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# The MCFA News

Monroe County Friends of Animals

[monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org](http://monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org)

PO Box 106, Vonore, TN 37885

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## Ways to Support the Shelter



### Become a Foster

The shelter is way over capacity, as is the case with shelters all around the country, which means transports are way down as well. There is absolutely no room for more, but more come in every day. Fostering is a key way to help the shelter. If preconceived notions about fostering are holding you back, we'd like to debunk some of those myths for you here and now.

#### MYTH #1: ANIMALS WHO NEED FOSTER HOMES ARE TROUBLE MAKERS

Some animals in need of fostering are simply too young for adoption, need extra love and socialization to become confident family pets, or have medical needs or recovering from a surgical procedure. And when the shelter is full, as it is now, there is just nowhere to put them.

#### MYTH #2: FOSTERING IS EXPENSIVE

There is no financial cost whatsoever to foster an animal. Everything is provided by the animal shelter: food, medicine, crates, bowls, pee pads, toys, collars, leashes--even treats!

#### MYTH #2: I CAN'T FOSTER BECAUSE I HAVE CHILDREN

Fostering is a highly rewarding experience that is fun for the whole family. It's also a great way to teach kids about responsible pet ownership and the importance of spaying/neutering.

#### MYTH #4: I'LL GET TOO ATTACHED OR FEEL PRESSURED TO ADOPT

Many animals who need a temporary home already have a permanent home lined up. And while it can be hard to let them go, you'll feel proud that you provided that animal with the love and support they needed. Also, saying goodbye means making room for more animals that need to be fostered!

If you're ready, please visit our website: [monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org](http://monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org), pick an animal(s) that you can foster, and call the shelter at 423-442-1015 to schedule a pick up. You'll be so happy you did, and so will we!



## Spay & Neuter



Saturday, September 10, 10am-12pm

Free spay/neuter vouchers for dogs & cats

\*\*\*Low-Income Monroe County Residents Only\*\*\*

### How does it work?

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 be returned.

To learn more or to donate to this program, visit our website:  
[monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org/our-programs/spay-neuter/](http://monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org/our-programs/spay-neuter/)

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## Highlights



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Ginger Cat Appreciation Day  
SEPTEMBER 1



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

### Thrift Store Specials

8/31-9/3

50% Off  
Furniture &  
Clear Glass 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.



Scan the QR codes below for additional info & to register

# Events



**Annual Gala**  
 October 8 @  
 Cora Veal Senior Center  
 Madisonville  
 5:30pm - 9:30pm

- Disco Dancing
- Plated Dinner
- Wine Tasting
- Cash Bar
- Live & Silent Auctions
- Disco Star Pet Contest (\$50 entry fee, limited to 15 entries)



**WANTED**  
 Sponsors & Donations for Live & Silent Auctions & Door Prizes for Both Events! Register online at [monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org](http://monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org)  
 For more information, email: [tunderwood@monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org](mailto:tunderwood@monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org)

**Fore the Animals Golf Classic**  
 September 19 @  
 Rarity Bay Golf Course  
 Vonore  
 7:30am - 2:00pm



7:30-8:45am: Breakfast, Registration, Mulligan Sales, Raffle Sales, Silent Auction Bidding  
 9:00am: Shotgun Start  
 1:00-2:00pm: Lunch, Awards, Door Prizes

- CONTESTS**
- Individual
  - Hole-in-One on the Course
  - Longest Drive Men & Women
  - Closest to the Pin - Par3s Men & Women
  - Pirate Dress Off



## Meet Our Volunteers



Tom

Tom has been a MCFA volunteer for 10 years. At the shelter, he bathes most of the dogs, cleans their kennels, puts away supplies, and pitches in wherever else he is needed. Tom is also one of our main dog walkers, and he helps the canine behavior testing team by running the dogs to and from the testing room.

Additionally, Tom has helped out at PetSmart adoption events and assisted with transports.

Tom has 2 little rescued dogs of his own, who are both neutered. He would like to encourage others to have their pets fixed as well.

Thank you



## Volunteers Needed

THRIFT STORE: 3 hours one day/week, 10-1 or 1-4, Wed.-Sat.

### ANIMAL SHELTER

Front End Desk Clerk | Canine Behavior Assessors

### OFFICE HELP

Grant Writers | QuickBooks Online | Google Workspace

SNAP (Spay & Neuter): 2-3 hours one day/month

Submit application online or email:

[info@monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org](mailto:info@monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org)

## Shelter Needs



## Donations & Fosters Needed

The shelter is overrun with kittens. Bottle babies everywhere! We have a special need now for powdered and liquid kitten milk, which run out as soon as we restock. Drop off at the shelter or ship directly.

Confident bottle feeders needed as well. Foster until the kittens are 8 weeks old or just get them to the 3 to 4 week mark for another foster to take over. Any help fostering is insanely appreciated!

170 Kefauver Lane  
 Madisonville, TN 37354

Animal Pain Awareness Month



## Quotes from the Executive Director

"We must fight against the spirit of unconscious cruelty with which we treat the animals. Animals suffer as much as we do." -Albert Schweitzer

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