



## Fayette County Animal Rescue (FCAR)

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## Upcoming Events

### Pet Photos with Santa:

- Dec 1 ~ Petsmart Wolchase
- Dec 8 ~ Petsmart Winchester

### Adoption Events:

- Dec 1 ~ Petsmart Wolfchase
- Dec 8 ~ Petsmart Winchester
- Dec 15 ~ Petco Cordova
- Dec 22 ~ Petsmart Winchester
- Jan 5 ~ Petsmart Wolfchase
- Jan 12 ~ Petsmart Winchester
- Jan 17 ~ Petco Cordova
- Jan 24 ~ Petsmart Winchester

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## Paws, Claws & Hooves

Quarterly Newsletter – November 2007



### Charlene

One of our senior rescues! She is 15 years old and has been at our shelter for 3 years. You may remember her best friend Stanley passed away earlier this year. Well Charlene is now living the high life in her new foster home and spends the days playing in the yard with puppies and her evenings curled up in the bed that she has claimed as her own.

## Happy Holidays from the President!

This has been a year full of ups and downs. More than the usual amount of our rescues passed away due to illness or injury, animal cruelty calls have increased and we are constantly struggling to help as many animals as we possibly can. It can be quite an emotional rollercoaster. When people hear stories of animal cruelty or see some of our sick dogs and cats, they often ask, "How do you do handle all the sadness and deal with the stress of the shelter?" Well, I've learned that so many times you just have to hang in there and "focus on the positive." (That became my mantra when my father was so ill for a few years.)

So often it seems that when things aren't going so well, all of the sudden they turn around. I see hope and encouragement in our animals: McFadden, who was hit by a car and had also been shot. He lost a leg and an eye, but was adopted the second time he went to adoption day! Burky, who was hit by a car, couldn't stand when we first got him. He has a terrible heart defect but bounced back and shares a yard with Diamond, who loves to stand on her doghouse. I saw Burky attempt several times to join her on a doghouse, but just couldn't figure it out. The day I saw him jump high enough to sit next to her on a doghouse, I couldn't stop smiling. Dickens, who weighed about two pounds when we got him, had a terrible case of mange and had a mangled leg that had to be amputated. He is definitely a "Little Dickens" now because he is a holy terror on three legs. He runs so fast, so we often joke how crazy he would be on four legs. Chesney, who was used for dog fighting and was half dead when we rescued her. She survived heartworm treatment and her wounds healed. She now jumps and plays with a lot of energy and happiness.

But what has kept me going the most this year is the amazing amount of support we have received from people like you. This year, so many people and businesses have approached us to inquire how they could support us. It is so heartwarming to see that more people than ever realize how great the need is to help our sweet four-legged companions. I'm not referring to donations as the only example of support. Sometimes people send kind notes or stop us just to thank us for what we do. Many businesses have let us put donation canisters on their counter and post flyers for special events. All of us are very grateful to our wonderful supporters, and we could not continue our work without you. Thank you so much from all the volunteers and staff at FCAR and a blessed Holiday Season to you all! ~Gina Thweatt, President

### In Loving Memory

Please pray for our rescues that have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge:

*Buck, Frodo,  
Geronimo, Turner,  
Albert & Stanley*

May God bring you  
peace and joy forever  
more.

### Our Wish List

- \* Laundry Soap (powder)
- \* Bleach
- \* Cat Litter
- \* Frontline (all sizes)
- \* Dog Houses (Large/XLarge)
- \* Postage Stamps
- \* Gift Cards - Walmart, Home Depot, Lowes, Petsmart, Petco, Sams, Costco
- \* Concrete
- \* Chain link fencing

## Fayette County Animal Rescue

### *Your Gifts Make It All Possible Each Day!!*

*As 2007 comes to a close, speak up for a helpless animal in need!*

Through gifts of our faithful supporters just like you, we have been able to make a difference in the lives of countless animals this year.

**This year we have visited hundreds of homes on cruelty calls, taken in 88 animals and found loving, forever homes for 98 pets.** We have truly changed the lives of so many!!

While we are proud of our accomplishments in 2007, we know that there is much more work to be done. As winter approaches, there is an urgency to make sure each animal in Fayette County is provided shelter, food and medical care in the harsh weather to come. Your financial support helps to fund our vital work.

Founded in 1997 as a no-kill shelter, Fayette County Animal Rescue has placed over one-thousand pets in loving homes. Each animal is vaccinated, provided medical care, given flea and tick preventative medication, micro-chipped and provided food, love and shelter by FCAR.

