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The MCFA News

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Humane Tethering

Last Week, House Bill 2034/Senate Bill 2305 sponsored by Rep. Torrey Harris and Senator Heidi Campbell related to the unlawful restraint of a dog was turned down by the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee. This bill will provide humane standards for dogs living outdoors, protecting animals without causing harm or financial hardship to pet owners.

The vagueness of our current law makes it difficult for law enforcement officers to take action before a dog has been injured or died and the owner then faces criminal charges. This bill creates clear, reasonable expectations for the humane treatment of dogs and allows responsible owners to take proactive steps to comply.

The proposed legislation achieves that by:

- Requiring access to shelter, shade, water, and a clean environment
- Prohibiting the use of use of chains or weights and requiring the use of safe restraints

It does not prevent owners from tethering dogs but requires it to be done in a safe and humane manner. Dogs may still be restrained by a tether if they are:

- Attached to a cable-tie out or trolley system
- Camping or using other public recreational areas
- Herding livestock or assisting with farming tasks
- Hunting or participating in field trials
- In an open-air truck bed while the owner completes a temporary task

How can you help?

Tennessee State Representative Lowell Russell sits on this committee and voted NO last week. Please reach out to him to share your support of the bill and urge him to move the bill forward. Call and email his office and ask him to support HB 2034 for humane tethering standards.

Lowell Russell

Phone: (615) 741-3736 / email: rep.lowell.russell@capitol.tn.gov



Highlights

Advocate

Membership Matters

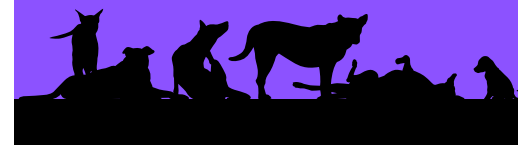
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World Stray Animal Day
APRIL 4



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

Thrift Store Special

3/30-4/2

1/2 off clothes & Easter items

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.





The Board of Directors met on Monday, March 28, to appoint the new officers. And they are:



President, Bob Korts
Vice President, Cheryl Ulmer
Secretary, Deborah Smith

Congratulations to all! Bios will soon be available on our website.

We would also like to offer a huge thank you to outgoing board members Walt Marshall and Deborah Moore for their many years of dedicated service. Walt served first as President then as Secretary, each for a 3-year term. Deb was also a board member for 6 years, the last of which she served as Vice President. We are so grateful for their many years of service to MCFA on the Board of Directors, as well as for their continuing and past support of this organization.

Thank you

Spay/Neuter



**Free Vouchers
(dogs & cats)!**

Monroe County Residents Only

Visit the [Our Programs/Spay & Neuter](#) page on the MCFA website for additional requirements and restrictions.

**Saturday, April 9
10:00am-12:00pm**

Call one of these numbers on the date and times listed ONLY.

423-836-2041

423-595-4007

865-268-9730

If the lines are busy, keep trying.
DO NOT leave a message.
Messages will NOT returned.

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Current Shelter Needs



Can you open your home and heart to an animal in need? **FOSTERING** is a highly rewarding experience that benefits homeless animals and is fun for you and your family! We are currently in need of people to foster animals--**ESPECIALLY PUPPIES!**--that are waiting to find their forever home; the shelter is not a home. Please visit the [Foster](#) page of our website for more info.

Donations of the basics are always needed and welcome. Right now, we are overrun with puppies and have a **particular need for bleach, liquid laundry soap, printer paper, garbage bags (13 & 33 gallon) and puppy food.** 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! Please visit the [Shelter Wish List](#) page of our website for more info.

Inspiration from the Executive Director

"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right."
—Rosa Parks

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