

PawPrints Newsletter



Fall 2024



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2024 HSOW Annual Membership Meeting



Please plan to come together at Dom's Bakery & Pizzeria in N. Wilkesboro for our annual meeting! We'll start at 5:30 PM and have everyone on their way home by 7:30 PM.

Along with our annual reports and updates, we'll have great food and fellowship for all.

All current HSOW members are encouraged to attend. New and prospective members are welcome! Membership may be started or renewed at the meeting or on the website.

Dom's Bakery & Pizzeria, 908 D St, North Wilkesboro NC 28659

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 5:30 - 7:30 PM.





Board of Directors 2025 Election

The HSOW Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of nominees for election to the 2025 HSOW Board of Directors that will be presented for approval by the membership at the annual meeting.

Members may vote for up to three.

- 🍊 Mary Elmore (re-election)
- 🍊 Blair Hancock (re-election)
- 🍊 Sherrie Sentell (new member)

Mary Elmore and Blair Hancock, both HSOW members for over 20 years, would be returning to the board, having served their most recent three-year term. Mary has served for several years as HSOW Treasurer, as well as an active member of several key committees. Blair has served as PR Director and Chair of the Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP). If elected, Sherrie Sentell, who has a B.S. in Accounting will be bringing her skills to the board and will likely succeed Mary as our new treasurer. She is originally from Wilkes County and moved back 4 years ago. Sherrie said, "Like many of you I have a soft spot for animals and thought putting my two loves together would be a good project for me."



HSOW Hires a Part-time Director



As we have pursued our goal of opening a shelter, it has become clear that we need the expertise of someone more familiar with the business and financial management of a nonprofit organization. Enter, Jackie Lofton! Jackie's professional background includes 15+ years in nonprofit and program management. Her experience in fundraising, strategic and financial planning, and marketing will help to advance the organization and enhance the efforts of our volunteers to reduce the numbers of homeless, unwanted and neglected animals of Wilkes County. As a long-term NC mountain resident, Jackie understands the unique challenges that rural communities face in accessing needed resources. Her role with HSOW will be to foster professional relationships, raise community awareness, and achieve the strategic goals of the organization.

As a lover and rescuer of animals herself, Jackie has helped a multitude of abandoned animals find forever homes. She is currently the proud dog mom to Bella (15 yrs), Lucky (17 yrs), and Millie (20 yrs). She is also a cat mom to 7 rescued cats and 1 guinea, who has recently taken up residence in the barn.

Welcome to the Humane Society of Wilkes, Jackie! 🐾





SNAP Goes Mobile with the Community Pets Mobile Vet Clinic!

Wilkes County is experiencing a severe shortage of veterinarians. As a result, we have issued very few of our SNAP vouchers in the last few months because neither Wilkes Veterinary Hospital nor Riverview Animal Hospital, the two vet practices that accept our vouchers, have been accepting new clients. Therefore, the HSOW Spay/Neuter Assistance Program Committee asked Dr. Elizabeth Welch, DVM, to bring her Community Pets Mobile Vet Clinic (CPMVC) from Statesville to Wilkesboro to fix 27 cats and 3 dogs on Monday, Oct. 14. Most of the animals were owned by individuals who used SNAP vouchers to get one or two of their pets fixed and vaccinated. Due to some last-minute cancellations and Dr. Welch's willingness to add a few more pets to the surgery list on Monday, we were also able to get eight HSOW foster cats fixed, relieving some of the backlog at Wilkes Veterinary Hospital. Everything went well and we hope to bring CPMVC back in the near future. For more information about CPMVC, you can visit their website at cpetsmvc.com. Information about the HSOW SNAP vouchers can be found on the HSOW website. We are very grateful to Dr. Welch and her team for helping us prevent many unwanted litters in

Wilkes County!



Thank You to Our Generous Donors!

Below is a list of those who have made financial donations to the Humane Society of Wilkes between July 2024 and September 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!



