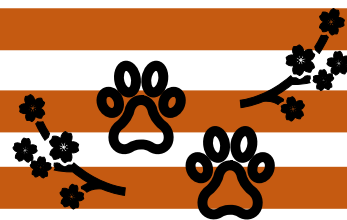


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Humane Society of Wilkes News

Shelter Project Update

Building a new animal shelter in Wilkes County, NC, funded primarily by donations, is not a fast process, but we are getting there! Here is an update on our progress so far.

The current estimate for building our new shelter, even with the land generously leased to us for a nominal fee by the county, is about two million dollars. Of course, we have to be sure it will be a safe and healthy place for the dogs and cats who await adoption, so we won't skimp on health and safety features. Members of the board of directors and the shelter committee have been touring other shelters in the region and interviewing their staff to learn as much as we can about the fundraising, planning, and building processes.

The new Humane Society of Wilkes shelter will be located on Call Street, in Wilkesboro, across the road from the county animal shelter, behind the Kulynych Family Life Center. We have engaged an architect who has drawn preliminary plans for a 6,000 square-foot facility.

This facility plan includes 14 large dog runs, 12 smaller dog kennels, space for 48 cats, and isolation space for 4 dogs if needed, along with office, storage, and meeting areas.

Many people ask if the new shelter will be a "no kill" shelter. It will be a no-kill shelter by the definition used by the Best Friends Animal Society and many others: "No-kill, as a philosophical principle, means saving every dog or cat in a shelter who can be saved. But it's helpful to have a way to clearly measure lifesaving progress as we move forward together. . . A 90% save rate for animals entering a shelter is a meaningful and common-sense benchmark for measuring lifesaving progress." At this time, we do not foresee our shelter replacing or merging with the Wilkes County Animal Shelter, but we plan to continue in our informal partnership with

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Here you can catch up with some of our former fosters and see where they are now!



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them by pulling adoptable pets from the county shelter thereby decreasing the frequent overcrowding that can lead to otherwise unnecessary euthanasia. We also look forward to working with other animal rescue groups in the area.

Fundraising is critical to our success. We need to continue to support our foster-adoption and Spay Neuter Assistance programs, as we raise additional funds for the shelter. The help we get from our members and other supporters who donate things like cleaning supplies, cat litter, and pet food is deeply appreciated. These donations from you allow us to put our other monies toward vet bills, spay-neuter, and the shelter account. A generous donation of stock has given us a good start, but it is going to take more to get to the \$2 million we need. In addition to our spring yard sales and vendor events, our fundraising committee has placed several currency donation boxes shaped like the shelter building in businesses around the county. All of the money from these donation boxes will go to the shelter account. We are also researching and gearing up for a capital campaign in hopes of finding more donors willing to support our cause.

HSOW members will continue to receive monthly shelter and funding reports in the board meeting minutes. We will also present an update to our members at the Annual Membership Meeting in November.

If you would like to donate to any of our programs, here is the link: <https://www.humanesocietyofwilkes.org/support/donations>



Handmade Quilts

These two beautiful handmade quilts have been generously donated to the HSOW by Sherry Mathis and Marie Absher. We'll raffle one at our booth at the Apple Festival on Saturday, Oct. 1, and the other will be offered via silent auction at our BINGO event on Friday, Oct. 14, at the Wilkesboro Civic Center. Sherry and Marie also made and donated quilts earlier this year, which we successfully auctioned at our April and June yard sales. We are thrilled that they have decided to share their artwork to support the homeless animals of Wilkes County. If you'd like to bid on the quilts but can't attend the events, contact susan.allen@humanesocietyofwilkes.org.





HSOW TNR-Community Cat Program



In August, Arlene McGrane, former HSOW president, updated the board on the HSOW Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) - Community Cat Program.

Trap, neuter, return (TNR) is a universally recognized means of managing community cat populations. The Humane Society of Wilkes helps those who are willing to continue to feed and manage a community cat colony assistance with trapping feral cats and getting them spayed or neutered, then returning them to the original property. The Humane Society can loan a trap and trapping instructions to the public for those who would like to maintain their colony.

The number of feral cats we have we have trapped, neutered and release has increased significantly in the last few years, and we have a waiting list of those requesting help. Many of the feral cats we trap are taken to Foothills Spay/Neuter clinic for their spay/neuter surgery, which is associated with Catawba Humane Society in Hickory (approx. 76-mile round trip). They can typically take two of our feral cats per day. In addition to the surgery, the cats are given a rabies vaccine and have their ear "tipped," which identifies them as having been altered so they are not accidentally trapped and sent for surgery again.

So far, Arlene and HSOW member/foster home Denise Greene have been doing most of the transportation for the program themselves, but with the demand rising, they need volunteers to help with these transports. Arlene told the board that we could get more cats fixed more quickly if we had a few more people who could make this trip to Hickory and back. (We recently sent an email to our members asking for volunteers to do this.)

