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Humane Society for Boone County finds a home

After a decade of rescuing thousands of lost and homeless animals, and without an operating shelter, HSforBC has finally found a home.

Our all-volunteer organization recently purchased a building at 5366 S. Indianapolis Road, Whitestown, from the Zionsville Country Vet Clinic (ZCVC).

Mike Hancock, President of the organization for many years played a major leadership role when our group first heard that the vet office might be for sale. "It's always been 'How do we get a building? How do we realize this dream of building a shelter that no one in the county has ever been able to accomplish?" Hancock said of his time with the organization. Negotiations and all the details of the transaction kept board members awake many nights and now our community will soon have a humane option and lost, stray and endangered companion animals will get the help they deserve.

Change of Plans We were gifted a six acre buildable parcel in 2015 and plans were drawn for the project, however when the ZCVC property was offered to us, we soon realized this was the better option.

Ten years of fundraising by HSforBC including matching grants from the Community Foundation for Boone County, as well as funds raised by a previous effort, allowed us to purchase the building and have funds in reserve for sustainability.

Our new property will require some minor modifications to be suitable for rescue and adoption. Perimeter fencing and kennel runs are on the drawing board as well as adjusting walls to the interior to accommodate our new guests.

"The new shelter will have space for seven dogs and a number of cats", Hancock said. "The society will still house some animals with foster families when it can, but the shelter will open space for more animals in need. The animals currently housed successfully in foster homes will not be moved".

Our new shelter is not yet open to the public. Watch for our grand opening this spring.



Front left to right: Mike Hancock and Dr Shari Lyons

Back left to right: Cheryl Hancock, Patty Healey, and Guy Davis.



LIVING IN THE SHADOWS

A "feral" cat is unsocialized and tends to be fearful of people and keep a distance. Ferals are most often found living outdoors in groups known as colonies. The cats in a colony share a common food source and territory and may include not only ferals, but also strays - former pet cats who were recently lost or abandoned and are still tame. Most feral colonies originate from unneutered stray cats. Ferals, as well as strays, are increasingly referred to as "community cats" or "freeroaming cats."

While they live outside human homes and exhibit wild behavior, feral cats are not wildlife. The vast majority rely on some form of human-based food source for their sustenance, whether it's a caretaker who feeds daily, a dumpster behind a supermarket or scraps left on fishing docks. Very few subsist on hunting alone.

"Feral" is a behavioral characteristic, not a biological one. As a result, the same cat can be feral and not feral at different points in her life. An outdoor kitten may be born feral, then be taken indoors, socialized and adopted out as a friendly pet. Or an adult cat may be a gregarious pet for years then become lost and, after a few months of living on his own, start to act unsocialized. In addition, feral is not a black or white quality, but different cats will be feral to different degrees.

Just how feral a cat is will depend primarily on four factors:

Age - kittens less than eight weeks old, even though born to a feral mother, can usually be socialized within a matter of days. Beyond that age, socialization becomes a longer and more uncertain process with each passing week. After reaching

four months old, a kitten will likely retain some typical feral characteristics for the rest of his life, such as fear of strangers or change. A fully adult feral cat may require years to socialize, if they ever do.

Number of feral generations - the more distance, in terms of generations, that separate a cat born outdoors from her original stray, once-socialized ancestor, the wilder that cat will be. In other words, feral behavior will tend to increase with each successive feral generation.

Amount of human contact - cats who regularly interact with people are more likely to show at least some signs of socialization than cats who have little or no contact.

Individual personality - cats, like all animals, are individuals with their own personalities. Some ferals are naturally friendly and will warm up to people quickly. Many colony caretakers have also observed that some ferals, after being spayed or neutered, begin to behave more like pets.

If a cat is truly feral to a significant degree, then the most compassionate choice may be to allow him to live outdoors with his colony mates. Trying to force him to exist indoors as a pet, or even worse in a cage, may be harmful to his psyche. Trap-Neuter-Return respects a feral cat's inner needs. By neutering the cats and providing food and shelter, a caretaker plays a role most supportive of ferals, giving them the opportunity to live among their own, be free and answer to their own unique natures.

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Visit us at www.hsforbc.org for more info on these and other animals.

