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WELCOME BACK

We are almost $\frac{1}{2}$ way through 2026, and we are still moving and growing! So far, 33 cats, 41 dogs, and 1 rabbit have been adopted, and 13 cats and 6 dogs have been sent to another rescue. That is 94 animals saved so far this year. We held our first-ever mobile spay/neuter clinic on Friday, May 1st, and it was a HUGE success. 7 dogs and 31 cats were spayed and neutered! We have a VERY generous donor who is going to donate the funds to do another one in September! That is INCREDIBLE!!! Our supporters NEVER cease to amaze us!

We are happy to announce that Olivia Smith is our new Animal Division Manager. We believe with all of our hearts that she will do an amazing job. Be sure to read her bio on page 4.

King Elementary School came to visit and brought some amazing donations. Walnut Cove Elementary School had another great year with us. We just LOVE these kids and watching them grow. If you know of any other schools or organizations that would like to come and read to the animals, please contact Lorrie Bennett. Her email address is fossgrantmanager@gmail.com. She does an amazing job heading up the visits as well as planning visits to nursing homes and any facilities that reach out to us.

Thank each of you for making FOSS such an amazing organization! We hope that you know that we are thankful for you and appreciate you very much!!



Newsletter Highlights

Ripley AKA Rocket



Ann Perkins AKA Frost



Colter AKA Milo



Olive AKA Nala



Meet Your Animal Division Manager



Meet Your Volunteers



Ruger



Cottonelle



Ellie Mae AKA Mae



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 THAT YOU CAN
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 OUR CHEWY
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Look Who Got Adopted in April

Amira	Spot	Star	Fern	Isabella
Tuxx	Poppy	Roxie	Jess	Smudge
MJ	Jane	Ralphie	Ellis	Sugar
Caspian	Julie	Diamond	Mango	Houlihan
Cooper				

**ADOPT
ME**

Ivy



Ivy is such an amazing girl. She is dog selective but she gives so much love to the ones who are around her. She will make a great addition to your family.

1 ½ years old, spayed, and UTD on all vaccines. She is housebroken.

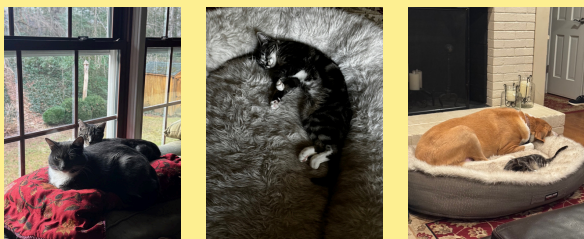
Ripley AKA Rocket Keegan Johnson



Hello Friends,
It's been a month with Rocket (I renamed him Ripley), and while incredibly frustrating at first, it has become rewarding. I think he definitely feels at home now, and we are starting training tomorrow to improve his behavior and my communication. Unfortunately, I don't think Ripley was socialized, and he's really reactive and not a good candidate for puppy classes, so one-on-one training it is. Now that he's been treated for tapeworms, he's in great health. I have a lot of pictures and videos and maybe a link to a google folder would be easier, but I have attached a few to let you know it has worked out. Thank you for taking care of him and letting me bring him into the family,

Ann Perkins AKA Frost

Good morning! I'm so sorry I missed your call before the weekend. I thought that emailing you might be a better way to communicate since I could include some pictures of "Frost" (now named "Ann Perkins" after the TV character on Parks & Rec). We absolutely adore our little kitten! Ann Perkins has settled in phenomenally well. It only took her a couple of days to acclimate to her new surroundings and meet our 2 year old cat sister, Phoebe, and her 10-year-old hound dog brother, Perry. She fit right in! She has no fear 😊 either. Ann Perkins' favorite resting places are usually near a window sill (taking in the birds, bugs and bunnies that fill our front and back yards), by the side of her human brother James, or in her favorite spot, Perry's furry dog bed. She shares it occasionally (see pic below), but mostly she gets it all to herself—he's a good doggie brother. Ann finds lots of independent fun by jumping on and chasing cat toys, but she's still not convinced to get on our cat "hamster wheel" for a run. She is truly thriving, and we love her dearly!!!! Thank you for nurturing this precious baby until she could find her forever home.



