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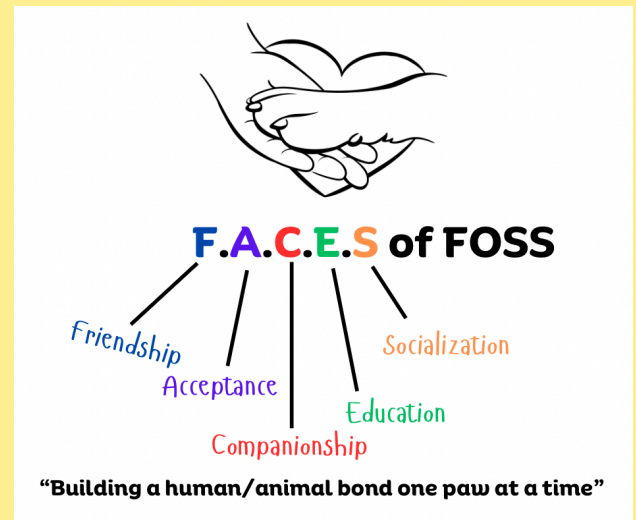
Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2025!! FOSS is celebrating 364 saves in 365 days! In 2023, 242 lives were saved! That is absolutely incredible. When fundraising began in 2013, we had no idea that once our dream came to fruition we would reach this impact at the young age of 5 years old. This is only possible because the supporters who have joined to make us a success have become our family. It is also only possible because of our AMAZING volunteers! In 2024 they volunteered 10,026.65 hours. That doubled from 2023's hours of 5,760.5. We have dedicated staff and board members as well. We look into 2025 and see many more lives to save and new programs that help us tap into our community.

We are SO excited to announce that we have a free spay and neuter voucher program that will allow us to help approximately 38 animals get spayed or neutered.

That means we can help a minimum of 3 animals a month! That is a GREAT start to helping the overpopulation problem in Stokes County. With hard work and dedication, we hope that number will increase next year. We are also launching an education and well-being program called F.A.C.E.S of FOSS. We came up with this acronym that focuses on us helping those who need the comfort of animals as well as those who need education and help with becoming a pet parent. We know that if we focus on these areas, responsible and equipped people will spread this knowledge and allow the residents of Stokes county and beyond to care for their pets in a manner that also helps the over population in Stokes County and BEYOND.

We look forward to this year and forward to meeting MORE of you! Keep an up open for more to come on the F.A.C.E.S of FOSS program, it is in the baby stages of becoming something GREAT!



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

Look Who Got Adopted in December

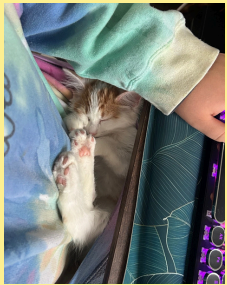
Frankenberry	Ellie	Bailey	Chai
Jazz	KrispyKreme	Siria	Fria
Juniper	Honeycrisp	Sugar	Chilly
Jethro	Fish	Fruitcake	Agustus
FrasierFir	Shagg	Pattycake	Disco
Kevin	Peppermint	AnnaBeth	
Spruce	GingerSnap	Hamitch	
DouglasFir	Poundcake	Balsam	

AD^{PAW}T ME



Meggie

Meggie is such an affectionate young lady! She just wants to be loved on and to please her human. She is a little over a year old and approximately 50lbs. Come visit with her and we feel sure that you will fall in love with her.



Atlas AKA Fuji
By: Alex Payne
We renamed our little lovebug Atlas, and he's been having a blast!



FOSS Team

Board Members

Leslie Staples - Chair
Mike Barsness - Vice Chair/General Manager
Leslie Staples - Treasurer
Tanya Gardner - Secretary
Fran Hollis - Facilities Chair
Kate Waterman - Fundraising Chair
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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
Cindy Taylor - Grant Manager

Volunteer Coordinators

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

Along with 30+ active volunteers!!

Euthanasia Facts

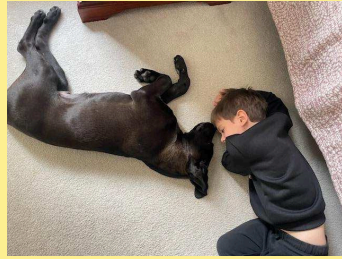
- About 70% of all animals euthanized in shelters are cats.
- 41% of all cats that enter shelters are euthanized
- 75% of all cats euthanized are black
- Newborn kittens are often euthanized because of the intensive care needed.

**NEED ANOTHER
REASON
TO SPAY OR
NEUTER?**



Kodi AKA Albert

Hit the JACKPOT!



