

**February 2025**



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## HSforBC's 'Fur Ball' will be fun fundraiser on February 22

By Mary Ann Garber



K.J. McGlinn will serve as the emcee and guest speaker for HSforBC's 12th annual "Fur Ball" fundraiser. McGlinn is well known as the Kitty Correspondent on the nationally syndicated "Pet Pals TV" show. Her cat Grayson occasionally appeared on the program with her.

Media personality, author and cat lover K.J. McGlinn is the emcee and guest speaker for the Humane Society for Boone County's 12th annual "Fur Ball" on February 22 at the Golf Club of Indiana.

McGlinn co-hosted the award-winning "Smiley Morning Show," a popular Indianapolis radio program, for 13 years. She is also well known as the Kitty Correspondent on the nationally syndicated "Pet Pals TV" show.

This year's "Fur Ball" will be "an unforgettable evening filled with heartwarming stories and inspiring moments," Executive Director Kristen Pulice said. "It will be a celebration of all that has been achieved by HSforBC to help our furry friends thanks to our wonderful supporters."

Delicious Cajun food prepared by Yats and signature drinks provided by Tito's will complement the Mardi Gras theme for the party. Exciting live and silent auctions, a wine and spirits pull, and selfie photo booth are other fun activities. Attendees are encouraged to dress in casual attire.

An online silent auction with a variety of unique items begins at noon on February 17 then continues until noon on February 23,

and can be accessed online at [HSforBCFurBall.givesmart.com](http://HSforBCFurBall.givesmart.com). People do not need to have a ticket or attend the event to participate in the silent auction. It is open to anyone who registers to bid on items through the event link.

Tickets are \$75 per person, \$150 per couple or \$600 for a table of eight people, which includes dinner and dessert in the Cardinal Room. To purchase tickets, log on to [HSforBCFurBall.givesmart.com](http://HSforBCFurBall.givesmart.com).

Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner is served at 6 p.m. and the "Fur Ball" program starts at 7 p.m. Event sponsors are Dentons Bingham Greenbaum, Centier Bank, DK Pierce, Zionsville Country Kennel, Pacers Sports and Entertainment, Ridings Realty Group, McGowan Insurance Group and Tito's Handmade Vodka.

Proceeds from the Humane Society's largest annual fundraiser help HSforBC rescue and care for homeless or surrendered dogs and cats in Boone County.



## Mummy is a sweet Tabby waiting for her loving home

By Kathi Moore



Pretty Mummy is a sweet 2-year-old kitty who needs time to adjust to people and pets. She prefers older children.



Mummy likes to look out windows, and is waiting to meet her special person or people.

Did you know that most Tabby cats have a distinctive “M” in the fur pattern on their foreheads? There are several cultural and religious myths about why that “M” is there, but HSforBC foster cat Mummy has her own little monogram!

Cat Program volunteer Claire Haughton rescued Mummy and her three kittens on October 18, 2023, then chose fun and spooky Halloween theme names for them before they went to their foster home.

Mummy’s kittens—Boo, Trick and Treat—received veterinary care then quickly found loving homes, but their sweet mama is still waiting to be adopted nearly a year and a half later.

Her first foster said Mummy was a scaredy cat for a few weeks. After this young mama kitty nursed and weaned her kittens, she received veterinary care and went to live in a new foster home for more socialization time.

Mummy has grown into a friendly and affectionate cat who loves to curl up on her foster’s lap. She is silly and playful, and enjoys all her toys! As with most cats, she will need your patience as she adjusts to a new home. Any pets should be introduced slowly and stay in separate rooms for a short time.

Dawn Walker, HSforBC’s Cat Program Lead, said Mummy prefers older children, was cautious and curious about a female dog visiting the home, and slowly made friends with a relative’s male kitten after a week then had fun playing with him.

Tabby cats are very social kitties. Their multicolored fur pattern of stripes, swirls or spots and distinctive lines around their eyes as well as on their forehead make them beautiful too.

If you are looking for a loving kitty companion, Mummy might be your perfect pet. To meet her, log on to [hsforbc.org](https://hsforbc.org) and fill out the Meet and Greet application under the Adopt and Available Cats links.

## Volunteers share what they love most about helping HSforBC



"It's hard to say what I love most, but it's very gratifying when a dog arrives that needs a little extra tender loving care and then working with them to see them go from being fearful and apprehensive to confident and happy. That's when it's the most rewarding for me."

*Nikki Hunter*  
*Dog Program volunteer*

"I love the opportunity to help cats feel safe and secure, and to help them feel supported while they figure out their new surroundings and to feel loved while they wait for their new families to find them."

