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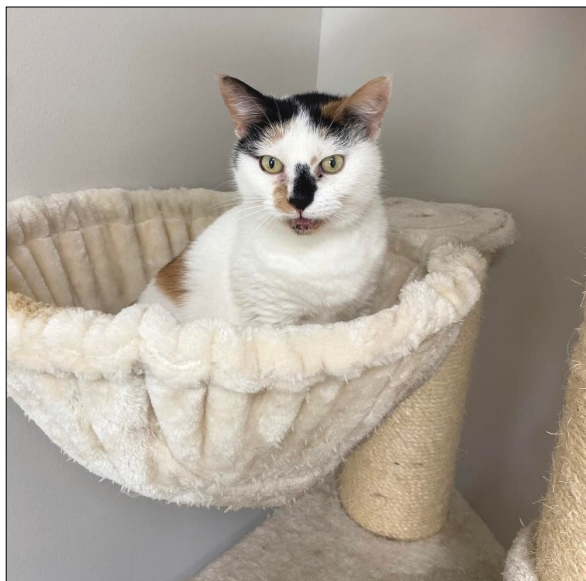
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## Shelter cats bring love and joy to their new owners' lives

By Mary Ann Garber



Millie snuggled in this cat tree bed in the free roam room at the shelter before her adoption and now sleeps on her owner's bed.



Penelope poses nicely for a photograph next to her owner at her new home. She delivered eight kittens while in foster care then nursed and weaned her babies before her own adoption.

June is National Adopt a Shelter Cat Month.

Actually, every month is Adopt a Shelter Cat Month, and HSforBC has some great kitties waiting to meet their "purrfect purrsons."

Summer is the height of the kitten season and pet lovers often want to adopt cute and cuddly little felines, but some wonderful and affectionate adult male and female cats living at the shelter also need homes.

Millie and Penelope, two shelter cats adopted recently, brought love and joy to their new owners as soon as they arrived in their forever homes.

In early May, 5-year-old Millie came to HSforBC as a friendly stray. Her adopter met several shelter cats during a Meet and Greet appointment three weeks later, and sweet Millie charmed her immediately.

"Millie is a delight," the woman later told Dawn Walker, Cat Program director. "She slept in bed with me last night and has been exploring [her new home] all day! She's definitely a gift from God if there ever was one. Thank you for all you guys do."

Penelope was pregnant and living in a house with 16 cats when HSforBC rescued her in February. She delivered eight kittens at her foster home on February 17. After nursing and weaning her babies, the 5-year-old Tabby was moved to the shelter in early May for her milk to dry up then received veterinary care that included spay and vaccinations to prepare her for adoption.

The woman who adopted Penelope wanted a cat to choose her, and that's exactly what happened during the Meet and Greet appointment.

After looking around her new home, pretty Penelope climbed up on the sofa to sit close to her owner. She has become a devoted companion for the woman, whose husband and elderly dog both died recently.

"She's my little angel," the woman said. "She is a happy kitty. She has been sleeping in bed with me. She'll come up to me and want me to rub her and scratch her. At night, I can hear her running through the house and then she walks in the bedroom slowly and quietly gets on the bed. It's really funny."

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## Shelter cats bring love and joy to their new owners' lives

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Cat Program volunteers work with each shelter cat to further socialize them in preparation for adoption. Each time a cat is adopted, Walker and other volunteers celebrate another "happy tails" story then welcome a new friendly homeless cat who also needs veterinary care and a loving home. Click [here](#) for available cats.

*(To view photographs of cats available for adoption, log on to [hsforbc.org](http://hsforbc.org) and click on the Adopt then Available Cats links. The Meet and Greet application is on that link too.)*

## June is National Foster a Pet Month

by Brenda Clark



Meet Jerry, my current foster puppy. He was found wandering around in a Zionsville park and was never claimed. Because I think he looks like a Spaniel mix, I named him Jerry (Springer Spaniel). Jerry was about 10 weeks old when he came to HSforBC. He already knew the sit command.

Fostering benefits both the animal and our shelter. It can open a place in the shelter for another animal. HSforBC covers the cost of vaccinations, lab tests, spaying or neutering and food.

In a foster home, the foster animal learns socialization. Your other cats and dogs can train the foster animal. My dogs helped housebreak Jerry. By following them, Jerry has learned not to do his business in the house and instead use specific areas in the back yard away from the house and deck.



Jerry has been in my foster care for six weeks. He quickly became a member of our family. My 4-year-old Aussie, Jude, has become his big brother and babysitter. He allows Jerry to climb all over him. Even my grouchy 12-year-old Freddy, a former HSforBC resident, has accepted him. That's when I knew he is a foster "failure." Jerry has been neutered and gets his final vaccinations in a few days. Then I will begin the adoption process. By fostering him, I found out he is a wonderful match for us.

