



Humane Society  
Of Wilkes

# PawPrints

2013 Issue #3 – (Reporting 2nd Quarter of 2013)

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## *From the President: Dog Days!*

Happy Summer!

Yeah, right... it has been a wet one! Even with all this rain, life and activities do go on, and we have been busy this year!

Adoptions have been steady, with cats outpacing dogs this year, and our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program is still going strong!

If we have an ongoing need (other than money, of course), it would be VOLUNTEERS! There are many ways you can help our mission! Temporary foster homes (usually for a maximum of three weeks) for animals going on transport and for cats getting ready for PetSmart are always needed, and are critically important. This time in foster allows further evaluation as well as allowing vaccinations to take effect.

We also need volunteers at the Sagebrush table on the 4th Thursday of each month! If we had more people to spend just an hour, it would be so much easier on those folks who have been regularly donating their time. We are always open to new ideas, but they need to come with new people to help implement them!

Our building has just a couple more things to finish for inspection, but the landscaping project has been going forward, and it does look marvelous!

Do plan to come out to Leatherwood on August 17 for our "Dog Days of August" adoption event and fundraiser.

Once more, we thank each and every one of you for your continued support!

Joanna Cates (Jo)



*Pictured at left, Daniel Hudson and Donna Peterson, volunteers with the Humane Society of Wilkes (HSOW), examine some of the pets that are available for adoption at the Wilkes County Animal Shelter in Wilkesboro. Adoptions for the first quarter of the year are up 50 percent with help with the HSOW and PARTNERS! Canines.*

*(Photo by Charles S. Williams; Wilkes Journal-Patriot, May 1, 2013)*

## **ALL ABOARD THE MUTTIGREE EXPRESS!**

PARTNERS! Canines has partnered with North Shore Animal League for over 7 years, assisting overcrowded shelters in VA, and they have recently begun helping in NC and TN. North Shore Animal League (NSAL) is the largest adoption center in the United States. They are located on Long Island, NY and are a 100% "no kill" organization.

### **Why do shelters want dogs from the South?**

Some of the northern states in the eastern US no longer have the same pet overpopulation issues that we have here. Some states have adopted sterilization laws that force people to spay/neuter their pets. There are also tougher winter months up north, so many strays don't make it through the winter if they are not rescued.

More and more people want to "rescue" an animal from a shelter or rescue group, and are proud that they own a "rescued" dog. When people are ready to adopt a dog, many look to North Shore and other large adoption facilities to find their perfect dog. On weekends, NSAL will have lines of people wrapped around the buildings, just waiting to be approved for adopting a pet, and therefore NSAL always has a demand for adoptable dogs and puppies.

### **How do they get the dogs from local shelters?**

PARTNERS! Canines used to do a monthly (or twice monthly) trip to NSAL using only our donated Ford Econoline van. This limited them to sending 30-35 dogs per trip. Starting in March 2013, an agreement was worked out with NSAL, and they are now sending their mobile rescue unit to meet them in Boone, NC, allowing them to send about 60 dogs per trip! They call this program the "NC High Country Muttigree Express". They hope to reach out to other counties to join together to save more dogs from our area than ever before. The Humane Society of Wilkes is supporting this effort and some HSOW foster homes are also fostering for PARTNERS! Canines (usually for a period of just one to three weeks).

*(Story continued inside on page 2...)*

# Ruby Tuesday

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

**20% of your meal bill is donated to HSOW!**

~ 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

## "MUTTIGREE EXPRESS" *cont'd from page 1*

**Are dogs accepted by NSAL all spayed/neutered prior to adoption?**

YES! NSAL spays/neuters all animals they send once they get to NY and are determined to be healthy enough for surgery. The dogs receive a full vet exam upon arrival, are given a bath, and are micro-chipped. Any dogs with minor health issues are placed in quarantine until they are healthy enough to be spayed/neutered and put up for adoption.

