

Humane Society for Boone County 2020–2021 Board of Directors

Executive Committee

Dr. Amy Rader, D.V.M. **President**

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. "Animal welfare is an inherent part of me. 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."

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

Christy Brubaker **Vice President**

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 and a Dog Foster, Brubaker is Vice President of the Board of Directors.

"I love animals and have a passion for rescue," Brubaker 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. We have a great future ahead of us, and need to work together to make it happen."

Among her goals are improving community outreach through education as well as communication and sponsoring pet pantries for people who need help feeding their dogs and cats.

Greg Sigman **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 as Treasurer.

"Without this organization, there is not enough assistance in Boone County to provide help for all the animals that only need a good home to thrive," Sigman said. "I think that our biggest challenge in the short term [due to the coronavirus pandemic] is to find ways to keep funding at a level to provide help and shelter for all the animals that need our assistance."

Laura Alter **Secretary**

Laura Alter of rural Zionsville, Secretary of the Board and a Cat Program volunteer, 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.

New volunteers are appreciated, Alter said. "As our community grows the needs grow, and we have many unwanted and uncared for animals in need of loving care. There is a huge opportunity to place these animals in loving homes and educate the public."

Board Members

Ten other volunteer members of the Board of Directors also are dedicated to fulfilling HSforBC's mission of service "For the Love of Animals."

Natalie Deaver

Advance resident Natalie Deaver is an Administrative Supervisor for the White Castle Meat Processing Plant in Lebanon and longtime HSforBC volunteer who has fostered many dogs and cats.

"Our mission 'For the Love of Animals' is exactly what we do," Deaver said. "We have helped so many residents in the county with TNR (Trap/Neuter or Spay/Return and Release), Pet Pantry, Low Cost Spay or Neuter vouchers and transportation to the Low Cost Spay and Neuter Clinic. Without [support from] our community, we would not be able to help as many animals as we have. Our great needs will always be volunteers and community members interested in becoming part of the solutions, and reaching out to the community so that we can continue to help more animals in the future."

Tiffany Edwards

Zionsville resident Tiffany Edwards serves as Vice President of Sales for the J.R. Watkins Company. As a Board member, her goals include promoting volunteerism and "ensuring animals have a voice, and receive the resources and support they need to survive and thrive."

HSforBC volunteers and supporters are "dedicated to helping animals," Edwards said, and the organization needs more "volunteers for all aspects of the organization" as well as continued "funding to expand our team, services and programs."

Kevin Estes

Whitestown resident Kevin Estes is a Divisional Financial Analyst for PulteGroup. Promoting “awareness, growth and expansion” of HSforBC and helping animals find forever homes are among his goals as a Board member.

I’m an advocate for ‘Adopt. Don’t shop.’” Estes said. “Animals make everyone’s lives better, and the community should support a great cause to help animals get the care they deserve.”

Chelee John

Attorney Che’lee John of Lebanon, a member of the Hoover Hull Turner L.L.P. law firm, enjoys her volunteer Board service because she wants to “be able to give back to animals, who give their entire selves to us.”

Promoting the need for and benefits of fostering homeless dogs and cats is among her goals.

“HSforBC does so much more than sheltering animals in need,” John said. “One example is Pet Pantry, where HSforBC provides pet owners the necessary supplies to care for their pets. I think this is an amazing solution to help keep pets in their homes when times get tough for their owners.”

Catheryne Pully

Former Zionsville resident Catheryne Pully recently moved to Columbus and is continuing her volunteer service as a Board member in spite of the distance because she cares about HSforBC’s lifesaving mission of helping homeless dogs, cats, puppies and kittens find forever homes. Promoting the need for donations of time and money are among her goals as a Board member.

Pully works for the Indiana Bar Association as Director of Outreach and Partnerships and also serves as a JAG Corps Officer in the United States Navy Reserves.

Volunteering for HSforBC “makes a difference in the lives of some of God’s most precious creatures,” Pully said. “We need an organization [like HSforBC] dedicated to protecting these animals who can’t fend for themselves.”

Tracy Ridings

A Zionsville resident, Tracy Ridings is a Realtor with the F.C. Tucker Company and a Cat Program Foster in addition to her Board responsibilities.

“While loving and caring for an animal is life changing for the animal, caring for an animal is life changing for the humans involved as well,” Ridings said. “They teach us love, compassion and responsibility. Animals calm anxieties, heal broken hearts and provide companionship.”

Her goals include promoting “continued community education—understanding the need to spay and neuter—and reaching the hearts of young people” to encourage their volunteer support.

Kevin Robinson

Broadcast Consultant Kevin Robinson, who lives in the Anson area of Whitestown, brings organizational and communication skills to his Board responsibilities.

“People only see us when we’re on location with just a few pets,” Robinson said. “Behind the scenes, the staff and volunteers do so much more than place animals [in homes]. Our staff and volunteers do a wonderful job at rehoming pets and tending to our population’s medical needs. As Boone County grows, the stray pet population will grow. Keeping up with [caring for the growing number of] increased strays is essential.”

Laura Slick

Zionsville resident Laura Slick, a former teacher now working as a Learning Strategist for CuroGens, Inc. in Carmel, volunteers for the Cat Program in addition to her duties as a Board member.

Slick volunteers for HSforBC because she wants to make a difference in the lives of animals and interact with others who share her passion for animal welfare. Increasing community awareness and fundraising are among her goals.

“As an organization, we put the welfare of the animals first and foremost,” Slick said. “We care for each animal individually and exhaust all avenues to rehabilitate and rehome the animals in our care.”

Pam Verbarg

Lebanon resident Pam Verbarg is the Executive Director of The Arc of Greater Boone County. Some of The Arc’s clients who love animals enjoy helping as Cat Program volunteers for HSforBC.

Volunteerism is important, Verbarg said. “The need is there. We hear stories every day of animals who have lost their caregivers, well-intentioned families unable to meet the needs of the pet they tried to adopt, strays and other cases where animals are surrendered. The need is real and, in most cases, shelters and foster programs such as HSforBC can create long-term opportunities for these cats, dogs, puppies and kittens. There will always be ongoing needs for both volunteers of every type and financial support.”

Dawn Walker

A retired Registered Nurse and Nursing School Educator, Dawn Walker of rural Lebanon serves as the Feline Program Director and a Cat Foster in addition to her Board responsibilities.

“My passion is caring for those who need it most,” Walker said. “The animals have no voice. That’s where we step in. Because there is a need in our county for animal welfare of the homeless, unwanted and mistreated [dogs and cats], HSforBC helps where we can. But we can’t do it alone. It takes a village. We help organize and provide direction.”

Her goals include encouraging more people to support HSforBC’s lifesaving mission as volunteers and donors, and expanding the TNR (Trap/Neuter or Spay/Return and Release) Program for community cats.