

Paw Prints



A quarterly newsletter for the Humane society of Wilkes
April 2021



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About the Humane Society:

The Humane Society of Wilkes is a volunteer organization. We are dedicated to the prevention of cruelty to animals, the relief of suffering among animals, and educating the public regarding humane treatment of animals and the importance of spaying/neutering.

The Humane Society of Wilkes does not have an animal shelter. Our volunteers work closely with Wilkes County Animal Shelter personnel to help get pets adopted. We have a number of foster homes which provide a safe haven for pets until they can find their forever home.

Having a shelter is a long-term goal of our society, but we do not currently have sufficient manpower to provide a shelter. The Wilkes County Animal Shelter is located at 408 Call St. Wilkesboro NC. Their number is 903-7688 and their hours are 10:30 a.m. 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To learn more about our organization, visit humanesocietyofwilkes.org.

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In Memory of Carol Childers (1947-2021)

Carol Childers dedicated many years of her life to animal rescue in Wilkes County. She joined the Humane Society of Wilkes in 1997 shortly after the society was created in 1996, and volunteered on many committees. She was always helping where needed.

Childers was a board member for more than 20 years. She was president from 2002 - 2010. and continued to serve as a member of the Board of Directors until her death.

Childers volunteered with many aspects of the humane society. For several years, she was chairman of the humane society calendar fundraiser. Hundreds of calendars were sold, raising much-needed funds for the Humane Society. She volunteered

with the yearly Bark in the Park event by decorating and keeping participants on track.

When the Humane Society spay and neuter program expanded in 2012, Childers was there to help. For the past several years, she was at the library every Tuesday night for spay and neuter sign-ups.

Childers's real passion was to help any cat in need. If someone called her about a stray cat, she signed them up with a voucher and would sometimes take the cat to the veterinarian for surgery if the caretaker was unable. She was always available to pet sit for anyone who needed it as well.

Childers's work with the Humane Society of Wilkes was invaluable. All of her contributions have helped make the



Humane Society of Wilkes what it is today. She will be missed by all those who knew her.

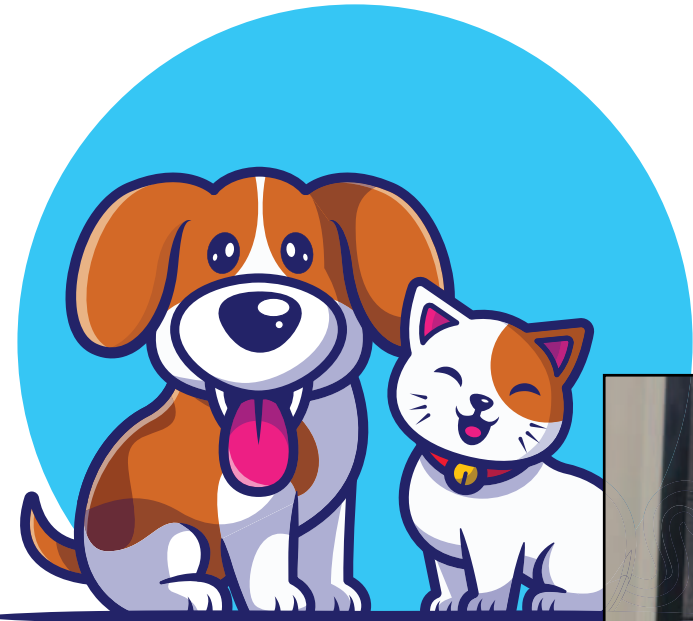
Humane Society of Wilkes Shelter Project

The Humane Society of Wilkes is currently working toward a Humane Society Animal Shelter. The Wilkes County Animal Shelter is too small to be able to handle the number of animals brought through their doors every year. Therefore, this will be a great addition to our county and will help end the euthanasia of healthy adoptable animals.

We are working closely with the county on a location. We are also working with architects on blueprints. This won't move as quickly as we all hope. However, the great news is we are moving towards an animal shelter. There will be updates in our quarterly newsletter.

We do need the community's help! Not only do we need enough money to build the shelter, we will also need numerous ongoing donations and volunteers to be able to run it. Donations and interest in volunteering can both be done through our website: www.humanesocietyofwilkes.org.

