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New antibody treatment saves puppies sickened by Parvovirus

By Mary Ann Garber



Dr. Amy Rader displays a vial of Elanco's Canine Parvovirus Monoclonal Antibody serum which helped Cheeto and his litter mates recover from the often fatal viral infection.

It was a nightmare before Christmas.

At the shelter, HSforBC volunteers wearing disposable gowns and surgical gloves sprayed Rescue, an animal safe disinfectant, on floors and other surfaces in or near the dog kennel areas then scrubbed them.

Other volunteers assisted Dr. Amy Rader, a veterinarian and Board president, to provide medical care for two sick dogs and five ill puppies.

All seven dogs surrendered from one home appeared healthy when they arrived at the shelter. But after being in HSforBC's care for several days, they started to show symptoms of illness. The cause of their vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy and loss of appetite was quickly diagnosed as Canine Parvoviral Enteritis, a highly contagious disease for dogs that are unvaccinated or under vaccinated.

Thankfully, all the sick dogs had been housed in the shelter's new canine isolation kennel area so none of the adoptable dogs in HSforBC's care living in the main kennels were exposed to the illness.

Reba and Lulu, two adult dogs, and Reba's five puppies—Cheeto, Funyun, Ruffles, Frito Lay and Dorito—caught the virus in the same home because their former owner was not able to get them vaccinated. The dogs were all vaccinated by HSforBC shortly after they were signed over to the Humane Society's care, but unfortunately the virus was already present in their systems so the vaccines did not have enough time to provide protection.

Fortunately, HSforBC was able to buy doses of Elanco Animal Health's new lifesaving antibody treatment for Canine Parvovirus in time to successfully combat the deadly illness. This novel new treatment is more effective early in the disease process so time was of the essence in obtaining and administering the doses.

As they have so many times for other dogs during the year, some of the volunteers sacrificed sleep and family time to help save the lives of these surrendered puppies.

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Milo is 1 year old, weighs 20 lbs. and would do best in a home with another dog. He would be good with a senior or someone working from home. He has decent leash manners. Milo doesn't seem interested in toys and chews. He wants to please and seems like a smart dog so training should go well. Milo would be best with older children because he gets too excited with his affection at this time. He is good in a crate and does well traveling in the car when crated.

Parvovirus

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Cheeto, Ruffles and Funyun survived the deadly Parvovirus thanks to Elanco's Canine Parvovirus Monoclonal Antibody serum as well as supportive care from volunteers around the clock that included administration of subcutaneous and intravenous fluids.



Reba and Lulu recovered from Parvovirus with supportive care that included administration of fluids, antibiotics and anti-nausea medication. They did not need the antibody serum.

Last September, only two of four puppies in another litter survived the often fatal viral infection.

Caring for this litter in late December meant giving up some holiday activities with family members in the days leading up to Christmas. The two dogs and two of the puppies were nursed back to health by volunteers while living in the isolation kennels at the shelter. Patty Healy and Dr. Rader came in every day including on Christmas Eve to check on the dogs and administer medication. Healy also came to the shelter on Christmas Day to check on the dogs in addition to the routine care provided by other volunteers who feed and exercise all the dogs and clean kennels twice a day.

Dog Program director Christy Brubaker and her husband, Michael, set up an isolation kennel in their home with assistance from her mother-in-law, Donna Macartney, to provide 24-hour care for the three sickest puppies. They administered fluids intravenous catheters or subcutaneous injections, comforted the puppies, cleaned up their vomit and diarrhea during the daytime hours and throughout the long nights.

On December 22, Funyun and Cheeto were starting to feel better. "Both boys chowed down [food] and then peed," Christy reported. "They haven't peed in a while so that was great to see. I'm watching to see if they keep [food] down. This is progress!"

By Christmas Eve, she said, "Cheeto and Funyun are not symptomatic and are not getting treatment anymore. Ruffles is feeling better, but still needs treatment, including subcutaneous fluid, because she isn't really eating and continues to throw up. She is up and about though, and has shown interest in food. The rest of the family is also on the mend."

Parvovirus

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Reba was feeling better after Christmas and a few weeks later was able to exercise outside with a warm sweater.

