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# Welcome Back!!



Spring is here and the events are coming together nicely! We hope to see you at Dragonglass Winery, in Pine Hall on April 21st for the Backwood Bandits NC's fundraiser that they are holding for us. The 2024 Spring Sling cornhole tournament is sure to be a fun day! Be on the lookout for us at Meet Me On Main in King on April 27th from 4-8 pm. Also, be sure to pass along to all of your golf friends that we are still taking registrations for our Putts for Pets Golf Tournament on May 4th! This is our first annual golf tournament and we are looking to make this an annual event.

March was a GREAT month! Full of lots of adoptions, New Leash on Life graduation, visitors at the center, Lorrie Bennett held a volunteer open house (which she plans to do again), we had a new washing machine donated by Mike and Mary Anne Barsness, new chairs and a desk donated by Ellen Peric, some cool walkie talkies, outdoor storage bench, toys, food, cleaning supplies, office supplies and the list can go on and on of all of the AMAZING things that our supporters have done to help keep this place running and these pets feeling the love from people far and wide. Once again, YOU made it possible to have ANOTHER GREAT month!

## Newsletter Highlights

Cabernet



Sparrow



Putts to Pets



FOSS Memory Patio



Renn




Furever Home



## 4 H School Skippers Visit

Our Reading Buddy program is a BIG hit with the kids in Stokes County! We have been so happy to see different kids each Wednesday from Walnut Cove Elementary and this month, we are excited to see the 4 H School Skippers Club. These kids were so excited to see the puppies and kitties. They did a great job entertaining the residents. Last month the center was their service project and they brought some needed supplies. It is so refreshing to see the leaders in Stokes County, who have a DIRECT impact on the future of our youth, are invested in showing them how to give back and care for the pets of Stokes that need a home. Our goal is to help the youth learn that when they take on the responsibility of adding a pet to their family, it is a lifelong commitment. If you are a leader of a group and would like to come visit, please email [fossservicesmanager@gmail.com](mailto:fossservicesmanager@gmail.com) and we will set it up.



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

[https://www.chewy.com/g/friends-of-stokes-shelter\\_b114903946](https://www.chewy.com/g/friends-of-stokes-shelter_b114903946)

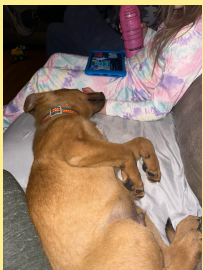
## Look Who Got Adopted in March

Zeuss	Suki	Dot	Tumbleweed
Claire	Reecie	Oatmeal	Cleavus
Wakko	Festus	Patrick	CharlieBrown
Grace	Yakko	Bruce	Peppermint Patty
May	Toesy	Peach	Honeycomb
Scooter	Lady	Chase	Shortbread
Zoomer	Evie	Macaroon	Snickerdoodle



# ADOPT ME

Pippy Pippy is a fun size (40lbs), 1 year old female. She is up to date on vaccines/prevention, HW negative and is spayed. She is humble and has a sunny disposition. Pippy is a real love bug and would love to be a part of your family. Apply to adopt at [friendsofstokesshelter.com](http://friendsofstokesshelter.com)



Rusty is the sweetest. And he is SMART!  
Almost completely house trained.



## FOSS Team

### Board Members

Mike Barsness - Chair  
open- Vice Chair  
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Aaron Sisco  
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Sherry Smith  
Leslie Staples

### Part-Time Employees

Emily Burgess - Animal Operations Manager  
Renea Brown - FOSS Services Manager  
Tonya Palmer - Kennel Assistant  
Crystal Finney - Kennel Assistant  
Bethany Woods - Kennel Assistant

### Volunteer Coordinators

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

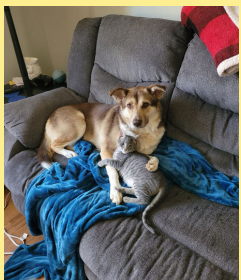
Along with 30+ active volunteers!!



Cabernet was adopted in 2021 and his mom has stayed in contact with us and gives us updates. Cabernet is now "Smore".



Well Smore just got a new sibling named Comet. Comet isn't a canine BUT a feline. He LOVES Comet so much. This pictures will make anyone's bad day turned into a great day. Enjoy!





# 5 Things to Consider When Adopting a Cat

Adopting a cat/kitten is a big decision and there are a few things you should consider before making the commitment.

#1

## Time

Do you have the time to care for, play with, and meet your cat's basic needs?



#2

## Multi-cat Households

Do you already have cats in your household? What are their temperaments? Will they get along? Have you discussed adding cats with your veterinarian and tested for disease to limit exposure?



#3

## Adult or Kitten

Do you have other household pets and family members that need to be considered? Discuss recommendations with your veterinarian.



#4

## One or Two

Should you adopt a single cat or a pair? For example, siblings are already a bonded pair, and will usually remain so for years. They also are great playmates, since they have the same energy level.



