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## WELCOME BACK



We hope that everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year holiday. We sure did around here! The pups and kitties were treated to a ton of toys and treats from supporters, and WestieWeens Pet Boutique made a Christmas tree for their shop for people to send our pets gifts! All of the pets got some amazing things. They enjoyed a nice Christmas breakfast and dinner. Our dedicated Kennel Assistants and volunteers didn't miss a beat with coming in and playing with them and showing them that Santa came to visit them. We have some of the BEST volunteers ever and Kennel Assistants around! Also, ALL, yes ALL of the pets that were featured in the "Home for the Holiday" post, found GREAT fur-ever homes! Now that is a Christmas miracle, and we are so thankful for that. We couldn't have done it without you sharing our post. Thank you!

We are looking forward to many new things for 2026. We are working on some summer programs, new ways to help the community, and so many more. Once we get everything lined up, YOU will be the first to know. We also have 4 new board members coming on, and BOY are we ever excited about what all they will be bringing to the table. Congrats to April Perez, Mariah Fiumara, Duane Elliott and David Hudson. Welcome to the FOSS family!



## Newsletter Highlights

Rusty AKA Hank



Doby AKA Bill



AnnaLee



Oscar AKA Big Bird



Burney



Wyatt



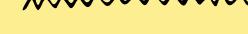
Aspen AKA Maple



Shadow AKA Little Bit



Brea AKA Bree



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

## Look Who Got Adopted in December

Jaxs	Oakley	Sam	Natasha
Soot	Rustle	Tink	Boris
Smoke	<b>AnnaLee</b>	Q-Tip	Scheffler
Kleenex	Plaid	Cool Whip	Prancer
Gidget	Pinstripe	Idgie	Lollipop
Haze	Prancer	Winks	Tiddly
Rufio	Romeo	Mistletoe	

## Rusty AKA Hank

By: Kathleen Morris

Thank you all so much for

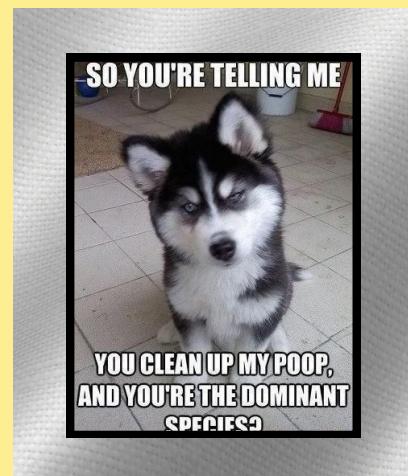
helping us get Rusty formally Hank. He is settling in to life at the Morris house.



## Dobby AKA Bill

By: Katee Herman

Bill- now known as Dobby!! We love our little boy! He has grown to be 17 pounds and is about to be 8 months old! He loves playing with other dogs at the dog park and napping in his momma's lap. Thank you guys!



## AnnaLee

By: Jackie Rollins

Our sweet girl has discovered stolen slippers, cozy naps on the sofa with her mom or dad, lots of cool toys and her human brother and sister in law! lol....she loves to sleep past the alarm on work days, go for rides to see Christmas lights and supervise any activity in the kitchen. We are so happy she waited on us to love her!



## Ozzy AKA Big Bird

By: Zoe Webster

Hello! I just wanted to give an update and show how well Ozzy (big bird) has been doing this last week. He is the sweetest boy and has fit right in



## Burney

By: Jasn Sitek

Burney has been loving his new home, and we feel the same about him. He might be the friendliest heeler, and loves going for walks or playing fetch with the family. There's a small competition amongst the kids over who gets to give him the most belly-skritches. One of the kids has even drawn a comic book about Burney's journey to our family.

He's getting better each day being trained on some basic commands, and we are so grateful for the care and shelter he received before we adopted him at FOSS. We love hearing the sound of dog paws in the house again."



## Adopt me Spanky



Spanky is a 1-year-old boy who is neutered and up to date on all of his shots. He is a very well-behaved boy who just loves to please hoomans. He seems to get along well with other dogs and is good with kids. He would make a great addition to your family

# 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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Larry Greenwood  
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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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## December Volunteer Hours

**974**

# Our Volunteers Are AMAZING

## Volunteer of the Month

### Hannah Podhajser

Hannah is one of our junior volunteers. She has been volunteering with her family for 3 years. She is so dedicated to these animals. She never minds cleaning, feeding, or playing with any of them and will always do whatever she can to help FOSS. She is a true inspiration to her youth. Thank you, Hannah, for having such a servant's spirit and being an all-around amazing young lady.

## Maple AKA Aspen

By: Alesha Odell

We adopted Aspen (now Maple) last November when we were one of two applications mistakenly approved and the other people were so generous to let us be the lucky family to adopt her bc she reminded us so much of our dear Penny cat that we'd lost earlier last year due to cancer.

I just wanted to take a second to give you and update and let you know how much joy Maple has brought to our family! She is the sweetest cat and has SO MUCH personality. She fetches better than our dog and loves to drape herself across our laps. My daughters (now 4 and 5) are in love and she just lets them pick her up and carry her all over the house. She has been the best addition to our family!!



## Brea AKA Bree

By: Mary Meisner

Hello, you wonderful people. I do apologize for not sending these earlier, seems like always something came up and I forgot but here's her update. I brought her home 8 lbs. 3 oz. she's now 15.2 ounces she's healthy as a horse thinking about starting a GoFundMe to get braces for Brea ha ha ha ha she's got an overbite, not too too bad, but it makes her personality perfect only joking about the GoFundMe. she runs the roost around here. She is top dog, but I won't tell Percy that cause I think he thinks he's top dog things are going great I appreciate her every day. I love her. She is my baby and She's found her permanent home for sure. I would get better keeping you updated from time to time merry Christmas and happy new year. You guys are great.



## Shadow AKA Little Bit

By: Rich Arrington

Just wanted y'all to know Shadow (little bit as you folks called her) turns 4 tomorrow. She's doing just fine. Got her a couple go outside outfits.

We installed a small doggie doors so she can access her fenced in yard 24/7. We lost Boo a year ago. Took Shadow a while to get over that. We're watching what's coming up for adoption and when the right one sees us, we'll contact ya. Thanks for all you do. Have a blessed Christmas and may the new year bless y'all with what's needed to continue to find furever homes with ease.



December

January

Happy Birthday

Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Hope Brown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Wendy Elliott
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Josiah Podhajser
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Nick Reich
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Jeannine Manuel
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Laura Melvin  
Michelle Hammond
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Ed Gratcofsky
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Nicolas Manuel
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Mike Barsness

# OUR FUREVER HOME SWEET HOME



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



# HAPPY ADOPTION DAY!!

