



# Brother Wolf

ANIMAL RESCUE

2020 NEWSLETTER



YOU'RE GONNA WANNA BE  
*MY Best* FRIEND



## Letter from our Executive Director "CARE DURING CRISIS"

Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you and those you love safe, happy and well. 2020 will be a year that all of us will remember. Among the tales of true hardship there are also so many stories of love and togetherness.

**It's during hard times that we can more clearly see the hero within all of us.** I know that I'll always remember the amazing response from thousands across the country who stepped up to foster animals during this crisis. I'll remember the dedicated Brother Wolf staff members who quickly found creative ways to keep doing our lifesaving work during a global pandemic so that we never had to close our doors to animals in need. And I'll remember you, our generous supporters, who asked "how can we help" and then showed up again and again to do just that.

Saying it's been quite a year is, well, quite the understatement. The animals have felt the impact of this too. As the economic impacts of coronavirus continue to affect our community, we're seeing an increase in the number of people reaching out for help with their animal's care and, in some cases, having to give up their pets because they can no longer care for them. **It's a critical time for us to support pets and their people.** I hope that you'll use the enclosed envelope to send in a donation today so that together we can continue to help those who need us most.



I'm guessing that, like me, your animals have been a welcome source of joy and companionship throughout all of this. **I hope that this newsletter will be a source of joy for you as well.** It's a celebration of the good things that 2020 has brought and a celebration of what amazing results come from a whole lot of dedication and love.

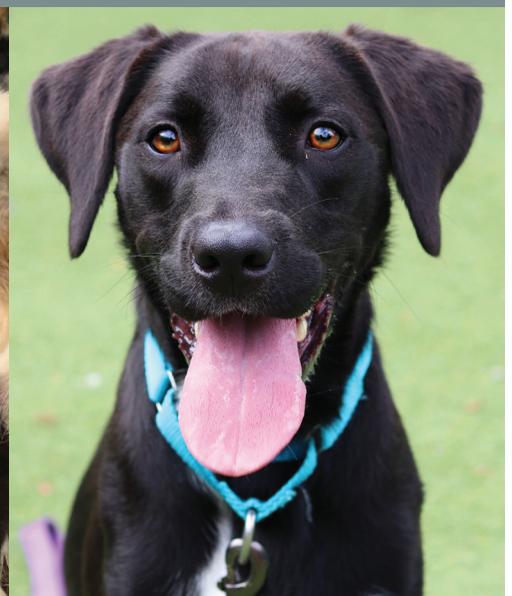
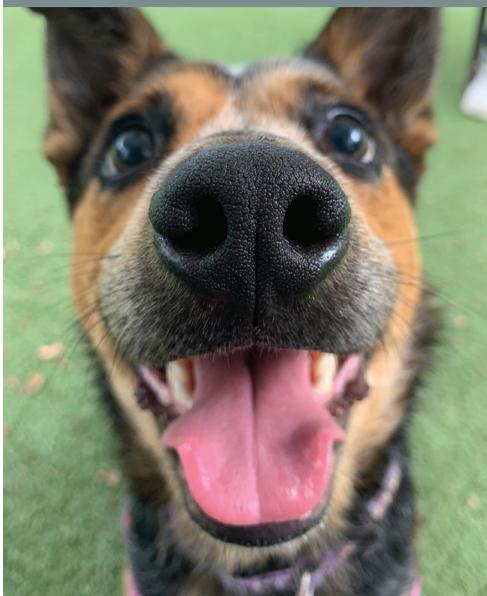
Thank you for being part of the Brother Wolf team.  
**Together, we save lives.**

With gratitude,

Leah Craig Fieser, Executive Director

### During the first 165 days of coronavirus...

737 adoptions! • 742 foster home placements! • 480 animals transported in from shelter partners!





## DOUBLING SPAY & NEUTER IMPACTS in Western North Carolina

This August, **Brother Wolf** launched a **second high volume, high quality spay and neuter mobile clinic!** By providing affordable spay and neuter services, we can prevent unwanted litters and therefore decrease the number of pets who are relinquished to shelters in the first place. This proactive approach is key to saving animals' lives in Western NC.

Brother Wolf's first mobile spay and neuter clinic was launched at the end of 2018 and performed over 5,000 surgeries in 2019! It quickly became clear that there was a greater need than we had the ability to address and we soon started talking about adding a second clinic in order to help more animals. **The mobile clinics now travel to ten counties in Western NC, and together perform about 180 surgeries each week!**

A second clinic couldn't have come at a better time. Coronavirus halted spay and neuter surgeries as communities were forced to temporarily suspend non-emergency veterinary services. Due to this, there is a huge backlog of animals needing our services. Many of the counties that our clinics visit have no other low-cost spay and neuter resource in their area. **Our clinics are true lifesavers and their impact is exponential.** Dogs and cats can start reproducing at as young as six months of age and can produce several litters per year.

We're so grateful to our donors and Fido Fixers for bringing this much needed resource to animals in our region!