Wilkes residents may also use our Spay-Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) to get feral cats fixed, but it is a more difficult process because appointments with local veterinarians need to made weeks or months in advance, and there is no guarantee that residents can trap the feral cats on their property in time to make that appointment. Residents who use SNAP for feral cats also have to pay an additional fee for the ear tip and rabies vaccine.

If you would like to make a donation to support the Community Cat Program in their important work, go to the donation page on our website

<https://www.humanesocietyofwilkes.org/support/donations> and



choose TNR Community Cat Program on the "Where would you like this donation to go?" drop down menu. If you would like to volunteer, please leave a message at 336-838-9588, and Arlene or Denise will get in touch with you. If you have feral cats on your property, you can request assistance at this link:

<https://www.humanesocietyofwilkes.org/spay-neuter/tnr-community-cats-program>.





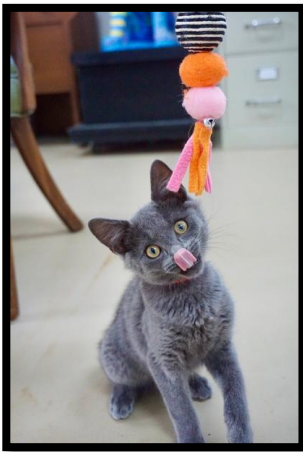
Thank you to our PayPal/Website Donors!



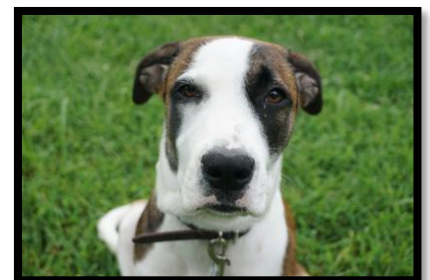
Below is a list of those who have donated to the Humane Society of Wilkes from April 2022 through July 2022 from our website.



- * Rebecca Adams
- * Jeffrey Bauguss
- * James Brown
- * Rebecca G. Browne
- * Frances Cantrell
- * Debra Carr
- * Birgit Clager
- * Nancy Coffey
- * Tristan Crawford
- * Janet Derick
- * Susan Robbins Dudek
- * Arnold and Becki Lakey
- * Erica Lelle
- * Leslie Boyd Long
- * Keith Lyall
- * Jennifer Leigh Mathies
- * Arlene McGrane
- * Joan McReynolds
- * Jennifer Miller
- * Joel and Angela Minton
- * Mary Parsons
- * Benjamin Pendry
- * Deborah Roberts
- * Mary Rupard
- * Rose Shulman
- * Julian Shumate
- * Jennifer Sinanan in honor of Jeff and Janet Derick's 50th anniversary
- * Michael Tribble
- * Cindy R. Wagner



A special thank you also to all those who donated through our Amazon and Chewy wish lists, collection jars and boxes, purchases and participation at fundraising events, adoptions, online promotions, and dropping off supplies! We're sorry that we do not currently have a system for collecting and publishing your names, but we have received and deeply appreciate your donations of all kinds and amounts.





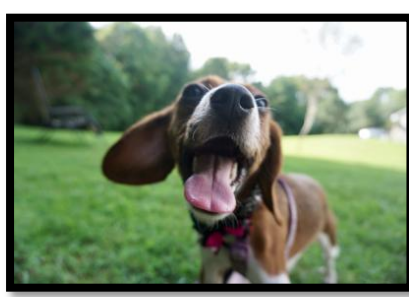
Welcome to the Humane Society of Wilkes!

Below are the names of our new members who joined between April 2022 through August 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.

We are not able to list all 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!

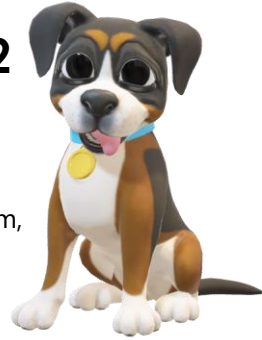


- * Marisa Wrenn
- * James Brown
- * Melissa Walker
- * Samantha Minton
- * Lee Ann Minton
- * Kimberly Golaszewski
- * Jennings family (Josie, Mason, Olivia, Scarlett, Zachary)
- * Joan McReynolds
- * Maleigha Mayes
- * Malcolm Mathies
- * Becky Craft
- * Candice Hoosier
- * Lankford family (Amy, Ethan, Erin, Will)
- * Martha Morphis
- * McMillan family (Tracie, Landon Jordon, Lily Jordan)
- * Casandra Parks
- * Ashlyn Reece
- * Tedder family (Heather, Rich, Vivienne, Estella)
- * Emily Witzel





Foster Adoption Report January – August 2022



Adopted: 330 cats, 224 dogs, 3 guinea pigs, and 2 rabbits

In Foster Homes: 69 cats, 42 dogs, 1 bird, and 1 rabbit

Veterinary expenses recently have included treating numerous puppies and kittens for ringworm, coccidia, and parvovirus, in addition to the regular vaccines and spay/neuter.



