



# HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY

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## "Pets for Patriots" pairs military veterans with shelter dogs and cats

By Mary Ann Garber



Are you a military veteran who would like to adopt a dog or cat? Or do you know a veteran who could benefit from the companionship of a pet?

HSforBC is participating in the national "Pets for Patriots" program, which pairs former enlisted men and women with eligible shelter animals. This partnership enables veterans to adopt pets at the reduced rate of \$75 for dogs and \$10 for cats.

"Our shelter is honored to offer the 'Pets for Patriots' program in our county," said HSforBC executive director Susan Austin. "It is a wonderful opportunity to say 'thank you' to military veterans for their service."

"Pets for Patriots" participants receive adoption discounts from the program's shelter partners, save on their new pet's ongoing

medical care with discounted fees from veterinary partners, and enjoy members-only savings on everyday supplies, pet insurance, pet food and other benefits.

Best of all, veterans receive the priceless gift of unconditional love from a companion dog or cat.

Veterans need to live within 40 driving miles of a participating shelter or rescue organization partner, have completed a minimum of 190 days of military service not counting basic or active duty training, provide official proof of their service in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, and have demonstrated honorable character during their enlistment. They also must be approved by "Pets for Patriots" before adopting a dog or cat.

Eligible pets meet one of the following requirements—be at least 2 years old, have been homeless more than six months, may have special needs and dogs weigh at least 40 lbs.

"Boone County has over 3,200 military veterans," said Laura Slick, a member of HSforBC's Board of Directors and a Cat Program volunteer. "This program is a great way to not only support a veteran and help them find a 'forever' friend, but also help out some of the most deserving dogs and cats in local shelters."

HSforBC Dog Program volunteer Bruce Jarrett, who is helping coordinate this partnership, said he is "truly excited for us and hope we can be a great partner for our shelter pets and the veterans."

For more information, log on to:

<https://www.petsforpatriots.org/partners/humane-society-for-boone-county/>

### Cover Photo

Crunch is a very sweet 5-month-old German Shepherd and Rottweiler mix.

## Four new volunteers join HSforBC Board of Directors

By Mary Ann Garber

Four new members of HSforBC's Board of Directors will help with leadership responsibilities during 2023 through 2025.

Serving three-year terms on the volunteer Board are Kristin Alosinac of Indianapolis, Kathleen Bowers of Brownsburg, Denise Pierce of Zionsville and Jason Roberts of Zionsville.

Kristin Alosinac has been an animal lover since childhood, and has three dogs and a cat. She serves as Deputy Prosecutor for the Boone County Prosecutor's Office. Her committee assignments will rotate for six months then she will serve on the Fundraising and Outreach Committee.

"My fur family has either been adopted from a shelter or were homeless," Alosinac said. "A year ago, I started doing animal transports through Indiana to help rescue animals find their new homes. I am looking forward to volunteering at the Boone County Humane Society, spending time with the animals, helping with events hosted by the Humane Society and assisting with fundraising activities. Fundraising and recruiting volunteers are HSforBC's greatest needs."

Every community has an abundance of animals that are lost and unclaimed or abandoned, she said. "These animals do not have a reliable source of food, shelter or care. HSforBC provides that safe place for homeless or lost animals to go until they are reunited with their owners or find wonderful new homes."

Currently a Cat Program volunteer, Kathleen "Kat" Bowers is a licensed clinical social worker and the Director of Clinical Home and Community Based Services for Aspire Indiana Health.

She began her volunteer service as a Cat Program foster and Clinic staff member in 2019, and serves on the Board's Animal Welfare Committee and Fundraising and Outreach Committee.

"I never met a better group of individuals that give so much of their personal time to help animals in need," Bowers said. "What this shelter accomplishes with only 1.5 paid staff members is truly awe inspiring. I wanted to be a part of something that helped animals in need with a great group of people. I found that in HSforBC."

Four foster kitties adopted from HSforBC—Gene, Tina, Beaker and Hannah—bring joy to her life, she said, and fostering kittens or cats is a wonderful experience.

"Whether it is taking in an injured cat, getting a scared dog off the street, creating a safe place for kittens and puppies to be socialized or providing food and supplies for those that love their animals but have fallen on hard times, HSforBC is here for the community and the animals," Bowers said. "We have an amazing core group of people, but with additional volunteers and funding we could do more to support animals in need. We could expand programs like Trap / Neuter / Return, increase intake and save more animals, and create even more community support and educational activities."

