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August is National Dog Month

During the month of August, National Dog Month celebrates our lovable canine pals smack in the middle of the dog days of summer. Whether your dog burrows under the blankets with you at night, plays in the sprinkler, or alerts you to a health need, we know they are constantly improving our lives and making them more fun.



Dogs are the #1 most commonly owned pets on the planet, and with good reason. Did you know that scientific studies prove our pawsome companions make us happier, less stressed, and more optimistic? The list of benefits to spending time with a dog goes on and on, but it all proves one thing—that a month-long celebration of our furry best friends has been a long time coming.

Not only that, but the companionship and affection we share with them make their lives better, too. Dog lovers know a life without dogs is a life missing something special, and that's a fact worth celebrating.



How to Observe #NationalDogMonth

This is the easy part. Celebrate with your best pal. Take an extra-long walk. Play fetch or spare an extra Milk-Bone treat. Get your dog the toy he's been wanting or visit the dog park. Speaking of visits, make your next veterinarian appointment to ensure your pet stays healthy and strong. Donate to your local shelter or to a larger dog nonprofit. You can also volunteer your services. Not only will the dogs appreciate the support, but so will their future human companions. However you celebrate, be sure to use #NationalDogMonth to post on social media

Don't forget to share on our Facebook pages, [Focus On Cumberland County Animal Safety](#) and [FOCCAS Happy Tails](#).



See Ya at the 127 Yard Sale – All Proceeds Benefit FOCCAS

Upcoming FOCCAS Events



127 Yard Sale - **August 7-9. 707 S Main St, Crossville, TN 38555 7:00 am to 6:00 pm**

Celebrate Your Hot Dog or Cool Cat with a donation to our Wish List



Click on the [Amazon logo](#) to visit our Amazon Wish List
Or click on the [Shop Our Chewy Wish](#) List logo to visit our Chewy Wish List



Happy Tales

Please send your happy tales, pics, and videos to FOCCASnewsletter@gmail.com or share on our Facebook page [FOCCAS HappyTales](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2103034497120715) (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2103034497120715>). We will share them in our newsletter and on our website.



Sweet, Sweet Bella. We are doing great! She is so happy; we did get some sad news- Bella has bone cancer. She is on 2 medications that keep her comfortable. Her quality of life is still great for now, but we are keeping a close watch on things. Our veterinarian said she is happy to keep prescribing her meds as long as she is still doing well and has quality of life. We are so happy she's ours and would have still adopted her knowing this information. Happy we can give her the life she deserves for as long as she is well. This was her just a few minutes ago.

I wanted to send an update on **Zeffer (Now renamed Ricky)**. Ricky has adjusted great and is loving his new home! He's a big cuddler at night but is a ball of energy during the day. He joins me regularly for runs, enjoys playing fetch, and loves to use his nose for scent games. He gets along really well with his new little cousin too! (my sister's puppy)

Since adopting Ricky, he's been quite busy. We've had plenty of lake days, and he's joined me on a few hikes and a backpacking trip too! He really loves being outside, and so do we, so we try to get him out as much as we can. Additionally, he was quite the wingman when I proposed to my fiancée!

Here are some pictures...



This is one of our BEST adoption stories EVER. **Genesis** was found in February 2022. She had a funny sore on her nose that never healed. It left her with a permanent smile. She was diagnosed with lupus and has been on an expensive medicine ever since. This weekend she was adopted and went all the way to MD. She's 6 1/2 years old now, and she finally hit the jackpot. This adoption reminds us to NEVER give up on a dog...there is truly a lid for every pot. We just have to have faith & be patient.



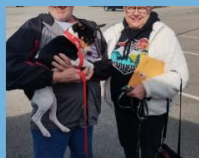
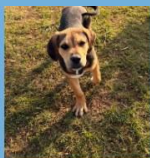
A New Way to Celebrate Your Happy Tails

Celebrate your pet's birth month, "gotcha" month, or any other special month of the year by having the pet's photo appear in an empty space on the date page for that month in the 2027 "Pinups For Pets" FOCCAS calendar! Spaces are limited, and some months have only two empty squares; so don't wait to make your reservation! Just click here <https://foccas-tn.org/shop/ols/products/your-pet-special-day> click on **add to cart**. Then email your chosen month, your pet's photo (does not have to be a FOCCAS adoptee), and its name to Barry@BarryBrownImages.com no later than August 15, 2026. You can even reserve a space in more than one month and submit the same or different photos. Your \$10 payment per space will be confirmed, and the space reserved for publication. In your email, feel free to note a second month (no extra fee) should your first choice already be filled. Spaces will be reserved on a first-come/first-served basis. Please keep in mind there are two Decembers (2026 and 2027). If you choose December, remember to clarify which year if you have a preference. Purchase of the published calendar will be available once it is printed.

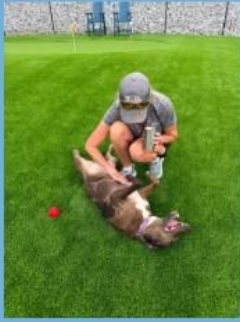
Get your reservation in fast and email your favorite photo to Barry@BarryBrownImages.com to make sure you get the month(s) you want! Then know that FOCCAS pets will all benefit from your kindness!

Our Recent Adoptions

If you are interested in adopting one of our animals, check out our website FOCCAS.tn.org. Complete the online application, and the process begins.



A Great Day at Ales and Tales



A Special Thank You to the folks at Ales and Tales for hosting the FOCCAS troop. We all had a great time. It could never happen without our wonderful Volunteers and Fosters. If you would like to become a FOCCAS [Volunteer](#) (or [Foster](#)) please fill out an application on our website.



**BARK
WHINE
& DINE**



ENTERTAINMENT BY:



SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

DOGWOOD MEADOWS WEDDING VENUE

1877 DOGWOOD RD, ROCKWOOD, TN 37854

6:00 PM CST

INCLUDES DINNER, ENTERTAINMENT, SILENT AUCTION

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