



Grants, Donations, Volunteers

As many of you know, FOCCAS is a foster-based rescue that serves a small, rural area where the County Animal Shelter cannot accommodate the number of stray and abandoned animals in the community. In addition, our low-income neighbors are challenged to provide medical care, adequate food, and appropriate shelter for their pets. If pets cannot stay in the homes where they are loved and the shelter cannot take them in, they are left to roam the area – hungry, sick, and producing litters. It is a vicious cycle that FOCCAS approaches through providing FOCCAS foster care until FOCCAS adoption, covering

FOCCAS emergency medical expenses for injured animals, FOCCAS spaying/neutering all animals in our care and assisting pet owners in need, FOCCAS community outreach and education on responsible pet care, and providing food and supplies to low-income pet owners so they can keep their pets in their homes. In 2023, FOCCAS took in 287 dogs and 10 cats and placed 246 dogs and 19 cats into new homes.

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What FOCCAS does with the money .

* Provide food, litter, and heartworm preventatives to pets in foster care. By offering supplies to fosters, we can recruit more fosters and fosters who may not otherwise be able to help because of their financial situation. Pets that spend time in foster care are easier to place in permanent homes and are less likely to be returned. This is due to the socialization they receive and the detailed personality information the foster can provide to potential adopters. In addition to our primary foster facility where 66 dogs and 27 cats currently live, FOCCAS has 25 local foster families housing 34 animals.

* Provide emergency medical care, spay/neuter, vaccinations, and food/shelter assistance to animals in low-income homes with the intent to keep them in their home. FOCCAS maintains two programs in support of these goals - Community Outreach for At-Risk Dogs (CORD) and a Distressed Animal Fund (DAF).

Whether you choose to donate your money, your time supporting adoption events, fostering, cleaning at the main foster facility, and administrative work, each and everything directly helps the animals in our care.

Chocolates and Pets Are Not a Good Combination



Valentine's Day is a time when many of us give and get chocolate. We thought that this would be a good time to remind everyone about the danger chocolate consumption poses to our pets. One of the most common toxins in dogs is caused by chocolate ingestion. Dogs cannot metabolize chocolate in the same way people can, so keeping chocolate or products containing caffeine in a secure location out of your dog's reach is essential. The amount ingested that can cause toxicity depends on the size of the dog and the type of chocolate, with darker and more bitter chocolates being the most toxic. If your dog accidentally ingests chocolate, contact an emergency veterinarian immediately.

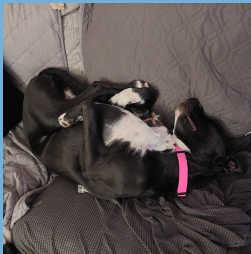
24/7 emergency hotlines:

Pet Poison Helpline: 855-764-7661

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center: 888-426-4435

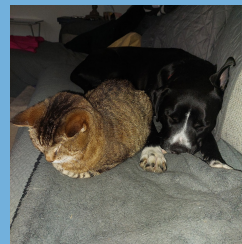
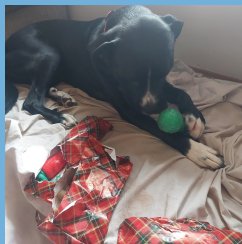
Happy Tails

Nothing makes us happier than seeing and hearing tales from our adopters. Dogs that were once scared and withdrawn, now share a hug with their new family. Working in animal rescue is not for the faint of heart. What gets us through the tough moments is finding the right human for the right animal and making a forever match. That is what keeps rescue workers moving forward – happy dogs and cats going home with their delighted new families! Here are a couple of our recent tales.



Gertie

Just thought I would send a few pictures of Gertie. She was adopted in July and has been a great, crazy addition to the family. She is wonderful with her feline siblings, especially her blind brother. She loves laying on the couch with her family and either stretches out the length of 3 cushions or folds herself up like she's going in an overhead bin.



Maddie

This is our Precious Maddie. She came to us as a foster dog through Focus On Cumberland

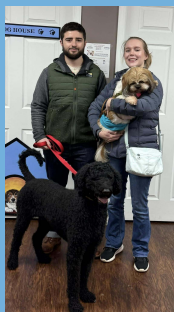
County Animal Safety & we adopted her. That was 6 1/2 years ago. The picture on the left is today & the one on the right is what she looked like out of rescue. All the dogs & cats in rescue need is love, patience & good care. Please consider fostering as an option to help with our area's unwanted & abandoned animal problem. It is super simple to apply to volunteer or foster through FOCCAS. Be a hero & make a difference. Open up your heart & home to a dog in need. I will be glad to help you decide if it is right for you & fill out the paperwork. Fostering is the life blood of animal rescue. They need a soft place to lay their head till they find a permanent home.

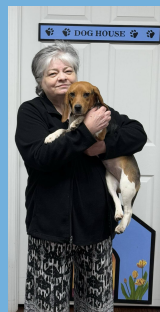


Ozzie on his way to Florida. I can tell you I am jealous.



Our Recent Adoptions





Straight from the Heart



We wanted to share a money saving link for your Simparica Trio. As you know Simparica Trio prevents heart worms, flees and ticks and internal parasites. And #foccasrescue dogs say it is delicious. Please don't be priced out of being a responsible pet parent. Order from an overseas vendor WITH NO VET PRESCRIPTION REQUIRED! It's the very same medicine you buy here from your vet at nearly a 65% savings..!

Will You Be My Valentine?



Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and Tanner can hardly contain his excitement! He's got big plans and a heart full of hope, ready to make this Day truly special. Tanner is ready to be your Valentine.

Tanner was left behind when his owners moved out. Even after that, he is truly very affectionate and loves people—kids, not so much.

As he ambles around, Tanner looks like a goofy, floppy-hound dog. He's sweet and affectionate. He loves his playtime in the yard with two stout dogs. Tanner is a bit of a digger, but he is really too lazy to make an impact. He's excellent on a leash for those long walks on the beach.

He's a little bossy with food, especially with a timid dog. Feeding in a crate solves that.

The Adoption Fee Includes Age-Appropriate Vaccinations (DA2PPV, Bordetella, Rabies), Deworming, Spay/Neuter, Microchip, Flea, Tick, and Heartworm Treatment and Prevention, and Sheltering. Adult Dogs are Heartworm Tested and Treated as Needed.

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[To Apply Click Here](#)



Food and Straw for the week ahead

Spread the Love

While many of us dream of receiving a dozen roses for Valentine's Day, the pups at FOCCAS have their wish list at Chewy.

It's never been easier to give back! You can help our animals in need by shopping from our Wish List on Chewy or Amazon, where you can donate essential pet food and supplies directly to our organization. [Click the link to donate using our Chewy Wishlist today!](#)

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