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WELCOME BACK

Here we are in the eighth month of the year! It has been a wonderful seven months. We have our big Back to School Bash happening this month. On August 16th, bring the kids to the adoption center for some sweet treats and school supplies. This was made possible, for the third year, by Land Dog! They are one of our amazing supporters who just keep helping us. Speaking of amazing supporters... we were blown away when we saw our cash flow statement that ran through June. We just can't believe how generous you guys are to us. We honestly believe that our tribe of supporters is the BEST in the world!

Mark your calendars for our annual gala on October 25th. This year's theme is Cowpokes for Critters, and it will be held at Luna Trail in Westfield.

The reflection patio has been poured, and we are making a last call on the engraved pavers for it. Visit our website and check out the home page where the order details are given there or scan this QR code to order yours.

We hope that you enjoy this month's issue!
Thank you for being so wonderful.



Newsletter Highlights

Tank

Peachie

Lexi & Bella

Grace AKA Lillibeth

Rusty

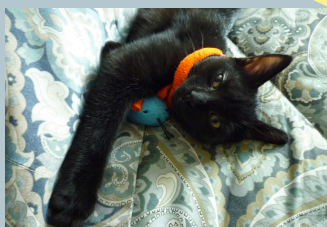
Geep

Upcoming Events



Nova

By: Larry Greenwood



Nova says thank you guys
for rescuing her...



Look Who Got Adopted in July

Charlie
Ryn
Remy
Winford
Etan

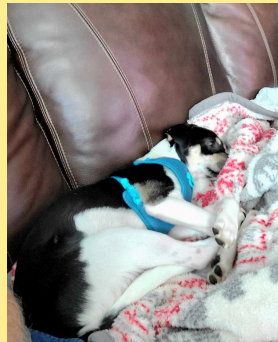
Marvin
Emmett
Cody
Austin
Parker

Buckwheat
Stimey
Tank
Pipsqueak
Lil Tyke

Hello We wanted to let you know how delighted we are with Tank. He is perfect. Well behaved, housebroken, crate happy at night, playful and loving. Perfect match for his new family. Hi, a short note: we adopted Tank, Tuesday this week, I must say he is doing excellent in training us to adapt to his needs. I'm sure at this point I'm getting in better shape running with him in our yard (using a 40' rope lead). He enjoys his zoomies and insist I follow along. We have a gps fence coming in Monday which will permit him more exercise area, might give my legs a rest too. He happily has made most rooms his, sleeps in his crate at night and naps during the day, that is when he tires from napping on the couch. We've renamed him to Lodi as Tank didn't seem to fit... Thank you for all you do, this serendipitous event has been a treat for us. I'm sure Lodi would agree.

Tank

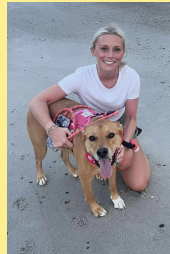
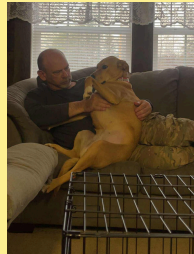
By: **Ronnie Bertsler**



Peachie

By: **Edye Bennett**

3 years ago today we adopted our sweet Peachy Girl.. We are forever thankful she chose us to be her forever family. She is the sweetest baby ever. 3 years of unconditional love and memories. Thank you for loving our sweet baby and giving her a safe place before we become her family. We will forever be grateful.



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

5 pm Mix & Mingle
6 pm Dinner (Town Fork Kitchen)
7 pm Live Auction

**BENEFITS FRIENDS OF STOKES SHELTER
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**Along with 30+ active
volunteers!!**

Lexi & Bella

By: Masie Smith

Hey! So a small update on the girls, we had our first vet visit and they got weighed! Lexi is 79 pounds and Bella is 62 pounds! Bella is starting to open up and play with toys. Lexi absolutely LOVES her toys. We have a whole basket of toys. They decided yesterday to use my couch covers to play tug a war But I couldn't get mad because it was so cute! Lexi doesn't enjoy storms too much so she gets extra loving during them! Bella has also finally realized she's allowed on our couches! I have some pictures but it won't let me send them all! :(