**Important Information about PARTNERS! Canines Rescue Goals**

While the ultimate goal is to end the unnecessary euthanasia of ALL companion animals, right now their focus is on rescuing the really wonderful dogs and puppies that would basically make great companions for any good adoptive family and that are also currently being euthanized in our communities' shelters simply because there is not enough room to house them all. Like all of you, they are looking forward to the day when they CAN save them all, but at this point in time, unfortunately, saving them all is just not possible; so they do what they can to save as many as they can. Therein lies our common mission.

For more information, or if you are interested in becoming a foster home for PARTNERS! Canines, here is their contact information:

Melissa Bahleda  
President, PARTNERS! Canines  
www.partnerscanines.org  
828-297-7795

Jessica Bryant  
Transport Coordinator, PARTNERS! Canines  
828-773-9112  
crittermagazineboone@gmail.com

The Humane Society of Wilkes is always in need of good foster homes for the dogs that aren't able to go on NSAL transports because they are too large. If you can help with the larger dogs, please email us at [adoptions@humanesocietyofwilkes.org](mailto:adoptions@humanesocietyofwilkes.org).

## New & Renewing Members (April 23, 2013 through July 26, 2013)

Cindy Breden	Thomas & Virginia Foxx
Kayren Hall	Arlene, Guy, & Erin McGrane
Barbara Wooten	Frances & Carl Yale
Shannon Crabb	Ted & Jacquelyn Hall
Louise Mathis	Phyllis Smith Family
Gail Taylor	Barbara & Larry Pendry
Judy Triplette	Kayla Call
Johnny Barnette	Dorothy Beamon
Betsy Brey	Elizabeth Forester
Tommy Gregory	Kim Hatfield
Carolyn Jones	Mr. & Mrs. Julius Hubbard Jr.
Kathy Sebastian	Michael, Tonya, & Alex Larison
Carole Vestal	Rea White
Arnold & Becky Lakey	Lillian Royal
Annaleigh Tolbert	Salena N. Estep
Aaron & Beth Tyson	Marianne Bereza
Betty Hollar	Rebecca Hubbard
Louise Pennell	Donna Peterson
Robin Shumate	Paul & Melissa Anderson
Birgit Clager	Stan & Susan Dudek
Dean & Susan Ledbetter	Jane C. Rogers
James Ruszczuk	Floyd Harris
Belva Billings	Kelly Church
Sylvia Hansmann	Patricia Johnson
Bill & Karen McElwee	Jerry & Diane Swaim
John & Ann Willardson	Melissa Bahleda
Laura Megard	
Marianne Beamon	<i>(gift of Dorothy Beamon)</i>
Austin, Christina, & Burlie Freeman	<i>(gift of Dorothy Beamon)</i>

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 April 23, 2013 through July 22, 2013. Thanks again to each of you:

### GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Jacquelyn & Ted Hall	Kathy Sebastian
John Pearson	Barbara & Larry Pendry
Leslie A. Boyd-Long	William & Zohara Boyd
Pam Clark	Barbara Wooten
Rebecca Hubbard	Nancy & Richard Benton
Cathy Wiles	Jane C. Rogers
James Ruszczyk	Tyson Foods, Inc.
GAs of Mountain View Baptist Church	

### IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

<u>In Honor Of:</u>	<u>Donors</u>
Robert Skees	Dresden Skees-Gregory
Mary Parsons	Carol & Wayne Stafford

### IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

<u>In Memory Of:</u>	<u>Donors</u>
Jack Johnson Jr.	Janice & David Taylor
	Teresa Jean Miller
	Maggie & Billy Mathis
	Cleo & Troy Huskey
	Gordon & Paula Miller
	Arnold & Rebecca Lakey
	Wilkesboro United Methodist Women
	Lynne & Bradley Davis
Richard Feimster Jr.	Pete Mann
Marcella Church	Tommy Gregory & Carole Vestal
Beth Forester	Elizabeth Forester
Mary Hix Marlow	Jessica Marlow
Scotty Parsons	Rex & Patricia Severt

