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The MCFA News

Monroe County Friends of Animals

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Sneak Peaks

Spring Appeal

Keep your eyes peeled for a special letter in your mailbox from MCFA to read two heartwarming success stories that were possible only through the generosity of donors, fosters, and volunteers like you! **Hint:** One of the stories is about Grace and her 8 puppies, pictured in the purple column to the right. The other story is about tiny Tucker, pictured here on the left.



Highlights

- Sneak Peaks
- Adoption
- Awareness
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- Inspiration from the Executive Director



National Rescue Dog Day
MAY 20



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



Thrift Store Special

5/18-24

Hundreds of items storewide reduced to \$2.00!

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.



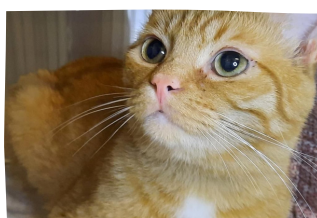
Annual Gala

SAVE THE DATE! November 12
Planning has begun for the annual gala! We need VOLUNTEERS for the planning committee and related tasks, as well as the day of the event. We also need SPONSORS and DONATIONS for the Live & Silent Auctions. For all the above, please contact Teresa at:

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Adoption

Did you know all orange cats are tabbies? Even if their stripes are faint, they're there. Orange cats have a reputation for being snuggly attention lovers, and they've been winning hearts for centuries with their sunny, spunky personalities. Often labeled ginger or marmalade cats, orange tabbies tend to be highly sociable and outgoing, and they purr and meow to express themselves. Did you know most of them are males? And guess what? We've got a female at the shelter right now! Come meet Jodie and Frosty. They would love to light up your life!





Awareness

May is all about the animals! Check out all the pet awareness days below for this month and the image to the right to see what you can do to help.

Awareness Month:

- National Pet Month
- National Foster Care Month
- Responsible Animal Guardian Month
- Pet Cancer Awareness Month
- Chip Your Pet Month
- National Service Animal Eye Exam Month

Awareness Weeks:

- May 1-7 | National Pet Week
- May 1-7 | American Humane's Be Kind to Animals Wk
- May 1-7 | Puppy Mill Action Week
- May 3-9 | Dog Anxiety Awareness Week

Holidays & Awareness Days:

- May 1 | National Purebred Dog Day
- May 1 | Mayday for Mutts
- May 3 | National Specially-Abled Pets Day
- May 14 | National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day
- May 14 | National Dog Mom's Day
- May 14 | International Chihuahua Appreciation Day
- May 20 | National Rescue Dog Day
- May 21 | World Dog Day

5 THINGS YOU CAN DO TODAY to Help Animals in Your Community

HELP LOST PETS GET BACK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

LOST PETS ARE TYPICALLY FOUND LESS THAN 1 MILE FROM HOME!

- ☑ Post photos on Nextdoor & Lost/Found Facebook groups
- ☑ Walk them around the neighborhood
- ☑ File a "found pet" report with your local shelter
- ☑ Take them to a nearby vet and have them scanned for a microchip

FOSTER

If you can't commit to the permanence of adoption, foster a pet for a short time or even a one day-foster program and take a dog on a field trip.

VOLUNTEER

If you're looking to make a lasting impact but can't bring pets home, volunteer! It can be much more than walking dogs, and might include spending time with cats, helping with marketing and promotions, taking photos, lost and found matching, and even data entry or helping with prevention programs like pet pantry or supply drives.

HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED WITH THEIR PETS

A bag of pet food might mean the world to a neighbor with a dog or cat. A nearby senior might need help walking their dog. Offering help to your neighbors could mean a person doesn't have to give their pet up to the shelter, for lack of another option

SHARE PETS FOR ADOPTION

Adoptions have been slow across the country, but sharing posts and info about pet adoption within your own network can help spread the word about amazing animals looking for homes.

Wags & Riches Photography

Infographic Courtesy of HEARTS & SPEAK



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 both cats and dogs of all ages, especially **KTTENS!** 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. We have a constant need for liquid laundry soap and bleach. We 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.



National Pet Month

Inspiration from the Executive Director

"When you look into the eyes of an animal you've rescued, you can't help but fall in love." –Paul Shaffer

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