

Humane Society for Boone County

SHELTER TAILS

November 2022



In This Issue:
Here we grow again
Renovations
Whiskerfest
TNR
Giving Tuesday

Here we grow again to keep pace with homeless dog and cat rescues



Four years ago, the Humane Society for Boone County was doing the exact same things—renovating and expanding the dog runs at the shelter and creating a larger cat kennel room to better serve a growing number of homeless dogs and cats.

This second round of renovations and expansion of kennel spaces began in July and was necessitated by the urgent need to serve a greater influx of homeless dogs, puppies, cats and kittens.

HSforBC is not a municipally funded or run shelter. The almost all volunteer

community service organization doesn't receive any tax dollars to help with the rising costs of animal care. The shelter relies on dedicated volunteers, fosters, donors and sponsors, who generously give of their time, talents and treasure to save the lives of cats and dogs in crisis situations.

On November 2, 2022, HSforBC's canine and feline statistics were as follows:

- ◆ 9 large dogs living at the shelter amidst the stress of strangers working nearby and loud noises of construction mayhem all day long. Seven of the dogs came to the shelter from the Boone County Sheriff's Animal Control Division. The dog kennel spaces are full.
- ◆ 15 dogs living in foster homes. More foster homes are needed, and HSforBC pays for veterinary care and food so it is easy to open your heart and home to help rescue dogs and puppies.
- ◆ 25 dogs living in foster-to-adopt homes waiting for spay or neuter before their adoptions are finalized.
- ◆ 18 requests to surrender dogs, but foster homes are needed for each pet before they can be accepted in the Dog Program.
- ◆ 44 cats and kittens living in foster homes.
- ◆ 15 requests to surrender cats, but foster homes are needed for each pet before they can be accepted in the Cat Program. HSforBC also covers the costs of veterinary care and food for cats and kittens living in foster homes.
- ◆ No cats can live in kennels at the shelter due to major reconstruction of the rooms that will house them in the future.

Every pet owner in Boone County can help HSforBC simply by spaying or neutering and microchipping their pets. Spaying and neutering your pet is a fundamental part of responsible pet ownership, and keeps the number of animals needing rescue services lower in the future. Microchips and collars with tags make it easier for the Humane Society or Boone County Sheriff's Animal Control Officer to quickly reunite lost pets with their owners.

Please donate to the building fund to help us save more pets' lives.

Renovation Photos



'Whiskerfest' features unique holiday gifts on December 3

By Mary Ann Garber



HSforBC foster kitten Froyo, who is 4 months old, and her musical cat toy friend Whiskers invite you to shop at "Whiskerfest" from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on December 3 at the Indianapolis Car Exchange, which is located at 5161 S. Indianapolis Road in Whitestown. Proceeds from the holiday craft sale benefit the Humane Society for Boone County and The Arc of Greater Boone County.

Just in time for the holidays, "Whiskerfest" returns to the Indianapolis Car Exchange in Whitestown on December 3 with 60 vendors displaying a variety of creative handmade items that will make gift-giving fun and easy.

The popular seasonal craft show benefiting the Humane Society for Boone County and The Arc of Greater Boone County will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 5161 S. Indianapolis Road. Shoppers can bring their pets to meet Santa and pose for photographs from noon until 4 p.m.

Some of HSforBC's adoptable dogs and cats will be at "Whiskerfest" showing off their whiskers and hoping to meet their forever person or family. Shoppers can purchase a tasty lunch during the festive event, which features free admission and is sponsored by Centier Bank.

"We are excited to be returning to the Indianapolis Car Exchange building," said HSforBC executive director Susan Austin. "It's a huge facility with plenty of space for our vendors to showcase their handcrafted creations. Shoppers can bring their pets for photographs with Santa and enjoy looking for special holiday gifts to check off their shopping lists."

Funds raised during the holiday craft show will benefit HSforBC's mission of rescuing homeless dogs and cats as well as The Arc's programming to assist persons with disabilities. The Arc Artisans will display and sell their handcrafted creations at one of the booths.

The Indianapolis Car Exchange is located on South Indianapolis Road adjacent to I-65 near the Humane Society for Boone County Shelter, which is currently being renovated to expand the cat and dog kennels as well as complete other necessary improvements.

