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# The MCFA News

Monroe County Friends of Animals

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A Military War Dog, or Military Working Dog (MWD), is a canine that has been trained to protect humans in dangerous situations. March 13 has been designated as a day to honor these unique members of the military.

Dogs have been used in military campaigns for centuries. During WWI, American families donated their dogs to the military, who used them to deliver messages between troops. In 1942, the US K9 Corps was created, and dogs were officially adopted into the ranks during WWII. MWDs served during the Vietnam War, credited with saving thousands of lives.

Prior to 2000, there were no protections in place to ensure a safe life for MWDs after military service. Many were euthanized. A law was passed this year requiring all MWDs deemed suitable for adoption to be made available for placement in homes upon retirement, prioritizing adoptions to law enforcement agencies and former handlers.

MCFA is a proud partner of [Pets for Patriots](http://petsforpatriots.org), an organization dedicated to helping veterans find, adopt, and care for their new best friends. Please visit our website or [petsforpatriots.org](http://petsforpatriots.org) to learn more.

## New Program

When you make a donation to MCFA's [Emergency Medical Fund](#), you are helping the Monroe County Animal Shelter care for dogs or cats with medical conditions that require a little extra time, attention, care, and finances. Each case that comes to us is unique—orthopedic issues such as broken bones or sprains, complicated and sometimes emergency surgeries, pets with heartworm disease, and much more. We can only help these pets due to kindness and support from the community.

We can't thank you enough for your compassion and generosity. Please visit our website for more information.

## Annex Update

It will be at least another month before MCFA gets a deed for the Kefauver property as we await required signatures. In the meantime, the shelter design committee is reaching out to people at the shelter and others with shelter experience for comments on our latest shelter design.



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Info by [MilitaryBenefits.info](http://MilitaryBenefits.info)

K9 Veterans Day  
MARCH 13



*Monroe County Friends of Animals Thrift Store is a major source of revenue supporting our mission.*

**Thrift Store Sale**

**3/9-3/12**

**\$1.00 Clothing**

**MCFA Thrift Store is open**

**Wednesday – Saturday**

**10am – 4pm**

**423-420-3423**

**3949 Highway 411, Madisonville, TN**

*To learn more about sales & volunteering at the Thrift Store, visit the "Our Programs" page of our website.*





## FREE Spay & Neuter Vouchers

Saturday March 12th

SPONSORED MCFA (TN) Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP)

THANK YOU TO:  
♥ East Tennessee Foundation  
♥ Bernice Barbour Foundation  
♥ Monroe County Friends of Animals



### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Get your FREE voucher at the following Call in session:

Saturday March 12th, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

SNAP will issue FREE spay/neuter vouchers

This will be a CALL IN voucher session. There will be no physical presence required. Those that want to request a voucher will call one of the following numbers:

423-836-2041  
865-268-9730  
865-297-3363

If the line is busy try the next phone number. Keep trying until someone answers.

DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE. Messages will not be monitored.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Vouchers are valid for 30 days.

After receiving your voucher number just call the designated Vet to make an appointment.

(State law requires proof of rabies vaccination, the cost of which is not covered by the voucher).

Participating vets are:

- ♥ PPAW Spay and Neuter Clinic in Greenback
- ♥ Monroe County Animal Hospital in Sweetwater
- ♥ Sweetwater Veterinary Hospital in Sweetwater

Please do not call the Vet Hospitals nor the Shelter for Vouchers, as they do not have access to them.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Vouchers are limited to pet owners with combined household incomes less than:

- ♥ \$35,000 for a single person
- ♥ \$45,000 for a family

Individuals who are on Disability Medicaid Handicapped Food Stamp recipients

Monroe County residents only! A driver license number will be required.

Want to SPAY it FORWARD? Just go to: [www.monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org](http://www.monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org), cover(Donate), then click on (Spay it forward) all that is donated will be used in the free spay-neuter program. Thanks for your help! MORE QUESTIONS? [www.monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org](http://www.monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org) [www.spay-neuter-monroe-tn-snap.webs.com](http://www.spay-neuter-monroe-tn-snap.webs.com)



Images by Nancy Shuler, DVM, MSW, MS, and Lisa Fox, DVM

## Advocate

### Humane Lobby Day in Nashville

Wednesday, March 22, 9:00am (US/Central Time)

The animals can't speak, so we must do it for them! Join the Humane Society in Nashville (in person or virtually) along with fellow advocates from all over the state to speak with your legislators. It's your chance to learn about pending animal bills and show lawmakers that animal protection legislation is a priority to Tennesseans.

**Pre-registration is required by March 17.**

Sign up on the Events page of the Humane Society website or on their Facebook page.



### Annual Membership Open Board Meeting

Monday, March 21 4:00-6:30pm

All current members who plan on attending this meeting MUST RSVP by:

**Wednesday March 16 @ 5:00pm**

via email to [tunderwood@monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org](mailto:tunderwood@monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org)

Location will be provided in response.



Your vote on bylaw changes and nominations for the new BOD members are due by 3/18. You may vote electronically by clicking on the link in the 2/28 email you received or print and mail (post mark by 3/14).

Such an Amazing Opportunity to Thank All of the Beautiful, Wonderful, Charming Women out There! Thank You for Making Life Possible, Thank You for Being So Different and Strong!

**HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY!**

There are so many amazing women who volunteer at MCFA to support our local shelter and enrich the lives of the cats and dogs who touch our lives there. Thank you for your dedication, bravery, support and nurturing!

Thank YOU for all YOU do!



## Current Shelter Needs

Donations of the basics are always needed and welcome. Right now, we have a particular need for cardboard cat carrier boxes, bleach, blue Dawn dish soap (or equivalent), liquid laundry soap, and paper towels. We always appreciate donations of collars, leashes of all types, and toys (gently used/loved is fine). You can drop them off at the shelter or ship directly. Thank you!

## Inspiration from the Executive Director

"If there's one thing I've learned in life, it's the power of using your voice."  
-Michelle Obama

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