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## Bark, Whine & Dine – A Celebration of the Past, a Promise for the Future



On September 20, we celebrated a decade of second chances, happy endings, and heartbreaking outcomes, lessons learned, and a community that never stopped believing in our shared vision of a kind, compassionate, and responsible culture of animal welfare. In the process, you helped raise over \$5,000.

Ten years ago, FOCCAS was just a dream.

Today, it's a family- built on the love and hard work of our volunteers, the support of this community, and the grateful dogs and cats that remind us every day why we

do this. Rescue is a messy business. Our army of volunteers, those in the



trenches, see the ugly reality on a daily basis and work tirelessly to

ease suffering, clean up the mess of overpopulation and unspoken abuse. The combined volunteer hours can easily exceed 1200 per month. There is no world in which FOCCAS could exist without the hard work and dedication of our volunteers and fosters. We welcome everyone who shares our vision to join our family and be part of the solution. You will meet wonderful people who believe these animals deserve our hope, our optimism, and our courage.

For all the work that has been done, the homeless and unwanted pets here continue in an

epic struggle. Moving forward, we must look to a more permanent solution. Education, consequences, a reliable support network, and community interest in the local and state laws governing animal welfare.

We will begin to change the mindset...the generational culture in this county. We will start a conversation about the value of the lives of these forgotten pets. We will inspire leaders to embrace a vision of animal welfare that is truly reflective of the values of this community. We will promote a society that values the lives of our pets, considers them members of our families, and will not rest until we have inspired a change that will have a lasting impact for every generation that follows.



We are humbled by your trust and support of our organization and are inspired to continue our work with renewed determination. But the story isn't just ours-it belongs to this community. For ten years, you have opened your homes, your hearts, and yes, your wallets. Every adoption, every life saved, every joyful reunion is stitched into this fabric of kindness you have helped us weave. So as we laughed, bid, danced, and celebrated at Bark, Whine & Dine 2025, we also pause to say thank you for making FOCCAS not just an organization, but a family.

*Dr. Mark & Jan Hendrixson*



## Our Recent Adoptions



## FOCCAS Foster of the Month

Our family started fostering last year in May. We wanted to help dogs transition into their forever homes. Our first foster, Twix, was a foster fail. We fell in love with him from the very beginning. We waited several months, then decided to try fostering again. We fostered young puppies, and it was great to watch them grow and move on to their forever families. We were drawn to our latest foster, April, because she was badly injured and needed more intense care. We used my skills as a nurse to help heal the large wound on her head and neck. She has now moved on to her adoptive home! All of our fosters have been very loving. Some more challenging than others but it is so worth it to help these babies find safe, loving forever homes.





## 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](mailto:foccasnewsletter@gmail.com).



For some reason, I never thought of submitting **Marshall's and Doozy's** CGC accomplishments for the newsletter. Maybe it's because I try not to brag -- but since they're FOCCAS dogs that prove rescued/adopted pets can learn great companion-dog skills, it isn't really bragging.

Lucky Seven Marshall (adopted in 2022) and his best friend, Doozy Do-Right (the foster Marshall brought home from our pet sitter in 2023), earned the AKC Urban Canine Good Citizen (CGCU) title recently after previously achieving their Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Community Canine (CGCA) certificates. Next up-- "Tricks" titles! Training is so much fun, and our dogs love the attention! They keep us busy and active, as well as entertaining us with their hilarious antics! No empty nest syndrome here!

## Educational Program Donations

Ellen Rosenfeldt, FOCCAS Education Program Director, placed 234 books about pet care and being a good person to animals, in the schools, public library and private organizations. Pictured here are two of our most recent recipients.



## Hello Fall Market '25 - Falling in Love with FOCCAS

The FOCCAS pups were a hit at the Hello Fall Market '25 held on September 14 at Hello Fall Market '25 at the Bramble Berry Bakery & Cafe & Antiques & Gifts, 2446 Genesis Rd, here in Crossville.