HSforBC is in need of foster homes

Because of current shelter construction, we are in need of foster homes for both dogs and cats. HSforBC pays for all veterinary care, food, medications, toys, bedding and crates. Visit www.hsforbc.org/foster and fill out the application to become a foster.

2022 TNR projects spay or neuter 88 cats

By Mary Ann Garber



Fluffers, a community cat recently trapped for TNR veterinary care in Lebanon, has a caretaker who provides food and water for him daily.

Humane Society for Boone County volunteers were able to humanely trap 88 stray or feral cats for spay or neuter veterinary care from January 1 through November 11 thanks to individual donations and a grant from the Community Foundation of Boone County.

HSforBC volunteers worked on TNR (Trap / Neuter or Spay / Return and Release) of community cats in a number of neighborhoods and cities to limit population growth. Colder weather has likely ended TNR efforts for the year, but this project will resume in the early spring and HSforBC needs ongoing donor support.

"The Humane Society is focused on altering adult free roaming cats and pet cats to reduce unwanted litters of kittens, which contribute to

a population of unadoptable kittens and cats in Boone County," said Susan Austin, HSforBC executive director. "Volunteers targeted feral cat colonies, areas with free roaming community cats and low-income residents' pet cats."

Cats who received spay or neuter surgery came from high demand areas in Lebanon, Thorntown, Whitestown, Zionsville, Jamestown and New Ross as well as rural areas in the county.

"By spaying and neutering just one female and one male cat, it is estimated that 2,000 unwanted kitten births have been prevented over the next four years," Austin explained. "Half of the cats altered were female, thus preventing 80,000 unwanted and unplanned kittens from roaming free in Boone County by 2026."

By eliminating the ability to reproduce, she said, these TNR efforts save Boone County residents from headaches, heartaches and unnecessary expenses required to bring the community cat population under control.

"Early spaying and neutering are the solutions to future unwanted litters," Austin said. "HSforBC will continue to support these much needed initiatives that assist the root cause of stray cat issues in our county moving forward. We are grateful to the individual donors and the Community Foundation for providing HSforBC opportunities to be proactive in reducing future shelter intakes, shelter surrenders and unwanted roaming pets in Boone County."

HSforBC volunteer board member and Feline Program director Dawn Walker has spent many hours working with other volunteers on TNR projects to help homeless cats throughout Boone County.

"Helping homeless cats within the community through TNR has such a positive and dramatic impact on their well-being," Walker said, "by decreasing the amount of unwanted cats, providing vaccines to decrease the spread of disease and reducing the intake of kitties on an already strained shelter."

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.



Frogger

Meet your new game partner! Frogger is a sweet boy just over a year old. He is all ginger and full of love. He is friendly with all people, but timid with dogs. Frogger will fill your lap and heart with warmth during all of the seasons. You won't regret bringing him into your home.



Reagan

Reagan is a sweet boy and about 4 months old.



Finny

This handsome guy is affectionate and playful. He needs an active home with a fenced yard.



Sissy Jean

She is a sweet girl that loves lots of attention.

Dog's rescue is Christmas miracle

By Susan Austin



He needed a foster home. I needed him more.

The Animal Control Officer (ACO) received a report of a dog lying in a snow bank along a country road. The caller thought the dog had been hit by a car because the dog had not moved since first seen on Christmas. She stopped on December 27 and the black, gray and white older Border Collie/Shepherd mix dog didn't move or blink an eye. The ACO was able to pick up the skinny dog and put him in her truck for transport to the Humane Society for Boone County (HSforBC) Shelter. The dog was named Samson and placed in kennel run number 8.

HSforBC only has nine dog runs and operates with a dedicated group of volunteers and fosters. The shelter was full, the list of dogs needing to come in was growing, and I had just sent my foster dog off to her forever home in Chicago. Samson went to a foster home, but didn't settle in well. I had space in my home, and after he received his first set of vaccinations he came to foster at my house. Samson had tested positive for heartworm.