Canine Parvovirus is one of the deadliest diseases to affect dogs, and puppies are extremely vulnerable. Each year, an estimated 330,000 dogs are sickened by Parvo throughout the United States.

Last summer, Elanco received conditional approval for their new Canine Parvovirus Monoclonal Antibody treatment from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Thankfully, Elanco's new antiviral medication is providing a more effective treatment than supportive care alone.

Before Elanco's new treatment was approved for veterinary use, Dr. Rader treated other litters of HSforBC foster puppies that were critically ill with the Parvovirus. She drew blood from recuperated puppies in the Marvel litter in April of 2022, who were cared for at the Brubakers' house. One of those eight puppies died, but blood samples from the seven survivors were used to make antibody serum which was frozen for future use.

That serum was used to treat Sweet Pea, a puppy who became ill with Parvo in April of

2023 as well as the Royal litter in May of 2023. Four of the five puppies in the Royal litter survived, and blood was drawn from those survivors to create more serum that was later used to successfully treat two of the four Fishy Fishy litter puppies in September of 2023.

Supportive care involves administering fluids and calories frequently to help the sick dogs fight the infection and not become too weak. Fluids can be given orally, subcutaneously or intravenously. Dogs sickened with Parvo also need anti-nausea medication and antibiotics.

Infected dogs can develop symptoms as early as three to four days after contracting the virus and shed it for two to three weeks after the clinical signs show improvement. Dogs exposed to Parvo must be isolated for 10 to 14 days to monitor for symptoms.

"Parvovirus is shed through the intestinal tract in the feces and vomit," Dr. Rader explained. "The virus is often being shed for several days in normal feces prior to a dog or puppy showing clinical signs of illness. Since dogs and puppies often walk through their feces and vomit, their paws are usually contaminated with the virus and they spread it wherever they walk. The virus can live in the environment [indoors and] outside in the soil for more than six months. It is a very hardy virus and can survive freezing temperatures."

People can also spread the virus on their shoes, she said, so Dog Program volunteers are required to disinfect the soles of their shoes with Rescue before and after each time they walk in the kennel areas.

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The Parvo virus is highly contagious, Dr. Rader said, and even with extensive daily cleaning at the shelter HSforBC cannot house unvaccinated or under vaccinated dogs and puppies in the isolation kennels for six months from the date of the viral infection in December.

To prevent dogs from contracting Parvovirus, pet owners should have their puppies and dogs vaccinated against Parvo as recommended by their veterinarian. The vaccines are very effective. HSforBC puppies receive a series of four vaccines against Parvovirus before adoption and adult dogs receive a series of two vaccinations to protect against Parvo.

The new veterinary medication is miraculously saving dogs' lives, but vials of Elanco's antibody serum are very expensive.

"Elanco's Canine Parvovirus Monoclonal Antibody is empowering veterinarians with the first and only USDA conditionally approved targeted treatment to save puppies from the deadly Parvovirus," said Dr. Jennifer Miller, veterinary technical marketer—infectious disease. "Elanco is hearing success stories from around the country about the positive impact the treatment is having to defeat Parvovirus."

If you would like to help HSforBC save the lives of puppies critically ill with Parvovirus in the future, please send donations marked "Parvo medical care" to the Humane Society for Boone County, P.O. Box 708, Lebanon, IN 46052.

'Pets for Patriots' pairs veterans with shelter dogs and cats



Jeffrey served in the Marine Corps for more than 20 years before retiring from the military. But this tough veteran has a soft heart for animals in need like 5-year-old Smokey, adopted through the "Pets for Patriots" partnership with the Humane Society for Boone County.

"Thank you for your attention and I really appreciate everything you do for the fur babies needing a forever home and for the veterans who desperately need the companionship," he said. "There are many veteran organizations out there and they all do great things, but I think what you guys do is just exceptional. Taking two beings that need each other and making it easier to pair them up is just remarkable."

Cat and kitten adoptions set amazing record in early January

By Mary Ann Garber



Tabby boy Eddie chose his people, Scott and Tracy Martin, when he met them during a Meet and Greet appointment on January 6 at the shelter.

January 7 was a day to remember and celebrate for HSforBC Cat Program volunteers.

"It was a crazy, busy day at the Humane Society shelter," Cat Program director Dawn Walker said. "Twenty-one kitties found their 'furever' homes!"

