



Humane Society
Of Wilkes

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Happy New Year!

"WOW!" is the best way to define our achievements in 2012! With the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, local animal control, veterinary offices, local businesses - and many donations - we were able to find forever homes for over 400 animals and register over 900 animals for spay/neuter! In addition, with the generous donations of time, materials, and money, we are also close to finishing up our building, and are now providing a regular monthly supply of pet food to Samaritan's Kitchen. We also created one of the most beautiful calendars printed yet, and continued to provide the "Kind News" publication to our local elementary school classes! Once more, "WOW!"

So, what's next? Our Board is reviewing last year's income and expenditures to make decisions for this coming year, but we anticipate continuing the SNAP program, including at least two more "Cat Specials," and supporting our other current activities, including finishing the building and landscaping at our dog park! (Budgeting can be difficult, due to the fact that our total income is based on donations, but reports are provided monthly, or as requested, for review and discussion at the monthly meetings.)

Our upcoming activities include the 3rd Annual Eggs for Life and a Grand Opening for the dog park building. If anyone has any ideas for a winter fundraising event, please let us know!

I think you will be impressed with the year-end reports in this newsletter, as well as the newsletter itself (thanks, Stacey!), and as always, we thank all of you for everything and anything you do for our ongoing causes!

Joanna Cates (Jo)



Winners of the "Best Two or More Matching Costumes" - Back row: 1st Place, Lynn Pearson and Dave Kelloway with "Mush Mush." Front row left: 2nd Place, Emma and Nicholas Wages with "Ginger." Front row right: 3rd Place, Erin McGrane with "Blue."

Everyone Was a Winner at Our 10th Annual "Bark in the Park"

The Humane Society of Wilkes held the 10th Annual Bark in the Park at Hidden Oaks Dog Park on Saturday, October 27th, and with the entry of 32 dogs in the various events, nearly \$1,000 was collected from registrations, sales, a raffle, food sales, donations, and photos.

Harold Martin's chocolate lab "Phoebe" walked away with "Best In Show" honors, as well as individual titles as "Best Kisser," "Highest Jumper," and "Friendliest Dog." The prize package for Best In Show included a basket of dog toys, treats, and supplies.

The HSOV wishes to express their gratitude to all the volunteers who participated before, during, and after the event, as well as big thanks to Waggles Pet Supply and PetSmart for their donations to the cause. We also appreciate Wilkes Veterinary Hospital's offering the vaccination/micro-chipping clinic and the obedience dog demonstration provided by LeeAnn Bowling from Happytails Dog Resort and Vickie McInnis' agility demonstration.

Complete results in all of the categories, as well as additional photos from the event, are included on page two inside.



Best In Show: "Phoebe," with Harold Martin

BARK IN THE PARK WINNERS

Best costume - 1: Mush Mush, with Lynn Pearson; 2: Lamb Chop (HSOW foster dog), with Hannah Barnes; 3: Blitz, with Kirsten Hicks

Most vocal - 1: Meeka, with Teresa and Terry Hall; 2: Shalaylee, with Beth McGuire; 3: Max, with Tami Osborne

Best eyes - 1: Louise, with Phyllis Smith; 2: Gabriella, with Jared Dargin; 3: Sir "Otis" Wilson, with Peggy Matthews

Highest jumper - 1: Phoebe, with Harold Martin; 2: Meeka, with Teresa and Terry Hall; 3: Lamb Chop (HSOW foster dog), with Hannah Barnes

Best tail wagger - 1: Theo, with Benjamin Pluche; 2: Georgia Bush, with Ethan Thornburg; 3: Sir "Otis" Wilson, with Peggy Matthews

Best coat - 1: Quincy, with Dee Sullivan; 2: Phoebe, with Harold Martin; 3: Gabriella, with Jared Dargin

Best trick - 1: Meeka, with Teresa and Terry Hall; 2: Lily, with Penny Faw; 3: Ginger, with Emma and Nicholas Wages

Super senior - 1: Scamp, with Sarah Trefz; 2: Lexie, with Bo Thomas; 3: Max, with Tami Osborne

Best kisser - 1: Phoebe, with Harold Martin; 2: Lexie, with Katie Parsons; 3: Shalaylee, with Beth McGuire

