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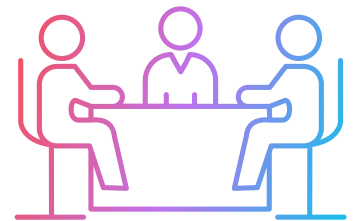
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HSOW EVENT

THE ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 2022



The Humane Society of Wilkes holds an annual membership meeting so that all our members can provide input, get information, vote on board membership and by-law changes, and generally share in fellowship with other members. This year's meeting will be held at the Wilkes County Elks Lodge #1846, on 803 Cherry St., in North Wilkesboro (location photo below).

In addition to the required elements of the meeting, the evening's activities will include special recognition of two of our founding members, Drs. Jackson and Smith, door prizes, and special membership discounts on some of our merchandise. We'll share an update on our progress toward building a new shelter and answer any questions you may have. And, of course, there will be free food!

Please join us at the meeting so the board can show their appreciation for your support!





Upcoming Events

ADOPTION FAIRS AT WILKESBORO PETSMART

PetSmart Charities
National Adoption
Week,
Nov. 7-13

**BEST FRIENDS
NATIONAL ADOPTION
WEEKEND,**
Dec. 9 - 11,
11 AM - 3 PM

HSOW ANNUAL MEETING

Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m.,
Wilkes Elks Lodge

WCAC/BROC HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR,

Dec. 3, 7 a.m. - 2
p.m.
Stone Center

WILKES COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE

Dec. 3

SPAY NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REGISTRATION,

Jan. 6, HSOB
Building, 11:00 a.m. -
12:30 p.m.

For more information about our events, please check the Events page on our website:

<https://www.humanesocietyofwilkes.org/about/events>. Activities are also usually posted on our Facebook events page.



2022 Christmas Parade

If you are interested in participating in the Wilkes County Christmas parade on Dec. 3 as a Humane Society of Wilkes member, please send an email to info@humanesocietyofwilkes.org or message us on our Facebook page. We welcome help with making dog biscuits with SNAP messages to hand out as we walk, decorating our parade vehicle, and/or walking in the parade with or without your dog(s)! We'll send another reminder soon.



Proposed Humane Society of Wilkes By-Law Revisions

The following revisions to Articles V and VIII of the HSOW By-Laws have been approved by the HSOW Board of Directors for presentation to the Membership for a vote at the annual meeting. The changes have to do with the process by which persons are nominated to the Board and what happens when an officer resigns his/her position.

Article V of the current by-laws dictates that a nominating committee of three be elected at the annual meeting and that, once elected, they are responsible for selecting nominees to fill the seats that will be up for election at the following year's Annual Meeting. The by-laws also stipulate that current board members have a staggered three-year term before they are required to stand for reelection and that the board may have anywhere between five and fifteen members. The board is allowed to raise or lower the number of directors on the board based on a variety of factors, such as number of interested candidates, number of current directors willing to continue, and expertise needed for the good of the organization. All candidates for board membership must be current members of the HSOW.

Article V of the current by-laws also states that any member may nominate candidates for the board, but the process for that has not been well timed or communicated. The following revision more clearly states that member nominations should go to the nominating committee for review, along with any other members under consideration. Also, we are proposing that the nominating committee be expected to present a preliminary report to the Board so that the board will be able to give feedback before the nominating committee has come to its final decision. The need to schedule the preliminary report will also trigger communication with members at large, inviting them to submit any nominees they would like to be included in the process. Members may nominate themselves. This will also help the board to decide on the date of the Annual Meeting earlier. This year's annual meeting will be on November 17, 2022. It is likely that we will continue holding the annual meeting in early to mid November, as it works well for tying the election and approval processes to a yearly calendar, allowing changes and revisions to go into effect in January.

