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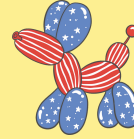


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# Welcome Back!!



Here we are, back together again. Things are moving and shaking at FOSS. We just finished up our first-ever Pet Contest. The contestants were pretty amazing! I am not sure who we were more impressed with, the pups or the judges doing the electric slide. If you missed that, you missed some good laughs. We hope to have it again next year.

The next event that is lined up is our first-ever Cornhole and BBQ event. You will catch us out at Dragon Glass Winery on July 27th. There will be some bag throwing, BBQ eating, and wine sipping going on that day. Be sure to order your plate or family pack TODAY! A BIG shout out to Mitchell's Butchery for the butts and Darrell Calloway for smoking them.

This month has been a slow month for adoptions but it hasn't stopped us from trying to save as many as possible. Emily made a run to SPCA of Wake with 6 guinea pigs, several kittens, and a couple of puppies. Sometimes this has to be done so that we can free up some room that allows us to pull more from the county shelter. It is amazing how all of the networks work together so that many animals can be saved. We are just thankful that we have so many supporters who enable us to have so many resources to reach out to.

The Fundraising team is working hard on getting out there and spreading the word about all of the cool things that FOSS is doing for the animals. Be sure to check out the website and Facebook page so that you can stay informed and don't miss out on any of the neat things that are happening. We will have our "Back to School Bash" again this year. It will be at the FOSS headquarters and there will be lots of food, snacks, fun, and who knows what other neat things the team will come up with. THANK YOU to Land Dog Landscaping for sponsoring the event. Don't EVER forget, this is ALL because of YOU!

## Newsletter Highlights

Moonshine



Shelly



Dolly Clark



JohnDeere



You ROCK!



**DON'T FORGET THAT YOU CAN ORDER FROM OUR CHEWY WISHLIST**

**BAGS, BREWS AND "Q" FUNDRAISER**

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**JULY 27, 2024 10AM-4PM**

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT      BBQ      PROVIDED BY: SMOKED BY:

**\$30/TEAM (2 PLAYERS) PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**PLATES-\$15**  
BBQ, BAKED BEANS, POTATO SALAD, SLAW, BREAD AND DESSERT

**FAMILY PACK-\$45**  
1 LB BBQ W/SAUCE PINT EACH OF: BAKED BEANS, POTATO SALAD, SLAW, 6 BUNS.

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## Look Who Got Adopted in May

Portabella	Birch	Milo
Chantrelle	Moonshine	Cricket
JohnDeere	Memphis	Whiskey
Flutter	Stanley	Ant
Nutmeg	Raven	Bailey
Alfredo	Enrico	Skyler
		Pale Ale



Hello guys! My name is Hitch and I have a story to tell. It's all about me of course and how I got my name, so it's a great story with lots of adventure and some scary stuff. Here goes ... I had a home that I loved and then I was left on the side of the road all by myself and I was scared. But this nice lady and her son checked on me and left me food. I even chased their car until they stopped and I jumped in but wouldn't get out. Thus the name Hitch, get it hitching a ride. So I am now at this wonderful place where everyone loves me. I love playing with other four-legged doggy friends, even the puppies, and I get to have so much fun with them. But I would really like to have a forever home with a family I could cuddle with and love knowing I would never be left again. Because of all I went through, I sometimes get sad when I am alone so another four-legged friend would be great because I love having a companion to play with and be with.

Oh  
Happy  
day



**Moonshine**  
By:  
**Nicole Taylor**



She's doing great! We bathed her, walked her around part of the property, let her explore the backyard and she inhaled her dinner. She follows me and Steve everywhere we go. Stress scared of our cat because the cat hissed at her. She doesn't like the donkeys braying but the peacock is very interested in her! Oh, we will definitely spoil her. She's got her head on my lap right now and snoring. I think she is going to adjust just fine.



## FOSS Team

### Board Members

Leslie Staples - Chair  
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Cindy Holby - Marketing 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

### Volunteer Coordinators

Lorrie Bennett - Volunteer Coordinator  
Katie Winfrey - Volunteer Coordinator  
Cindy Taylor - Human-Animal Relations Coordinator

Along with 30+ active volunteers!!

**FOSS Animal Adoption Center**  
**2024 Masquerade for Mutts Gala**  
 Join us on **October 26, 2024**

Luna Trail Farm  
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 Westfield, NC 27053

Single - \$125  
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 Tickets can be purchased online at:  
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5pm Mix & Mingle  
 6pm Dinner  
 7pm Live Auction



**2nd Annual Back to School Bash**  
**August 17th 10 am - 4 pm**

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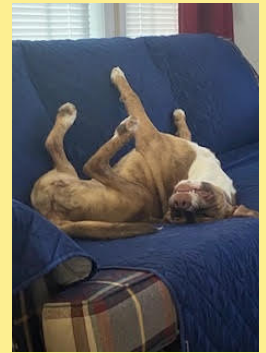