I lost my two heart dogs suddenly in August and September 2020. My heart hadn't healed and I

couldn't talk about my diva dog Kaya or Mukki the miserable malamutt without tearing up. None of the adult or puppy fosters I had cared for in my home mended my broken heart. They were fun and sweet, but the hole just wasn't healing and I wasn't ready to have my broken heart broken again. I wasn't doing it, wasn't going to go through that loss again, and wasn't getting attached to a heartworm positive dog.

It was cold and getting colder, as low as one degree, and other found dogs needed shelter so Samson came to my house. He was only staying for a bit—just long enough to get through heartworm treatment.

Samson came in on his best behavior! He walks well on a leash and he doesn't pull. He sits for leashing up and tells me when he has to go outside. The only issue I saw was that he didn't want to jump into the back of SUVs and refused to crate up at another foster home. In fact, I had to have him brought to my house in another volunteer's vehicle. But once home, he showed himself to be a housebroken gentleman and was allowed to sleep wherever he liked. One night, as I went to bed, I told him to stay—and when I woke up he was exactly where I left him. I don't think he moved a muscle all night long! When I left for work, I inadvertently told him to stay and he didn't move until I returned home.

Continued next page

Dog's rescue is Christmas miracle ... *continued*

Hmmm. He reminded me of my previous pups.

Samson continued to show me how good of a dog he is. He sat at the door to come in and go out, never once pottied in the house, took treats gently and was just too good! He loves to jump up on the sofa and snuggle with his head in my lap—a trait that just turns me to mush. I've asked him multiple times if he asked the angels what he needed to do to get on my good side. He tolerates the kitties and lets them eat out of his food bowl without any issues. He is a bit afraid of one of them and after a few well-placed swats gives him a wide berth.

It took a lot of string cheese to get him into the back seat of my car when he took some practice rides to get ready to go to the vet for his heartworm treatments. The night before he started his heartworm treatment, he put himself into the crate for bed. I had tried unsuccessfully for a month to get him in, but he must have known it was time to crate up and be calm.

Each time he had his injections, he came home and snuggled close to me for several hours. He needed hands on comfort and assurances to soothe his shaking and trembling from pain. We snuggled on the couch into the wee hours of the morning after each injection. String cheese and snuggles—what a wonderful prescription for healing.

Recently, I adopted Samson. He is officially my baby as of October 16, 2022, and on October 23, 2022, Samson was heartworm negative! I adopted my new best friend. Who saved who? Samson saved me.

Adopt your own Christmas miracle.

Calendar of Events



The poster for Whiskerfest is framed in red with holly leaves in the corners. At the top, it says 'Centier BANK Presents Whiskerfest'. Below that, it reads 'Holiday Craft Show & Pet Photo With Santa Event benefiting HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY and THE ARC OF GREATER BOONE COUNTY'. The event is on 'Saturday, December 3, 2022' from '10:00 am-4:00 pm'. It features an 'Indianapolis Car Exchange' at '5161 Indianapolis Rd, Whitestown IN 46075'. Other details include '60+ Vendors in One Spot', 'Pet Photos With Santa 12:00-4:00 pm', 'Lunch available on-site', 'See the work of The ARC Artisans!', 'Accepting Vendors Now', and 'Adoptable Cats & Dogs Will Be There Too!'. At the bottom, it provides contact information: 'Questions? Contact us at hsforbcb@gmail.com or 877-473-6722' and the website 'HSFORBC.ORG'.

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, November 29

Whiskerfest

Indianapolis Car Exchange

Saturday, December 3

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FurBall

Cardinal Room

Golf Club of Indiana

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Golf Scramble

Golf Club of Indiana

Saturday, May 15, 2023

Donors honor people and pets with memorial gifts to HSforBC

Generous donors recently supported HSforBC with memorial gifts in remembrance of friends and loved ones.

AJ
Judith Atkinson
Amy Carney
Richard Chelf
Kate Comiskey
Wayne Gochenour
Joanna Hunter
Jason Kincaid
Edward Moffitt
Mary Mohr
Jason Padgett
Joanne Rich
David Spears
Sharon Webb
Kassie Weinman
Karla Wildman

Donors recently gave HSforBC gifts in honor of the following people:

Kathy Langham and Langham Logistics
John Lawler
Delma Mindel's birthday

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

Cami and Smudge
Chloe and Isaac, beloved grand dogs of John Lawler
Izzy Ferrell, the goodest girl
Lizzie (Brockley), one of the sweetest kitties ever
Lucy, beloved dog of Sherman
Burdette and Bill Humphrey
Poppet
Lightning
Sweet Stabler

Thank you

Thank you Kroger and Kroger shoppers. You helped us raise \$827 for the kitties and puppies with Kroger Rewards in July, August and September.