Following is the proposed revision to Article V:

Article V Meetings of Members

Current:

Section 4. At each annual meeting the members shall elect a Nominating Committee of three members to serve for the upcoming year. At least 60 days before the next annual meeting, the nominating committee shall nominate a number of candidates for membership on the Board of Directors (not less than the number to be elected at the upcoming annual meeting.) The committee shall contact these members and determine their willingness to serve, and have them complete an application for consideration, to be returned to the Nominating Committee. The committee shall then notify the Secretary of the nominations and the Secretary shall, at least 21 days before the annual meeting, notify the members of the nominations. This notification shall be made by mail and/or email, to the last known address of each active member. Any member may also nominate one or more candidates for membership on the board by written petition filed with the Secretary at least 30 days before the annual meeting, and the Secretary shall at least 20 days before the annual meeting give notice of these nominations in the same manner.

Proposed Revision:

Section 4. At each annual meeting, the members shall elect a nominating committee of three Board members to serve for the upcoming year who will be responsible for nominating prospective Board of Directors members for the following year. Any Humane Society of Wilkes member may nominate one or more candidates for membership on the Board of Directors to the Nominating Committee for consideration. The nominating committee shall assemble a number of candidates for membership on the Board of Directors, not less than the number to be elected at the next annual meeting, and report the preliminary list to the full Board. The committee shall contact prospective members to determine their willingness to serve and have new candidates submit a summary of their interest and qualifications to the nominating committee for consideration. At least 60 days before the next annual meeting, the committee shall notify the Board of the finalized nominations; and the Secretary shall, at least 21 days before the annual meeting, notify the members of these nominations by email to the last known address of each active member.

A revision is also proposed to Article VIII regarding what should occur if an officer of the board no longer wants to perform the duties of president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer, but would like to remain as a board member. Because the board can be no larger than fifteen members, it is possible that an officer could choose to step down and no other board member would be willing or able to take on that position. For instance, the position of treasurer requires financial expertise that other members may not have. So if a treasurer wants to step down but wants to remain on the board, that would not be possible if the board was at its maximum of fifteen members. The proposed revision adds that in that circumstance, the officer would need to resign from the board so that another treasurer could take that position without the board exceeding the maximum membership. This has not occurred so far, but as the HSOB board membership has been increasing to include more perspectives and expertise, it is a possibility in the future. The ballot of candidates for 2023 Board, if approved, would move the board to fourteen members.

Article VIII Officers

Current:

Section 2. Whenever any vacancy shall occur of any officer of the Society for any reason, the vacancy may be filled by the Board of Directors.

Proposed Addition:

Section 2. Whenever any vacancy shall occur of any officer of the Society for any reason, the vacancy may be filled by the Board of Directors. If an officer resigns when the Board of Directors is at its maximum membership of fifteen and there is not another board member willing to take the officer position, the officer resigning from that position must also resign from the Board of Directors.

Winter Is Coming



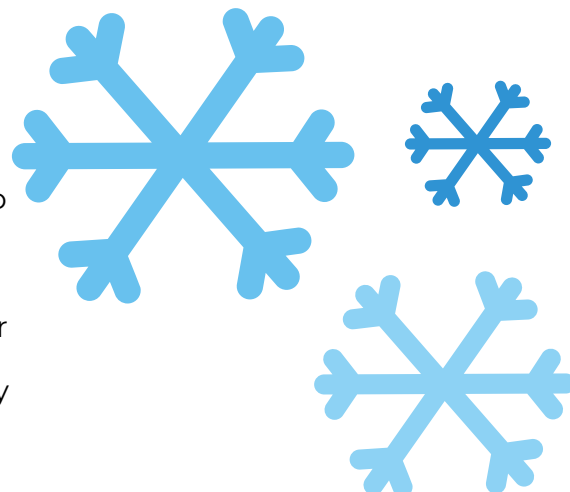
Winter weather is on its way to Wilkes County! It's time to think about how to protect your pets. If you are wondering about leaving your pets outside in below-freezing temps and snow, here's the advice of most pet experts: "If it's too cold for you, it's too cold for them."

If you possibly can, bring them inside, at least into a garage or basement with some heat. Provide warm, dry bedding and water. If they've been in the snow, be sure to dry them off so they don't get chilled and wipe their feet if they might have salt or deicer on them from roads.

