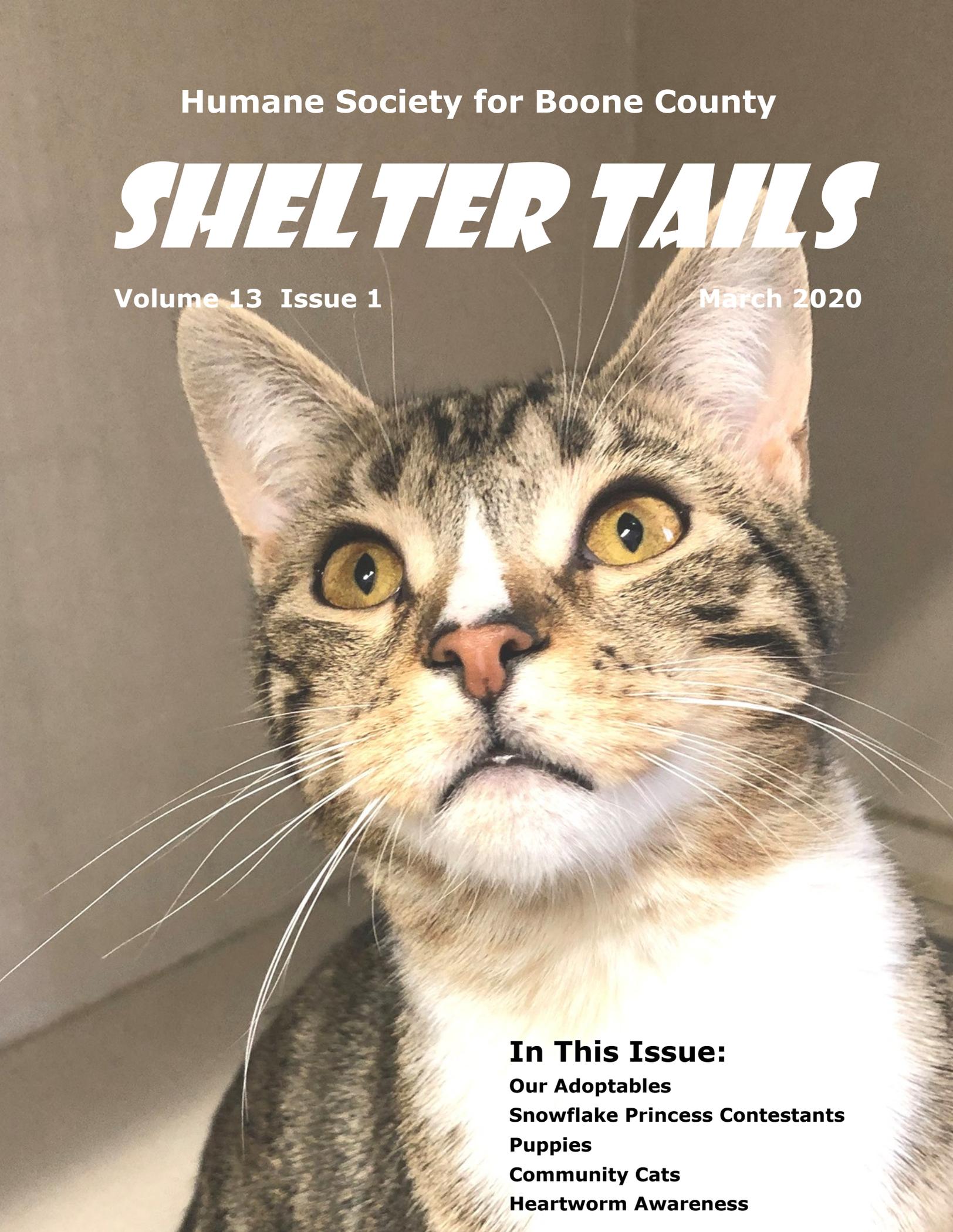


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Thank You

Girl Scout Troop 1834 has been busy! They made this amazing bird feeder to place outside the cat room. This is a great way to help enrich the lives of our shelter cats. We appreciate it so much!



