To meet any of these dogs and cats, log on to hsforbc.org and fill out a Meet and Greet application.

Humane Society for Boone County

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www.hsforbc.org

Dine and Donate



February 21st, 22nd and 23rd
4:00pm-10:00pm

135 S. Main St, Zionsville
317-973-8795

Chase away the winter blues and support the **Humane Society For Boone County** by enjoying the Key West- inspired cuisine of the **Tipsy Mermaid** in the Village! The menu is also heavily influenced by Cuban and Bahamian flavors and features conch dishes as a specialty. Try one of their themed cocktails which will surely transport you out of the Midwest to the warm, sandy beaches of the Florida Keys!

Dine-in or carryout on one day or all three and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to **HSforBC!**

Show your support for the shelter and this very generous business by coming out strong!

Thank you!!

HSforBC Pet Pantry

HSforBC understands there are times that money just runs short. Instead of worrying about how to feed your pets, call us at 877-473-6722 and let us know that you need pet food. One of our volunteers will be in contact with you to find out how many and what kind of pets you need help feeding. We can arrange for pet food pickup at the shelter.

HSforBC also provides a monthly Pet Pantry across the street from Volunteer Fire Station #51 at 102 E. Wall Street in Advance on the third Tuesday of every month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

We also partner with St. Joseph Church in Lebanon during their monthly food pantry. The pantry is held from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month at the church parking lot. St. Joseph Church is located at 319 E. South Street in Lebanon.



Whoever said money
can't buy happiness has
never paid an adoption fee!

Donors honor people and pets with gifts to HSforBC

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

For Deb Alexander in memory of her wonderful dog Sophie.
 She was the best!
 In memory of Jemma and Jax
 In memory of Ramsee, my parents' sweet Miniature Schnauzer.
 In memory of Taz

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

Thanks for all you do! Katie, this donation is made in your name
 in honor of your love of animals! J
 Daisy and Nikki
 Genevieve McLaughlin
 John Whitcraft
 The volunteers of HSforBC

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

Roger Fogle
 Peggy Hine
 John Osborne

Humane Society for Boone County Wishlist				
Cleaning Supplies	Office Supplies	Dogs and Puppies	Cats and Kittens	Misc.
Paper Towels	Stamps	Puppy Pads	Purina Kitten Chow (dry)	Money
More Paper Towels	Envelopes (#10 size)	Purina Calming Care	Iams Kitten Food (dry and wet)	Gas Cards (for shelter bus)
Garbage Bags (tall kitchen and 55 gallon)	Letter Size Copy Paper	Jolly Balls (all sizes)	KMR (Kitten Milk Replacement) Powder	Gift Cards for Pet Stores
Scrub Sponges	Binder Clips	Kongs (large and extra large)	Forta Flora Probiotics	Paper Lunch Sacks
Antibacterial Hand Soap	Dry Erase Markers	Martingale Collars	Fancy Feast Kitten Food (wet)	Zip-lock Bags (gallon size and larger)
Clorox Wipes	Black Sharpie Markers	Easy Cheese	Corrugated Scratch Boxes	Bird Seed and Bird Seed Bells (cat enrichment)
Toilet Cleaner	Packing Tape	Cream Cheese Blocks	Kitty Litter (clumpable/ scoopable)	Auction Items for Fundraisers
		Peanut Butter	Pro Plan Adult Cat Food (dry) Kitty Toys	
		Bully Sticks	Nursing Bottles	
		Purina Pro Plan Puppy Food (dry)	Washable Pet Beds	
		Smart Bones		
		6' Heavy Duty Leashes		
		Stainless Steel Buckets (6 qt and smaller sizes)		



Our Featured Adoptables

Visit 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.



