

PawPrints Newsletter



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Check out our upcoming adoption fairs on Page 2!



Looking Good Spring 2024



It was a beautiful spring at the HSOW building, both inside and outside! Things had gotten a bit grungy in the building after a busy winter, so we are very grateful to Allison Staley and Pamela Griffin, volunteers from the Kohls Cares Volunteer Program, for coming over on April 21 and 23 to do a thorough spring cleaning, led by HSOW board members Alison Collins and Julian Shumate. The beautiful planters were provided by Alison Collins for the perfect final touch!



FIVE SUMMER ADOPTION FAIRS PLANNED!



We have a couple of special promotions for our upcoming adoption events this summer! PetSmart Charities National Adoption Week is July 15 – 21, and NBC/Universal's Clear the Shelter runs from August 10 – September 10.

During these events, the HSOW will earn a donation from the sponsors for each pet adopted, in addition to getting some help with advertising. As you know, our vet expenses for our fosters far outweigh the adoption fee, so the adoption rewards at these events help us catch up a little going into the fall and winter. Clear the Shelters offers fundraising opportunities with matching donations, as well, which we will tell you about in August.

The fairs are also a terrific opportunity for potential adopters to meet lots of dogs and cats at the same time. Sometimes you just want to see who you fall in love with when you can look into their eyes or scoop them up in your arms! In addition to the fairs, we always have a great selection of cats at the PetSmart Adoption Center. So come see us at the Wilkesboro PetSmart this summer to find your new best friend!

PetSmart Charities National Adoption Week

Friday, July 19, 4 – 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 20, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday, July 21, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

NBC/Universal's Clear the Shelters

August 17, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

September 7, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.



HSOW Pet Adoption Fairs!
Friday, July 19, 4 - 7 p.m.
Saturday, July 20, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sunday, July 21, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.



PetSmart, Wilkesboro, NC
1514 Winkler Mill Rd. Ext., Wilkesboro, NC 28697



HSOW Adoption Fairs

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Hot Weather Safety Tips

We all love spending the long, sunny days of summer outdoors with our furry companions, but it's important to remember that like any season, summer comes with its hazards. To make sure you're prepared for whatever comes your way this summer, check out this list of summer safety tips from our experts at the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC).

Visit the vet for an early-summer checkup. Make sure your pets get tested for heartworm if they aren't on year-round preventative medication.

Give pets plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot or humid outdoors as pets can get dehydrated quickly. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful not to over-exercise them and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.

Know the symptoms of overheating in pets, which include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. Symptoms can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea, and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees.

Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. Not only can it lead to fatal heat stroke, but it's illegal in several states!

Know that animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.

Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool. If you plan on spending time near a pool, lake, or beach with your pet, make sure you give them fresh water and avoid letting them drink from the pool, or ingest ocean or lake water. When swimming, introduce your pets to water gradually and make sure they wear flotation devices when on boats. Rinse your dog off after swimming to remove chlorine or salt from their fur.

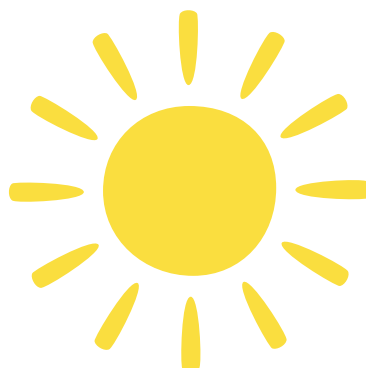
Feel free to trim longer hair on your dog, but never shave your dog. The layers of dogs' coats protect them from overheating and sunburn. Brushing cats more often than usual can prevent problems caused by excessive heat. And be sure that any sunscreen or insect repellent product you use on your pets is labeled specifically for use on animals.

Don't let dogs linger on hot asphalt when the temperature is very high. Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.

Never use fireworks around pets. Exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns or trauma, and even unused fireworks can contain hazardous materials. Many pets are also fearful of loud noises and can become lost, scared, or disoriented, so it's best to keep your little guys safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered and escape-proof area of your home.

Follow these expert tips to have a happy, healthy, and fun summer with your furry friends!

