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WELCOME BACK

It is "Turkey Season"! It is time to bring the family together and be thankful for each other and all that we have been given. This season is extra special if you have just added a new family member to your family (could be 2-legged or 4-legged). We also need to remember those who may be missing a family member, so be mindful and kind to each other. OK, enough on the sappy stuff, let's move on to the fun things. Well, the gala is OVER!!! WE raised nearly \$42,000 this year! It blows us away every year with all of the people who come together to raise money for this amazing facility. We added a new window in our cat room that allows the dogs isolation to have some natural light. We also raised enough money to construct a glass wall with doors in the cat room that will make it possible for the cats to keep having free playtime whenever the dogs in isolation need to go to the play yard or staff/volunteers need to go to the storage room. The goal was \$8,000, BUT \$9,500 was raised!! This will make it possible to start working on the landscaping of one of our side play yards.

We are looking forward to these changes at FOSS and the completion of the front patio. We sure have been able to do so much this year, and it could NOT have been done without you. We thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts. We were so busy getting ready for the gala that we weren't able to touch base with as many of you to get some updates from your adoptions. If you have adopted and would like to share how your sweetie is doing, please email it to fossservicesmanager@gmail.com. We hope you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Newsletter Highlights

Winter Tips



Petrie Grant



SadieRose



Callie AKA Eenie



Adopt Me



JellyBean



Annalee



**DON'T FORGET
THAT YOU CAN
ORDER FROM OUR
CHEWY WISHLIST**



Look Who Got Adopted in October

Betty	Wally	Gilda	Paul
Wanda	Puffs	Godiva	Mary
Elmo	Cottonelle	Gennie	Julia
Count	Charmin	Elory	Camilla
Jellybean	Quigley	Peter	DaisyMae
Skittles	Taffy		

Tips for your pets during this cold season

If your dog is outdoors much of the day for any reason, they must be protected by a dry, draft-free shelter that is large enough to allow them to move comfortably, but small enough to hold in body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches from the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.

Pets who spend a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen. Use plastic food and water bowls; when the temperature is low, your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.

If there are outdoor cats, either owned pets or community cats, in your area, remember that they need protection from the elements as well as food and water. It's easy to give them a hand. You can make your own cat shelter quickly and easily with a plastic tub.

Cars and trucks are one of many hazards to small animals—warm engines in parked vehicles attract cats and small wildlife, who may crawl up under the hood. To avoid injuring any hidden animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.



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Katie Winfrey - Volunteer Coordinator
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**Along with 30+ active
volunteers!!**

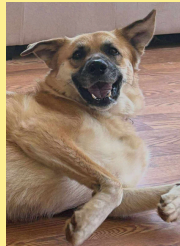


We are so thankful to Margaret Petrie Spaying & Neuter Foundation for awarding us with another spay/neuter grant. It was less than last years but that is OK! We still plan to help our community as much as possible with awarding some spay/neuter vouchers. We are just now starting the process but stay tuned for the announcement of what we are able to offer.



SadieRose

By: Sydni Smith



Hi there! Firstly- I so sincerely apologize for never writing anything. The day we adopted Sadie, actually WHILE I was signing her papers, my fiance took a call saying that his grandma was in the ICU after many strokes, so it was a bit hectic for us! Since it's adopt a shelter pet month I just wanted to let you guys know how appreciative we are! We have gotten two of our five rescues from you guys, and you all are so amazing. Josie (formerly Ellie Mae) keeps us on our toes and laughing all the time. She back talks us when we scold her and it's the funniest thing. We also got Sadie last November thinking that maybe we could give her a good few months since she was 12-13 when we got her. She has a new lease on life. She is a fun loving, energetic, sweetheart girl. Thank you guys so much for all you do! Just wanted to give a bit of an update

Adopt me



Burney is nearly 6 years old. He is a chill guy who will play for a bit, and then he is ready to relax. He loves chasing a ball and playing with toys. Burney will do best in a one-dog home. He bonds quickly to his person and is loyal to a fault. Burney is neutered and up to date on all of his shots. He is on monthly preventive care and is ready to be adopted. Submit an application at friendsofstokesshelter.com. You will not regret adding this handsome guy to your family.



