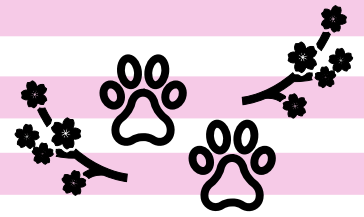


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Humane Society of Wilkes News

Our New Mission Statement

Approved November 11, 2021

The Humane Society of Wilkes is an independent, 501(c)(3), volunteer organization dedicated to reducing the number of homeless, unwanted, and neglected companion animals in Wilkes County, NC. We support pet owners and prospective owners with programs that promote adoption and spay/neuter and services that provide information and resources to the community.

The Humane Society of Wilkes also works closely with Wilkes County Animal Services and local veterinarians to help prevent suffering and improve the quality of life for animals in Wilkes County. The Humane Society of Wilkes also works closely with Wilkes County Animal Services and local veterinarians to help prevent suffering and improve the quality of life for animals in Wilkes County.

Our New Website

The Humane Society of Wilkes now has a brand-new website with updated content and new resources for our members and followers. The new website is secure so making donations and renewing your membership are easy with your credit card or PayPal!

Huge thanks go to Donna Huffman for leading the website committee in this project and to Cube Creative Design, Inc., for their great design and technical support.

Check it out at <https://www.humanesocietyofwilkes.org>



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Expressing thanks to those who have led us and improved the lives of animals in Wilkes!



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Learn all about volunteering with us and what you can do to help the animals of Wilkes and surrounding counties.



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With kitten season in full swing, we're in need of a few things. Here you can find our wish lists linked!





The Annual HSOW Meeting

Expressing Our Gratitude



From the Board of Directors:

In addition to the regular business at our Annual Membership Meeting, we honored two of our most longstanding, influential and impactful members:

Carol Childers – It broke our hearts when we lost Carol in March 2021. She had been on the board of directors of the Humane Society of Wilkes since its inception, serving as our president for many of those years. She rescued many Wilkes County animals and was especially devoted to cats. She was also instrumental in the creation of Hidden Oaks Dog Park and many of our other programs. We miss her tremendously and have placed a plaque in our building to honor her memory.

Arlene McGrane – Arlene served on the HSOW board from 1999 until 2021. She led us in the development of the Spay-Neuter Assistance Program, our first website, and the foster/adoption program, to name just a few. She currently leads the Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) program for colonies of feral cats and helps with HSOW communications. Current president Jeff Hill presented Arlene with a plaque expressing our gratitude for her invaluable service to the Humane Society of Wilkes.

For details of other meeting activities, you can refer to the minutes sent out on January 26, 2022. If you missed it, feel free to request a copy by emailing info@humanesocietyofwilkes.org.



Carol Childers



Jeff Hill & Arlene McGrane





Spring 2022 Yard Sale

The spring yard sale was a big success!

Our fundraising committee worked tirelessly for months collecting donations, setting up the space, arranging the sale items, and conducting the sale over four days. Our donors were extremely generous, so we had thousands of items for sale.

For the first time, we offered a special "pre-sale" on March 18 to show appreciation to our members, donors, and others who helped us prepare.

The regular sale ran from March 25 to March 27. We had tables and tables full of household goods, glassware, holiday decorations, sports equipment, books, toys, music, tech devices, movies, bedding, curtains, and more! We also offered special auctions on a gorgeous handmade quilt and a hand-built bicycle, both of which sold for over the minimum bids.

In all, we raised over \$6,000 from the sale, all of which will go into our New Shelter account, bringing us a little closer to our goal of a no-kill shelter in Wilkes County.





Thank you to our donors!

Below is a list of those who have donated to the Humane Society of Wilkes from April 2021 through March 2022. Due to changes in directors and the general disruption of the pandemic, we have not been able to publish our donor list for quite a while. We're trying to catch up and appreciate your patience as well as your generosity.

If you donated between April 2021 and March 2022 but do not see your name below, please email us at info@humanesocietyofwilkes.org and we'll fix the oversight in the next newsletter. Our donors are very numerous and generous, with some donating monthly or multiple times a year in varying amounts. Because this catch-up list is so long, donors' names are listed only once even if they donated several times. We are truly grateful for every penny you have given and are careful to put your donations toward the program or activity you targeted.

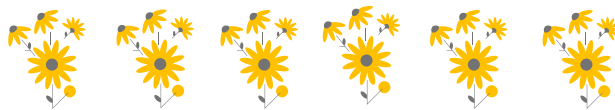
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- ✿ Joan Wagoner
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2021 Wilkes Christmas Parade



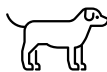
Welcome to the Humane Society of Wilkes!

