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## WELCOME BACK



Spring has sprung, and the flowers are blooming. If pollen is bothering you, remember that it may be bothering your pet as well. We have several pups and kitties who seem to be bothered by it. They are sensitive just like us.

We have had a lot going on at FOSS!! The cat glass wall is complete, our storage building is up, and board member Duane Elliott is working hard to get lofts and shelving built in it. The ISO play yard is open. Landdog Landscape is getting ready to start on the other side play yard. We put up 5 TVs in the dog well room and one in our lobby, and planning for our summer camp is underway. Not to mention that we have our first-ever mobile spay unit coming and are gearing up for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament. Sheww!! We have been working hard to keep growing this amazing animal adoption center into a whole next-level animal adoption center.

There have been some amazing animals brought in and adopted this month. We are ALWAYS amazed at how blessed we are and how much compassion and love go into each and every animal that comes through our doors. If you happen to know or see any of our volunteers or board members, be sure to thank them for their dedication, love, and hard work that they put into this animal adoption center.

Enjoy the updates from our alumni and learn a little bit about some of the volunteers who pour their hearts into FOSS.

## Newsletter Highlights

Marshmallow AKA Puffs



Stampy



Jellybean



Frost



Meet Your Volunteers



Quigley



Breea AKA Bree



Abby Jewel



Snoopy AKA Peter



**Cat & Small Dog Spay-Neuter Clinic**  
May 1, 2026

Mobile Unit will Spay 5 female dogs and Neuter 7 male dogs. ALL DOGS MUST BE UNDER 30LBS AND NO "SMUSHY FACE" (PUG, BOSTON, FRENCHIE, ETC)

There will also be spots for 26 cats (Cats must be owned cats and not feral cats)

Thanks to a grant, we can provide this for our community. The cost will be \$25 per pet, and DSS will assist FOSS in determining applicants eligibility.

ALL pets must have a current rabies vaccination (if the pet is not up to date, a vaccine will be given at the time of surgery).

3RD ANNUAL FRIENDS OF STOKES SHELTER GOLF TOURNAMENT

**PUTTS FOR PETS**  
MAY 16TH, 2026 8:00 AM

4 PERSON "CAPTAIN CHOICE" SHOTGUN  
REGISTRATION STARTS 7:30 AM  
GROUP OF 4 - \$240 OR 2 - \$120 JUST SOME GOOD OLE' FUN!

**PACKAGE DEALS**

GREAT DANE - \$900.00 - INCLUDES 4 PLAYERS (2 FOURSOME), SIGN WITH COMPANY LOGO AT 4 TEES AND RECOGNITION ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

GOLDEN RETRIEVER - \$450.00 - INCLUDES 4 PLAYERS (1 FOURSOME), SIGN WITH COMPANY LOGO AT 2 TEES AND RECOGNITION ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES.

BEAGLE - \$250.00 - INCLUDES 2 PLAYERS, SIGN WITH COMPANY LOGO AT 1 TEE AND RECOGNITION ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES.

CHIHUAHUA - 100.00 - INCLUDES A SIGN WITH LOGO AT 1 TEE AND RECOGNITION ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES.

STRINGS - 3.5, AND MULLIGANS - 2 FOR 10 FEET - \$20 \$10, 1 PER 9 HOLES

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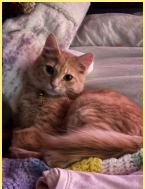
## Look Who Got Adopted in February

Milo	Ash	Smokey	Mae
Apollo	Smoke	Bo	Lola
Ivy	Juniper	Greg	Reed
Luna	Willow	Josie	Ruger
Louie	Ginny	Puddles	Gina
	Odin	Pooh	