With minimal government funding and limited grants and corporate support, almost 100% of FCAR's operating budget comes from individuals like you who care about the welfare of Fayette County's companion animals. Please consider a gift in any amount today, speak up for those who do not have their own voice.

Because FCAR is a 501(c)3, all gifts made before December 31, 2007 enjoy the full tax benefits as provided by the IRS.

## *The Perfect Dog*

If someone were to ask you what the qualities of a "perfect dog" would be, what would you answer? Most people would say a dog that didn't bark or shed. One that got along perfectly with all people and animals immediately, was housetrained and never chewed things.

Well lucky for FCAR and a dog named Ronnie, we found a phenomenal couple that had a different definition of the "perfect dog".

Ronnie is a blind cattle dog mix that we rescued last year. The litter was literally starving, surviving on corn in the field. We found homes for all of them but Ronnie was the last one left... until his perfect family came along. They saw something special in this goofy guy and he has turned into a wonderful addition to their family.

Not too long ago Ronnie's new mom brought him back to visit us and it literally brought tears to our eyes. He is huge, gorgeous and just as goofy as he was when he was a puppy!

But the amazing part of the visit wasn't Ronnie... it was the love that his new mom so obviously had for him and the wonderful stories she had to tell us.

Evidently our dear puppy Ronnie was quite the

handful. But his new mom said "It's okay, he's blind!"

We proceeded to hear about all of the trials and tribulations Ronnie had put them through, from chewing everything imaginable to taking over 6 months to housetrain and more, but all of her stories were said with a smile and the famous line "It's okay, he's blind! And he is the perfect dog!"

Now Ronnie being blind actually had nothing to do with the lil monster being forgiven for his multitudes of sins. His new parents loved him in spite of them and embraced his disability and his stubbornness. They chose to love him unconditionally, even when he pretends that he is deaf and can't hear them even those he is only blind!

So many times FCAR receives a call from an adopter wanting to return an animal and it is our policy to accept the animal back unconditionally. However, it is incredibly frustrating to hear the minor issues or excuses that people use to justify returning their pet. We can only hope to find more parents like Ronnie's, ones that are willing to provide a lifelong home for one of our special animals.





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### Spotlight on "McGraw"

We rescued McGraw's mother after she was hit by a car. She was full term pregnant. She had a very large litter and we were going to start her heart worm treatment after she weaned the babies, but she died suddenly when they were 6 weeks old.

McGraw has spent the majority of his life (he is 4 years old) at our shelter. He has quite a few "strikes" against him; he is black, an adult dog, a pitbull mix and is very shy at adoption events. This makes him very difficult to adopt out, even though he is a great dog!

But McGraw's chances at a new home just got significantly brighter. A lovely couple recently took McGraw home to foster... and what a difference our foster families make!

McGraw's new foster parents have discovered the following details about him that we are just positive will help us find him perfect home.



- McGraw sleeps in the bedroom at night
- Is house trained
- Loves to be scratched on his neck
- Is wonderful on his morning walks
- Gets along great with other dogs
- Has a normal curiosity about cats
- And is just darn adorable as he learns new things!

McGraw will always be somewhat shy around new things but he has proven in his new foster home that he would be an excellent addition to his own new forever family. If you would like to meet McGraw, please call our shelter at (901) 854-2565.

### FCAR Angel Trees are Here!

Every year FCAR makes ornaments for each our rescues and puts them on Angel Trees in our community. The ornaments include a picture of a rescue and their wish list for Christmas.

This year we will have Angel Trees at the following businesses for the month of December:

- Animal Care Hospital  
8565 Highway 64  
Somerville, TN
- Caribbean Tans  
7860 Highway 64  
Oakland, TN
- Curves  
7249 Highway 64  
Oakland, TN

If you would like to shop for one of our rescues for Christmas, please visit one of these locations or email us to request that an ornament be mailed to you.

#### What do the dogs at FCAR want for Christmas?

Kuranda Beds! These beds are durable enough for our shelter animals and gives them a comfortable bed in our outside yards.

Order a Kuranda bed for an FCAR rescue at <http://www.kuranda.com>.



Make a donation in honor of a friend or family member for Christmas! Mail your personal note, the address of the person to send the card to along with your check made out to FCAR to:

P.O. Box 44,  
Rossville, TN 38066.





