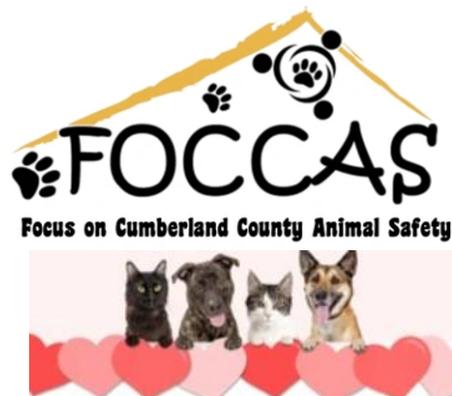


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Show Your Love - Become a FOCCAS Paw Pal

FOCCAS has many animals in our care, and some are here permanently, by no fault of their own. These pets may be older, have medical or behavioral challenges, or have already stayed with us longer than average, and for some, we are their permanent home. We have developed a program, Paw Pals, designed to defray the cost of care for our long-term residents. We will be kicking off the program on Valentine's Day.

Sponsor a pet by donating \$20 per month or a single \$240 gift to cover a year of care. Your sponsorship provides essential resources, including medical treatment, preventive medications, food, and enrichment. It's a wonderful way to be a champion for a pet who needs a little extra love while at the rescue.

How Paw Pals Will Work

****Choose an Animal**:** You will browse our website, FOCCAS-TN.org, and click on the tab PawPals. It is not up yet; we are still working through technology links and issues.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please email us [(FOCCASpawpals@gmail.com)](mailto:FOCCASpawpals@gmail.com) your name, email, and phone number, and we will get the information out to you as soon as the systems are up.

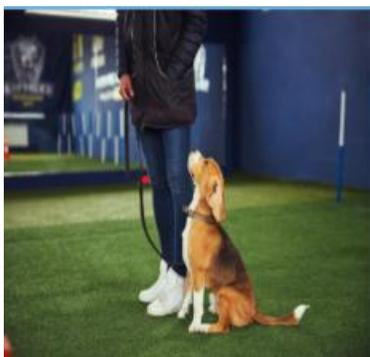


Speaking of Valentine's Day



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Dog training - Did you miss National Dog Training Month?

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 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.



We adopted Dotie a couple of years ago, and just wanted to let you know that he is loved and well cared for.



Elie Mae's new buddy is Benji! Thanks Kim Davis from Massachusetts



Kringle - As you can see from the pictures, he seems to be settling in well. We are at about 70% success with potty training. He's figured out the doggie door and loves going on long walks with our Elkhound, Loki. He's in a love/hate thing with the cats-he loves them-they hate him-it will improve.



Rocket, now known as Rocky is doing sooo well. I just love him. He's just the best doggie! His DNA test just came back: 51.7% Lab, 29.2% Border Collie, 14.9% Chow Chow, 4.2% German Shepherd Dog. The Chow and Collie explain the longer hair and eyes, I think...Underground fence training went well, and he doesn't go anywhere near the edges of the fence. I have not seen deer. Maybe they take a different route knowing he is around. He watches for any signs of life in the woods tho...I just love love love him. He sticks like glue to me. At 7 pm, he starts coaxing me to bed. We do frisbee once or twice a day. I try to throw it so he won't have to jump so high. He has adjusted to the cold but prefers to come in on very cold days, and he loves the snow. The dogs next door, who also have an invisible fence, love to watch him with the frisbee. I still can't believe I was lucky enough for you to approve me to get him. Kathy Malmgren

Just received a nice text from **Dash's** new mom, Jane Rossio. She lives in Michigan and is sending all of us good wishes for warmth and safety. She also sent a photo of a nice, comfy Dash, with the note, "Dash is such a lover."



