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What Can I Do to Celebrate National Pet Month?



1. [Make a Donation to FOCCAS](#)
2. [Become a Volunteer at FOCCAS](#)
3. [Consider Adoption](#)
4. [Consider Fostering](#)

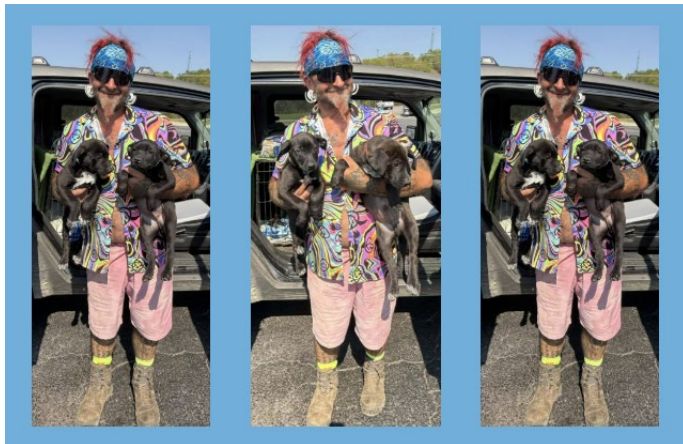
Come out on Friday mornings to our intake facility and walk our dogs. Contact Jamie Deats for details

Celebrating the bond between humans and animals, National Pet Month highlights the joys and responsibilities of pet ownership across the globe. This month-long event promotes the benefits pets

bring to people worldwide and underscores the importance of responsible pet ownership. National Pet Month is an international celebration aimed at raising awareness about the positives of pet ownership and the value pets add to our lives. This event focuses on promoting responsible pet care, supporting pet adoption, and recognizing the contributions of service and therapy animals.

We Are Going to the Stanley Pups

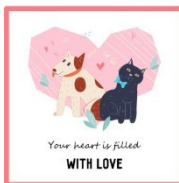
These 6 litter-mates (pictured below) are on their way to compete in the [Stanley Pup](#). The Stanley Pup is to hockey what the Puppy Bowl is to Football. This annual dog-rescue, hockey-themed competition is created by the NHL and Petco Love to raise awareness of pet adoption.



32 adoptable rescue dogs will represent each of the 32 NHL teams. It will be shown internationally during the Stanley Cup final scheduled for early June.

These particular puppies are having their Hallmark movie moment. Jerry found them on February 22, 2026, in a plastic tote, in the freezing cold, on the side of the road. They were around 5 weeks old. They would not have survived the night without rescue. Now, look at them, only 6 weeks later, and they are hockey stars. The Rescue Riders driver told us that

the Stanley Pup folks were waiting for them when they arrived. Jerry did a fantastic job raising these pups. Holly and Brenda did all the behind-the-scenes work with the Bissell Foundation, Brandywine Valley SPCA & Rescue Riders. Lots of moving parts, but the payoff is HUGE for these pups!



A Matching Gift Campaign May 10 through May 20, National Rescue Day

As part of National Pet Month, one of our volunteers is offering a matching gift program, up to \$500. We are kicking off the event on May 10 and ending on May 20, in celebration of National Rescue Day. All donations will be matched up to \$500. This giving campaign is dedicated to the many programs offered by FOCCAS. We have 10 days, let's make them count.

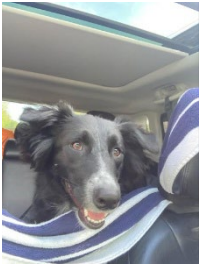
Here's how to give

- On our website <https://foccas-tn.org/donate>
- By Mail -Focus On Cumberland County Animal Safety, PO Box 3245, Crossville, TN 38557

In Person at Dr. Hendrixson's office, 707 S Main St, Crossville, TN 38555

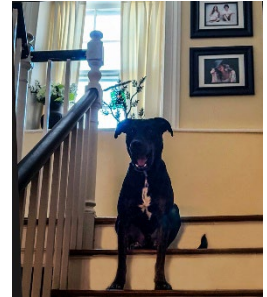
Happy Tales

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.



