

Directions to the FCAR Shelter

SHELTER →



Clement Dr.

Open 7:00 a.m. – Noon
7 days a week
(other hours by appt.)

Hewlett

Somerville

Hwy. 194

approx. 6 miles

Hwy. 194

Hwy. 194

Oakland

Rossville

**Fayette County
Animal Rescue**
595 Clement Drive
Rossville, TN
854-2565

Collierville

Hwy. 193

Germantown

Hwy. 64

Bartlett

Hwy. 57 / Poplar Ave.



FCAR

**Fayette County
Animal Rescue**

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Fayette County Animal Rescue



A Quarterly Newsletter

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A Message from the President



Please Continue Your Support of FCAR

2006 was a tough one for us financially.

However, we also had an increase in our number of volunteers and our number of adoptions. We also found a few businesses that are very eager to help us raise money and awareness about our shelter. More people stopped by the shelter to donate items such as laundry detergent, newspapers for our puppies, toys and treats for the animals. People also called to donate crates, kennels and doghouses. New locations to hold our adoption days were added and due to the increase in volunteers, we are now able to have an adoption day every Saturday of the month. We stay very busy taking care of the animals at the shelter and trying to find them forever homes, but we couldn't do it without your help.

I want to thank everyone who supported us throughout 2006. Our funds were so low at one point that we had to make a desperate appeal for assistance with our bills. The generosity of donors was overwhelming and we were able to provide for our animals once again. We will always need more money to keep the shelter open, but I know that with your help, we will pull through when times are bad. I want to also thank the people who volunteered and gave so much of their time to help us with fundraising events, adoption days, working at the shelter and spending time with the animals. Your unselfish acts of kindness help us in so many ways.

A lot of great things happened for us in 2006, but there is so much more we want to do. I hope that we can continue to count on your financial support, as well as any other kind of assistance you can provide, such as volunteering or fostering an animal. Get involved! And help us be advocates for those with no voice! 🐾

Respectfully,

Gina Thweatt, President

FCAR is working towards the day when all dogs and cats can enjoy a happy life in Fayette County, free from the threat of suffering and destruction.

Current Animals:

Dogs 91

Cats 2

Horses 1

TOTAL..... 94

2006 Adoptions:

Dogs 179

Cats 38

TOTAL..... 217

2006 Rescues:

TOTAL..... 218*

*38 Adopted Animals Returned

2007 Adoptions:

Dogs 15

Cats 5

TOTAL..... 20

2007 Rescues:

TOTAL..... 14*

*5 Adopted Animals Returned

FCAR Wish List

- Large & medium wire collapsible crates
- Food - Science Diet (dog, cat, puppy, kitten) dry and canned
- Laundry soap, bleach & dryer sheets
- Clorox Wipes, and paper towels
- Stamps
- Dog collars & leashes (all sizes)
- Large dog houses
- Outdoor kennels & fencing
- Small Copier

We're on the web at
www.fayettefcar.com

*Spay or Neuter your
pets! It's a matter of
life or death!*

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Laurie Benedict

A prayer was answered the day Laurie Benedict moved to Fayette county! Laurie came us over two years ago. She jumped right in immediately and started fostering a few dogs. Shortly thereafter, she also became the shelter's Volunteer Coordinator. We were instantly amazed that she was able to get more volunteers for us than we had ever had before. Since then she has taken on the responsibility of Vice-President of the Board of Directors and oversees many of our events and fundraisers.

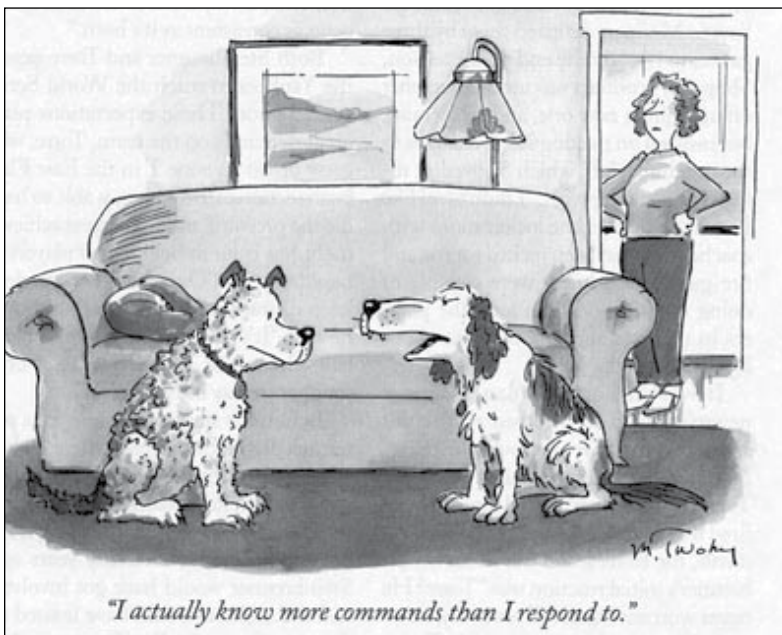
She manages all of these responsibilities while having a full-time job and fostering between 5-10 animals at a time, along with her own pets. Laurie has fostered more than forty dogs for Fayette County Animal Rescue. Her house, garage and yard are set up specifically with the dogs in mind.

