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## FOCCAS — 2025 Reflection and 2026 Vision

2025 was a milestone year. We celebrated a full decade of rescuing, healing, and filling the gap for animals that would otherwise have nowhere to go. Over the past twelve months, 253 dogs and 20 cats found safety, love, and permanent homes through our work. Through our Distressed Animal Program, which is fueled by nearly half of our operating income while being supported entirely by fundraisers and community generosity, we invested \$50,000 in medical care for 48 ill, injured, or severely neglected animals. Being able to say "yes" where others can't is what defines us.



This year has also expanded our understanding of who we are. We now have a volunteer force larger than we ever imagined — people doing work we don't always see, touching lives in ways we will never fully know. It is both humbling and hopeful to bear witness to the truly amazing things our volunteers are accomplishing.

Our greatest limiting resource has never been compassion — it's space. Every time we have to say "no," it is because we don't have a safe place for an animal to land. That is why expanding our [foster network](#) will be one of the most powerful parts of our work in 2026. Every foster home opens a door that saves a life.

But there is another truth we can no longer ignore: Rescue is meant to be temporary — a warm, safe place to fall until a forever home comes. Yet some dogs never leave. Some spend a year, two years, or their entire lifetime here.



When temporary becomes long-term, dignity must follow. We will make incremental improvements that immediately enhance daily life: comfort, enrichment yards, indoor-outdoor options, and spaces that reduce stress and increase joy. Small changes can feel like oxygen.

We will carve out one intentional area designed for dogs who are unlikely to be adopted — a space that feels like



living rather than waiting. Sofas instead of concrete. Grass instead of only gravel. Familiar volunteers. Room to be. A place that acknowledges: If rescue becomes forever, then it should feel like home.

[Here's a video of a PA rescue](#) that now incorporates tiny houses into its rescue program. It is our dream. Who knows, maybe a scout troop could build some as they work toward an Eagle badge. Maybe a 4-H project, whatever, we are sure our volunteers and community will make this dream a reality.

# Our Recent Adoptions



Charlie



Clover



Jimidy



Judge



Opie



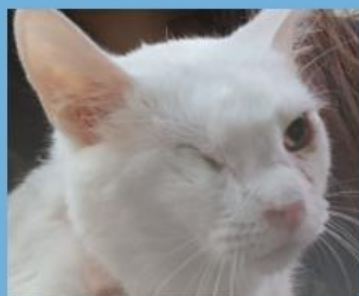
Remus



Lucy



Buck



Sam



Rudy



Bruno



Whiley



Todd



Lucy



Nala



## And more adoptions



Stewie



Holly



Katum



Milo



Piccadilly



MacArthur



Pocahontas



Remi

## Foster of the Month - Make it You

Look in the mirror, our next foster of the month could be you. Every time we have to say "no," it is because we don't have a safe place for an animal to land. That is why expanding our foster network will be one of the key objectives in 2026. Every foster home opens a door that saves a life. It is because of our fosters that we can have a page-and-a-half filled with happy adoption pictures. If you are ready to open your door to a foster, please click here <https://foccas-tn.org/foster> and complete the Foster Application. Every time we have to say "no," it is because we don't have a safe place for an animal to land. That is why expanding our foster network will be one of the key objectives in 2026. Every foster home opens a door that saves a life. It is because of our fosters that we can have a page-and-a-half filled with happy adoption pictures. If you are ready to open your door to a foster, [please click here](https://foccas-tn.org/foster) (or type this <https://foccas-tn.org/foster> into your search bar) and complete the Foster Application.

## Dog Training – Yes, you can teach an old dog new tricks?



You call Mary Dohaney of Pawsable Results. She helps us get our dogs ready for adoption, and she is prepared to help you. Training sessions can be at your home or a public location, in a group, or via virtual methods, such as FaceTime, WhatsApp, or Skype. If you have a dog with behaviors that you cannot correct, then please give her a call. Pawsable Results (904) 334 - 0029.. She is one of the heroes who make FOCCAS work. Mary Dohaney of Pawsable Results has been working with us for years, and the results are amazing. Mary is a certified Dog Trainer and an active member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT). She has a passion for animals of all kinds and is dedicated to helping others bring out the best in their canine companions.

# Happy Tales

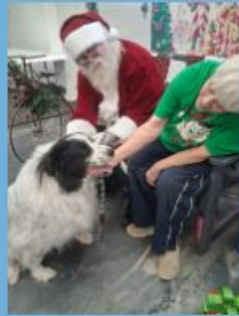
Please send your happy tales, pics, and videos to FOCCASnewsletter@gmail.com. We will share them in our newsletter and on our website.



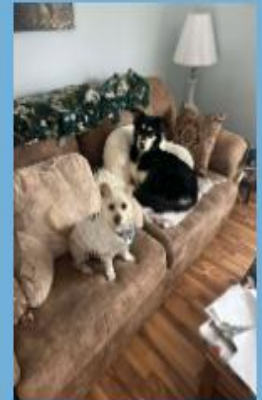
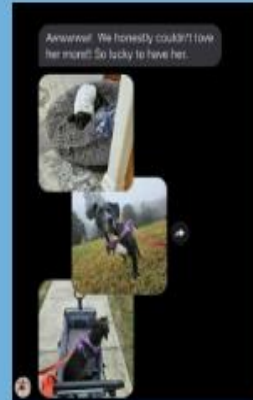
*Ms. Sadie has decided she wants to be a lap dog.*



*Toby adopted summer 24, now Bodhi and the star of his world.*



*A happy pup sharing dreams with Santa*



*Norman (formerly Gibby)*



*My new favorite toy*



*Auggie loves the snow*



*Lola obviously enjoys hats!*



*Remi's new family. This is Heidi's daughter and son-in-law*

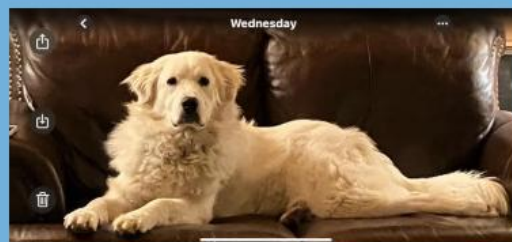
**Rico** (pictured right) had a great Thanksgiving! He went on an overnight trip with his parents to visit Grandma and Grandpa.