Denise Pierce, the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of DK Pierce, joined the Board because she has "always been passionate about HSforBC's vision and can feel the increasing challenges to maintain that vision."

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Pierce will serve on the Fundraising and Outreach Committee. She has four rescued pets—dogs Riley and Bella and cats Bosley and Cricket—and several were adopted from the Humane Society.

“HSforBC has been there—and will continue to be there—to provide the care, training and fostering for homeless animals to create ideal pets for new ‘forever’ homes,” Pierce said. “The community needs to understand that we are all in this together, and it requires donations and human support.”

In addition to the need for ongoing donations and other funding to support daily care and feeding of rescued animals, she said, HSforBC is seeking more volunteers to help with a variety of service opportunities as well as new fosters to care for dogs, puppies, cats and kittens in homes.

“Without volunteers committed to the vision and mission of the organization,” Pierce said, “so many more animals would end up in dire circumstances.”

Jason Roberts, a trial attorney with Resnick & Louis, P.C., joined the Board because he wants to “give back to the community by continuing HSforBC’s mission of helping animals in need.”

Roberts has a dog named Luna, an Anatolian Pyrenees. His Board responsibilities will rotate on committees for six months then he will serve on the Fundraising and Outreach Committee.

HSforBC’s greatest needs are more “funding, outreach and volunteers,” he said. “Please donate your time to HSforBC and help the animals that enrich our daily lives.”

**2023-24 HSforBC Board of Directors**

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Amy Rader, D.V.M. – President	Kristin Alosinac	Tracy Ridings
Pam Verbarg – Vice President	Kathleen “Kat” Bowers	Jason Roberts
Laura Alter – Secretary	Tiffany Edwards	Laura Slick
Greg Sigman – Treasurer	Kevin Estes	Nicholas Topoll
	Denis Oberg	Allison Upchurch
	Denise Pierce	Dawn Walker

**Maddie’s Fund grant will help HSforBC with greatest needs**



**Maddie’s Fund**  
**#ThanksToMaddie**

The Humane Society for Boone County recently received a \$1,000 unrestricted grant for animal welfare needs from the national Maddie’s Fund Foundation. HSforBC board members will determine the greatest needs for this grant, which was awarded in early December. Maddie’s Fund is a family foundation created in 1994 by Dave and Cheryl Duffield. Since then, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$250 million in animal welfare grants to help increase community lifesaving of homeless dogs and cats, assist shelter management leadership, support shelter medicine education and enhance foster care across the United States.

## Fur Ball features food, fun and festivities on February 25

By Mary Ann Garber

DENTONS and HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY 2023

# FUR BALL

FURBULOUS AUCTION  
LIVE AT THE EVENT  
ONLINE SILENT AUCTION  
RUNS FEBRUARY 19-FEBRUARY 26 AT NOON

WINE & SPIRIT PULLS

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Cardinal Room at the Golf Club of Indiana  
Doors Open at 5:45 • Dinner at 6:00 • Event Starts at 7:00  
In-Home Viewing Pawty Joins via Zoom at 7:00

Purchase Tickets at [HSforBCFurBall.givesmart.com](https://HSforBCFurBall.givesmart.com)  
For more information call 877-473-6722 or email [hsforbcd@gmail.com](mailto:hsforbcd@gmail.com)

In-House Table of 8—\$500  
(Includes Dinner and Dessert)

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  
(Includes Dinner and Dessert)

VIP Virtual Viewing For 2—\$50  
(Zoom Access to the Virtual Gala, Auctions and In-Home Viewing Party Kit for 2)

Presenting Sponsor: DENTONS, BINGHAM GREENEBAUM  
In-Home Viewing Party Sponsor: DR HORTON  
Virtual Auction Sponsor: TDS  
Beverage Sponsor: Tito's  
Prize Sponsor: DKP  
Pawty Kit Sponsor: RIDINGS

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HSforBC's annual Fur Ball, a "pawpular" Mardi Gras themed fundraiser that helps the Humane Society rescue homeless dogs and cats, is February 25 at the Golf Club of Indiana in Zionsville.

The Mardi Gras "pawty" features delicious food by LA Café and fun activities which include a "furbulous" live auction, inspirational animal stories, live wine and spirits pulls, and a few more surprises. The amazing online silent auction with a variety of unique items runs from noon on February 19 until noon on February 26, and can be accessed online at [HSforBCFurBall.givesmart.com](https://HSforBCFurBall.givesmart.com).

