



Newsletter

MONROE COUNTY FRIENDS OF ANIMALS

August 2025 ✦

1 YEAR



One Year at the Eastbourne Animal Center!

It's hard to believe, but August 10 marks one full year since we opened the doors to the Eastbourne Animal Center, our beautiful new home for the animals of Monroe County. What a difference a year can make!

Since the grand opening, we've helped hundreds of animals find loving homes, each one a story of hope, healing, and new beginnings. The upgraded space has allowed us to provide better care, more comfort, and a more welcoming environment for both animals and adopters.

But the numbers are just part of the story. We've seen shy animals come out of their shells, sick animals get the treatment they need, and senior pets finally get the soft beds and love they deserve. And we've seen you, our community, step up in amazing ways: adopting, volunteering, donating, and spreading the word.

To celebrate this milestone, we're inviting you to be part of something special. On **Sunday, August 10**, we will be open for adoptions and will have adoption specials.

So come visit. Bring a friend. Fall in love.

Our dream? An empty shelter to celebrate one incredible year!



Did You Know? August 8 is International Cat Day!



A purr-fect reminder to celebrate our feline friends! Whether you're a cat parent, foster, volunteer, or admirer, give your kitty an extra treat (or ten) today. And if you've been thinking of adopting, there's no better time than now.

Pets for Patriots: Honoring Heroes Through Adoption

We're proud to continue our partnership with Pets for Patriots, a national program supporting veterans by easing the cost and challenges of pet adoption. Through veterinary discounts, wellness services, pet goods, and ongoing adopter support, this program ensures lifelong companionship for our heroes.

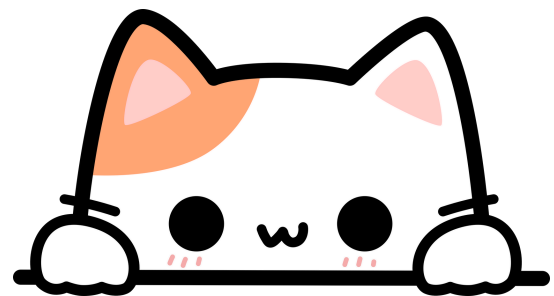
Monroe County was the first in Tennessee to join, and we've had six veteran adoptions so far!

Veterans can learn more and apply at petsforpatriots.org.



Rocky's Ice Cream Event Recap – Sweet and Successful!

On July 26, we joined forces with two other shelters for a fun-filled day at Rocky's Ice Cream in Greenback. We're thrilled to share that Charlie was adopted—and Rocky's already invited us back for another event in a few months. Thank you to all who came out to support us!



Late-Night Rescue: Volunteers Save Three Kittens

At 8:30 PM one July evening, neighbors brought three abandoned kittens to the home of an MCFA volunteer. With EAC closed, the volunteer contacted

Jilaine Burley, who quickly connected with Kit Sexton. Within 90 minutes, the kittens were safe in Kit's care and on their way to veterinary attention, possibly battling Coccidia but getting the help they need.

This is why MCFA matters. These women lived our mission by saving lives. Help us celebrate and recognize their dedication!



Run Your Mutt – September 13, 2025 at Kefauver Park

Our 2nd Annual Run Your Mutt is back at 9:00 AM at Kefauver Park (146 Mason Ln, Madisonville)! Join us for a 5K or 1-mile run/walk— with or without your mutt. No dog? No problem—we'll lend you one! Call or email the shelter. Who knows—you might just meet your new best friend on the trail.



Mark Your Calendars: October 19 at The Shed in Maryville

Hosted by Foothills K9 and benefiting us! From 1:00 PM until whenever the fun stops, enjoy: Duck Donuts, Mobile tattoo booth, Pope’s Greenhouse, Photo booth & vendors, Coffee bar, Foothills Nutrition, Permanent jewelry, Dog merchandise, Blount Vet Clinic, Bluegrass band, Costume contest.

Donations accepted at the gate.
It’s a day of fun for the whole family and your pets too!

Wags & Whiskers Gala – November 8, 2025

Join us for an unforgettable evening at the Tellico Village Yacht Club from 5:00–9:30 PM. Enjoy a silent and live auctions, dinner, wine, and more, all fur a good cause! Tickets are \$125 and available by emailing mcfagala@mcfriendsofanimals.org or from any MCFA board member. Cocktail attire encouraged.

Let’s raise our glasses, and raise funds, for the animals!

July Shelter Numbers

Total Shelter Population: 172

Intake: 140 (74 Dogs 66 Cats)
Adoptions: 120 (58 Dogs 62 Cats)
Reclaimed: 9 (9 Dogs 0 Cats)
Transferred: 34 (20 Dogs 14 Cats)



Your Donations Make a Difference

Every contribution, big or small, helps us care for more animals, support our staff and volunteers, and continue the lifesaving work we do every day. **Thank you for being part of our mission!**