Source: <https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/hot-weather-safety-tips>

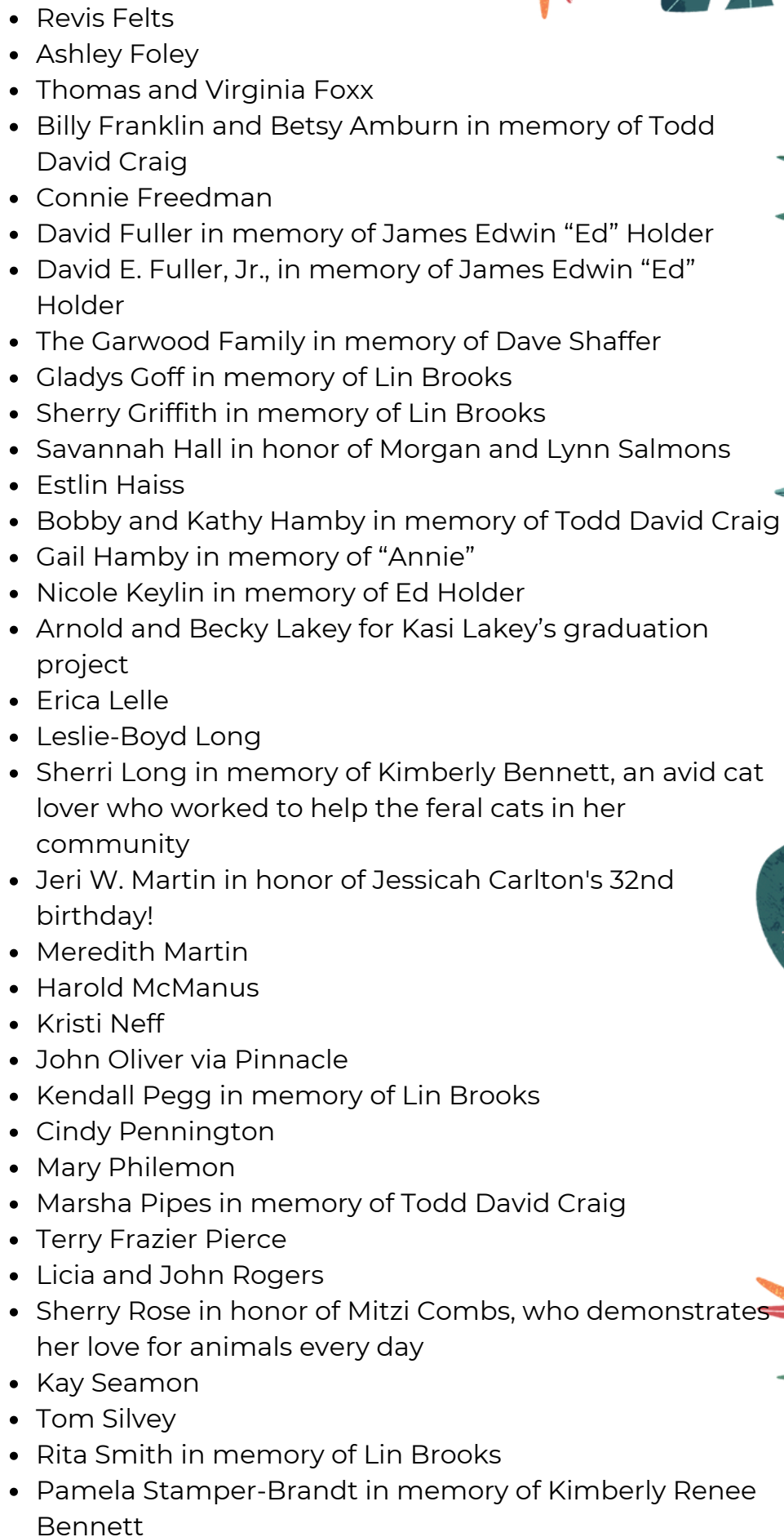



Thank You to Our Generous Donors!

Below is a list of those who have made financial donations to the Humane Society of Wilkes in March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, and June 2024.

Special thanks also go to all those who donated in these other ways: our Amazon and Chewy wish lists, collection jars and boxes, merchandise purchases and participation at fundraising events, adoptions, online promotions, and providing food and supplies for our foster pets! The donations of our members and supporters are what keep us going. Thank you so much!

- Franklin Amburn in memory of Todd David Craig
- Arbor Grove Methodist Church in memory of Maxine Nichols
- Harold and Hazel Bass in memory of Todd David Craig
- Jeffery Bauguss
- Natalie (Natti) Benson
- Rebecca G. Browne
- Marvin and Fran Cantrell in memory of Mary Jane Williams
- Jessicah Carlton in honor of our adopted babies Honeybun and Juniper
- Debra Carr
- Cedar Creek Homeowners in memory of Todd David Craig
- Jenie R. Christopher in honor of Gregg Reese, a kindhearted man who loves dogs
- Birgit Clager
- Nancy Coffey
- Mitzi and Darrel Combs
- Meredith Comer
- Richard and Theresa Cook
- Larry Core
- Sandra Craig in memory of Todd David Craig
- Dana Deem
- Margie Edgerton in memory of "Lundy" and for medical expenses for "Sunnie"
- Mary Ann Eller

