

# Humane Society for Boone County 2022-2023 Board of Directors

## Executive Committee

### **Dr. Amy Rader, D.V.M.**

#### **President**

Dr. Amy Rader of Thorntown, a Veterinarian with NVA Zionsville Animal Hospital, is the President of the Board of Directors. She is serving her second, three-year term in that office. One of her goals is to increase HSforBC's visibility in Boone County because "we would not be able to succeed in our mission without community support" from caring people.

"I have been an animal advocate for my entire life," Rader said. "Animal welfare is an inherent part of me. I have enjoyed working with the Humane Society for Boone County since joining Zionsville Animal Hospital, and [now] working with my fellow Board members, Committee members and other volunteers of this wonderful organization."

### **Pam Verborg**

#### **Vice President**

Lebanon resident Pam Verborg is the Executive Director of The Arc of Greater Boone County. Some of The Arc's clients who love animals enjoy helping as Cat Program volunteers for HSforBC.

Volunteerism is important, Verborg said. "The need is there. We hear stories every day of animals who have lost their caregivers, well-intentioned families unable to meet the needs of the pet they tried to adopt, strays and other cases where animals are surrendered. The need is real and, in most cases, shelters and foster programs such as HSforBC can create long-term opportunities for these cats, dogs, puppies and kittens. There will always be ongoing needs for both volunteers of every type and financial support."

### **Greg Sigman**

#### **Treasurer**

Greg Sigman of Zionsville brings his financial expertise as a Tax Director and Certified Public Accountant at L.M. Henderson and Company to his Board position as Treasurer.

"Without this organization, there is not enough assistance in Boone County to provide help for all the animals that only need a good home to thrive," Sigman said. "I think that our biggest challenge in the short term is to find ways to keep funding at a level to provide help and shelter for all the animals that need our assistance."

### **Laura Alter**

#### **Secretary**

Laura Alter of rural Zionsville, Secretary of the Board and a Cat Program volunteer, is a Registered Nurse and Clinical Manager who serves as Director of Critical Care at IU Health's Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

New volunteers are appreciated, Alter said. "As our community grows the needs grow, and we have many unwanted and uncared for animals in need of loving care. There is a huge opportunity to place these animals in loving homes and educate the public."

## Board Members

Twelve other volunteer members of the Board of Directors also are dedicated to fulfilling HSforBC's mission of service "For the Love of Animals."

### **Kristen Alosinac**

Kristin Alosinac of Indianapolis has been an animal lover since childhood. She serves as Deputy Prosecutor for the Boone County Prosecutor's Office. As a Board member, she will help promote HSforBC's greatest needs of fundraising and recruiting volunteers.

Every community has an abundance of animals that are lost and unclaimed or abandoned, Alosinac said. "These animals do not have a reliable source of food, shelter or care. HSforBC provides that safe place for homeless or lost animals to go until they are reunited with their owners or find wonderful new homes."

### **Kathleen "Kat" Bowers**

Currently a Cat Program volunteer, Kathleen "Kat" Bowers of Brownsburg is a licensed Clinical Social Worker and the Director of Clinical Home and Community Based Services for Aspire Indiana Health.

"Whether it is taking in an injured cat, getting a scared dog off the street, creating a safe place for kittens and puppies to be socialized or providing food and supplies for those that love their animals but have fallen on hard times, HSforBC is here for the community and the animals," Bowers said. "We have an amazing core group of people, but with additional volunteers and funding we could do more to support animals in need. We could expand programs like Trap / Neuter / Return, increase intake and save more animals, and create even more community support and educational activities."

### **Tiffany Edwards**

Zionsville resident Tiffany Edwards serves as Vice President of Sales for Youtheory. As a Board member, her goals include promoting volunteerism and "ensuring animals have a voice, and receive the resources and support they need to survive and thrive."

HSforBC volunteers and supporters are "dedicated to helping animals," Edwards said, and the organization needs more volunteers as well as continued "funding to expand our team, services and programs."

### **Kevin Estes**

Whitestown resident Kevin Estes is a Senior Property Accountant for Group1001. Promoting "awareness, growth and expansion" of HSforBC and helping animals find forever homes are among his goals as a Board member.

