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WELCOME BACK



Have you picked out your Halloween costume? Or, purchased your ticket to the 2025 Cowpokes for Critters Gala? Or, started your Christmas shopping? Questions, Questions, Questions. One thing that you do not have to question is that FOSS is continuing to do GREAT things.

We have started preparing for 2026, planning some improvements to the center, geared up for the memory patio to be completed in November, and growing our F.A.C.E.S of FOSS mission. You will soon get an end-of-the-year letter or email. We hope that you will consider making a last donation to FOSS. Make your check payable to FOSS. If you would prefer to give a monthly or a one-time donation, please visit our website www.friendsofstokesshelter.com and donate whenever it is laid on your heart. We constantly say that we can't do this without you, and it is 100% completely true. Not only monetary, but the support that you give us by sharing our post, sending in items off our wish-list, and stopping by to say hi to us at events.

Cowpokes for Critters
October 25, 2025
Luna's Trail
1448 Wilson Farm Rd.
Westfield, NC 27053

5 pm Mix & Mingle
6 pm Dinner
7 pm Live Auction

\$100-Single **\$200-Couple**



**BENEFITS FRIENDS OF STOKES SHELTER
ANIMAL ADOPTION CENTER**

Live Auction Silent Auction Dancing

www.friendsofstokesshelter.com or call 336-914-9270

Don't forget that our online auction will open up on October 17th at 6 am and close the night of the gala, October 25th at 6 pm. It was a huge hit last year, and we have some REALLY nice items again this year. Well, enough small talk; I know you are in a hurry to read the stories of our past adoptions and see the cute pictures. So, what are you waiting on??? Go on and enjoy the October newsletter.

Newsletter Highlights

Maggie AKA Aggie



Fig AKA Porter



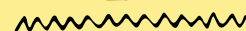
Dozer



Callie AKA Eenie



Zeb



Yara AKA Tourmaline



Bam Bam



Darla



Creek



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



Look Who Got Adopted in September

Meggie	Ashes	Hunny	Cauliflower
Thyme	Jada	Robin	Maxine
Myron	Zoe	Gillian	Poopsie
Tank	Zeke	Slim Jim	Bob
Nit Noi Cookie Monster		Duck	Cinder



FOSS Team

Board Members

Leslie Staples- Chair
Mike Barsness- Vice Chair/General Manager
Leslie Staples - Treasurer
Tanya Gardner - Secretary
Kate Waterman - Fundraising Chair
Aaron Sisco
Cindy Holby - Marketing Chair
Sherry Smith
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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
Erika Podhajser - Kennel Assistant

Volunteer Coordinators

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

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

Maggie AKA Aggie

By: Tammy Merrill



Maggie is really coming out of her shell here. Each day, she is becoming more 'extra'. She loves getting me up around 3 - 4 in the morning to play ball. Been totally accident-free in the house for two weeks now and finally starting to stay in rooms or outside by herself. Albeit for 5 minutes or so, but it's a start. Otherwise, she is attached to my hip 24/7.

She is so special and such a love bug, it makes it all worthwhile.

Offer still stands, if you are at an event, I'd be happy to bring her by for a visit. You are also welcome to do a follow-up home visit to see her



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING GROW FOSS??

The FOSS Board of Directors, under authority of the NC Nonprofit Corporation Act, establishes policy and directives and sets standards governing animal adoption business and programs.

WHAT IS THE FOSS BOARD

The minimum monthly hours required is attendance at the monthly meeting. Including review of agenda item materials sent to you, this time is between 3-5 hours a month. Additionally, as the FOSS board is also a *working board*, it is expected that you spend time volunteering your skills to perform some appropriate task. Examples of that task would be

- to establish and monitor our animal husbandry policies and procedures,
- to establish and execute various fundraising and community events,
- to develop programs to maintain and update our facility operation,
- Other tasks that match your particular skill set, e.g., Grant applications, accounting services, legal review, Animal training, and enrichment tasks.

This additional time is between 7 and 10 hours a month.

WHAT QUALITIES SHOULD I HAVE?