Sincerely,
The Shelter Exploratory Committee



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Meeting the urgent needs:

Pictured are donations of puppy pads, litter, and other necessities for our foster pets. A huge thank you to everyone who assisted with donations. The foster pets are all wagging their tails in appreciation!

Photos courtesy of Katie Parsons

Donations for January - March:

General contributions:

- Susana Alves
- Crystal Anderson
- Karen Bumgarner
- Jana Burson
- Ronald Cate
- Pam Clark
- Ginger Coats
- Linda Kent Duckworth
- Jackie Hall
- Edie Hutchens
- Cathy Ann Hutchinson
- Sharon Jones
- Jennifer Lancaster
- Gene Lewis
- Victoria McInnis
- Cheryl and Robert Menezes
- Patricia Miller
- Teresa Jean Miller
- Carl and Brenda Page
- DeLoris Porter
- Rose Shulman
- Tom Silvey
- State Employees' Credit Union
- Stephanie Stinson
- Paul Stock
- Susan Thompson
- Sondar Yelton

Recurring donations:

- Jeffery Bauguss
- Leslie A. Boyd-Long
- Rebecca G. Browne
- Debra Carr
- Nancy Coffey
- Tom Silvey

Special programs:

Carson's medical bills

- Susana Alves
- Jeffery Bauguss
- Willie Barber
- William Boyd

- Pat Brooks
- Birgit Clager
- Margery Edgerton
- Laurie Frachey-Dargin
- Naomi Faw
- Michael Roope
- Chris Sheets
- Bonnie Starr
- William Watts

Charm's medical bills

- Melinda Crawford

Cat condos

- Sabrina Caudill
- Nancy Coffey
- Kelly Cousin
- Christy Edwards
- Laurie Frachey-Dargin
- Laura Greene
- Patricia Johnson
- Connie Lewallen
- Judy Reynolds
- Phyllis Smith
- Janet Telander
- Michael Tribble

Foster/Adopt program

- Laura Bumgarner
- Margery Edgerton (puppy formula)
- Mark and Kelly Jackson
- Tiffani Souther (puppy formula)
- Robin Walker (puppy formula)

Shelter fund

- Allen and Sherry Byrd
- Susan Corey
- Pam Shermer

In honor/memory:

- Joyce Anderson — in memory of Sue Cashion
- Ginger Barlow — in memory of Harry Ferguson



- BROC Child Care Services — in memory of Robert A. Mitchell, Jr.
- Kelly Church — in memory of Sophie, owned and loved by Rebecca Church
- Lynn Clark — for the shelter project, in memory of Carol Childers
- Mitzi Combs — in memory of Sam, Stacey St. Edmunds' beloved cat of 17 years
- Margery Edgerton — in memory of Sue Cashion
- Elaine Eller - in memory of Edna Kanupp Hall
- Kaye Kanupp Elliott (and Scott Elliott, grandson) — in memory of her mother, Edna H. Kanupp Hall
- Kendall Forester — in memory of Debbi Goad
- Kendall Forester — in memory of Sue Cashion
- Billy and Brenda Gee — in memory of Sue Cashion
- Kevin Harding — in memory of Eddie Kilby
- Katie Henderson — in memory of Claudia Stamey
- Tony and Frances Johnson — in memory of William "Conley" Johnson
- Bette Lestrage — in memory of

- her cats, Max and Serendipity
- Camilla Lovette — in memory of Eddie Kilby
- Larry and Carolyn Macemore — in memory of Eddie Kilby
- Shirley Marsh — in memory of Eddie Kilby
- Vicki Minton — in memory of Edna Hall
- Bobby and Dorothy Perdue — in memory of Bob Mitchell
- Kathy Privette — in memory of Edna Hall
- Tara Smith — in honor of Remi's new foster family, Jeff and Nancy Payne
- James Sturdivant — in honor and memory of a friend who lost their dog to illness
- Shirley Sturdivant — in memory of Sue Absher Cashion
- Janice and Steve Thurkill — in memory of Edna Hayes Kanupp Hall
- Barbara Underwood — in memory of Edna Hayes Kanupp Hall (from Tish, Debbie, and Wendy)
- Ann and John Willardson — in memory of Sue Cashion
- Carl Yale — in memory of Sue A. Cashion

Foster and adoption report:

The Humane Society of Wilkes Foster Adoption Committee adopted out 133 dogs, 316 cats, and 20 other animals in 2020 for a whopping total of 469. All of these precious animals passed through only around a dozen foster homes before finding their forever homes.

