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WELCOME BACK

Here we are, 4 months into the year. In January, February, and March, FOSS has done so many great things. So far, with the spay/neuter voucher program, 14 dogs and 30 cats have been spayed and neutered! We have adopted out 59 animals, saved 72 animals, and sent 12 to a rescue. We have expanded our "one" play yard into "three" sections! We launched our F.A.C.E.S of FOSS program. This is a "program," but it also includes what Friends of Stokes Shelter stands for, our Mission Statement. Friendship, Acceptance, Compassion, Education, and Socialization. FOSS welcomed 3 groups from the Reading Buddy program, Journey Impact School, North Stokes Beta, and the National Honor Society Clubs.

Our dogs and cats have been shown on WFMY, FOX8, and WXII. We welcomed a new Vet of Record, King Vet, Dr. Aldridge, celebrated our volunteers, had a pup fly on an airplane, and celebrated our 5 year anniversary. We received a grant from the NCVMA District 5. As you can read, there is so much for us to be proud of. This adoption center is growing by leaps and bounds and we are so thankful for each of you that have made this possible!

Don't forget to get your teams together for our 2nd Annual Putts or Pets Golf Tournament on May 17th. This is shaping up to be one of our major fundraisers for this year. Enjoy this issue and be sure to keep sharing our post on Facebook.



Newsletter Highlights

Louie AKA Coal



Einstein



Bowie AKA Churro



Jasper



Katie



Wyatt



Brea AKA Chakra



2ND ANNUAL FRIENDS OF STOKES SHELTER GOLF TOURNAMENT

PUTTS FOR PETS
MAY 17TH, 2025 7:30 AM

STRINGS - \$5. AND 10 FEET - \$20 (ONE SET PER PERSON)

MULLIGANS - 2 FOR \$10. 1 PER 9 HOLES

4 PERSON "CAPTAIN CHOICE" SHOTGUN STARTS 8:00AM

PACKAGE DEALS

GREAT DANE - \$900.00 INCLUDES 8 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

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

GROUP OF 4-\$240 OR 2 - \$120 JUST SOME GOOD OLE' FUN!

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SNACK CART SPONSOR - \$200

LONGEST DRIVE SPONSOR - \$200

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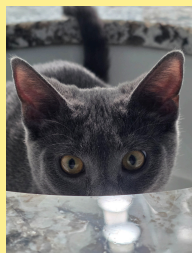


Look Who Got Adopted in March

Chickie
Lewis
Russel Stover
Blibby
Katya
Scruffette

Rootbeer
Kimber
Ajax
Adella
Oink
Moo
Junie B

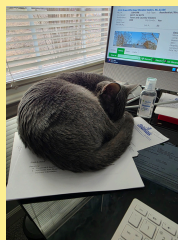
Beau
Honey
Horseshoe
Merlin
Hitch
Brie



Eistein

By: Debbie Lavoie-Overby

He has adjusted very well with us. He is very loved and spoiled. Thank you for the gift of Stein.



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Louie aka Coal

By Richard Broo

My wife and I adopted a dog from your shelter several months ago that you named "Coal". We renamed him "Louie".

I am happy to report that last week Louie Coal Broo earned his Canine Good Citizens Certificate and is about to begin his work as a therapy dog here in Alamance County.



Maverick

ADOPT
ME



Maverick is a very handsome, playful, energetic young man. He is around a year old and is around 65 lbs. He will make a GREAT addition to your family. Come check him out today.



FOSS Team

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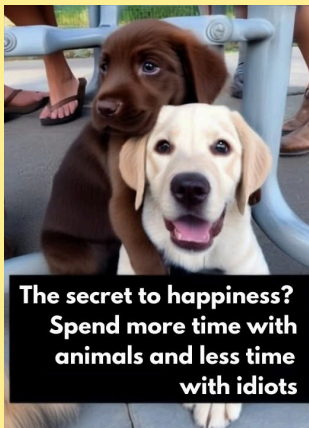
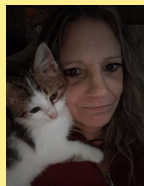
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Along with 30+ active volunteers!!

Bowie aka Churro
By: Kathleen Boczon



The secret to happiness?
Spend more time with
animals and less time
with idiots

Hello! Bowie aka Churro was adopted from your shelter. He is amazing and I love him so much! He acts like he's always been here and is a happy, cheerful kitten. Here are some pictures for your newsletter. Again, thank you for all you do. I was heart broken to lose my puppy of 13 years and Bowie is just what I needed. Thanks again,

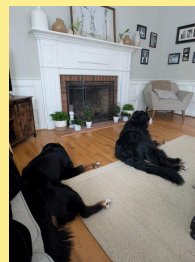


Jasper



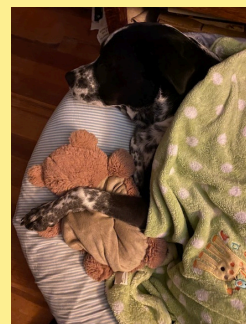
Jasper

By: Nancy Brandon



I met Jasper in late August after a friend of mine saw his picture online posted by Friends of Stokes Shelter. The only story she could tell me is her friend sent it to her, and she sent it to me because they knew I had Gunnar, who was a 3-year-old Berner - Gunnar turned 4 in January this year.

