



Monroe County Friends of Animals  
**The MCFA News**  
 monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org  
 PO Box 106, Vonore, TN 37885  
 618-407-5293



## Annual March Membership Meeting

### MONDAY 3/25/24

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church  
 Lower Level Gathering Room  
 649 Old Tellico Hwy N, Madisonville

Doors open at 5 pm, Meeting Starts at 5:30pm and will conclude about 6:30pm.

Key element in most of our annual meetings is the election of officers. We have 3 board positions open each year. However, as we only have 3 candidates this year there is no need to have a vote. The three candidates are: Kari Fisher/Gibson (bio below), Scott Shapiro our current Vice President and Ed Roeber a current Director. As per our by-laws the BOD will convene after the meeting and determine the board positions.

Our agenda for the meeting will include the 2023 year in review, update on the building of the Eastbourne Animal Center and we will officially introduce our Executive Director. Questions will be welcomed.



My name is Kari Fisher/Gibson. My husband, a former pilot and officer for the California Highway Patrol, retired to Tellico Plains four years ago. Having spent thirty years in public k-12 education I knew in my retirement I wanted to continue to help others and have volunteered here in my new home in our church, the local library and recently with MCFA. Over the years I have served on a Youth Services Board, Friends of the Library Board and as a Library Board Trustee.

I started my career in education as a 7-12 Social Science teacher. I taught History, Civics and Psychology up through the Advanced Placement level. I entered administration to fill in for a position that was vacated as the School Improvement Program Director and retired as the Executive Director of Educational Services for a district of 16,000 students. My favorite job ever, and the one of which I am most proud of my work, was as the principal of Vacaville High School. We developed a culture of continuous improvement with a fabulous staff, student body and community that is still going strong. In those positions I was responsible for budgets, communication, training, developing and review of programs, hiring and implementation of

technology, curriculum and pedagogy.

I am an avid animal lover and have had cats, dogs, chickens and goats. I have fostered kittens and all of our cats and dogs over the years have been from a shelter or have shown up on our property. Currently we have four cats and 24 chickens so I do not know if I qualify as a crazy cat lady or chicken lady or just crazy. My hobbies include pottery, painting and crafting as well as hiking, glamping in a rather cushy 40 ft fifth wheel and traveling.



## What's Hot in the Shop

We need furniture! If you have gently used furniture you would like to donate, please call us! We have plenty of room for more furniture just now, and we will be happy to come pick it up! Sofas, bedroom furniture, and dining tables with chairs are all good sellers.

**You get to Spring Clean and Donate to a great cause!**

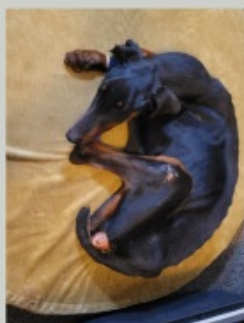
**MCFA THRIFT  
STORE**  
3949 HWY 411  
MADISONVILLE, TN  
423-420-3423

WED, THUR, SAT:  
10AM-4PM  
FRIDAY:  
10AM-6PM

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT  
SALES AND  
VOLUNTEERING AT THE  
THRIFT STORE, VISIT  
THE OUR PROGRAMS  
PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE.

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

## Happy Endings



**Dec. '23**

Ember, now called Kira came in to the shelter on Dec 23, 2023. She was absolutely emaciated and skeletal in appearance. As a young adult Doberman, her weight should have been somewhere between 60 and 90 lbs. She weighed just 29.6 lbs. and had several pressure-type sores that extended to the bone. Kira was in a foster home after arriving at the shelter, adopted by her foster parents and now is at a healthy 60 lbs. and almost completely healed. She has become quite the traveler in her new home and helps transport other pets to various rescues in the North on a weekly basis.

We want to again thank all those who donated to her medical care to



**Feb. '24**

who donated to her medical care to  
make this Happy Ending come  
true.

---

Adoptions result in Furever homes for these lucky pups

Congratulations to Sweet Pea  
and her family for adopting!!!!

Dizzy found her forever home!!!  
Thank you!!



---

## Upcoming Events

Saturday March 9, 2024

SNAP Voucher Issue Date (See form below)



---

Eastbourne Golf Classic  
**Fairways & Strays**  
Golf Tournament  
**Saturday, APRIL 20, 2024**

Benefiting Eastbourne Animal Center, Monroe County Friends of Animals  
Rarity Bay Country Club  
Tickets \$125 includes lunch  
and 18 holes of golf.

For more info Contact: Rich Seymour  
purdue14@harter.net or Cell 865-850-2424

---


RUN THAT MUTT 5K  
Tellico Plains  
**Saturday September 21, 2024**  
ALL MUTTS WELCOME  
More details coming soon.

---

Save this Date  
2024 Wags and Whiskers Gala  
Saturday, November 9, 2024  
Tellico Village Yacht Club

Bricks are for sale to support the Eastbourne Animal Center

and MCFA. Bricks can be personalized and will be prominently placed near the front entrance of the new center. Only 800 available. Click below on the link to purchase one before they are gone.

 [Buy a Brick](#)



## Adopt Me Atlas



2 year old Pointer/Mix. 68lb. neutered male.

Atlas is a quiet, well behaved boy who is searching for a calm home with good routines and little drama. He does well with other dogs and would love to be part of a family that includes a play buddy.



## FREE SPAY/NEUTER VOUCHERS - DOGS AND CATS!

**\*\*\*Monroe County Residents Only\*\*\***

Provided by Monroe County Friends of Animals (SNAP)

Grant Money Sponsored by Monroe County Friends of Animals and

Leslie L. Alexander Foundation

### How does it work??

Call one of the following numbers to request your free voucher on date & time listed below.

423-836-2041

423-405-4392

865-268-9730

If the line is busy, try the next number. PLEASE keep trying until you get through. Do not leave a message, as messages are not monitored. Please do not call the Vets near the shelter as they do not have Vouchers

Vouchers are limited to pet owners with maximum household income of:

\$35,000/yr (household of 1)

\$45,000/yr (household of 2 or more)

OR residents who are on Food Stamps, Disabled, Handicapped or Medicaid recipient are eligible.

Community - Free Roaming Cats: We will help with spay/neuter, if you catch and release.

Want to SPAY IT FORWARD? Just go to:

[WWW.Monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org](http://WWW.Monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org) Cover (Donate), then

click on (Spay it Forward). All that is donated will be used in the

Free spay-neuter program. Thanks for your help!

Remember all animals greater than 3 mo are required to

vets nor the shelter as they do not have vouchers.

be Rabies vaccinated per State law. Not covered by Voucher

**Next Session see below.** Please no calls before the time and date below.

**Questions? Visit our website at:**

<https://monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org/our-programs/spay-neuter>

March 9th 2024 - **10 AM TO 12 PM**

**Voucher Issue Date is for Call In ONLY!**



[Download Document](#)

