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It's Back to School for our Fostering Program



FOCCAS has announced its new 3-week foster program. Yes, 3 weeks, because three weeks of your time could make a lifetime of difference for a rescue dog.

We're looking for caring families who live in the greater Crossville, TN area who can open their homes to a dog for just 3 weeks. That's it — no long-term commitment required.



Three weeks may sound short, but for a dog who has spent time in a shelter or rescue environment, it can be incredibly meaningful. In a home, they can relax, learn a routine, experience the comfort of a family, and simply be a dog.

And perhaps most importantly, you'll help us learn more about that dog — their personality, needs, quirks, and the kind of family who will be the perfect match.

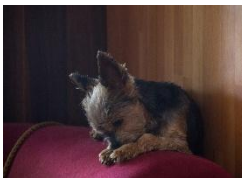


We know fostering can feel like a big commitment. That's why we're asking for just 3 weeks.

You don't have to know whether you can foster forever. You don't have to be an expert. You just have to be willing to give a dog a safe place to land for a little while.

At the end of the three weeks, if your foster hasn't found their forever home, FOCCAS will return the dog to its intake facility and work with you on the next step. Three weeks. One open home. One dog who gets a chance to experience life outside the shelter.

Could you be that person for a dog? If you're interested in becoming a 3-week foster and live in the greater Crossville, TN area, simply reply to this email or contact Jamie Deats at (518) 894-0759 or jdeats64@gmail.com. I'd love to answer your questions and help you get started.



Prayers for Our Volunteers

We could not save the lives we save and accomplish all the good works that the community expects from FOCCAS without our dedicated volunteers. Please keep the following volunteers in your prayers.

Pam Westerdahl was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia. She is home now and doing much better! She is resting and taking it easy for now.

Mary Dohoney is heading to her new home in Florida. We will miss her terribly, but she will continue to do adoption follow-up for us. Best of luck, Mary, on your new adventure

Arlene Somerville cut her ankle while helping at the FOCCAS 127 yard sale. She was taken to the ER and required 9 stitches. She has been resting and feeling much better.

Bill Prather has a viral infection and has been sick for a while. He is doing better and has been resting and recovering.

We miss them tremendously and appreciate everything that they do for FOCCAS. Help us by sending prayers and thoughts for a speedy and full recovery to Pam, Arlene, and Bill!

Celebrate Your Hot Dog or Cool Cat 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.



FOCCAS Raises \$5001, and Counting, During 127 Yard Sale

Amazing, since we had to close for half the day on Saturday because of the horrible rain. This event was a ton of work, and we could not have done it without our great volunteers. A special thank you to Deb and Roger Holloway for their tireless efforts in organizing and implementing all the moving pieces. We could not have pulled it off without them.

Still have some items to sell, and we've already surpassed \$ 5,000! This is our major fundraiser for 2026.



Some Upcoming Events

We are still finalizing a few more FOCCAS events. Check out our Website and Facebook for the latest updates. So far, we are planning:



Crossville's 125th Birthday Bash is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM in Downtown Crossville (Main Street and the Downtown AMP stage). Once we have our final location, we will let you know.



FOCCAS Online Auction. We will be hosting our first online auction. Due to food and entertainment costs, the 2026 Bark, Whine and Dine event has been canceled. We hope to raise funds with this On-Line Auction. We need nice items for the auction, so be looking around your home and see what you have to donate for the cause. Contact Debbie Holloway if you have items you believe would be great for the event. We are counting on you to help us fundraise.



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