A huge thank you to Livy Longmire for collecting donations for the Humane Society for her 11th birthday! She stopped by to drop them off and to see some of the puppies she is helping!

Cover Photo:

Benji is a beautiful one year old boy and he is very social. Benji is bonded with his brother, Caper.



Troop 1834 also installed this Kiddie Corner at the shelter for their Silver Award. Great job, girls!



Our friends at PetValu of Zionsville donated 24 40-pound bags of cat litter. Just in time! Thank you for the generous food donations also. We appreciate your endless effort to help us.

Many thanks to Amazon for the thoughtful donations. We love you for it! Our animals love you too.

May is National Pet Month. National Pet Month is a celebration of the benefits that pets bring to people's lives - and vice versa.

Donors honor people and pets with memorial gifts

In recent months, generous donors supported HSforBC with memorial gifts in remembrance of deceased relatives and friends. Donors also gave gifts in memory of their own pets and the pets of relatives and friends.

Memorial gifts were gratefully received in memory of the following people:

Nicholas Robert Barkley
Susan Hancock
Albert Kincaid
Megan Hine Werner

Memorial gifts were gratefully received in memory of the following pets:

Norton Lykens (American Cocker Spaniel)
Ally Nelson (Westie)
Murphy Von Dielingen (Golden Retriever)



For a number of years, VCA veterinarian Gail Grasee has decorated the Christmas trees of many furry patients. That is, decorated with her charming, hand crafted ornaments. Proceeds from her ornament sales last year were donated to HSforBC and totaled \$642. Thank you Dr. Grasee for the continued support.



Thank you to Michael Cody and family for the donation of Redford puppy food. Our puppies appreciate it.



Zionsville Boy Scout Troop 3852, Den 9 received educational information and a tour of the shelter for their Critter Care project. Thanks for your donations and support of Humane Society for Boone County.

National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day is April 30. This day was created as a way to raise awareness for homeless pets that are waiting for (and needing) adoption from the shelters.

Community cats need food, veterinary care

by Mary Ann Garber

How can you love a cat that you have never touched?

Community cat caretakers will tell you that it's easy because they have formed special bonds with the feral colonies living in their neighborhoods. But feeding these stray and feral kitties every day isn't enough to properly help them or control overpopulation.

Feral and stray cats also need veterinary care, which includes spay or neuter surgery to limit population growth, three-year rabies shot and possibly other vaccinations, deworming, flea medication and left ear tip to designate them as outdoor kitties that are being looked after by responsible people.

Humane traps are easy to use and enable community cat caretakers to safely transport unaltered feral kitties for veterinary care at Low Cost Spay and Neuter Clinics.

For tips on using humane traps, use an online search engine to find educational information about how to set the trap as well as safely transport trapped feral cats and then provide care during the 24-hour recovery time after surgery. It takes a day for cats to recover from the effects of anesthesia before they are alert enough to be safely returned and released in their territory.

Most community cats will only go into a humane trap once so need to be transported for veterinary care as soon as possible after trapping. Do not try to pet feral cats or put your hands where the cat can bite or scratch you. Cover the trap with a towel, sheet or blanket and wear gloves before attempting to pick it up. The cat may thrash in the trap even when it is covered so talk softly and move slowly during transport. Place old towels on top of plastic trash bags on the car seat before putting the trap there.

Community cats also need year-round shelter that protects them from inclement weather and predators unless they have already found safe nesting sites under a shed or other outdoor haven. Styrofoam coolers can be modified to serve as insulated shelters, and many rescue



groups provide these free shelters by request.

Several community cat caretaker websites recommend the following guidelines:

Provide adequate food and water daily as well as shelter for the number of cats in the colony.

Trap unaltered cats for spay or neuter, rabies vaccination and ear tip by a licensed veterinary clinic.

Seek assistance for ill or injured cats.

Help community cats maintain a good neighbor status so they will not become nuisances and targets of abuse.

