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Well, as the saying goes... "I can't believe it is December". This year has certainly flown by and we have seen every single day this year exactly how amazing all of you are. We have saved 356 animals and adopted (or sent to rescue partners) out 345 (as of 11/30/24). This would NOT be possible without your donations, volunteering, cheering us on, sharing our posts and the list goes on and on. We are still all in shock that in the month of November, 39 sweet little ones were adopted to their fur-ever home! YES, you read that right, 39!!

We look forward to sitting down and just highlighting all of the incredible things that have happened in 2024. I can't wait to compile a video of these 345 faces that have come into our adoption center and been placed into loving homes. If you are one of these LUCKY people, please send some pictures to fossservicesmanager@gmail.com. You have no idea how much we love seeing our sweeties in their new domain and enjoying the life that they so deserve. As you come into this holiday season, all of us from FOSS wish all of you a VERY Merry Christmas and wonderful holiday season. You are very special to us and you are the main force that keeps this adoption center going. Please do not EVER forget that.

Newsletter Highlights

Louie Coal

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Cauliflower

Tango AKA Percy



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 **Happy Holidays** 



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Look Who Got Adopted in November

Pink	Prissy	Bert	Sadie Rose	Macintosh
Hazelnut	Barrel	Curlie	Dakota	Jed
Possum	Hera	Knox	Annabelle	Fuji
Nylah	Ernie	Max	CountChocula	Nick
Boo	Copper	Aspen	OogieBoogie	Brian
Sun	Webster	Cobweb	Annie	Howie
Jacko	Star	Acorn	Todd	A.J
Albert	Ladybug	Chips	Amos	

AD^{PAW}T ME



HI! I am Shagg! I am a great BIG ole hunk of sweet love. I am very laid back and just want to be loved on. Do you have room in your heart for a big guy like me?



Louie Coal
By: **Richard Broo**

It has been almost a month since we adopted Louie Coal, and I am happy to report he is doing great. We hired a trainer to work with him by the name of Hanna Copeland. Her company is called Train Your Parent which means she trains my wife and I as Louie Coals parents on how to get Louie Coal to do what we expect of him. She has been fantastic! Hanna has trained my wife and me as well as Louie Coal to do the basic commands of sit, down and stay. She has also cured Louie Coal of his habit to pull on a walk. He now walks as a perfect gentleman. Louis Coal passed his obedience test today in flying colors! We have decided that due to his trainability and cool nature to train Louie Coal to become a therapy dog. Shortly after the new Years holiday, Louie Coal will be attending a 2-week intensive training course to become a therapy dog. Assuming he passes his tests, and I am confident that he will, Louie will be visiting hospitals and nursing homes spreading his love and good will. Thank you for letting us adopt this great dog. He is an absolute joy and Louie Coal sends his love back to you and your staff.

Best Regards,
Richard F. Broo



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**Along with 30+ active
volunteers!!**



She-Ra AKA Ghostie

By:

Cheryle Eygnor



Here's "Ghostie" who is now known as She-Ra (Princess of Power) and her new mama Vixie.

We've had Vixie since she was 10 months old back in 2019.

Vixie really needed a playmate and She-Ra has definitely filled the void!

Vixie likes She-Ra's bed and She-Ra likes Vixie's



Pippy

By: Lisa Tuttle

I am very thankful to FOSS and its donors for allowing me to take Pippy home. I am grateful for the sponsored adoption fee, all of the food, support, and her feeding chair. All of this is huge and so meaningful to us. Pippy is sweet and affectionate and I love her very much. She does have a wild side which I love too. I will be blessed to take care of her and give her a happy healthy life for many years. She is a gift and words do not seem adequate to express my gratitude. Thank you ♥



Juno aka Moonshine

By: Nicole Taylor

I was asked to send some updated photos of Juno (formerly Moonshine). She's doing wonderful! She's already been on multiple camping trips with us and she loves to get in the mountain rivers and also loves to play outside. She has finally learned how to play with toys and we are looking forward to her first Christmas with our family!

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.

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Maple! (Aka Fauna)

Maple likes to dig holes in her spare time. Unfortunately her hidden talent is hunting for field mice or birds... and then running away when mom tries to get them from her. She could be in the doggy Olympics with how fast she can run. Maple likes to chase her sister Neva around the yard, and loves the play toys with her other sister Ganj. She likes to see how fast she can destroy a toy and get the squeaker out... which I find hilarious but her dad finds irritating... and that makes it even more funny to mom. She likes when mom feeds the bunny special treats like carrots or strawberries because she always sneaks a bite. Her favorite treat is any treat.

Things Maple hates:

1. Car rides
2. Her nails being done.. that's all. :)

Anyway she is doing great and the vet said she's very healthy!



Volunteer of the Month

Ed Gratcofsky

Ed is always there when you need him. He is the type of volunteer who will walk dogs, wash dishes or be Mr. Fix-it. He and his wife are such a pleasure to be around. We are so thankful that Ed reached out to us and joined our team! Thank you for ALL that you do Ed!

- 6th - Lindsey Ford
- 9th - Kim Hutchens
- 18th - Cindy Holby
- 24th - Tanya Gardner
- 24th - Cathy Maxwell
- 27th - Elijah Podhajser
- 30th - Emily Shelton

906!!!

Cauliflower

By: Courtney Nowlin

Cauliflower is doing great! We call her Nesta. Nesta was very timid but affectionate when we adopted her. She came into a large family to join my husband (Chris) my children Donald and Maddie and myself, as well as our dog Yoshi (shiba Inu) and two other cats Yeti and Joy. She has become the glue in our family bringing balance and joy after losing our beloved Milo cat after having him for 21 years.



Tango AKA Percy
Karen Eshback



Hey folks. Just wanted to update you on your little guy we adopted. Trying to send you a couple of photos. Had his first vet visit this week. Healthy and happy. We did change his name though to "Tango". He is a precious, sweet little cat.

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