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June is National Foster a Pet Month - Are You Ready to Foster?



National Foster a Pet Month is observed every year in June. This month is observed across the country by people who foster animals to educate the public about what it takes to foster and how to begin the process. FOCCAS is a foster-based rescue. That means the more Fosters we have, the more pets we can rescue.

Fostering offers animals in need a temporary home to experience the love and care they need. Fostering may include providing medication and socialization opportunities to animals in addition to food and shelter. Foster homes play an important role in facilitating adoption by preparing pet animals for adoption in many different ways.

Foster homes are a space for abandoned or feral animals to be introduced to life with humans. Fostering is a rewarding experience for most people who are able

to take pride in nurturing a hungry, frightened animal into a well-groomed, healthy animal who can be adopted into a family that can care for the animal for the rest of its life.

Fostering is important as it is an alternative to the animal being sent to a rescue, which is already at capacity. At many rescues across the state, animals are put down or euthanized due to a lack of space.

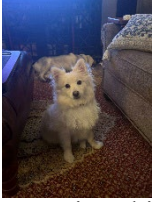
Fostering ensures that these animals have a temporary home and don't need to be adopted immediately. Fostering a pet also allows people time to find the appropriate home that will suit the animal and its specific needs. Most fosters keep the animal as long as it takes to find a home.

Important Facts About Pet Fostering

- Fostering drastically improved the save rate - Animals saved in rescues rose from 75% to 90% when pet fostering was introduced.
- You can foster short-term - Fostering pets doesn't have to be long-term; it can be as simple as taking an animal in for the night.
- Fostering increases the chances of adoption - Fostering animals can improve the chances of them being adopted, as it allows adopters to see the animal in a home setting.
- Fostering improves animal behavior - Most badly-behaved animals in rescues suffer from kennel stress, which is easily remedied by fostering.

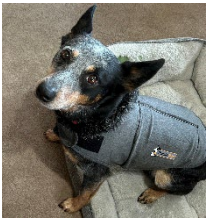
Happy Tales

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.



The little pomeranian puppy we knew as **Kringle**, pictured left, is now a big 16 lb boy known as **Toby**. He is very happy with his new family in DC and his big sister Nala. His adopter says he is a lover but a little naughty. They love him. Another great forever home for one of our babies.

Riggs, not pictured, is doing so well with his separation adjustment from Michael while he is at the golf course. He is annoying his kitty sister, Sally. He enjoys his walks with me and has made friends in the neighborhood. He enjoys his training sessions with the CNA I have been helping my parents. He does have some continuing health effects from his heartworms, which we stay on top of. He will have an ultrasound & heart echo every six months with results sent to a Veterinary Cardiologist. He tolerated his medicine well, and no one told him he had a heart condition!



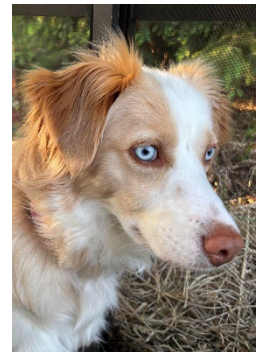
Just received this happy ending for Sweet **Dixie**, pictured left. She is now home, extremely happy, and loves showing off her new outfits. Dixie was one of our Paw Pals.

Callie, pictured right, is adjusting amazingly well. What a sweetheart! You and Bill are the best.



Rico's, pictured left, adopter in DC checked in today. She reports that Rico is progressing well in his training. He is no longer pulling on the leash and is no longer reactive to other dogs. He is almost completely potty-trained. Rare accidents when overstimulated. She said, "We love him! He is such a sweet boy". How can you not fall in love with this sweet face and happy smile!

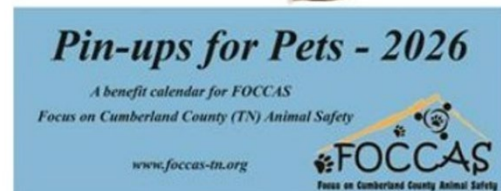
Our beautiful, sweet **Sami (Sandy)** pictured right, is doing wo well. Everyone loves her. People are continually captivated by her eyes and friendliness.



A New Way to Celebrate Your Happy Tails

Celebrate your FOCCAS pet's birthday, "gotcha day," or any other special date by having his or her photo featured on that specific date on the Pin-Up for Pets 2027!

There are only 80 empty spaces (average size 1 3/8" horizontal x 1 1/8" vertical) from Dec 2026 to Dec 2027 (13 months). To have your pet's photo included, please send your payment of \$10, payable to Barry Brown Images, along with a digital image and the name of your pet to : Barry@BarryBrownImages.com, no later than July 15, 2026. Spaces will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. You may want to include (at no additional cost) a second date in case your first choice has already been taken. All proceeds go to benefit FOCCAS.



Celebrate National Foster a Pet Month with a donation to our Wish List



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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.



The Foster 50 Challenge – We Need Your Stories



The Foster 50 Challenge is a nationwide effort to expand foster programs and rally communities around animals in need. FOCCAS has recently signed up for the Challenge. Now the hard work begins. We need your stories of fostering a FOCCAS animal. Send your pictures and stories to us at foccasnewsletter@gmail.com.

The Timeline

May 1–July 31: Put our plan into action! Implement measurable fostering practices, track our data along the way, and capture the full journey of at least one foster pet - from intake to adoption - through photos and/or videos. All participating organizations will be featured on the consumer-facing landing page.

August 1 – August 15, 2026 (11:59 PM CST): Submit our Challenge Results Report to be eligible for grant funding.

October 2026: Grant recipients announced. Post-award follow-up and required reporting for recipients. Let's win FOCCAS.

May Matching Gift Campaign a Success

Congratulations and a special thank you to all who gave during our May Matching Gift Campaign. The drive raised a final total of \$1405.



Thank You Fairfield Glade Ladies Club



The Fairfield Glade Ladies Club presented FOCCAS a \$1000 donation.

Shown is Terri Brown (to the right of Marshall the dog) along with FOCCAS volunteers. The Ladies Club has been a regular supporter of FOCCAS over the years through their annual giving program.

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