## Marshmallow AKA Puffs

By: Summer Elias

Hi Marshmallow AKA Puffs is doing absolutely wonderful and adjusted well and very fast! That's HIS blue bean bag chair and no one is allowed in it! He is so playful and loves playing with my kids. His favorite spot beside the chair is the back of the couch in front of the window watching the birds. He is so precious we can't thank you guys enough for giving us the opportunity for adopting this little bundle of mischief. We love him so much



**ADOPT Me**

# Cooper



Cooper is an over one-year-old sweet, loveable, and humble guy. All he wants is to find his fur-ever home with someone who will love him the way that he loves them. His buddy Ivy was brought in with him, and she has been adopted. He is trying to find a new friend but would prefer to find one while he is in his new home. He came in with severe fleas, and it really took a toll on his skin and hair. We began treating him, and our kennel assistant, Crystal Finney, gives him regular medicated baths, and his skin is looking great, and his fur is finally coming back in. He is a lean guy who is active and loves to play. This guy will make an amazing addition to your family.

We are so excited to announce that the "Cat Glass Wall" has finally been constructed. At the gala last year, we had a "raise the paddle" where we presented this project to the audience to raise the \$8000 for the project. We were a little short and had an online fundraiser, and as ALWAYS, our supporters came through and provided MORE than enough money for the project. It was put on hold for a couple of months, but we got it back on track and followed through with what was promised. It has been a game-changer for when the cats have free roam time, and we need to get the isolation dogs out for their exercise time. Thank you to all of you who made this possible!





# Stampy

By: Ashlyn Moore



Here are a few pictures of Stampy. We have one where he just stretched out for his nap and was lying in such a silly way. In another photo, he was trying to play with my daughter's toys and got a little stuck. He went around showing his siblings before crawling under the bed. He is such a snuggle bug who loves to cuddle. So here's a photo of him snuggling with his brother, as well as a photo of him snuggling with his brother and daddy. He's also such a helpful boy, or at least tries to be. We have a photo of him trying to help mommy put the drawers together, and he just came and sat in one to make sure I was doing it correctly.



# JellyBean

By: Cathy Gerrety

Ohhhh yes I would like some skinny pop popcorn!! Let me just help myself without asking! I tell mom what's hers is mine. I am a professional counter surfer and toast stealer. Mom bought scat mats HAHAHA that doesn't stop me one bit. Had to share !!

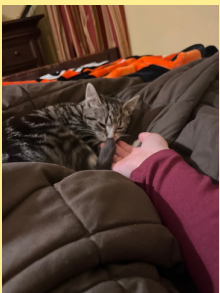


To our new friends at FOSS, I just wanted to take a minute to tell you all how much we're loving Frost! She was so calm and content on the car ride to her new home on Wednesday, and it just got better and better from there. She settled right into her shared room with our son (temporarily to give her time to acclimate)—she plays, she eats, she uses her litter box like clock work, etc. The icing on the cake is that she purrs constantly around all of us and loves to cuddle at bedtime or for short naps. We are over the moon about having her join our family and can't wait to see her and our Phoebe bond over time. Thank you for the exceptional work you ALL do at FOSS. We had a great experience and will be spreading the news to others about the top-notch care, facility, staff AND cats/animals who are waiting for their forever homes.



We hope you all stay safe during the next round of the snowstorm. We're very happy to have this special time indoors with our new kitty. Last but not least, I've attached a few photos of Frost.

Thanks again, Lisa, Matt, James & Teagan Breeding



# MEET THE FOSS VOLUNTEERS



## Wendy Elliott

I began volunteering for Forsyth Humane Society several years ago after I visited Best Friends Animal Society in Utah. I thought the sanctuary was the greatest place on the face of the earth! I decided I needed to make a change for animals in my community. I started volunteering at FOSS during COVID, and it stole my heart. I still volunteer and foster at Forsyth Humane Society, but the majority of my time is spent at FOSS. I also foster for FOSS, Surry Animal Rescue, and Paw Alliance. I have been a Physical Therapist for 31 years, but my passion is for animals. I like traveling with my husband Duane. But, I enjoy when he travels on his own because then I can bring extra fosters into our home when he is gone! We have a daughter, Hannah, who lives in Ft. Mill, SC. We live with 2 cats, Penny and Grace. I'm so thankful for all of the time I get to volunteer with God's creatures and with this wonderful rescue center.