Sincerely,
The Breeding Family



Colter AKA Milo

By: Kim Duncan

Hey Renea!!! He is such an amazing little boy! When we got home, he went around and smelled everything and found the toy box with all the toys. He started dragging all of them out and playing!!! I introduced him to the doggy door and his fenced-in playground!! He was going in and out, and the look on his sweet little face was like "heck yeah"!! Last night, when I sat down in my recliner, he came over and jumped up and lay across my lap!! He has been my little shadow. When it was bedtime, he jumped up on the bed with me and lay down beside me and slept all night long right there. We got up this morning, and he went straight to the doggy door and went out and did his business and came back in, and looked at me like, "ok Mom, I need my breakfast"!! I truly believe that God had me call you yesterday morning, and I am so glad that I got to bring this sweet boy to his forever home ❤️ My experience with you and your staff was soooooo amazing!! They hugged me when we were leaving, and they hugged him, and it brought tears to my eyes. I can't believe he was passed over by anyone.....I was drawn to him, and I believe he was to me, as well!! We will be coming back after he gets adjusted and settled in. I want to get him a sister or brother at some point. My brother will be checking on him while I am at work, but I just don't want him to be lonely!! He deserves nothing but the best!! Thank you for checking on us.....AND thank you for ALL that you guys do to find these precious babies a loving home!!! He has found his forever home with me, and I feel so blessed ❤️. 2nd update: Hey Renea!! Just wanted to give you an update on Colter(Mylo)!!! He knows his name, YAY!!! He sits, whispers, speaks, and knows down but still struggles with that one, lol. He loves playing with his toys.....especially de-stuffing them and removing the legs and arms(he thinks he is a surgeon, lol). He loves car rides and playing in his yard!! He has claimed my bed and recliner, as his too!! He is very smart and soooo loving!!! He has an appointment at my vet on April 17th to get introduced to them. I am totally in love with this sweet boy, and so is everyone who has met him. Again.....thank you so much for letting me come up there that morning.....I truly believe God led me there, and Colter was just waiting on me!! I have attached a couple of pictures. Thank you again for all that you and your staff do for these precious babies and for helping them find their forever homes!!



Nala (Now Olive) has learned sit, down, leave it, shake and stay already! She's an absolute dream dog — thank y'all so much for our little baby!

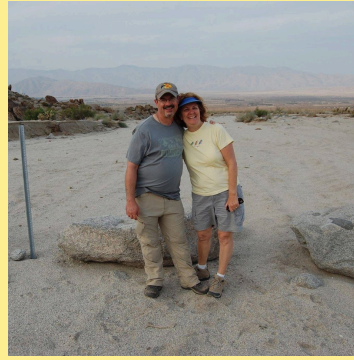


MEET THE ANIMAL DIVISION MANAGER & FOSS VOLUNTEERS



Olivia Smith
Animal Division Manager

Hello! My name is Olivia Smith, and I am honored to serve as the new Animal Division Manager at Friends of Stokes Shelter. I graduated from NC State University last year with a degree in Agricultural Science, focusing on Animal Science and Agribusiness. My passion for animals has always been a huge part of who I am, and over the last couple of years, I've had the privilege of growing with FOSS, starting as a volunteer and stepping into this leadership role. During my time here, I've developed a deep appreciation not only for the animals we care for, but also for the incredible team of volunteers and staff who make this mission possible. I am passionate about creating a safe, structured, and enriching environment for our animals while also supporting and empowering our volunteers. Being part of FOSS has truly been a meaningful journey for me, and I'm so excited to continue building on everything this organization stands for. I look forward to helping more animals find loving homes and continuing to grow alongside this amazing community.



Scott & Karen Lindemuth

My husband and I moved from California to North Carolina in 2021. In 2022, we were looking to adopt another dog to keep our dog company. We found FOSS's website and went there to look at dogs and found Mamacita (now known as Trixie). She had recently had a litter of puppies, but was done nursing, so we adopted her, and then there were two. After adopting her, we decided to volunteer; now there are three. We go as a team once a week to walk the dogs and play with them in the play yard. We also help out at events. We feel blessed to be involved with such a wonderful organization that saves dogs and cats' lives. Not only do we enjoy our time with the dogs, but the staff and volunteers are kind and caring people who give their all to the animals while they are waiting for their forever homes.

Wendy Owens

My name is Wendy Owens. I am a Stokes County retired teacher/media specialist. I have adopted two dogs from FOSS, a shoodle and a part papillon. They keep me entertained and I especially love when any of my four granddaughters visit.

I work at the front desk at FOSS. I answer the phone, process applications, make phone calls, send thank you notes, and encourage everyone to adopt.