*Laura Slick*  
*Cat Program volunteer*

Sweet Stella, an adorable Pit Bull Terrier mix, loves to snuggle with Dog Program volunteer Jen Crawford Griffith and other volunteers.

"As a foster, we see a dog learn to be a family dog and we see the joy when they are running free on our daily walks [on our property] in the country. We can see them smiling."

*Bruce and Dawn Jarrett*  
*Dog Program volunteers*



"What I love most is being a small part of a great group of people that get to show the animals that not all humans are bad and that they deserve all of the safety, love, consistency and kindness."

*Kyla Dunn*  
*Dog Program volunteer*

"It helps me feel like I'm making a difference in the dogs' lives. Either it be from giving them a walk, [play] time in the yard, affection and attention, making sure they have enough water or feeding them meals. I love the people I've gotten to know in the last year. The animals at HSforBC have the most caring people loving them, and I'm lucky to be a part of that team."

*Alexis Durbin*  
*Dog Program volunteer*

Cat Program volunteer Hannah Chenh cuddles with Tinley while helping with shelter cat care. Her father, Trung Chenh, took this photo. The Chenh family volunteers together.

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## Volunteers share what they love most about helping HSforBC

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Dog Program volunteer Katie Brandt created this beautiful digital painting of Cutie, a Pit Bull Terrier mix, from her photograph.

"What I love most about volunteering for HSforBC is seeing how committed and passionate our volunteers are to making the best life possible for our cats and dogs whether it be shelter care, fostering, fundraising or outreach. I have met so many wonderful people here."

*Kristin Alosinac*  
*Board of Directors volunteer*

"It helps keep me grounded [and] gives me perspective that the dogs I get the opportunity to simply walk or get fresh air in the play yard are grateful for someone just treating them with care and respect. Honestly, I say this often, I think they help me as much or more than I help them."

*Charlie Partridge*  
*Dog Program volunteer*

"Volunteering gives us a sense of purpose and a positive confirmation that we are needed by these dogs today. As a mother and daughter team—Talia was 12 [when we started] and is now 18—I can honestly say it is the best activity we do together. Let's all show our younger generations [the benefits of] volunteering. It's so satisfying!"

*Colleen and Talia Gierlach*  
*Dog Program volunteers*

"In a world where division and conflict seem all too common, the volunteer community at HSforBC is what keeps me grounded and coming back. The dedication, passion and deep sense of unity our volunteers bring each day fills me with hope and gratitude. I am truly fortunate to be part of this incredible group where our hearts and souls are united in service to a shared mission. And then there's the indescribable joy of watching our animals leave the shelter for their forever homes. The happiness in their eyes as the dogs walk out with their new families is a reminder of the pure impact of what we do here [as volunteers]. It's a feeling that words can't fully capture."

*LeAnn Melichar*  
*Dog Program Training Lead volunteer*



Cat Program volunteer Trung Chenh caught Buttons in mid-step with a photo when he greeted her in the free roam catio rooms at the shelter.

## Volunteers share favorite ways to show loving care



Dog Program volunteer Laura Erspamer hugs Beau, a Great Pyrenees, during play time in one of the exercise yards at the shelter.

"[We] walk into the shelter quietly, slowly turn on lights and smile as we whisper 'Good morning' to each dog."

*Kimberly and Dan Chatson*  
*Dog Program volunteers*

"The moment when a cat has settled in—and is used to the smells and sounds of the shelter—they begin to initiate engagement. They come toward you—indicating some trust and a sense of safety—and I can scratch their heads and talk quietly to them [by] giving them the time and space to come over with their level of comfort. It's always on their terms."

*Laura Slick*  
*Cat Program volunteer*

"My favorite [way] is creating an overall positive safe place for these animals. [There are] so many components to this such as training and behavior support, but once trust and confidence [are] created that's the ultimate reward for me."

*LeAnn Patterson Melichar*  
*Dog Program Training Lead volunteer*

Creating a positive environment is the best. Letting them learn that they can be themselves. Trying to decipher their moods to see if it's a good day for more focused training [and] enrichment [activities] or if maybe it's a day where they really just need to frolic and play."

*Kyla Dunn*  
*Dog Program volunteer*

"As I enter the shelter [cat rooms], I greet each cat and converse with them as I tend to their needs. As I do, I know that every single volunteer treats them with love and dignity. It's the small things we can collectively do and it fills my heart."

*Darlene York Trout*  
*Cat Program volunteer*



Sweet Stella, a gorgeous long-haired kitty, gazes lovingly at a Cat Program volunteer. She enjoys being brushed and loves to talk with volunteers.