Susan Austin, HSforBC's executive director, said there are several ticket options for in-house participants and in-home virtual viewers. Tickets are \$125 per couple for dinner and dessert at the Cardinal Room and \$50 per couple for VIP virtual viewing online via a Zoom link. In-house tables for eight people are \$500 and a virtual viewing party for eight people on Zoom is \$250.

The doors open at 5:45 p.m., dinner is served buffet style at 6 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m.

"We're grateful for our wonderful sponsors who make the Fur Ball possible," Austin said. "Dentons Bingham Greenebaum is our presenting sponsor. Our in-home viewing party sponsor is DR Horton. TDS is our virtual auction sponsor, Tito's is our beverage sponsor, DKP is our prize sponsor and R Ridings is our pawty kit sponsor."

To purchase event or virtual tickets online, log on to [HSforBCFurBall.givesmart.com](https://HSforBCFurBall.givesmart.com). For more information, call the HSforBC Helpline at 877-473-6722 or send an email to [hsforbcd@gmail.com](mailto:hsforbcd@gmail.com).

## Zionsville Monthly Magazine sponsors fundraising contest

Zionsville Monthly Magazine is partnering with HSforBC in a fundraising contest. The magazine will give a \$300 gift certificate to the individual or family that makes the largest donation to HSforBC between January 1 and January 31. The gift certificate will be to Tony's of Indianapolis, one of Indy's best restaurants. The winner will be announced on February 1 on social media pages of the magazine and HSforBC.

## "Dine and Donate"

"Dine and Donate" is a 2023 fundraiser for HSforBC with help from some Boone County restaurants. HSforBC will receive a portion of the proceeds on the dates specified. Some of the restaurants may require a flyer. There will be more restaurants participating in the months to come. Follow us on Facebook for more information.



### "Dine and Donate" 2023 Schedule

#### **Amore in Zionsville**

Monday, February 6, 2023

lunch

No flyer needed

#### **El Meson in Zionsville**

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

lunch and dinner

No flyer needed

#### **Pub at Anson**

Thursday, April 27, 2023

#### **Noble Romans in Whitestown**

Thursday, May 18, 2023

#### **1830 Chophouse in Lebanon**

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

### **Noah Grant's Grill House and Oyster Bar helps HSforBC**

By Nancy Comiskey



Special thanks to Shari Jenkins and Noah Grant's Grill House and Oyster Bar for their "Martinis That Matter" program benefiting HSforBC. For the month of December, Noah Grant's donated \$1 to the shelter for every Fireside or Dog Gone Dirty Girl martini sold. HSforBC also set up tables in front of the restaurant to sell hot chocolate during the Zionsville Christmas in the Village parade.

Jenkins, Noah Grant's owner, has always had a special place in her heart for pets, especially those who might not otherwise have a family. "I am a Humane Society girl," she said from the home she happily shares with Molly, Max, Kobe and Foxy, four senior dogs she adopted from shelters. "Three of them are on my lap right now."

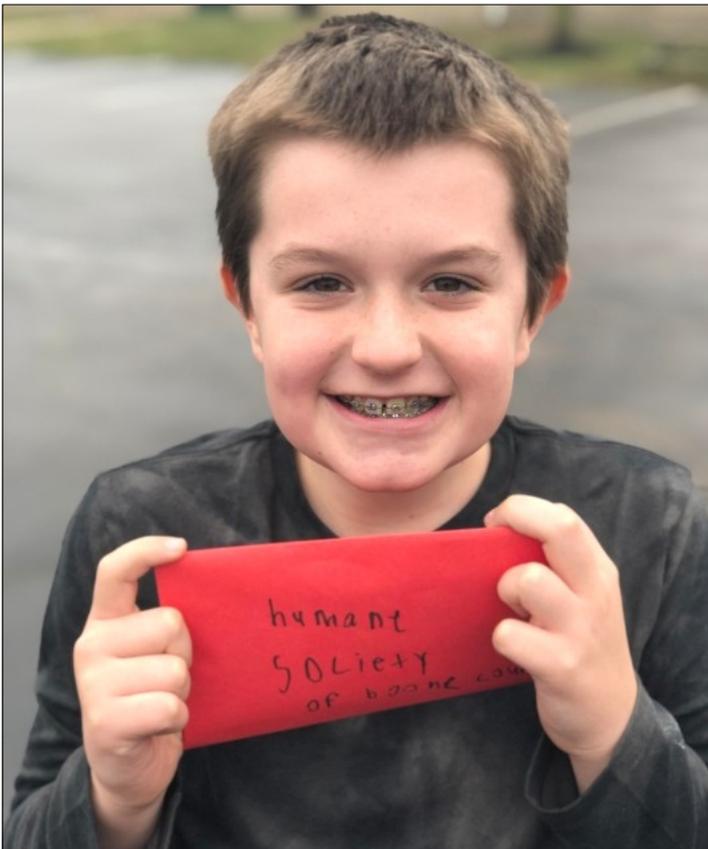
## Thank You



Thank you to all the employees of Meijer #152 in Whitestown! We appreciate being chosen by you for this wonderful holiday donation of \$5,000! We are so thankful for your generosity!



Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors (MIBOR) for Boone County recently donated \$1,000 to HSforBC.



Many thanks to Lane. He raised more than \$2,000 and went shopping with our wish list to help the HSforBC dogs and cats. Great job, Lane! The kitties and puppies love you!



Thank you Village Dance Studio for sharing the proceeds of your Mutcracker Calendar sales with HSforBC. Over \$2,000 was donated.

Seven-year-old Jase Williamson donated his \$100 in Christmas money to HSforBC because he loves animals. Barks and meows of thanks from the doggies and kitties.

## 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.



### Fuji

She is a sweet 5-month-old Tabby looking for a quiet home. Fuji needs patience and understanding of her slow to warm up personality.



### Omelette

Omelette is about 11 weeks old. He is a Lab/Hound/German Shorthair Pointer mix. He loves to explore and find things with his nose. He is a playful and loving pup.

## Boone County Animal Control

**Office:** 765-482-1412, option 8

**email:** [animalcontrol@co.boone.in.us](mailto:animalcontrol@co.boone.in.us)

**website:** <https://www.boonecountyindianasheriff.com/divisions/animal-control/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1754434438198357>

## Did your pet go missing?

Take these four steps to help find them.

1. Report your pet missing for free at [petcolovelost.org](http://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.



## HSforBC Wish List

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

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

## Donors honor people and pets with memorial gifts to HSforBC

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

Ricky and Allison Schwartz  
Keiffer and Audrey Williams  
HSforBC volunteer Jennifer Griffith  
Elise Effner  
HSforBC Executive Director Susan Austin  
Shaun, Catherine Farley, Max and Haley  
Amanda Bishop  
Janice Gerson

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

Heather Ann Adams  
Richard Chelf  
Joanna Kathleen Hunter  
Jason Kincaid  
Edward Moffitt  
Mary Morh  
Jason Padgett  
Sharon Webb

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

Lightning, beloved dog of Peggy Kliine  
Poppet, beloved dog of Christy and Michael Brubaker Family  
Sunny, beloved dog of Heather Ann Adams  
Maisie the cat  
Gina, Dottie, Libby, Lucy and Lettie, Boston Terriers  
Toby, Moose and Jax Bishop  
George

[Donate](#)

## Upcoming events

### Fur Ball

Cardinal Room  
Golf Club of Indiana  
Saturday, February 25, 2023  
for tickets go to:  
[HSforBCFurball.givesmart.com](https://HSforBCFurball.givesmart.com)

### Trivia Night at Moontown

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

### Golf Scramble

Golf Club of Indiana  
Monday, May 15, 2023



**2023 CALENDAR**

**RESCUED**  
2023 12 Month Calendar  
HSforBC.org • (877) HSforBC

Thank you for your support!

**APRIL**

**ALSO ON SALE AT OUR EVENTS OR AT THE SHELTER BY APPOINTMENT**

**A Great Gift for the Animal Lovers in Your Life!**  
For the seventh 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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Proud Sponsor of the 2023 HSforBC Calendar

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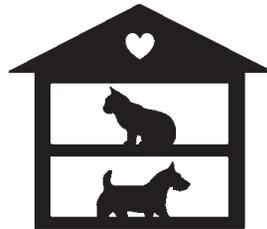
Happy New Year!

We hope you are as excited as we all are about the year ahead of us at Humane Society for Boone County. As you think about the upcoming year, be sure to reach out if you are interested in helping save more lives one tail at a time! Maybe you have some extra time to come work in the shelter or are interested in fostering or donating or helping at an event. Just let us know!

Our e-newsletter will be emailed monthly so please be sure to watch your inbox for the latest updates! We appreciate your support and want to keep you up to date on all things HSforBC.

Pawsitively yours,  
The Volunteers, Board and Staff of HSforBC

[Donate to HSforBC](#)



## 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)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

Building Renovations and Expansion Fund / 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.)