Tallest dog (under 20 lbs.) - 1: Radar, with Phyllis Smith

Tallest dog (over 20 lbs.) - 1: Fonzi, with Phyllis Smith; 2: Hank, with Kem Welborn; 3: Lexie, with Bo Thomas

Most mixed mutt - 1: Willow, with Catie Phillips; 2: Lily, with Penny Faw; 3: Lexie, with Katie Parsons

Friendliest dog - 1: Phoebe, with Harold Martin; 2: Hank, with Kem Welborn; 3: Gabriella, with Jared Dargin

Most unique ears - 1: Scamp, with Katie Parsons; 2: Radar, with Phyllis Smith; Hank, with Kem Welborn

Best two or more matching costumes - 1: Mush Mush, with Lynn Pearson; 2: Ginger, with Emma and Nicholas Wages; 3: Blue, with Erin McGrane

Best In Show - Phoebe, with Harold Martin

New & Renewing Members (October 2012 through January 2013)

Glenda Goodman	Kevin Faw
Dona & Patrick McGough	Bill & Zohara Boyd
William & Karen Watts	Thomas & Kay Lanning
Tim & Rita Kinney	Joanna Cates Family
Blair Hancock Family	Ned & Betty Pierce
Linda Beck	Krista Wells
Sandra Yentzer	Codi Lane Johnson
McKayla Lawson	Cheryl Buitrago
Pat Welborn	Melinda Crawford
Susan Barr	Brenda Haynes Family
Helen Kellam Hoag	Savanna Holloway
Marsha Pipes	Garrett Dengler
Ginger Coats	Warren & Robin Staley
Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Burgess	Janet Rhudy
Mary Elmore Family	Darrel & Mitzi Combs
Carol Childers	Debo & Larry Cornett
Sherry Eller	Carl & Brenda Page
Dave & Sue Shaak	Tiffany Shepherd
Theresa Aaron	
Kristian Thomas & Clifford Silvers	

A NOTE REGARDING MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Your mailing label shows the date that your membership expires. Please check it against your records; we try to keep accurate records, but mistakes do occur. If your date is incorrect, please contact Mitzi Combs at bluebirdmc@gmail.com. (Note that you receive a copy of PawPrints as an "honorary member" if you have made a donation within the last year.)

If you are not a member and would like to join, we would welcome your membership! Dues are \$15 per year for adults, \$10 per year for students, or \$30 for a family (for unlimited number of family members *living in the same household*).

You can join on our website, or pick up forms at the Wilkes County Public Library, or in the pet section at WalMart. You can also contact Mitzi Combs at the email above, and she will get a form to you.

You can reduce the impact on both our postage/printing costs and our environment by choosing to **receive your HSOW PawPrints newsletters by email instead of US Mail.** If you would like to receive an electronic version (PDF) of PawPrints, simply send an email to Stacey St. Edmunds at bonovoxie@mac.com to be added to the email list for newsletters only.

Your Contributions to the Humane Society of Wilkes

Private contributions enable the Humane Society to carry out our mission. Contributions may be made in honor or in memory of a person or a pet, and may be designated for a specific fund or project.

Please send all contributions to:
Humane Society of Wilkes
P.O. Box 306
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

The following contributions were received from October 15, 2012 through January 23, 2013. Thanks again to each of you:

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Glenda Goodman	Linda Beck
Kevin Faw	Dona & Patrick McGough
William Boyd	Joanna Cates
Pam Clark	William & Karen Watts
Barbara Wooten	Leslie Boyd-Long
Tim & Rita Kinney	Leanne Braswell
Betty Vannoy Trent	Ned & Betty Pierce
Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Burgess	Janet Rhudy
Sun River Service Corp.	Sharon Scott
Kristian Thomas & Clifford Silvers	

IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

<u>In Honor Of:</u>	<u>Donors</u>
<i>HSOW Volunteers</i>	Betty Vannoy Trent
<i>Dr. Steve Jackson</i>	Whit & Jeanne Loflin
<i>Katie Gaggiano</i>	The Girls at Boone Dermatology
<i>Matthew Greene</i>	Stacey St. Edmunds
<i>Margaret McConnell</i>	Mr. & Mrs. Clay McConnell
<i>Rebecca Baird & Katie Gaggiano</i>	Alexandra Toomey
	Rachel Pauley
	Brian Austin
	Todd, Lisa, Collins, & Callie Hall
<i>HSOW Adoption Committee</i>	John & Rosie Summers
<i>Buddy & Lib Forester</i>	Isaac Forester
<i>Instructors & Staff of the North Wilkesboro Center</i>	
<i>College Readiness Division of W.C.C.</i>	Janet Derick

