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Dumped dog on the run for a month is rescued in Crawfordsville

By Mary Ann Garber



The dog who wandered around Lebanon for two weeks in April and evaded multiple rescue attempts disappeared in the country and then somehow made it safely to Crawfordsville.

Lost in the Great Unknown. That's what HSforBC volunteers thought happened to a little brown dog who wandered around Lebanon for two weeks in April then ran north on Elm Swamp Road to State Road 47 and was last seen on Caldwell Road.

The Pug mix wouldn't stop running even though many Lebanon residents tried to help him as he followed a circular route around north side neighborhoods each day and even ventured downtown as far as the Post Office and further south on Indianapolis Avenue. HSforBC volunteers placed a humane trap at various locations in attempts to rescue him without success.

Posts by concerned animal lovers on HSforBC's Friends Facebook site documented his daily journeys.

"He is now at Witham's [hospital] parking lot," one person posted. "He's in Golfside right now," another person reported later. "Just saw him on Grant Street behind the Lebanon Middle School offices," yet another person posted. "He is on Elm Swamp in the fields. I couldn't get him," was one of the last posts on the day he disappeared in the country.

For two weeks, the dog had also been seen at Harney Elementary School, Lebanon High School, Memorial Park and Ulen Golf Course as well as in Rolling Meadows, Lakeside Crossing, Northfield, Brendanwood, Westmoor, Ulen North, Chadwick, Elmwood and Ulen. In one neighborhood, he walked up several driveways and looked at the houses then moved on down the street.

HSforBC volunteers were heartbroken when he vanished along a country road and feared the worst because coyotes live in a nearby wooded area.

"I'm afraid that he's going to disappear now that he's out of populated areas where we were getting frequent sightings," said Amanda Bishop, an HSforBC Dog Program volunteer who spent many hours searching for the dog she named Houdini.

Gone but not forgotten, the little brown dog somehow made it safely from Caldwell Road and probably followed Sugar Creek all the way to Crawfordsville where Misha Anderson, executive director of the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County, and AWL staff members were finally able to catch him on May 17. After tracking his movements for two and a half days, they baited three traps with dog food and sardines, but he wasn't interested in eating those foods. When they tried Vienna sausages, he finally went into the trap they had placed by a dumpster.

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Animal Welfare League staff members Misha Anderson, front, and Nickee Sillery pose for a photo with J.J. at the Montgomery County shelter.



J.J. Dumpster Diver was rescued by Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County staff members. He will receive special care to help him recover from being dumped in Boone County in April. HSforBC volunteers tried to rescue him multiple times and named him Houdini because he kept disappearing minutes after reported sightings.

"At one point, six of us [AWL staff members] were out keeping him away from Highway 136 so he wouldn't get hit," Anderson said. "I'm going to guess him to be between 6 and 10 [years old] without looking at his teeth just by his demeanor. His muzzle is gray. He's super tired. He needs a lot of rest and it's going to take a lot of patience. I have not been able to touch him much. I can pet him under his jaw, but cannot touch his head. He has the characteristics of a dumped dog. He is fearful of humans. He wants to love you. He wags his tail."

Anderson named him J.J. Dumpster Diver. She plans to feed him by hand and pet other dogs in front of him so he can learn to trust her and accept human touch.

"Our staff will work with him," she said. "He will spend a lot of time in my office where he will just watch me for days and then we will love on him in kind and gentle ways."

Typically, "abandoned dogs really get disoriented and go into survival mode, and it makes their [rescue] journey that much longer," Anderson said. "I think this guy is a prime example of why abandoning a dog, dumping a dog, is so traumatic. ... It takes them months to recover from that because they had to rely on a human for their entire life to provide food

Dog on the run continued

and shelter and now all of a sudden that's gone. So every human from then on is a bad person until one human can come along and gain his trust."

J.J. apparently walked at least 45 miles from Lebanon to State Road 47 to Indianapolis Road in Crawfordsville. Add in the miles he logged running around in circles in Lebanon all day long for two weeks and his sad journey is quite remarkable.

