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The MCFA News

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Advocate

Thanks to everyone who called Rep. Russell last week to ask him to change his vote and support the bill to enact humane tethering standards for dogs that live outdoors in Tennessee. Unfortunately, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted NO on this bill, so it will not move forward in the House. Senator Mike Bell, the chair of the committee, was one of those who voted no. If you would like to send him a message or call to express your disappointment in his vote, his contact info is below.

Another piece of legislation (HB 2860/SB 2243) will be heard in House Criminal Justice full committee and Senate Judiciary committee this week. This bill would make it illegal to restrain a dog while a natural or manmade disaster is imminent or occurring, including severe flooding, tornados, and during evacuation orders. This is a bill both Sen. Mike Bell and Rep. Lowell Russell will be voting on next week. **If you are interested in making a call to support this bill, you must do so before 11:00am CT/12:00pm ET on Wednesday, April 6.**



Senator Mike Bell

(615) 741-1946 / sen.mike.bell@capitol.tn.gov

Representative Lowell Russell

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

Annex Update

On April 5, the plat and deed for the new shelter were approved by Madisonville City Commissioners.

Annual Gala

It's that time of year again: time to roll out the red carpet! Well, at least it's time to prepare for our most important annual fundraising event, which will be some time in the fall, exact date TBD.

For now, we need volunteers to help solicit sponsors and auction items. Planning meetings will begin soon. If you'd like to help with the planning, become a sponsor, or donate an auction item, please email Teresa Underwood: tunderwood@monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org



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Celebrate Shelter Pets Day

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

Thrift Store Special

4/6-9

1/2 off Easter items,
Luggage, Totes, & Purses

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.





Animal Control

April 10-16: National Animal Control Appreciation Week

Animal Control officers often get a bad rap, and we here at MCFA want everyone to know that, actually, they deserve our gratitude. Without their valuable services, lost and stray animals would not find their way to the safety of a shelter or to homes. These people often put themselves in personal danger to keep animals on the streets out of danger, as well as people and other animals with whom they interact. In addition to answering calls for strays and lost animals, here are a 5 other important things animal care and control officers do for their communities that you might not know about:

1. Respond to bite incidents and noise complaints
2. Investigate animal cruelty, abuse, and neglect
3. Rescue animals from fighting rings
4. Pick up pets from seniors or disabled people who can no longer care for them
5. Relocate wild animals

This week, we would like to honor **TOM McCOSH**, who donates both his time and resources to provide Monroe County with this invaluable service. He also sponsors a monthly article in *The Sweetwater Citizen* highlighting the Monroe Country Animal Shelter. If you'd like to say thank you or ever require his services, please call 423-442-4357.

THANKYOU

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 and KITTENS!** 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 have a **particular need for bleach, liquid laundry soap, and garbage bags (13 & 39 gallon)**. 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. Please visit the [Shelter Wish List](#) page of our website for more info.

DONATE!

Inspiration from the Executive Director

"The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated."
-Mahatma Gandhi

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