## SMALL DOG, BIG PLAY

### Aspen Finds Her Place

Aspen came to Brother Wolf through one of our rural shelter partners that was overcrowded and reached out for help. She was soon adopted into a loving family and became best buds with her two older canine siblings who she loves to snuggle and play with. Her new momma says that "Aspen loves hiking and camping and has never met a stranger - the bigger the dog, the longer she will play!" Each week Brother Wolf visits shelter partners and takes in animals so that they can continue their journey to finding their happy ever after just like Aspen.



## SWEET SENIORS

### Lives Forever Changed



Brownie and Honey came from a sad situation. Before coming to Brother Wolf, they spent their lives in a small outdoor enclosure covered in filth and with very little human interaction. The two seniors were scared the day we first met them, but they hesitantly let us bathe them and give them the medical care their older bodies desperately needed. Clean and cared for, they slept deeply that first night. Then something even more wonderful happened: they got adopted into families where they will be treated like the kings they are for their golden years. Thank you for making Brownie and Honey's senior years their best years. Thanks to donors like you, their lives have been forever changed!



## FOSTER CAT BECOMES FOSTER MOMMA

### A Very Special, Special Needs Cat

Purrmaid is a special cat who is looking for her forever home. She has swimmer syndrome, a congenital condition that went untreated as a kitten, which has left her with splayed back legs as an adult. She doesn't let it slow her down at all! Purrmaid is currently living with one of our dedicated foster homes. Little did we know, Purrmaid would soon become a star foster momma herself! When the foster family took in a litter of small kittens, Purrmaid jumped into action licking the kittens clean, snuggling with them during naptime, and teaching them "how to be a big cat." Even though Purrmaid has never had a litter of her own, she has embraced each new litter of tiny kittens as if they were hers and has made it her special mission to care for them until they get adopted.



## FLY FREE DOVE

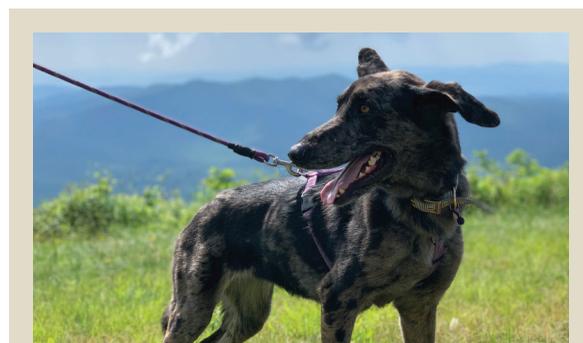
### Three Legs Don't Slow Dove Down

Dove's got three legs, one big heart, and not a care in the world! We're not sure how she lost her leg, but we do know that she doesn't let it slow her down. Dove came to Brother Wolf from one of our rural shelter partners that was very overcrowded. Luckily, (in just two days time!) Dove flew off in the arms of her new family to her adoptive home. We know this sweet girl has a full life ahead of her.

## LAST WISH OF LOVE

### Exactly What He Hoped For

Cookies' previous owner's health was failing. His dying wish was for his faithful companion to find another human who would love her just as much as he had. Thanks to your support, Brother Wolf made that wish come true. In her new home, Cookies has visited the Blue Ridge Parkway, worked in her momma's office, floated down the river in a raft, swam in a waterfall, and best of all - snuggled her kitty brother! Her mom says Cookies adores car rides, hiking, and helping in the garden. Cookies will be safe, happy, and loved for the rest of her life, just like her dad had hoped for.



# OLIVE'S TRANSFORMATION

## Finding Love While Healing

Olive needed a helping hand and thanks to supporters like you, she got the help she needed just in time. When Olive arrived at Brother Wolf she was in so much pain. More raw skin than hair covered her small, malnourished body.

