

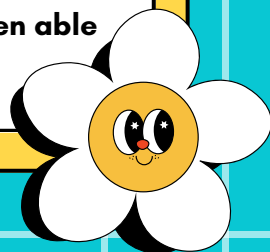


# Newsletter

## Let the Sun Shine and the Tails Wag!

April brought in a fresh burst of energy to Sarge's! As the flowers began to bloom, so have the opportunities for our furry friends. We welcomed spring with wagging tails and purring hearts - hosting our 3rd Annual Shelter Slumber Pawty and successfully raising \$30,000 during our 24 hours spent at the adoption center, having 16 puppies in our care, and ending the month with adoption fees waived for our available pet thanks to a generous donor covering the fees.

Thanks to our amazing volunteers, fosters, staff, and supporters, we have been able to find homes for 33 animals this month - 24 dogs and 9 cats!



## Their Second Chance Starts With You

Donations are crucial now more than ever as we start our journey to make the necessary upgrades that Sarge's needs for our animals.

Upgraded kennels for our cats and dogs are needed, as well as upgrades to equipment, electrical needs, and our play yards to bring our adoption center up to code and create the environment our animals need while they are in our care.

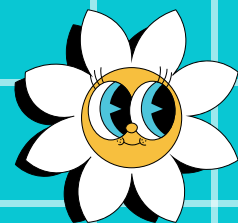
Along with upgrades to our shelter, our highest expense stems from the medical care needed for our animals around standard intake, as well as special medical cases that come into Sarge's that require additional and sometimes urgent care.

When you make a donation to Sarge's, your donation is helping the animals in our care as well as the animals who come to us next. As a nonprofit organization, we can save lives through the donations we receive. This covers the cost of food, behavior training, enrichment, medical costs, sheltering, and so much more!

Physical donations are always welcomed at Sarge's, our Community Pet Pantry remains stocked from donations to be able to provide to the pets in the community safety and security of daily meals. Food donations can be dropped off or delivered to our Adoption Center at 256 Industrial Park Dr. Waynesville, NC 28786 to allow us to continue serving our community. To see what our rescue is in need of, stay up to date at [Sarges.org/donation-of-goods](https://sarges.org/donation-of-goods)



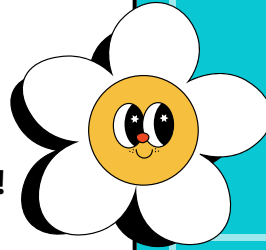
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# Lend a Paw Volunteer or Foster Today



## Volunteer Opportunities: Make a Difference This Spring and Beyond!



As the days get longer and warmer, Sarge's event season is officially underway! With events scheduled through October, we're looking for passionate, animal-loving volunteers to help us shine in the community.

At events, volunteers are needed to:

- Staff booths and share Sarge's mission with attendees
- Walk adoptable dogs around event grounds to help them catch the eye of potential adopters
- Spread the word about how people can get involved – whether through adopting, fostering, or donating

If you're more of a hands-on helper, we also need dedicated volunteers at our Adoption Center for:

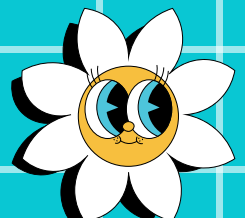
- Dog walks, hikes, and Dog Day Out adventures
- Spending quality time with our cats and helping with their enrichment
- Daily support tasks that help keep the facility running smoothly

Have special skills? Volunteers with experience in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, or general maintenance are incredibly valuable as we begin long-overdue upgrades to our shelter.

Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or brand new to the rescue world, there's a place for you at Sarge's. Your time, energy, and compassion make a world of difference for the animals in our care.

✉ To learn more or sign up, please email us at [volunteers@sarges.org](mailto:volunteers@sarges.org) – we'd love to have you on the team!

