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## Welcome Back!!

Our staff and volunteers are so happy to have this news outlet to share with all of you! May was so packed and just flew by! We had so many sweet little ones to get adopted and have some cuties here that need a new home.

We have very exciting news about you being able to sign up for recurring donations! Just have it taken directly out of your account monthly. NO amount is too small! We really hope that you enjoy the June Newsletter and that you will keep liking and sharing our Facebook posts! We couldn't do this without our amazing volunteers and supporters like yourself. Sit back and learn some neat facts and see what we had going on in May.

## Newsletter Highlights

CHARLIE & FRANK'S OUTING

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAT ADMICE 101

FEATURE PET

MAY ADOPTIONS



### Frank & Charlie's Outing by: Cindy Taylor

Charlie and Frank Sinatra (Old Blue Eyes) had a fun outing this past week with two of the volunteers. Charlie was happy to jump in the car and go, but Frank was a little leery of where he might be going on this ride. He was assured he would not be going to the vet and with a little encouragement, he found that the car wasn't scary at all.

The Happy Hounds dog park at Horizon's Park was quiet and the boys had a great time running in real grass and sniffing and exploring. The day was cool with a nice breeze and that amazing water fountain had flowing cool water. All at once a five month old puppy came to play with his owner! After taking some time to do a proper meet, all three boys had fun running and wrestling. The sun came out and it got a bit warm, so they said goodbye to the park and set off to find lunch.

Rumor has it that the Main Street Diner in Walnut Cove is serving new pup cups. They also have great outdoor seating in the shade. Charlie and Frank were not disappointed. One of their favorite people works there and they were greeted with hugs and kisses all around. They also met a nice couple who thought they were both extremely handsome and could not believe they had not been adopted yet. Somebody is really missing out on some great dogs.

A ride in the car, a great romp, and a sweet treat and the boys were ready to head back to FOSS for an afternoon nap. Look for Charlie, Frank, and other sweet FOSS pups at their next outing in Stokes County.



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Click the DONATE tab > Click setup recurring donation here button

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## Fun Facts About Dogs

**Let's sniff butts!!**

Dogs sniff each other's butt!

**I love my nose!!**

Dog's nose prints are unique as human's finger prints

**I've got a surreal tongue!!**

Chow chow and sharpei are the two only dog breeds having a black-blue tongue.

There are two eyelids which cover the eyes and a nictating membrane which protects the eye lid

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## LOOK FOR US UNDER THE WHITE TENT

JULY 8TH 10-4  
SUMMERTIME BASH  
ROBERTSON FAMILY FARMS  
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- **June 4-10:** Pet Appreciation Week.
- **June 12-16:** National Pet Wedding Week.
- **3rd Week in June:** Animal Rights Awareness Week.
- **June 19-23:** Take Your Pet to Work Week

## SO YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT HEARTWORMS...



## Cat Ad" mice" 101: by: Sydney

### Tip 1

If you adopt a cat, start out small when you bring them home such as in your bathroom or bedroom, somewhere small, quiet, and safe for your new feline friend. Keeping them in a small area helps them adjust to sounds, smells, and your daily routine, then gradually make their space bigger and bigger till they are comfortable with you and their surroundings.

### Tip 2

Yay, you got your first cat but don't have supplies. Don't worry. Here is your main go-to list

- **Food** - Find a good food that is best for your cat (don't feed them too much or too little)
- **Water** - Good filtered water
- **Shelter** - Places for them to hide (In your home)
- **Toys** - Things they can toss around, chase, and use their instincts
- **Grooming supplies** - Some cats don't need much grooming but they may need something more like a bath or nails trimmed. Get a cat brush, clippers, or cat-friendly soap. Don't forget a clean litterbox!
- **Exercise** - Cats need lots of play. Most cats prefer climbing and clawing so get your cat a cat tree or even a box to scratch instead of your new couch.
- **Medical** - The most common problem is cats reproducing fast. Spay or neuter them. Cats also need yearly vet checkups for shots (Depending on the age it may vary).
- **LOVE** - They need you; someone to love, care for, and spoil them.

### Tip 3

#### Wrong Ways to Hold a Cat

- Ignoring a cat's body language. Remember cats are independent animals that don't always want to be touched or held.
- Picking them up by surprise. Before you pick up your cat you should reassure them and make sure they're ready.
- Not supporting your cat's hindquarters.
- Scuffing your cat

## CONGRATULATIONS TO



Friends of Stokes Shelter has been blessed with 2 young ladies who consistently volunteer at our shelter every Saturday morning for over a year. Emily Shelton and Mattie Joyce have been volunteering with us since March 2022. Saturday mornings, they can be found cleaning the cat rooms and providing play time and enrichment to our feline friends. After they are finished with the kitties they venture out to our play yard to give some love and affection to our dogs and puppies. I don't know many high school seniors who wake up bright and early to volunteer with homeless animals. These young ladies are to be commended.

