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WELCOME BACK

Here we are, starting the last month of 2025. What a wonderful time of the year. Here at FOSS, we see "Christmas Miracles" every day. There have been so many wonderful things that have happened this year. Additions to the center, longtime pets adopted, grants received, new programs started, and we have reached out into our community even further. One of the important things that we have accomplished was stepping out into our community and helping get our community animals spayed and neutered. Then there is our community pantry. It warms our hearts to know that donations that are given to us and we can't use are being used to help our community, which needs a little help.

We have seen 371 animals come through the door (as of 11/30/25) and seen 358 go out the door. What an amazing thing to be a part of! When we come in, we never know how the day will go, but one thing is for SURE, we LOVE our job! We could not do this without all of you and the wonderful volunteers who keep this place going.

We have a few animals that we are hoping to get into a home for the holidays. Well, we want all of them to be in a home for the holidays, but these few have been here a bit longer than we would like. Will you please share their pictures and their names so that we can get them into a home? We hope that you and your family have a very Merry Christmas.

Newsletter Highlights

Rusty
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Millie AKA Camilla  
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Pippin
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JellyBean  
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Adopt Me
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JellyBean  
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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

ANNALEE

FIRST TIME 177 DAYS -
ADOPTED FOR 55 DAYS
- CURRENTLY 87 DAYS



BUCKEY

ADOPTED



TELL
ADOPTED



PIPER
ADOPTED



SAM
65 DAYS



JAX
25 DAYS



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

SOOT
144 DAYS



SMOKE
144 DAYS



ORIOLE
88 DAYS



LOLLIPOP
74 DAYS



PEANUT
ADOPTED



PEANUT
59 DAYS



TIDDLY
52 DAYS



WINKS
52 DAYS



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

Look Who Got Adopted in November

Phineas	Oriole	Cagney
Widget	Fidget	Ruth
Midget	Agatha	Hank
Dasi	Lacey	Big Bird
George	Burney	Juniper



FOSS Team

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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!!**

Give that animal lover who has it all a heartfelt gift.



For a minimum donation of \$5, you can donate to the adoption center and already have your Christmas card shopping done.



Rusty

By: Karin Giordano

It's been too long since I sent some Rusty spam. He has gotten so big. He is so sweet and always happy. We adore him and his goofball ways. Enjoy the pics! As you can see, he is very photogenic and a good poser!



WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THIS:



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Purina and Friends of Stokes Shelter Announce Partnership to Support Animal Welfare in Stokes County

Eden, NC–Dec. 2,2025 – Friends of Stokes Shelter, a nonprofit animal adoption center dedicated to saving lives in Stokes County, is thrilled to announce a new partnership with Purina, a leader in pet care and nutrition. This collaboration will help provide essential resources to care for animals and strengthen community outreach programs.

Purina has identified Friends of Stokes Shelter as a trusted partner and will provide dog and cat food as available and needed. **Mike Murphey** at the Purina factory in Eden, shared his excitement:

"We're thrilled to work with Friends of Stokes Shelter. Their dedication to animal welfare and community engagement aligns perfectly with Purina's mission to enrich the lives of pets and the people who love them."

Since opening its doors on **February 29, 2020**, Friends of Stokes Shelter has rescued nearly **2,000 animals** from the Stokes County Animal Shelter—a rural, high-intake shelter.

"This partnership is such a HUGE blessing," said Renea Brown at Friends of Stokes Shelter. "It will allow us to continue saving lives and reach out to the public for other needs like cleaning supplies and community support. Our supporters have always come through, and this collaboration with Purina takes our mission to the next level."

Beyond adoption, Friends of Stokes Shelter gives back to the community through programs like **Reading Buddies**, where children read to animals, and visits to nursing homes to spread joy. The organization's commitment to outreach ensures that both pets and people benefit from its work.