Scan QR Code to learn  
more about volunteering





## **Foster Opportunities: Open Your Heart and Home**

**Spring has sprung — and that means it's puppy and kitten season at Sarge's! We're in need of compassionate foster families to help give our youngest animals the best start possible. Fostering helps protect their delicate immune systems and gives them a safe, loving environment to grow, socialize, and thrive outside of the shelter. Whether you have a weekend or a few weeks to spare, we offer both short-term and long-term foster options — making it easy to fit fostering into your lifestyle.**

**But it's not just the babies who benefit. Our adult dogs and cats need foster homes too!**

**A weekend sleepover, a short getaway, or a longer stay can do wonders for their mental health. Time in a foster home helps reduce stress, provides valuable insights into their personalities, and often leads to faster adoptions — all while giving them a much-needed break from the shelter environment.**

**Fostering truly saves lives, and your home could be the safe haven an animal is waiting for.**

**🐾 Interested in fostering? Reach out to us at [fosters@sarges.org](mailto:fosters@sarges.org) — we'll help match you with the perfect fit!**



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## Other Ways to Help the Animals of Sarge's



Not everyone can adopt or foster — and that's okay! There are so many meaningful ways you can support the animals at Sarge's and help us continue our life-saving work:

- ◆ **Donate Supplies**

Our shelter and Community Pet Pantry are always in need of food, toys, bedding, cleaning supplies, and more. Check out our current wish list at [sarges.org/donation-of-goods](https://sarges.org/donation-of-goods).

- ◆ **Make a Monetary Donation**

Every dollar counts! Your gift helps cover medical expenses, shelter upgrades, food, enrichment, and daily care for animals in need. Give securely at [sarges.org/donate](https://sarges.org/donate).

- ◆ **Shop for a Cause**

Support Sarge's while you shop! Choose us as your charity on platforms like Chewy Wish List, AmazonSmile (while available), or through local business fundraisers throughout the year.

- ◆ **Host a Fundraiser**

From birthday fundraisers on social media to donation drives at your workplace or school, you can make a big impact by rallying your community to help!

- ◆ **Lend a Hand Around the Shelter**

If you're handy, we could use your help! From mowing the lawn and general property upkeep to building fixtures, assembling furniture, or helping with small repairs, your skills can make a big difference in keeping our facility safe and welcoming.

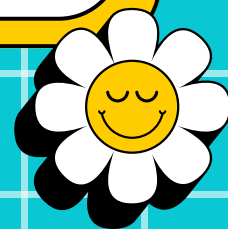
- ◆ **Spread the Word**

Follow us on social media and share our posts. Your likes, shares, and comments help our adoptable animals reach more people — and could be what connects them to their forever homes.

- ◆ **Volunteer Your Time**

Whether at events, in the shelter, or behind the scenes, your time is one of the most valuable gifts you can give. Learn more at [sarges.org/volunteer](https://sarges.org/volunteer).

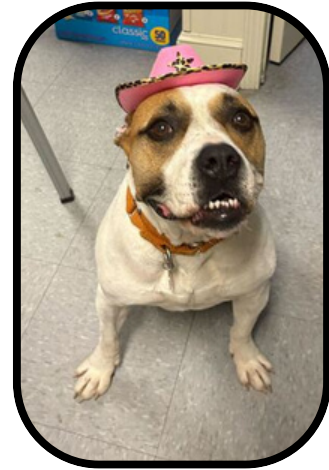
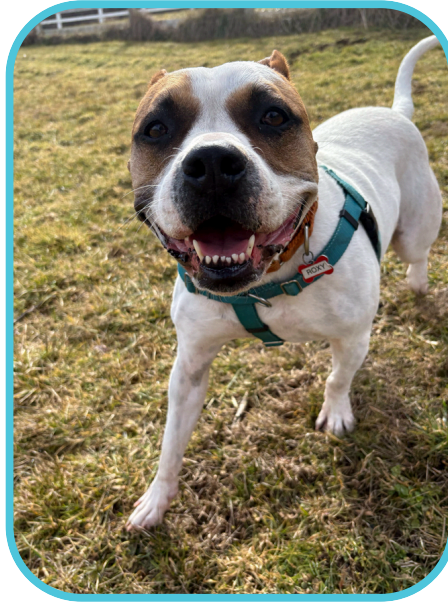
Every act of kindness — big or small — helps create a brighter future for the animals we serve. 🧡 Thank you for being part of the Sarge's family!





## Pet of the Month: Roxy

This month's adoption spotlight is shining bright on our sweet girl Roxy!

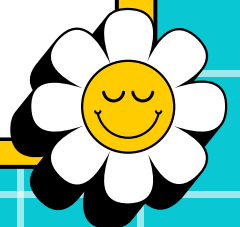


Roxy was originally adopted from Sarge's as a puppy in 2019 and later came back into our care in 2024 due to no fault of her own. Since her return in July of 2024 Roxy has been looking for her new home. While in our care, our staff has been able to learn so much about her and what she needs for her new life.