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## Volunteers share favorite ways to show loving care

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Adorable Draco is a happy boy who loves the Dog Program volunteers. He is excited about meal time and play time too!

"I absolutely love volunteering! It's hard to touch on just one thing. Being with the dogs on Saturday mornings is so rewarding for me. I just want them to know they are safe and loved very much!"

*Kelly Cook*  
*Dog Program volunteer*

"I love reading to the dogs. They stop barking and really listen. The books have all the words dogs know like 'ball' and 'play.' "

*Kathi Moore*  
*Dog Program and Communications volunteer*

"There are so many ways to show loving care as a volunteer. When I started volunteering for HSforBC in 2016, I helped the Cat Program by assisting with TNR (Trap / Neuter or Spay / Return and Release) efforts to provide veterinary care for community cats and rescue homeless kittens. I also helped with shelter cat care once a week, and transported cats and kittens to and from veterinary clinics for spay or neuter and vaccinations. In recent years, I have enjoyed helping with clerical work, the newsletter and press releases all 'For the Love of Animals' which is HSforBC's mission every day."

*Mary Ann Garber*  
*Communications volunteer*

## Volunteers brave frigid temperatures to staff Pet Pantry



HSforBC's monthly Pet Pantry is an important community outreach program that helps Boone County pet owners in need of food assistance so they can keep their beloved dogs or cats. Volunteers Judex Jassir, from left, Sheila Schmidt-Jassir, Shelley Lakshmanan, Dawn Walker, Patty Healey, Mike Stone, Cheryl Stone, at right, and her mother, Mary, distributed free dog food and cat food on January 18 at St. Joseph Parish in Lebanon. HSforBC also offers a monthly Pet Pantry in Advance.

# From Our Archives: 'The Shirt' honors HSforBC volunteers

By Mary Ann Garber



HSforBC volunteer Dawn Walker, the Cat Program Lead, wears "The Shirt" while holding a kitten at the shelter. For information about volunteer service, log on to [hsforbc.org](http://hsforbc.org).

(This reflection about volunteer service was originally published in the Humane Society for Boone County newsletter in September 2019.)

When you wear "The Shirt" ...

you know that it identifies you as a Humane Society for Boone County volunteer, and that it is a privilege and an honor to represent such a noble cause.

When you wear "The Shirt" ...

you visually proclaim to whoever you encounter that saving the lives of dogs, puppies, cats and kittens is your passion and purpose.

When you wear "The Shirt" ...

your heart may break in sad times, but you will rejoice with each dog's life and cat's life that is saved by intervention.

When you wear "The Shirt" ...

you will gain strength by remembering that you are part of an incredible group of dedicated, selfless and hardworking volunteers.

When you wear "The Shirt" ...

you will be happy and grateful that even in times of adversity you wear "The Shirt."

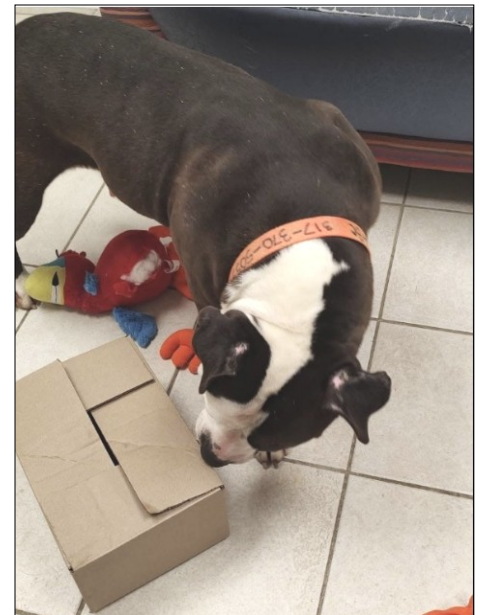
## Humane Society for Boone County Wishlist