**Sawyer** (not pictured) Things are awesome! We just returned from the pet store to get some more toys. He's adjusted beautifully. A very sweet man! He's calm and happy, trying to get obedience school set up for after the holiday. He's met all the kids and grandkids and his doggie cousins, too! He has a chihuahua terrier mix housemate, and they are doing well together. He is particularly fond of my mother, who is 90. I found that interesting. His paperwork said surrendered by 70 70-year-old female for knocking her down. He's made no attempts to jump up on anyone here. I'm keeping him busy, and with proper training, he's gonna be a dream pup! He was the perfect choice for me, and I couldn't be happier!

**Nala** (pictured below) is doing GREAT!!!! She loves us almost as much as we love her. She has met three of her four "cousin dogs" as they are here for Thanksgiving with their families. We had taken her to meet all but one of them before they all came here, so she wouldn't be too overwhelmed. She is a true gift to us. She is definitely a Pyrenees....we keep



asking for an appointment with the Retriever part of her brain. We love her to pieces and feel really glad we got her and that she's part of our family. Everyone loves her.





# Santa Paws Market



The 2025 FOCCAS Santa Paws Market, held December 5 and December 6 at the Cumberland Community Complex, raised over \$5,000 for the rescue. We want to thank all our volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event a success. Also, a great big thanks to all those who showed up for the event and purchased all those wonderful hand-crafted gifts.

## Volunteer Spotlight – Debbie Holloway



Debbie has volunteered with FOCCAS for the last 6 years. She and her husband, Roger, spend much of their time advocating and serving FOCCAS in a variety of capacities. From fostering to fundraising, Debbie and her husband, Roger, are always first in line to help.

When Debbie first started volunteering, she fostered Maddie, who became a foster fail because she and Roger were quick to adopt her. Through this adoption, she realized the great need for animal rescue here in Cumberland County and began following the work of FOCCAS. She was there when FOCCAS raised the money to build the county shelter, and when she saw the need for a FOCCAS trailer, she raised the funds through selling items online and, after raising over \$4200, purchased the trailer. With its bright yellow color and FOCCAS decals, the trailer is a great advertising tool when at our events. Getting the trailer to events is another great gift that Debbie and Roger give FOCCAS.

Debbie is constantly thinking of ways to help the dogs, from grooming to organizing FOCCAS fundraising events to delivering special treats on holidays. Her mission is to help dogs that have been discarded in any way that she can. Her service to FOCCAS is invaluable. Thank you, Debbie and Roger.

## Special Trees for Our Special Rescues



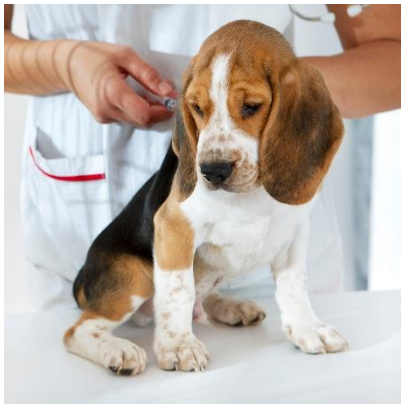
We added something new to Santa Paws Market this year.

**Remember the Ones Still in the Rescue Tree**, featuring dogs & cats that have been at FOCCAS Rescue for a long time. Some of these rescue animals have been with FOCCAS Rescue for many years.

FOCCAS was the Sweet 16 tree at the First National Bank Parade of Trees—a special thank you to our Volunteers for creating some of the ornaments and decorating the tree.



# Distressed Animal Fund – It is all You



A total of \$2471 was raised during our 10 in 10 campaign. These monies will be used in our Distressed Animal program. The FOCCAS Distress Animal Fund fills a prevalent need in our community. Many pets are abandoned on the roadside by their owners, and strays are often left to fend for themselves for long periods. Kind-hearted citizens frequently rescue these animals and find they have serious injuries or illnesses that require immediate treatment. The county animal shelter does not have the funding required to help such animals, and there is a risk of euthanasia if they are taken there. This program allows FOCCAS to save these abandoned pets by covering the expenses of their medical needs. This year, we have spent over \$50,000.

## It's NOT TOO Late to get your 2026 FOCCAS Calendar

How do you get one? Easy! Please go to our website, [FOCCAS-TN.org](https://foccas-tn.org), then click Shop. Even easier, click here and go directly to <https://foccas-tn.org/shop/ols/products/pin-up-for-pets-calendar-2025>.

Due to our late publishing date, the price this year is only \$12. If picked up locally at 707 South Main St, Crossville, with a cash payment, there are no charge card or shipping fees.

Help FOCCAS continue our life-saving mission.



### *Pin-ups for Pets - 2026*

A benefit calendar for FOCCAS  
Focus on Cumberland County (TN) Animal Safety

[www.foccas-tn.org](https://foccas-tn.org)



## Ready to Join the FOCCAS Family?

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Volunteer



Foster



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