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WELCOME BACK

WOW! This year is flying by! It's hard to believe it is already May. There are so many amazing things happening here at FOSS. We are branching out our F.A.C.E.S of FOSS program. This is more than a "program", it is what we stand for here at FOSS. It is the bedrock of our mission statement, "Friends of the Stokes Shelter (FOSS) Animal Adoption Center exists to rescue homeless domestic animals, to facilitate placement in new homes, to serve as a community resource, and to provide information and educational opportunities for pet owners regarding animal health and welfare". We have a new spin on our pledge to give back to our community. We are launching a "Kibble for the Community" food pantry. We will be collecting donations for animal food and supplies on June 1st - June 15th. We will then have a community pick up day on June 21st for those who are in need of supplies. It is our hope to have this as an ongoing project and those in need can have the burden of worrying about providing for their pet, taken off of their plate. It is our goal to do anything we can to make sure you are able to keep that fur- baby that you love so much, a part of your family and not having to make the harsh decision to give their pet up because they can't afford to feed them. Here at FOSS, we are here for you in anyway that we can help. If you have a youth or elderly group of any kind that would like to come read to the animals, please contact us. We would like for the young, elderly and in between to feel the love and acceptance from our residence.

Newsletter Highlights

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 24TH - CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT - DRAGONGLASS WINERY
JUNE 18TH - F.A.C.E.S OF FOSS @ BACKYARD BIBLE
JUNE 25TH - F.A.C.E.S OF FOSS AT WALNUT COVE LIBRARY
JULY 23RD - F.A.C.E.S OF FOSS AT BACKYARD BIBLE
SEPTEMBER (DATE TBD) - PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 25TH - FOSS GALA





Kibble for the Community

Collecting Dog & Cat Food, Treats, Toys Etc for the Community
June 1st - June 15th.

Will Distribute to the Community on
June 21st

Please drop off at the adoption center Tues-Fri 10-6 and Sat 10-2

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Donate Supplies from our
amazon wish list



chewy.com
DON'T FORGET THAT YOU
CAN ORDER FROM OUR
CHEWY WISHLIST

Look Who Got Adopted in April

Corduroy
Miney
Kitten
Mozzarella
Eenie
Lyle
Mary-Kate

Ashley
Purrscilla
Pixie
Gouda
Moe
Toaster
Tofu

ADOPT
ME

Meenie



Meenie is a sweet little 6 month old female princess who is looking for her fur-ever couch. All she wants is someone to cuddle with her and maybe run with her every now and then. Are you that person? She has a ton of love to give.

When "On the Move" Personal Trainer, Sharon McGeeney sets her mind to something she goes ALL in!! She called us and said she was doing a fundraiser for us and boy did she ever! She came walking in the door with \$1400! This money was raised by her challenging her clients to contribute. THEN she had an anonymous donor come in and say they would match what they raised. It was incredible! Thank you so much to all of the people who took her up on the challenge, the anonymous donor and especially Sharon for having such a giving spirit. The pups and kitties THANK YOU!

Sharon's Challenge



FOSS Team

Board Members

Leslie Staples - Chair
Mike Barsness - Vice Chair/General Manager
Leslie Staples - Treasurer
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Fran Hollis - Facilities Chair
Kate Waterman - Fundraising Chair
Aaron Sisco
Cindy Holby - Marketing Chair
Sherry Smith
Dr. Deborah Cowan
Lee Winfrey

Part-Time Employees

Emily Burgess - Animal Operations Manager
Renea Brown - FOSS Services Manager
Tonya Palmer - Kennel Assistant
Crystal Finney - Kennel Assistant
Erika Podhajser - Kennel Assistant
Cindy Taylor - Grant Manager

Volunteer Coordinators

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

Along with 30+ active volunteers!!

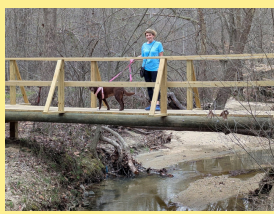
Ruger AKA Moo

By: Anna Kiser



Quick update on "Moo" who is now Ruger. He is loving life with a huge backyard and sleeping every night in a big bed with a teenage girl who loves him by her side. He's spoiled along with his brothers. He has completed our pack and our hearts





Sweet June

By": Pamela McGraw

June is great! The ride home was scary to her as she shook and panted like crazy. Once here she warmed up immediately, seems to love our yard and home. They did wonderful yesterday in the crate while we worked. Glenn checked on her at lunch. Not stressed. We feel like she is realizing this is her "forever" home. She is so loved!!!



Play Yard Equipment donated in memory of a beloved husband and father is GREATLY appreciated. Thank you Cathy, David and Paula Maxfield. Robert's memory will live on in our play yard.



Moose AKA Shagg

By: Brittany Bowman

Moose is still doing amazing! I'm obsessed with him. He is such an amazing, sweet boy! He has been doing a fantastic job as a guardian dog. He loves the outdoors but comes inside some to hang out with us. I can't thank you guys enough! I love him so much.

