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# Welcome Back!!



January was a blur. There were some amazing pups and kitties that were adopted! FOSS was also shown ONCE AGAIN that we are loved tremendously from those who follow our Facebook page, previous adopters and those who are thinking of adopting. In ONE day we had 31 packages delivered. ONE donor sent nearly \$700 worth of donations!!! We never get tired of saying how much we love and appreciate ALL OF YOU! Be sure to check out our new Virtual Foster Pet Parent program as well as our new adoption package options. These programs will launch on 2/12/24. We are always trying to add new programs for our supporters to be a part of. We welcome ideas, suggestions and newsletter content. Just remember, this is YOUR adoption center. Without you, it could and would not happen. Our team, pups and kitties hope that you enjoy this issue!



## Kindergarteners Adopt a Pet

Happy New Year Everyone!

The Top Dogs are beginning 2024 with an exciting real world project. Your child will have an opportunity to "adopt" a dog or cat from the [Top Dog Rescue](#). This rescue has just opened its door in room 108 of ORES.

This week, Top Dogs will meet the cats and dogs in our classroom. (I have purchased these stuffed animals)



They will choose a cat or dog they are interested in adopting. They will then fill out a pet adoption form and if approved, will be able to adopt their pet! How can they be approved? Well, by filling out the form successfully and exhibiting green and blue paw behavior. Once adopted, students will be earning ways to take care of their pet better by continuing pawsome Top Dog behavior and reading to their pet! They can earn a collar that they will make, a pet bed, a pet cottage and many more things throughout this half of the year.

How will I reward this responsible behavior? I will donate \$\$\$ to the Friends of Stokes Animal Shelter in our class name based on levels in pet responsibility they achieve as a class! Students will increase their self-responsibility as well as see the kindness they are showing to animals and our world.

If you would like to donate to the shelter in your child's name, you are welcome to but are not required. We will collect the money throughout the rest of the year. I will keep you informed of when the students move up another level for me to donate in their name! I am so excited for them to get started on this!

Be on the lookout for their photo taken with their pet on adoption day!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Waterman & Mrs. Comer

Board member, Kate Waterman, had the MOST amazing idea when she decided to do this with her kindergarten class. What a GREAT way to teach our youth about caring for animals and raise money for FOSS. For all of you teachers or parents, pass this onto your schools. If this could be done in every school, the future will look so much brighter for our sweet animal population. Hats off to you Mrs. Waterman and Mrs. Comer!



DON'T FORGET THAT YOU CAN ORDER FROM OUR CHEWY WISHLIST  
[https://www.chewy.com/g/friends-of-stokes-shelter\\_b114903946](https://www.chewy.com/g/friends-of-stokes-shelter_b114903946)





**BECOME A VIRTUAL FOSTER PET PARENT TODAY**

As a non-profit animal adoption center, FOSS must rely on generous donations and there are various ways for this to happen.

We have a way for you to help our dogs and cats in a very personal way. If you have ever wanted to adopt a pet but just didn't have the space or time to commit to the responsibility, how about becoming a Virtual Foster Pet Parent?

The average cost for us to prepare a pet for adoption is \$279.00. This includes spay/neuter, some vaccinations, and preventive measures.

By becoming a Virtual Foster Pet Parent, you can care for a FOSS resident in the most demanding area needed, financially contributing toward their care while we look for their new home. For just \$50 you can become a Virtual Foster Pet Parent and your donation will go a long way in ensuring a "foster" dog or cat is well cared for.

When you become a Virtual Foster Pet Parent, you become a member of our community of virtual foster families. You will get photos of your foster animal, hear stories and see our volunteers caring for them.

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**ADOPTION PACKAGES**

	BASIC	BASIC + 1 MONTH PREVENTIVE *	BASIC + 6 MONTHS PREVENTIVE *
DOG (OVER 6 MONTHS)	\$150	\$185	\$355
PUPPY (UNDER 6 MONTHS)	\$175	\$210	\$380
CAT	\$150	\$160	\$210

\*DOG-MILBEGUARD (HEARTWORM, ROUNDWORM, HOOKWORM, WHIPWORM) AND VECTRA 30 (FLEA, TICK & MOSQUITO)  
\*CAT - CATEGO (FLEA, TICK AND CHEWING LICE)

