



# Welcome Back!!



We certainly packed a LOT into this month! It was a good thing there was an extra day in February this year because we needed it. From a GREAT adoption month, visits from a school, huge month of planning this year's fundraising and the list goes on. You guys stepped up to the plate and made the launch of our Virtual Foster Pet Parent Program AMAZING! Thank all of you for this success. Stay tuned each month to make one of our sweeties your "virtual" pet. As we jump into March, be sure to stop by on March 16th from 10-2 to see how you can volunteer and become a part of our volunteer team. The end date for the "paver project" is approaching fast, please visit [www.friendsofstokesshelter.com](http://www.friendsofstokesshelter.com) and click the link to order yours today. We hope that you enjoy this month's newsletter. If no one has told you this lately, YOU GUYS ARE AMAZING AND WE APPRECIATE YOU!

## Newsletter Highlights

Penny Campaign



Katie



Students Visit



Willow



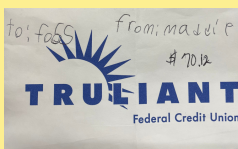
Simone



Beacon



## Penny Campaign



Madelyn Gardner, the granddaughter of our secretary Tanya Gardner, decided that she was going to collect pennies from family and friends and donate the money to FOSS! What an amazingly giving heart this young lady has. She collected \$70.12 in **PENNIES**. She and her grandmother rolled all of the pennies. That is a **LOT** of pennies! Way to go Madelyn!! We are so **VERY** proud of you!



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ORDER FROM OUR CHEWY  
WISHLIST

[https://www.chewy.com/g/friends-of-stokes-shelter\\_b114903946](https://www.chewy.com/g/friends-of-stokes-shelter_b114903946)

# ADOPT ME

## Look who got adopted in February

Marigold  
Biscuit  
Oakley  
Lark  
Willow  
Skye  
Cappuccino  
Katie  
Sparrow  
PBFloyd

Ellis  
Reuben  
Rusty  
Cinnamon  
SiriusBlack  
Frosty  
Biscotti  
Duchess  
Arthur



Kylene

Kylene is a sweet 2 year old spayed female. She is very loving and would love to have her own home to play in. Apply today at [www.friendsofstokesshelter.com](http://www.friendsofstokesshelter.com)

## VIRTUAL FOSTERS' PROGRAM

WOW!!! You guys made the launching of the Virtual foster program a **huge** success!! Thank you so much for your support. Around the 15th of every month, the pups and kitties will be back up for Virtual foster care. We will do our very best to send you email updates. Again, thank you for always stepping up when we come up with ways to make sure we can keep doing what we do best, saving as **many** pets as we can!!



## FOSS Team

### Board Members

- Mike Barsness - Chair
- open- Vice Chair
- Caleb Swaim - Treasurer
- Tanya Gardner - Secretary
- Fran Hollis - Facilities Chair
- Kate Waterman - Fundraising Chair
- Aaron Sisco
- Cindy Holby - Marketing Chair

### Part-Time Employees

- Emily Burgess - Animal Operations Manager
- Renea Brown - FOSS Services Manager
- Tonya Palmer - Kennel Assistant
- Crystal Finney - Kennel Assistant
- Bethany Woods - Kennel Assistant

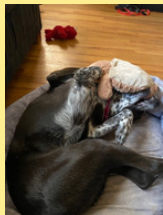
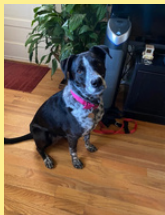
### Volunteer Coordinators

- Lorrie Bennett - Volunteer Coordinator
- Katie Winfrey - Volunteer Coordinator
- Cindy Taylor - Human-Animal Relations Coordinator

Along with 30+ active volunteers!!

## Katie Found Her "People"

Katie came to FOSS on October 18, 2023. Her person had passed and she ended up at the Stokes County Animal Shelter. This super sweet girl was so confused. She didn't care for other dogs, so this made her placement a little more challenging. She had several meet and greets and loved the people that she met but the fact that she needed to be an "only dog" would be a detriment for them to choose her. She continued to blossom at FOSS and our volunteer Kim Hutchens knew exactly who Katie's people were. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis came on February 18, 2024, to meet Katie. She immediately fell in love with them and they fell in love with her!! It was an amazing sight. We walked them out to the truck and she jumped right in, as if she had been doing it for years. Mrs. Lewis said that when she got home she made it her own and settled in as if she grew up in their house. It is stories like this that make our hearts so VERY happy and confirms what we always say to each animal, "Their person will come".





