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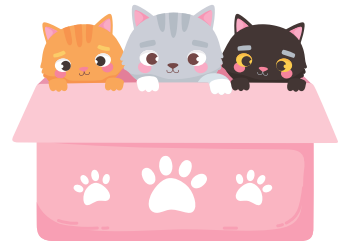
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SUCCESSFUL YARD
SALE ON PAGE 2!**

HELP WANTED:

HSOW FOSTER HOMES



We get dozens of messages every week from people offering to volunteer because they love animals. It's clear from most of these messages that the volunteer work they are envisioning is interacting with animals in a shelter environment. As HSOW members, you know that we do not yet have a shelter with space for pet enrichment. We genuinely appreciate the good intentions of the folks who make these offers, but the animal-care volunteers we really need right now are foster homes.

A foster home is an individual, couple, or family who takes a homeless pet or pets to their home and gives them a safe place to live and learn until they are adopted into a permanent family. The typical process for a foster home is getting an approved pet from the Wilkes County Animal Shelter, getting it the veterinary care, it needs, and helping it become more "adoptable" by teaching or improving such skills as house training, crate training, and walking on a leash. For fearful and skittish pets, just being around kind people who create a reassuring routine for them and show them gentle affection is a huge part of preparing them for a new home.

At the end of this article is a link to the HSOW foster home application. It may seem like a daunting list of things to do, but a lot of it is the kind of things you probably already do for your own pets. And if you have questions, you'll have lots of support from the experienced foster homes. The only really new and admittedly hard part is letting go of your foster pets when they're adopted. A good foster home turns shelter animals into healthy companion pets and helps find them new homes. Then you take a breath, maybe shed a tear or two, and prepare to do it all again as soon as you can, taking comfort in the fact that letting them go means you can save more!

We provide supplies and guidance for our foster homes. If you're interested, please apply here:

<https://www.humanesocietyofwilkes.org/hsow-volunteer/foster-application>

Another Successful Yard Sale: June Yard Sale



Another successful HSOW yard sale is in the books! We want to say a big thank you to everyone who made our June sale possible: our donors, shoppers, and volunteers—and special thanks to those who did two or all three of those roles! The approximately \$3,000 we raised from this sale will go into the HSOW New Shelter fund.

Among many great moments at the June 23-24 yard sale was the sale of the stunning quilt made and donated to us by Wilkes County quilter/fiber artist Kim Tetzlaff. Carol Phipps purchased the quilt as a special gift for her daughter Tasha Royal! We were all thrilled. Thank you. Carol and Tasha, for your support!



Carol & Tasha with quilt

We are grateful to Kim Tetzlaff, award-winning modern quilter and fiber artist, for donating this original piece to us. The large throw-sized quilt features a beguiling Siamese cat framed by Kim's trademark bright colors and patterns. Kim has also generously offered to make additional pieces with the same cat image by special order. You can see more of Kim's work at the Wilkes Art Gallery in North Wilkesboro and on Instagram and Etsy.com as Holly Grove Threads.



Quilt by itself



Views of the yard sale



Best Friends Animal Society's National Adoption Weekend

The HSOW held an adoption fair as part of the Best Friends Animal Society's National Adoption Weekend. We had 18 adoptions (12 cats and 6 dogs). These are photos of some of the adoptions!



A Feel Good Story!



In May 2023, we rescued Chunk, a gray long-haired male, from a colony of about 70 cats. He had to have his left eye removed, then he was adopted on June 9. On Saturday, July 1, during the Best Friends National Adoption Weekend, his adopters returned to adopt another cat from the same colony--Chunk's "brother" Buddy, an orange tabby who had to have his right eye removed! In keeping with the "Goonies" theme, Buddy's family has renamed him Sloth! Chunk and Sloth are happy to be reunited, healthy, and loved! Thanks to Jennifer Mathies for fostering both Chunk and Buddy!





"Doggie Yoga" Fundraiser



On May 27, our "Doggie Yoga" fundraiser was hosted by Stardust Cellars. Holly Massucco generously donated her time to lead two sessions and great fun was had by all-- especially the pups!