## Newsletter Highlights

Kindergartners Adopt a Pet

Coraline

Freddy

Bailey & Bean

Best Friends Animal Society

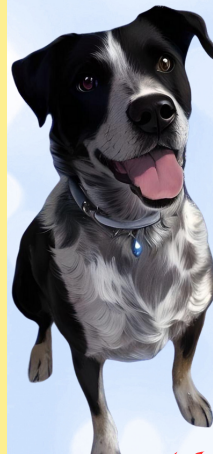
4 Year Anniversary



## Look who got adopted in January

Tootsie	Thalia	Haddie	Brioche
Milk	Grover	Uno	Bitsy
Cookies	Percy	Challah	Simone
Beezus	Sugar Cookie	Bamdito	Trey
Tiger	Plum Pudding	Root Beer	Ramona
Coraline	Cerberus	Dr. Pepper	Deuce
Baxter	Sally	Pepsi	Toffee
Annabeth	Clarisse	Krendle	Hilda
Brentley	Angeli	Tater Tot	Chiron

**ADOPT  
A  
PET**



**KATIE**

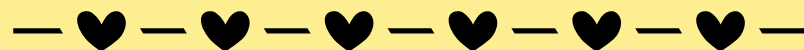
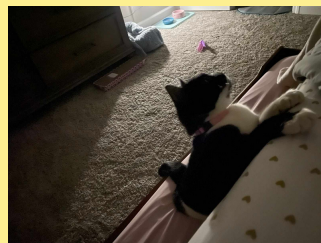
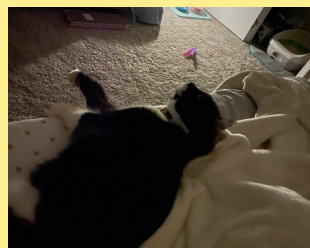
Katie is looking for her very own Valentine! She is perfect in every way except she needs to be your only dog. She has about 30 seconds of zoomies and then she's done for the day and ready to be your lap dog or go for a nice walk. She is an easy going girl who is not high maintenance.



## Coraline

by: Amanda Pinto

She's loving it here!! She's super sweet ❤️ & LOVES her homemade feather toy the best!! Every time we pet her she purrs! We just ordered her a cat tower so she can get back to looking out the window!



## FOSS Team

### Board Members

Diane Coffill - Chair  
 Mike Barsness - Vice Chair  
 Caleb Swaim - Treasurer  
 Tanya Gardner - Secretary  
 Fran Hollis - Facilities Chair  
 Kate Waterman - Fundraising Chair  
 Aaron Sisco  
 Cindy Holby

### Part-Time Employees

Emily Burgess - Animal Operations Manager  
 Renea Brown - FOSS Services Manager  
 Tonya Palmer - Kennel Assistant  
 Crystal Finney - Kennel Assistant  
 Bethany Woods - Kennel Assistant

### Volunteer Coordinator's

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

Along with 30+ active volunteers!!



# Freddy (aka Brentley)

Freddy is the sweetest boy ever. We love him so much! He has his morning zoomies and then he is a couch potato. He LOVES to snuggle with anyone who is sitting down. We also found out he likes being carried like a toddler which is hilarious! His underbite still makes us laugh. He hops like a bunny when he knows we are going out for a walk. Our son chases him around the yard and really loves throwing the ball to him. He's so smart. He sits and shakes for a treat. I have so many good things to say about him. We think he chose us, he was meant to be a part of our family!

By: Emily Southern



Best Friends Animal Society

Huge SHOUT OUT to Best Friends Animal Society for providing training for us and Stokes County Animal Shelter staff. The more knowledge and resources we have, the better we can serve our community and the homeless animals of Stokes County. Special thanks also to Rocky's Coffee & Ice Cream for providing the coffee to keep us going!! On the second day our volunteer coordinator, Lorrie Bennett, sat in on the class to acquire some knowledge that will be passed on to the volunteers. We are excited to be trained by such amazing animal advocates.



# Bailey & Bean (aka Plum Pudding and Sugar Cookie)

By: Danise Delaney



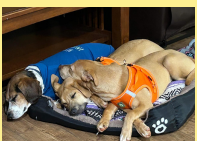
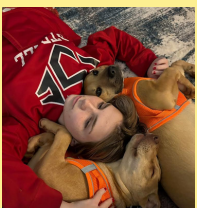
Individually and together we've always had dogs, my husband and I. When we first got together, my husband had a lab mix named Ginger, who was an adopted rescue. We added Cooper, our beagle, to the family when Ginger was 10 years old, and a 1-year-old puppy breathed new life into Ginger. She wasn't happy about it at first, but Ginger came to appreciate and love Cooper and they became quite the team.

When Ginger passed at the age of 14, our family of course was grieving, but Cooper more than anyone. After a year passed, we started to talk about another dog, but by then we were in the transition of moving to from Kernersville to Dobson and building a house. We were determined to wait until we had our new house and yard before we brought another dog into the family.