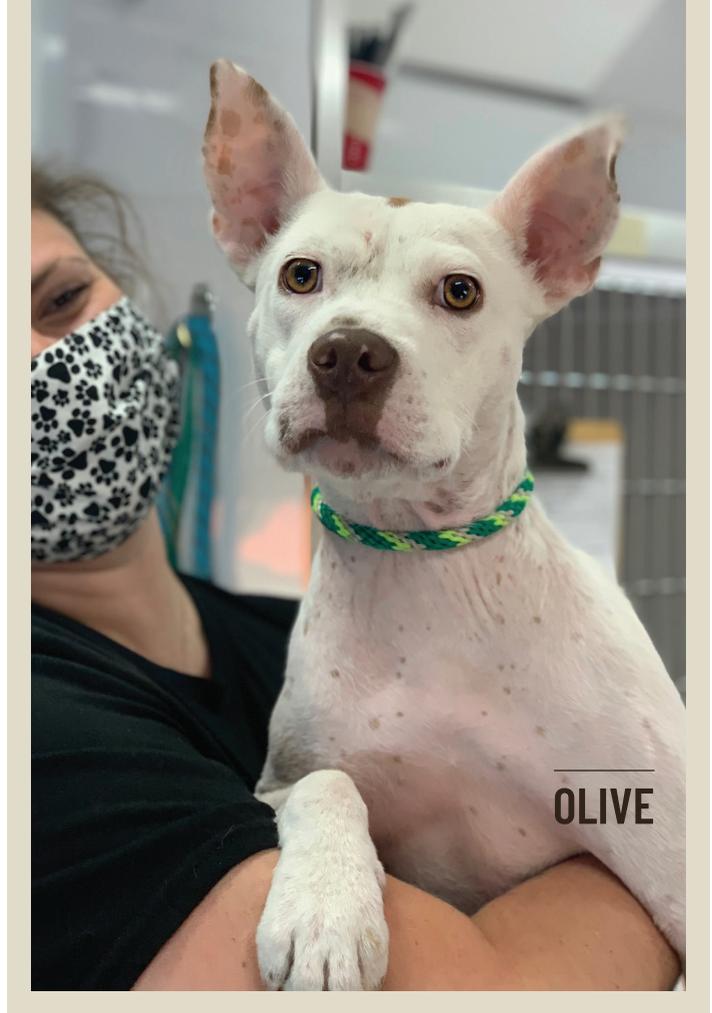
She so badly wanted to be comforted, but being touched pained her. Exhausted by what had been weeks or months of suffering, Olive's body kept trying to rest but every movement made her wince in pain. Her skin was so inflamed that she couldn't even sit down. We gently stroked the patches of hair on her head and she leaned into our hands, giving us small wet kisses.

Olive was suffering from a very bad skin infection called demodectic mange. We immediately started her on medication to heal her body. With the help of pain medicine, she could finally rest. Olive slept so deeply that first night.



A dedicated foster home welcomed Olive into their family where her every need was met. Her foster parents administered daily medicated baths and even found sweaters for Olive to wear to keep her from itching. They made her meals from scratch with the best ingredients to help her heal faster. A few days in she was chasing tennis balls around the house!

Olive put on much needed weight and was growing stronger. She came back to Brother Wolf for a medical evaluation and we were thrilled to see how much she had progressed in just those first two weeks! She was healing and happy. Olive could move without pain and she was full



of energy. She discovered where we keep the jars of peanut butter and stuck her head right into one!

A month later, Olive's infection had completely healed and her hair was growing back in cute fuzzy patches. It was time for her to find her forever home. So many people had been following her story, including her new family. Olive found the perfect home where she will have a lifetime of fun adventures and so much love. We all rejoiced at the smile on Olive's face in her new momma's arms!



Olive's life is forever changed thanks to supporters like you. **It takes all of us working together to make the world a better place for animals.** Please use the enclosed envelope to send in a donation to help other animals like Olive who are counting on you. Donors like you make this lifesaving work possible, thank you!



## A LEGACY OF LOVE

Steven Williams loved his two rescued sibling schnauzers, Max and Willie, with his whole heart. Throughout his life he supported organizations like Brother Wolf in order to help other rescued dogs lead happy lives. He felt that it was a responsibility of each of us who cares about animals, and who deeply loves the animals who we are privileged to share our lives with, to support those who need a helping hand. When Steven was diagnosed with terminal cancer, he immediately met with an estate attorney to make sure that his Will reflected the things he cared most about. He set up a trust for his two dogs and one of his closest friends agreed to take them in when the time came. Steven also left a legacy gift to animals in need through a generous bequest to Brother Wolf. This money will enable us to continue to help animals, giving others the chance to experience the love and joy that Max and Willie had with Steven. Steven died, surrounded by family and friends, in December 2019. What an incredible legacy of love he left behind.

If you'd like to know more about how to **include Brother Wolf Animal Rescue in your own estate plans**, please contact Leah Craig Fieser, *Executive Director*, at [director@bwar.org](mailto:director@bwar.org) or (828) 505-3440 ext 103. Brother Wolf also has a Lifetime Care Program, which includes a commitment to taking in and caring for your pets in the case of your death. With simple planning now, your acts of kindness today will continue to build a bright future for animals for years to come.



## WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR Donation Wish List

You can ship any of these items directly to our Adoption Center,\* or bring them by in person! For questions about the items on this list, or other in-kind gift inquiries, please contact [friends@bwar.org](mailto:friends@bwar.org).

\*Adoption Center located at 31 Glendale Ave, Asheville, NC 28803.

Kong Extreme Toys

Peanut Butter (Xylitol free)

Litter Boxes

Paper Towels

Medical Grade Gloves

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## BIG HEARTS, OPEN HOMES

During the coronavirus crisis, fostering has been a beautiful reminder of how willing people are to help animals in need. With more people spending time at home, we welcomed a phenomenal number of new foster homes to our lifesaving team this year. Foster families cared for tiny kittens like Strudel and Eclair, dogs like Jenga and Scooter Lee, and families like mama cat Ursula and her kittens. We were able to make 742 foster home placements in the first 165 days of coronavirus! By opening their hearts and homes to animals in need, our foster homes enable us to impact a much larger number of animals. We're so grateful to our fosters who take on these temporary family members and see them through to finding the happy ever after they deserve.