Board of Directors Meeting



We were very happy to host four members of the Wilkes County Animal Services team at the HSOW Board of Directors meeting Tuesday evening, July 11. Bruce Johnson, director, Travis Parker, officer, Brittany Brewer, rescue liaison/administrative assistant, and Heather Lyons, administrative assistant, came to meet the HSOW board members and share updates. Director Johnson agreed that Wilkes County Animal Services and the Humane Society of Wilkes have a good working relationship. When we asked if there was anything else we could do to help, he replied, with a smile, "Pull more!"



L to R: Heather, Bruce, Travis, Brittany



Thank You to Our Generous Donors!

Below is a list of those who have made financial donations to the Humane Society of Wilkes in April, May, and June 2023. Many of these wonderful folks made more than one donation and some make monthly “recurring” donations. The amounts vary, but we are grateful for all you do.

Special thanks also go to all those who donated in these other ways: our Amazon and Chewy wish lists, collection jars and boxes, yard sale donations, merchandise purchases and participation at fundraising events, adoptions, online promotions, and providing supplies for our foster pets! We’re sorry that we cannot publish all your names, but we have received and deeply appreciate your donations of all kinds and amounts!

The donations of our members and supporters are what keep us going. Thank you so much!



- Richard and Ann Absher, in memory of Frances McManus
- American Hebrew Academy, in memory of Kay Frances Adams McManus - she loved animals
- Amanda Barrows, in memory of Michael Tribble
- Jeffrey Bauguss
- Susan Baker, in memory of Dennis Pardue
- Sharon Benson
- Betty Beshears, in memory of Dick Prater
- Big B Auto Parts, Inc., in loving memory of David Arnold Putman
- Ashley Billings
- Leslie Boyd-Long
- Sammy and Brenda Brim, in memory of Dennis Pardue
- Laura Brown
- Rebecca G. Browne
- Laura Byrd
- Maggie Calloway
- Debra Carr
- Ronald Cate
- Piper Church, Dee Sullivan, “Bozly” and “Skyler,” in memory of “Darby”
- Birgit Clager
- Doug Coffey
- Doug & Nancy Coffey
- Nancy Coffey
- Combs Used Cars, LLC
- Scott Combs Family, in memory of Betty Lee Palmer Wagner
- Bobby and Brenda Combs, in memory of Betty Lee Palmer Wagoner
- Eleanor Cook, in honor of our new family member Reggie and to thank Jennifer Mathies for all she did for us
- Richard and Theresa Cook
- Richard Cook
- Dana Deem
- Chris Dowell Family, in memory of Betty Lee Palmer Wagner
- ECE Power, in memory of Michael Tribble
- Margie Edgerton, in memory of Dick Prater
- Revis Felts
- Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #78
- Kendall Forester
- William and Patricia Fowler, in memory of Michael Tribble
- Judy Johnson, in memory of Michael Tribble

- June P. Johnson, in memory of Frances McManus
- JoAnne Kimrey, in memory of sweet Marcy
- Jacqueline Kocar
- Arnold and Becky Lakey
- Erica Lelle
- Amanda Marxen
- Mark and Rebecca Maynard, in memory of Tikkun Nicholas McQuade
- Rebecca Maynard, in loving Memory of Sadie Osborne
- Margaret McCann, in memory of Teresa Casey
- Harold McManus, in honor of my mom Frances McManus
- Darrell and Anne Miller, in memory of Dick Prater
- Denise and Annette Millsaps, in memory of Dick Prater
- Stephen and Tamara Newton, in memory of Teresa Casey
- John and Sandra Oliver
- Margaret Ramey, in gratitude for "Romeo"
- E. Cate Ronald
- Leland K. Russell, in memory of Michael W. Tribble
- Pamela Shermer