IN HONOR OF PETS

<u>In Honor Of:</u>	<u>Donors</u>
"Bode"	Bertha Bentley

ADOPTION/FOSTER PROGRAM

Phyllis Smith	Cathy Wiles
Karen Smelter & "Savannah" Smelter	

SPAY/NEUTER (SNAP) PROGRAM

Thomas & Kay Lanning

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

<u>In Memory Of:</u>	<u>Donors</u>
<i>Marvin Henry Frazier</i>	Terry Frazier Pierce
	State Employees Credit Union
	Larry & Barbara Pendry
	Dorothy Beamon
<i>Roberta Royal Bullard</i>	Joan Bullard
	Betty Ann, Don, & Bill Jr. Perkins
<i>Lois Sebastian</i>	Don & Linda Cheek
<i>Betty Jo Reavis Parker</i>	Doug & Susan Buchanan
	Ina J. Parker
	Carolina & Gordon Finley
<i>Clinton Call</i>	Joe & Sara Stroh
	Joan Call
<i>Elizabeth Lenoir (Beth) Forester</i>	Isaac Forester

IN MEMORY OF PETS

<u>In Memory Of:</u>	<u>Donors</u>
"Ben"	Margie Edgerton
"Ginger"	Margie Edgerton
"Harley"	Margie Edgerton
"Maya"	Carol Childers
"Annie"	William & Barbara Morris
"Ms. Nay"	Stacey St. Edmunds
"Miss Daisy"	Carol Vestal & Tommy Gregory
"Baby"	Carol Vestal & Tommy Gregory
"Jake"	Edward Scott
"Gypsy"	Virginia Boyd
"Ninja"	Darrel & Mitzi Combs
"Dusty"	Darrel & Mitzi Combs
"Keesha"	Darrel & Mitzi Combs
"Cody"	Darrel & Mitzi Combs
"Harley"	Joe & Sara Stroh
"Casey"	Joe & Sara Stroh

BARK IN THE PARK

Carol Childers

DOG PARK FUND

Carol Vestal & Tommy Gregory



The 4th Thursday of Every Month
 At Sagebrush in Wilkesboro

10% of your meal bill is donated to HSOW

when you pick up a voucher at our table
 and turn it in with your payment

Vouchers are entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card!

BANNER YEAR FOR ADOPTIONS

203 Foster Dogs adopted 244 Foster Cats adopted
 1 Ferret adopted 1 Chinchilla adopted
 105 pets sent to rescue groups

For the first time, cat adoptions outnumbered the dog adoptions, thanks to our adoption partners Wilkesboro PetSmart and Wilkes Veterinary Hospital. We have been so successful that at times we have even cleared out the cat room at the Wilkes County Animal Shelter. We have been able to save many more adult cats than ever before by getting them out of the shelter and into more accessible locations.

PetSmart allows the Foster-Adoption Committee to house several of our foster cats in a nice display area in the store. PetSmart staff are able to process adoptions for us, even if a member of the committee is not present. Foster-Adoption Committee members Mary Parsons, Katie Parsons, and Jo Cates monitor the cats at PetSmart, making sure there is a good selection of cats, and that they get occasional breaks from the store environment. A cat that is not adopted within a week or so is brought back to a foster home for a respite, and replaced by another. We try to keep a good mix of males and females of various ages, coat types, and breeds.

In 2012 the HSOW purchased a cat display cage for the waiting room at Wilkes Veterinary Hospital. We typically have 2-4 kittens available for adoption directly from WVH, often ones that Dr. Lillian Royal and her staff have rescued and nursed back to health or bottle fed until they were old enough to go to new homes. This has boosted our foster cat program and given us a means to save more kittens in particular.

We continue to foster dogs, and occasionally pigs, ferrets and chinchillas, in our homes. There are usually about 30 dogs in foster care at any given time. Potential adopters can see photographs of these fosters at humansocietyofwilkes.org, petfinder.com, and adopt-a-pet.com, and in printouts posted on boards at locations like Wal-Mart and the Wilkes County Public Library. Adopters can contact the foster homes directly, or come to our adoption fairs at PetSmart or Tractor Supply Co. to see the foster dogs (and cats) in person. We hold a Pet Adoption fair at PetSmart every fourth Saturday of the month.