Happy Birthday Allison!

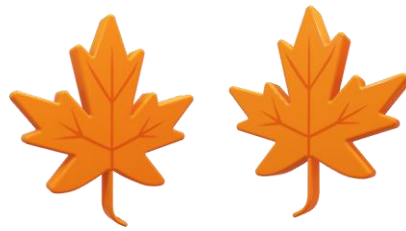
Allison Rollins celebrated her 6th birthday by collecting donations for the HSOW foster cats and kittens and brought them to us at the July adoption fair. Thank you and Happy birthday, Allison!



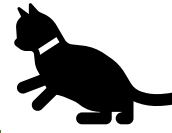
Coming Soon...

HSOW online fundraising with Rader Cutlery and Terri Lynn.





Our Recent Events



Adoption Fairs

June 18, 2022

August 20, 2022

September 10, 2022

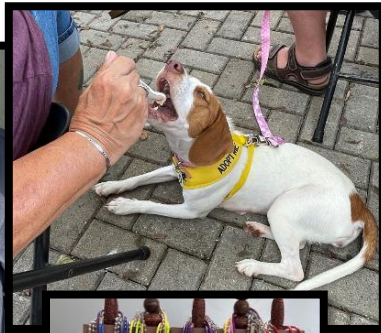
All held at PetSmart in Wilkesboro

Pictured are some of our wonderful volunteers and foster animals at the events



Cops and Critters Charity Ride

Aug. 6, 2022 – HSOV participated in a charity ride at Call Family Distillery. Pictured with the motorcycle is Janet Rhudy and Susan Allen with former foster JJ.



Brushy Mountain Peach and Heritage Festival

July 30, 2022 – The HSOV had at the event where merchandise was sold. We also had a few fosters there including Cinnamon who is pictured.





What We Need...



There are a few things we are always in need of such as dog and puppy food, cat and kitten food, cat litter, and puppy pads. We are always appreciative of everything that's donated and are so thankful for your continued love and support of the animals! Below are links to our wish lists. All you have to do is purchase the product and it's shipped directly to us.



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



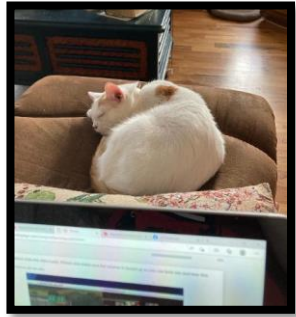
Happy Tails!



Wynter



Wynter was adopted in July of 2022. Her new family absolutely loves her. They said, "We have named her Wynter Grace, and she is so happy. She gets the zoomies about once a day and runs up and down the steps. She loved playing with, sleeping beside, and annoying her buddy and partner in crime Miniature Schnauzer Jeb. She also loves to help her human with homework from WCC



Adopted July 2022

Eleanor

Eleanor was adopted in August of 2022. She had a rough start with her new family but is doing so much better. She has a little girl to call her own and a puppy friend to play all day with. She loves playing dress up and running in the yard.



Adopted August 2022

Howler

Howler was adopted in August of 2022. His new mom and dad absolutely adore him. They said that he is great with his cat siblings! He is definitely a big lap dog, but he is so loved in his new home!



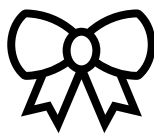
Adopted August 2022

Fruity Pebbles

Fruity Pebbles was adopted in August of 2022. Her new family says, "She's the sweetest little girl who loves to roll around in the wet bathtub when you get out of the shower. Her and her sister Banzai are close as ever and doing great!"



Adopted August 2022



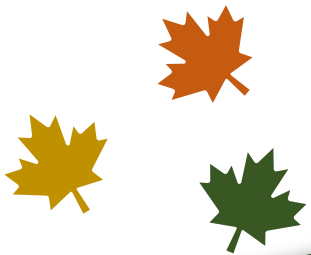
Wrapping It All Up

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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



Best Friends National Adoption Weekend Adoption Fair

Date: September 17-18
Time: 12:00-4:00
Place: PetSmart Wilkesboro

Brushy Mountain Apple Festival

Date: October 1
Time: 9:00-5:00
Place: North Wilkesboro

Upcoming Events

Best Friends National Adoption Weekend Adoption Fair

Date: September 16
Time: 3:00-6:00
Place: PetSmart Wilkesboro

BINGO

Date: October 14
Time: 6:00-8:30 PM
Place: Wilkesboro Civic Center

SNAP Event

Date: October 7
Time: 11:00-12:30
Place: HSOW Building

Keep checking our website for future events!