When I met Jasper on a very hot day in August and I brought Gunnar with me to see how they would do. Jasper immediately followed Gunnar around and when Gunnar would lay down, Jasper would lay down beside him. Jasper was 62lbs to my 120lb Bernie who lives in the lap of luxury and air conditioning at his choosing. I noticed his hair was so thin and I couldn't tell if someone cut his hair or if it was so thin because of malnutrition, but we would figure all that out. I called my daughter on the way home to tell her I was on my way home and to meet me outside. When we pulled in and I let Jasper out she screamed in excitement, and he ran right to her. They have been inseparable ever since. My oldest took one look at him and asked about his story. I said, "I really don't know but he needs to gain some weight." Grayson said, "Don't worry mom, we got this" and proceeded to make him a peanut butter sandwich twice a day in addition to his 2 cups of food for breakfast and dinner. His first weight check he weighed 72 lbs so we knew we were on the right track. Jasper and Chloe are always together, and he sticks to her like Velcro when she is home. When she's not home, he sleeps in her room. He was very intimidated by men mostly at first, but we started to socialize him a lot. He's met the lacrosse team. His first outing to watch a pick-up game in January it was snowing like crazy, and he loved it. He met lots of people and the players loved him. We started taking them on walks across the street at the elementary school when school was out and let them run off leash. They will run and run and run until they are tired.. That's about 20 minutes for Gunnar LOL. Now Jasper gets in the car if we open the door no matter if we are taking him or not.. And the funniest part is trying to get him out of the passenger seat when Chloe is driving. Chloe accidentally left a box of Crumble Cookie on the counter and left for school. I was not home and came back to an empty box. Gunnar has taught Jasper now to counter surf and get anything that isn't pushed back far enough. So back to Crumble Cookie I went before Chloe got home, while those two laid around in a sugar coma. We took Jasper to the vet a few weekends ago for a weight check and he's now a whopping 91 lbs. His hair is fluffing up and getting curly like Gunnar's and he's still Velcro when Chloe is around. He lays around all day and every morning pounces on Chloe's bed to wake her up. He's not going to be happy when she goes off to college - but that's not for 3 more years (we won't tell him that yet).



Katie

By: Delores Lewis

Hello to all of Katie's Friends! She has been a part of our family for a little over a year now.. She is a treasure and is such a sweet girl! She has brought so much joy to my husband and myself. She is very protective of us and will sit at my feet if someone comes near. She is always ready to go for a ride and loves to go to Bojangles in Walnut Cove to see her friends who always give her a piece of bacon. I'm afraid we spoil her terribly! Thank you FOSS for rescuing her and allowing us an opportunity to love her.

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 MEMORY OF PERSON

Roger Gordan
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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.

Deborah G. Dodson
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Hailey
Lucy, Ginger & Cinnamon
Karen S. Grano

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO 2 AMAZING KIDS!!

Carter and Adelaide Kelly, thank you for selling some of your toys to send treats and toys to our pups & kitties!
You have a BEAUTIFUL heart!



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David Podhajaser

David is such a loyal volunteer. He comes in with his entire family and they play with the cats and the dogs. We are so thankful that David shows his children to have a servant's heart. Anytime that you meet him, how he will smile and you can't help but to smile back. Thank you David for being such an amazing person. We appreciate you.

884.75!!



Wyatt
By: Reyne Spychalski



Wyatt is doing great! He definitely thrives on dog-on-dog play, so I try to take him to our local dog park weekly, as well as having him play with dogs in my neighborhood. My resident dog hasn't been super into playing lately, so I definitely make sure he gets play time as much as I can. He also loves longer walks on local trails. He has played with several dogs, big and small, and does very well. He started exhibiting humping on some dogs recently which we are trying to break. We also had his first vet visit a few weeks ago and he did great. He was pretty destructive at first, taking things like pillows, shoes, chewing plants, etc, but that seems to have calmed down. He loves his kong and bone bones. He loves toys inside, but seems a bit too distracted to play with them outside.

We are also working on some things. First, we are working on leash skills, as he is definitely a puller. He gets very fixated on the environment to include dogs, cats, birds, and people. I think he's a frustrated greeter, as he cries vs barking and showing aggression. He really just wants to interact with everything he sees. He seems to get a bit more overwhelmed in my neighborhood vs on a trail. Another aspect of this issue is that sometimes once he sees something, he can't focus enough outside to use the bathroom. My neighborhood is very small, so it's hard to avoid other dogs. The bathroom issue seems to be improving a bit. He also didn't seem to be fully potty trained, as he is still going inside even after recently being outside. I am trying to give him a lot of praise when he goes outside, but this is an issue we're still working on. Another thing we are working on is relaxing when we see dogs, cats, etc when inside. Wyatt has a habit of running to every window in the house at full speed, crying and usually knocking something over, once he spots something. He even pushed my screen out when I had a window open. We are working on settling down and not being so fixated.

All in all I love having Wyatt and everyone who has met him only has good things to say!



Brea AKA Chakra
By: Sandy Runyon

Thanks again for Chakra. We call her Brea and she knows her name. Working on potty training. Bucky LOVES her. So does the neighbor dog Joe. She runs and plays so much.

Tomorrow she should get her first visit to the creek. Excited for her and Bucky. Hopefully Bucky will show her the ropes and where to go and not. Thanks again. Thankful I saw her on FOX 8.

- 1st - Madison McCraw
- 2nd - Olivia Smith
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OUR FUREVER HOME SWEET HOME