If you would like to foster an animal or schedule a MEET & GREET

call 765-485-8888 or fill out the form on our website.



Soda

Soda was a surrender. She is about eight months old and still very much a kitten. She is playful and a bit rough at times.



Domino

is approx 1 year old. She loves to play fetch, is kennel trained and does great around kids and other dogs. She loves to cuddle. She is quite the athlete and can scale a 4 foot fence, so a higher fence will be needed.



Nova

She is a sweet and happy puppy! She is about six months old. She does not seem to do well with other dogs.



Mister

is a 5 year old male who was recently surrendered. He's a very loving boy! He enjoys belly rubs, head scratches, and cuddles! Mister is neutered and up to date on shots.



Sneakers

Sneakers is about 8 months old and was surrendered from a family that had multiple cats. She's a gorgeous diluted calico/tortie, and loves being petted.



Mr. Ziggy

Ziggy is a 2 year old kitty that has been front declawed. He has a unique meow! He is kind of picky on being petted. No belly rubs please! But he loves, loves, loves head scratches! He is not a needy cat. Fill out a Meet n Greet Form!

Humane Society for Boone County

Membership Application *For the Love of Animals*

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Membership Levels

<input type="checkbox"/> FRIEND - \$20.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame.
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<input type="checkbox"/> DEFENDER - \$250.00	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, recognition on website and newsletter *, 15% discount on adoptions, and invitation to member dinner.
<input type="checkbox"/> PROTECTOR - \$500.00 +	Newsletter, membership card, license plate frame, recognition on website and newsletter *, 20% discount on adoptions and HSforBC apparel, and invitation to member dinner.
<input type="checkbox"/> PUP - \$5.00 (15 and under)	Newsletter, membership card, and special gift. Child's age: 0-9 years _____ 10-15 years _____ Child's name: _____

About Us

The Humane Society for Boone County is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that receives no government funding. We are solely supported by contributions, grants, bequest, and adoption fees. We receive no funds from the Humane Society of the United States or ASPCA. Your financial gift stays in Boone County and shows your deep personal commitment to the animals of Boone County. We accept cash, check, or credit card. You can also use PayPal from our website, www.hsforbc.org. Please note your donation is for Membership when using PayPal.

* Please mark box if you do not want your name listed on website or newsletter.

YES! I want to become an HSforBC Member and help homeless pets.

Membership Dinner March 25th

Saturday, March 25th, Humane Society for Boone County asks for your attendance at our first membership dinner. Host Sherman Burdette of Fox 59 will tell our "shelterless" story of volunteer animal rescue and adoption. Featured guest and author Tom Rogers will tell his story of how Hamilton County adopted animal ordinances, modernized their shelter, and appointed their first animal control officer.

Buffet dinner provided by LA Café. \$25 will cover your evening dinner expenses. For non-members a \$20 membership is required. RSVP is required by March 17th to: rsvp.hsforbc@gmail.com.

In it's first year the membership program received a total of \$9468.42 with 72 memberships sold.