Cleaning	Office	Dogs and Puppies	Cats and Kittens	Other
Paper Towels Garbage Bags (tall kitchen and 55 gallon) Antibacterial Hand Soap Toilet Cleaner (Ty-D-Bowl Blue Tablets or Bowl Fresh Plus Toilet Cleaner and Freshener) Long handled scrub brushes and squeegees	Stamps Letter Size Copy Paper Scotch Tape Packing Tape	Metal Slow Feeder Bowls Training Treats (small bites like Zukes) Puppy Pads Purina Calming Care Adaptil Calming Diffuser Refills Canine Calming Care Probiotic Supplement Jolly Balls (all sizes) Kongs (large and extra large) Martingale Collars Easy Cheese Cream Cheese Blocks Peanut Butter Benebone Dog Bones Purina Pro Plan Puppy Food (dry) Smart Bones 6' Heavy Duty Leashes Canned Pumpkin (100% pumpkin—not pie mix) Pet Gates	Purina Kitten Chow (dry) Iams Kitten Food (dry and wet) KMR (Kitten Milk Replacement) Powder Fortiflora Probiotics Fancy Feast Kitten Food (wet) Corrugated Scratch Boxes Kitty Litter (clumpable/scoopable) Purina proplan kitten (wet and dry) Pro Plan Adult Cat Food (dry) Kitty Toys Nursing Bottles Washable Pet Beds	Money Gas Cards (for shelter bus) Gift Cards for Pet Stores Paper Lunch Sacks Zip-lock Bags (quart and gallon size) Bird Seed Bells (cat enrichment) Auction Items for Fundraisers





## Volunteers and dogs stay busy even during the Winter



Melting snow and rain left large muddy areas in the exercise yards so Dog Program and Clinic volunteer Patty Healey, top left, arranged for a donation of 10 bales of straw from longtime supporter David Herr to cover the thawing ground. Dale Erickson, unloading bales, and Rachel Erickson delivered the straw. Chip, top center, played with lots of dog toys on the artificial turf beside the building. Volunteer Gary Carter, top right, gave Soos a treat during a training session. Cutie, bottom left, had fun taking apart an enrichment box. Trixie, bottom center, climbed on the crate in her kennel. Stella, bottom right, enjoyed finding treats inside her enrichment box.

## Cover Photo

Dash loves to run and is an active mixed breed dog. He is smart, learns quickly and is treat motivated, which are traits that would make him a great agility or 4-H dog. Dash is about 2 years old and weighs 57 pounds. He likes to cuddle and would be a wonderful family dog, but may be best as an only dog. (Photo by Katie Brandt)



## Dine and Donate



**El Meson**, Zionsville  
Wednesday, February 12  
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Please mention that you are  
supporting HSforBC.



## HSforBC Adoption Event

**Traders Point Creamery**, Red Barn  
9191 Moore Road, Zionsville  
Sunday, March 23  
11 a.m. to noon

## HSforBC is now selling 2025 'Rescued' Calendars

For the ninth consecutive year, HSforBC has created a 12-month "Rescued" Calendar featuring color photos of shelter dogs and cats and foster puppies and kittens from HSforBC during the past year.

The monthly calendar is filled with pictures of recently adopted and still available rescue animals of Boone County as well as the dates of animal holidays so pet owners can celebrate with their pets throughout the year.

This fundraiser was made possible by Tactive, the proud sponsor of the 2025 HSforBC Calendar. The Humane Society appreciates their sponsorship. Tactive is an Indianapolis marketing company that uses printing and promotional products to enhance brand awareness.

Calendars are available for purchase at the shelter by appointment for \$10 or via mail for \$10 plus shipping. To order a calendar, call the HSforBC Helpline at 877-473-6722.

**2025 CALENDAR**

**RESCUED**  
2025 12 Month Calendar

**A Great Gift for the Animal Lovers in Your Life!**  
For the ninth 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! For an appointment, call 877-473-6722 (877-HSforBC).

Order online at [HSforBC.org](https://HSforBC.org)  
**Just \$10** plus shipping

A Special Thank You to  
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## Our Featured 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.



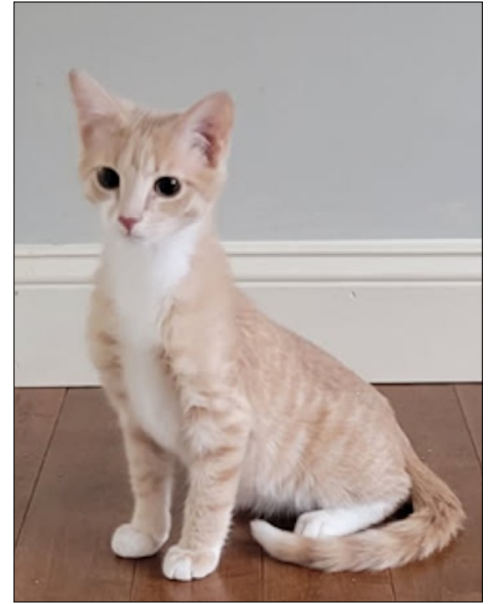
**Poppy Seed**

Pretty Poppy Seed is a beautiful Calico kitty. She is about 6 years old, and likes children and other cats.



**Max**

Tabby boy Max has ginger and white fur. He is about 5 years old, and would like to be your feline friend.