To learn more about Friends of Stokes Shelter, visit <http://www.friendsofstokesshelter.com> or follow them on Facebook at **Friends of Stokes Shelter**.

If you'd like to get involved with Purina's partnership initiatives, visit <https://www.purina.com/partnerships>.



Millie AKA Camilla

Good morning! Actually I can't remember if that's the name you had for this little rug rat or not. I adopted her on October 20th. She is a chihuahua mix. "Millie" is fitting in quite well with my other pups, and is an absolute joy to me. I already love her to pieces! Thought I'd share a Pic.

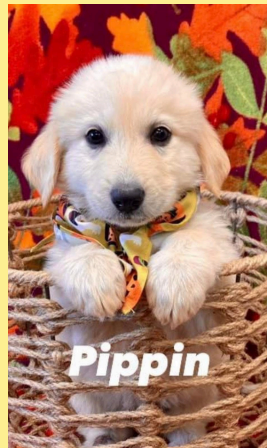
Thank you so much for what you do!!
Robin Hooker



Good afternoon,
You sent an email today and it reminded me to send a Pippin life update! His "Gotcha Day" was October 25, 2023. It was the fall of my son's senior year of high school. Fast forward two years and the sweet baby we picked up is now 2 and a giant. He is the sweetest boy that loves outside windy days, hugs and he thinks he's a lap dog at 90 pounds! We are so thankful for this sweet boy! Just sending a couple of pictures for the update as well! By the looks of the pictures, the couch is his! We love this big baby! Thank you for choosing us!!
Hope you have a great week!

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Abby Gallimore



Adopt me



Sam

Sam is the sweetest gentleman that you will ever meet. He is a complete cuddlebug and we are SHOCKED that this boy is still here. He is a 3 year old neutered guy who is UTD on his shots and has complete manners. Please help us find Sam his happily ever after fur-ever home.



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 Hudwall
Katrina Sapp
Bill Taylor & Kurt
Cynthia LaJeunesse
Dylan Borton
Patti Pinn
Katerine Gayle Nunn
Tom & Emily Andrews
Bobby Ketner
Lisa Boles

DONATIONS

Lorrie Bennett
Nancy Young
Sarah Stephens
Robert Melvin
Ashley Gallego
Leslie Baker
Elizabeth Toomes
Gina McGee
Nelda Wilkinson
Lisa Boles
Tammy Hill
Sandy & Raymond Rhodes
Gareath Meadows
Gayle Wooten
Carolina Boxer
Robert Pans
Barbara Wood

VPP HEROES

Elizabeth Trumpie	Barbara Self
Deborah Dodson	Emily Ann Williams
Lisa Tutterow	Candi Carter
Karen Coleman	Tammy Meadows
Robin Amos	Jeanette Burleson
Sandra Kollar	Courtney Dwyer
Kathryn Ball	Ruth Harden
Dana Curtis	Deb Fox
Larry Greenwood	Rose Oakes
Cynthia Wadkinson	Lauren Osterman
George Wadkinson	Regina Rollins
Lisa Robertson	Nancy Wagner
Karen Grano	Sheri Lynn Rokosh
JoAnne Silvia	Karen Fulscher
Robert Barnett	Angela Gamble
Lynne Pasquale	Samantha Cooley
Brenna Husel	Gina McGee

SPECIAL THANKS

Larry Greenwood
Johanna Brown
Troy Brown
Mike & MaryAnne Barsness
Leslie & Skip Staples
Ben Eubanks

IN MEMORY OF PET

Riverwind
Gail Davenport
Fury
Tonya Hurst
Pegram Pups
Meredith Welch
Sammy-Cindy Taylor
Tammy Hill

IN HONOR OF PERSON

Grandma
Ann-Lee Gilbert
Norman Smith & Bailey
Susan Smith

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
Michelle
Jesse A. Grimm
Tonya L. Grimm
Benjamin Eubank
Donna Tuttle