Finally, thanks to Bill Boyd, our website has been expanded and improved, with separate pages for foster dogs, foster cats, shelter dogs, and shelter cats. The photos are larger and more information is posted. Our shelter team, headed by Donna Peterson and Dan Hudson, continues to take pictures of all the adoptable dogs and cats at the Wilkes County Animal Shelter each week, which are posted on the web page and featured in the Wilkes Journal-Patriot.

As always, we owe deep gratitude to our adoption partners, HSOW members, and HSOW foster homes for all they do to support our cause. 2012 was a great year and we expect 2013 to be even better! More information about fosters and adoption procedures can be found on our website. Please contact us at adoption@humansocietyofwilkes.org or call (336) 838-9588 if you would like to help with the Foster-Adoption program.

Submitted by Blair Hancock, Chair of HSOW Foster-Adoption Committee

CURRENT OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

President – Joanna Cates Vice-President – Blair Hancock
 Secretary – Mary Elmore Treasurer – Arlene McGrane
 Board Members – Steve Jackson, Carol Childers, Kim Hatfield, Ed Parsons,
 Mary Parsons, Bill Boyd, Jack Johnson

1-YEAR TERMS ENDING JUNE 2013

Blair Hancock Mary Elmore Carol Childers
 Joanna Cates

2-YEAR TERMS ENDING JUNE 2014

Arlene McGrane Mary Parsons Ed Parsons
 Steve Jackson

3-YEAR TERMS ENDING JUNE 2015

Kim Hatfield Bill Boyd Jack Johnson

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Membership – Mitzi Combs
 Calendar – Carol Childers
 Website – Blair Hancock & Bill Boyd
 Shelter – Donna Peterson
 SNAP – Joanna Cates
 Adoption/Foster – Blair Hancock
 Newsletter – Stacey St. Edmunds
 Nominating – Blair Hancock
 Collection Jars – Kim Hatfield

Nearly 1,000 Pets Enrolled in SNAP in 2012

According to "those in the know," it takes a minimum of five (5) years for a successful spay/neuter program to start making an impact on the number of animals that a local shelter must handle. If this is indeed true, we are well on our way here in Wilkes!

While we have always had a spay/neuter voucher system in place to help reduce the cost of the vet's regular bills, in October of 2009 we started a low cost spay/neuter "transport" program (SNIP), offering a significantly reduced overall cost. The down side to this program was that the animals had to be transported to a clinic in Hickory, and returned the next day. Fortunately, once it was determined that we *were* meeting a need, and that the service we offered would be highly used, our local vets offered to provide the same service for the same cost. The only stipulation was that the service be used for income levels of no more than \$35,000 annually.

In the first three months of the inception of the new SNAP (Spay Neuter Assistance Program) in 2010, we registered 117 animals at a cost of \$1807.00 to the HSOW.

In 2011, the numbers rose to 796 registered animals at a cost of \$20,822.00 to the HSOW.

And in 2012, we registered an impressive 943 animals at a cost of \$27,294.00 to the HSOW.

As SNAP continues strong, we thank our vets for their participation, and we appreciate our volunteers who register participants every month. We do not plan to make any changes in this highly successful program at this time, and hope to hold two more cat specials this year, since the "Fix 'Em for Five" promotion really encouraged a high level of participation. We're very proud of our increasing success with this program!

INCREASED ADOPTIONS AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER

In case you missed it, the Wilkes Journal-Patriot published an article by Charles S. Williams in December that highlighted increased adoptions at the Wilkes County Animal Shelter in 2012. The Humane Society of Wilkes was recognized for their efforts, as well as the participation of PetSmart and out-of-state rescue organizations.

Our cat adoption numbers are stellar for 2012, due in large part to the PetSmart program. Junior Simmons, county animal control director, reported that because of the photos of our cats on the PetSmart website, people have actually come here from out of state just to adopt a particular cat.

In addition to the large number of cats being adopted at the Wilkesboro PetSmart, we're seeing more dogs being placed through the animal shelter's cooperation with **PARTNERS!Canines**, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization in Boone. The group transports adoptable dogs from North Carolina and Virginia shelters to rescue organizations and no-kill shelters in other states.