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- The background is a vibrant collage of tropical elements. It includes several large, detailed illustrations of palm fronds in various shades of green. There are also colorful Bird of Paradise flowers with red, orange, and blue petals. A coconut is shown in the top left and bottom right corners, with one cut open to reveal the white flesh. A large, dark green leaf with a pinkish-red pattern is visible on the right side. The overall aesthetic is bright and summery.
- Revis Felts
 - Ashley Foley
 - Thomas and Virginia Foxx
 - Billy Franklin and Betsy Amburn in memory of Todd David Craig
 - Connie Freedman
 - David Fuller in memory of James Edwin “Ed” Holder
 - David E. Fuller, Jr., in memory of James Edwin “Ed” Holder
 - The Garwood Family in memory of Dave Shaffer
 - Gladys Goff in memory of Lin Brooks
 - Sherry Griffith in memory of Lin Brooks
 - Savannah Hall in honor of Morgan and Lynn Salmons
 - Estlin Haiss
 - Bobby and Kathy Hamby in memory of Todd David Craig
 - Gail Hamby in memory of “Annie”
 - Nicole Keylin in memory of Ed Holder
 - Arnold and Becky Lakey for Kasi Lakey’s graduation project
 - Erica Lelle
 - Leslie-Boyd Long
 - Sherri Long in memory of Kimberly Bennett, an avid cat lover who worked to help the feral cats in her community
 - Jeri W. Martin in honor of Jessicah Carlton's 32nd birthday!
 - Meredith Martin
 - Harold McManus
 - Kristi Neff
 - John Oliver via Pinnacle
 - Kendall Pegg in memory of Lin Brooks
 - Cindy Pennington
 - Mary Philemon
 - Marsha Pipes in memory of Todd David Craig
 - Terry Frazier Pierce
 - Licia and John Rogers
 - Sherry Rose in honor of Mitzi Combs, who demonstrates her love for animals every day
 - Kay Seamon
 - Tom Silvey
 - Rita Smith in memory of Lin Brooks
 - Pamela Stamper-Brandt in memory of Kimberly Renee Bennett

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- A decorative border surrounds the page, featuring various tropical elements: a coconut in the top-left and bottom-right corners, Bird of Paradise flowers in red, orange, and blue, and several types of green leaves including palm fronds and large, patterned monstera leaves.
- Walter and Doris Stroud in memory of Lin Brooks
 - Debbie and Anthony Transou in memory of April Moore's beloved mother, an animal lover at heart, like her daughter.
 - Amber Taylor congrats to John-Cole Redwine and Emily Reagan! Wishing you many happy years and cute pets together.
 - Sandra D. Watts in memory of Kimberly Renee Bennett
 - Carol and Myron West in memory of Todd David Craig
 - Steve Willocks
 - Victor Varela
 - Milan Voska, III
 - Town of Wilkesboro in memory of Ed Holder
 - Carl and Franz Yale in memory of Ed Holder
 - Ashton Zinda in honor of my brown tabby cat "Peter Parker," originally named "Denny." I adopted him from the Humane Society of Wilkes 7 years ago, and he means everything to me.

A central floral arrangement in soft purple and pink tones, featuring roses and small buds with green foliage, framing the text.

