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## A Time to Recognize Our Volunteers



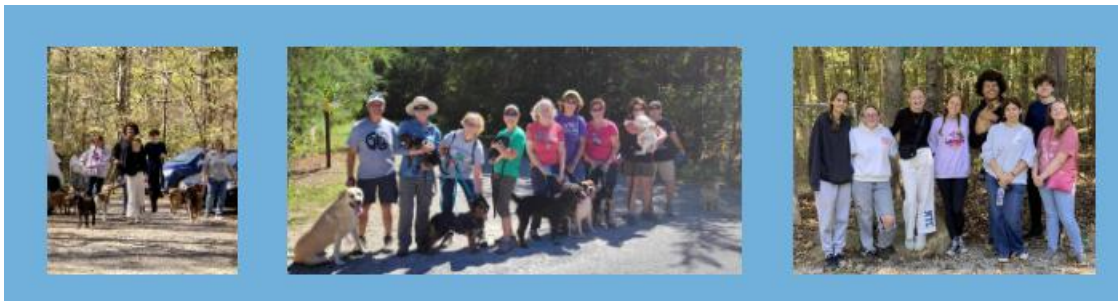
Held in April every year, National Volunteer Month is a time to celebrate and recognize the contributions of volunteers. It is an opportunity to join the impact of volunteerism and encourage more people to get involved in their communities. This is a great month to reaffirm your commitment to giving back. FOCCAS is a fully volunteer-staffed animal rescue that relies on adoption fees, donations, and local fundraisers for income. We want to take this opportunity to recognize all those who give their time and energy to us. We could not function without volunteers. Visit us here <https://foccas-tn.org/volunteer> if you would like to become a FOCCAS volunteer.

We recently held a pot-luck luncheon at the Thunderbird Recreation Center in Lake Tansi. We had lots of food, prizes and of course, great conversations.

Our volunteers are the backbone of our organization, and because of you, we can make a massive difference in the lives of those we serve. Our volunteers bring a wealth of skills, knowledge, and experience which allows FOCCAS to provide services and programs that would not otherwise be possible.

Our programs include the Education Program, Distressed Animal Program, Community Outreach for At-Risk Dogs (CORD), Feline Program, and K-9 Rescue Program. Volunteers are our biggest champions and one of our greatest assets.

We cannot be successful without you. Last year, we rescued 209 dogs and twenty-nine cats and placed 224 dogs and six cats into new homes. Our mission is to inspire our community to cultivate the values of kind, compassionate, responsible, and humane care of the county's animals, including stray, feral, and owned, through education and community-based programs, and to prevent animal cruelty wherever we find it.



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**Congratulations!** FOCCAS has earned a 2025 Gold Seal of Transparency from CandidDotOrg! Get updates on our impact through our #NonprofitProfile Read our profile on Candid.org <https://app.candid.org/profile/9483278>.

The Candid Gold Seal of Transparency is a recognition awarded to nonprofit organizations that demonstrate a high level of transparency by sharing detailed information about their finances, leadership, demographics, programs, and mission, helping funders and donors make informed decisions.

## Our March Adoptions



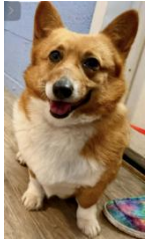
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## An Update on Those Receiving Care Through The Distressed Animal Program

Just wanted to update everyone on **Levi's** after his surgery. He's healing beautifully. Thank you to everyone who donated to support his surgery; your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help offset the costs. We're still accepting donations to help with the expenses at (<https://foccas-tn.org/donate>), just note Levi. Any and all contributions are gratefully appreciated.



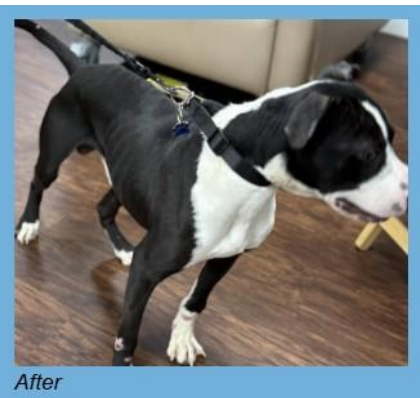
This sweet 4-year-old Corgi is Brinka & she was surrendered by her breeder a couple of weeks ago. Her foster quickly noticed a subtle hitch in her giddy-up. Sure enough, like any dog used for breeding, she has an unaddressed and painful medical issue. Her right hip is nowhere near where it is supposed to be. Her left hip is ok, but not right. She needed FHO on the right, and the surgery was completed on April 2, and she is recovering well. She'll be ready for adoption once she's getting around well. Donations are appreciated but not mandatory (<https://foccas-tn.org/shop/ols/products/distressed-animal-donation>) #foccasrescue #distressedanimalprogram.

## Fostering Is the Key

Banksy was found in a ditch off 127 North by a concerned citizen who surrendered him to FOCCAS. After some medical attention and fostering this is what he looks after 1-week. He's still underweight but his transformation has been at light speed. Are you ready to become a hero? We desperately need fosters. To learn more check out our foster page at <https://foccas-tn.org/foster> and fill out an application today. Imagine the difference you can make in an animal's life. **To become a fosterer:** (<http://foccas-tn.org/foster>)



Before



After

## Volunteer Donates Trailer for Focus on Cumberland County Animal Safety (FOCCAS)



A FOCCAS volunteer saw the great need for this box trailer, purchased it, and donated it to the organization. With the donation of this box trailer, getting out into the community just became a lot easier.

FOCCAS would also like to thank Tim Poore, owner of Tennessee Trailer Company in Crossville, TN, for assisting the donor in choosing the proper trailer for the group's needs while working within the donor's budget.

FOCCAS was packing and unpacking materials each time we participated in community-based educational and informational venues. It is through this outreach that residents learn about FOCCAS and its mission and, of course, pet and play with our adoptable pets.

### Rabies Clinic



According to the Tennessee Anti-Rabies Law, the general public of Cumberland County is advised that the annual rabies vaccination clinics will be held at the following locations. Owners are urged to take their dog (3 months or older) and cats (6 months or older) to one of the places listed below on April 12, 2025

Best Friends Veterinary Hospital – 225 Sparta Highway in Crossville . from 8 a.m. until noon \$5 per vaccination

Highland Veterinary Clinic – 119 West Adams Street from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. \$10 per vaccination

Homestead Animal Medical Clinic – 55 Bob Tollett Loop from 9 a.m. until noon. \$10 per vaccination

## Sara Irwin - Foster of the Month!



Sara has been fostering dogs for FOCCAS for about 8 years. This is not a recent trend, fostering has been her passion since she was a little girl. She mainly cares for small-breed dogs, and they stay with her until they are adopted. Sara's motto is "There is nothing like a houseful". She says it takes most of her fosters 3 - 10 days to get on her pack's schedule - to really fit in. Sara is great at building up the confidence of shy dogs, caring for sick or injured dogs, and potty training those who need it. Sara is not even sure of how many dogs she has fostered over the years. She is always willing to take on another needy dog so it can find a loving home. How is she able to give up these dogs that she doted on for months? Sara says "I love the next foster dog that I haven't met yet enough to let my current foster go to a great home." Thank you, Sara, for what you do!

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## Happy Tales



*So here are Duncan and little Biscuit, who we renamed Hektor (the K is deliberate) They are best of buds.*



*Lucy's loving life! She's the love of my whole neighborhood!*



*Stevie and his new best friend*



*Bodhi Chinese year of the snake coat. Jacks says Bodhi has more coats than him*



*This is Widget and her new sister, living in Michigan now*



*HAPPY GOTCHA DAY to Miss Angel*



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