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Welcome Back!!



We were hoping to report the results from the Putts for Pets but as you know, we had to move it to May 18th. We are so excited about this event. We have been blown away with the positive response from it. This issue is, once again, filled with some updates from our adopters and news about what has been going on. It slipped by us that last month's issue, marked our ONE year anniversary for getting the newsletter out to you. It has been so fun putting it together and we hope that you are enjoying it.

The plans for the fundraising project are underway! It was determined that it would honor those who would be represented within this project by making it accessible to EVERYONE! We have decided to make a "memorial patio" in front of the adoption center!! There are still some logistic issues to iron out so we have decided to extend it for a few more months. Be sure to go to our website www.friendsofstokesshelter.com and purchase your paver today. PS- if you would like to inquire about being a donor for the concrete for the patio, please call 336-914-9270 and let us know.

Unexpected Visitor

On May 1st, our sweet little Walnut Cove Reading Buddy Readers were surprised to meet WGHP FOX 8's Chad Tucker and his camera man Keith. Keith was very focused on getting the perfect videos of the pups, cats and children. The children were so well behaved when they read to the puppies and kitties. The news team was very impressed with the way the children behaved as well as how it calmed the rambunctious animals. It was truly a great day! We are VERY proud of this program and are thrilled that it has received some news coverage. Most of all, we are so proud that 34 Walnut Cove Elementary students and 15+ 4-H School Skippers' children that have already participated in this project. We still have other groups of children that are signed up to read to our animals.



Newsletter Highlights

Guest Speaker

Bluey

Pippin

Virtual Foster

FOSS Memory Patio

Furever Home

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Look Who Got Adopted in March

Pepper	Wyatt	Axe
Bee	Otis	Mercy
Jasmine	Brady	Spruce
Skeeto	Bonzai	Maddie
Bug	Scotch	Benjamin Blueberry
Winn Dixie	Beetle	Raspberry
	Rocks	Lily



RAVEN

RAVEN IS SUCH A SWEET GIRL! SHE WOULD LOVE A HOME THAT IS CAT FREE AND PREFERABLY AN ONLY PET. SHE WOULD LOVE TO LAY ON THE COUCH WITH YOU OR HANG OUT WITH YOU WHILE YOU ARE DOING SOME YARD WORK. RAVEN IS LOOKING FOR A LOVING FOREVER HOME. SCAN THE QR CODE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE.



If you wonder why you see so many short blurbs about our alumni, it is because our sweet volunteer Nonie Sands spends some of her time with us calling and checking in with our adopters to see how their new fur babies are doing, as well as how we can improve the adoption process. This has proven to be a GREAT thing. We SO appreciate the effort that she has put in to this as well as the responses.

BLUEY

She attended her first hockey game last week for "Pucks and Paws" Night. She's also been an avid hiker. ~ Davis Hill



Look at those ears 😊



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Along with 30+ active volunteers!!



We love having Baxter as part of our family. He is so loving, loveable and fun! He spends his time playing and napping with Macs and snuggling up with Tim and I. He wakes us up with kisses every morning and we couldn't imagine a better way to wake up. Thanks for checking in on him!

~Cathy and Tim McCarthy



Rosie AKA Camelia

By: Jennifer Herrman



My husband I adopted Camelia on September 27th. On our way home, we did settle on a new name, Rosie. There were many factors going into our decision to rename her. Our lifestyle involves a lot of hiking and exercise, so naturally we wanted a trail and working dog. After reading Camelia's breed (plott hound/black mouth cur) and much research, we knew she was perfect for us. I am a big fan of Rosie the Riveter (was dressed like her when my husband asked for my hand in marriage), a hard working woman, so naturally the new name just fit her personality. But, we did keep Camelia as her middle name.

And boy, has she lived up to the Rosie name. She loves going on long walks and playing fetch. That's our daily routine. Most Fridays, she gets to play with her best friend, Sadie, a 90 pound American Bulldog. And if it rains, she gets a half day of playing at our local doggie daycare, Dog Days. We've started introducing her to hiking, her first being close to her old stomping ground, Hanging Rock. She also got to chase a couple of waterfalls in the Brevard area. She is a trooper and is just always so happy.

We were so lucky a friend mentioned your Facebook page a few years back. I've admired your photo shoots with all the pets. I'm still admiring and loving them. Keep up the good work. And many thanks to you all for helping us find Rosie and the joy that she brings to our lives!



Pippin



He has grown so much and absolutely the sweetest boy!
~Abby Gallimore

Sam

~Emily Nolan



FOSS Donation Wall

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BECOME A VIRTUAL PET PARENT HERO TODAY



We launched our Virtual Foster Pet Program in February. It exceeded all expectations of what we felt our supporters would love about it. While trying to get all of the kinks out of it, we decided to update Virtual Foster Parents to a quarterly "Virtually Pet Parent Program". So what has changed? Well, instead of selecting a certain pet to virtually foster, your generous donation will go towards ALL of the pups and kitties in our care. We will still post the pictures on our website as well as the names but instead of thinking of your money as helping "one" sweetie, it will be in a combined pool and help them all. Another change is that instead of getting a email with updates and pictures during the month, you will receive a quarterly update that will include all of the animals that have been in our care during that quarter as well as updates in each of them. This not only cuts down on the leg work from us but it also allows you to see exactly how far your donations have gone. We ask that you would consider a recurring donation and join our new "club"....

[HTTPS://WWW.FRIENDSOFSTOKESSHELTER.COM/VIRTUAL-PET-PARENT.HTML](https://www.friendsofstokesshelter.com/virtual-pet-parent.html)

Our Volunteers Are AMAZING

Volunteer of the Month

Susan Van Hoy

Susan is an amazing volunteer. Not ONLY does she walk the pups, she also steps up and helps with any event and has been a key organizer of the Golf Tournament. She is always smiling and ready to help. Thank you for all that you do Susan.

April volunteer hours

855 HOURS



May Birthdays

12TH - ED BIOSCA
20TH - BRENDA MORGAN
25TH - APRIL NITEN
29TH - SYDNEY ZUCHICK

Lark

~Brooke Johnson



Hello, after our phone call today I wanted to share some photos of Lark's progress. Let's just say he is not the same shy puppy that he was in the shelter and has shown us his outgoing personality. So far he is a big fan of treats, naps on the couch, and his big brother Boomer. They love to run through the yard and destroy ALL the toys they can. Afterwards, Lark likes to fall asleep and snore as loud as puppy possible.

The Project is Revealed



We will begin the project as soon as we can find sponsors for the concrete for the patio. This will be an amazing place to sit and reflect or have a meeting with a friend.

We are extending the sale for the pavers for a few more months so that we can get the prep work for the pavers done. If you know of any sponsors that may be interested in helping with the concrete, please have them contact us at 336-914-9270.

OUR FUREVER HOME SWEET HOME