- Community connections
- Proposal preparations (grants and internal projects)
- Animal husbandry experience
- Team player and team builder abilities
- Donor acquisitions e.g. donor outreach, meetings, lunches
- Nonprofit budget creation and approval experience
- Ability to work independently with nonspecific guidance
- Ability to deal with fundamental disagreements in a respectful, professional way.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT INVOLVE?

SCAN ME!



DNA Results

The super mutt is
Jack Russel, Chow,
Cattle Dog, and
Shih Tzu!!



Fig AKA Porter By: Caroline Loher



Hello! Apologies for the late message, but I will absolutely forget if I don't do it while it's on my mind! My husband and I realized we have had our pup for a year this week, so it felt fitting to send a little update 🥰 I know he was with you all for a while so I imagine some strong bonds were made. When we adopted him, his name was Porter but we renamed him Fig Newton (Fig for short). He still loves chasing bugs, and he's also picked up some new habits like tucking himself under our blankets when he's ready to go to sleep-not the most subtle guy 😂 We knew he had siblings with short legs, and we were so intrigued by that, that we decided to get a DNA test. Thought I'd send that too if anyone was interested in knowing! We are so thankful you all took such great care of him while he was there, and we feel so lucky to have found him. He is such a love bug and we can't imagine our life without him. Thank you!

Dozer

By: Donna Craig

Hey -



I'm sorry I'm just seeing this email. Dozer is doing great! He is adjusting well and had his first vet visit last week. He is healthy and on a schedule for the future. He is full of energy and loves food, and any other items that intrigue him (ie: a basket that held napkins on the kitchen island, a toy walkie talkie, etc lol) He also broke an 8 ft mirror in my bedroom and ate a box of dark chocolate (a vet call on this one 🤔) He has been through 6 dog toys that have all been tossed. We finally got him the heavy duty Kong and it has made it about 3 days so hopefully it's going to last him a while. His name fits him perfectly!!!! Needless to say, bringing him into our lives has been eventful 🤪🤪🤪 but we love him very much!! We've tried to not have to crate him everytime we leave the house and have found that's not possible. ie: box of chocolates and chewed up basket. He only chews things up when we aren't home so crate it is lol. He doesn't mind going in the crate though and sleeps in it every night. Oh, and in a frenzied zoomie he also ripped the comforter on my bed 😭😭😭 So glad I'm not a materialistic person - we'd have to bring him back 🤪🤪🤪

You guys made adoption so easy and we are so appreciative. He has made our home complete. I've attached a couple snapshots for you guys, thanks again. ❤️❤️❤️

Hello ladies of FOSS!

Mom and dad took me on my first beach trip this week and boy did I have fun. I did not like that giant bathtub and thankfully mom didn't make me go in.

I had lots of playtime and even let mom sleep in. I am not a morning dog. As soon as I took care of business, I crawled back in bed with dad until breakfast.

Love,
Callie (Eenie) Eaton



Adopt me



Annalee

almost 3 years old
spayed and UTD on all shots and preventive.

Annalee is a sweet girl that is full of energy and love. She enjoys getting lots of love and giving lots of love. She is housetrained and a very smart girl. Annalee was adopted and returned because her owner was not in a position to care for her any longer. She misses having her own bed and couch to lounge on.



FOSS Donation Wall

We sincerely apologize for any errors or omissions. Please contact (336) 914-9270 or fosservicesmanager@gmail.com with any corrections or questions.

AND FOR ALL OF THE AMAZON WISH LIST PURCHASES

IN MEMORY OF PERSON

Edgar Sprouse
Judy Rieken
Teresa Alderman

DONATIONS

Alyssa Jenkins
Tanya Gardner
Cindy Taylor
Tammy Hill
Patti Legg
Kimel
Cindy Schlossnagle
Janet Schumacher

IN HONOR OF PERSON

Carol Woods
Dave & Becky Morgan
Lorrie Mayo
Tammie Bennett
William & Sarah Werner
Karen Lane
Caleb & Megan Swaim
Jody Stevens
Mike & Ellen Smith
Martha Farrow

