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## Welcome Back!!

Here we are and it is September already! FOSS had a great August! Our sweet Pippy found her furever person, Moose found himself a woman that will love him forever and Nova hit the jackpot with her new mom! Those are just a few of the AMAZING adoptions that were in August. Lots of kittens were brought into our care and those little kitties are finding homes as well. We had our Back to School Bash and fun was had by those who came. We had K9 Coaching Academy come in to train us on some dog tips and they have offered to keep training us monthly. If you need a good trainer, check them out at [www.k9coachingacademy.com](http://www.k9coachingacademy.com). Our Place Tavern hosted a memorial food drive to honor Shirley Bullins. What a loving and compassionate way the community came together to honor such a special animal loving woman. We were beyond grateful for the kindness. The FOSS team showed up at 2 adoption events and was able to show off some of our beautiful pets. The board voted to bring back Petfinder so we can try to reach a larger area so we can find more animals homes. Some of the FOSS crew were present at the 2nd Annual Fire in the Foothills. What an amazing event!! Shew!! What a busy month! We are thankful and humbled by the love that this center is shown day in and day out and month after month. Thank you!!

One of our volunteers, Wendy Elliott, is collecting cans to benefit FOSS. If you would like to save your cans and bring them to 1111 Dodgetown Rd, we will give them to her. This is just another example of how incredible our volunteers are.



## Newsletter Highlights

Chilli  
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John Deere  
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Mercy  
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Chakra  
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Raven  
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Beetle  
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Skylar  
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Mercy  
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## Look Who Got Adopted in August

Chilli	Truffles	Otis	Darjeeling
Kirkland	Parsnip	Broccoli	Theodore
Pippy	Mollie	Eleanor	Chloe
Scoot	Jasper	Milo	Jazzy
Fauna	Yoshi	Nova	Syama
Pip	Yuki	Matcha	Moose

## 2024 Masquerade for Mutts Gala

By the time that you read this, it will ONLY be a month away from our BIG event of the year, the GALA! This year we have brought on board some amazing sponsors for the wine and craft beer. We are so happy to team up with Rayson Winery and Vineyard and Midsummer Brewery.

The gala will be at Luna Trails the "correct" address for The Luna's Trail Venue is 1446 Wilson Farm Road, Westfield, NC 27053, the invitation has it listed as a different building on the property. This venue is amazing! Please visit our website [www.friendsofstokesshelter.com](http://www.friendsofstokesshelter.com) to buy your tickets today. We are also looking for sponsors. Spread the word.

### Chilli

Mason Phillips

We took Chilli on a car ride to the park today and she absolutely loved it!! She seems to be fitting in pretty well in her new home, she loves playing with us but also taking over our bed lol! Thank you guys again for entrusting us to adopt her!! Attached are some photos, hopefully they come through!



ADOPT  
ME 🐾



6 months neutered/male Raphael is a fun young fella even though he always has a worried look on his face! He loves to play with his brother and other dogs. He is learning to walk on a leash and a few basic commands. Raphael has grown up in the shelter and is ready for his own home.



6 months neutered/male Donatello is a fun young fella with a foxy face! He loves to play with his brother and other dogs. He is learning to walk on a leash and a few basic commands. Donatello has grown up in the shelter and is ready for his own home.



## FOSS Team

### Board Members

Leslie Staples - Chair  
Mike Barsness - Vice Chair/General Manager  
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Fran Hollis - Facilities Chair  
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Cindy Holby - Marketing Chair  
Sherry Smith

### 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!!



## Mercy

By: Kathryn Weidl

Hello! I wanted to share some pics of Mercy living her best life now! We got her back in April. She's best buddies with our cat Tang. She also loves carrots and loves to nap! And of course spoiled rotten and well loved by all who meet her! She settled in pretty much as soon as we got her home, it was like she had been here her whole life.

Thank you FOSS for this sweet girl!



Vincent AKA John Deere  
Just wanted to let you know that this boy is doing great. I renamed him to Vincent. He had his first dog training session today. I have a vet appointment next week to get him on flea/tick/heartworm prevention. I didn't see that he is on a monthly and there are a ton of ticks around here.

I'm very, very happy that he is adjusting well.

Thank you!

Robin Hensley



Adoption Day



Luna AKA Chakra

By: Carla Owen



Today

Happy Sunday! Wanted to update you on Chakra, now known as Luna. She rings a bell to tell us when she needs to go potty. She has learned "sit" and "down". And my boys love her. Thanks for introducing us to our best friend!

# FOSS Donation Wall

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

any corrections or questions.

## AND FOR ALL OF THE AMAZON

### WISH LIST PURCHASES

#### IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

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LYNNE PASQUALE  
BILL TAYLOR  
MELISSA HARPER  
KAREN GRANO

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KAREN GRANO  
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CORTNEY HENDERSON  
KAYLEY LOMBARDI  
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#### IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

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MARK KOTEEN	MR & MRS. MARVIN CAVANAUGH
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LISA ROBERTSON	REGINA ROLLINS
	NANCY WAGNER

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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:  
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## Sadie AKA Raven

I recently adopted Raven (new name Sadie) from FOSS. I could not be happier. I lived in Southwest Virginia for many years and moved to Pittsburgh to be close to grandchildren.

During this brief time I lost my husband and my dog which I had for 17 years. I decided to actively search for another dog and your site came up on the internet. When I saw Raven I knew she was the dog for me. So I drove to Northern Virginia and then to NC with my son to adopt her.

Working with FOSS has been a wonderful experience. She had been very well taken care of by the shelter and her foster mom, Katie.

I have had her for a month now and everyone who meets her loves her, especially my three grandchildren. If you are thinking about adopting a dog or cat I would highly recommend you check out the sweet babies on their website.

Thank you again for all you did for us.

Beverly





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Volunteer of the Month

Katelyn Hamson

Katelyn comes in on Tuesday and spends quality time with the kitties. She has been an active volunteer for several years. We really appreciate her continued dedication and the kitties are very thankful for the extra playtime.  
Congrats Katelyn! We appreciate you!!

1st - Lorrie Bennett  
7th - Laura Clark  
8th- Katie Winfrey  
10th - Steven Britt  
13th - Elizabeth Melvin



**Scout AKA Beetle**

Bettle who is now Scout is a sweetheart, now at 38 lbs. He loves everyone! He does a cute spin around dance at every meal. Scout loves his daily walks in our woods and playing around the garden area. He also can lay with his legs flat out, called splooting.

Thanks,  
Alice & Mike Kiger



**Skyler**

**By: Kathy Gates**

I saw the first post about Skyler on Facebook (6/20) while we were on vacation. I tucked her name in the back of my mind and hoped she would be adopted quickly. Then on the Saturday after we got home (6/29), I saw the second post about Skyler still waiting to be adopted. Was it a sign?? It didn't take any effort to convince my husband, Bryan, that we should go meet her. (Kudos to your social media person!!). After a long visit and great conversation with the FOSS volunteers, we brought her home that day and have been loving her ever since. It took about 3 days for her to "decompress" from the stress of the shelter. She had a lot of new sounds and smells to get used to, and she wasn't ready to trust Bryan. Now, after almost a month, she is finally starting to realize that she's home. Skyler and our senior dog, Hunter, are getting along well. She would love scratches - from both of us! She's just precious and a perfect addition to our family. We are grateful to everyone involved with FOSS for all the amazing work you do. Thank you for letting us adopt sweet Skyler!





# OUR FUREVER HOME SWEET HOME