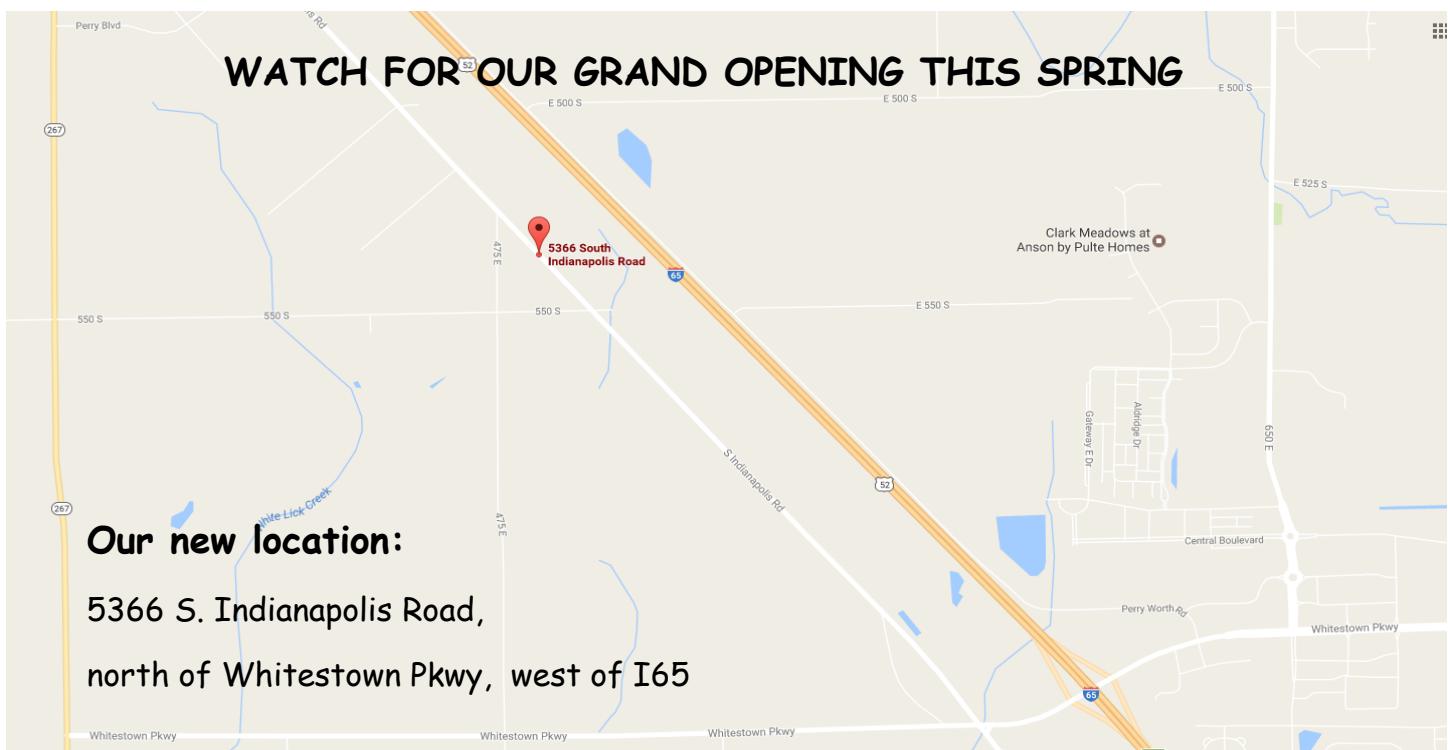
HSforBC Membership Dinner - March 25th
Whitestown Municipal Complex
Doors open at 6:00, Dinner at 6:30

Operation Shelter Fundraising 2016

2016 was another amazing year for HSforBC fundraising. A total of \$107,400 was raised for Operation Shelter. FurBall raised \$61,000 in February and the Wolf Run Golf Scramble in May raised \$27,000. Paws and Claws Ride for Rescues brought in \$17,900 in July even though it was cancelled due to rain. WhiskerFest brought in another \$1,500. Thank You All!!

Thank you MIBOR!!

HSforBC received a \$1,500 donation from the Boone County division of MIBOR. Boone County MIBOR has a wonderful team of professionals who believe in supporting local organizations through their community give back program. We are thankful for this generous gift and will see that it is put to good use.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

GOLF SCRABBLE

Wolf Run Golf Club

Monday, May 15, 2017

PAWS AND CLAWS RIDE FOR RESCUES

Saturday August 18, 2017

9:00 AM Registration at Harley Davidson 96th Street

\$25 per person OR \$40 per couple

MEMBERSHIP DINNER Speaker Tom Rogers

Host Sherman Burdette of Fox59

Saturday March 25, 2017

6:00 – 8:00 PM Whitestown Municipal Complex

\$25 per person



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You must re-register your card at beginning of each new year.



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WE RAISED \$33,500!!!

**Thank You Sponsors, Attendees
and Volunteers!!!!**

HSforBC would like to thank these individuals for joining our membership program. To become a member return the application on page four.

Mailee Yoder

Linda Titus

Peter and Susan Blackadar

Craig W Peterman

Bonnie LaClave

Laura and Brian Williams

Marvin and Brigitte West

Robt and Sarah Derossi

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