Litters of puppies are sometimes the most challenging for the shelter. They need so much time and work but Laurie has always been up to the challenge. Even when she had puppies that needed to be bottle fed every few hours she was always willing to take on the responsibility.

She has also taken in many special needs dogs; such as those who have socialization problems or are very afraid of people due to abuse. She even took in two blind puppies and both got adopted thanks to her hard work with them early on. She has worked very hard with many troubled dogs, and most have come out of their shells eventually and have since been adopted.

She always refuses to give up on any dog and believes that they all have endearing qualities.

Thank you Laurie for all that you have done and are still doing for Fayette County Animal Rescue. What an inspiration you are to all of us who strive to make a difference in the lives of animals! 🐾



Our Mission

The mission of Fayette County Animal Rescue is driven by the simple philosophy that kindness to animals helps build a better world for all of us. And the work of Fayette County Animal Rescue is supported entirely through the donations of our members and supporters. Through the generous hearts and hands of people like you, we can ensure that animals who come into the care of Fayette County Animal Rescue will never again be alone, hungry, sick, afraid, or in pain.

Fayette County Animal Rescue is a private, non-profit organization. We provide services and programs that benefit hundreds of animals annually right here in Fayette County. Additionally, the expenses for our services and programs are supported by private donations and bequests from individuals and businesses, grants from foundations and trusts, and various fund-raising events.

Fayette County Animal Rescue receives no funds from federal, state, city or county governments.

Fayette County Animal Rescue is classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c) 3 organization for tax purposes, so all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

If you would like to make a donation to help the thousands of homeless and unwanted animals we receive every year, there are numerous ways:

Several ways to donate:

Donate Stock and Appreciated Assets

In recent years stock values have soared and have created unprecedented wealth for many individuals. Using appreciated stocks to make a gift is often a tax efficient way of helping your favorite charity. By leaving Fayette County Animal Rescue appreciated securities, shares in a mutual fund or other types of appreciated property, you can enjoy tax benefits and a charitable income tax deduction. By donating appreciated property instead of cash, you can usually deduct the current fair market value of the property and avoid capital gains tax on appreciation. Please call 854-2565 for more information on transferring gifts of stock.

Bequests

Bequests are the easiest and most common planned gift. With a bequest, you can leave all or part of your estate to Fayette County Animal Rescue. Bequests can be a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate. General unrestricted bequests will be used support our endowment and our operating budget and ensure the future strength of our organization. Restricted bequests can also be made for specific programs or uses.

Donate Retirement Assets

If you name Fayette County Animal Rescue as the beneficiary of your Individual Retirement Account, 401(k), 403(b), or other qualified pension plan, your estate will receive a charitable deduction for the full amount of these funds. Retirement accounts can be heavily taxed and can significantly reduce the value of your account when given to an individual. By making a charitable gift, the tax burden on your estate may be reduced and your heirs may receive increased amounts from other assets set aside for them under your will.

These long term donations will certainly secure the future of Fayette County Animal Rescue and the needs of the many animals that come through our doors each and every day. 🐾

***Give The Gift That
Keeps On Giving!!
Not Sure What To Get
That Person Who Has It
All?? Why Not Give The
Gift Of Love?
By Visiting
www.fayettefcar.com,
You Can Make A
Donation In Honor Or
Memory Of Someone
And We Will Send
Them Or Their Family
Member Notification
That A Gift Was Made
In Their Name. What
Better Way To Show
Someone That You
Care!***

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Fayette County Animal Rescue is an all volunteer, 501(c)3 nonprofit rescue organization chartered in the State of Tennessee.
- We are dedicated to rescuing sick, injured, abandoned, neglected and abused animals of Fayette County.
- Without your donations, FCAR would cease to exist. With over 600 adoptions in the past 28 months, we have greatly reduced the stray population here in Fayette County.
- Please help us help them by sending in your monthly pledges!