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# Shelly

By:  
**Kim Hutchins**



This is an update on the adoption of Shelly. Little did I know that when I lost my sweet Shelby in Jan 2024 and started volunteering at FOSS I would find the sweetest, most loveable dog that would help mend my broken heart. I adopted Shelly on May 31, 2024, and she has filled a void in our household. She has been adjusting well. She was afraid of my husband for a few days but then realized he is here to stay, now she looks forward to when he gets home from work and she gets ear and belly rubs along with playtime. She has become my current office supervisor and makes sure I am working. LOL...she loves rabbits and squirrels but is a little unsure about the deer and turkeys that pass through the yard. She is learning that car rides are good and they all don't take her to the vet some result in pup cups or ice cream. She loves her crate and of the mornings when she gets up she has to come straight to me and gives me a hug and wants snuggles, then to my husband before he goes to work....then it is potty time. I am hoping to introduce her to my nephew's dog Maple she is a 3 yr old chocolate lab and they have about the same energy level, so they will have fun play dates. I am just so lucky to have found her and she chose me back when she first came to the shelter but I didn't realize it until later with the help of other volunteers who seen it first. I am so appreciative of Cindy, Lorrie, and Cathy for answering all my questions on helping her adjust, this is my first rescue. She is a snuggle buddy and follows me everywhere. Thanks again to FOSS for helping me find her.

# FOSS Donation Wall

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

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KATHLEEN O'CONNELL  
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JANICE BARR  
BILL TAYLOR  
KEVIN HOFFMAN  
BILL TAYLOR

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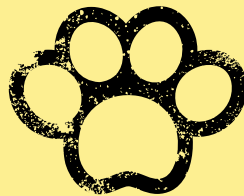
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## IN MEMORY OF PET

DAISY – SUSAN & TOM ROGERS  
JENNIFER ROBERTS  
BOOMER – JAMIE, SEAN &  
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JENNIFER ROBERTS

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LESLIE STAPLES



Dolly Clark AKA Marigold  
By Laura Clark



Hello! I thought I would give you a Dolly update, we have had her a month already! She has come such a long way. She loves her long morning walks, she and Oliver are playing well and she still loves our sleep number haha! She is the most loving, cuddle bug I have ever had. She 100% thinks she is a lap dog. We are still waiting for our fence to be built, but we are doing great! She still gets scared a lot but I see a little progress every day! We just love this girl so much ❤️

# Our Volunteers Are AMAZING

## Volunteer of the Month

### NaKayla Palmer

NaKayla is a long-time volunteer. She does an amazing job helping FOSS in any way that she can. She walks dogs and helps with adoptions, pictures, and events. We are so proud to have NaKayla on our team. Thank you NaKayla!



## June volunteer hours

# 756 HOURS!!



## July Birthdays

15TH - MATTIE JOYCE

6TH - DARLENE VENABLE

27TH - TAMMY HILL

30TH - JEWEL SAVAS

## JohnDeere Finds His Furever Home

JohnDeere came to us on 1/11/24. He was scared and extremely skinny. He quickly captured our volunteer, Erika's, heart. She requested to begin fostering him on 1/16/24. Since then, Erika, her 3 kids, and her husband have loved on JohnDeere and got him to the weight he needed to be. He was a part of their family in every way. We got a well-qualified application in for him and Erika brought him in to meet his potential furever pet mom. Robin took one look at him and her eyes began to tear up. She had lost her Greyhound not too long ago and she just fell in love with JohnDeere. JohnDeere took right to her. Erika said, "This is the perfect match for him". We know it had to be hard on Erika and her husband but she said "I have prayed about it and God sent the perfect person for him". She was RIGHT! What an amazing thing they did for JohnDeere so he could be healthy and happy to join Robin and help her heal from her recent loss. This is why we do what we do!

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## YOU ROCK!

WOW!!! Can you believe that this year is halfway over? Or as we would like to think, this year has 6 months left! Six months left to rescue as MANY animals as possible from the Stokes County Animal Shelter. Six months left to find the PERFECT home for these sweeties. So far this year we have rescued 187 animals, placed 121 into loving homes, and sent 39 to rescues so foster homes could be found to place them in too! The average stay for dogs has been 20 days and for cats 17 days. That is pretty darn incredible. During those days that they were with us, they were loved on, trained, socialized, and assessed so they could be placed in the right home. While in our care, 66 have been spayed/neutered, the others were altered, or their pet parent has had this done. We follow up with the adopters around two months after they have been in their new home. We ask the adopter how things are going, whether the pet has been spayed or neutered (if they left the facility unaltered), and if they have any suggestions on how FOSS Animal Adoption Center can make this process easier.

Compared to 2023, we have rescued 40 more animals, adopted 16 more animals, and sent 9 more to rescues.

How do we get this done?? By having AMAZING volunteers and generous supporters like yourselves!! There is NO possible way that we could have done this without them and YOU! The volunteers have put in 3965.4 volunteer hours (so far this year)! That is INCREDIBLE! Our team can do this because YOU support this facility AND our animals. Anytime we have made a plea for food, medical needs, or financial needs, YOU step up to the plate BEYOND what we ever expected. Thank you from the bottoms of our hearts and from the hearts of these 187 animals that YOU have rescued this year.

We hope you are proud of what you helped us accomplish so far in 2024 and we hope you stick with us in the future! We would love to hear from you, please call or email us to say hello and send encouragement to our amazing team!!

Talk with you soon!  
The FOSS Team

# OUR FUREVER HOME SWEET HOME