Grace AKA Lillibeth

By: Robin Lawson



This story begins with a broken heart and brokenness of spirit. For the past year, I have watched my precious soul mate of 40 years rapidly decline in strength and health due to heart failure and a traumatic injury. Also, I have had to watch my Sadie (my pit bull mix) decline due to a tumor that was robbing her of quality of life. Both have suffered greatly. My feelings of helplessness and deep sadness cannot even be expressed in words. We finally laid Sadie to her rest on March 25th. Then a cloud of paralyzing grief, despair, and depression was threatening to engulf me. I have never felt so alone and desperate. After many tears and much prayer, I visited the Friends of Stokes website. As I looked at all those cute little faces, one caught my attention. The face I had been looking for in my mind's eye, "Lillibeth"!

I set up a meet & greet, but I felt it did not go well. She just wasn't interested. The staff encouraged me to come back, to be patient, to spend more time, and to let her come to me on her own terms. Their advice really paid off.

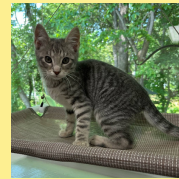
I spent many hours just sitting on the floor with Lillibeth in her kennel. During that same week at home, I cleaned her crate, washed blankets and bowls, re-dog-proofed the house and the yard. The day she offered me her paw and licked me in the face, I floated to my car! I just want to thank God first of all for finding her for me. (I changed her name to Grace) I also want to express my gratitude to Friends of Stokes, their financial supporters, and both shelters. (Everyone who is invoiced in this endeavor), for saving not only these precious creatures but also the humans who adopt them.

Grace has been here for a month, settling right in, being gentle and attentive to my fragile weak husband. And as for me she is lazier, focused on loving me and just content to be with me. She has been such a solace and sweet companion, actually enabling me to be a better caregiver. The love, laughter, and loyalty they give us is priceless.

Thank you again on e and all for all that you do.

Adopt me

Plaid



Female
Spayed
7 months

Pinstripe



Male
Neutered
7 months

Argyle



Male
Neutered
7 months

These 3 sweet kitties have been here for 5 ½ months. They are growing up in the shelter. They are finally beginning to love humans and are ready for their fur-ever home. We could look into a promotion to offer if you would like to adopt ALL THREE.

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

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IN MEMORY OF PET

Nugget
Lisa & Alvin Duncan

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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.

Chris Schiphof
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July

Our Volunteers Are AMAZING

August

Volunteer Hours

Volunteer of the Month

Birthdays

917.75

Cathy Maxfield

Cathy does so much for the dogs as well as the cats, from walking to playing to just sitting there with them. She also helps with some of the office work. If you ever need a smile, go see Cathy and she will give you a big beautiful smile as well as a big hug. She typically volunteers on Fridays and jumps right in whenever anything needs to be done (Friday's tend to be busy). Cathy, thank you for all that you do!

5th - Anna Keaton
16th - Brandy Hanks
24th - Emily Burgess
24th - Cindy Layman
29th - Karen Lindemuth

Rusty AND his siblings



The little guy continues to do well. He is growing like a weed. He knows sit, lie down, roll over, stay and goes in his crate without a complaint. I never have to have him on a leash outside (we have a large private property) because he always stays with me or his siblings. Willow - the one I was most worried about - loves to play with him. Here are a few updated pictures. You can see he discovered he was too big for the chair the other day. I love him!!!

Latest Rusty spam. He's such a happy boy. He goes along with anything. The July 4th fireworks didn't phase him, and he willingly dressed up with his siblings to show his support for his country. Look how big he is getting. He just recently lost his baby canines.

There are absolutely no spoiled dogs at our place. Haha! He took his first trip to Tractor Supply the other day. He helped show off the merchandise. I think they should hire him for marketing!

Geep

By: Victoria Applewhite

Hey! Geep is doing great! Him and Millie have been laying together since we got home in the living room sharing a pillow! The boys have ran him around some in the backyard! He's mixing right in with us! Update: Geep is doing so well and finally getting used to his new home. Him and Millie are doing great together! He's so loved!!



OUR FUREVER HOME SWEET HOME



HAPPY ADOPTION DAY!!