## Our Trainer of Choice - Mary Dohaney



Mary Dohaney is the FOCCAS dog trainer of choice. She has been working with us for years and the results are amazing. She lives in Fairfield Glade and is very experienced at using the positive training approach to correcting behaviors. 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.

Whether you want comprehensive training for your pet or just a few pointers on how to modify undesirable behaviors, she can work with you to achieve your goals. 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.

## A Labor Day Celebration



*Young fella petting  
Jax*



*Red has  
grumpy old man  
face*



*Bill on dog duty*



*Red doesn't mind  
wheelchairs. This is  
Chelsea, a former adopter.*

The pups got us lots of attention and a special donation from the Moore Family. It is with great pleasure that we offer FOCCAS a \$2,500 donation to use where it's most needed. We were greatly moved after a visit to foster mother Sally Prather's home on Sunday afternoon where we were offered a close-up opportunity to observe the loving care she's providing for Brownie. We met Sally and Brownie at the outdoor craft festival on Saturday at your FOCCAS booth. How wonderful to learn of the GREAT work you do!

Thank you SO much for your loving dedication to the care of animals. Blessings from the Moore Family, Tony and Mindy



*Clever was  
quite a  
schmoozer*



*Poppy and Jax  
wanted in on  
the love*



*It's labor day. I'm taking the  
day off*



*Genesis smiling  
because she loves  
to get scratched!*



# Pickles For Paws

A pickleball fundraiser for FOCCAS rescue in Crossville, TN

**Date:** Saturday, November 1, 2025

**Time:** 10 am - 1 pm CT

**Location:** Fairfield Glade Racquet Center

**Cost:** Entry fee is \$25/person

**Play with the Pros:** Think you have what it takes to

beat the pros? Put your money where your paddle is.

With an additional \$10/person, you get to take them on in first-to-5-point matches.

**Entry forms are due at the Fairfield Glade Racquet Center Desk, with payment by Friday, October 24, 2025.**



Come out and join the fun and compete with some of the area's top ballers. There will be food and, of course, some of our FOCCAS pups. All proceeds go to FOCCAS Rescue here in Crossville.

The first of its kind, Pickles for Paws, proceeds will help support the vital work being done to help save dogs and cats here in Cumberland County.

## Tournament Format

Brackets will be Round-Robin, co-ed doubles, gold/silver format.

- No age categories
- 3 divisions: 3.0 and under, 3.5, 4.0+ (based on rating in Playtime Scheduler)
- Players can play up, but not play down
- This is a FUN event meant to raise money for a great cause!

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### Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



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FOCCAS is a fully volunteer-staffed animal rescue, based in Crossville, TN, that relies on adoption fees, donations, and local fundraisers for income. We received \$12,000 from the Patricia & Edward J. McGavock Humane Treatment of Animals Fund via the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. The focus of the grant is to provide assistance via food, shelter, and medical care to owners to keep their pets in their home, rather than surrendering to rescue, and to grow our foster base.

## Can You Foster a Puppy or Two



We have 2 litters of puppies that need foster homes. One puppy is great, 2 puppies are magical. If you can help us help these puppies, that would be wonderful. 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 and complete the foster form and begin the adventure. [Become a Foster Today](<https://foccas-tn.org/foster>)

## Upcoming Events

**October 18 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm - Big Foot Festival** - at the Cumberland County Fairground.

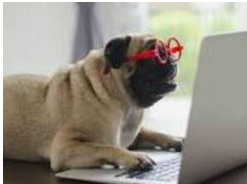
**October 25th, Boo on Main, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm - Boo on Main\*\*** - **This is a wonderful event that takes place in downtown Crossville, TN.** This event is designed to provide our community with a safe space for children to dress up and participate in trick-or-treating. We have heard that some dogs also dress up for this event.



### 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](mailto:foccasnewsletter@gmail.com).

## Ready to Join the FOCCAS Family?

### Donate



### Volunteer



### Foster



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