### IN HONOR OF PETS

<u>In Honor Of:</u>	<u>Donors</u>
"Alice"	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Morris
"Faithful"	Carol & Wayne Stafford

### IN MEMORY OF PETS

<u>In Memory Of:</u>	<u>Donors</u>
"Maya"	Whit & Jeanne Loflin
"Little Sister"	Elizabeth Forester
"Sam" Breden	Stacey St. Edmunds
"Sandy"	Margery Edgerton
"Champion Hawksmoor Coriander"	Margery Edgerton

### SPAY/NEUTER (SNAP) PROGRAM

Betty Vannoy Trent

### DOG PARK

Tommy Gregory & Carole Vestal

### "KIND NEWS"

North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church, Noon Circle  
 Kulynych Family Foundation, Inc.

## HANDMADE QUILTS TO BE RAFFLED

We will be raffling off two quilts, beautifully handmade and donated by Glenda Goodman. A Christmas-themed quilt measures 68"x70", and a canine-themed quilt measures 65"x77".

We will begin selling raffle tickets at our next Sagebrush fundraiser on Thursday, August 29th. We will also be selling tickets at our other fundraisers and adoption fairs throughout the rest of the year, e.g. Apple Festival, Bark in the Park, etc.

Winners will be chosen after our "Eggs For Life" fundraiser in the Spring.

Tickets are priced 1-for-\$1.00 or 6-for-\$5.00. Please feel free to copy the ticket template below, and turn in any tickets you've sold and the entry fees to any of our HSOW events throughout the year.



### QUILT RAFFLE TICKET

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check which quilt drawing to enter:

\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas

\_\_\_\_\_ Dog

Ticket price: 1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00



## SUCCESSFUL "SNAP" PROGRAM RESULTS IN LOWER FEES

Our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program continues strong! We have spent approximately \$17,000 so far this year to offset the cost of this service for people with income less than \$15,000 per year. At our June Board meeting, we voted to reduce the cost of the surgery for the middle income (of more than \$15,000 but less than \$35,000) to the same cost as the less than \$15,000. This will bring the cost of a spay or neuter for a cat or dog (under 100 pounds) to \$25.00 - plus \$7.00 if the pet is not current on the rabies vaccine.

Our cost will be an additional \$30 for dogs, \$25 for female cats, or \$15 for male cats. Wilkes County is also working on accessing available state funds for reimbursement of some or all of these fees. We will be meeting with the county officials at our next regular meeting in August.

Registrations are held every Tuesday night at the Wilkes County Library, and on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the Ronda Town Hall, each from 6 PM until 7 PM. We do require proof of income, and payment is due at the time of registration. Please make sure everyone you know is aware of this program, and send them along to us.



As always, many thanks to our local veterinarians for allowing us to offer this service here in Wilkes County, and many thanks as well for your continued support and donations to pay for it!

### 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, Bill Boyd, Dan Hudson (currently one vacancy)

#### 1-YEAR TERMS ENDING JUNE 2014

Arlene McGrane    Ed Parsons    Steve Jackson  
(one vacancy)

#### 2-YEAR TERMS ENDING JUNE 2015

Kim Hatfield    Bill Boyd    Dan Hudson

#### 3-YEAR TERMS ENDING JUNE 2016

Blair Hancock    Mary Elmore    Carol Childers  
Joanna Cates

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HELD IN JUNE

On Sunday, June 23, the HSOW held its Annual Membership meeting at Hidden Oaks Dog Park in Wilkesboro. About 30 members attended and everyone brought something delicious to share. Despite the 90 degree heat, it was great to get together with good friends and good food!

The meeting was held at our nearly-finished building at the Hidden Oaks Dog Park. We do have the official Certificate of Occupancy, plus running water for the sink and dog bathtub, storage space, and a nice public restroom. We set up tables inside the building for all that good food and our array of sales items, like t-shirts, magnets, and pet toys. Then we met outside on the porch under the new ceiling fan to share all that we have accomplished in the last year and our many projects underway for the current year.