## Katie Winfrey

I have been volunteering for almost 5 years at FOSS. I love watching the animals come out of their shell and then find their perfect home. I help new volunteers with their orientations and becoming comfortable volunteering at FOSS. I am also a middle school media coordinator with WSFCS. This is my 17th year in education. My husband Lee is on the FOSS board and a volunteer. We have 2 precious fur babies that have journeyed on ahead of us and one current little rascal named Chevy. I love to read and travel.



## JoAnne Silvia

JoAnne has loved animals since her childhood in the late 1950s when she cried watching Lassie and her mother would call her in to see the animals on Captain Kangaroo. She grew up in a military family and worked for over 30 years as a counselor in a nonprofit agency. In 2012 she married David, the high school sweetheart who found her again after 39 years. They moved to the area in 2024 from Wilmington where JoAnne volunteered at a farm animal sanctuary. They now live in Pilot Mountain with their dog Marley and the formerly feral "Mama Cat." JoAnne enjoys art, singing, and writing. At FOSS, she loves helping dogs learn to trust caregivers enough to play and be loved. She appreciates the careful adoption process and loves seeing adoption photos.



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## Bob Kandra

**Bob Kandra: I am a retired Federal Executive after spending almost 25 years overseas with U.S. Embassies around the world. I speak several languages, including fluent DOG and CAT. I volunteer at FOSS because I believe deeply that, while saving one dog or cat will not change the world, surely for that one animal, their world will change forever. I wanted to be part of that.**



## Cathy Maxfield

My name is Cathy Maxfield and I am proud to say I am a FOSS volunteer. I have always had a love of animals and wanted to help them at an early age. My mother always said if she couldn't find me, she would go where the animals were. This love of animals led me to become a licensed Veterinary Technician in the 1980s. Marriage and my husband's business led me away from that career but I still helped the animals as much as possible. I would take my two Golden Retrievers to nursing homes and help to get animals into forever homes. But my heart said I needed to do more to help the homeless animals. I started volunteering at another animal facility in Winston-Salem, NC in April of 2019. I met and became friends with Wendy Elliott, an amazing volunteer at the facility in Winston-Salem and at FOSS. She told me about FOSS and I was fascinated with everything I heard and the fact it is a no kill shelter.

I feel God was directing me toward FOSS so I became a volunteer in March of 2024. It was one of the best decisions I have made. Everyone at FOSS - the staff, board members, and volunteers - are very compassionate and dedicated to the well being of the animals and helping the community and their animals. I am blessed to be a part of the FOSS family and this wonderful organization of amazing people that work together for the betterment of the animals in our care.



## Shannon Martin

Shannon is a lifelong animal lover! She holds a BA in Psychology from UNCG. During college, she was chosen as the Animal Care and Training intern at The Dolphin Research Center in the Florida Keys, where she was able to learn the fundamentals of training and practice her skills with hands-on experiences with dolphins and sea lions. She returned home to NC and worked briefly with primates at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center but decided to pursue other opportunities. She worked in Victim Services for the WSPD for 7 years; then taught K/1st grade for the next 12 years until she decided she wanted to work with animals again. After an internship and training a bit on her own, she connected with another local trainer to learn more about behavioral training. Now she runs In Line Canine LLC and enjoys helping dogs and their families! Shannon lives with her husband, and 2 German Shepherds, Raven and Athena. She is so excited to be able to help the dogs of FOSS!



# 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

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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.