SPECIAL THANKS

Nickleston Fencing
Larry Greenwood
Riddle Septic
Stormie Speaks
Insurance
Duane & Wendy Elliott
Pet Sitters International
Sauratown Dental
Mike & Heather Johnson
Magnolia Eye Care
Carone Design

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Elizabeth Trumpie	Barbara Self
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Larry Greenwood	Rose Oakes
Cynthia Wadkinson	Lauren Osterman
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Lisa Robertson	Nancy Wagner
Karen Grano	Sheri Lynn Rokosh
JoAnne Silvia	Karen Fulscher
Robert Barnett	Angela Gamble
Lynne Pasquale	Samantha Cooley
Brenna Husel	Gina McGee

IN MEMORY OF PET

Ruger (Don Calhoun)
Anna Gilmore
Ralphie (Susan Hunter)
Andrew Austin
Ruckus
Teresa Brookshire

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND A DONATION IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE, PLEASE SEND IT TO: FRIENDS OF STOKES SHELTER 1111 DODGETOWN RD., WALNUT COVE, NC 27052

Amazon Donors

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.

Lauren Osterman
Cindy Layman
Kimberly McFadyen
Teresa Duggins

Gina Stanford
Barbara Self
Donna Tuttle
Anna Worley

Wanda & Marty Dyer
Deborah Lavoie-Overbey
Kimberly Whicker
Myra D. Kelly

Deb Fox
Valerie Thomas



September Volunteer Hours

985 hours



Our Volunteers Are AMAZING

Volunteer of the Month

Nick Reich

We are so proud to recognize Nick Reich, one of our outstanding young volunteers, for his incredible dedication and compassion toward animals in need.

Since joining our team, Nick has shown a heart full of kindness and a spirit full of energy. Whether it's helping to walk dogs, socializing shy dogs, or just being a cheerful and dependable presence, Nick always goes above and beyond to make a difference.

His passion for animals shines through in everything he does, and his willingness to learn and help wherever needed sets a shining example for volunteers of all ages.

October Birthdays

1st - Paula Maxfield
7th - Katelyn Hampton
11th - Don Prouse
15th - Mary Ann Barsness
27th - Chad Goodman

Happy Birthday



**Zeb
is
3!!!**



Sister Kelly
reaping the
benefits of
Zeb's b-Day

By: Stephanie Bumgardner

**Was
Tourmaline
now Yara.
TY for all
y'all do.**



Here's an updated photo
of Darla. She's a great
dog, full of energy, and
very smart. 4.5 months
old and weighs around
20lbs.

Thanks,
Brittany

Bam Bam

Hello,

Sorry for the delay, we are both teachers and have been super busy. Bam Bam snuggles with my husband as well as myself and loves his little bed next to me. or, he sleeps next to my husband on our bed. He loves our neighbor's dog, Dixie, and running in our yard. He LOVES the pool. he jumps in, swims (I make sure one of us is next to him, just in case. He sits on the top step, just enough water to keep cool, and has his own pineapple float. He plays with Tim multiple times a day. He has a porcupine squeeze toy he loves and 4 small tennis balls to play fetch.

Mrs. Griffin 🇺🇸



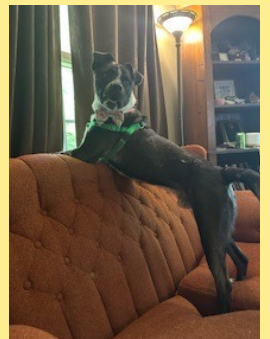
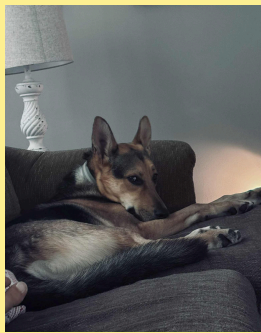
Creek

By: Nicole Snow

Here is our sweet 45 lb boy. He loves playing with big brother Clyde and is gentle with our new addition, a stray Schnoodle.



OUR FUREVER HOME SWEET HOME





HAPPY ADOPTION DAY!!