Report acts of neglect, cruelty, abandonment or abuse to the Boone County Sheriffs Department Animal Control Division by calling Dispatch at 765-482-1412, extension 8.

Find another caretaker if you can no longer provide daily care for community cats.

Thank you for caring enough to help these outdoor kitties who prefer to live their lives outside.

Snowflake Princess contestants raise funds for HSforBC

By Mary Ann Garber



2019 Snowflake Princess Paige Hauger, daughter of Kevin and Barbara Hauger of Lebanon, raised \$240.54 for HSforBC.

Just as every snowflake is unique, each Snowflake Princess contestant is a very special individual.

Seven of the contestants in the 2019 Snowflake Princess competition demonstrated their love for animals by choosing the Humane Society for Boone County as their favorite non-profit organization.

Contestants Whitney Anderson, Jessa Baker, Nevaeh Copeland, Hayleigh Coyle, Paige Hauger, Charley Reagan and Estelle Walker, all elementary school students who reside in or near Lebanon, collectively raised \$525.42 to benefit HSforBC's rescue efforts for homeless, neglected and abused dogs, puppies, cats and kittens in Boone County.

Paige Hauger earned the title of 2019 Snowflake Princess for raising the most money during the annual charitable fundraiser sponsored by the Gamma Mu Chapter of the Kappa Delta Phi philanthropic sorority in Lebanon.

In addition to collecting donations, Paige sold tasty desserts for people and treats for pets.

Susan Austin, a member of HSforBC's Board of

Directors, attended the Snowflake Princess ceremony on December 7, 2019, at the Boone County Courthouse in Lebanon to accept this much appreciated donation and thank the girls for their outstanding community service.

"Thank you to the sweetest group of girls," Austin said. "Seven of the 16 contestants chose the Humane Society for Boone County as their charity. Congratulations to Kappa Delta Phi's 2019 Snowflake Princess Paige Hauger. Philanthropy is alive and well in Boone County's youngest ones."

Kappa Delta Phi member Suzi Boyett, chair of the 2019 Snowflake Princess fundraising competition, said the national philanthropic sorority has been serving people in their local communities throughout the United States for more than 90 years.

In 2019, Boyett said, members of the Gamma Mu Chapter "partnered with young girls in the second to fifth grades from Boone County to raise money for local not-for-profit organizations."

The Snowflake Princess title is awarded to the girl who raised the most money, Boyett said. "Each girl participating designated a not-for-profit [charity] of her choice to receive 20 percent of what she raised. The remaining money collected by each girl will be distributed at the discretion of Gamma Mu to other local not-for-profit organizations in our community." By helping raise funds for HSforBC and other charitable organizations in Boone County, all 16 contestants are truly winners as exceptionally caring volunteers.



Seven of the 16 contestants raised \$525.42 for HSforBC. They were recognized for their community service efforts at the Courthouse in Lebanon.

Fur Ball 2020 raised \$45,282



April is National Heartworm Awareness Month

from www.heartwormsociety.org

Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease in pets in the United States and many other parts of the world. It is caused by foot-long worms (heartworms) that live in the heart, lungs and associated blood vessels of affected pets, causing severe lung disease, heart failure and damage to other organs in the body. Heartworm disease affects dogs, cats and ferrets, but heartworms also live in other mammal species, including wolves, coyotes, foxes, sea lions and (in rare instances) humans. Because wild species such as foxes and coyotes live in proximity to many urban areas, they are considered important carriers of the disease.

Dogs The dog is a natural host for heartworms, which means that heartworms that live inside the dog mature into adults, mate and produce offspring. If untreated, their numbers can increase, and dogs have been known to harbor several hundred worms in their bodies. Heartworm disease causes lasting damage to the heart, lungs and arteries, and can affect the dog's health and quality of life long after the parasites are gone. For this reason, heartworm prevention for dogs is by far the best option, and treatment, when needed, should be administered as early in the course of the disease as possible. Learn more about heartworm medicine for dogs.