## Will you help HSforBC provide spay or neuter surgeries for community cats?

By Mary Ann Garber



Cat Program volunteer Shelley Lakshmanan took this sweet photo of her sleeping foster kittens during the HSforBC adoption event on June 17 at Petco in Whitestown. HSforBC has many kittens available for adoption this summer. Log on to [hsforbc.org](http://hsforbc.org) and click on the Adopt and Available Cats links to access the Meet and Greet application. #PetcoLovePartner

Tiny paws touched as the sleepy kittens cuddled together for a nap during an HSforBC adoption event on June 17 at Petco in Whitestown.

These kittens are among the lucky ones who are safe in foster care with HSforBC, and will receive spay or neuter surgery, blood tests, deworming, vaccinations, microchips and socialization before their adoptions.

Sadly, countless unwanted kittens born in litters outdoors die every year from disease, neglect and predators because their mothers were not spayed and their fathers were not neutered at an early age.

HSforBC is asking Boone County residents to help control overpopulation of stray and feral community cats by donating \$60 toward a homeless cat's veterinary care to cover the cost of spay or neuter, Rabies vaccination and parasite preventative as part of the TNR (Trap / Neuter / Return) Program that releases altered cats back in their familiar territory where they have shelter and food sources.

Female kittens can become pregnant as early as four months. Research indicates that one female cat that is not spayed can have three litters of kittens in a year with an average of four kittens per litter.

During that cat's lifetime, she can become pregnant multiple times every year for as long as 12 to 15 years and deliver as many as 180 kittens in her lifetime. Consider how many babies her 180 kittens can produce during their lifetimes and the number is overwhelming.

Thank you in advance for helping HSforBC provide veterinary care for homeless stray and feral kitties. Click [here](#) to donate to the feral / community cat fund.

*(If you would like to help HSforBC provide veterinary care for homeless cats, send a check for \$60 per cat to the Humane Society for Boone County, P.O. Box 708, Lebanon, IN 46052 or click on this link to donate online. Donations qualify as tax-deductible gifts.)*

### Cover photo

Tabby boy Jeff Gordon is 2 months old. His siblings, also named for Indy Car and NASCAR drivers, are Sarah Fisher, Stewart and Earnhardt. (Cover photo by Darlene Trout)

# HSforBC receives Petco Love grant for dog isolation area

by Tiffany Byers



Executive director Susan Austin, center, displays a large check representing a \$10,000 grant investment from Petco Love on June 17 outside the Petco store at Anson in Whitestown. With Austin are Whitestown Petco managers Kara, left, and Kayla, right, who are holding puppies available for adoption. #PetcoLovePartner

HSforBC has received a \$10,000 grant investment from national nonprofit Petco Love. This is the second year in a row that HSforBC has received a grant from Petco Love.

Last year, HSforBC used the grant to help fund the catio renovations at the shelter. The catio addition expanded the free roam room area, giving cats more space to explore and exercise while they wait for their forever homes.

HSforBC plans to use this grant to help pay for construction of the dog isolation area at the shelter.

"We are so honored and excited and humbled to receive this grant from Petco," executive director Susan Austin said. "We also want to extend our thanks to Petco and Petco Love for all that they've done for us through the years beyond these grant investments."

HSforBC's partnership with Petco over the years has fostered a deeper connection between HSforBC and the Boone County community in a variety of ways, Austin said, that include hosting adoption events for dogs and cats, allowing HSforBC cats to reside at Petco to increase their

visibility and chances of adoption, and hosting kitten showers that have provided us with essential items to take care of the foster kittens in our care.

She said Petco and Petco Love are one of the key reasons why HSforBC is able to assist more than 600 dogs and cats in Boone County each year find homes.

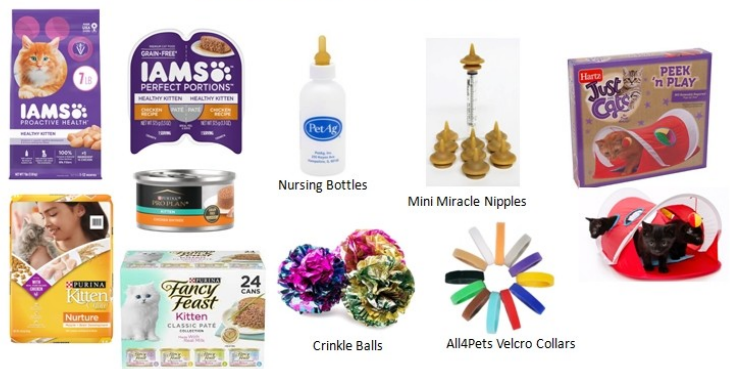
Learn more about Petco Love and the grant investment [here](#).