- Rose Shulman
- Carole Siegal, in memory of my dog and of loving cousin Louis Carpenter
- Tom Silvey
- Scott and Marianne Slater, in memory of Dennis Pardue
- Patrick and Shari Smith, in memory of Betty Wagner
- Sylvia Smith and Audie Bloise, in memory of Dick Prater
- Luci Smoak, in memory of Dick Prater
- Gary and Gaynelle Stone, in memory of Teresa Casey
- Beverly Story, in memory of Zeke - a good boy who was loved by many
- Jeffrey Swofford, in memory of Janet Laws
- Janet Telander
- Anne Totillo
- William Underwood
- Jimmy Vick
- Patricia Vick
- Sheila Ward
- Sally Watson
- Robert Whelan, in memory of Teresa Casey
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- Wilkes Pools and Spas, in memory of John Stanley Cox
- Steven and Barbara Wilson, in memory of Dennis Pardue
- Frances Yale

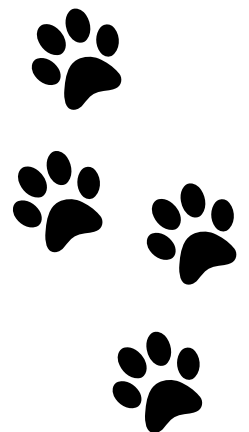
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New Members April, May, and June 2023



- David Bauguess
- Campbell Family: Rob, Tricia, Madison, and Molly
- Teresa Carson-Wyche
- Harold Family: Amber and Jonathan Harold, Amy Kitzing, and Cheyenne Timm
- Lisa Williams



welcome



Help Spread the Word: Do Not Leave Animals at the HSOW Building!

We get many messages from people who are frantically looking for ways to avoid taking their pets or strays they have found to the Wilkes County Animal Shelter.

We understand their anxiety, but if we took even a small percentage of the animals we are asked to, we'd be overwhelmed immediately. And we cannot legally take strays until they have completed the stray hold at the shelter.

Kitten season has put a strain on all of us, and recently some misguided people have gone so far as to leave kittens at our building. Animals left at our building are vulnerable to predators, weather, dehydration, and hunger. They may not be found for hours, and when they are, we have no choice but to take them to the Wilkes County Animal Shelter—if they have survived. Sadly, we have now had to post this sign at our building. Please help our community understand that they cannot leave animals at the HSOW building or at the dog park.

 **NOTICE**

This building is not an animal shelter and is not regularly staffed.

**DO NOT LEAVE ANIMALS HERE.
They will not be safe.**

The Humane Society of Wilkes is not responsible for animals left at this building or at the dog park.

Abandoned animals, if found, will be taken to the Wilkes County Animal Shelter.

June 2023 Numbers



Foster/Adoption, as of July 1



SNAP (Spay-Neuter Assistance Program)



41 cats in foster care
21 dogs in foster care

Adoptions from January 1-July 1, 2023

231 cats
169 dogs
1 rabbit

ADOPT A PET

January 1 – June 2 total vouchers issued 222

Total dog vouchers: 110
Total cat vouchers: 112



Lucia and Rusty



They have made their selves at home!! Such sweeties!



Shimmers



She is doing great, almost done with all of her vaccinations and settled into the home well. She's happy, health and running around like crazy. She has a new sister and they get along well. I have leash trained her so she gets to go play outside.



Breaking News!

Members Special: Clearing the Yard Sale!



On Tuesday, July 25, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., we will open the doors of our yard sale space for our members to come by and grab as much as you would like from the items remaining from the yard sale!

You're welcome to leave a donation of any amount as you go, or no donation at all, especially if you are already a regular donor.

We still have lots of glass and kitchenware, holiday items, pet apparel, and various other treasures.

We are in Westfield Village Shopping Center, Suite B,
between Creative LaZer Designs and Hive Fitness.
1301 Westwood Lane, Wilkesboro, NC 28697

Drive around the back of the Four Brothers Food Mart/BP Station,
off Hwy 16 S, across from Food Lion.



Brushy Mountain Peach and Heritage Festival

The Humane Society of Wilkes will have a booth at the Brushy Mountain Peach and Heritage Festival in downtown Wilkesboro from 9 AM until 5 PM on Saturday, July 29! We'll be selling t-shirts, tank tops, jackets, hats, drawstring bags, and pet toys to support our efforts to help the animals and pet owners of Wilkes County. Please come to the festival and visit our booth when you're there!



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Thank You