**Scooter**

Handsome Tabby kitten Scooter has buff and white fur. He is 4 months old and loves to play with toys.



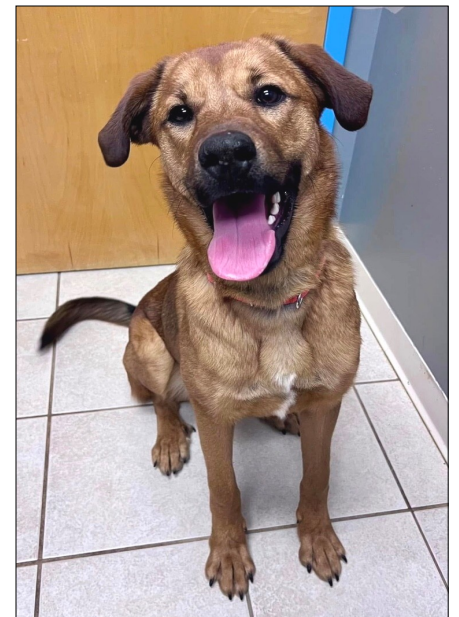
**Romeo**

Sweet Romeo loves to cuddle and is very playful. He is about 14 weeks old, weighs 16 pounds, and is a curious and happy puppy.



**Maddy**

Adorable Maddy loves toys and attention, but not other dogs. She weighs 33 pounds.



**Daisy**

Energetic Daisy is 7 months old and weighs 53 pounds. She is very loving, and adores the cat and dogs living in her foster home.

## Sunset paints the sky above the shelter



Volunteers who were walking the shelter dogs on the evening of February 4 enjoyed a beautiful Winter sunset, and Skyler Jones captured this moment in time with her phone camera.

## Downward Dog & Puppies Yoga supports HSforBC



A portion of the session fees goes to support the Humane Society for Boone County. For more information and to sign up click [here](#).

## Donors honor people and pets with gifts to HSforBC

Donors recently supported HSforBC with honorary gifts for the following friends and loved ones:

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The Carrels  
Ray and Mary Kay Glazner

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

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Patricia Gann, who loved animals  
Patricia Shepherd, from Hamilton County Information Systems Services Department

Donors recently gave HSforBC gifts in honor of the following pets:

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Daisy and Bizzi  
Hank, from HSforBC

Donors recently gave HSforBC gifts in memory of the following pets:

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Scout, canine companion to Alison and Hunter Kent  
Slugga, my nephew's Boone County rescue dog



## Thank You



Thank you to our good friends at Amazon for the fantastic donations. The animals of Boone County can always count on you.

Thank you to our amazing volunteers! They helped unbox the Amazon donations and finished everything in just two hours! Special shout-out to Laura (not pictured) for leading the group and being a pro at getting those donations put away quickly.

If you're interested in lending a hand, we have plenty of volunteer opportunities like this that don't involve direct contact with animals. To join our awesome team you can fill out a volunteer application at <https://www.hsforbc.org/volunteer.html>.



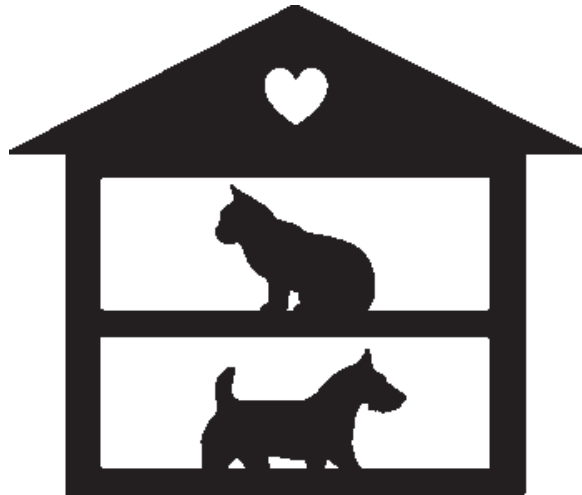
Thank you to Dollar General in Jamestown for the generous food donation. We are grateful for community partners like you who help care for our furry pals.



Thank you to Arby's and their amazing patrons! For an entire month they made it possible for their customers to round up their bills and donate to HSforBC. We are thrilled to announce that they raised an incredible \$1,010 for our shelter! Your generosity makes a big difference for the animals in our care. Thank you for helping us give them the love, care and support they need while waiting for their forever homes.



Thank you to the amazing kids at Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library in Zionsville! They braved the cold temperatures to spend an evening at our shelter creating adorable Valentines to decorate our kennels. These will be part of an exciting Valentine fundraiser.



## **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.

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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.)