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A Time of Thanksgiving

Ten years ago, FOCCAS was just a dream. Today, it's a well-established animal rescue. FOCCAS could not exist without all the hard work of our volunteers and the support of this community.

We would like to dedicate this issue to those who make all the various activities needed to make this all work. We are humbled by your trust and support of our organization and are inspired to continue our work with renewed determination. Every adoption, every life saved, every joyful reunion is stitched into this fabric of kindness you have helped us weave. Ten years ago, FOCCAS was just a dream. Today, it's a well-established animal rescue. FOCCAS could not exist without all the hard work of our volunteers and the support of this community.



Can You Foster Me?



Remus



Roman



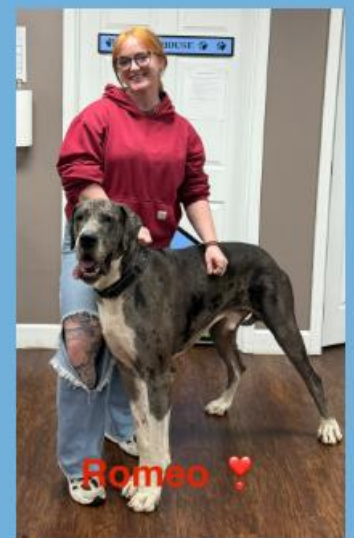
Rowan

We have wonderful guys who need a foster home. We call them the RV Pups. We believe they are 5-month-old male Spitz mixes. Sweet, shy, needs leash training and potty training. They were part of a surrender here in Crossville, TN. They are all male, beautiful, and very playful. They look just like an American Eskimo, but a miniature version. There Remus, Rowan and Roman.

We are always in need of foster homes for our dogs. Being in a home environment allows us to truly get to know the dogs, house-train them if needed, and teach them good manners. Being in a foster home certainly makes the dog a better fit for an adoptive family. Just go to our website, complete the foster form, and begin the adventure. Become a Foster Today (<https://foccas-tn.org/foster>)



Our Recent Adoptions



Heal, Sit, Stay

She helps us get our dogs ready for adoption. 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. Training sessions can be at your home or at a public location, group sessions, or via virtual methods, such as FaceTime, WhatsApp, Skype, etc. If you have a dog with behaviors that you cannot correct, then please give her a call. Pawsable Results (904) 334 - 0029.

FOCCAS Foster of the Month - Heidi Eder

I foster because I have been privileged to share my life with many dogs, who cheered me through life's inevitable ups and downs. Dogs are work, but they give so much back in return for their care. For me the best thing about fostering is knowing that I have been able to help other families find an ideal chosen family member. We don't necessarily get to pick out our human families. But they are willing to commit to ten or more years of these dogs in their lives, so I want it to be the best experience possible for all the humans and the dog. I get a lot of satisfaction out of my contact with these families. Most people I meet at events say they "could never foster" as they would get too attached and not be able to give the dog away. But our family dog, Rocket, has been able to help me calm fosters, teach fosters how to walk on a leash well, and greet visitors respectfully, and it has certainly been a team effort. He teaches dogs in a different way than I can as a human; it's amazing to see some of our experiences mirrored on the "Dog Whisperer," as Jeanne has shared in a prior newsletter. I know that if I keep an adoptable dog, then both Rocket and I will have much less time, energy, and ability to foster future dogs. And I will have closed off that potential adoptee from being the Number One Dog in another family's life. I guess perhaps if I keep an adoptee for over a year, then I would reconsider, especially as the one I have now, Petty, is almost eight. It would be hard ON HIM to ask him to adapt to an additional family should he get entirely comfortable and settled into our family routine, including vacations, etc. I think it would be easier for a younger dog to move out after a year in foster care. But so far, I have been blessed in not having any of my fosters for more than four months.



Thanks Desiree - Trimming Nails - A FOCCAS Rodeo

Many thanks to all of you that came out to the rescue and helped wrangle dogs for toenail clipping. A very special thank you to our nail



pro Desiree of Switching Gears with Shears. You can learn more about her on her Switching Gears with Shears.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1060976654326095/user/61564312674961/>

A Fall Celebration at Crab Orchard Back Porch Festival

The pups got us lots of attention at this year's Crab Orchard Christian Church Back Porch Festival. The event had a tremendous turnout, whether you were checking out the over 300 vehicles at the Car Show or live entertainment, wonderful food, or a ton of craft vendors. And of course, the great pups from FOCCAS.