Special Adoptions for 2006

Animals with Special Needs that were Adopted:

- Ronnie is a blind puppy.
- Chi Chi is a blind puppy and sister to Ronnie.
- Chiquita is a three-legged cat.

Old Timers: (Their date of arrival is listed after their name.)

- Cedar, 11/03
- Sheila, 11/04
- Charity, 7/03
- Happy, 8/01
- Scotch, 2003
- Josie, 9/03
- Rio, 2/03
- Chloe, 2/01
- Harriet, 4/04
- Sandy, 7/02
- Babe, 3/03

Victims of Animal Cruelty

- Belle was found living in filth. She was covered in ticks and was very sick, and her puppies were locked in a box during the summer.
- Geisha was being starved to death by her owner.
- Cashew was hit by a car and couldn't walk, and her owner refused to take her to a vet.
- Satellite was found with a cable wire tied too tightly around her neck
- Margie was emaciated and had an open wound around her neck where her collar had been.
- Warren, as a puppy, was chained to a tree with no food, water, shelter and his tail had been docked with a rubberband
- Bourbon, Amaretto and Kahlua were found under an occupied house when they were 5 weeks old.
- Mandy and Napoleon were also found as puppies living under an abandoned shack. They were covered in burrs and were terrified of people.
- Celia was living in a rabbit cage with other puppies. They were neglected and very unsocialized.
- All of the following puppies were seized from one lady. They had a terrible case of mange which resulted in a lot of hair loss and a lot of itching. They were extremely miserable when we rescued them. They are: Jacob, Anna, Lancelot, Dante, Oprah, Noah, Sweetheart, Gulliver, Tristian, Catarina, Ruby, Dinah and Jenna.

Only Simon remains at the shelter.

THANKS SO MUCH TO THOSE
OF YOU THAT ADOPTED THESE
SPECIAL ANIMALS!!

Animal Cruelty in Fayette County

We receive numerous calls reporting animal cruelty each week. Our investigators check out every situation. A lot of times we just need to educate people about how to take better care of their pets. Other times, however, we see outright acts of neglect or abuse. In some cases we issue a "Notice to Comply" to the owner which tells them they are in violation of the animal cruelty laws and it explains how to remedy a situation. We give a deadline for the owner to do as instructed. If nothing has changed or the situation has gotten worse, we may issue a second Notice to Comply. If our instructions are still ignored the second time, we may seize the animals and press animal cruelty charges. Sometimes on our first visit to a house we will see animals that are suffering so badly that we immediately seize them and go ahead and press charges.

At this time we have two cases pending in court. In the first case, four dogs were being completely neglected by their owners. They were not given food and water on a regular basis, and some had no shelter. One puppy and one dog were actually chained up inside a makeshift doghouse and the door of the doghouse was nailed shut! There was no shelter for the other two dogs. The puppy was getting thinner and the owner would not respond to several notices that we left, so we seized the animals. When we provided some food for the puppy, he ate so fast that he became sick to his stomach.

The second case is set for trial very soon. We went to someone's house because they continually let their dogs run loose, and many people had called the shelter about this reoccurring problem. The dogs frequently ran onto Highway 64 and were hit by cars. One dog was loose in the front yard when we went on our first visit. We then saw a couple of puppies around the front of the house. They had a lot of hair loss and they were lethargic. We knew they probably had mange. They also did not have any food, water or shelter. We asked the resident about their condition and if they had been seen by a vet. He didn't seem to think anything was wrong with them that he couldn't fix on his own. He had not taken them to a vet for shots or treatment. We asked him if he wanted to keep the puppies because we knew that if we didn't take them they probably wouldn't live long, or they would be suffering for quite awhile. Fortunately, he said he would surrender them to us. There were five puppies so we had to walk around the property to get all of them. We then noticed a large pen in the backyard and inside it were some pit bulls. They had shelter and water and food bowls. They all looked healthy and well taken care of. Why weren't the puppies in the same condition as the pit bulls? The answer to that is quite simple. The pits were being bred and sold for money; the mixed breed puppies weren't. Therefore, they were not worth the trouble. So we filed charges for animal neglect.