On that Sunday, Walker and volunteer fosters finalized the adoptions of Arwen, Balin, Bamboo, Brie, Concrete, Crystal, Dahlia, Domino, Fireside, Gimli, Gruyere, Jackson, Lewis, Neomi, Noelle, Pip, Pocket, Pothos, Snowfall, Twinkle and Winter.

Also during the first two weeks of January, Angus, Charolais, Coral, Eddie, Fili, Frankie, Hope, Shark, Treat and Turtle went to their new homes.

"It was incredible to see the families connect [with the kitties]," said Cat Program volunteer Laura Harris, who helped with the Meet and Greet appointments and adoptions on

January 7. "The rooms were all full with Meet and Greets."

Even with all the early January adoptions, HSforBC still has wonderful cats and kittens hoping to meet their person or people. Their photos are posted online at hsforbc.org under the Adopt and Available Cats links.

"HSforBC fosters are all so amazing," Walker said. "As a foster, it's so rewarding to go full circle—to love these babies and being able to see the joy the adopters have when meeting them and bonding with them."

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.

Cold weather precautions keep dogs and cats safe in the winter By Brenda Clark

"Better safe than sorry" is a wise adage to remember this winter. If it's too cold outside for you, it's too cold for your dog or cat. Frigid weather in January and February makes outdoor time dangerous for people and pets.

If you can't bring your pets indoors or keep them in a basement then a garage or barn are the next best options. Here are some tips to keep your furry buddies safe when they are outside.

To protect dogs that spend time outdoors, put plenty of straw in their dog house for comfort and warmth. It should be insulated and have a door flap to repel wind, rain and snow. Straw will stay dry, won't freeze and can keep a dog warmer and safer than using blankets or towels. Blankets and towels absorb moisture and in frigid weather can freeze in minutes.

"Straw is for strays and hay is for horses" is an easy way to make sure you are using the best winter bedding for animals. Straw is a better insulator because it traps air and provides more warmth for animals. It is usually less expensive than hay and also less likely to harbor mold, which can be harmful if pets inhale it.

It's also a good idea to spread a layer of straw over the shoveled trail you make for your dog to go potty in the yard because it will keep the area dry and serve as a barrier between paws and frozen ground. Straw is more comfortable for your dog to walk on, and prevents sticking or injuries from slipping. Sprinkle a layer of straw on the ground and your dog will be happy.

Cats also need safe shelters that are insulated, filled with straw and have a door flap to keep out cold air and predators. The opening should be just big enough for the cat to get inside, and several inches above ground level to keep out rain and snow. You can line shelters with silver Mylar blankets that reflect radiant heat. Lay straw on top of the Mylar blanket. Do not use hay, regular blankets or towels. You can build shelters from storage totes or large Styrofoam containers. Animal rescue groups sometimes offer free shelters.

Provide fresh cat food and water daily or twice daily and remove any frozen leftovers. To prevent water and canned food from freezing, place bowls in a sunny place. Avoid using metal bowls. Place food and water bowls away from the shelter. Food near a shelter draws predators.

Keep dogs and cats away from chemicals, antifreeze and salt. Check the wheel wells and under the hood of your car for cats seeking shelter before turning on the ignition.

Remember that if it's too cold for you then it's too cold for your pets so keep them inside. If left outdoors in extreme cold, they can freeze and become disoriented then get lost, stolen, injured or killed. Never leave pets alone in a car during cold weather because the vehicle can hold in the cold with heartbreaking results.

Be aware of daily temperatures so you can help your pets stay safe and warm this winter.

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Fur Ball offers food, festivities and fun on February 24

By Wendy Gabers

Get ready to "pawty" at 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 or surrendered dogs and cats—on February 24 at the Golf Club of Indiana.

The festive event features a delicious catered dinner buffet from LA Cafe as well as a "furbulous" live auction, live wine and spirits pull, special speakers sharing "pawsitive" animal rescue stories and a Mardi Gras selfie photo booth. Attendees are encouraged to dress ready to celebrate Mardi Gras in casual rather than formal attire.

In addition, a "pawsome" online silent auction featuring a variety of unique items offers the opportunity to bid on event tickets, experiences, gift cards, original signed artwork, adventures, pet paraphernalia and home décor. The silent auction runs from noon on February 18 through February 25 and can be accessed online at HSforBCFurBall.givesmart.com.