Happy Tales

We love seeing and hearing the wonderful stories you share of your FOCCAS pets. It warms our hearts to see how happy the pets and the people are now that they have found their furever homes. Please share your pictures and stories with us at foccasnewsletter@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events

Veterans Day Parade

November 8

Downtown Crossville 10:00 am

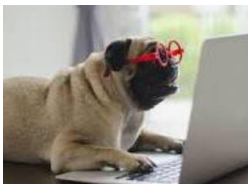
Santa Paws

Friday December 5th 9-4

Saturday December 6th 9-2 Mark your Calendar for Santa Paws

Friday, December 5th 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday, December 6th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm



Have an article for the newsletter?

We love hearing from our FOCCAS family. Whether it is for our Happy Tails or an idea for a fundraising event like the Pickle for Paws, we can't do this without you. Please send all articles and pictures to foccasnewsletter@gmail.com.

Ready to Join the FOCCAS Family?

Donate



Volunteer



Foster



It's been a long, long time

We would like to highlight some of our dogs that have been here at the rescue for a long time....years in fact. From the song by Linda Ronstadt, "And I think I'm gonna love you, For a long, long time." Are you ready for their love?



Wrangler - He has been at the rescue for over 4 years. His happy ending is way overdue. He is a handsome boy who wants to please. Wrangler has a sweet puppy-like personality and is affectionate. Good with other dogs and children. A little jumpy (wants to hug everyone !) To Apply, Please Copy and paste to Your Browser: <https://www.petfinder.com/dog/wrangler-64859146/tn/crossville/focus-on-cumberland-county-animal-safety-tn916/>



Ruby- She has been with us for over 2 years. Ruby is a six-year-old American Pitbull Terrier/Cain Corso mix who will need a fenced-in yard. Quiet, soft, and sweet Ruby, who wants to be right at your feet, is ready for her furever home. To Apply, Please Copy and paste to Your Browser: <https://www.petfinder.com/dog/ruby-75354189/tn/crossville/focus-on-cumberland-county-animal-safety-tn916/>



Bobbin - Bobbin is 6.5 years old and has been a resident at the rescue for over 3 years. She is a favorite of workers and visitors alike! She considers herself the supervisor of all activity. She could use an active family that will help her get in shape. She is sweet and loves attention. She has decided that it's time to find a home of her own. To Apply, Please Copy and paste to Your Browser: <https://www.petfinder.com/dog/bobbin-78704634/tn/crossville/focus-on-cumberland-county-animal-safety-tn916/>



Scully - Scully's mom was a Golden Retriever (we have pictures). Scully is not very pushy when it comes to getting attention but appreciates a laid back companion. He is happy and playful and loves toys with squeakers, stuffed animals and lots of snuggle time!! Scully gets along with other dogs and loves to play with those dogs he knows best. He is on the shy side, so a quiet home with plenty of outside adventures would be his preference.

To Apply, Please Copy and paste to Your Browser: https://www.petfinder.com/search/pets-for-adoption/?name=Scully&shelter_id%5B0%5D=TN916&sort%5B0%5D

Volunteer Spotlight - Darla Caswell

Dara came to us about 7 years ago at the suggestion of a friend. She is one of the key volunteers in adoptions. She vets applications, schedules appointments, and helps on adoption days. She is also there for our special events, and really, whenever we need her.

Why does she do it? "I quickly got hooked on helping with the fabulous work this rescue does. I love seeing the happy faces of both children and adults when they meet our dogs. It's wonderful to see dogs that have been abused, abandoned, or just forgotten get new loving homes where they are taken care of the way they deserve. We love to get updates and pictures from adopters who keep in touch years down the line."



Please consider giving of yourself; there are many areas in which to volunteer, depending on your health and abilities. Go to our website: foccas-tn.org, click on "more", click on "volunteer", and fill out a volunteer application.

Fall Work Day 2025 - So Much Love



Fall Volunteer Day was a HUGE success. Only a fraction of the folks participating are pictured. And because so many volunteers donated their time and substantial energy, the play yards got new gravel, the kennels got repaired, straw was distributed, items were organized, and best of all....dogs were walked, bathed, petted, and loved. And all of us were fed! We are so very blessed.



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SANTA PAWS MARKET

Fundraiser for Focus on
Cumberland County Animal Safety (FOCCAS)

WHEN: Friday, December 5th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 6th, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Cumberland County Community Complex

Silent Auction
Bake Sale

Pulled Pork Sandwiches



FREE ADMISSION
LOTS OF PARKING



FUN & GAMES FOR
FAMILIES & DOGS!



Copper



Bobbi



Contact Sara Irwin, FOCCAS Event Coordinator,
(931)742-0071, with any questions.