#5

## Resources

Are you able to cover the costs associated with cat adoption like food, litter, bedding, annual veterinary visits, spaying or neutering, toys/scratching posts, parasite control, and microchipping?



Visit [www.catvets.com/adopting-a-cat](http://www.catvets.com/adopting-a-cat) to learn more about:

- adopting a cat
- getting up for adoption success
- introducing a cat to the household



Mugsy is absolutely loved and fits into our family just perfectly!  
Jessica Hicks



## 1ST ANNUAL PUTTS FOR PETS

1ST ANNUAL FRIENDS OF STOKES SHELTER GOLF TOURNAMENT

**PUTTS FOR PETS**  
MAY 4TH, 2024 12:30 PM

STRINGS - 3.5, AND 10 FEET - \$20 (ONE SET PER PERSON)  
MULLIGANS - 2 FOR \$10, 1 PER 9 HOLES  
4 PERSON "CAPTAIN CHOICE" SHOTGUN STARTS 1:00 PM

### 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.
- 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.

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

DINNER, DESSERT AND AWARDS 50/50 PRIZES RAFFLES

### SPONSORS NEEDED

- GOLF HOLE - \$100
- SNACK CART SPONSOR - \$200
- LONGEST DRIVE SPONSOR - \$200
- CLOSEST TO PIN - PAR 3 - \$200

TO REGISTER VISIT: [WWW.FRIENDSOBSTOKESSHELTER.COM](http://WWW.FRIENDSOBSTOKESSHELTER.COM) OR SCAN

QUESTIONS? CALL 336-914-9270



HEMLOCK GOLF COURSE  
1872 POWER DAM RD  
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## Penny Aka Sparrow

Sparrow was a part of the "bird pups" that were extremely shy and very scared of everything and everyone. Her new pet parents came to visit her, along with their pup, and she was still very shy but they held her and rocked her and Sparrow finally became comfortable with them. We felt like they were going to be great pet parents! We got this sweet follow up from them along with pictures. "Penny has become such a a part of the family. Her potty training has come a long way. She has navigated the stairs and she jumps in the bed at night. She also will jump up with you in the recliner. She loves slippers and toys. Her shyness has almost disappeared. She really loves her sister and loves playing with the cats. She is so out going."



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# 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.

## In Honor of People

Darryl Dott  
Bill Taylor  
Karen Fulscher  
Ben Eubanks

## Donations

Paula Whitfield  
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Ginny Collins

## Grants & monthly donor

Karen Fulscher  
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Deb Fox

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Tommy Lemar  
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Kattie, Hunter & Paige Hartgrove  
Benjamin Eubanks  
Choloe Fulscher

## Recurring Donors

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Tammy Meadows

## Special Thanks

Cathy Maxfield  
Forsyth Humane Society

If you would like to send a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, please send it to:

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AND FOR ALL OF THE AMAZON WISH LIST PURCHASES

love

**STAY TUNED**













**PAVER PROJECT LOCATION  
WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN  
APRIL!!**



## Fun Facts

TOPIC: ANIMALS



 <p>A blue whale's heart can weigh up to 2000 pounds!</p>	 <p>Cats can't taste anything that is sweet.</p>	 <p>Did you know a grizzly bear can run as fast as a horse?</p>	 <p>Owls can't move their eyeballs!</p>
 <p>A pet hamster can run up to 8 miles a night on a wheel.</p>	 <p>Did you know Sharks don't have bones?! Instead their skeletons are made of cartilage.</p>	 <p>It's physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky</p>	 <p>Did you know Elephants are the only animal that can't jump?</p>
 <p>A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out!</p>	 <p>A prawn's heart is located at the bottom of its head!</p>	 <p>Kangaroos can't walk backwards.</p>	 <p>The colossal squid has the largest eyes in the world.</p>



# Our Volunteers Are AMAZING

## Volunteer of the Month

### Lynne Burnette

Lynne is always willing to help! She has stepped up and helped with the Reading Buddies on Wednesday as well as coming everyday to visit Magpie, one of our scared pups. It is because of volunteers like Lynne, that we can touch so many lives. THANK YOU LYNNE!

## March volunteer

### hours

852.4 hours



## April

### Birthdays

- 1st - Madison McCraw
- 4th - Nonie Sands
- 18th - Cindy Taylor
- 20th - Lisa Dunlap



Hi! We adopted Uno and Challah in February and wanted to share picture updates with y'all! We love them so much.



## Update on Renn AKA Stich

Just wanted to give a quick update on our baby. She is growing and finally 100% comfortable in her new furever home. She goes in a couple weeks to get fixed, we're a little nervous but know she will be fine. She absolutely loves the couch and all her toys! Raven is still her favorite person lol.



Here is Zach bird watching and laying in bed, which is his favorite spot! Very happy and very spoiled (as you can see some of his toys in the last photo lol)

Austin Purchacki







OUR  
FUREVER  
HOME  
SWEET  
HOME

