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The MCFA News

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Advocate

Great news! Last week, Senate Judiciary Committee passed SB 2243 in committee. 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. The bill will now move to the Senate Floor. Please continue to contact our reps to ask them to show their support when voting.

Senator Mike Bell

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Representative Lowell Russell

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Annex Update

Correction to last week's update: Both the Deed and the Plat for the 3.25-acre parcel donated to MCFA by the Kefauver family have been filed. MCFA is now on record as the owner.



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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National Cat Lady Day

APRIL 19



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

Thrift Store Special

4/13-16

1/2 off Easter items +

Everything Kids: clothes, toys, stuffed animals & more!

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.





Awareness

April is Heartworm Awareness Month

According to the American Heartworm Society, more than a million pets in the US have heartworms, a deadly disease that is easily prevented. It's transmitted by mosquitoes, and mosquito season has just begun in Eastern Tennessee, so now is the time to protect your pet.

Process: A mosquito feeds on a wild animal, such as a coyote, fox, or raccoon--all common in our region--who often host the parasite that causes heartworm. Inside the mosquito, the parasite develops into infective larvae that migrate to the mosquito's mouth once mature. When that mosquito bites another animal, such as your dog or cat, the larvae move into the wound and deposit themselves into your pet's bloodstream. In about 6 months, they mature into adult heartworms. If untreated, these adults reproduce, constantly increasing their numbers. Adult heartworms can live 5-7 years in dogs (who are more easily infected than cats).

Damage: As heartworms move through the body, they cause extensive damage to vital organs such as liver, lungs, kidneys, and heart. They can cause inflammation of the blood vessels, and potentially lead to heart failure, resulting in death.

Prevention: There is a lengthy and expensive cure for dogs infected with heartworms but not for cats, who usually die from the disease. However, with a relatively inexpensive monthly oral medication (prescription required) or topical application, it is preventable. Our pets depend on us to take care of them. Heartworm prevention is one of the best ways we can protect our faithful companions from disease and help ensure that they will be with us for many years.



Special Foster



Remember Abe? His leg was amputated 2 months ago and he has been recovering in a wonderful foster home. He needs a new foster now. Coming back to the shelter is not an option, because his wound is still open and might be prone to infection. He's very loving with humans but gets a little excited around cats. If you are able to foster Abe, please contact Cathy Barrett: 630-730-9729 cbarrett@monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org



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 DOGS!** 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 copy paper.** 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

"We don't have two hearts, one for animals and one for humans; we have one heart or we don't have any." *–Alphonse de Lamartine*

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