- Bettye Alvis in honor of Denise Greene who rescued Leif and two brothers only to find out he had an incurable disease of the kidneys.
- Jeff Bauguss
- Suzanne Bouchard in loving memory of my 109-year-old mother who passed away on 8/4/24
- Leslie Boyd-Long
- Ned Brady & Dani Gershenson
- Rebecca G. Browne
- Debra Carr
- Ronald Cate
- Birgit Clager
- Nancy Coffey
- Kelly Church In memory of Baja
- Darrel & Mitzi Combs in memory of Lin Brooks "Pat Brooks and in memory of Betty Billings
- Richard and Theresa Cook
- Kathryn Dempsey in honor of Melissa Hurley. Happy Birthday Melissa! Love, Ant Kat and Unk Mike
- Kelli Dendler
- Majorie Edgerton
- Catherine Etemad in honor of Lillie Joon, the sparkle and love of our lives
- Laura Fly
- Ronald and Beth Foster in memory of Dave Shaffer
- Valerie Downs Gibson
- Hailee Hanks
- Susan Harper in honor of my sister's birthday
- Harley Hayes
- Highstreet Insurance Partners in memory of Carlee Frazier
- Kim Hodge
- Crystl Human
- Carol Hutcherson
- Krystalanna Johnson
- Andrew Kirkman
- David Laber
- Erica Lelle
- Barry Lippard in memory of Frank Johnson
- Sarah Luffman
- Rosalind Lunceford
- Frank McConnell in honor of Yates and Margaret McConnell
- Ann McGee
- Joan McReynolds
- Brenda Page
- Frank Pardue
- Tamika Parks
- Barbara Ann Parsons Trust
- Anne Peterson
- Prism in memory of Mary Barnett Bowen
- Kimberly Spencer in honor of Carolyn Blevins and Skeetie Dog
- State Employees Credit Union-Wilkesboro in honor of Carlee Frazier
- Heather Salley
- Edith Schumann
- Kaili Sigmon
- Tom Silvey
- Brigid Spillane in memory of Betty Billings
- Lorrie Thomas
- Rick and Karen Thornton in memory of Martha Neal Church and Elizabeth Ann Church
- Christopher Touver
- Robert Trivett
- Gillian Tuttle
- Larissa Ward
- Barney Whitt, "You will be missed."
- Laura Vendetta in honor of Dave Shaffer

Clear the Shelter 2024 Donors

- Joyce Anderson
- Natti Benson
- Fran Cantrell
- Mark Chipman
- Paula Curry
- Amy DeSouza
- Margery Edgerton
- Blair Hancock
- Terrie Stackhouse





Welcome New Members July 2024 – September 2024

Welcome to our new members who joined between July 2024 and September 2024.

We are also very thankful for all of you who have renewed your memberships!

- Alison Crisp
- Kelleli Dendler
- Dare Hall
- Amanda Cowles (family membership)
- Savanna Jennings
- Cheyenne Homminga
- Leah Thys
- DannieLynn Shew
- Denise Greene
- Maylinn Matthews
- Jason & Karen McQuinn
- Krista Rhoades
- Heather Salley
- Erica Walker

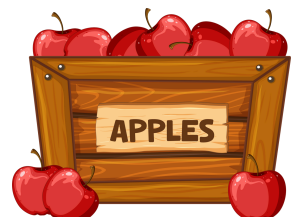


Welcome



The Brushy Mountain Apple Festival

We had a great time at the 2024 Brushy Mountain Apple Festival! We'll also be selling our seasonal and regular merchandise at Barktober Fest on Oct. 26 and Paws & Claws on Nov. 2. Time to start your holiday shopping!



These Fun Fall Events Are Right Around the Corner!

Barktober Fest



Activities include:



Barktober Fest: Walk for Paws!

Participate in our fundraising walk and help raise money for a great cause!



Howl-O-Ween Costume Contest!

Dress your pup in their spookiest or cutest Halloween costume for a chance to win pawsome prizes!

Categories include: Best in Show, Funniest Costume, Most Creative Costume



Fun & Prizes!

Games, raffles, and giveaways throughout the event. Tons of prizes to be won, including pet care packages, boarding and daycare services, and more!



And Much More!

Pet vendors, photo booths, and special guest appearances. There will be something for everyone—two-legged and four-legged alike!



PetSmart Charities National Adoption Week



Paws and Claws Pet Expo and Adoption Fairs



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HSOW/PetSmart Charities National Adoption Week Fairs

Friday, Oct. 25, 4 - 6 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 26, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 (Also Oct. 26, 9-12 at Barktober Fest!)
 Sunday, Oct. 27, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Join us for an expo dedicated to all thing pets!
 Bring a small bag of dog/cat food to help support local rescues.

HSOW Adoption Report

We're already over 500 adoptions in 2024!

302 cats/kittens adopted Jan. 1, 2024 – Oct. 17, 2024

256 dogs/puppies adopted Jan. 1, 2024 – Oct. 17, 2024
(and 1 rabbit!)

Kudos to our Foster-Adoption team and special thanks to Dr. Lillian Royal and her wonderful staff at Wilkes Veterinary Hospital. To see the most current list of HSOW pets available for adoption, visit our website and click on the Adopt tab.

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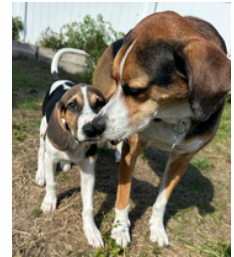


Just a Few Happy Tails



*Rocky
(Tangels)*

She's the best dog, we absolutely love her and it took no time for her to feel at home. Thank you for choosing us to be her family.



*Peanut Butter
(Kyle)*

Kyle is doing wonderfully. We have renamed him Peanut Butter, and he is a great fit for our family! He has had no issues as far as his pelvis issue, and has been good about taking his medicine for it.