The five puppies were extremely sick and dehydrated when we got them. They were malnourished and full of worms. They also had sarcoptic mange, which is highly contagious. They were anemic for so long that we had to delay their spay and neuter surgeries. At our shelter they were given nutritional food, medicine, medicated baths and a lot of love. Hopefully, they will be ready for adoption soon.

At Fayette County Animal Rescue we take every animal cruelty call seriously. Unfortunately, there are a lot of calls. However, we feel more people are paying attention to how others treat their pets, and that is a good thing. 🐾

ANIMAL SPOTLIGHT

Grant Needs a Home

We got a cruelty call about someone who had several puppies in a rabbit cage with no food or water. When we got out there we found 7 puppies and 2 adult dogs in the cages, and sure enough, there was no food or water for them. Their living conditions were awful. We went back out there the next morning with police backup. The owner surrendered all of them to us; otherwise we would have seized them. All the dogs soon became healthy and happy. Every one of them except Grant has been adopted. Grant is a little shy and he gets nervous going to adoption day, so we don't take him often. However, he will warm up to you once he gets to know you. He is a German Shepherd mix, but he is very small, only 35 pounds. He loves to play and run around his kennel with another dog named Larry. Grant really needs a home and some people to love him. His date of birth is 12-4-04. He is really cute and has a white tip on the end of his tail. Please consider giving him the love and attention he didn't receive in the first years of his life. You may call the shelter and make an appointment to see him. (854-2565)

Grant has been neutered, is current on all shots, is on Frontline Flea & Tick prevention, Interceptor for heartworm prevention, is microchipped, and comes with a 30 day pet health guarantee. A secure, fenced in yard is required and we will conduct a fence inspection prior to approving the adoption. The adoption fee is \$95. 🐾



Reaper

Someone found Reaper and took him to the animal hospital where we take our dogs and cats. He was a tiny kitten and had been left out in the cold. He was in really bad shape and our veterinarian didn't think he would survive. So, the staff named him the "Grim Reaper", which was later shortened to "Reaper."

One of our volunteers works at the animal hospital and she would take Reaper home each night to bottle feed him and take care of him. He would spend his days at the animal hospital and nights at her home. Everyone took great care of him, and soon he began to gain weight and grow. As soon as he was healthy we neutered and microchipped him. Before we could even put him on our website, someone called to see if we had any kittens. A young lady and her son came to see Reaper and adopted him. Reaper turned into quite an energetic and playful kitten, despite having such a rough start in life. We are so happy he survived and found a home. 🐾



2006 Schedule of Events:*

April

- 04/07 Petsmart Wolfchase: Adoption Event
- 04/14 FCAR Pet Walk & Adoption Festival
- 04/14 Petsmart Winchester: Adoption Event
- 04/21 Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 04/28 Petsmart Winchester: Adoption Event

May

- 05/05-6 Petsmart Wolfchase Spring National
Adoption Weekend
- 05/05 Garage Sale
- 05/12 Petsmart Winchester: Adoption Event
- 05/19 Oakland Adoption Event
- 05/19 Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 05/26 Petsmart Winchester: Adoption Event
- 05/28 No Show Memorial Day Picnic

June

- 06/02 Petsmart Wolfchase: Adoption Event
- 06/09-10.. Petsmart Winchester: Adoption Event
- 06/16 Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 06/23 Petsmart Winchester: Adoption Event
- 06/30 Funquest: Adoption & Fundraising Event

July

- 07/01-31 .. Christmas in July: Fundraising Event
- 07/07 Petsmart Wolfchase: Adoption Event
- 07/14 Petsmart Winchester: Adoption Event
- 07/21 Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 07/28-29.. Petsmart Winchester: Adoption Event

August

- 08/04 Petsmart Wolfchase: Adoption Event
- 08/11..... Petsmart Winchester: Adoption Event
- 08/18 Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 08/25-26.. Petsmart Winchester: Adoption Event
- TBD..... 4th Annual Fayette County Animal Rescue
Road Race: Fundraising Event

**This schedule is tentative and is subject to change.*

"Thanks to the Fayette Falcon Newspaper for continually donating newspapers to help us house-train all the puppies we have at the shelter. What a messy place the shelter would be without all those newspapers!"