At 6 years old she has a few more needs in her new home as she did as a puppy, but we're hopeful that Roxy's right family will find her. While Roxy absolutely adores humans of all ages, being around other pets is not ideal for her and would need to be in a home without other pet.

Overall, Roxy is a sweet, happy dog that wants to learn and be part of the family. She works with our animal care team on training each week to improve on her leash and pulling manners and learn basic commands. She is very food motivated and eager to learn.

Interested in learning more about Roxy? Reach out to our adoptions team at [adoptions@sarges.org](mailto:adoptions@sarges.org). Adopt, foster, or foster to adopt this sweet girl and find out why we love her so much!



# Upcoming Events



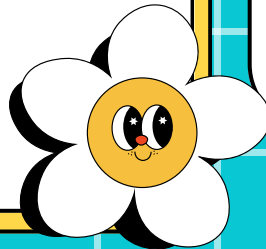
**May 3,  
2025  
12pm-3pm**

**Dog Day Afternoon  
Lake Julian Park Arden, NC  
28704**



**Free Family and Dog friendly  
event with local animal  
rescues, including Sarge's,  
along with local vendors to  
support.**

**\*Volunteers Needed**



**May 10, 2025  
9:30am & 11:30am**

**Yoga & Puppy Classes  
Evenstar Yoga & Massage 529  
Main St. Canton, NC  
Two classes to choose from,  
9:30 and 11:30 to participate in  
yoga with Sarge's puppies that  
are available for adoption. Sign  
up for classes with limited spots  
online at [evenstarnc.com](http://evenstarnc.com)  
\*Volunteers Needed**



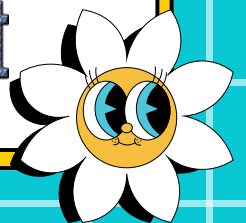
**May 11, 2025**

**Mother's Day Brunch & Brew  
Boojum Brewing Company 50 N. Main  
St. Waynesville, NC  
Celebrate Mother's Day for human  
and pet moms at Boojum while  
supporting Sarge's. \$1 from every  
Hounds of Helles will go towards  
Sarge's. Enjoy a special brunch entree  
served all day.**



**May 17, 2025**

**Plott Fest 2025  
8am - 6pm  
Maggie Valley Festival  
Grounds 8am-6pm  
Celebrate the history of  
the official NC state dog,  
the Plott Hound!  
\*Volunteers Needed**



# Happy Tails



## Dexter

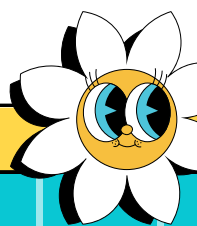
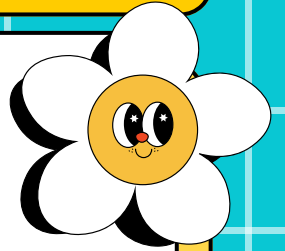
Dexter joined the Sarge's pack in January, and for 85 days, we all wondered how such a lovable pup hadn't found his forever family yet. From the moment he arrived, Dexter was an instant favorite among our staff and volunteers. Playful, goofy, and smart as a whip, he quickly stole hearts with his silly antics and eagerness to please.

He was the total package — great with other dogs, a perfect passenger in the car, and always ready for an outdoor adventure. Whether it was a trail hike or a game of fetch, Dexter lived life to the fullest and made everyone around him smile.

Then, after nearly three months of waiting, fate stepped in. A family from Connecticut — who heard about Sarge's through friends — reached out to say they had fallen for Dexter just from his photos and description. Without hesitation, they loaded up their car, kids and all, and made the 18-hour drive down to Waynesville, NC to meet the dog they hoped would complete their family. And it truly was love at first sight.

The connection was instant. We finalized the adoption, and Dexter headed north with his forever family — ready for a new life filled with love, adventure, and plenty of snuggles from his new best friends (especially the younger two!).

From all of us at Sarge's, congratulations, Dexter! We'll miss you, but we know the best chapter of your story is just beginning.



## Alfredo

Alfredo arrived at Sarge's at the end of January, and after 81 days filled with growth, charm, and plenty of personality, he finally found his perfect match!