President Jo Cates opened the meeting with a summary of our progress with the building and Spay-Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP), offering thanks to the many who helped to make these things possible. Special thanks were extended to our participating veterinarians at the Animal Hospital of Wilkes, Wilkes Veterinary Hospital, and Riverview Animal Hospital, whose willingness to spay and neuter pets from low-income homes at reduced cost has saved us from having to transport frightened pets to out-of-town clinics. She thanked Dan Hudson and Phyllis Smith for their help with SNAP registrations. We also took a moment to remember the late Jack Johnson, who worked so hard to get the building ready for us, and to express appreciation to the Town of Wilkesboro for their support.

Board member and former HSOW president Carol Childers reported on work underway to improve and beautify the dog park. We have contracted with Midtown Market for additional landscaping around the new building, and are exploring ways to provide additional shade. (If you were not able to attend the meeting, go by the dog park to see the pretty new plants and shrubs at the entry.) Additional landscaping and erosion prevention will continue over the summer.

Carol Childers also reported on the progress of the 2014 Best Friends Calendar. The photo submission phase is complete, and selection is under way. She urged those interested to submit \$25 ads to honor and memorialize people and pets, and asked us to solicit \$50 ads from local businesses who want to support the HSOW. As always, we plan to debut and sell the new calendar at the Apple Festival, the first weekend in October.

Kim Hatfield, board member and owner of Waggles Pet Supply and Dog Wash, reported on our program of providing pet food to Samaritan Kitchen of Wilkes. Kim orders a good quality pet food at wholesale for us, which we donate to Samaritan Kitchen monthly for distribution to pet owners who qualify for their programs. This year we significantly increased the amount of food we provide to SK because of the success of the program. Where there are people going hungry, it is no surprise that there are pets in need as well.

Blair Hancock reported on Foster-Adoption program activities, emphasizing the continuing increase in adoption rates for cats and our relationship with PARTNERS! Canines rescue. Melissa Bahleda, president of PARTNERS! Canines of Boone, was our special guest and spoke about her program and its role in providing vaccinations to the Wilkes County Animal Shelter and in coordinating rescue transports with the North Shore Animal League. Special thanks were also extended by both Melissa and Blair to Jessica Bryant, transport coordinator for PARTNERS! Canines, who has been critical to the success of the transports and a regular visitor to the Wilkes County Animal Shelter.

The common theme of this year's meeting was gratitude to all our members, volunteers, and partners who make our efforts to save the homeless and neglected companion animals of Wilkes County possible and successful. That includes YOU!

## FOSTER/ADOPTION REPORT

Adoptions are going well so far this year. Numbers as of July 28:

<b>CATS</b>	147	Adopted
	33	In Foster Homes or at Wilkes Veterinary Hospital or PetSmart
<b>DOGS</b>	98	Adopted
	26	In Foster Homes

(Also 2 pigs have been adopted, and 1 rabbit sent to rescue)

We're holding adoption fairs every 4th Saturday at PetSmart, and every 2nd Saturday at Tractor Supply Co. On August 17, we'll be participating in a special event at Leatherwood Mountains called Dog Days of August, including an adoption fair and fundraising, scheduled from 10 AM to 5 PM. We welcome volunteers at our fairs!

### PetSmart Adoption Center:

Thank you to Mary & Katie Parsons for overseeing this very successful but challenging and time-consuming project. We continue the meteoric rise in foster cat adoptions thanks to this program. PetSmart also donates \$15 per adoption on site (cat or dog). Thirty dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens were adopted from the HSOW during the National Adoption Weekend in May.

### Wilkes Veterinary Hospital:

The foster kitten adoption center at WVH has proven very successful. They also foster other special cases for us, such as animals with injuries or in need of treatment for medical conditions. We are very grateful to Dr. Lillian Royal, Dr. Melissa Smith, and their entire staff for helping the kittens and the special needs pets. WVH also recently donated 75 doses of parvo/distemper vaccine to be used at the Wilkes Animal Shelter.