Cats Heartworm disease in cats is very different from heartworm disease in dogs. The cat is an atypical host for heartworms, and most worms in cats do not survive to the adult stage. Cats with adult heartworms typically have just one to three worms, and many cats affected by heartworms have no adult worms. While this means heartworm disease often goes undiagnosed in cats, it's important to understand that even immature worms cause real damage in the form of a condition known as heartworm associated respiratory disease (HARD). Moreover, the medication used to treat heartworm infections in dogs cannot be used in cats, so prevention is the only means of protecting cats from the effects of heartworm disease.

The signs of heartworm disease in dogs:

In the early stages of the disease, many dogs show few symptoms or no symptoms at all. The longer the infection persists, the more likely symptoms will develop. Active dogs, dogs heavily infected with heartworms, or those with other health problems often show pronounced clinical signs.

Signs of heartworm disease may include a mild persistent cough, reluctance to exercise, fatigue after moderate activity, decreased appetite, and weight loss. As heartworm disease progresses, pets may develop heart failure and the appearance of a swollen belly due to excess fluid in the abdomen. Dogs with large numbers of heartworms can develop sudden blockages of blood flow within the heart leading to a life-threatening form of cardiovascular collapse. This is called caval syndrome, and is marked by a sudden onset of labored breathing, pale gums, and dark bloody or coffee-colored urine. Without prompt surgical removal of the heartworm blockage, few dogs survive.

The signs of heartworm disease in cats:

Signs of heartworm disease in cats can be very subtle or very dramatic. Symptoms may include coughing, asthma-like attacks, periodic vomiting, lack of appetite, or weight loss. Occasionally an affected cat may have difficulty walking, experience fainting or seizures, or suffer from fluid accumulation in the abdomen. Unfortunately, the first sign in some cases is sudden collapse of the cat, or sudden death.

For more information on heartworm disease and prevention visit American Heartworm Society at www.heartwormsociety.org or contact your local veterinarian.

April is National Heartworm Awareness Month

Heartworm Disease of dogs, cats, and other species of mammals is preventable.

Our ADORABLE ADOPTABLES

Visit www.boonecountyhumane.org for more info on *these* and *other* animals.

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

1-877-473-6722 (877-HSforBC) or fill out the form on our website.



Gus

He is a low key 13 year old boy, and loves being up high when no one is around to love on him!



Nikki

She is a beautiful senior girl. She had some tumors removed, but she hasn't let that stop her. She loves attention and playing. She would be happy in a quiet, peaceful home.



Carly

This girl is about nine years old. She is spunky and full of life. She would be best in a home without young children.



Lulu

She is independent and snuggles on her own terms. She does not like to be picked up, but will follow you everywhere. She likes to be in the same room with you. She lives in a foster home with dogs and she is good with young children.



Kahlua

She is a gorgeous grey and white long haired seven year old. She had severe mange, so we had to shave her. She's special in so many ways. She has extra toes on her front paws, and a cute little nose.



Gander

He is a young boy who came in as a stray. He likes to be outside and is good on a leash. He is house-trained, but likes to get on the furniture and counter surf. He gets jealous of other dogs getting attention, so he should be an only dog.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Adoption Events

Pet Supplies Plus

Sunday, March 29

12:00pm – 3:00pm

Zionsville PetValu

Saturday, April 25

12:00pm – 3:00pm

Zionsville PetValu

Sunday, June 7

12:00pm – 3:00pm

Maple Lawn Homestead Event

Sunday, June 7

12:00pm – 3:00pm

Golf Scramble

Golf Club of Indiana

May 4

Paws and Claws Ride for Rescues

August 2

Zionsville Fall Festival

September 12

LA Café 5K

October 3

Howl at the Moon - Moontown Brewing

October 28

WhiskerFest

December 5

What's Up Boone County?

HSforBC board member Susan Austin sat down for an interview on "What's Up Boone County?" It is a weekly radio program on Radiomom.fm (91.1 / 91.5) about important issues around the county. The program host is attorney Kent Frandsen. Watch for this episode in the next few weeks at: <https://radiomom.fm/>. Click "Programs" on the menu, then select "What's Up Boone County."