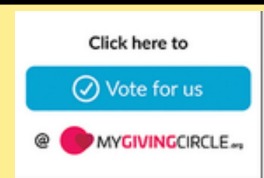


Benji

By: Gloria Cline



He is growing more adjusted every day and he's getting into a routine. We still have to keep everything out of his reach, but that's the beagle in him. He knows how to turn on the lights and the ceiling fan. Out of 8 remotes, he only goes for that one. He still does not want to sleep alone at night, so I've moved into the guest room with him. I think we will eventually get him a second crate for upstairs. I was hoping he would sleep in a doggie bed upstairs, but he chews too much for now. I think he would destroy it. We will try again later.



<https://mygivingcircle.org/friends-of-stokes-shelter/free>

FOSS Donation Wall

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

AND FOR ALL OF THE AMAZON WISH LIST PURCHASES

IN MEMORY OF PERSON

Brenda Sands	Dot VanHoy
Nonie Sands	Cindy Taylor
Emily Burgess	Becky Harris
Cindy Taylor	Gina McGee
Janet Hall	
Candis Loy	
Roger Gordan	
Billy Wilson	

DONATIONS

Patty Goss	Brown Brothers Express
Ann Pullium	Browder, Overby &
Donald Frey	Michaud
Deb Fox	Melissa Klingenburg
David & Barbara Freas	Jason Beard
Paula Duggan	Heather Vickers
Joshua Poperty Group	B & J Truck
Sharon McGeeney	Hall Oil
Kristie Lawrence	KIC
Marlene Vaughan	Cody Wilson
Jessica Lawrence	Cody Crissman
Nelda Wilkinson	Lynne Pasquale
	Landon Butner

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Kathryn Ball	Ruth Harden
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George Wadkinson	Regina Rollins
Lisa Robertson	Nancy Wagner
Karen Grano	Sheri Lynn Rokosh
JoAnne Silvia	Karen Fulscher
Robert Barnett	

IN HONOR OF PERSON

Bill Neese
Bill Taylor
Linda Shinault
Bill Taylor
Cindy Taylor
Tammy Hill

SPECIAL THANKS

Larry Greenwood
Tara Love
Elizabeth Trumpie
Lauren Osterman
Cathy Maxfield
Amy Bennett
Mitchell's Butchery

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

Amazon Donors

Amazon has stopped allowing us to send out electronic "thank yous" for your generous donations. We have decided to say our thank you in the newsletter. We are so thankful for you. Some donations do not come in with a receipt so if you do not see your name, WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU.

Valerie Thomas
Run Rascaldyroe
Marlene Williams
Lucky, Ginger & Cinnamon

Bonnie Lambert
Terrie W. Speaks
Michelle Heath
Kimberly Wood

Martha Young
Nancy Wagner



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Our Volunteers Are AMAZING

Volunteer of the Month

Wendy Elliott

Wendy is not ONLY an amazing dog walker, cat foster, can collector and a go getter, she is also one of the key people on our fundraising team. Wendy always has such a can do spirit and is an inspiration to us all. Thank you for all that you do Wendy!

11th - Hannah Podhajser
12th - Ed Biosca
20th - Brenda Morgan
25th - April Niten
26th - Mary Kiger
29th - Sydney Zuchick
31st - Trish Broberg

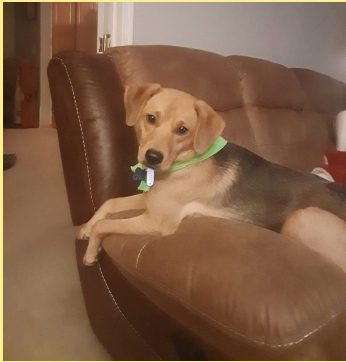
Koda AKA Miss Coddle

By: Heather Russell

UPDATE FOR FOLLOWERS & FOSS FOSTER of Miss Coddle (now Koda) is now spayed, dewormed again, on long term heartworm prevention, running on our farm, has a big forever family including our 4 year old grandchild!! She is TRULY the BEST thing that has happened to us over the past couple of years!

She sleeps in our bed with us along with her little sissy (older teacup chihuahua) and only spends less than 2 hours in a kennel per day. My husband sums up her love & devotion as..."she wants to be petted all over all at once at the same time." 🤗 She is so happy & so are we! She is afraid of a leash or any sort of cable tie but we are working on that with her. How we were blessed with Koda (miss Coddle) is a long story but was meant to be accidentally/or literally by fate. We will come visit with y'all this summer. ❤️

Thank you for Koda/Miss Coddle & I hope that all of her puppies went to wonderful homes because her gift of love has been passed along. ❤️



Thank you Mitchell's Butchery

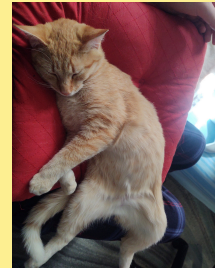
A BIG shout out to Gina & Kristie at Mitchell's Butchery!! Not only do we love being able to go to their store for lunch but we LOVE them as people and a small business owner. They are always coming up with creative ideas to help us raise money for supplies. It is AWESOME having such a wonderful business in our corner. Thank you guys! You are AMAZING!



Frankenberry

By: Nancy O'Conner

As you can see Frankenberry is enjoying his new home and we are all extremely happy to have a kitty like Frankenberry. He is the most sweet and joyful cat I've ever seen and he really is one of a kind, He makes sure he always gets as much love as he can lol! We are forever grateful for our Frankenberry. - Frankenberry's family



OUR FUREVER HOME SWEET HOME

