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The MCFA News

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Awareness



June is Adopt-a-Shelter Cat month, so each week, we'll share some information to help you keep your cat healthy and happy.



FIV+ Cat Facts

Cats who test positive for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) are often euthanized or are considered unadoptable. In fact, cats who test positive for FIV usually live long, healthy lives and do not infect other household pets.

Transmission: "FIV is mainly passed from cat to cat through deep bite wounds, the kind that usually occur outdoors during aggressive fights and territorial disputes—the perfect reason to keep your cat inside." - The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)*

"Casual non-aggressive behavior" does not spread FIV. "Cats in households with stable social structures [...] are at little risk for acquiring infections." -Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine*

MYTH: A cat can pass on FIV by living with other household cats, sharing water bowls and cleaning each other.

FACT: FIV is only transmitted through deep blood-drawing bite wounds. FIV+ cats can have happy lives in socialized multi-cat households.

MYTH: FIV+ cats will become ill and die at an early age.

FACT: FIV+ cats do not have a higher incidence of illness, and live the same lifespan as non FIV+ cats.

Lifespan: Multiple medical studies show that cats who test positive for FIV live just as long as FIV-negative cats.*

"FIV itself does not cause severe clinical signs, and FIV infected cats live many years without any health problems."

- Hartman, *Veterinary Immunology and Immunopathology*, 2011

*Addie, Toth, Reid, Jarrett, Dennis & Callanan, *Veterinary Record*, 2000

*Gleich, Krieger & Hartmann, *Journal of Feline Medicine & Surgery*, 2009

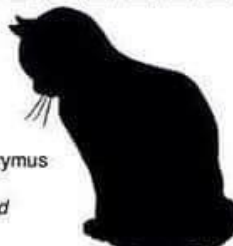
*Little, Bienzle, Carioto, Chisholm, O'Brien & Scherk, *The Canadian Veterinary Journal*, 2011

Please spread the facts about FIV+ cats to your veterinarians, rescues, shelters, and friends!

FIV+ cats need love too!

*Hosie, Addie, Belak, Boucraut-Baralon, Egberink, Frymus & Lloret, *Journal of Feline Medicine & Surgery*, 2009

*Walker, Canfield & Love, *Veterinary Immunology and Immunopathology*, 1994



Highlights

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- Quarterly Meeting
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Hug Your Cat Day
JUNE 4



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

Thrift Store Special
6/1-4

Our Everyday Amazing Color Tag Discounts!

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.



Current Shelter Needs



Cantankerous cats are a safety hazard to the volunteers and staff who handle them. A **CAT NABBER** provides a safe and humane way to handle animals, assuring the safety of both cats and people. Intramuscular injections of tranquilizers, anesthetics, or vaccines can be given through the net. Cats can be bathed in the net. They can also be transferred from one cage to another without injury or stress. Check out this YouTube video to see how it works: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61L1aJPQ2c>

These traps are expensive (\$135) and we also need to purchase extra net replacements (\$25 each). Plus \$100 in shipping costs.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Please go to our website at monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org and click on the green donate button at the very top of the home page on the right side. **When you are making your donation, be sure to write in the comment section: NABBER FOR CATS.** This way we will know when we reach our goal of \$500 and can cover the cost of these traps.

We appreciate when our donors decide to order items on their own, but this is very specific, so PLEASE monetary donations only. As always, we thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Thank you



FOSTERING

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 dire need of people to foster both cats and dogs of all ages! 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, especially **liquid laundry soap, bleach, and paper towels.** We appreciate biscuits and jerky-type treats, but **longer lasting treats for the big dogs** would be wonderful! Collars, leashes of all types, and toys (gently used/loved is fine) are welcome. You can drop all of this off at the shelter or ship directly. Please visit the [Shelter Wish List](#) page of our website for more info.

Inspiration from the Executive Director

"Time spent with cats is never wasted." –Sigmund Freud

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