Surrendered dog gives birth to nine puppies



The brown puppies are her adopted puppies.

A pregnant boxer-mix surrendered to the shelter on January 22 gave birth a few days later to nine healthy puppies.

The puppies are being fostered by Christy Brubaker, HSforBC director of canine foster and adoption.

"Sasha went into labor on January 27 at 10 p.m. She had eight puppies between then and 2:30 a.m. I went to bed and found a ninth puppy in the morning."

Sasha is a terrific mother. So good, in fact, that she took on 4 more abandoned babies that are 2 weeks younger than her litter. These four pups are still nursing, but are also getting formula.

Both litters of puppies and mother Sasha will all be available for adoption in April.



Rubble (left) and Lilly (right) are brother and sister. It would be wonderful if they could be adopted together.

Lilly is a very small girl, weighing about 30 pounds! She is almost a year old, so may fill out, but won't get taller. She is very shy, but is very affectionate when she warms up. She is good with other dogs, especially her mother and brother, who she came in with.

Rubble is a handsome young dog. He is very loving and playful. He will need exercise and a fenced yard to play in. He is good with other dogs and children.



HSforBC 2020 Calendar

Still Available

Suggested donation \$10

Available at HSforBC events, Pleasant Paws, Zionsville Animal Hospital, Lebanon Vet Clinic, All Animals Vet Clinic, VCA Animal Hospital (Oak St location).

In the Boone County People's Choice Awards, HSforBC ranked third in Best Non-Profit and ranked second in Best Service Organization.

National Pet ID Week is always for seven days starting April 17. It gives pet owners a great opportunity to review the steps they can take to make sure their pet has the best chance of being recovered should the animal become lost.

Boone County Sheriff Animal Control Division

Effective June 1, 2019, under the county ordinance, mandatory ID is required for domestic animals residing in Boone County. This can be in the form of a tag attached to a collar (displaying the owner's name, address, and phone) or a microchip that is properly registered.

Humane Society for Boone County Wish List

Bolded items are biggest needs currently

Dogs & Puppies

Jolly Balls (all sizes)

Kongs

(all sizes, especially larger ones)

Martingale-style collars

(all sizes)

Greenie's Pill Pockets

Adopt Me harness

Durable toys

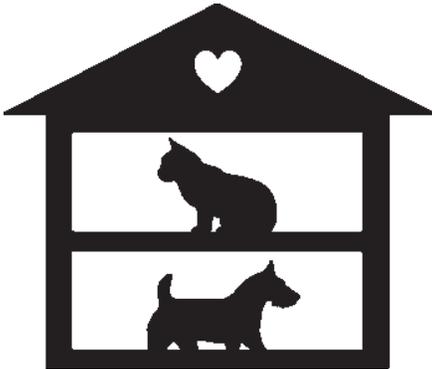
Fleece blankets

Canned pumpkin

6' Heavy duty slip leads

Stainless Steel Buckets
(9 quart size)

Puppy pads



Cats & Kittens

Weighted stainless steel bowls for kittens

Corrugated scratch boxes

Washable pet beds

Kitty litter
(clumpable/scoopable)

Adult and **kitten food**
(dry and canned)

Toys

KMR Powder
(kitten milk replacement)

Nursing bottles

Stainless steel feeding bowls
(small sizes)

Pill pockets

Miscellaneous

Money

Gas cards (for bus)

Gift cards for pet stores or that can be used anywhere

Garden tools

Zip-lock bags (all sizes)

Cleaning Supplies

Paper towels

Garbage bags

(tall kitchen to heavy duty 13 and 45 or 55 gallon)

Dish soap (original Dawn)

Unscented liquid laundry detergent

Sponges

Antibacterial hand soap

Scotch Brite scrub sponges

Clorox/Lysol wipes

Individual hand sanitizer

Office Supplies

Stamps

Copy paper

(8.5" x 11" and 11" x 17")

Card stock

(8.5" x 11" and 11" x 17")

Permanent markers

Staples

Envelopes (#10 size and larger)

Dry erase markers

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