Remember, **Lady**? Just 7 short weeks ago, her owner's home burnt down & we were asked to help. She is reportedly 16 years old & had never lived inside. Rachael was the best foster mom, and while in her care, Lady learned to be an indoor dog and to love affection. Lady was adopted by an angelic woman in MI last week. Lady's adopter was fully aware that Lady had a large abdominal tumor removed, and it was very likely cancer. She said it didn't matter. She adopts only senior dogs, many of whom have serious health problems. It's just what she does. Because, as we said, she is an angel. Lady's tumor was primary ovarian cancer. That's a rare doggy diagnosis, and it is terminal. Just consider how her life changed 7 weeks ago, when she moved in with Rachael and her family to her forever home. Rescue miracles happen, and this one could not have happened to a more deserving dog.

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Save the Date

Save this date Meet & Greet at
PetSense at The Crossings in Crossville
on February 21 from 10 am - 2 pm. Will
have adoptable dogs to meet!**

Our Recent Adoptions



Foster of the Month - Jamie Deats



As soon as Jamie moved to Fairfield Glade, she began looking for ways to help animals in need. In the past 3 years, since volunteering at FOCCAS, she has cleaned kennels, walked dogs, transported dogs to events, fostered dogs, helped to plan events, and become the Foster Coordinator. Jamie used to rescue dogs and cats in her 20's and early 30's and was a dog control officer. She had to take a break when her kids were little. Now that she is retired, she has lots of time to devote to helping dogs find homes. Jamie has 2 cats and a dog of her own and 2 foster dogs. "Since I don't have a fenced-in yard, the dogs keep me busy walking them, but that's okay." "The joys of volunteering cannot be expressed by me enough. Whatever your passion is, embrace it and find an outlet for it. There are so many ways to help our community. Being involved in dog rescue is just my passion. There is no better feeling than to improve a dog's life by finding them the perfect home." If you are interested in becoming a FOCCAS Foster Volunteer, please visit our website at (<https://foccas-tn.org/foster>)



Volunteer Spotlight – Cindy Hardy

Cindy Hardy was born and raised in Newfoundland, Canada. She met her husband, David, who was in the Coast Guard, and they traveled and lived at 5 different Coast Guard stations in Canada and the US. They retired and lived in Alaska for 17 years before moving here to Crossville 4 years ago. Cindy, who has been an ER nurse for over 42 years, was working part-time at Cumberland Medical Center and decided to cut her hours back to 1 day a week. With time on her hands and a love of dogs, she fostered her first FOCCAS dog, Twix. Today she is fostering her twelfth and thirteenth. While in her care, these dogs learn basic commands and manners, which helps to make them more adoptable. She uses her nursing skills to help foster dogs who need specialized care, such as wound care, eye problems, Giardia, skin issues, and hair loss. Cindy, working with another of

our Foster families, helps groom dogs as they are ready for adoption, as well as those that need grooming, medicated baths, brushing, and matted-hair removal at our intake facility. Cindy provides transportation of the dogs to events and vet appointments.



Cindy's husband, David, belongs to the Under Bones Railroad, a group that coordinates the transport of dogs to adoptions or other rescues. Each leg is a 1- to 2-hour drive, and his leg is from Knoxville to Crossville.

Cindy and David have 3 dogs, 2 of which are rescues. If you ask Cindy why she does this, she says it is a labor of love, and it is so rewarding. What more can we say? Thank you, Cindy and David, for all you do.



Spay and Neuter - It is A Matter of Life or Death

Spay
and
neuter
your pets



February is National Spay and Neuter Awareness Month, a time dedicated to educating pet owners on the benefits of these procedures for controlling animal overpopulation.

Don't know if you see all the postings of unwanted dogs and cats abandoned throughout our area. FOCCAS cannot simply "pick up" these animals; they must be surrendered to FOCCAS by the owner. As a rescue, full to the brim, we encourage responsible pet ownership, and that means spaying and neutering. Fixing pets helps reduce rescue intake and shelter euthanasia, prevents cancers and infections, and decreases unwanted litters.

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