“I’m an advocate for ‘Adopt. Don’t shop,’ ” Estes said. “Animals make everyone’s lives better, and the community should support a great cause to help animals get the care they deserve.”

### **Denis Oberg**

Zionsville resident and longtime HSforBC volunteer Denis Oberg enjoys keeping busy during his retirement years by working on construction projects and maintenance duties at the shelter. His construction expertise benefits the nonprofit community service organization in countless ways.

HSforBC is always in need of new volunteers and donations, Oberg said. “The Humane Society provides valuable services to the community. We reunite lost pets with their owners, through our TNR (Trap / Neuter / Return) Program, we reduce and control the population of feral cats, and we have an excellent rate of finding homes for animals that come into our care.”

### **Denise Pierce**

The Founder and Chief Executive Officer of DK Pierce, Denise Pierce of Zionsville joined the Board because she has “always been passionate about HSforBC’s vision and can feel the increasing challenges to maintain that vision” now and in the future.

“HSforBC has been there—and will continue to be there—to provide the care, training and fostering for homeless animals to create ideal pets for new forever homes,” Pierce said. “The community needs to understand that we are all in this together, and it requires donations and human support. Without volunteers committed to the vision and mission of the organization so many more animals would end up in dire circumstances.”

### **Tracy Ridings**

A Zionsville resident, Tracy Ridings is a Realtor with the F.C. Tucker Company and a Cat Program foster in addition to her Board responsibilities. Her goals include promoting “continued community education—understanding the need to spay and neuter—and reaching the hearts of young people” to encourage their volunteer support.

“While loving and caring for an animal is life changing for the animal, caring for an animal is life changing for the humans involved as well,” Ridings said. “They teach us love, compassion and responsibility. Animals calm anxieties, heal broken hearts and provide companionship.”

### **Jason Roberts**

A trial attorney with Resnick & Louis, P.C., Jason Roberts joined the Board because he wants to “give back to the community by continuing HSforBC’s mission of helping animals in need.”

HSforBC’s greatest needs are more “funding, outreach and volunteers,” Roberts said. “Please donate your time to HSforBC and help the animals that enrich our daily lives.”

### **Laura Slick**

Zionsville resident Laura Slick, a former teacher now working in Project Management for CuroGens, Inc. in Carmel, volunteers for the Cat Program in addition to her duties as a Board member and Chair of the Animal Welfare Committee. Increasing community awareness and fundraising are among her goals.

“As an organization, we put the welfare of the animals first and foremost,” Slick said. “We care for each animal individually and exhaust all avenues to rehabilitate and rehome the animals in our care.”

### **Nicholas Topoll**

Whitestown resident Nicholas Topoll cares about animal welfare and brings financial expertise to his Board service. He is the Senior Manager of Accounting Advisory Services for Crowe, L.L.P.

“HSforBC provides important support for the community,” Topoll said, “and raises awareness for animal welfare.”

### **Allison Upchurch**

Zionsville resident Allison Upchurch is also a Cat Program volunteer and brings legal experience to her Board service. She is an Attorney for Lewis Kappes, P.C.

“So many of our cats and dogs come to the shelter as uncertain and often terrified animals,” Upchurch said. “I love watching them flourish under our care and support, and grow into confident, happy and healthy animals ready to take on their new lives. It is an incredible organization that works tirelessly to support and protect our community’s dogs and cats. There are many ways for individuals to help us help the animals.”

### **Dawn Walker**

A retired Registered Nurse and Nursing School Educator, Dawn Walker of rural Lebanon serves as the Feline Program Director and a Cat Foster in addition to her Board responsibilities. Her goals include encouraging more people to support HSforBC’s lifesaving mission as volunteers and donors, and expanding the TNR (Trap / Neuter / Return) Program for community cats.

“My passion is caring for those who need it most,” Walker said. “The animals have no voice. That’s where we step in. Because there is a need in our county for animal welfare of the homeless, unwanted and mistreated [dogs and cats], HSforBC helps where we can. But we can’t do it alone. It takes a village. We help organize and provide direction.”