Several ticket options are available for in-house attendance and at-home virtual viewing. Tickets are available in advance for \$125 per couple onsite which includes dinner and dessert at the Cardinal Room and \$50 per couple for VIP virtual viewing online via a Zoom link. In-house tables of eight are \$500 and virtual viewing tables of eight are \$250. Tickets and tables are going quickly with one-half of the seats already reserved so register online now!

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., dinner is served at 6 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m.

"We are so grateful for our wonderful corporate sponsors who make the Fur Ball possible," said Susan Austin. "Dentons Bingham Greenbaum is our presenting sponsor. Our in-home viewing party sponsor is DR Horton. Zionsville Country Kennel is our virtual auction sponsor. DKP is our prize sponsor and Tito's Handmade Vodka is our beverage sponsor. Our 'Pawty Kit' sponsor is Ridings Realty and Zionsville Monthly is our ad sponsor. We are delighted that these sponsors return each year in support of our mission."

HSforHC also appreciates donations of live and silent auction items from companies and individuals for this event, Austin said, to raise much needed funds to care for homeless or surrendered dogs and cats in Boone County.

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 hsforbced@gmail.com.



Dine and Donate

Greek's Pizza

Whitestown
Wednesday, February 7
in house, pick up and online
4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
mention HSforBC

El Meson

Zionsville Wednesday, February 14 all day mention HSforBC

Upcoming Events

Fur Ball

Virtual Silent Online Auction goes LIVE at noon Sunday, February 18

Fur Ball

Saturday, February 24 Cardinal Room Golf Club of Indiana doors open 5:45 p.m.

Fur Ball Item Pickup

Sunday, February 25 HSforBC shelter 5366 S. Indianapolis Road Whitestown 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

January is National Train Your Dog Month



It isn't just puppies who can benefit from training!

Master the Basic Cues

Dogs need to understand the core four cues: come, sit, stay and drop it. Keep these cues short and consistent, and give lots of positive reinforcement. But don't always give treats—you don't want your pet to gain excess weight. Reward with praise, extra belly rubs, walks and occasional treats.

Small Doses of Training Work Best

Try 2–5 minutes to start. If training sessions are too long, you may lose your dog's interest or cause frustration or over-stimulation. Reward things you want to encourage immediately, so your dog can make the association between the behavior and the response.

Set the Rules

Dogs can't follow your rules if they don't know what they are. Set clear boundaries and be consistent. Can your fur baby jump on furniture? Sleep on your bed? Make rules and stick with them so you don't send mixed messages.

Ignore Bad Behavior

Of course, if your dog is doing something destructive or dangerous, it's important to stop her. But try to ignore smaller issues like begging at the table. Your pup will lose interest in behaviors that aren't acknowledged or rewarded.

Praise the Right Thing

Be lavish in your praise and constantly show love and kindness as you train. But be careful not to reward a good behavior while another problematic one is happening. For example, don't praise if your dog obeys the "come" cue but then barks loudly all the way over. Give the most praise for a behavior that's 100% right.

Listen to Your Dog

Above all, pay attention to your dog's body language. Watch for signs of frustration or discomfort during training sessions. Instead of insisting on perfection, reward small steps and then offer time for active play after training. Dogs are happier to train again if they know training is followed by play time!

2024 HSforBC Calendar



For the eighth 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.

You can order online by going to www.hsforbc.org then scrolling down to the calendar.

Or you can click here.

Donors honor people and pets with gifts to HSforBC

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

Ellie, the neighborhood ambassador Siberian Husky

Clover, beloved cat of Scott Reynolds Mr. Duffy, beloved dog of Marjorie Padgett Tippy, beloved pet of Janet Perkins

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

Laura Alter
Peter and Sammy Bell
Jay and Jessica Davis
Jason Herbert with ARCO Design/Build
Katie McDonald
Genevieve McLaughlin's (HSforBC volunteer)
dedication and passion for saving dogs
in need
Dollie and Jake Smith
The Watsons and their new puppy Cooper