We just found a new way that our supporters can raise money for FCAR - and it won't cost you a cent!

We have registered FCAR on GoodSearch.com. This is a web search engine powered by Yahoo that donates 50% of the revenue from advertisers to charities.

All you need to do is go to <http://www.goodsearch.com/?charityid=820095> and search the Internet like you would normally via Google, Yahoo, etc. The link above automatically puts FCAR as your charity of choice or you can just enter 'Fayette County Animal Rescue' at <http://www.goodsearch.com>.

Please pass this on to your friends and family. FCAR will receive one cent for every search where FCAR is designated as the charity. If we can get this circulated wide enough we could potentially earn a few hundred dollars or more to support our rescues.

Memorials and Honorariums

Gifts Made In Memory of Loved Ones

In Memory of:

Trooper faithful and loving companion dog of the Davila family from *Mary Jo Work*

Sheba beloved pet of Gloria and Larry Jones from *Ruby and Benita Watkins*

Dixie beloved pet of Jerry and Tina Howell from *John and Barbara Foster*

Mildred Stanley Galloway, Mother of Dr. Stephen Galloway from *John and Shirley Bigham, Family of Volunteers of Fayette County Animal Rescue, David and Yvette Gilbert, Bill and Becky Kitchens, Marty Lindberg, Michael and Delores Provow*

Joe Stewart father of Terri Stewart from *John and Shirley Bigham*

Elvis 1991-2006 from *Joe and Vicky Reimstidt*

Sadie 3/13/99-12/14/05 "You may be gone but you still live in our hearts" from *Martha Burge to Michael Kronthal, Kylie and Dixie*

Shelby beloved pet of Amy Helton from *Martha Burge*

Hershey beloved pet of Steve Edington & Alex Atcheson

Leroy our beloved cat who died at the age of 21 Dec. 16, *Linnea and Paul Bert*

James H. Jackson from *Sarah M. Jackson*

Grunge Burkhard beloved pet of Michaela Burkhardt from *Andy Windham*

Ann E. Ivins beloved wife of Kent Ivins from *John and Shirley Bigham*

Baby beloved pet of Lois and Michael Provow from *Mom Cowan*

Willie beloved lab of Mark and Linda Bogan from *Charlie Smith*

Dale beloved pet of The German Family from *The Baskers*

Mongo beloved pet of Kelly Dooley from *Pat Rush*

Bandit beloved pet of Pam Carihfield from *Chris and Wendi Watson*

Judy Balton wife of Harold Balton and Family from *Larry E. Mccalla*

Judy Balton wife of Harold Balton and Family from *Michael and Delores Provow and Marty Lindberg*

Domino & Rocky beloved pets of David Wichlan from *Kim Kasow*

Tag beloved pet of Noah, Grace, Lynne and Jerry Nugent from *Kim Kasow*

Velma Louise beloved pet of Scott Blake from *Terry & Shirley Johnston*

Jean Anderson Holmes, from *Joe and Vicky Rimstidt*

Our precious, lucky **Bailey**. We miss him terribly. *Andy and Debbie Stevens "Quincy and Sam"*

Maxine (Harriet), From: *Gina H. Thweatt*

Clement, From: *Gina H. Thweatt*

Treena, From: *Gina H. Thweatt*

Tip Toe, Rossie, Sweetie, Chainy, Hound 1, Hound 2, Hound 3
From: *GinaThweatt & Yvette Gilbert*

Roy Curtis Turner, Father of Ronnie Turner from *Michael and Delores Provow*

Gifts Made In Honor

In Honor of:

Dr. Stephen and Melanie Galloway, Animal Care Hospital, Somerville, Tn. This gift is given to thank them for their surgery and post-surgery care of our Queenie Belle. We are deeply grateful & thankful to them for saving her life. *From Danny and Theresa Graham*

My co-workers Memphis Surgery Center Pre-op and Post op Nurses, from *Sylvia Merry Christmas*

Vets and Staff of Animal Care Hospital, from *Carol, Roger, Wes and Daisy Scruggs*

Wood Street Animal Hospital Dr. Ron Irby, from *Terry and Shirley Johnston*

Arlington Animal Clinic Dr. Monica Schoknecht, from *Terry and Shirley Johnston*

Bob & Kathie Lee, from *Ginger Sayle and the Boys*

In Loving Memory of "Bailey," beloved pet of Andy and Debbie Stevens.
Rest in Peace My Dear One.

