



Monthly Newsletter

October 2024



MCFA Teams Up with *Mountain Pet Rescue* to Aid Hurricane-Affected Animals

Monroe County Friends of Animals (MCFA) is partnering with Mountain Pet Rescue of Asheville to provide relief for animals affected by Hurricane Helene. The storm has displaced numerous pets in need of food, shelter, and care. To support these efforts, we are collecting donations of **dog food, cat food, kitty litter, and small and large cat carriers**. These supplies will be crucial in helping Mountain Pet Rescue care for and rehome animals impacted by the storm.

Our first delivery of supplies to Asheville is fast approaching, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed so far. Donations will be accepted through the end of October at **Eastbourne Animal Center, 130 Kefauver Ln, Madisonville, TN**. Every donation, no matter the size, helps ensure that displaced pets receive the care they desperately need.

In addition to supplies, spreading the word is another powerful way to help. By sharing our efforts with friends, family, and on social media using the hashtag **#MCFAAnimalsHelene**, you can increase awareness and inspire others to contribute. The more people who know about this initiative, the more resources we can gather to support animals displaced by the storm.

This partnership demonstrates the power of working together for a common cause. MCFA is proud to join forces with Mountain Pet Rescue to help animals in crisis, and we thank our community for their ongoing support in making this relief effort possible. Together, we can bring hope and care to pets in need.

-THE MCFA TEAM

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Celebrating Vet Tech Week

This week, as we celebrate National Vet Tech Week, Monroe County Friends of Animals (MCFA) would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible team of veterinary technicians and assistants: Bobby, Alex, Charlotte, and Melissa. These dedicated professionals play a crucial role in the daily operations of our shelter, providing compassionate care and expert support to the animals in need. Their hard work and commitment ensure that every pet that comes through our doors receives the highest quality medical attention, making a significant difference in their lives.

Our vet techs are not just skilled professionals; they are passionate advocates for animal welfare and an integral part of the MCFA family. From administering treatments and monitoring recoveries to comforting scared or injured animals, Bobby, Alex, Charlotte, and Melissa go above and beyond to make sure our furry friends are well cared for. This week, we celebrate their contributions and thank them for their unwavering dedication. Their love and expertise help us continue our mission to improve the health, happiness, and fortunes of the animals in Monroe County.



Introducing Steph Seibert: The New MCFA Office Administrator

Monroe County Friends of Animals is excited to welcome Steph Seibert as our new Office Administrator. Though new to the role, Steph has a lifelong passion for animal rescue, inspired by her family's tradition of adopting pets. Her first rescue, Cindy, was adopted when Steph was just eight years old, and now she cares for seven dogs, three cats, and various farm animals on her own farm. Steph is deeply committed to helping animals, and she loves watching them transform from fearful and sad to joyful as they receive care and find loving homes.

Beyond her work at MCFA, Steph is fluent in sign language and a strong advocate for adoption over shopping. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, crafting, and working on her family farm. Steph's dedication to animal welfare and her practical skills make her a great addition to the MCFA team.



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Wags and Whiskers Gala

Join us for our upcoming Wags and Whiskers Gala and help make a difference in animals lives. Enjoy and evening of food, drinks and fun. Here are the details:

- Date: Nov 9th
- Time: 5-9pm
- Location: Tellico Village Yacht Club 100 Sequoyah Rd. Loudon, TN 37774
- \$125/ ticket
- Celebrate 20 years of MCFA
- Silent and Live Auction
- Dinner w/ Cash Bar

For Tickets call or text:

Kari Gibson at 707-287-4145 or

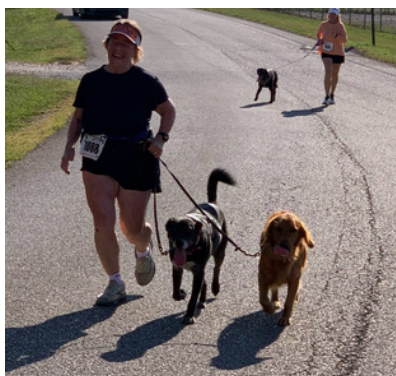
Deborah Smith at 423-351-3718

MCFA Pet Food Pantry



MCFA is excited to announce the resumption of our Pet Food Pantry program, a vital community resource aimed at assisting Monroe County families and individuals facing financial hardships. Understanding the importance of pets in our lives, this program seeks to provide temporary support by offering cat and dog food, ensuring that no pet goes hungry during tough times. The pantry is made possible through the generous donations of food from compassionate individuals and organizations within our community.

Starting this month, the Pet Food Pantry will distribute food on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, from noon until 2 pm at the Eastbourne Animal Center, located at 130 Kefauver Ln, Madisonville. Each eligible household can receive food for up to four cats and four dogs once a month. We invite all who are in need of this support to come and receive the necessary supplies to help care for their furry family members. By sharing and participating in this program, you are helping us ensure that every animal companion in our community receives the nourishment they need.



Run Your Mutt 5K was a Success

The inaugural "Run Your Mutt 5K," hosted by Monroe County Friends of Animals (MCFA), was a resounding success, blessed with perfect weather and enthusiastic participants. With a turnout of 27 runners and even more dogs, the event saw some dedicated athletes hitting the trail with not just one, but two furry friends! This lively gathering not only promoted fitness and fun but also strengthened the bond between pets and their owners.

We extend heartfelt thanks to all the participants, sponsors, and volunteers who came together to make this event memorable. Special appreciation goes to Marni and Diane, whose efforts were instrumental in organizing this successful event. As we look back on a day filled with wagging tails and smiling faces, we're already excited to see what next year's "Run Your Mutt 5K" will bring. Start training now—the dogs are definitely ready for another run!



Safe Halloween with Pets

- **Keep Candy Out of Reach:** Chocolate and xylitol, a common sweetener in sugar-free candies, are toxic to pets. Ensure all Halloween candy is stored away from your pet's reach to prevent accidental ingestion.
 - **Costume Caution:** If dressing up your pet for Halloween, make sure the costume doesn't restrict movement, sight, or the ability to breathe. Always supervise your pet to ensure they're comfortable and safe in their costume.
 - **Decorations Safety:** Keep glow sticks, fake cobwebs, and electric decorations out of pets' reach. Curious pets can easily entangle themselves or ingest hazardous materials, leading to emergencies.
 - **Secure Pets During Trick-or-Treating:** The frequent opening of doors and the presence of strangers can be stressful for pets and may result in escape attempts. Keep pets in a secure, quiet room during peak trick-or-treating hours to reduce stress and prevent escapes.
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A Fall Tail: A Shelter Dog's New Beginning

Leaves are falling, crisp and bright,
The air is cool, the sun just right.
In the shelter, paws tap the floor,
A dog named Rusty waits by the door.

His coat is shaggy, black and gold,
His eyes are soft, his heart so bold.
Each autumn day, he dreams and waits,
Hoping for love to walk through the gates.

Then one brisk, sweet afternoon,
A family walks in—he feels it soon.
The little girl bends down with glee,
And Rusty wags his tail wildly.

She laughs and says, "He's the one!"
And just like that, his wait is done.
Collar snapped, leash in hand,
Rusty's off to a brand-new land.

The leaves swirl 'round as they stroll outside,
Together they leave, side by side.
From shelter walls to a cozy home,
No more waiting, no more alone.

With autumn winds and golden skies,
Rusty's found love in happy eyes.
A fall adoption, the perfect end,
A loyal dog, a lifelong friend.

Thank you for your support!

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