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Welcome Back!!



Well, here we are in OCTOBER!! It is so hard to believe, but don't we say that about every month. LOL. September was FULL of events, adoptions, good times as well as bad. Probably for the rest of time we will remember September 27, 2024 as the day that our Western NC area suffered an unimaginable disaster. Days later we saw NC come together to help our neighboring towns, as much as we could. Here at FOSS, we witness this kindness and love everyday, but this month, we have seen that love go beyond our four walls. It has been incredible to see us all pull together to help each other and not tear each other down.

We are gearing up for our BIG annual event! Yes, the one that we keep talking about, our 2024 Masquerade for Mutts Gala. It will be held at Luna's Trail Event Center 1446 Wilson Farm Rd. in Westfield. The road has opened up at 8 and 89 so no more Dan George road detours. There has also been a new twist added to the gala this year. We will be using a online auction software program called "air auctioneer". This program will allow EVERYONE to bid on the silent auction items. Now keep in mind that these items will need to be picked up at the adoption center. We will not be shipping out the items that are won. Even with that stipulation, it will be fun and exciting for those who are willing to make the trip to pick up their won items. The link will become "live" on October 19, 2024 and will close on October 26, 2024 at 6pm. There are 105 items listed and they are some pretty cool things. Here is the link: <https://airauctioneer.com/2024-masquerade-for-mutts>, you can view the items now, you just can bid on them yet.

In September we also held our own "discounted" adoption program called "Free Our FOSS Pets". This program was focused on the residents who had been at the FOSS Adoption Center for more than 30 days. It was held from September 12th - September 30th. During those days, 10 animals we adopted who had been with us for more than 30 days. For some reason, no one adopted Donatello or Raphael who has been with us the longest! These brothers have been with us for 171 days!!! They both have been on TV and Donatello has been featured on there twice. Please spread the word about these 2 brothers and help us get them adopted.

We hope that you enjoy the stories and pictures this month and as always, we thank YOU for helping make this adoption center so successful.

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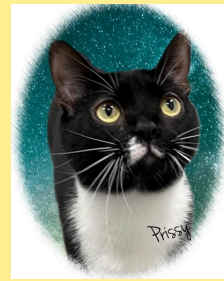


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Look Who Got Adopted in September

BillyJoe	Yoo-Hoo	Bangles	Flora
BobbiSue	Porter	Oolong	Earl Grey
Provolone	Zephyr	Reyna	Ovaltine
Feta	Cornbread	Roxie	Pilsner
Shelby	Merriweather	Nico	Squeak
Sylvie	Tic-Tac	Piper	Radish
Presley	Mocha		



Prissy

Prissy is a sweet and sassy lady. She would prefer to be the "cat of the house" and the only "cat of the house". She is around 1 1/2 years old and is very loving and very playful. There is nothing she likes better than to run and play with her toys. She will make someone a wonderful companion. Visit www.friendsofstokesshelter.com and put in an application today.



FOSS Team

Board Members

- Leslie Staples - Chair
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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

Volunteer Coordinators

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

Along with 30+ active volunteers!!

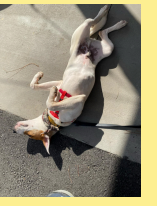
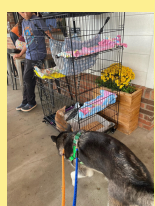
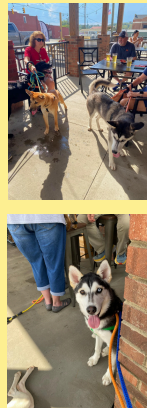
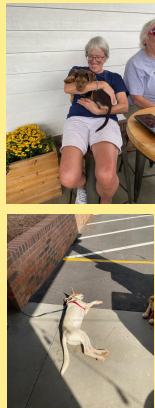
Stokes County Agricultural Fair Exhibit

FOSS was so happy to be able to exhibit some fun facts and activities that we have been up to! We hope that if you were at the fair, you were able to stop by and see it. Look for us again next year.



