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The MCFA News

Monroe County Friends of Animals

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Adopt-a-thons

Thanks to our volunteers and to everyone who came out last weekend for our PetSmart Adopt-a-thons. Five lucky dogs and four adorable kittens found their furever homes!



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
March 27, 2:00-4:00pm

You must be a member in good standing by February 15, 2023 in order to attend this meeting and to vote.

RSVP required via email:

info@monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org



Highlights

- Adopt-a-thons
- Annual Membership Meeting
- Events
- Advocate
- Cat Hording
- Shelter Needs
- Quotes from the Executive Director

National Puppy Day & Cuddly Kitten Day

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

Thrift Store Specials
3/15-18

Spring Come check out the new Spring clothes!

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.



Events

We rely on volunteers to help us with just about everything we do, and we are so grateful to all of you. Currently, we are SEEKING volunteers to serve as COMMITTEE MEMBERS to help us plan our two biggest events of the year:



June 3: First Annual Bark in the Park
November 18: Annual Fundraising Gala

These dates may seem a long way off, but early planning is the key to success!

For further information: info@monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org

Cat Hoarding

Last month, a MCFA volunteer learned that due to illness, a person who'd been hoarding feral cats was unable to continue feeding them. Monroe County Animal Shelter staff, Monroe County Animal control, and the volunteer went to the property, where the conditions were horrendous. Over the course of several weeks, they set traps and captured more than 40 cats. They had never been to a veterinarian, and most were in bad health with upper respiratory infections, skin conditions, and severe eye infections.

This sad tale illustrates the utmost importance of spaying and neutering and of reaching out. If you are unable to properly care for your pets, or if you know someone who is struggling with caring for their pets, please reach out to the Monroe County Animal Shelter or Monroe County Animal Control. That is what they are there for. They will provide the necessary help.

This also shows the importance of building our new shelter so we can save more animals. We are so close to our fundraising goal. Please visit the MCFA website to donate today.

ADVOCATE

Shelter for outdoor dogs SB 195/HB 472

A bill to define "adequate shelter" for outdoor dogs has been introduced in both the House and Senate. The bill is being carried by Sen. Jon Lundberg and Rep. John Crawford. Co-sponsor: Rep. Darren Jernigan. The bill has been assigned to House Criminal Justice committee. The Senate version has been assigned to Senate Judiciary.

How You Can Help

Connect with your state legislators and ask them to co-sponsor this bill. This will be an important show of support when the bill goes before committee.

(Find your lawmaker here: <https://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/Apps/fmlv3/districts.aspx>)



Shelter Needs

Volunteers Needed Now

Grant Writers (call 423-520-6887)

For other volunteer options, please complete our online application or email: info@MonroeCountyFriendsofAnimals.org

Donations Needed Now

Laundry Soap & Bleach

Ship direct to the shelter or drop off
Tue/Wed/Fri 11am-4:30pm or Sat 11am-2pm



170 Kefauver Lane
Madisonville, TN 37354

Poison Prevention
Awareness Month



Quotes from the Executive Director

"The most dangerous, poisonous and ferocious animals are only humans."
-Amit Abraham

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