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Annual Meeting, Nov. 12, 2024

It was all about food, fun, and information at the HSOW Annual Membership meeting in November. Program chairs reported on their activities and accomplishments, board elections were held, and members enjoyed great food and fellowship.

We announced the hiring of our new Director, Jackie Lofton. Then we thanked and recognized our 25-year members for 2024 with a paw-shaped plaque: Lynda Black, Randy Mays, Kelly Church, Janet & Jeff Derick, Mary & Keith Elmore, Adena Greene, Blair Hancock, Arlene & Guy McGrane, and Hughes & Gretchen Vandervort.

Finally, we had a drawing for cool door prizes and cut into a beautiful HSOW cake made by Dom's bakeries. Then everyone just relaxed and enjoyed some conversation before heading home. Thank you to all the board members who put the meeting together. Hope to see everyone next year!

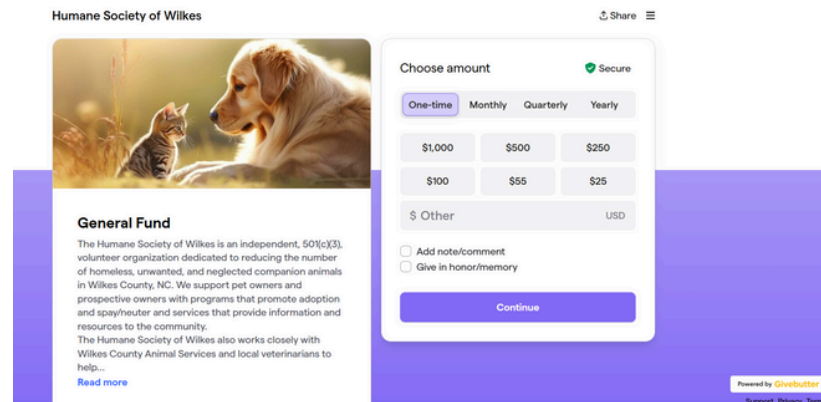
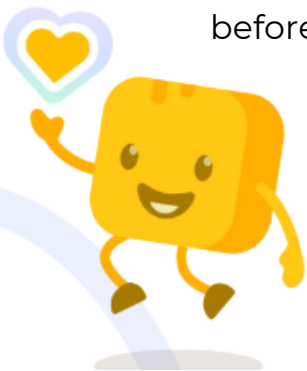


Give Better with Givebutter!

If you have made a donation or renewed your membership from the HSOW website lately, you've probably noticed that we have a new payment platform. Researched and recommended to us by Director Jackie Lofton, Givebutter is designed to support fundraising and record keeping for non-profit organizations like the HSOW. And it is free to us!

Previously, we depended on PayPal for all our online financial transactions. Although donors without PayPal accounts could use their credit cards, this occasionally caused confusion. Givebutter allows donors and members to simply choose to pay with their credit or debit card, PayPal, Venmo, U.S. bank account, or personal check.

Finally, Givebutter maintains a record of all our donors and members, which allows for better communication and sends donation receipts and thank you notes with no delay. If you avoided donating or renewing from the website before, please give it another try and see what you think!



Foster-Adoption Program – 781 Adoptions

- 425 cats adopted
- 353 dogs adopted
- 3 rabbits adopted

Spay-Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) – 412 Vouchers Issued

- 241 cat vouchers (16 for the first SNAP Mobile clinic)
- 171 dog vouchers (8 for the first SNAP Mobile clinic)

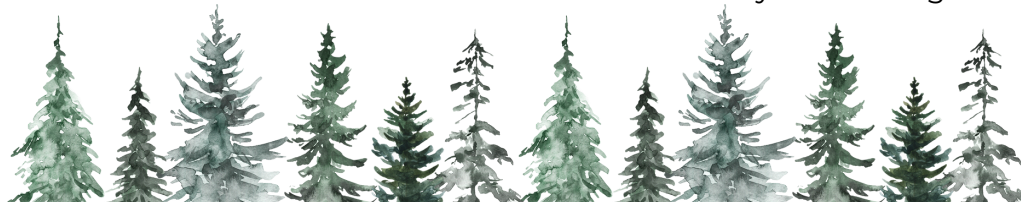


Annual Program Reports – 2024

Community Cats/TNR Program (as of 11/11/24)

