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## WELCOME BACK

Well, one more month until our BIG gala!! Be sure to go to our website and get your tickets today. This is the BIG fundraiser of the year.

We ran some adoption comparison numbers from January 1<sup>st</sup> to August 30th, (In 2020, we didn't use adoption software, and in 2021, the program wasn't used for a complete year.)

	2022	2023	2024	2025
INTAKE	188	182	243	268
ADOPTIONS	176	151	167	224
SENT TO RESCUE	29	38	75	57

We are so proud that we keep growing, and more and more animals are finding homes. This is because you guys just keep on sharing our post and spreading the word about our adoption center. We are growing in the number of animals that are being saved, but most importantly, those animals are spayed and neutered! We feel sure that this will be a record year for us! **THANK YOU!!!**

You may have heard that we are closer than ever to getting the patio completed. Be sure to get your paver TODAY! We will be closing out this sale on September 30th. Thank you for making us GREAT, and we hope that you enjoy this September issue.

## Newsletter Highlights

Lucy Byrd Hope

Tango AKA Hazelnut

Bodhi AKA Stone

Posiden Now Neptune

Rocky AKA Mister

Goose AKA Redford

Raven, Rai & Renn

## Upcoming Events

- Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - Stokes Stomp  
Danbury
- Sept 20<sup>th</sup> - Fall Fest  
Walnut Cove
- Sept 30<sup>th</sup> - Paver Sale Ends
- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> - KingFest  
King
- Oct 25<sup>th</sup> - Cowpokes for Critters Gala  
Luna's Trail, Westfield

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AND SEE OUR BOOTH EXHIBIT



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## Look Who Got Adopted in August

Mooch	Betts	Romeo	Kiana	Zesty
Rose	Bill	Rhys	Tanana	Bree
Vesper	Buddy	Ollie	Zion	Sage
Foggy	Sophocles	Dozer	Ferb	Grover
Donnie	Summer	Cheddar	Zap	Argyle
Darko	Pipsqueak	Aggie	Abby Cadabby	
Rosita	Luna	Kiwi	Gabrielle	

**Cowpokes for Critters**  
October 25, 2025  
Luna Trail  
1446 Wilson Farm Rd.  
Westfield, NC 27053

5 pm Mix & Mingle  
6 pm Dinner (Town Fork Kitchen)  
7 pm Live Auction

\$100-Single      \$200-Couple

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## 3rd Annual Back to School Bash

Was a HUGE success. The adoption center was steadily busy all day long. We gave out a BUNCH of bags and fed some hungry supporters. We even threw in 2 adoptions that day!



It gets no better than that! We look forward to seeing you next year. Thank you Land Dog for making this happen!



## FOSS Team

### Board Members

Leslie Staples- Chair  
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### 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!!**

## Lucy Byrd Hope

Here's Harry! He's doing amazing! He's best friends with my other guinea pig Larry! Thank you for him!!!



## Tango AKA Hazelnut

BY: Pete Eshback

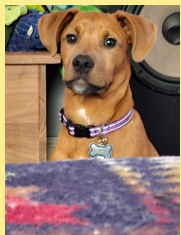
He just celebrated his one year birthday. Lots of kitten left in him. Very gentle and curious. 14 lbs!







# Nessa Rose's Sailing Adventure



## Bodhi AKA Stone

When we adopted Stone, now Bodhi, we told him that he had hit the jackpot with us, but in reality, we have hit the jackpot with him. He has brought back joy into our sad home from losing our beloved dog, Fury in May. Bodhi is super intelligent, loving, playful and independent. He enjoys playing and sleeping with his big brother, Finnegan. He loves people. He is going to take his 1st trip to the beach with us and Finnegan in a few weeks. Your shelter is amazing. I am so impressed with everything all of you do to rescue these animals and make them feel loved and content while they wait on their forever home.

Thank you,  
Tonya Hurst

## Adopt me

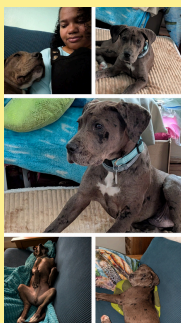


## Thyme

Thyme has been with us since March 8, 2025. This sweet guy has grown up at the adoption center. He has been socialized with other cats, and dogs walking by him does not bother him. He is neutered and up to date on all age-appropriate shots. He has the sweetest personality and is a loveable guy. He will make a GREAT addition to any home. Please visit our website [www.friendsofstokesshelter.com](http://www.friendsofstokesshelter.com). You will not regret adding him to your family.

## Posiden ... Now Neptune

By: Asheley Cowan-Shultheiss



Neptune loves everyone and all the animals he encounters. His favorite playmates are the neighbors German shepherd and the dachshund. But he loves sleeping with his cat brother Cashmere.

Thank you so much for bringing him into my life.