Shannon Reid
Michelle Westmoreland
Callie "Eeny" Eaton
Elizabeth W. Murphy
Rose Oaks
Alicia Reynolds

Wanda & Marty Dyer
Cindy Schlossnagle
Pamela Railey
Beverly Whitt
Cindy Layman
Crystal Finney

Stephanie Hunter
Sheila Ward
Christy Clifton
Diana Bryant
Christy Clifton
Kimberly Whicker



November
Volunteer Hours

1057.5

Our Volunteers Are AMAZING

Volunteer of the Month

Heather Eudy

Heather has become one of our "go-to" volunteers! There is nothing she will not do to help the adoption center out. Whether it be to clean rabbit cages, help with the cats, or feed and play with the dogs. She and her daughter are such a delight when they come in to help. They jump right in and "just help". We really appreciate your dedication, Heather. Thank you for all that you do!

December
Birthdays

9th - Kim Hutchens
12th - JoAnne Silvia
18th - Cindy Holby
24th - Tanya Gardner
Cathy Maxwell
26th - Sibylla Ashworth
27th - Elijah Podhajser
29th - Natalie Sells

*Happy
Birthday*

Good Morning,

I am sending you pictures of me and my brother Finn. Mom & dad took me to the get introduced to my vet and get microchipped and ask why I am ALWAYS hungry. You can see in the pictures when my mom goes into the kitchen I follow then I meow (well squeak) really loud and beg for food. But the vet said I should only eat 3-4 times a day but I keep trying and let my mom & dad know that LOL. Vet said I am healthy adorable and just smaller in size but I am getting stronger and love to wrestle with my brother. I play hide & seek with him and he pounces on the donut trying to get me to come out. I am very fast and am learning that the front door and garage door is very scary and not to go near them when mom or dad go outside. Finn is trained to wait in the chair when mom & dad come home so they are trying to teach me the same thing but I am a work in progress lol.

I have figured out how to jump on the counter but my mom put aluminum foil up there and I do not like that so I am thinking of a plan B. After a day of playtime Mom puts an electric warming pad on her lap and I just love that. She realizes that I am a princess.

Have a great day I will send more pictures later

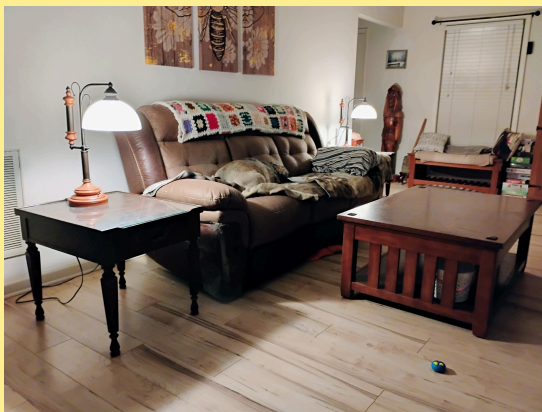
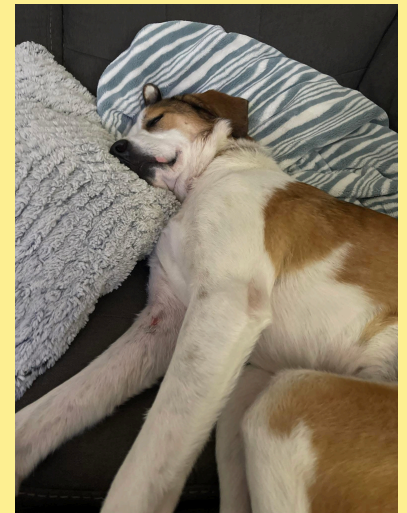
Love Jellybean aka LoLo (little one Loved one)



OUR FUREVER HOME SWEET HOME



Send in your
adopted pet
pictures. Email
them to
[fossservicesman
ager@gmail.com](mailto:fossservicesmanager@gmail.com)



HAPPY ADOPTION DAY!!