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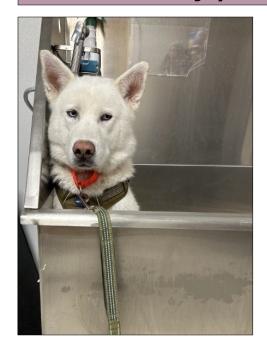
Frank, Sammie and Ava, beloved pets of Sherman Burdette and Bill Humphrey

Lumen, aka Gremlin, adopted from HSforBC

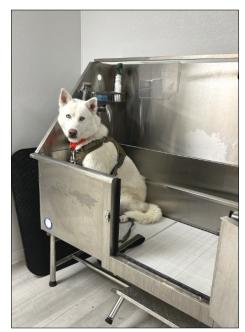
Donors recently supported HSforBC with memorial gifts in remembrance of friends and loved ones:

Nicholas Barkley
Kate Comisky
Henry Gabrial Conner
John Edward Culley
Ginger Gregory
Donna Turner, who loved Oliver, Brady,
Zac and Zoe as her own
Bernice Pochatek, who loved rescued
dogs

Olaf enjoys a very long bath in the tub at the shelter









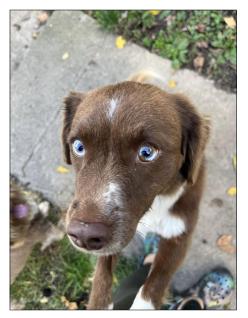


Handsome Olaf, a large white Husky and Malamute mix with a funny personality, has been living at the shelter since his rescue on December 1. Dog Program volunteer Marcia Lemen, who is fostering him now, decided that a bath would be a great idea before he left the shelter on January 11 to go home with her. In these hilarious photos taken by Dog Program volunteer Rhonda Munz, Olaf demonstrates his love for hydrotherapy and delight about this opportunity to sit in a bathtub. Olaf was bathed and dried with a towel then his harness was put back on him, but he liked sitting in the tub so much that he wouldn't climb out. So Marcia and Rhonda waited ... and waited ... and waited ... then Susan Austin, executive director, also tried to coax him out without luck. They even said the magic words, "Let's go for a car ride!" An hour later, they were still waiting for him to come out of the tub and he wouldn't even budge for a variety of treats! Finally, he accepted some treats and Marcia was able to lift him out of the tub then he gave her a sweet kiss.

Olaf is available for adoption. The Meet and Greet form is online at hsforbc.org.

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.



Bona

Bona is a mixed breed, about 2 years old and weighs 20 lbs. She has blue eyes, and is shy but warms up quickly. She is bonded with Swiffer and would need a fenced yard.



Swiffer

She is a sweet girl about 2 years old and 33 lbs. She is a mix that will require grooming. She is shy, but warms up quickly. She is bonded with Bona and they would like to stay together.



Rosemarie

This pretty puppy loves to be outside and will be a big dog. She needs an active family with older children. She would enjoy a dog friend.



Mummy

Mummy is a sweet 1 to 2-year-old Tabby girl. She is doing well in her foster home.



Popoki

Popoki is a sweet 1-year-old dilute Calico kitty who was rescued by HSforBC from a trailer park that was demolished.

Thank You



Thank you to Celeste and her daughter Ariel. Celeste picked HSforBC as her "Wish Day." Thank you to RCI for letting her spend her work day at HSforBC helping us rebox and organize all our Christmas decorations from Whiskerfest. This was a huge task. Thank you, ladies!



Thank you to our volunteer Rachel Conyer who donated all these adorable dog and cat toys.



Thank you to Ag Reliant Genetics for your holiday donation drive. We will put it all to good use. Thank you for thinking of us again this year.



Thank you to Petco for all the donations to HSforBC. We appreciate you and all your customers who make this possible!

Thank you to our friends at the Boone County Sheriff's Office for the dog food donation. You are awesome.

Click <u>here</u> for HSforBC Wish List at Chewy.

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Thank you to Forum Credit Union for the Kongs, squeeze cheese and kitten food. The shelter animals appreciate your good thoughts, and are barking and meowing good thoughts back to you.



Thank you to our friends at the Boone County Professional Firefighters Local #5195 for their donation toward our Pet Pantry fund! Not only do they help keep us safe and respond quickly, they also help keep the pups and kitties in their homes by providing pet food for families in need. Thanks to each of you.

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