Small, older, and short-haired or shaved dogs should never be left outside in freezing temperatures. Larger dogs with long hair or double coats (Labs, huskies, shepherds, Pyrenees, etc.) can stay comfortable in colder temperatures, but they still need protection from wind and moisture. Provide a good dog house and use deep straw or chips rather than blankets if it's wet or snowy. (Blankets freeze when wet.)

Other tips include being sure your pets are well hydrated, well fed, and kept away from toxins like antifreeze and deicing products. Cats tend to crawl into car engines and other dangerous spaces. If you have feral cats, you can search "how to make a feral cat house" and get some good and inexpensive ideas. Finally, when you take your dogs out to potty, keep them on a leash if you don't have a fenced yard. That's good advice anytime, but even dogs who frequently roam in normal weather can lose their scent in snow and ice and become lost.

We hope you and your pets enjoy the winter weather (especially the snow!), but please stay safe and warm! If you need help protecting your pets, please let us know.



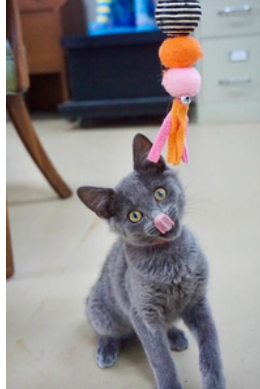
Donors

August 2022 - October 2022

Thank You to Our Generous Donors!

Below is a list of those who have made financial donations to the Humane Society of Wilkes from August 2022 through October 2022.

- CAROL ADDINGTON IN MEMORY OF HER MOTHER RUBY L. KEYS, WHO LOVED AND NURTURED MANY CATS IN HER 96 YEARS
- KEVIN AND ANGIE ANDERSON IN MEMORY OF VIOLET CARSON, WITH LOVE
- AMANDA BARROWS IN MEMORY OF RUBY L. KEYS
- JEFFERY BAUGUSS
- LESLIE BOYD-LONG
- REBECCA G. BROWNE
- JAMES AND PAULINE CALL IN HONOR OF ANDY JAMES
- TERESA CANTER
- DEBRA CARR
- RONALD CATE
- AMANDA CAUDLE IN HONOR OF HER SON ARCHER CAUDLE'S BIRTHDAY
- KELLY CHURCH
- BIRGIT CLAGER
- NANCY COFFEY
- RANDY COLBERT IN MEMORY OF VIOLET CARSON
- CUB CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH IN MEMORY OF VIOLET CARSON
- KATHRYN DEMPSEY
- TRACIE MCMILLAN DOWNER
- MARGIE EDGERTON IN MEMORY OF HEATHER BARR'S CAT "TOM"



- ELAINE ELLER IN MEMORY OF RUBY L. KEYS
- CLAUDIA ELLER-TOBEY IN MEMORY OF DON AND BEVERLY STORY'S CAT "TRIP"
- KENDALL FORESTER IN MEMORY OF JEFF AND SANDRA ESPIN'S DOG "MAVERICK"
- DENNIS AND JAN HUGGINS IN MEMORY OF VIOLET CARSON
- JUDY JOHNSON IN MEMORY OF RUBY L. KEYS
- ERICA LELLE
- KAREN MCELWEE
- TERESA MILLER
- VICKIE MINTON IN MEMORY OF HER STEPFATHER
- BRENDA OSBORNE
- CASANDRA PARKS
- PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS IN MEMORY OF RUBY L. KEYS
- KATHRYN ROMANISH
- ROSE SHULMAN
- TOM SILVEY
- RAY SMITH
- PATRICIA STURDIVANT IN MEMORY OF VIOLET CARSON
- JEAN WAGONER IN MEMORY OF VIOLET CARSON
- WENDY WARING

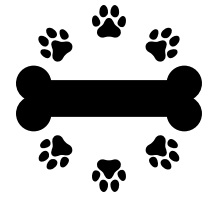


Special thanks also go to all those who donated in these other ways: our Amazon and Chewy wish lists, collection jars and boxes, merchandise purchases and participation at fundraising events, adoptions, online promotions, and providing supplies for our foster pets! We're sorry that we do not currently have a system for collecting and publishing all your names, but we have received and deeply appreciate your donations of all kinds and amounts.

