



ISSUE #26





WELCOME BACK



Here we are, halfway through this year. It has been an amazing 6 months! In May alone, there were 45 adoptions!! YES, you read that right, 45 adoptions in ONE month. That is absolutely incredible. So far, 121 animals have been adopted into new homes. Thank you to all who have adopted and shared photos on Facebook. We were able to help 58 animals (18 dogs and 40 cats) get spayed and neutered, had several different groups come and take part of our Reading Buddy program, had high school groups come in and clean the facility, extended our play yard, had some amazing play yard equipment donated, and so many more things. We are growing by leaps and bounds, and this is because we have you in our corner!

We are so excited to see what the next 6 months hold for us. We know that with you by our side, we will do some GREAT things. If you can think of anything that we can do to help our community that will tie into our F.A.C.E.S of FOSS motto, we would love to hear about it. Please email all suggestions to fossservicesmanager@gmail.com



Newsletter Highlights

Kibbles for the Community

Atlas AKA Fuji

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Paver Relaunch

Pet Contest Event

Upcoming Events

June 21st - Pet

Contest

Kibble for the

Community





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

Look Who Got Adopted in May

Spartan Roxanne Rayon Agate Athena Maverick **Aphrodite** Frank Suede Penny Mulligen Glitter Beans Harley Button Redford Romano Boaie Dane 19 Snap Slim Shady Zipper Birdie Posidon Rusty SallyCat Kirk Apollo Roan Mister Daisy Lou Lilibeth Meenie Dane 24 Ruby Touringline Enzo Emmalee Gemma Saphire **Nylon** Blinkin Caddy Lapis Max

Be sure to send in those pictures and updates from your adoptions. We love hearing how our past residents are doing, and our readers love reading the stories. Please send in stories to fossservicesmanager@gmail.com.





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Please remember that we are taking donations of any type of food or pet supplies. These will be given out in the community on June 21st. We are also going to start a "kibble pantry" for the community so that when the end of the month comes around and money is tight, you can still make sure that your pet is taken care of. We will NOT be pulling from any of the donations that are given from the donors for OUR residents.

Zoli AKA Roxanne

By: Erica Peterson

For a while, I had been looking to get a second pup to learn the ways of my really great senior dog. His apprentice. I saw some pups on PetFinder at Friends of the Stokes Shelter and made an appointment to go see them. The facility and staff were excellent. When little Zoli (then Roxanne) came around the corner, I was smitten. She put her arms on my shoulders and gave me the sweetest hug - and I knew right then, she'd be coming home with me. We took her that very day and she is adjusting perfectly with us. Zoli and my older dog are the most adorable pair 🕰 Thank you, Friends!!

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 Cindy Taylor - Grant Manager

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

Along with 30+ active volunteers!!













Atlas AKA Fuji By: Alexandra Payne

Atlas (previously Fuji) is eight months old now, and I couldn't imagine life without his antics. He still has the babiest little meow, and follows my family all hours of the day to play and demand his attention. He's in his velociraptor stage...learning how to open cabinets and doors in search of his food bag

Many thanks again for the opportunity to bring this wonderful little guy into our life!



Bring out that talented pup or that social pup that wants to hang out and meet some new friends!

Spay and Neuter program

We are so VERY proud of our first spay and neuter voucher program. We were able to alter 40 cats and 18 dogs! When you break this down to how many unwanted pets were produced it equals approximately 720 cats (just from the original pet) and 324 dogs (just from the original pet). That is incredible. We are hoping to be able to do this program again (if we receive a grant again this year) and we are really hoping to be able to do a one day mobile spay/neuter day. We are very thankful for Jan Spencer and her grant writing skills and the amazing organizations that are kind enough to award us these grants.











Adopt me MEGGIE

Meggie is loved by everyone at the center. It has become home to her. She is a 2-year-old spayed female who is so loving. She does have some trust issues, so it will be best if she is the only dog. She does prefer females, and when she begins to trust you and knows that you are only going to love her, she is completely loyal and loving. She is one of our longest residents. The person who is interested in her will need to come and visit her regularly for a couple of weeks so that she gets to know you. Once you come and meet her, you will fall completely in love with her. Please do not let her breed deter you from wanting to add her to your family. You will NEVER regret investing the time to get to know her.





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.

AND FOR ALL OF THE AMAZON WISH

LIST PURCHASES

IN MEMORY OF PERSON

Virginia Smith **Betty Watts** Betty Liddle Janice Sizemore Susan & Mark Linville Lark Almond Jean Tillotson Larry & Dianne Durham Ann Meadows Peggy Kiser Melinda Sealey

James & Syvia Grogan Janet Bailey Quaker Gap Baptist Church Ken & Cynthia Sevier Hill Family

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IN HONOR OF PET

LBailey Kathy O'Connell

IN MEMORY OF PET

Diesel Tilley Anne Gilmore

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 IIII 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.

Julie McFall Kimberly Wood Katie Fowler Lindy Webb Hailey

Katie Shorre Mitchell Jana Harris-Fleetwood Lindsay Hammond Stephanie Hunter Carrie Shore-Ball

Kimberly Ann Thompson Jana H Fleetwood Deborah Hawleys granddaughters Fiona, Lily & Mia

Regina Bowen Cassie Fambro Vanessa Peet Sandy Rogers Katelyn Steward





<u>May</u> Volunteer Hours

1041,50

WOW!!!

Our Volunteers Are AMAZING

Volunteer of the Month

Wendy Owens

Wendy has been a loyal volunteer for a couple of years. She helps with the front office duties and does an amazing job. She always works so hard to get things done and is such a pleasure to be around. She has also adopted 2 dogs from us. Thank you for all that you do Wendy!

June Birthdays

1st - Scott Lindemuth
4th - Sarah Stephens
8th - Laura Biosca
11th - Tonya Palmer
13th - Renea Brown
18th - Nakayla Palmer
18th - Amy Allen
21st - Teresa Fulp
25th - Rebecca Williams



The patio paver project has been on the back burner for a bit. This was due to the organization that we are using upgrading to a different software, and quite honestly, we had too many irons in the fire. WELL, this is back on the FRONT burner! We have a nicer and more user-friendly site for you to order your pavers from, and we are gearing up to make this dream happen. We are still working on raising the money for the concrete, but we do have a school that will complete the brick portion of it. Don't worry, all of you who have already ordered a paver, we still have the order as well as the money. Please share the flyer and the link so we can make this dream a reality. What better way to remember your loved one? https://bricksengraving.com/the-friends-of-the-stokes-shelter-fundraiser/



Harley AKA Dane 24

By: Schuyler Stillings

Hi there!! This is Schuyler Stillings! I adopted "Dane 24" a few weeks ago, she was given the name Harley and is the SWEETEST big girl ever. She is doing wonderfully in her forever home and loves her family and our cat as well, and the cat has finally come around to loving her lol. She is doing extremely well with training as well. She thoroughly enjoys going to my grandmas to play, hanging out on our patio while I work on my flowers, and long naps on the couch are her faves...of course she has to be completely stretched out We are so blessed to have found this sweet angel and cannot thank you enough for allowing her to become our newest family member.







OUR FUREVER HOME SWEET HOME















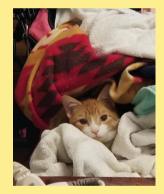
















Send in those FUREVER HOME pictures





HAPPY ADOPTION DAY!!











































