After graduation from North Stokes, Mattie will be attending Forsyth Tech to become a Radiologic Technologist. Mattie is also a girl scout and is working on her Gold Award. Emily will be attending Guilford College and double majoring in Biology and Health Science to become a veterinarian. Emily has often been the first one to point out various lumps or bumps on our FOSS friends, and I know she is well suited to this field.

Emily and Mattie have known each other since 5th grade. Both enjoy reading, hanging out with friends and families and of course spending time with animals in their spare time. Mattie's favorite thing about volunteering at FOSS is "helping the animals come out of their shells so they can find loving homes." Emily's favorite thing about volunteering is, "playing with all the animals and working with the other volunteers and employees, and getting the animals ready for their new homes."

All of us at Friends of Stokes Shelter appreciate the time and love you have given to our furry friends and are happy you plan to continue volunteering at FOSS after graduation. Congrats ladies, we know you will be successful in all of your future endeavors!

## I NEED A FAMILY



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Frank is a male 1+ year old Husky Mix with the bluest eyes you have ever seen. He has been with us since 3/30/2023 and during that time he has won over the hearts of the staff and volunteers. Millie was his bestest friend and she has found her fur-ever home and now he is wanting the same thing, a person of his very own.

He has the sweetest personality and just wants to be near you and gets along well with other dogs. He will make someone a really good companion. He keeps a clean kennel and loves cuddly toys and walks great on a leash. Go to our website and fill out an application today.

## MAY'S ADOPTION STORY

Millie Sue came to us on 3/30/2023. She was such a shy and timid little girl. The kennel assistants were concerned because she would hardly eat. Some of our awesome volunteers decided to have her meet and play with Frank Sinatra. It was literally a dog "love story". They became fast friends and when she was with him, she had such strong confidence. Emily decided to offer to anyone who wanted to adopt them both, a "one price" adoption fee. Their friendship grew and she became more and more confident. They shared outdoor kennel space so I guess you could say that during the day, they had a "condo kennel". One day the sweetest lady came to visit another dog we had but he had a pending adoption. We brought Millie Sue out and she warmed right up to her and before you knew it, she had claimed her as her "person". As much as we would have like for Frank and Millie sue to be adopted together, to see that connection confirmed the fact that Millie Sue had the confidence to be by herself again. I'm sure they miss each-other but there is no doubt that Millie is snuggled up to her person. This connection makes it all worth it!

## SUMMARY FOR MAY

May was packed full of kittens, puppies and bigger pups! We had the sweetest bunch of Girl Scouts come and visit us! Troop #13389 got the full tour and lessons from our very own Sydney. Two kittens even found a new home from the visit. Then Troop #2072 came to visit and boy, those girls had a good time!!

The "white tent" was at Springfest in May and man what a great day! We saw so many sweet dogs, kids having fun and even the cutest cat. Some wonderful donations were raised and truck food was even some delicious food eaten. Thank you to all who stopped by talking with everyone. Thank you so much to all who donated and signed up to come in and become a volunteer!



Beautiful Earth Garden Shop came by and made the front look amazing again. Thank you so much to Mike Hylton. If you even need things to beautify the outside of your home, give them a visit. They are located at 1018 NC 704 Hwy W, Lawsonville, NC.

## LOOK WHO GOT ADOPTED IN MAY!!!

ABSINTHE	MADISON	RESCUED
PAISLEY	TORTELLINI	SMURF
KRAKEN	MILLIE SUE	TINY
CROWN ROYAL	TUCKER	BLUEBELLE
COOPER	RAVIOLI	PEANUT
KAHUNA	BIG MAC	TRIXIE
LINGUINI	SHADOW	
FUSILLI	GHOST	
CHARLOTTE	SQUIRTLE	
BARRON	RALPH	

### VOLUNTEER HOURS

TO SAY THAT WE HAVE AMAZING VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE A COMPLETE UNDERSTATEMENT!!! THE GROUP THAT WE HAVE IS BEYOND AMAZING! WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF LORRIE BENNETT AND KATIE WINFREY OUR PUPS AND KITTIES ARE SO VERY LOVED AND SOCIALIZED. A RECAP OF THIS YEARS VOLUNTEER HOURS ARE:  
 JANUARY 299.50      FEBRUARY 288.75  
 MARCH 337.75      APRIL 367      MAY 348.75  
 THAT IS INCREDIBLE!! WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED EACH MONTH FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTHS HOURS.