# FOSS Donation Wall

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

## AND FOR ALL OF THE AMAZON WISH LIST PURCHASES

### IN MEMORY OF PERSON

Judi Rothrock  
Emily Beale  
Jerry & Christine Mitchell  
Susan Foreman  
Candis Loy  
Becky Harris  
Gina McGee  
Mona Triplett  
Aunt Sandy Donovan  
Angie Brown & Family  
Heidi Brousseau & Family  
Jessica Bryant  
Candis Loy  
Kent Mabe  
Peggy Flynn  
Busted Knuckle

### DONATIONS

Ashley Manley  
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Janie Willard  
Samantha Cooley  
Janet Schumacher

### 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
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Robert Barnett	Angela Gamble
Lynne Pasquale	Samantha Cooley
Brenna Husel	

### IN HONOR OF PERSON

Carol Woods  
Lorrie Mayo

### SPECIAL THANKS

Land Dog  
Debbie & Bill Overbey  
Wanda Dyer  
Larry Greenwood  
Lorrie & Mark Bennett  
Susan Van Hoy  
Walnut Cove Library

### IN MEMORY OF PET

Nugget  
Lisa & Alvin Duncan  
Cocoa Beans  
Lauren Osterman  
Clifford- Cindy Taylor  
Tammy Hill  
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Andrew Austin

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## Amazon Donors

Amazon has stopped allowing us to send out electronic "thank yous" 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.

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Patricia Legg  
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## August Volunteer Hours

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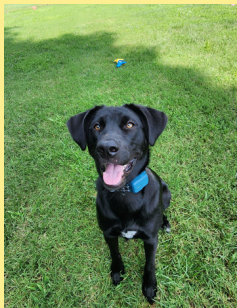
## Our Volunteers Are AMAZING Volunteer of the Month

Olivia Smith

Olivia came to us as an intern during her senior year at NC State. She has been an amazing addition to FOSS. While being with us, she has started the Kibbles for the Community Pantry and taken over the Reading Buddies Program. She is also still volunteering regularly to help care for the animals. Olivia, you are a treasured jewel that has been added to FOSS.

## September Birthdays

1st - Lorrie Bennett  
7<sup>th</sup> - Laura Clark  
8<sup>th</sup> - Katie Winfrey  
10<sup>th</sup> - Steven Britt  
Jessily Faith  
13<sup>th</sup> - Elizabeth Melvin



Hello FOSS,

My name is April Sutphin and I am "Mister's" new mom. He now goes by Rocky and is VERY much loved!

Just wanted to give a quick 3 month update. Rocky has been such a great addition to our family, from day one. He is such a sweet and chill little guy. We were told his previous owner labeled him a flight risk but he is doing really well taking leashed walks to explore our six acres with his big brother Oreo. We also installed a 4500 sq ft fence for the two of them to run around unleashed. Rocky and Oreo quickly bonded and prefer to do everything together. He's learned a few commands and working on more. He's very food motivated! Dr. Wells at Animal Care Clinic says Rocky is healthy and put him on Nexgard Plus (monthly) to keep him that way. He seems to be very happy here and we hope to have many happy years together ahead! We are so grateful to FOSS for taking such great care of him until we found each other ♥ I've attached a few pics of Rocky in his new, furever home.

Thank you again,  
April Sutphin & Rocky 🐾



## Goose AKA Redford

By: Olivia Williams

Goose(Redford) is living his best little life! He loves cuddles and food. He is the sweetest pup who truly thinks he is a tiny human. We are blessed he is a part of our family. He enjoys running in the yard with his fur brother Baron and human brother Atlas!

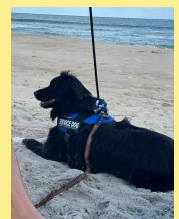
Goose (Redford) with his big brother Baron (Kidney Bean) and Atlas!



## Raven, Rai & Renni

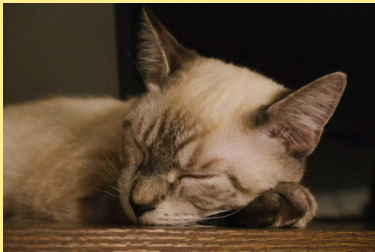
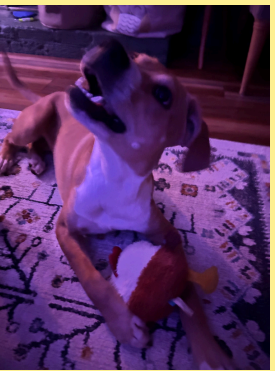
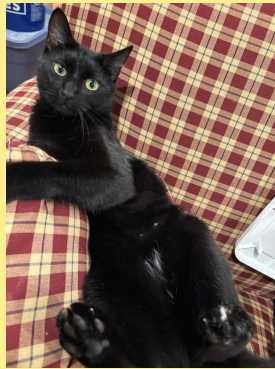
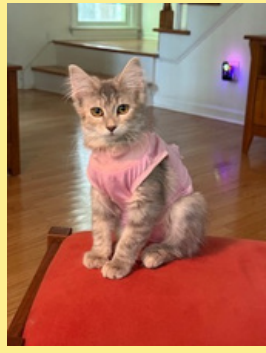
By: Chris Lawing

These 3 have become beach bums lol. The bond they share is so amazing! So glad we put these 3 together furever.





# OUR FUREVER HOME SWEET HOME







# HAPPY ADOPTION DAY!!

