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The MCFA News

Monroe County Friends of Animals

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Help the Shelter

As we have been reporting all year, the shelter is beyond capacity. This week alone nearly 300 animals were waiting to get in. Much of this is unavoidable, and there are ways for the community to help.

One of the main ways animals wind up at the shelter is they are brought in by well-meaning citizens who find them alone and outside. Many of these animals never return home, because the finder assumes the animal has been abandoned or dumped when it has actually escaped or wandered off. Pets that have been outside for even a short time may start to look neglected and appear frightened or skittish, giving the impression that they were abused or abandoned.

Here are some steps you can take to help pets stay out of the shelter and get reunited with their owners:

Thanks to WSMV Nashville for the tips.

1. Note the exact location you found the pet, and walk it around the neighborhood to see if anyone recognizes it.
2. Check for an identifying rabies or name tag, then call or text the owners.
3. Have the pet checked for a microchip at any vet clinic.
4. Take a photo of the pet in good lighting that clearly shows the pet's face. Send it to the shelter to post on their Facebook page for lost animals and post signs around the area where you found it.
5. Keep the pet during the required stray hold period. The shelter will provide you with everything you need (food, crate, litter, etc.).

Thank you!

We would like to express our gratitude to the Tellico Village Kahite Women's Organization for their generous donation of \$3,723.77. Member Marge Sweeney presented the check to MCFA Executive Director Teresa Underwood last week. Thanks to Marge, as well as the other Fundraising Committee members: Cindy Mills, Deb Nance, and Ramona Brunetti.



Tellico Village Kahite Women's Organization is a volunteer organization whose purpose is to provide assistance to special projects in the Monroe County area and to promote fellowship within the Kahite neighborhood.



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National Cat Day
OCTOBER 29



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

Thrift Store Specials
10/26-29

\$5 Winter Coats

\$2 Framed Art

1/2 Off Halloween 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.



Rabies & Microchip Clinic



Saturday, October 29, 12:00-2:00pm

Bring your dog or cat to the Monroe County Animal Shelter for a low-cost rabies vaccine and/or microchip. For \$10, you can update your pet's rabies vaccine AND get them microchipped (cash or check only). *You can't beat that!*

FACTS:

- A current rabies vaccination is required for all dogs and cats in the state of Tennessee.
- Dogs with microchips are 52.2% more likely to make it home if they go missing.
- Cats are 38.5% more likely to return home if microchipped.



Spay/Neuter



Saturday, November 12, 10:00am-12:00pm

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/

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Meet Our Volunteers



Deb

Deb has been a MCFA volunteer for more than a decade, helping with transports, walking dogs, cleaning kennels, and the food pantry. Deb is also one of our main dog fosters, including those with special needs: medical, socialization, and large litters of puppies.

Deb has rescued and kept 13 dogs and 3 horses.

FUN FACT: Deb raises chickens and supplies her "Happy Hens" eggs to Tellico Grains Bakery and Benton's Smoky Mountain Country Hams, as well as to the shelter and many of her fellow volunteers.

Thank you

DONATE



Shelter Needs



Fosters Currently Needed

We are always looking for fosters of all types, but we are currently short on fosters for young puppies with and without mothers. Please complete our online application, and email questions to:

info@monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org



Donations Currently Needed

- Heat Lamp Bulbs
- Laundry Detergent
- Food Pantry Donations



Ship direct to the shelter or drop off

Tue/Wed/Fri 11am-4:30pm

or Sat 11am-2pm.



Quotes from the Executive Director



"Pets have more love and compassion in them than most humans."
-Robert Wagner

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