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

Freda Hudnall
Tim & Lori White
Katherine Gayle Nunn
Tom & Emily Andrews
Aunt Shirley
Gail Davenport
Matthew Kent Mabe
Patsy Ginns

SPECIAL THANKS

King Vet
Larry Greenwood
Stormie Speaks
Sherry Whitt
Stanley Smith
Luna's Trail Event Center
Platinum Power Wash
El Maguey
Patricia Hetrick
Charles Cranfill
Laura Lyman
Westieweens Pet Boutique
Stella Bevis
Tom & Patti Stokes
Kim Sutton
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JoAnne Silvia	Karen Fulscher
Robert Barnett	Angela Gamble
Lynne Pasquale	Samantha Cooley
Brenna Husel	Gina McGee

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Heather Johnson
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Mark Johnson
Esther Brinkley

IN MEMORY OF PET

Tex
Southside Animal Hospital

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 an electronic "thank you" 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.

Lauren Osterman
Cindy Layman
Kimberly McFadyen
Teresa Duggins

Gina Stanford
Barbara Self
Donna Tuttle
Anna Worley

Wanda & Marty Dyer
Deborah Lavoie-Overbey
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Myra D. Kelly

Deb Fox
Valerie Thomas



October
Volunteer Hours

Our Volunteers Are AMAZING

Volunteer of the Month

November
Birthdays

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Mike Barsness

Mike is not ONLY a volunteer, he is our General Manager, a board member, and one of the best leaders you could ever have led you. He is at the center of the drop of a hat to help with anything that needs to be done (down to fixing the toilet and replacing the faucets). He modestly puts down 40 hours a month, but anyone who is at the center a lot knows that he donates a LOT more than that. FOSS is very thankful that Mike is a part of our family.

4th - Isabella Manuel
8th - Amelia Melvin
12th - Lisa Schwarz
21st - Kristi Mitchell
Henry Williams
24th - Michael DuVall

Happy Birthday

Morning Miss Renea,

Just letting you know I am doing great! My new brother wasn't sure of me at first, but then I told him that everyone loved me at the shelter, sooooo get on board.

My new mom sent you pictures of my weekend at my new home. I watched my brother Finn climb the rope tree and walk along the walls. I just had to try it. He is learning to share his tower lol. Today, we were racing around the house and seeing who could climb up the fastest.

I did a "watch me hunch my back dance" yesterday and walked down the hallway trying to impress Finn with my dancing. Mom laughed so hard as I was trying to show off my skills.

I even ran on the cat wheel, but I couldn't stop it, and my butt went up in the air. Finn makes it look easy.

Anyways, thank you for my new family, I am loved and spoiled as I should be.

Love Jellybean



AnnaLee

Annalee is a sassy little girl who is looking for her fur-ever home. A home where she is the only princess in the house. A home where she can take long car rides (short rides will work too). A home where she can lounge on the couch and watch Netflix with you. She would probably even love some Lifetime TV. She is a sweet, loving girl who is searching for her person. She is spayed, up to date on all of her shots, and on prevention. She is nearly 3 years old.



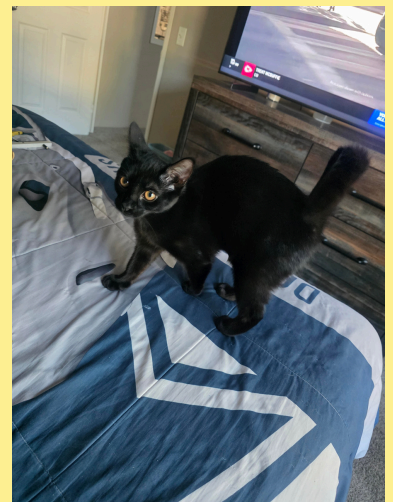
Annalee



OUR FUREVER HOME SWEET HOME



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HAPPY ADOPTION DAY!!