### Partnering with PARTNERS!

PARTNERS! Canines rescue in Boone is providing vaccinations and wormer at the shelter. Since many animals are getting vaccinated when they first come to the shelter, the HSOW adoption fee is now often covering second or even third vaccinations and deworming. PARTNERS! Canines coordinates the North Shore Animal League transports from Boone to New York, which are rescuing many puppies from the Wilkes County Animal Shelter.

### More THANKS for Special Duties:

Many of our Foster-Adoption Committee members do much more than fostering. They deserve special thanks and recognition for these services:

**Katie Parsons:** All foster record keeping & Facebook page maintenance

**Ed Parsons:** transport, set up & break down at fairs

**Mary & Katie Parsons:** PetSmart cat adoption center and cat adoption records

**Donna Peterson:** volunteer training & scheduling; shelter photos; posting web page at WalMart

**Dan Hudson:** phone line monitor & shelter photos

**Sharon Church & Melinda Crawford:** shelter photos

**Birgit Clager:** hand sewn beds for foster cats & dogs

**Aaron Tyson:** set up and break down at fairs and pet care

A huge thank you to all the HSOW's dedicated foster homes: Mary & Ed Parsons, Katie Parsons, Melinda Crawford, Joanna Cates, Phyllis Smith, Dan Hudson, Lillian Royal, Donna Peterson, Birgit Clager, Mary Elmore, Carol Childers, Dave & Sue Shaak, Leslie Roope, Lynda Black & Randy Mays, Sharon Church, and Blair Hancock.

(Report submitted by Blair Hancock, Adoption/Foster Committee Chair)

## HSOW BALANCE SHEET JAN 1, 2013 - JUL 8, 2013

### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

#### INCOME

Adoption Program	25,158.78
Donations	7,802.95
Collection Box	263.87
SNAP	14,621.00
Fundraising	1,498.42
Membership	1,506.31
Dividends & Interest	1,684.30
Dog Park Fund	250.00
"Kind News" Sponsorship	150.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$52,935.63</b>

#### EXPENSES

Adoption Program	31,320.59
SNAP	30,827.05
Spay-Neuter	150.00
Administrative & Misc.	871.63
Fundraising Expenses	831.60
Dog Park Expenses	972.00
Friends Feeding Pets	1,323.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$66,295.87</b>

#### OVERALL TOTAL

**-\$13,360.24**

### ASSETS

Cash	
Checking	2,172.67
Dog Park	5,253.00
Money Market	164,325.55
CDs	
03 12	10,000.00
07 08	6,101.81
Buffie Fund	10,400.00
Lowe's Stock	187,266.00
Building	58,490.39
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$444,009.42</b>



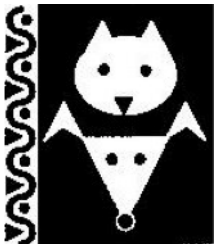
**The 4th Thursday of Every Month**  
**At Sagebrush in Wilkesboro**  
**10% of your meal bill is donated to HSOW!**  
*when you pick up a voucher at our table*  
*and turn it in with your payment*  
 Vouchers are entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card!

## SPONSORSHIPS SOUGHT TO HELP SPREAD THE "KIND NEWS"

Every school year, our organization 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 (HSUS) 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.

Teachers and their students write to us every year, raving about how much they enjoy reading it, and how much they look forward to each issue. One of the main purposes of our organization is to promote humane care and treatment of all animals, and "Kind News" brings this message to our young readers.

The Humane Society of Wilkes will be renewing the subscription for the 2013–2014 school year, which will cost us about \$2,400.00. *To help us pay for the subscriptions to "Kind News", please consider sponsoring a classroom for just \$22 for the school year.* Sponsorships may be sent to Humane Society of Wilkes at POB 306 in North Wilkesboro (28659). Thank you for helping to shape our young people into caring, compassionate adults. *(For information on the publication, check out their website at [humanesociety.org/kindnews](http://humanesociety.org/kindnews).)*



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