- 262 cats fixed/returned
- 53 colonies
- 16 kittens adopted out
- 29 colonies are on the waiting list

Program information can be found on our website: www.humanesocietyofwilkes.org



Barktober Fest 2024

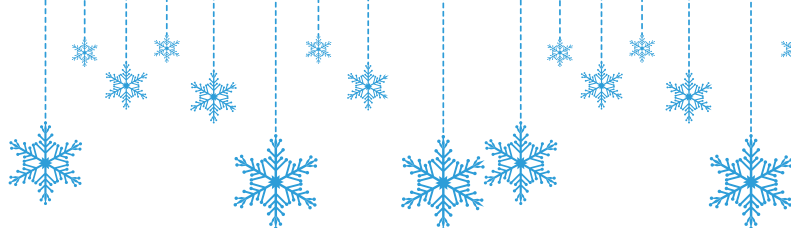


The HSOW was honored to be the beneficiary of the first annual Barktober Fest event hosted by Wilkes Wags and Wiggles. There were games, vendors, costume contests and more for all the two and four-legged participants. We had beautiful weather and met lots of wonderful people and pets. We are very grateful for their support and congratulate them on their grand opening!

Wilkes and Waggles later presented the HSOW with a donation from the proceeds of the event for our new shelter fund. Amanda Cowles, owner of Wilkes Wags & Wiggles, posted this message on their Facebook page along with a photo of the presentation to our director, Jackie Lofton: “We are thrilled to share that today we had the honor of presenting the check from Barktober Fest to the Humane Society of Wilkes! Thanks to the incredible support from our community, valued vendors, and everyone who came out to celebrate, we raised funds to help make their new shelter a reality. Seeing the passion and dedication of the Humane Society of Wilkes team reminds us why we do what we do—because every paw matters. This donation is from you, our amazing community, who showed up, gave generously, and supported this cause close to all our hearts. Thank you for helping us make a difference! Together, we're building a brighter future for the animals of Wilkes County.”

Located at 325 West Park Circle, North Wilkesboro, Wilkes Wags & Wiggles provides personalized doggy daycare and premium boarding services. They guarantee that your pets will have a “PAW-sitively good time”! You can find out more on Facebook or on their website <https://wilkeswagsandwiggles.com>.





SNAP Goes Mobile – Again!

The HSOW held our second SNAP Mobile clinic on a very cold Jan. 23, after being snowed out the week before. We were thrilled to welcome Dr. Elizabeth Welch and her Community Pet Mobile Vet Clinic team back to the Hidden Oaks Dog Park to neuter 34 cats and dogs for low-income pet owners (and a handful of HSOW fosters). We're hoping that our next clinic, scheduled for Mon., Mar. 17, will have the luck of the Irish and bring us perfect weather!



SNAP MOBILE CLINIC
March 17, 2025

Spay/Neuter Assistance Program
 for Pet Owners 18+ yrs. old
 with Medicaid or EBT card
 Apply via email beginning 7 AM, Wed., Feb. 5

Send To: info@humanesocietyofwilkes.org
 Subject: "SNAP Mobile Application"
 Message: List each cat and/or dog, with owner's name, phone #, and pet's name, sex, & age. For dogs, include weight & breed/mix.

Limit 2 cats, 2 dogs, or 1 of each

- Under 40 lbs
- Over 4 months old
- Under 6 years old
- No smush face breeds

<https://www.humanesocietyofwilkes.org/spay-neuter/spay-neuter-assistance-program>

Upcoming Events

Volunteers are needed at most events!
 Please email if you're interested:
info@humanesocietyofwilkes.org



BINGO				
10	18	40	53	74
3	23	37	55	70
15	24		51	62
5	30	43	54	65
1	28	33	58	67

HSOW Pet Adoption Fair

Sat., Feb. 8, 2025, 11 am - 3 pm
 PetSmart, Wilkesboro

SNAP Mobile Spay-Neuter Clinic

Mon., March 17, 2025
 Applications will be accepted by email only
 beginning Wed., Feb. 5, at 7:00 am

HSOW St. Patrick's Day Bingo!

Fri., March 14, 6 - 8:30 pm
 Central Wilkes Middle School Cafeteria
 Food available from The Scarlet Hen

PetSmart Charities National Adoption Week

March 24 - 30, 2025
 Adoption Fairs are planned for Fri., 3/28, 3-6 PM
 and Sat. 3/29, 11 AM - 3 PM!



