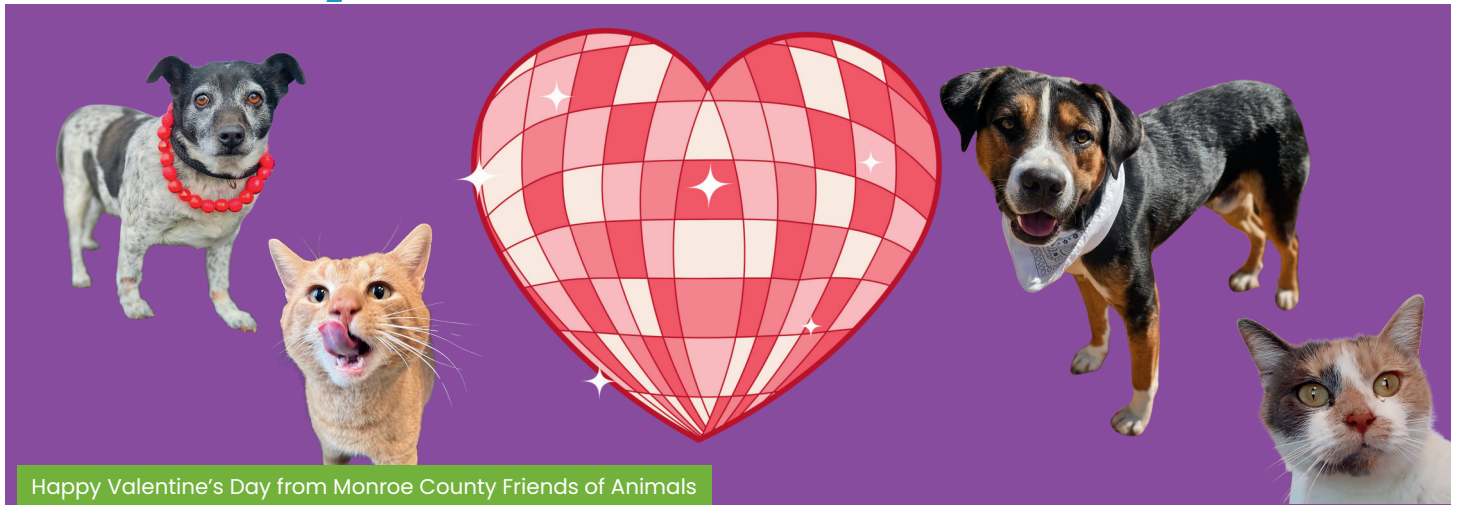




Monthly Newsletter

February 2025



Happy Valentine's Day from Monroe County Friends of Animals

New Hours and Adoption Appointments at EAC



We are thrilled to announce some important changes at Monroe County Friends of Animals that will make visiting and adopting pets more convenient for our community. We are expanding our hours and introducing a new system for adoption appointments on Sundays to ensure that every visitor gets the best possible experience.

New Operating Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday: 11am-5pm**Sundays:** By appointment only**Mondays:** Closed

Adoption Appointments:

In addition to our new hours, we are excited to introduce scheduled adoption appointments. These appointments aim to give potential adopters a personalized, one-on-one consultation with our knowledgeable staff. This change will enhance the adoption experience by ensuring that you have all the time and information you need to make the best decision for your family and the animal.

- **Appointment Times:** Available on Sundays
- **Booking:** Appointments can be made via our website MCFriendsofAnimals.org

Benefits of Adoption Appointments:

- **Personalized Attention:** You'll receive dedicated time with a staff member who can answer all your questions about pet ownership, specific animals, and the adoption process.
- **Meet and Greet:** Spend quality time with potential new family members without the rush, ensuring that you find the right match.
- **Streamlined Process:** With scheduled appointments, the adoption process is smoother and more efficient, reducing wait times and stress for both the animals and adopters.

We believe these changes will greatly improve how we serve our animals and you—our valued community. Book your adoption appointment today and help us find loving homes for our deserving animals.

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Volunteer Nicki Briddon

Though she's only been with MCFA since last fall, she has made a wonderful addition to the great team of volunteers at the Thrift Store, cashiering and intake. Originally from England, she moved to FL in 2012 with her husband, Stephen and two of their four children, other two remained in England with 5 of her 7 grandchildren. Her youngest is a junior at UT. Moving again in 2023 to Madisonville off of Ball Play, she greatly enjoys the special sewing room in her home. In this photo she is modeling one of the denim based aprons she makes. In 2024 she donated two similar aprons as auction items for our annual Wags & Whiskers Gala. They were a hit with many bidders. Nicki has her own YouTube sewing channel: SoSewMamaB. There she teaches

about sewing even for beginners, how to repurpose denim, and utilizing scraps of cloth. Her family wouldn't be complete without her furry friends: Ozzie her 13 year old Maltese and the two kittens she adopted from MCFA, Ra and Rhea. Thank you for volunteering Nicki!



Support Our Pet Food Pantry

We're reaching out for support for the MCFA Pet Food Pantry. This program is crucial for helping families in Monroe County keep their beloved pets during challenging times by providing them with necessary food supplies.

How to Help:

- **Donate Pet Food:** Drop off unopened and unexpired cat and dog food at Eastbourne Animal Center, located at 130 Kefauver Ln, Madisonville, TN, seven days a week, 11 am-4 pm
- **Monetary Contributions:** Financial donations help us purchase food when supplies are low. Donate online or send a check to our center.
- **Spread the Word:** Share our mission with your network or on social media using #MCFAnimals.