Fun at 1889 Taphouse

On September 29th, the pups and some of the kitties were loaded up and had a fun day out with lots of people that loved on them and smothered them with attention. This was our 2nd Annual Pups for Pints. This is an attempt to get our residents out into the public eye with the hopes of increasing adoptions as well as raising the awareness that FOSS exists. Thank you to 1889 Taphouse for hosting this event.



Bella AKA Merriweather By: Cynthia Crawley



She is so sweet. I had to go to Christiansburg today, was gone for 4 hours. When I got home my little beagle gave me quite a vocal thrashing. Bella (Merriweather) greeted me with gentle kisses. Nothing was chewed up, no poo poo or pee pee anywhere. She does get very jealous of Willow as is always pushing her away from me but we can work on that. You should see them do zoomies together! I just love her. Willows not so sure yet but I did notice Willow looking to her today when I let them outside. Willow was like "well, are you coming, let's go". She will grow on Willow in time. Willow is still missing her big sister. She goes to lay on her grave a lot. Bella is healing both of our broken hearts.

Puppies and the Stokes Stomp



The FOSS Crew set up at the 50th Annual Stokes Stomp. Some puppies decided to join in on the fun and the crowd loved on them all day. The kids had a good time with the cool crafts too. Thank you to all of you who stopped by and said HI!



Whiskey By: Justine Gilliland



Whiskey Lu is doing great. She loves her brother, Gus, very much. She is doing great with basic commands, has zoomies that sounds like a herd of elephants, and is very toy motivated. Her favorite toy is her giant teddy bear or her tennis ball. She weighs 30lbs and we expect her to be a big girl. She is very cuddly and loves to smooch everyone (and I mean everyone).

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.

IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

KAREN LANE
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GRANTS

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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

Walnut Cove Reading Buddies

We are so thankful that Walnut Cove Elementary School is participating in our Reading Buddy Program. This is the second year that this school has thought outside of the box and allowed a group of 9-10 kids to come and read to our residents. This year they are signed up to come every other Friday. So far, three groups have visited us and we feel safe to say, they all had a good time. The 2 legged kids as well as the 4 legged kids. Kudo's to Walnut Cove Elementary. If you have a school or group that may be interested in bringing a group out, please contact us at fossservicesmanager@gmail.com.



volunteer hours

Volunteer of the Month

Birthdays

860 hours!! That is an average of 215 hours a week. That is INCREDIBLE!!!

Pat Anderson

Pat comes in and loves on the kitties and brightens up FOSS on Friday's. We can always count on Pat to step up and help with events and transports pets. THANK YOU Pat for your hard work and your dedication.

7th - Katelyn Hampson
15th - Mary Anne Barsness
27th - Chad Goodman

Gabby AKA Finnley
By: Barb Edlen



Here's our beautiful Gabby-girl. She is so smart and absolutely adorable. This picture is one of her rare quiet moments. Our sweet Great Dane (Reese) and Gabby are the same age, but Gabby has twice the energy as Reese. It's hilarious to watch Gabby nudge Reese to play with her. They are best buddies.

We're so thankful that FOSS exists! We appreciate that you made adopting our special Gabby possible.

All the best,
Barb 🌸🌿🐾

Walnut Cove Health & Rehabilitation Adoption Event

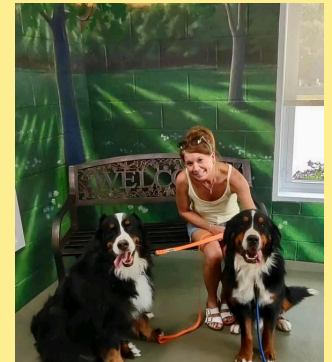


We would like to thank Walnut Cove Health and Rehabilitation for allowing us to hold an adoption event on August 22nd. We hope that it also gave the residents of the facilities a fun day to love on some sweet animals. We are so thankful for such a wonderful community that supports FOSS.



Nova found her FUREVER family

Moose found himself a woman



Jasper found his TWIN!!

OUR FUREVER HOME SWEET HOME