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March  
Volunteer Hours

**Our Volunteers Are AMAZING**

Volunteer of the Month

April  
Birthdays *Happy Birthday*

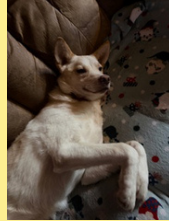
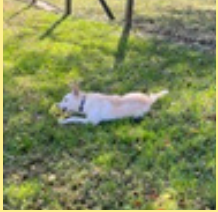
Jeanine Manuel

937 HOURS

We are proud to recognize Jeannine Manuel for her incredible dedication and compassion toward our cats. Jeannine began volunteering with us in October 2024. She faithfully spends her time caring for our feline residents, making sure their kennels are clean, comfortable, and safe. Her consistency and attention to detail make a meaningful difference in the daily lives of the cats in our care. Beyond her personal commitment, she has also inspired others to give back. Through her workplace, Piedmont Natural Gas, she helped organize a community service day, encouraging her coworkers to volunteer and support our mission. Thanks to her efforts, even more helping hands are making a positive impact.

We are truly grateful for her kindness, leadership, and unwavering support of our rescue.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Olivia Smith
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Nonie Sands
- 10<sup>th</sup> - David Podhajser
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Lisa Albright
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Lisa Dunlap
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Lindsay Hammond



**Quigley**

By: Christina Mitchell

He has fit in perfectly with our family. He loves to be outside and run in the fenced-in area, but also loves to relax on the couch and cuddle. I have yet to find a chew toy he can't destroy in less than 30 minutes, but we're working on it!



Abby Jewel Bridgen

By: Denise Bridgen

Abby Jewel has been the jewel to us. When we picked her up her birthday was May 5th which happened to be my mother's so this was meant to be that we found her.



**Breea AKA Bree**

By: Mary Meisner

Breea 17.8 lbs now. She knows commands like sit, lay down, come wait. I even have my recall for her and when I say it she comes full speed running to me. She's very smart and picks up real quick. Thanks again for keeping her till I found her. She is very loved and adored in her forever home. I'll send more pictures as I get them.

**Snoopy AKA Peter**



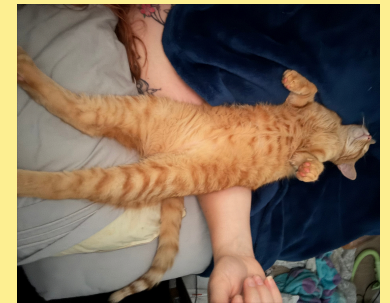
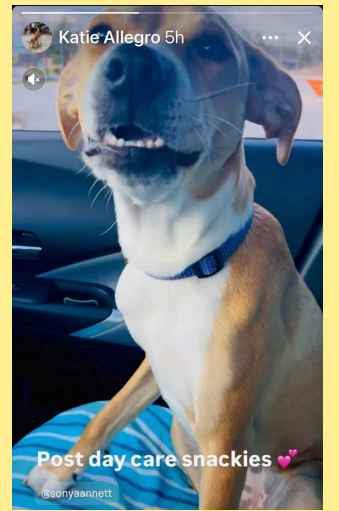
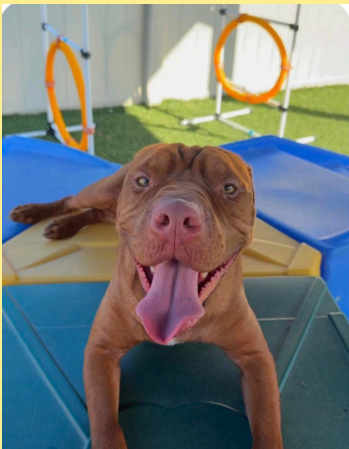
By:  
Natalie  
Rogers

I adopted Peter a few months back. We named him Snoopy. Here are a couple of pictures of him. Thank you!



# OUR FUREVER HOME SWEET HOME

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





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**SMOKE**



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# HAPPY ADOPTION DAY!!



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**JOSIE**



**LOUIE**



**WILLOW**



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