Below are the names of our new members who joined between April 2021 and March 2022! This list may also include those who have returned to the HSOW membership rolls after some time. We could not serve the pets and pet owners of Wilkes County without the dedicated support of our membership. Thank you very much for giving us the base funding that your membership dues provide—it helps us in planning and program support. Many of our new and renewing members also made a donation when they joined, which is greatly appreciated, as well.

For this newsletter, we have not listed our renewing members, but please know that those of you who joined in the past and have continued as members year after year are the heart of the HSOW! We hope all our new members join your ranks next year!

- ✿ Bobby Adams
- ✿ Joyce Anderson
- ✿ Macie Bell
- ✿ Sarah & Rodney Bell
- ✿ Marianne C. Bereza
- ✿ Michael & Carolyn Blevins
- ✿ Robin S. Boles
- ✿ April Burke, Jonathan Hamby & Jason Burke
- ✿ Diane C.
- ✿ Sophia Call
- ✿ Laura Chadwick
- ✿ Rodney & Sabrina Caudill
- ✿ Craft Family (Leah, Christi & William)
- ✿ Khara Dimmette
- ✿ Jennifer Edwards
- ✿ Autumn Elledge & Lauren McNeil
- ✿ Frances Finlay
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- ✿ Mary Shedden and family
- ✿ Harold & Penni Sheets
- ✿ Jerry L. & Pamela G. Shermer
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- ✿ Julian Shumate
- ✿ Tiffani Souther
- ✿ Kristan Sparks
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- ✿ Gerald & Lynne Triplett
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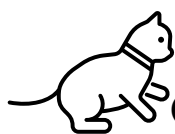


A Snippet About SNAP



Spay-Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) Update

As HSOW members, you may be getting questions about our low-cost spay-neuter program. Due to circumstances beyond our control, SNAP registration has been paused while we review the program in light of increasing costs and a shortage of veterinarians. Current vouchers will be accepted for those with appointments at Wilkes Veterinary Hospital and Animal Ark. Questions can be directed to spayneuter@humanesocietyofwilkes.org. We will let you know when SNAP registration can resume. General information about the program can be found on the [Spay-Neuter](#) page of the website. We are very grateful to the veterinarians and volunteers who have made this valuable program such a success for many years, and we hope to continue for many more!



Our Cat Care Team - Purring Along



In 2021, 444 cats were adopted from the Humane Society of Wilkes foster cat program. There was a time when it was hard to get more than a handful of cats adopted, but with great leadership from Katie Parsons, cat accommodations at PetSmart and Wilkes Veterinary Hospital, and our wonderful cat foster homes and volunteers, twice as many cats as dogs were adopted from the HSOW in 2021!

Let's give a shout out to our cat care volunteers! Thanks for all you do!

<u>Building Volunteers</u>	<u>PetSmart Volunteers</u>	<u>Cat Foster Homes</u>	<u>TNR Volunteers</u>
Bettye & Ron Alvis	Mary Parsons	Katie Parsons	Arlene McGrane
Christi Craft & family	Bettye Alvis	Bettye & Ron Alvis	Denise Greene
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Laura Parker	Ashlyn Passmore	Mary Parsons	
Bridgette Stout	Bridgett Stout	Laura Parker	
	Casey Teague	Elizabeth Royal	
		Kristina Spainhour	
		Wilkes Veterinary Hosp.	

If you can commit to a regular schedule and would like to be a HSOW cat care volunteer, contact Katiehsow@gmail.com to find out more. Prospective foster homes can [submit an application](#) from the website.

Special thanks to everyone who has donated essential supplies like cat litter, cat/kitten food, and cleaning supplies to our fosters. The links to our Chewy and Amazon wish lists are on the home page of our website and here in the newsletter if you'd like to join the cat shopping team! We'd also like to thank Dr. Royal and Wilkes Veterinary Hospital for their support!



A Note About Volunteering!



Many of you offer to volunteer for various activities when you join or renew your membership to the Humane Society of Wilkes. Mitzi Combs, our Membership Chair and Volunteer Coordinator, sees those offers and does her best to share that information with the appropriate committee chairs and other organizers. However, many of you, no doubt, are thinking, "I offered, but never heard anything."

Well, we are guilty and we're sorry! Of course, the pandemic is to blame for part of the situation—like most groups, we cut back on all our public activities over the last two years. Another challenge, as we begin to emerge from our isolation, is the complexity of and time involved in keeping track of and communicating with so many people with such varied interests and schedules. We are blessed to have so many people who want to help!

