

A Time of Celebration and Remembrance



It's National Pet Month, and we are also remembering those who gave their lives this Memorial Day. We at FOCCAS believe deeply in: supporting pet adoption, making people aware of the benefits pets bring to people, increasing public awareness of animal wellness and safety issues, and the importance fostering has to animal rescue.

From a recent Purina blog, here are the best things we can do for our companions who “wake to love” and who love us unconditionally!

Adopt: What is the best way to help a pet waiting in a forever home? Be that forever home! Please consider adopting if you want to add a pet to your family. Check out the pets we have available at <https://foccas-tn.org/adopt> You'll get a lifelong friend in return!

Donate: Every bit counts! If you can't donate financially, you can always donate your time, skills, or supplies. <https://foccas-tn.org/donate> Also check out our Chewy wish list at (https://www.chewy.com/g/focus-on-cumberland-county-animal-safety_b83994742#wish-list&wishlistsorby)

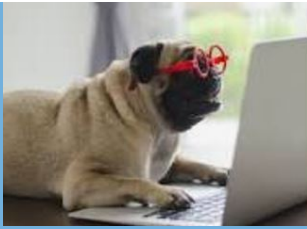


Foster: Not sure you have the time or resources to dedicate to permanently adding a pet to your family? You can foster a pet temporarily until the right forever home is found. It's a wonderful way to give back and see what having a pet is all about before you make a lifetime commitment yourself. <https://foccas-tn.org/foster>



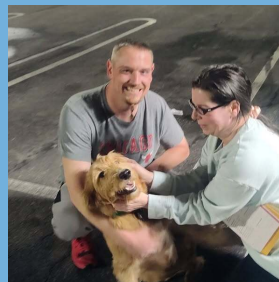
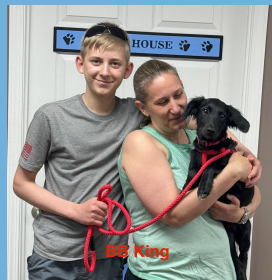
Volunteer: Volunteers are essential to helping us with our mission: To inspire our community to cultivate the values of kind, compassionate, responsible, humane care of the county's animals, including stray, feral, and owned, through both education and community-based programs, and to prevent cruelty to animals, wherever we find it. Just a few hours a month will make a world of difference! Please fill out our volunteer application at <https://foccas-tn.org/volunteer>

Educate: The best way to end pet homelessness is to help others understand the problem. Sharing articles on social



media, writing a letter to the editor of your local paper, and volunteering at FOCCAS events are all effective ways to make your voice heard and spread the message in your community! One key message is to neuter or spay your animals. The number of strays is on the rise. We have a group here at FOCCAS that is working on community outreach. If interested, please get in touch with us at foccas.rescue@gmail.com and type COMMUNITY OUTREACH in the subject line.

Our Recent Adoptions



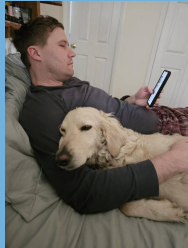
Have You Registered Your Pet's Chip in Your Name?

Just a reminder to those of you who have adopted from FOCCAS: All of our dogs are chipped before adoption, so be sure you have registered the chip in your name. Go to my24pet.com or nanochipid.com. You do not have to pay to register your chip, so don't be fooled by the website. If you have any trouble, please call FOCCAS at 931-246-9008 and leave a message. We will get back to you.

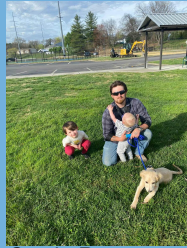


Happy Tales

Morgan is the mom to 9 puppies, including the three featured below. She was hit by a car 2 years ago and lost her front leg. She loves her new home, as you can see from her cuddling with Dad. The puppies are also finding love and comfort in their new homes.



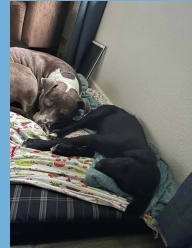
Morgan



*Stevie Ray
Vaughan*



Chuck Berry



BB King

Fostering Is the Key



May is National Pet Foster Care Month, which is the perfect time to consider becoming a foster pet parent. By fostering a pet, you can provide a temporary but loving home for a dog. By fostering one, you are saving two!

Staying at a foster home gives pets a better chance of finding the right forever family. Moving to a foster home helps pets relax and let their personality shine through. They may learn to accept affection and become more socialized with people and other pets

Kids in the foster home will get a chance to learn about different dog breeds, show empathy, practice responsibility, and even play outside more. After living together for a while, the foster family can provide an accurate and insightful description of the dog or cat, which in turn helps them find a better long-term match.

If you're not ready to serve as a foster home for pets, you can still help out! You can volunteer or donate to your local shelter to help keep operations running smoothly. Even sharing adoptable pets or telling your stories about successful rescues



on your own social media will help bring awareness and inspiration to others who may decide to foster a pet and save a life while brightening their own!

Rescue of the Month!



Click on Millie's picture and connect to her Petfinder page

Everyone needs to meet Millie. Millie is a 3-year-old Italian Sheepdog/Great Pyrenees mix. Besides being unbelievably photogenic, she is the most gentle, well-mannered, loving, sweet dog. Her owner surrendered her after she killed a small pig (to be fair, pork is delicious), but she could no longer remain in her home. She is excellent with other dogs, people, kids, and maybe no other small animals. She had been an outside dog her entire life before coming to the rescue, but she quickly became kennel-trained. If you hope to adopt a rescue with nearly zero baggage (the small animal thing) that will be ready to give and receive love from day one, be friendly with visitors, and enjoy going to the dog park, then Millie may be your girl. She could very well be the

best dog you've ever had.

A Special Thank You

FOCCAS would like to send out a huge thank you to one of our adopters, Mary Dohaney. She adopted Breezy, now Penny, last year. Penny was heartworm positive, and Mary and her husband Tim opened their hearts and home to Penny through her treatment and fell in love with her. Mary is a talented dog behavioralist and has volunteered her time to assist foster families in preparing their dogs for adoption.

If you are looking for a dog trainer, we highly recommend Mary and PawsAble Results. Check out her website at www.pawsableresults.com



Upcoming May Events - Featuring FOCCAS Pups

May 24th and 25th Fairfield Glade Memorial Day Arts and Crafts Festival. The event runs Sat 8am-4pm, Sun 10am-3pm at 128 Stonehenge Road, Crossville, TN 38558. We estimate attendance at 2,000 and 50 Vendor booths.





May 26, 2025 Come join us at Lake Tansi Village for our Memorial Day Festival!! We will have craft vendors, Food trucks, bounce houses for the kids, Cruise-in, and Live Music!!

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