"I think he's healthy, but he's starting to look a little thin," Anderson said. "He's doing good, and we can't wait for him to come out of his shell."

HSforBC volunteers are overjoyed that the dog on the run has finally been rescued, executive director Susan Austin said. "Our volunteers are so relieved and grateful that he is safe at the Montgomery County shelter."

Boone REMC - Operation Round Up Grant helps give back



A Boone REMC Operation Round Up Grant for \$2,500 has made it possible for HSforBC to purchase heavy duty industrial shelving for the Community Pet Pantry food storage room at the shelter. This allows us to safely store greater quantities of much needed dog and cat food and other supplies to help Boone County pet parents in need. By providing food and supplies to pet owners, HSforBC is able to help Boone County residents keep their dogs and cats in loving homes rather than surrendering them to the shelter. During 2022, HSforBC distributed more than 35,000 pounds of dry kibble and 20,000 cans of wet dog and cat food to pet parents needing assistance.

Cover photo

Macaroon is a 1-year-old Poodle and Terrier mix and weighs 12 pounds. He is being fostered with other dogs and cats. He prefers to be with his person as much as possible instead of being crated. He loves treats so may be best with older kids.

HSforBC 2023 Golf Scramble was a fun fundraiser



A cloudy morning turned into a beautiful afternoon on May 15 for our annual Golf Scramble at the Golf Club of Indiana. We are grateful for our sponsors: Bone Dry Roofing, Owen's Corning, Centier Bank, Midas, Tom Wood Toyota, LA Café, Zionsville Kiwanis Club, Amore, Riding Realty Group, Tito's Handmade Vodka, Engineered Solutions Midwest, ms consultants, Kern Kirtley & Herr, Bose McKinney & Evans, Indianapolis Car Exchange, True Temp Heating & Cooling, Coca-Cola Consolidated, Buchanan & Bruggenschmidt, Klooz Brewz, Zionsville Monthly and Indy's Pro Graphix.



With such wonderful sponsors, silent auction donations, hole sponsors, great golfing supporters and help from our friends at the Golf Club of Indiana, we raised more than \$25,000 after expenses for the kitties and puppies at HSforBC.



HSforBC volunteer efforts recognized

Zionsville Chamber of Commerce honors HSforBC for volunteer service



HSforBC's volunteers were honored for outstanding community service as the "Non-Profit of the Year" organization for 2023 by the Zionsville Chamber of Commerce on March 24 during the chamber's annual awards celebration.

"We are incredibly proud of the 2023 winners," said chamber representative Allyson Gutwein, now the former executive director. "We have leaders that are doing great things in and for the community of Zionsville—innovating, providing charitable services, creating businesses that others can look to as examples. We are proud to highlight their efforts."

During the event, HSforBC executive director Susan Austin said she is "honored to accept on behalf of our volunteers the 'Non-Profit of the Year' award from the Zionsville Chamber of Commerce. Our volunteers make it all happen!"

HSforBC earns People's Choice Award again in 2023

The Humane Society for Boone County was recently named the "Best Non-Profit Organization" in the 2023 People's Choice Awards sponsored by The Lebanon Reporter. The honor was announced in the March 25 issue of the newspaper.

HSforBC was also recognized with the People's Choice Award for "Best Non-Profit Organization" in 2022. Two years ago, Humane Society volunteers were honored with second-place awards for "Best Non-Profit Organization" and "Best Service Organization." Two People's Choice Awards were also presented to HSforBC in 2020.

"Thank you for recognizing and honoring the hard work of our dedicated volunteers," executive director Susan Austin said. "They do it for the love of animals."

Boone County Chamber of Commerce award recognizes Humane Society

HSforBC was the recipient of the "Impact Award" for April from the Boone County Chamber of Commerce.

"The Humane Society for Boone County is without a doubt making an impact on our community," chamber representative Don Barrett said. "The organization is almost entirely volunteer operated and dedicated to the task [of animal rescue services] by a network of generous donors, volunteers and foster families."