From the moment he stepped paw into our shelter, Alfredo had a way of making his presence known. Whether he was lounging in the catio perched atop his favorite tower or keeping a watchful eye on the daily happenings like a true feline king, Alfredo's charisma was impossible to ignore.

During his stay, Alfredo went on several meet-and-greets, spent some time in foster care, and continued to win hearts with his bold personality and affectionate quirks. Sarge's staff had the joy of watching him blossom — from a cautious newcomer to a confident, loving cat who knew exactly how to get the attention he deserved.

His journey ended in the best way possible — with a new mom who saw just how special he is. Alfredo may have taken his time, but he waited for the right person... and it was worth every moment.

Congratulations, Alfredo! You'll always have a place in our hearts.



## Baby Pancake

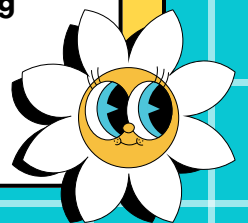
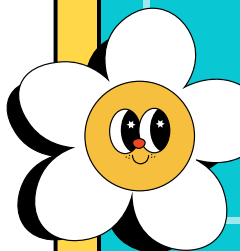
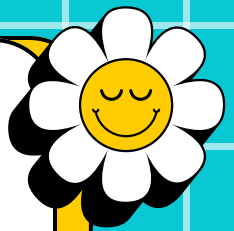
True to her name, Baby Pancake was as sweet and lovable as they come. During her time at Sarge's, she became a familiar face in the play yard — always eager to make new doggy friends and never one to turn down a good romp in the sunshine.

Her name? That came from her signature move — “pancaking.” Whenever someone approached, she'd gently melt to the ground, belly up, in a full-on flop of trust and affection. It was her way of saying, “Pet me, love me, I'm yours.” And trust us, it worked like a charm.

Despite her adorable quirks, friendly nature, and total lovebug status, Baby Pancake waited patiently for 105 days before her perfect person came along. Her greatest gift — besides making everyone smile — was her unwavering patience. And finally, her wait paid off.

After 105 days, Baby Pancake was adopted into a loving home where she's getting all the belly rubs and love she deserves. Her journey reminds us that the right match is always worth waiting for.

Congratulations, Baby Pancake — your forever stack has been served!





# Shelter Slumber Pawty

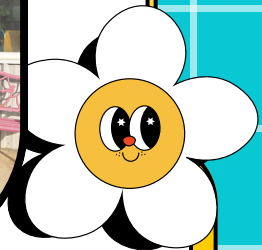


## Our 3rd Annual Shelter Slumber Pawty: A Pawsitive Success!

Our 3rd Annual Shelter Slumber Pawty was a huge success, and we couldn't be more thrilled! Thanks to the incredible support from our community, we not only reached our fundraising goal of \$30,000, but we surpassed it, making it one of our most successful events yet!

This event allowed us to showcase the amazing animals in our care, and thanks to all of you, we were able to give them a greater chance at finding their forever homes. We're so grateful to everyone who participated, donated, and spread the word — your support is making a real difference in the lives of our animals.

A heartfelt thank you to all the businesses and organizations who sponsored and supported this special event. Your generosity helps us continue our mission of saving lives and providing love and care to animals in need. We couldn't have done it without you!



## Slumber Pawty Sponsors



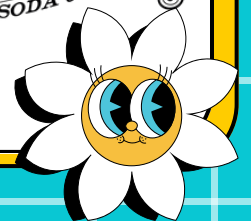
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## Welcome Our Newest Annual Sponsor: Sugar Hollow Solar! 🌞🐾



We are thrilled to announce that Sugar Hollow Solar has joined us as one of our valued Annual Sponsors!

Their generous support will help us continue our mission to provide care, shelter, and love to animals in need. We are incredibly grateful for their commitment to our cause and excited about the impact we'll make together for the animals in our care.

Sugar Hollow Solar, a trusted leader in renewable energy, is helping us create a more sustainable future — both for the animals we rescue and the community we serve. Their partnership strengthens our ability to provide the best care possible, and we are proud to have them as part of the Sarge's family.

A huge thank you to Sugar Hollow Solar for their kindness and dedication to our mission! We look forward to a bright and successful partnership.

✨ Interested in becoming an Annual Sponsor?

If your organization would like to learn more about sponsorship opportunities and the positive impact your business can have on our animals, please reach out to us at [events@sarges.org](mailto:events@sarges.org). We'd love to discuss how we can work together to make a difference!

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