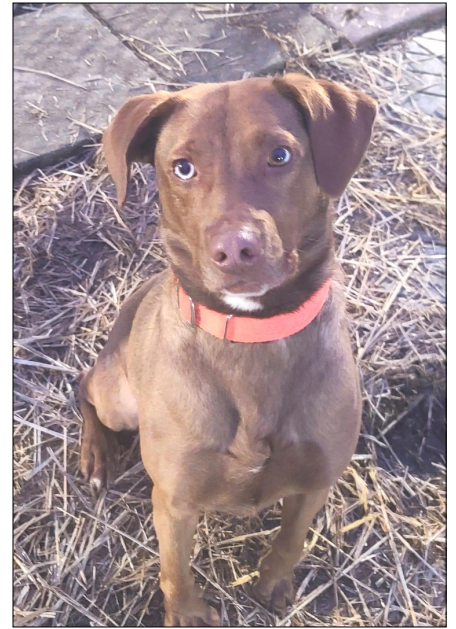
Picard

Five-year-old Picard weighs 30 lbs. and has big brown eyes. He is house trained, crate trained and walks well on a leash. He loves to snuggle with his people at night, but will also sleep on his own bed.



Apple Jack

He is about 6 months old and crate trained, but still learning some basic behavior training. He is a playful and loving puppy who is fostered with other dogs and cats. He does well with children over age 5.



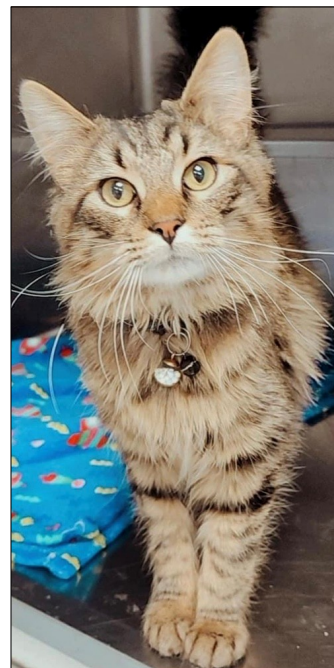
Beam

Beam is just over 1 year old. He needs a quiet home without children. He has lived with other dogs. He is treat motivated and knows several commands.



Zebu

Six-month-old Zebu is great with other cats and dogs. He was born with an eye condition called Entropion that caused the fur near his right eye to grow inward and irritate his eye. His condition was corrected with a surgical procedure and he is recovering nicely. He will be available for adoption soon. Zebu loves attention. He is shy at first when meeting new people then warms up quickly.



Slate

Handsome Tabby cat Slate is 1 year old and has a beautiful black, brown, sable and white fur pattern. He is affectionate and would love to find his forever home.

Thank You



Thank you to Girl Scout Troop #4726 for partnering with HSforBC for their Bronze Award.



Thank you to the Boone County License Branch employees in Lebanon for the wonderful donations.



The Myrna Jacobson family requested donations for animal shelters in lieu of flowers in memory of their mother. HSforBC so appreciates the family remembering us in their time of grief.



Thank you to the Girls on the Run Team at College Wood Elementary School in Carmel for collecting all these donations for our kitties and puppies.

Did your pet go missing?

Take these four steps to help find them.

1. Report your pet missing for free at 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



Thank you to Petco in Whitestown for these amazing donations. They also donated two dog crates that will be needed during puppy season.



Thank you so much to the kids from Midwest Academy in Carmel for bagging dog food and treats for the Pet Pantry. They also got a tour of the shelter, and brought blankets, dog bandanas and cardboard houses for the kitties. They also plan to make frozen treats for the dogs. They were a very hardworking group!

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



Thank you to our good friends at the Whitestown Amazon Distribution Center. You've done it again! We are so grateful for your enduring support. The puppies and kitties send you their barks and meows as thanks too.



Thank you to Brilee Dirker and her father for arranging a donations drive to benefit HSforBC. Brilee raised funds through CrossFit Zionsville, her dad's gym. She shared adorable pictures of HSforBC's dogs awaiting adoption with an appeal for monetary donations at the gym. Thanks to the generous contributions, Brilee was able to purchase a fantastic array of pet supplies from our Wishlist.

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