Found or stray dogs and cats are advertised and held for a minimum of seven days, he noted. Animals that are not claimed are brought up to date with vaccinations, microchipped, spayed or neutered, and become available for adoption and / or fostering.

"The countless hours put in from the volunteers and staff to love and care for these animals is truly inspiring," Barrett said. "The animals are so loved, and we hope you will love them too."

Now that HSforBC has received the Chamber "Impact Award," the Humane Society is eligible to be included in the voting for "Impact Award of the Year."

Indiana Native Plant Society helps HSforBC landscape yard at shelter

Thanks to a partnership with the Indiana Native Plant Society, HSforBC volunteers and society members worked together on May 20 to create a beautiful landscaped area in the front and side yards of the shelter. They planted trees, shrubs, perennials and grasses that are native Indiana species.

"It was a great day," Dr. Amy Rader, president of HSforBC's Board of Directors, said after helping with the landscape work. "Thank you to everyone that made this project a success. I really appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you, Indiana Native Plant Society [members] for partnering with us for this project. Thank you to your landscape design team, [for] all your help acquiring plants and the wonderful donations of plants."

Rader said Board member Denis Oberg, volunteer Shelley Lakshmanan, maintenance manager Mitch Allen, volunteer program manager Jackie Nowinski and Rex, a friend and supporter of HSforBC who used a tractor to move 12 yards of mulch, also were instrumental in the success of the landscaping project.

"We can't wait to see these native plants bloom," executive director Susan Austin said. "They are a wonderful addition to the shelter property."



HSforBC volunteers are helping displaced cat colony in Lebanon

By Mary Ann Garber

Demolition underway this spring at the Daryl Trace Trailer Park in Lebanon has resulted in the need for new homes for a cat colony living there.

HSforBC and Jet's Animal Services rescued some of the cats and kittens in May, and volunteers hope to be able to help more of the cats in coming weeks.

After a woman found a litter of three very young kittens on May 9 in the former trailer park, Jet's Animal Services was able to place them with a nursing mother.

In recent weeks, Humane Society volunteers rescued a friendly gray female Tabby who is safe at the shelter, a skittish dilute Calico cat who now has a wonderful caretaker and new barn home, and a friendly ginger Tabby boy who now lives on a four-season porch as an indoor cat and outdoor mouser.

Feline Program director Dawn Walker arranged for veterinary care for the cats, who were not spayed, neutered or vaccinated, and helped another volunteer find suitable homes for two of the cats. Norma, the friendly gray Tabby, is available for adoption as an indoor pet.

Some of the cats left the trailer park when the bulldozer began demolishing the mobile homes, but volunteers are putting food out for any remaining cats and will resume rescues if more cats are found there. Those cats will probably need safe barn homes after receiving veterinary care.

This rescue project is yet another example of HSforBC volunteers quickly responding to situations where homeless cats and dogs desperately need help.



HSforBC volunteers Dawn Walker, director of the Feline Program, and Denis Oberg, a Board member, searched the debris from a demolished trailer on May 13 to see if any cats or kittens were living under the wreckage.



Norma is a very friendly gray Tabby who is safe at the shelter and available for adoption.

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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 Chewy.

HSforBC hires part-time kennel technician



Part-time kennel technician Griffin Stark is helping HSforBC Dog Program volunteers care for canines living at the shelter this summer. He is responsible for feeding the shelter dogs and cleaning dog runs on weekday mornings. Griffin will also help walk the dogs.

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 to see our current adoptables



Lebanon Library Summer Reading Kickoff

Monday, June 5
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Petco National Adoption Day Event

Saturday, June 17
Noon to 3 p.m.

Zionsville Farmers Market

Saturday, June 24

“Dine and Donate”



El Meson in Boone Village

Wednesday, June 14

Kinnard and Drake's

1830 Chophouse in Lebanon

Tuesday, June 27

11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Bring in an item for the shelter and be entered in a drawing for a gift card.