The society reports a busy start for the year 2021. Already, the society has rescued 119 cats, 90 of which have already been adopted. Cats that are not yet adopted include kittens who are being bottle-fed; momma cats raising new litters; or being treated for other miscellaneous illnesses.

The society has taken in 70 dogs so far this year. Of those, 38 have been adopted. The rest are waiting for their very own forever homes. Our dogs range from puppies that are still being bottle-fed; and dogs that are being treated for parvovirus or undergoing heartworm treatment. One pup is undergoing treatment for a multitude of illnesses that are seen in shelter dogs. Another foster home is caring for a momma beagle and her eight puppies.

The society has also taken in one hamster, and one rabbit. The rabbit, named Honey Bunny, is currently looking for her forever home.

The foster adoption committee has built several wonderful partnerships over the years. The Wilkes County Animal Shelter is where we get most of our animals from. We are a Petsmart in Wilkesboro Adoption Partner, which is why we are able to house cats up for adoption. Wilkes Veterinary Hospital provides us with veterinary care for our fosters as well as fostering animals themselves.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of our donors. Many people have made monetary donations as well as donating through our chewy or Amazon wish lists. Thanks to these generous donations, we are able to cover whatever veterinary care the pets may need as well as help the foster homes with supplies that are needed. It also helps us to be able to maintain our



low adoption fees.

With your help we hope to be able to save many more dogs, cats, and other animals for the rest of 2021.

*Sincerely,
Katie Parsons
Foster Adoption Chair*

Without our foster homes, none of this would be possible. We encourage anyone who is willing to provide a foster home for an animal to contact us by email at whisperinwillowz@gmail.com. The more foster families we have, the more animals we are able to save.

Foster and adoption report - January-February, 2021

- 63 Cats Adopted
- 34 Cats in Foster Care
- 28 Dogs Adopted
- 20 Dogs in foster care
- 1 Bunny and 1 Hamster in foster care



Sweets for the sweet

The American Heritage Girls Troop, NC0345 of Wilkes County, made batches of delicious homemade dog treats for the humane society foster pups.



New & Renewing Members:

NEW MEMBERS:

Barlow Family (Adrianna, Lynn, Cameron, and Andrew)
 Karen Broome
 Teana Brown
 Linda Kent Duckworth
 Candy Dwyer
 Kelly Edwards
 James and Jennifer Mathies
 David and Judy McMillan and Ariya Oakley (family membership)
 Linda O'Neill
 Delores Porter
 Patricia A. Vick
 Jamie Wagoner

MEMBER RENEWALS

Crystal Anderson
 Linda Black and Randy Mays
 Lee Ann Bowling
 Leslie A. Boyd-Long
 Becky Burgess
 Colby Cates
 Deborah Caudill
 Kathryn Charles
 Birgit Clager
 Ginger Coats
 Larry and Debo Cornett
 William and Lynn Clark
 Rita Dancy
 Margie Edgerton
 Claudia Eller-Tobey



Keith and Mary Elmore (family membership)
 Jeff and Holly Foster
 Thomas and Virginia Foxx
 Ginger Edmiston and Bobby Johnson
 Jonathan Hall
 Barbara Hubbard
 Scott and Donna Huffman
 Edie Hutchens
 Tim and Rita Kinney
 Jackie Kocar
 Cynthia Liutkus-Pierce
 Stephen and Jennifer Nardini (family membership)
 Judith Orszula
 Carl and Brenda Page
 Gene Lewis
 Ed and Alison McCormick

Wade and Vickie McInnis
 Nunn Family (Melissa, Jason, Cameron, Mary Beth, Caleb and Wyatt)
 Laura Parker
 Royal Family (Michael, Lillian and Larkin)
 Royal Family (Marilyn, Benny, Chloe, Zoe, Leslie, and Tallie)
 Tammy Spencer
 John and Stephanie Stinson
 Gail Taylor
 Kandace Thorley
 Russell and Lee Ann Triplett (family membership)
 Victor Varela
 Christina Walsh
 Pat Welborn
 Franz and Carl Yale