Thank
you

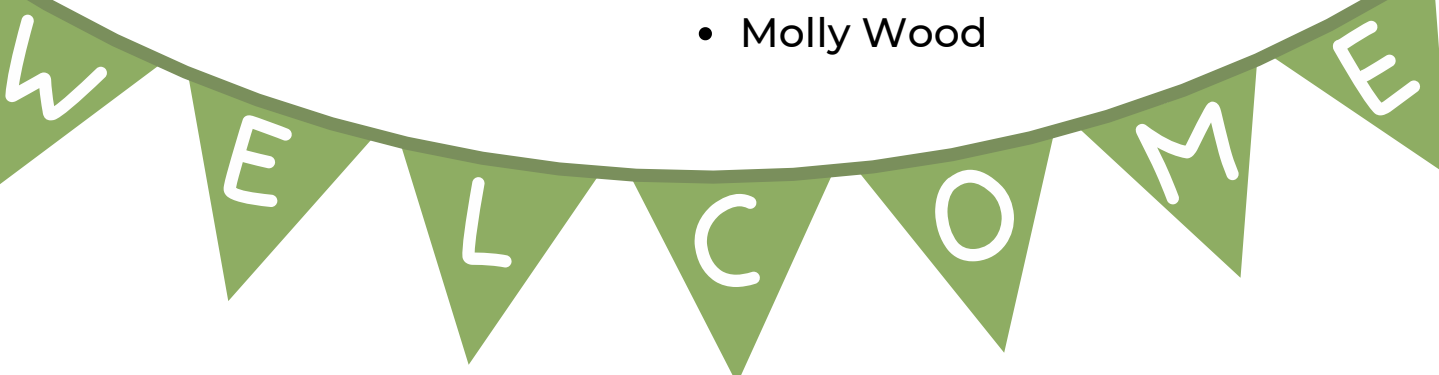


Welcome New Members March 2024 – June 2024

Welcome to our new members who joined between March 2024 and June 2024. We are thankful for all of you who have renewed your memberships!



- Kathy Carter
- Gaddy Family (Jennifer, Michael, David & Elizabeth)
- Molly Robinson
- John and Licia Rogers
- Katie Steele
- Kayla Thomas Family
- Alex Vanderheide
- Alexis Walker
- Ward Family (Kelly, Cody, Bryson, Bristol)
- Molly Wood





Foster-Adoption Numbers as of June 26, 2024

Thank you to our amazing
foster-adoption team!



- 82 cats currently in foster care
- 31 dogs currently in foster care



- 173 cats adopted Jan. 1, 2024 – June 26, 2024
- 167 dogs adopted Jan. 1, 2024 – June 26, 2024

 **ADOPT ME** 

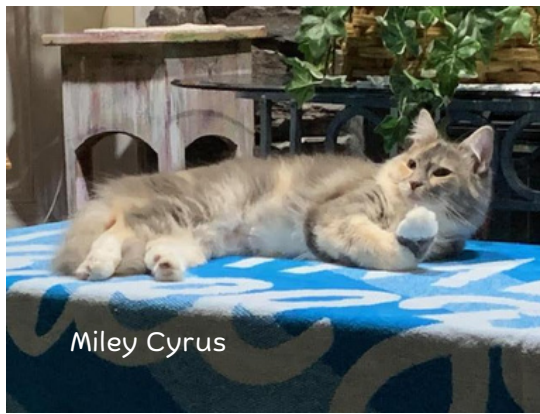
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Donated Supplies! 



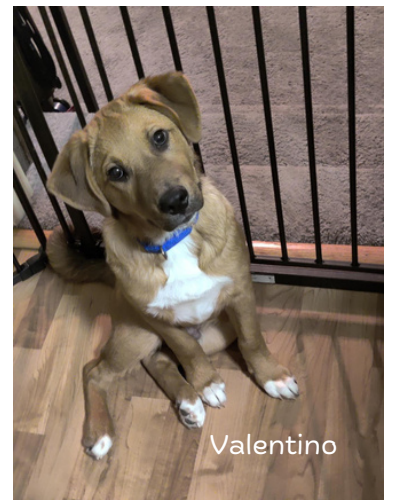
Happy Tails!



Guava



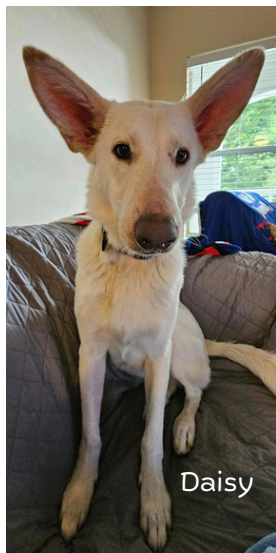
Miley Cyrus



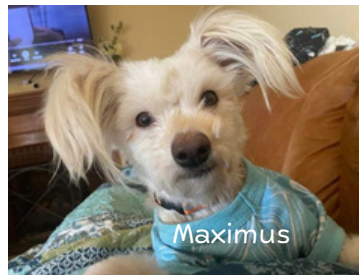
Valentino



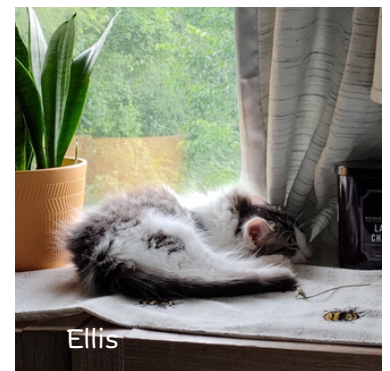
Marvel



Daisy



Maximus



Ellis



HSOW Wish List Links



https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2TVDWSTOW8IQA/ref=nav_wishlist_lists



https://www.chewy.com/g/humane-society-of-wilkes_b76848504



<https://shelterbeds.org/donate/66232>



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