We'll be working on improving our process this year, but there are a few other factors we'd like to share with you here. We understand that many of you want to work with the animals directly. We all love the dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens, but until we get our own shelter, there are only a few opportunities to do that. One is to be a foster home if you have the right circumstances. The more foster homes we have, the more pets we can pull from the county shelter. Another is to become part of the cat care team that takes care of the cats at the HSOW building at Hidden Oaks Dog Park or at PetSmart in Wilkesboro. If you are interested in those roles, please submit the [foster home application](#) or the [volunteer contact form](#) on the website.

The Wilkes County Animal Shelter and the Humane Society of Wilkes are not affiliated. We gladly promote adoption from the shelter, but we have no official role there; it is a county-owned facility. Currently the Wilkes County Animal Shelter does not have a volunteer program. As community members, you can visit and view the pets at the shelter, but in order to limit the spread of germs and due to staff shortages, the enrichment interactions that some of you have offered to do just isn't feasible at this time. However, the HSOW continues to pull as many pets as possible from the shelter into our volunteer-based foster program, which includes getting them necessary vet care and spayed or neutered -- expenses that your membership dues and donations enable us to pay.

Adoption fairs and fundraising events are other volunteer opportunities. We post those events on the website, Facebook and Instagram and send membership emails inviting volunteers to help. If you see an event that you want to help with or observe to learn more about what we do, please feel free to contact us to let us know of your interest in a particular event. Often there is a little bit of training needed for these events. Finally, students who want to do their graduation projects on local animal welfare issues or HSOW programs may contact [Susan Allen](#).

We know we're lucky to have so many great people who want to help. We hope we'll see more of you in the coming year. As with most things, it takes money to do what we do, so remember that your membership dues and other donations you make, including sending us items from our wish lists, are volunteer acts which may not be as much "fun," but they are critical to our mission and deeply appreciated!

Thank you!





What We Need...



There are a few things we are always in need of such as dog food, cat food, and cat litter. This time of year, though our needs can vary because of kitten season, recently we have asked donors for kitten food for pregnant cats and kittens. Linked below are our wish lists from Chewy and Amazon which make it easy for donors to order from the website and have it shipped straight to us. It takes the hassle right out of it! If you can, we are always appreciative of any and all donations made to the Humane Society of Wilkes!

Chewy

https://www.chewy.com/g/humane-society-of-wilkes_b76848504#wishlistsortby=DEFAULT

Amazon

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/3VK3JXR8LVET4?ref=wl_fv_le

Support Humane Society of Wilkes

			
Amazon Wishlist	AmazonSmile	Chewy Gives Back	PetSmart Charities



Happy Tails!



Apgar

Apgar was adopted in February of 2022. His new mom says he is very affectionate and has made a great companion! He took some time to adjust but now gets along great with the other dogs and cats in the house.

Adopted February 2022



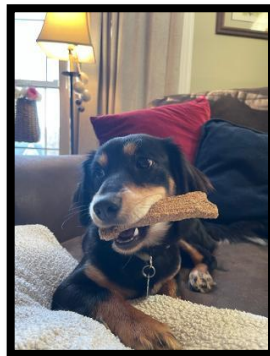
Arlo

Arlo was adopted in April of 2022. His new mom has some pretty big plans for this little guy. He has already begun his puppy training and is on his way to becoming a therapy dog just like his big brother Oakley. By the way, he LOVES his big brother Oakley!

Adopted April 2022

Cookie (Vixen)

Cookie was adopted in January of 2022. Her new mom says she is doing fantastic! Her and her sister, also a Humane Society of Wilkes Alumni, play all the time and just have the best time together. She is one happy girl in her fur-ever home!



Adopted January 2022

Dyson

Dyson had been adopted and returned when the perfect family of seven came along and swooped this handsome, deaf kitten off his feet. They say he's the sweetest boy and lapping up all the attention from five kids!



Adopted April 2022



Wrapping It All Up



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Thank you all for your continued love, support, donations, and time. It's hard to express how much we value each one of you. Please consider continuing to support us as we work tirelessly to help the animals of Wilkes and surrounding counties!

Let's continue to have fun and remember why we're in this; to save those who do not have voices. to help those who do not have homes, and support those who are sick. Let's make the world a better place by helping one animal at a time!

-Humane Society of Wilkes Members






Foster Pictures




Upcoming Events

Adoption Fair

 **Date:** April 23, 2022, tent.
 **Time:** TBD
 **Place:** [PetSmart](#),
Wilkesboro, NC






SNAP Event

 **Date:** TBD
 **Time:** TBD
 **Place:** TBD



Board of Directors Meeting

 **Date:** May 10, 2022
 **Time:** 6:30-8:00 PM
 **Place:** [HSow Building](#),
Wilkesboro, NC



Keep checking our website for future events!