Income and Expenses Report 2021 QUARTER 1 (Jan. 1 - March 31)

INCOME	77,399
Abrams Grant (SNAP)	30,000
Adoption Program	12,600
Dividends	2,672
Donations	14,821
Fundraising	3,330
Interest	17
Memberships	1,365
Petsmart Grants	4,500
Sales	3,209
SNAP vouchers	4,885
EXPENSE	49,915
Administration	366
Adoption Program	16,750
Adoption (Petsmart grant)	10,000
Building expenses	666
Bank/service fees	443
Feral cat program	258
Fundraising expenses	1,713
Insurance	1,534
Merlin Match program	473
Printing	104
SNAP medical invoices	15,011
Taxes	449
Utilities	2,148



Happy Tails Updates

SUCCESS STORIES FROM OUR FORMER FOSTER ANIMALS:



Harvie, perched on his new owner's shoulder, is doing well in his new home. "He is one spunky, cuddly kitten! I've also never seen a kitten eat as much as him! He is eating more and growing so much every day," his owner shared.

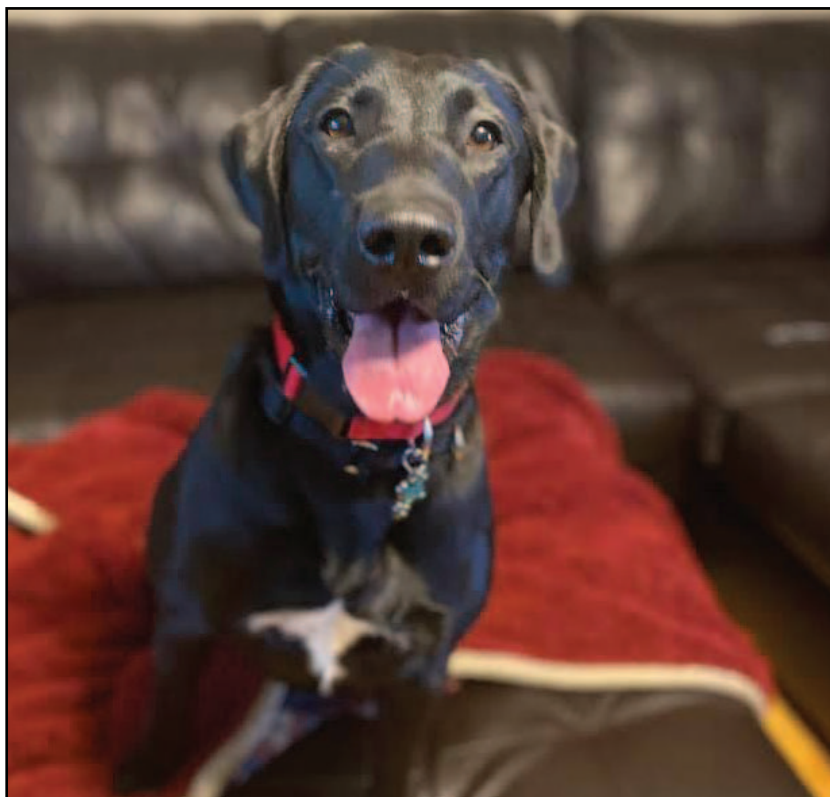


Ivey Queen, shown three weeks since arriving at her new home, is dressed to the nine and looking serene.

Her family says, "We knew that she was shy before we adopted her. We kept her original name, we just added Queen to it so she's Ivey Queen. She getting along with Van, our other dog. She's doing good going potty outside. We know that is going to take a little more time for Ivey to be less shy and more outgoing; but she's really adorable and a cute addition to our family."



Joysie's family shared the following update on Feb. 23: "Joy is doing well, healthy and happy! We are working on leash training, socializing, and slowly starting to bring her a few days into the hardware store to meet her hardware family."



Remi (formerly Oreo) offers a panting smile for the camera. Her owners share: "We are enjoying our very energetic Remi. She is puppy-exploring everything. She is also learning all about her new home and her new family. We cannot express our gratitude for the foster parents that took care of her until we could meet her."

Olivia, her new family shares, is "a very welcome addition to our family. She gets lots of love with six children; and she and our Maltese have become good friends!"