Wilkes Chamber Meeting



Several of our members attended the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce annual meeting on January 23 at the Walker Center. Ed & Mary Parsons, Jackie Lofton, Barbara Pendry, Sherrie Sentell, Alison Collins, Susan Allen, and Mary Elmore (not pictured)

Contributors

Lauren Johnson

Blair Hancock

Mitzi Combs

Sherrie Sentell

Mary Elmore

Katie Parsons

Arlene McGrane

Julian Shumate

Susan Allen



Blanket Donation

Hannah Sheets, the president of the HOSA (Future Health Professionals) club at West Wilkes High School, delivered a basket of blankets the club collected for HSOW foster pets. Thank you, students!

Welcome New Members

October 2024 – January 2025

Welcome to our new members who joined between October 2024 and January 2025. We are also very thankful to all of you who have renewed your memberships!

- Tamara Celestini
- Richard & Theresa Cook
- Stephen Cottrell
- Megan Johnson
- Jackie Lofton
- Phyllis Macemore
- Jacqueline Quick
- Roger Rhudy
- Laura Stinson
- Krystal Vickers & Emily Vickers



Donations October 2024 through January 2025

Below is a list of those who have made financial donations to the Humane Society of Wilkes between October 2024 and January 2025. If you donated and do not see your name in this list, please contact Blair at blair.hancock@humanesocietyofwilkes.org.

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!

- J. D. Abrams Foundation
- Deborah Absher
- Kim Adkinson in memory of Katy Smithey
- Bettye Alvis
- Willie Barber
- Adrianna Barlow
- Jeffrey Bauguss
- John & Natalie Benson
- Robin Benton-Eastridge
- Linda Black
- Leslie Boyd-Long
- Donna Brady
- Laura Brown
- Rebecca G. Browne
- Laura Byrd
- Cynthia Campbell in memory of Tammie Prebor
- Celia Canter in memory of Irene Stone
- Teresa Canter for Zeke's fund
- Ronald Cate
- Sabrina Caudill for Pauley's fund
- Mark Chipman for Zeke's fund and Pauley's fund
- Birgit Clager for Zeke's fund and Pauley's fund
- Nancy Coffey
- Alison Collins in honor of Ida Maude Collins
- Ida Collins in memory of Irene Stone
- Darrel & Mitzi Combs in memory of Tammie Prebor
- Meredith Comer in honor of "Buddy"
- Richard & Theresa Cook
- Debra & Larry Cornett
- Amanda Cows
- Critter Ridge Rescue
- Elaine Davidson
- Thomas Davis
- Roberta Duncan for Pauley's fund
- Margery Edgerton for Zeke's fund
- Mary & Gary Eldridge in memory of Michael Duncan
- Paula Eller in honor of J.B. Sloop
- Claudia Eller-Tobey for Pauley's fund
- Mary Elmore in memory of Tammie Prebor
- Claude & Kim Faw in memory of Mike Duncan
- Deborah Ferguson
- Linda & Richard Flora
- Laura Fly
- Sandra Forrest
- Chris Granger in memory of Audrey Sidden
- Adena Greene for Pauley's fund
- Ted & Jacquelyn Hall
- Gail Hamby in memory of "Annie"
- Blair Hancock in honor of HSOW foster homes
- Hailee Hanks
- Louise & Mike Hanville
- Roy Harrold
- Brenda Haynes for Zeke's fund
- Chris Hill for Zeke's fund
- Tam Hutchinson Jr. in memory of Vernon Johnson
- Dottie Jackson in memory of Alvin Cody on behalf of Candy Dwyer from her girls
- Judy Johnson in memory of Irene Stone
- Patricia Johnson
- James Kidd in honor of Chelsea Phillips
- Gayle Kostyack
- Sarah Laws
- Legacy Insurance/Faw Insurance in memory of Irene Stone
- Genevieve Lehman
- Erica Lelle
- Jackie Lofton
- Kay Lookadoo in memory of Glenda Brown

