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The MCFA News

Monroe County Friends of Animals

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Awareness



'Tis the Season for PET SAFETY TIPS!

COOKIES AND CANDY

Consumption of chocolate can cause agitation, vomiting, diarrhea, high heart rate, tremors, seizures and even death.

MACADAMIA NUTS AND WALNUTS

These nuts can cause severe lethargy, increased body temperature, vomiting, tremors, joint stiffness and the inability to walk.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Tinsel, ribbon and similar decorations can cut up the digestive tract and cause intestinal obstruction. Ornaments should be kept off low-lying Christmas tree branches.

LIGHTS AND CANDLES

If your pet can reach them, they may be a fire hazard if knocked over.

ALCOHOL

Alcoholic drinks may cause vomiting, disorientation, diarrhea, lethargy, lack of coordination, difficulty breathing, tremors, coma and seizures.

GRAPES, RAISINS, AVOCADOS, ONIONS AND GARLIC

These can cause lethargy, lack of appetite and vomiting.

ARTIFICIAL SWEETENERS

Sugarless gum and artificially sweetened treats may cause vomiting, lethargy, loss of coordination, seizures and liver failure.

FATTY TRIMMINGS AND BONES

Pets may experience vomiting and diarrhea. Fatty foods can also promote pancreatitis. Swallowed bones can cause stomach perforation and painful constipation.

HOLIDAY PLANTS

Holly, mistletoe and poinsettias may cause irritation, vomiting, diarrhea and heart arrhythmia in both cats and dogs.

ELECTRICAL CORDS

If chewed, live electrical cords can cause burns in or around a pet's mouth, difficulty breathing, seizures and cardiac arrest.

HAVE QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL YOUR VET. FOR SUSPECTED POISONING, YOU CAN CONTACT THE **ASPCA POISON CONTROL HOTLINE: (888) 426-4435.**



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Human-Animal Relationship
Awareness Week
NOVEMBER 13-19



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

Thrift Store Specials

11/16-19

All Pillows \$1.00

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.



How to Help the Shelter



More than 2,000 homeless animals a year coming to the Monroe County Animal Shelter. MCFA helps to support their needs and to see them on their way to the forever homes they deserve. We've come a long way since 2004, when we formed Monroe County's only organization to improve the health, happiness, and fortunes of homeless and abandoned cats and dogs. With the devoted support of our county, community, shelter staff, and dedicated volunteers, we have rehomed more than 25,000 animals since our beginnings.

Our mission is stronger than ever. However, each day, many more animals need our help and a path to loving homes, and our aging shelter facilities are simply no longer up to the task. We are in urgent need of more space, more comfortable and safe areas to house the animals, and more up-to-date facilities for medical care. A new center is critical to providing our animals with the best possible care in a healthy, safe environment for both the animals and workers. It will also offer the community a welcoming, modern space where they can meet animals for potential adoption and one another at events and educational programs.

We named our building initiative "Raising the Roof" to reflect the spirit of our community, which has, over the years, continued to step up in a big way to show support for the work that MCFA does. Thanks to that support, we are well underway. We invite you to learn more about plans for this incredible center and to join our friends and neighbors in "Raising the Roof, Raising Hope for Animals."

Keep an eye out for an email coming to your inbox soon telling you how you can participate to support us.



Meet Our Volunteers



Paula

Paula has been a MCFA volunteer since 2020. She started out cleaning the kitty condos, feeding, and helping with their socialization. Now she is the kitty photographer for the shelter website. Paula is also a Healing Touch for Animals practitioner and works with both dogs and cats.

FUN FACT: Paula loves motorcycle touring with her husband and rides her own.



Shelter Needs



Fosters Currently Needed

We are very short on fosters and volunteers of all types right now. If you can help, please complete our online application, and email questions to:

info@monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org



Donations Currently Needed

- Laundry Detergent
- Bleach
- Heat Lamp Bulbs



Ship direct to the shelter or drop off
Tue/Wed/Fri 11am-4:30pm
or Sat 11am-2pm.



170 Kelauger Lane
Madisonville, TN 37354

National Senior
Pet Month



Quotes from the Executive Director

"Because the heart beats under a covering of hair, of fur, feathers, or wings, it is, for that reason, to be of no account?"

—Jean Paul Richter

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