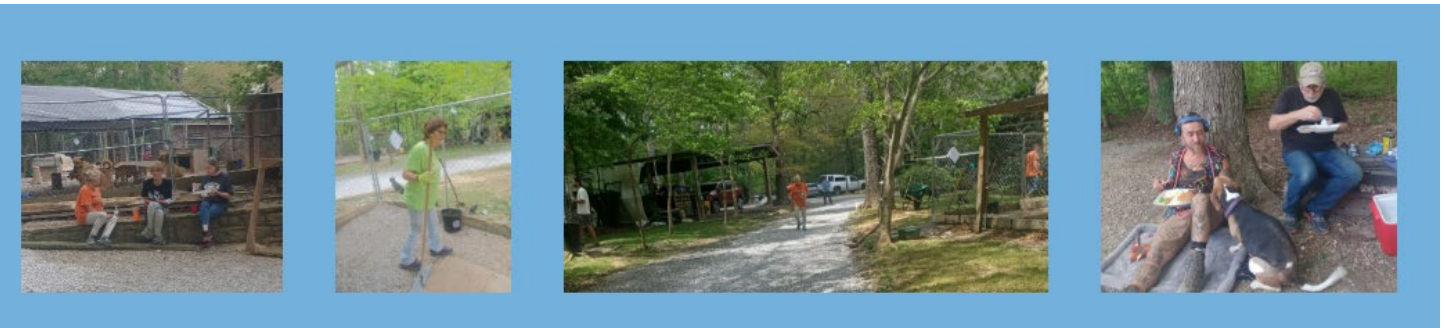
Update from Suzanne on **LIVVI** I am texting you today to let you know how things are going and let everyone know how great she's doing! 1st, today is better than Good Friday, it's a Great Friday!! Today, we have made it through all the 3-3-3's. Today is 3 months since she came home with us. 2nd, she's doing really well! She and CeCe are much better with each other and have not gotten into any fights in a while. She's also not had any "accidents-markings" in the house for a while either...AND, she's riding in the car much better. She and CeCe both are learning "sit-stay" and healing on my left when walking. Both r doing well. She loves, and I mean loves, playing fetch and going for walks, which we do daily. . Please let everyone know she's great and I appreciate all y'all do!!

Kipper, pictured right, "It's been a very busy year, and I'm so lucky to have him! Originally, he was anxious in public, though well-behaved. He was great with the horses and cows at the horse barn, following me willingly everywhere -- but scared of a kitten! We recently adopted a cat, which is now "his" kitty and sleeps with him. He rides well buckled in the back seat, even for a two-hour trip to see a friend. The collar he has on in the video is a tracker for when I let him run in the woods and around the horse farm. I just love him!" [Click here](https://www.youtube.com/shorts/F7676LOS8s4) or type in the following address to view the video. (<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/F7676LOS8s4>)



I just received a happy note. Remember **Lola** — the always smiling chihuahua? He's celebrating his 9th birthday today — still smiling — and absolutely adored by his family!

2026 Spring Work Day – April 24th The Best Ever



Celebrate National Pet Month with a donation to our Wish List

 Click on the [Amazon logo](#) to visit our Amazon Wish

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



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.

IT DOESN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT
THE 1/2 HOURS IS A GENERAL GUIDELINE FOR THE ADJUSTMENT PERIOD OF A DOG AFTER ADOPTION. EVERY DOG IS UNIQUE AND WILL ADJUST DIFFERENTLY.

| 3 DAYS | 3 WEEKS | 3 MONTHS |
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| TO DECOMPRESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FEELING OVERWHELMED ● MAY FEEL SURPRISED/SHOCKED BY WHAT'S GOING ON ● NOT COMFORTABLE ENOUGH TO BE "YOURSELF/HERSELF" ● MAY NOT WANT TO EAT OR DRINK ● LETS HIDE/GO UNDER FURNITURE ● TESTS THE BOUNDARIES | TO LEARN YOUR ROUTINE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● STARTS SETTLING IN ● FEELS MORE COMFORTABLE ● REALIZES THIS COULD BE A HOME FOR THE LONG TERM ● POLICIES OUT HIS/HER ENVIRONMENT ● LETS INTO A ROUTINE ● LETS HINDER/GUARD DOWN ● MAY BEGIN TO SHOW TRUE PERSONALITY ● BEHAVIOR ISSUES MAY START TO APPEAR | TO START TO FEEL AT HOME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FINALLY FEELS COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE IN HIS/HER HOME ● BEGINS TO BUILD TRUST AND A TRUE BOND ● GAINS A COMPLETE SENSE OF SECURITY WITH HIS/HER FAMILY ● SETS INTO A ROUTINE |

GIVE THEM A CHANCE



Another Meet and Greet



Partnering with Crossville PetSense, Focus on Cumberland County Animal Safety (FOCCAS) had some great dogs for everyone to meet. The rescue currently has over 75 animals ready for adoption.

We want to thank everyone for coming out, and a big thank you to PetSense. We hope to make this a monthly event.



The Foster 50 Challenge

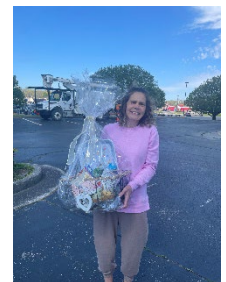
The Foster 50 Challenge is a nationwide effort to expand foster programs and rally communities around animals in need. Animal welfare organizations from all 50 states come together to learn, take action, and make fostering more accessible and sustainable.

FOCCAS has recently signed up for the Challenge. Our paws are crossed that we will be selected from some of the available grants. While grant funding is limited, we here at FOCCAS will be sharing information we learn on how to improve our foster program. The more foster families, the more animals we can rescue.

Congratulations to JoAnne Jackson

JoAnne came out to the FOCCAS booth at the Fairfield Glade Volunteer Expo and won a gift basket.

We had lots of visitors who learned about the various volunteer opportunities at the FOCCAS table. This event allowed potential volunteers to network with like-minded individuals passionate about making a difference, attend informative sessions on various FOCCAS social issues and initiatives.



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