- Phyllis Macemore for Zeke's fund
- Debra Mancusi-Cleary in honor of Megan Sparks
- Dot Marlow for Zeke's fund and Pauley's fund
- James McCann
- Ann McGee
- Carmen N. McGee for Zeke's fund
- Tom & Sandy McLain in memory of Irene Stone
- Bruce McKinley Jr. in memory of Mike Duncan
- Harold McManus
- David & Connie McNeill
- Karen McQuinn for Pauley's fund
- Joan McReynolds for Zeke's fund and Pauley's fund
- Linda & Catherine Messick in memory of Mike Duncan
- Laura Milliger
- Aleta Mitchell in memory of "Batman" and "Charlie"
- Lester Moats
- Martha Morphis for Zeke's fund
- Brad Morris in honor of the Edgerton Family
- Kristen Nelson
- Susan & Herschel Newman in memory of Tammie Prebor
- Lauren Nunn
- Brenda Osborne
- Frank Pardue
- James & Marilyn Payne in memory of Mike Duncan
- Terry Pierce in memory of Carlee Frazier
- Premier Workforce
- Deborah Pruitt in memory of Curlee Vannoy Frazier
- Lowell & Kathy Rauch in memory of Uwe Ehrlich
- Amber Roark for Pauley's fund
- Kristen Rogers in honor of Irene Stone
- Gregg Rossier in memory of "Rhea"
- Andrea Roten
- Francia Rubio in honor of Teri Varela
- Lisette Victoria San Pedro
- Rev. Jim Sanders in memory of Butch Sanders
- Jerry L. Shermer
- Brad & Melanie Shinaman in memory of Butch Sanders and Mike Duncan
- Rose Shulman
- Thomas Silvey
- Daniel Sims for Zeke's fund
- Richard Smalling
- Patrick & Shari Smith in memory of Irene Stone
- Ray & Heather Smith in honor of "Adora," "Atticus," and "Swift Paws"
- Ashley Snider
- Jamie Ardoline Solley
- Ed & Geraldine Staley in memory of Scotty Mash
- Charlotte Steele in honor of "Dozer" (formerly "Tucker")
- Barbara Stone in memory of Carlee Frazier
- Denise Sturdivant
- Nigel Terry
- Lorrie Thomas
- Anne Totillo
- Carol Triplett in memory of Glenda Brown
- Vickie Troutman in memory of Mike Duncan
- Glenn & Gillian Tuttle
- Cindy Wagner for Pauley's fund
- Joan Wagoner
- Sally Watson in honor of "Buddy," adopted from HSOW 2019
- Shasta Webber in honor of Irene Stone
- Megan Westmeyer
- Kimberly White
- Nancy Wilfong
- Wilkes County in memory of Glenda Brown
- Christina Wilmoth in honor of Bill Hayes
- Maxiene Woods
- Amy Wyatt in memory of Tammie Prebor

Thank
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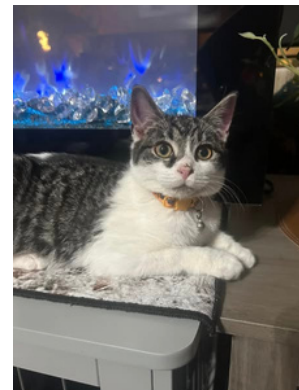
Kippens (Loki)

We changed Kippens name to Loki. Loki has made friends with our dogs Millie and Holly. She loves to hide in bags and play tag. She truly is a joy to be around.



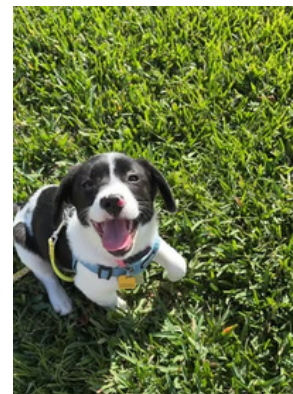
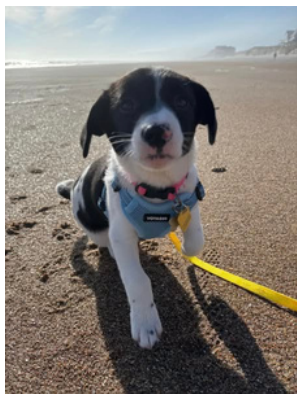
Misha (Rupert)

Misha is doing great, we've renamed him Rupert. Here are some photos of him.



Lyric (Scout)

We're happy to share photos of her, she's doing great! We've renamed her Scout, and we've found she loves the beach and playing with sticks. She's a cuddle bug, and is doing well crate and leash training!



Happy Tail Updates





**MORE FUN
AT THE
ANNUAL
MEETING!**

