



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. 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
- John Deere
- Mercy
- Chakra
- Raven
- Beetle
- Skylar
- Mercy



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

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



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.

ADOPT ME 🐾

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 to buy your tickets today. We are also looking for sponsors. Spread the word.



The Friends of Stokes Shelter Adoption Center
2024 Masquerade for Mutts Sponsor Rates

Great Dane - \$1,500 6 Tickets to Gala Name/Logo in Event Program Recognition at the Benefit Logo on Website and Facebook	
Golden Retriever - \$1,000 4 Tickets to Gala Name/Logo in Event Program Recognition at the Benefit	
Beagle - \$500 2 Tickets to Gala/Name/Logo in Event Program Recognition at the Benefit	
Chihuahua - \$250 Name/Logo in Event Program Recognition at the Benefit	



FOSS Team

Board Members

- Leslie Staples - Chair
- Mike Barsness - Vice Chair/General Manager
- Caleb Swaim - Treasurer
- Tanya Gardner - Secretary
- Fran Hollis - Facilities Chair
- Kate Waterman - Fundraising Chair
- Aaron Sisco
- 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

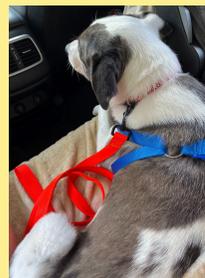
- Lorrie Bennett - Volunteer Coordinator
- Katie Winfrey - Volunteer Coordinator
- Cindy Taylor - Human-Animal Relations Coordinator

Along with 30+ active volunteers!!

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!



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

any corrections or questions.

AND FOR ALL OF THE AMAZON

WISH LIST PURCHASES

IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

SANDY BOHLAND
LISA BOLES
LYNNE PASQUALE
BILL TAYLOR
MELISSA HARPER
KAREN GRANO

DONATIONS

LARRY GREENWOOD
KAREN GRANO
SANDI & TERRY HALL
CORTNEY HENDERSON
KAYLEY LOMBARDO
MARY JO MOODY
GAYLE DAVENPORT
TERRY & VICKI MEEKS

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

GEORGE WITHERS	DANNY WOODS
MARK KOTEEN	MR & MRS. MARVIN CAVANAUGH
BERNADINE RAE	DARRELL RAPER
DENNIS SIMMONS	SHIRLEY GREEN
NISSA CASEY	LINDA ADKINS
JANET WHITT	LARRY & JO ANN BENNETT
KATIE MITCHELL	
FRAN HOLLIS	
JUDITH RAY & TIMOTHY MORTON	
MIKE & MARYANNE BARSNESS	

IN MEMORY OF PET

SAMANTHA
LARRY GREENWOOD

VPP HEROES

ELIZABETH TRUMPIE	ROBERT BARNETT
DEBORAH DODSON	BARBARA SELF
LISA TUTTEROW	EMILY ANN WILLIAMS
KAREN COLEMAN	CANDI CARTER
ROBIN AMOS	TAMMY MEADOWS
SANDRA KOLLAR	JEANETTE BURLESON
KATHYRN BALL	COURTNEY DWYER
DANA CURTIS	RUTH HARDEN
LARRY GREENWOOD	DEB FOX
CYNTHIA WADKINSON	ROSE OAKES
GEORGE WADKINSON	LAUREN OSTERMAN
LISA ROBERTSON	REGINA ROLLINS
	NANCY WAGNER

SPECIAL THANKS

RAYSON WINERY & VINEYARD	TIM & SANDY LITTLE
MIDSUMMER BREWING	AMY TALLEY
HAMPTON HOUSE GALLERY	ARTIST WAY BAKERY
R THOMAS JEWELERS	LONG JEWELERS
	JUST PLAIN COUNTRY
	GREYSTONE PARK & RV

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

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

Beetle 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