When strays are brought to the animal shelter, they are held for 72 hours before being offered for adoption, and pets brought in by their owners can be put up for adoption immediately. While the shelter keeps adoptable pets for as long as they can, it all depends on how much space they have at any given time, so increasing the number of adoptions means giving more opportunity to the pets who are waiting for a "forever home."

Another big factor in reducing the strain on the shelter has been the terrific success of our Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP). By reducing the number of litters in Wilkes County, we are also reducing the number of impoundments, which in turn allows more time and space for adoptable pets at the shelter.

We thank Charles Williams for highlighting our successes, and also Junior Simmons for acknowledging the positive impact that the Humane Society of Wilkes and our volunteers have made.



The 2nd Thursday of Every Month
At Ruby Tuesday in Wilkesboro

20% of your meal bill is donated to HSO

when you present our flyer with your payment

Flyers posted on our website and Facebook (events tab)

Request a voucher by email: fundraising@humanesocietyofwilkes.org

HSOW BALANCE SHEET JAN 1, 2012 - DEC 31, 2012

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

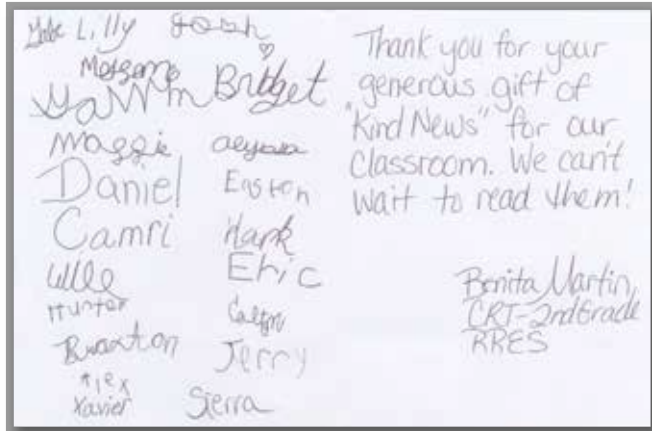
	Income	Expenses
Adoption		
Shelter Fees	17,122.24	19,955.00
Donations	3,640.67	
Adoption Fees	25,559.08	
Medical		51,902.28
Misc		546.63
Adoptathon	3,840.00	3,841.77
SNAP	23,587.00	37,585.55
Spay-Neuter Voucher	455.00	
Fundraising	8,454.42	4,208.18
Donations		
Collection Box	549.81	
Business	2,252.46	
Individual	265,833.12	
Membership	2,534.04	
Dividends and Interest	3,699.64	
Kind News		
Sponsorship	1,200.00	
Kind News		2,552.00
Dog Park		
Fund	100.00	
Expense		473.80
Building		
Building Fund	1,385.00	
Expenses		32,012.01
Electric (sec. deposit)		120.00
Buffie Fund	400.00	
Pet Food		
Fund	45.00	
Friends Feeding Pets		323.28
Administrative and Misc		4,000.45
TOTAL	360,202.48	157,975.95

ASSETS

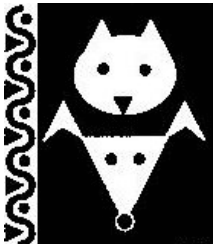
Cash		
Checking	9,550.50	
Dog Park	5,973.72	
CD's		
03 12	10,000.00	
07 08	6,101.81	
Buffie Fund	10,400.00	
Money Market	169,877.22	
Lowe's Stock	194,567.25	
Building	47,037.82	
TOTAL ASSETS	453,508.32	

Elementary School Students Express Their Appreciation for "Kind News" Subscriptions

The HSOW recently received some thank you notes from students at Wilkesboro Elementary in kindergarten through 2nd grade, kindergarten students at Traphill Elementary, and from Ms. Martin's 2nd grade class at Roaring River Elementary. About 20 cards were received from Wilkesboro Elementary, including the one pictured at right from Ms. Eller's kindergarten class. Below is a thank you from Ms. Martin's 2nd grade class at Roaring River.



Every school year, the HSOW provides subscriptions to "Kind News" to every kindergarten, first grade, and second grade classroom in Wilkes County. "Kind News" is a publication of the Humane Society of the United States that teaches kindness and respect for all animals and habitats. The 8-page magazine features stories about rescued animals, species in trouble, pet care tips, and fun facts about backyard wildlife. We hear from students and teachers every year, letting us know how much they enjoy reading it together.



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