We had been keeping an eye on the local shelters for a lab/lab mix puppy that needed a home, when our daughter, who lives in King brought Plum Pudding and Sugar Cookie to our attention. We decided we wanted to meet them and hopefully find the right lab girl to bring home. After meeting the two of them and their brother, we decided we couldn't leave on of the girls behind. We felt the brother would find a home, but we worried one of the two girls would not find a family. We didn't visit the shelter intending to bring home two puppies, but are glad we did.

And here we are, with two rambunctious lab girls, Bailey & Bean, who are adjusting well to our home and family. Cooper is happy to have the new additions to the Delaney pack as well! The evenings are full of play time as they wrestle, gallop and cajole each other with feints and barks. When they're sleepy it's snuggle time with mom, dad and daughter. Life is good.

We're looking forward to enjoying them for many years to come.



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# FOSS Donation Wall

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

## In Honor of People

Bill Taylor  
William Neese, Jr  
Jim Simpson  
Meghan Holihan  
Lorrie Bennett  
Rhonda Rodenbough

## Donations

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## Grants & monthly donor

William Dean Charitable Foundation,  
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## In Memory of Pet

Dusty (Megan & Brent Peters)  
Ann Thornlow  
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Deborah Fox

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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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**AND FOR ALL OF THE AMAZON WISH LIST PURCHASES**

## William Dean Charitable Foundation, Bank of America, N.A

FOSS is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$5,000 grant from the William Dean Charitable Foundation, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee. The grant will be used for general operations. This grant was established in 2009 by Dr. William Evans Dean III who attended the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Nevada. Dr. Dean served his country in Vietnam as part of the U.S. Air Force and later graduated with honors from dental school. He was also a registered Texas longhorn rancher, a recreational pilot, and an avid animal lover. FOSS is honored to have been selected as one of the organizations to carry out Dr. Dean's desire to prevent cruelty to animals.



Just a FEW of the donations in January





# Our Volunteers Are AMAZING

## February Birthdays

### Volunteer of the Month

Tammy Hill

Tammy is a retired librarian who has the big heart for animals. She is faithfully at the center and we have watched her turn some of the most shy pup into the most confident pup. We thank her for her dedication and the love that she has for the adoption center.

### January volunteer hours

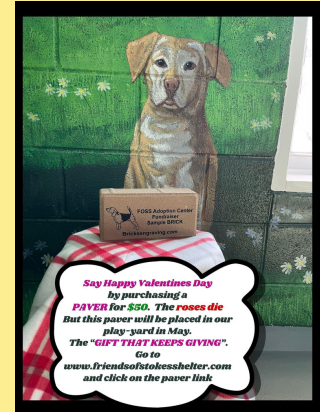
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- 2nd - Kim Rich
- 13th - Fran Hollis
- 15th - Matine Haizlip  
Susan Van Hoy
- 21st - Leslie Staples  
Wendy Owens
- 23rd - Crystal Finney
- 26th - Aaron Sisco

## Only a Few Months Left

Would you like for a loved one's name or even your name to be placed at the Adoption Center FUREVER??? Well, here is your chance!! This fundraiser runs until the end of April and then in May, YOU or your LOVED ONE will be a part of the FOSS facility. The pavers will be placed in the play yard for the residents and potential adopters to enjoy. This is a GREAT opportunity for the center to raise some much need funds AND for you or your loved one to be a permanent part of the BEST animal adoption center ever! Visit our website [www.friendsofstokesshelter.com](http://www.friendsofstokesshelter.com) and "click the paver". These will make GREAT Valentine's Day gifts.



## 2020



These are the first puppies that entered the building on 2020. They were living in a pile of tires and the coyotes was picking them off one by one. They were brought into the center and bathed. They weren't too fond of Emily after the bath! The were "C" names puppies (all of their names started with a "C"). They found wonderful homes!



## 4 Year Anniversary



*It is hard to believe that here we are, another year that happens to be a leap year, PLUS the FOUR year Anniversary of the opening of the Friends of Stokes Shelter's doors! During these past four years, there have been 1,270 animals that Emily Burgess has saved from the Stokes County Animal Shelter and brought them into the safe walls of FOSS for them to be placed into loving homes. The adoption center has grown so much in terms of procedures, routines, policies, VOLUNTEERS, supporters and the list could go on and on. It is so exciting to know that this facility has so many volunteers, supporters and people who love and care for this wonderful adoption center. This could never keep progressing and growing without each of you!! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, the pups' hearts and the kitties' hearts. We look forward to saving MANY more lives in 2024!*

## 2024



Puppies brought into FOSS on the 1st day of our Anniversary month