## HSforBC Wish List

### HSforBC Puppy Wish List

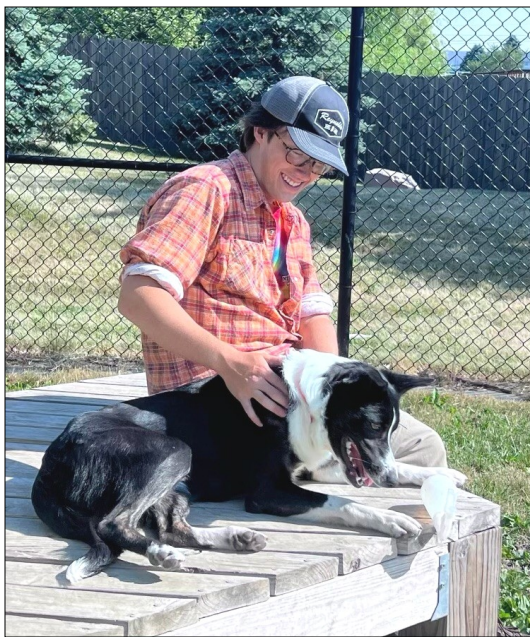


### HSforBC Kitten Wish List



## Shelter dogs enjoy fun in the sun with volunteers

Summertime at the shelter means fun in the sun for the dogs as they chase balls, hunt for treats, play fetch, and learn how to sit, stay and walk well on a leash with volunteers in the exercise yards. There's nothing quite like fresh air, sunshine and a cool breeze, which is a great recipe for canine happiness. Part-time kennel technician Griffin Stark, top center, played with Ranger on a sunny day. Shelter dogs Domingo, Finny, Kane, Ranger, Sissy and Toby are waiting to meet their forever person or family and enjoy fun in the sun in a fenced yard at their new homes. The Meet and Greet form is online at [hsforbc.org](http://hsforbc.org).



## Donors honor people and pets with gifts to HSforBC

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

Ron Hysong  
Richard Kouns  
Sandra Norris  
Barbara McNutt  
Meridith Harmon

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

Ollie  
OW Erickson  
Nash Strouse  
Mr. Duffy  
Miller  
Fenway Fogg  
Hannah and our other rescue pups

Donors recently gave HSforBC gifts in honor of the following:

Kris Baker  
Tracy Coussens  
Ada's birthday

## HSforBC Wish List

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

## "Dine and Donate"



*Be sure to mention  
you are supporting HSforBC.*

**Kinnard and Drake's**  
**1830 Chophouse in Lebanon**  
Tuesday, June 27

**Verde Flavors of Mexico in Zionsville**  
Thursday, July 27  
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Panera Bread in Whitestown**  
Friday, August 25  
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**City Barbeque in Whitestown**  
Friday, September 29  
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Amore Pizzeria in Zionsville**  
First Monday of each month  
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**El Meson in Zionsville**  
Second Wednesday of each month

## Thank You



Thank you McKinzie. For McKinzie's 12th birthday, she asked for donations to HSforBC. She helped water our new native Indiana plant garden.



Thank you Whitestown Meijer Store #152. Your \$5,000 donation will help the kitties and puppies. We appreciate your support.



Thank you Amazon IND1 for helping water plants and trees, deep cleaning the dog kennel doors, mowing the play yards, organizing cat litter and more.



Thank you Emily and Gracie. They used the money from their lemonade stand to buy much needed cat food.

## Did your pet go missing?

Take these four steps to help find them.

1. Report your pet missing for free at [petcolovelost.org](https://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 Amerisource Bergan for the wonderful supply donation drive held in May. We're pawsitively excited for your help.



Thank you to the Western Boone High School Girls Tennis Team Fundraiser. We appreciate all your donations from our Wish List.



Thank you LadyBug Pest and Wildlife Control. Your Facebook challenge provided us with a \$1,500 donation. We appreciate your support.



Thank you Thorntown Girl Scout Troop #3248 for your day of service. This wonderful group returned for another day of service. They cleaned kennel doors and drains, sorted and organized cat food, and donated cat scratchers.

## Boone County Animal Control

**Office:** 765-482-1412, option 4

**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>

## 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.



Charlie's Cattle Dog mix pups are having a good time in their foster home. They will be available soon.



Denali and his sister, Sequin, are about 2 months old and will be available soon.



### Sky

This handsome boy is under 2 and about 45 lbs. He is a full Husky with beautiful fur. He is treat motivated, crate trained and loves to be outside. He has been living with another dog, but would be fine being an only dog too.



### Freckles

This 10-year-old ginger boy has a few special needs, but his loving disposition makes up for his kidney and heart disease. His owner died, leaving him homeless. He is living in a foster home, but doesn't get along with the current resident male cat. However, he has done great with the foster's two female cats. He is a loving and giving kitty.



### Harry, Charlotte, William

These Lab / Beagle mix pups are 8 weeks old. They are looking for loving, active homes.

**Upcoming events**

**HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY**  
**at the Zionsville Farmers Market**



The Zionsville Farmers Market is kindly hosting HSforBC and some of our furry friends once a month May–September.

May 27	June 24	July 22	Aug 19	Sept 23
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Please come by to see us!  
**Visit [HSforBC.org](http://HSforBC.org)**  
 to see our current adoptables



**Pets for Patriots Adoption Event**

Saturday, July 15  
noon to 3 p.m. at Petco

**Zionsville Farmers Market**

Saturday, July 22  
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Whitestown Farmers Market**

Thursday, July 27  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.



**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)

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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)

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One time / or for recurring monthly donations contact us at [HSforBC@gmail.com](mailto:HSforBC@gmail.com)

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