FOSS Donation Wall

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

AND FOR ALL OF THE AMAZON WISH

LIST PURCHASES

IN MEMORY OF PERSON

Sharon Vaden Mitchell
Dorothy Barrett
Michael Jones
Gary & Jane Mankins
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Lynda Wiggins
Allison Dotson
Charlene A Coleman
Mike & Kathy Miller
Kelly Office Solutions
Kim Craig & Stan Inman

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Kathryn & Stanley Converse
Amy Poindexter
Anne Gilmore
Ana & Ryan Mehrer
Sandy Kroovand
Barbara Lineback
David Hudson
Lorrie Bennett
Amber
Troy & Renea Brown
Kim Hutchinson

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Elizabeth Trumpie	Barbara Self
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JoAnne Silvia	Sheri Lynn Rokosh
Robert Barnett	Karen Fulscher
Lynne Pasquale	Angela Gamble
Brenna Husel	Samantha Cooley
Jessica Lucy Lawrence	Gina McGee

IN MEMORY OF PET

Yazz
Mom (Sharon Leach)

SPECIAL THANKS

Mike & Mary Anne Barsness
On the Move Fitness -Sharon McGeeny

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 & Other 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.

Phyllis D Pettycord
Jon D. Rackley
Jennifer Mitchell
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Stephanie Hunter

Debbie Lavoie
Marty & Wanda Dyer
Janet Kennedy
Danny Collins
Michelle

Jessica Lawrence

In memory of animal lovers
Joyce Lawrence and Suzanne
Carroll by: Jennifer Mitchell

Leanne Rizzo
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Cheryl Ferguson



Volunteer of the Month

Lisa Dunlap

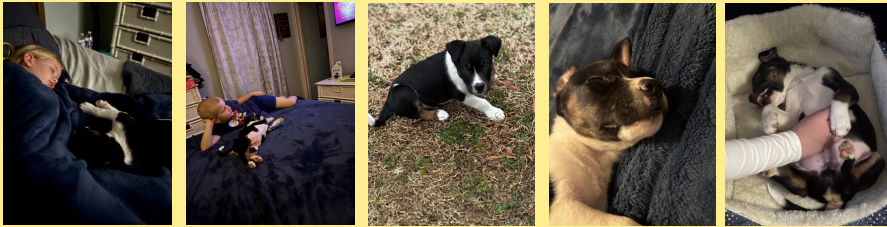
Lisa does an AMAZING job behind the scenes. When you see photos of our pups and kitties, most likely, Lisa captured the shot! She does an incredible job networking with rescues and helping so MANY animals find new homes. She is incredibly dedicated to the animals of Stokes County and we are so proud that she is a part of our team. Thank you Lisa!!

1065 HOURS

- 11th - Hannah Podhajser
- 12th - Ed Biosca
Caci Nedela
- 13th - Jonathan Haymore
- 15th - Halle Allen

We just wanted to say thank you for choosing us to adopt sweet Ruger. He's been the perfect addition to our family.

Thank you,
Courtney Sowers



Ellie Mae AKA Mae

By: Robert Williams

1st Update: She is doing fine. Lucy and Vivy have been the only ones to take a nap so far. 2nd update: May is doing just fine. No accidents in the crate or house (that I have found). She didn't even cry in the crate the 2nd night. We all stay outside most of the time anyway. Vivy loves playing with her. May will bark at Vivy sometimes to initiate play. It's usually Vivy that starts it. Lucy is a little jealous but is warming up to her. May and my two cats get along fine. My cats are not phased by dogs anymore.

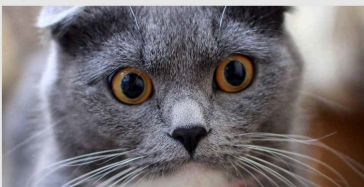
Cottonelle

By: Michelle Westmoreland

I renamed this precious baby girl "Eleanor". It was love at first sight. She is full of energy and full of love. I am grateful Eleanor came to me. ❤️



"When a cat closes its eyes, it means they trust you."
My cat:



Pet Safety Tips for Summer

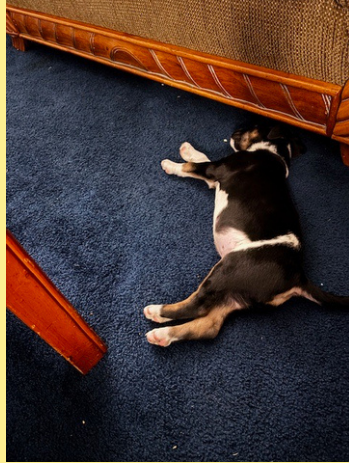


PAWS For Thought!



OUR FUREVER HOME SWEET HOME

Send in your adopted pet pictures. Email them to fossservicesmanager@gmail.com





JANE



TUXX



AMIRA



MANGO



ELLIS



ROXIE



SUGAR



RALPHIE



MJ

MY PEOPLE FOUND ME!! IM GOING HOME!



CASPAIN

HAPPY ADOPTION DAY!!



DIAMOND



SMUDGE



POPPY



HOULIHAN



ISABELLA



JESS



FERN



JULIE



COOPER



SPOT



STAR