Your support directly contributes to keeping pets in their homes and preventing them from entering the shelter system. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity and helping us ensure that no pet goes hungry in Monroe County.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING is
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025

As per our By Laws each year we hold a meeting inviting all current Monroe County Friends of Animals members to attend and hear about what MCFA did in the past year and our plans for the future. It is also the time to elect people to any open positions on the Board of Directors. Please note per our By Laws only current members as of the 15th of February 2025 can vote. More information will be coming out on our web site and in the February newsletter. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Board of Directors, please read the article included in this newsletter for more information. Cutoff to express your interest is February 7, 2025.

Meet Preach and Morgan: A Bonded Pair in Need of a Forever Home



At Monroe County Friends of Animals, we occasionally encounter special relationships that touch our hearts in unique ways. Such is the case with Preach and Morgan, a bonded pair of pit mixes who share an inseparable connection that exemplifies true companionship.

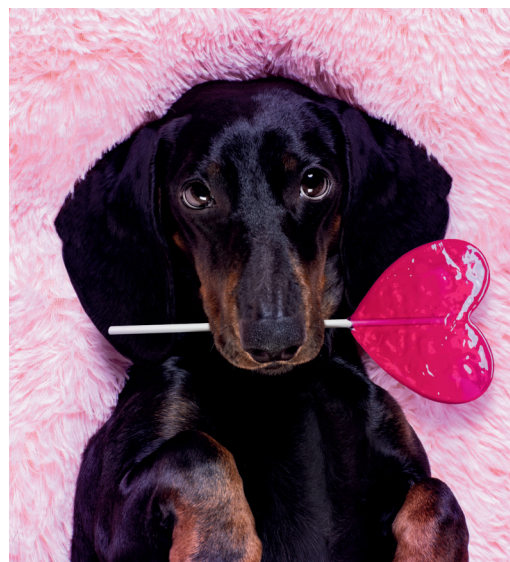
Preach, a 3-year-old male, and Morgan, a 9-month-old female, came to us together and have since shown us the strength of their bond. These two thrive on each other's company and exhibit signs of missing one another even during short separations. Their mutual affection is evident in the way they interact, providing comfort and security to each other.

Described by our staff as the "cutest little pair," Preach and Morgan are more than just playmates; they are a source of emotional support for each other. Watching them together is a lesson in the loyalty and love that dogs can offer not just to humans but to each other as well.

We are reaching out to our community in hopes of finding a home where Preach and Morgan can stay together. Adopting a bonded pair means double the joy and love, and for Preach and Morgan, it means a continuation of the life they know and cherish with each other.

If you have room in your heart and your home for this adorable duo, please consider giving them the loving forever home they deserve. Together, they promise to bring a lot of love, fun, and comfort to their new family. Come meet them and see if you might be the perfect match for this special pair.

To help them stay together, there is a Special Adoption Rate of \$75 for BOTH Preach & Morgan.



Valentine's Day Pet Treats Recipe

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour (you can substitute with coconut flour or any other pet-safe alternative if your pet is sensitive to wheat)
- 1 egg
- 1 cup of water
- 1/2 cup pureed pumpkin (ensure it's plain pumpkin, not the spiced pie filling)
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter (xylitol-free)

For Cats:

- Replace the pumpkin and peanut butter with 1 can of unsalted, drained tuna or salmon in water.

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C).
2. Mix the ingredients: In a large bowl, combine the flour, egg, pureed pumpkin, peanut butter, and cinnamon. For cats, mix the flour, egg, and fish. Gradually add water until the mixture is thick but manageable.
3. Knead the dough: Turn the dough onto a floured surface and knead it until it's mixed thoroughly.
4. Roll out the dough to about 1/4 inch thickness.
5. Cut out treats using a heart-shaped cookie cutter to fit the Valentine theme.
6. Place the treats on a parchment-lined baking sheet.
7. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the treats are hard and golden brown.
8. Cool the treats completely on a wire rack before serving them to your pet or storing them in an airtight container.

These homemade treats are a healthy way to indulge your pets on Valentine's Day and can be adapted for either dogs or cats by tweaking the ingredients to suit their dietary needs. Always check with your vet before introducing new ingredients into your pet's diet to ensure they are safe and appropriate for your specific pet.



A Valentine's Day Rescue

On Valentine's Day, a sheltered heart waits,
Between cold metal bars, it contemplates.

Hope like a candle flickers so slight,
Dreaming of a family, on this love-filled night.

Through the door, a gentle soul appears,
Eyes meeting eyes, wiping away the tears.

A wagging tail, a tender smile so wide,
In that very moment, loneliness subsides.

"Will you be mine?" the kind eyes seem to ask,
A nod, a leash, and a love that will forever last.

Out of the kennel, into arms so warm,
Away from the shelter, through the winter storm.

A new bed, a new home, a heart to mend,
Grateful for a beginning, thankful for an end.

On Valentine's Day, a match made right,
A dog finds a family, in the sweet twilight.

Love found, love given, on this special day,
A forever home, where once there was dismay.

A Valentine's story of the purest kind,
A dog and their family, forever entwined.

Thank you for your support!

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