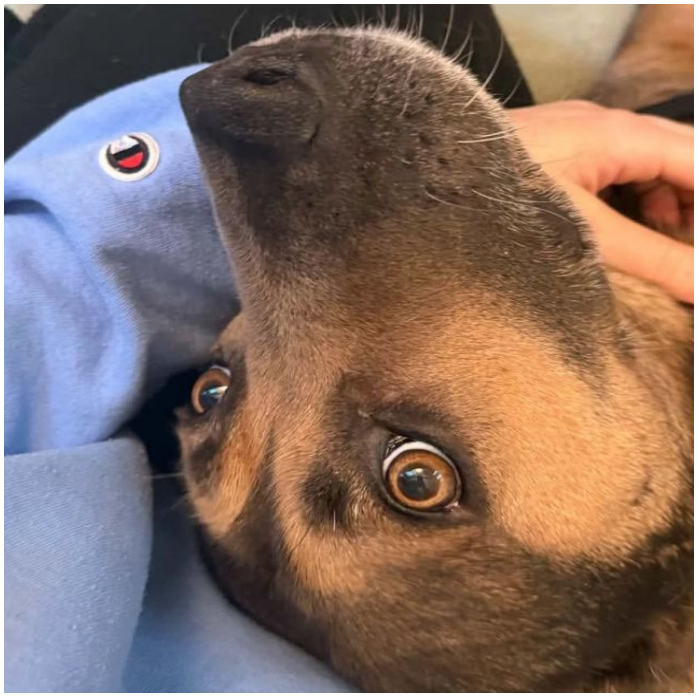
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This month, we celebrate Dozer, whose journey from a shelter kennel to the comfort of a foster home is captured perfectly in this photo as he looks up at the person who gave him a chance. Dozer is a 1–2-year-old male Shepherd mix with a heart full of love and energy to spare! This handsome boy is all about fun, playtime, and making new friends — both two- and four-legged. He's a social pup who lights up around people and gets along great with other dogs. Whether it's a game of fetch, a romp in the yard, or just goofing around with his canine pals, Dozer is always up for a good time. As Dozer continues to flourish in foster care, we remain hopeful that sharing his story will help him find the permanent home he's been waiting for.

Operational Highlights:

- **Intakes:** In October 2026, our shelter welcomed a total of 72 new animals into care. This included 27 cats, 44 dogs, and one tortoise, reflecting steady intake trends for companion animals in our region. Each intake represents an opportunity to provide safety, medical attention and a path toward adoption or appropriate placement.
- **Shelter Services:** During October 2026, we successfully facilitated the adoption of 11 cats and 10 dogs, transferred 47 animals to other animal rescue organizations and reunited 6 pets with their owners.
- **Clinic Services:** Our clinic performed 56 spay and neuter surgeries, administered 173 rabies vaccinations, and implanted 106 microchips in the month of October 2026.
- **Caravan Services:** The Caravan completed 19 spay and neuter surgeries, administered 17 rabies vaccinations, and implanted 18 microchips in the month of October 2026.
- **Animal Protection Services:** Officers responded to 346 calls for service, with 35 categorized as priority calls, including reports of animal bites, animal cruelty, animals in distress, aggressive loose animals, and requests for law enforcement assistance.
- **Dog Licensing:** 629 dog licenses were sold in October 2026, generating $26,948 in revenue.

Looking Ahead:

- **Upcoming Caravan Dates**: The Caravan will be at JD Redhouse in Willits on December 15, 2026.
- **Volunteer Orientation:** Join us for volunteer orientation on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am.
- **Empty the Shelter Pack Walk:** Join us for our monthly Empty the Shelter Pack Walk the third Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. Help us get every dog out for a group walk, participate in training sessions, and enjoy socializing time with the dogs. This walk is open to all community members.

Upcoming Adoption Events:

Come meet and maybe even adopt your new best friend at one of our community adoption events.

- Join us at I.See. Optical, 210 N. Cloverdale Blvd. Cloverdale on December 12, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Conclusion: Our Animal Care Services program continues to have a positive impact on the community, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our team. We remain committed to our mission of promoting animal welfare and responsible pet ownership.