Welcome New Members September 2022 - October 2022



CLINE FAMILY (CHRIS, AYDEN, OREN AND TANYA ALLEY-CLINE)
KEISHA JONES
STEPHEN LINDH
ANNE PETERSON



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 every donation 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



Support Humane Society of Wilkes

AMAZON

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/gen-ericItemsPage/3VK3-JXR8LVET4?ref=wL_fv_le



Amazon Wishlist

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Election Ballot for 2023 Board of Directors and Nominating Committee

In compliance with Article V, Meetings of Members, Section 4, of the Humane Society of Wilkes By-Laws, following is the slate of nominees for the 2023 Humane Society of Wilkes Board of Directors, as selected and presented by the 2022 Nominating Committee. Members will be able to vote for up to six of these nominees at the Annual Membership Meeting on November 17.

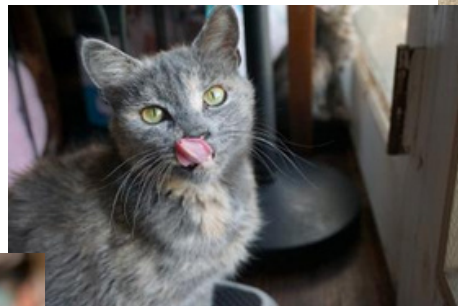
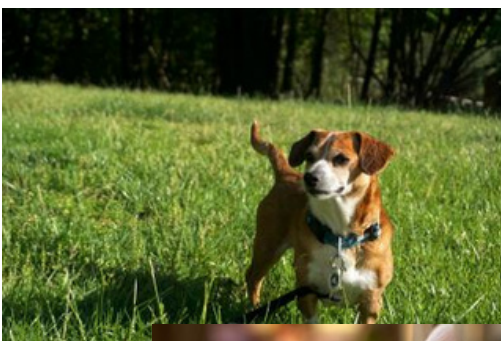
Kim Hatfield
Jennifer Mathies*
Melissa Nunn
Katie Parsons
Barbara Pendry
Ashlyn Reece, DVM*

*First-time nominees to board



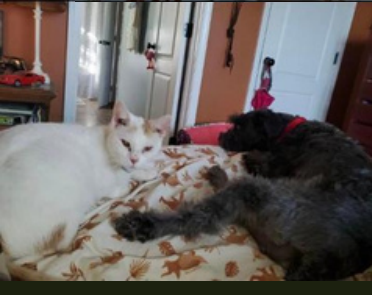
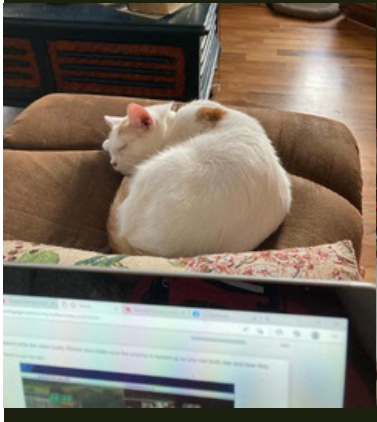
In addition, members will be able to vote for up to three of the following for the 2023 Nominating Committee:

Kim Hatfield
Alison McCormick
Barbara Pendry



Happy Tails

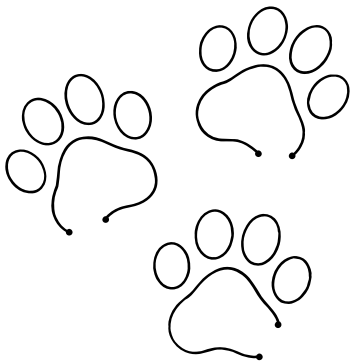
Wynter Grace is doing fantastic in her new home! She loves to cuddle and especially loves her dog brother. She has made herself at home!



Briar, now Mocha, sure does love her new little human. She cuddles him all the time and is truly living the life she deserves!



We always love hearing from our previous fosters! It really warms our hearts to know they are getting the love, attention, and security they so desperately deserve!



Wrapping It Up

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



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