Bought a triple cat bowl holder so when they're eating the mogs can line up perfe...
Oh never mind



boredpanda.com



Fuji



By:
Alex Payne

Happy New Year!

Thought I'd send a few more pics and add on a blurb of how my boy is doing- I've had a few cats over the years, and Atlas takes the cake for the most active and loving kitten I've ever had the pleasure of raising! I'll emphasize active, this boy is practically Spider-Man with the way he can horizontally crawl around the couch and cat tree when the zoomies hit. He's insatiably cuddly and curious, he loves scaling my back to settle on my shoulders and watch the world like a parrot; I quickly learned he'll make himself known underfoot if I don't include him. The snuggles are frequent and full of purrs, he loves settling onto fuzzy blankets and laps, and he prefers to sleep by my head on the pillow. As I'm typing this he's wedged under my chin, snoring. Thank you all again for the work you do, and the privilege of allowing this boy into our lives. My husband and I were hit with a tragedy just a week after adopting him, and Atlas has been instrumental in keeping us sane, strong, and present.

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 HONOR OF PEOPLE

RAY & LINDA SHINAULT	MARK & HEATHER JOHNSON
THE SPENCER FAMILY	WILLIAM AMBURN
FRANK PERRY, JR.	MARY LAWSON
LYNNE PASQUALE	ANDREA & REBECCA
SHANNON & KEVIN HOFFMAN	NORMAN & BAILEY SMITH
KAREN ASHBURY	SUSAN SMITH
JUDY SIPES	SKIP & LESLIE STAPLES
THE COATES FAMILY	BRENDA NEVIDJON
BILL NEESE	BILL TAYLOR
EVETTE NEESE	BILL NEESE
DARRYL DOTT	LYNNE PASQUALE
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BILL TAYLOR	DIANE IRVINE
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HENRY & MARY BAUCOM	TIGER BUTTONS
NAKAYLA PALMER	GAIL DAVENPORT
ERIN SECHREST & MISTY CONNOR	

DONATIONS

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	THOMAS KOTZ

VPP HEROES

ELIZABETH TRUMPIE	ROBERT BARNETT
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LISA ROBERTSON	REGINA ROLLINS
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MICHAEL DYMOTT	ROBERT MAXFIELD
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MICHAEL DYMOTT	WENDY & DUANNE ELLIOTT
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	GENE SANDS
	SANDRA WEAVIL

IN MEMORY OF PET

LITTLE BOOP SNAKE	PUNCH TAYLOR
TAMMY HILL	HEATHER REITANO
KURT (BILL TAYLOR)	DEXY (BRAD HOWELL)
DARRYL DOTT	LAURA NORMAN
TUSUKI (THERESA DE PRAT)	ROO, DELILAH, JAX
CINDY TAYLOR	RENEE MABE

SPECIAL THANKS

LAURA OSTERMAN	LARRY GREENWOOD
NANCY WHITE	MARY CRANFILL
LESLIE BAKER	LISA BOLES

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



Our Alumni, Cooper!
His bed EXPLODED



740.5

YTD 2024 - 10,026.65

YTD for 2023 was 5,760.5

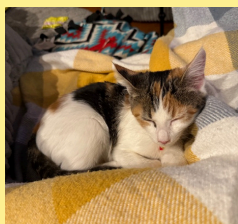
Ed Biosca

Ed has been a volunteering on Sunday's for four years now!! He is also on the board for Fur-Ever Friends, NC. He is always ready to help at any time or event. His wife Laura is also ready to help as well! Thank you Ed.

- 2nd - Wendy Elliott
- 5th - Josiah Podhajser
- 13th - Jeannine Manuel
- 14th - Laura Melvin
- 25th - Ed Gratcofsky
- 27th - Kayla Duggins
- 29th - Nicolas Manuel
- 31st - Mike Barsness

Gala

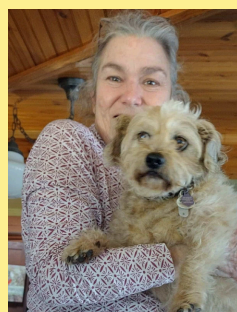
By: Taylor Windsor



She has settled right in and made herself right at home! She's even met the dogs and she's fearless . Thanks for our new family member!



Shagg Found His People



Chamois'
By: Olivia Shelton

Tomorrow is our second anniversary of Chamois' (Teeter's) Gotcha Day... she has truly been the best chunk of interactive joy we've ever had... and the best birthday present ever for Steve...



OUR FUREVER HOME SWEET HOME