Amore in Zionsville

Monday, June 5

10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Be sure to mention
you are supporting HSforBC.**

Kane has fun hiking and exploring

Kane has been with HSforBC more than 968 days. That's almost 3 years in the shelter. Kane knows basic obedience, likes to go on hikes and loves to cuddle. Outside day trips are enrichment for our shelter dogs and help reduce stress. He needs a solo pet home with kind, patient humans. Are you looking for a new hiking buddy? Please fill out the meet and greet form on our website to have a chance to start your adventure with this boy!



Thank You



Thank you to Zionsville Girl Scout Troop #2222 for the wonderful donations, and taking time to tour the shelter and learn about cats and dogs.



Thank you Amazon IND1 for choosing HSforBC for your day of volunteering. These ladies organized our Pet Food Pantry, deep cleaned our free roaming cat room and spent time with 8-year-old Bullet, a very friendly boy available for adoption.



Thank you to Girl Scout Troop #8021. They delivered cookies for the volunteers and food for the puppies. That is very thoughtful!



We had a delightful visit with the kids from the seventh grade PBIS group from Lebanon Middle School! The students made treats for the dogs, took a tour of the shelter and painted rock decorations for our rock path. Thank you all! It's a joy to have you join us!

Thank You



Mira Modglin researched, funded and completed her project for the cats at HSforBC to achieve her Girl Scout Gold Award. Our kitty rooms now have new soft fleece bedding and removable, washable kitty sneeze curtains. Thank you Mira and Mom for driving her! What an awesome achievement!



Thank you Amazon. These donations will help us help more pet parents in Boone County. And thank you to the awesome delivery team, Suzy and Tom.



Thank you to the Caring for Cute Animals Club at Central Elementary School in Lebanon. We will put all your donations of toys and treats for the dogs and cats to good use.



Thank you to the great kids of the Thorn-town Public Library Teen Advisory Group. They created and donated "Adopt me" bandanas, decorated rocks and kitty cardboard hideaway houses. You are awesome!

When Jenna Bowling saw our post about needing puppy food, she went shopping for us. Thank you for the food, toys and other supplies.

Thank you so much to John and Diana L for the puppy food donation. We are in need of it this time of year. We appreciate your support.

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.



Ranger

This handsome boy is an active Border Collie. He is very smart and needs room to run in a fenced yard.



Toby

He is a very energetic boy who would be best in a family without small children. He has been introduced to other dogs and did well.



Lucky

Lucky will be available soon. He is a sweet Tabby boy and is 2 to 3 months old. Lucky is a playful little guy.



Buck

This sweet boy is a 3-month-old German Shepherd mix. He can be a little shy, but really loves other dogs.



Kittens

We have many, many kittens that will be available soon. These kittens are Redbird, Potato and Shakamak.

On a daily basis, I witness the volunteers of Humane Society for Boone County work miracles. Just this week alone, a litter of pups tested positive with the parvo virus and our volunteer fosters and medical team jumped in to help stabilize these pups to give them a chance. And in this same week, our cat lead and medical team struggled to help a tiny kitten overcome panleukopenia—another ravaging illness. A scared young dog came into the shelter and hasn't stopped shaking due to the stress of leaving her home, and our dog care volunteers sit quietly with her and try to hand feed her for comfort. The worry, tears, lost hours of sleep, missed meals and missed family moments do take a toll on our dedicated crew.

I am humbled to accept on behalf of the volunteers the public acknowledgement of their hard work. I wish every volunteer could have been present when it was announced they were chosen as the Zionsville Chamber "Non-Profit of the Year"! I wish they could have all been at the shelter when we opened the paper to The Lebanon Reporter's People's Choice Award for "Best Non-Profit" and when we accepted the Boone County Chamber "Impact Award" in April. None of the volunteers do what they do for the accolades. Your applause helps them know they are making a life-saving difference in our community. Our volunteers do what they do only for the love of animals.

Thank you for supporting the work of our amazing volunteers and giving them a much needed and appreciated pat on the back.

Pawsitively yours,
Susan Austin, Executive Director

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