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The Humane Society for Boone County has a special announcement to make!

The Humane Society for Boone County was presented with a very unique opportunity to purchase a facility which is particularly well suited to our needs. The Board of directors took a tour of this facility and recognized the potential for it to be our base of operation, and the lack of any major remodeling that would need to be performed prior to occupancy.

Discussion took place and the board of directors carefully considered our options as we continued to gather information critical to this decision making process. The board also consulted with our partners at the Community Foundation of Boone County.

We would be able to purchase this facility for significantly less money than it would have cost to build and therefore we would still have funds available for our operating expenses. Upon a unanimous decision of the board of directors, the decision was made to make an offer to purchase the facility based on some contingencies, and that offer was ultimately accepted.

The Community Foundation of Boone County, for several years, has held and managed a special fund designated for an animal shelter. HSforBC had to meet certain criteria in order to apply for those funds, and it wasn't until recently that we were able to meet those criteria. The application process presented many challenges, but the foundation staff were always there to offer guidance. The application process was completed and HSforBC was granted the full fund balance of \$288,000 to put toward this purchase.

The Humane Society for Boone County, in its ninth year of operation, is excited to announce that we have reached our goal of establishing a physical Animal Shelter to serve Boone County!!!

The new Humane Society for Boone County Animal Shelter will be located at 5366 South Indianapolis Road between State Road 267 and Whitestown Parkway, in the building formerly occupied by the Zionsville Country Vet Clinic in Whitestown.

HSforBC still owns the land donated by Valenti-Held and thought it might be possible to build a smaller structure on that land which could be used as a quarantine facility, and which could also be utilized by an Animal control officer for Boone County (once created). The remainder of that property could be considered for a publicly accessible bark park. There is a possibility that this property could be affected by an upcoming INDOT project to redesign the I-65 & 267 interchange, so those ideas are pending additional information.

I believe I speak for the entire HSforBC Board of Directors when I say that we are beyond excited about taking possession of this facility and for being able to take another giant leap toward providing an even better service to the abandoned, neglected, and homeless animals of Boone County. The pathway to this goal has often been thankless and difficult, but dedication, determination, and a concerted effort by all of the board members (both past and present, seen and unseen) have guided us thru to this achievement. We must also thank our volunteers and donors who have helped to propel us forward while never losing hope, but providing inspiration.

We intend to move in as soon as possible but it will take us a little time to settle into our new home and adjust operations to working out of a physical shelter. We want everyone to come see the new shelter and will host an open house just as soon as feasible, so stay tuned for the announcement and come tour our new facility.

.....for the love of Animals

Mike Hancock
President HSforBC