Thank you first-grade students of Kelly Hines at Zionsville Trailside Elementary School for your donation drive. The kitties and doggies love you.

Special thanks from all our volunteers for the very special donation Cheryl and Brad Baber have made to purchase a commercial washer and dryer for the shelter!

Thank you to our host, sponsors, walkers and runners at the LA Café 5k Run for Rescues. You helped us raise more than \$9,000!

Thank you to Brownie Troop #366 for their donation drive and act of service.

Thank you to our friends at GXO in Lebanon for their donation drive and monetary donation for the shelter animals.

Thank you to Hussey-Mayfield Public Library for hosting a much needed kitten supply donation drive, and our thanks to all kitty supply donors.

Thank you to Wrigley for making HSforBC the beneficiary of her Bat Mitzvah celebration.

2023 CALENDAR



A Great Gift for the Animal Lovers in Your Life!

For the seventh 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! For an appointment, call 877-473-6722 (877-HSforBC).

Order online at HSforBC.org

Just \$10 plus shipping

A Special Thank You to

 Proud Sponsor of the 2023 HSforBC Calendar



HSforBC NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

If you have been missing our print newsletter—please share your email with us at hsforbc@gmail.com.

We are now sending a digital monthly newsletter via email to save money previously spent on paper, ink and stamps. This change makes additional funds available to help more cats and dogs.

We appreciate your support and want to keep you up to date on all things HSforBC.

Pawsitively yours,
 The volunteers, board and staff of HSforBC



Ongoing support helps HSforBC save homeless dogs and cats

**After all the turkey, shopping and parades...
You can help make a difference for them.**



**Please donate online starting at 8 am on Tuesday, November 29.
<https://facebook.com/HSforBC>**

It's the season of sharing and time for giving. Your ongoing donations throughout 2023 will mean that HSforBC can continue to rescue homeless dogs and cats as well as provide veterinary care ranging from vaccinations, laboratory tests, spay or neuter surgeries and life-saving operations.

The dogs and cats in our care thank you for your generous donations during 2022, which helped save their lives. They hope that you can help save even more homeless dogs and cats by donating in 2023.

Year-end and year-round opportunities to support HSforBC begin with Facebook's annual "Giving Tuesday" fundraiser on November 29, a day that encourages people to do good by donating to their favorite not-for-profit organization. To support HSforBC on "Giving Tuesday," you can donate online via links posted on the Humane Society's Facebook pages.

You can also donate to the shelter renovation fund to assist with expansion of the dog and cat kennels as well as other necessary improvements.

Memorial or honorary donations are wonderful ways to remember or honor loved ones, and these generous gifts all go toward helping save the lives of homeless dogs and cats in Boone County.

"Not only do we appreciate assistance on 'Giving Tuesday' and donations for the shelter renovation, our fundraising efforts continue all year long to pay for a variety of needs," explained Susan Austin, HSforBC executive director. "In addition to holiday giving, we hope you will think about all the community cats that need TNR surgery to limit population growth, the medical needs of some of the special circumstance animals that we rescue throughout the year, the cost of feeding the animals, and our need to heat and cool the shelter to keep the dogs and cats comfortable."

Please use the form on the back page of this newsletter to mail donations or go online to hsforbc.org and look for the Donate link. Your help makes all the difference in order to give loving homes to homeless dogs and cats in Boone County. We can't do this lifesaving work without your help.

**Humane Society
for Boone County**
P.O. Box 708
Lebanon, IN 46052

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Lebanon, IN 46052
PERMIT NO. 62

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please accept my gift of: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 Other: _____

Secure online donations may be made via Paypal at www.hsforbc.org

Circle Donation Preference:

Building Renovations and Expansion Fund / Medical Services / General / Other _____

One time / or for recurring monthly donations contact us at HSforBC@gmail.com

(Gifts to the Humane Society for Boone County are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.)