# FOSS Donation Wall

We sincerely apologize for any errors or omissions. Please contact (336) 914-9270 or [fossservicesmanager@gmail.com](mailto:fossservicesmanager@gmail.com) with any corrections or questions.

## In Honor of People

Ben Eubanks  
Karen Fulscher  
Judy Sipes  
Bill Taylor

## Donations

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wilson  
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Karen Reid  
Terry Comer  
Maddie Gardner  
Wendy Harper  
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**AND FOR ALL OF  
THE AMAZON WISH LIST  
PURCHASES**

If you would like to send a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, please send it to:

Friends of Stokes Shelter  
1111 Dodgetown Rd.  
Walnut Cove, NC 27052

## Special Thanks

Beth Beatty  
Stokes County Retired School Personell

# Simone

If you follow our Facebook page, you will see that our sweet Simone has been in the spotlight. If you "google" New Lease on Life-deaf Dog, you will see that she has been featured in several news reports. We were honored when NLOL chose her to join their incoming training session. She joined the New Lease on Life Program on January 22, 2024, and she has proven to them that she is an amazing girl. Simone is deaf so she needed a trainer to be paired up with. That is exactly what NLOL has given her. If you haven't already done so, check them out at [www.paw-alliance.org](http://www.paw-alliance.org). Simone is set to graduate on March 27th. She still needs a home, so jump on their website and apply today!



# Our Volunteers Are AMAZING

## Volunteer of the Month

Erika Podhajser

Erika is not only a volunteer, she is a GREAT foster mom, mom of 3 and an all around wonderful person. Erika brings her 3 kids in with her to volunteer and teaches them the importance of giving back. This is also their "reading time". They read to the animals and live in them as well. Congratulations Erika!! It is well deserved.

## February volunteer hours

680.25 hours

Wow!



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3RD - BRYCE HAIRSTON
- 20TH - ANNIE MITCHELL
- 24TH - ERIKA PODHAJSER
- 25TH - LYNNE BURNETTE
- 25TH - PAT ANDERSON

## ONLY A FEW MONTHS LEFT

THERE ARE A COUPLE MORE MONTHS UNTIL THE END OF OUR PAVER CAMPAIGN. WE CAME UP WITH THE IDEA LAST YEAR AND IT HAS "SLOWLY" BEEN COMING TO LIFE. WITH 2 MONTHS LEFT, WE NEED EVERYONE TO PUT ON THEIR THINKING CAPS AND CHOOSE WHO THEY COULD BUY A PAVER TO HONOR OR MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE. ONCE THE NUMBER OF BRICKS IS FINALIZED, WE WILL DECIDE THE FINAL PLACE IN THE PLAY-YARD WHERE YOUR PAVERS WILL BE PLACED. THEY WILL BECOME A PERMANENT PART OF THE FOSS ADOPTION CENTER. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.FRIENDSOFSTOKESSHELTER.COM](http://WWW.FRIENDSOFSTOKESSHELTER.COM) AND CLICK ON THE PAVER PROJECT LINK.



## Beacon Up

By: Laura Melvin



He is doing great and we adore him 😊  
 He is a happy boy... he loves his toys, enjoys snuggles on the couch, loves his yard and even enjoys riding in the van to pick the kids up from school.



## Sasha Makes it Home

Update on sweet Sasha.... When we received the call that Sasha had been startled when her dad fell, while hiking with her, our hearts sank just as his did. She is a timid girl and she has come so far with her dad. He has shown her so much love and patience and she was feeling safe in her new home. He was FOUND on Friday, March 1st!!! Thanks to some wonderful people who put food out for her and contacted her worried dad. He had placed an ad in a pet finder. When he was contacted, he put his car in the location where she had been seen, left the doors open and when he came back 30-45 minutes later, SHE WAS IN THE CAR! He said she was doing well, just tired. What an amazing ending! It takes a village. Thank you "village"! We know that her superstar sister, Simone, will be so happy that her sister is safe.

## Save The Date

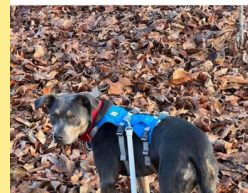
We have been busy in February. Not only have we planned a golf tournament and created our event list of where we will be this year, BUT we have set the date and venue for our 2024 Gala!! This year, it will be on October 26, 2024, at Luna Trail's Event Center in Westfield. Stay tuned for more info. Be sure to come visit

us at

\*Meet Me on Main - April 27th

\*SpringFest - May 18th

Feb 7 · 🌐  
 LOST DOG. Last seen Tuesday, February 7 on the connector trail at Haw River State Park Iron Ore Belt Access, 6008 N Church St. Greensboro. Her name is Sasha, and she is very shy.



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