## Animal Cruelty

There is a family that we have repeatedly investigated for animal cruelty. They had numerous dogs and left them all chained to different trees around their yard without food or clean water. One dog was very sick with mange, and they would not take him to a vet. Instead, they followed an old wives tale; they dipped the dog in burnt motor oil. This does not cure mange!

Another dog was always too thin. They would occasionally remedy the problems and comply with our orders, but after awhile it became apparent that they would not take proper care of their pets. We eventually seized

the dogs that needed medical attention and charged the owners with animal cruelty. The son, who was the primary caretaker of the dogs, was found guilty and sentenced to probation for a year and ordered not to own any more animals.

Animal cruelty investigations are a big part of what FCAR does to protect animals. We are kept very busy going on calls to investigate, which we receive almost daily. We have had already won some convictions this year, and we still have two upcoming cases. One case involves neglect and one involves dog fighting. We are optimistic that both parties will be found guilty.

## Volunteer Spotlight – Connie Shaw

Connie Shaw has been a volunteer at FCAR... well, for as long as any of us can remember. And she is one great volunteer. She offers to go to every event and always says, "Just tell me what you need me to do." She always has a positive attitude and is always willing to drive our big van full of animals to our events. And not only is she willing to drive it... she enjoys it! You should see her cheery notes about getting to spend time with the dogs! Connie is a HUGE Memphis Tiger fan,

and home games are the only thing that keeps her from adoption day. Yet, if the Tigers are playing out of town, she'll come to an adoption day but she will wear her headphones so she can listen to the game! Now, that's loyalty to both FCAR and the Tigers. She has several dogs (adopted from FCAR) and horses and is an accounting manager at Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis. Thanks, Connie, for being such a great and dependable volunteer!



*Sharpie gave birth to 12 puppies at our shelter after being rescued during a cruelty call. She is very sweet and outgoing and we currently have 8 of her gorgeous black puppies available for adoption.*



*Heath was born 4/26/07. He is playful, crate trained, loves other dogs and is ready for his new home.*

Fayette County Animal Rescue  
& Petsmart Presents



# photos with Santa

**\$5 from every Santa photo  
package benefits homeless pets.**

December 1st Petsmart (Wolfchase Mall)  
December 8th Petsmart (Hacks Cross/Winchester)  
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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

8:00AM-5:30PM

## Looking for a New Friend?

We currently have over 100 animals at FCAR wishing for a new home for the holidays.

Whether you are looking for a young, old, brown, black, fat, skinny, tall or spotted dog, we very likely have the dog for you!

We currently have a great selection of animals including a litter of black lab mix puppies, 2 red bone coonhounds, a gorgeous male German Shepherd, a very friendly and trained Rottweiler mix, and more lab mixes than you can shake a stick at.

All of our animals are fully vaccinated, spayed/neutered, microchipped and come with a 30 day pet health guarantee. Our adoption fee is \$95.

If you are interested in adopting a new friend, you can view all of our animals on the web at <http://fayettefcar.com>, call us at (901) 854-2565 or visit us at one of our events (details are on our website).



## Dog Woods Makes a Difference!

For almost 2 years now, Dog Woods Training Center has supported FCAR by providing on site obedience training, free of charge, for some of our rescues. They keep an animal for 6-8 weeks, working on basic obedience as well as on any behavior issues the dog may have. Once the training is complete, they provide the person who adopts the animal with a free 8-week obedience class. In addition, Dog Woods allows us to participate in weekly obedience classes with rescues that are currently in foster care.

This program has been a tremendous success for FCAR. The partnership

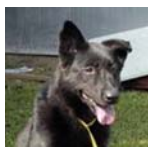
with Dog Woods has allowed us to address potential behavior issues with some of our animals that were preventing their adoption. In many cases, they have created an extra selling point for our hard to place animals, especially our black dogs. Some of our recent Dog Woods graduates that have been adopted include Ms. Piggy, Valerie and Cinderella.

For more information on these or other FCAR rescues, please visit our website at <http://fayettefcar.com> or call (901) 854-2565.

For all of your obedience or dog training needs, please contact Dog Woods at (901) 386-9900 or <http://dogwoods4dogs.com>



All but 5 of our Dog Woods graduates have been adopted into forever homes. If you are interested in adopting one of our graduates please consider one of the following animals:





## Honorariums

The marriage of Laurie & Ronnie Turner *from*

- *The Bryan Family*
- *Gina Owen*
- *Julie James*

David Wichlan *from*  
*Kimberly Kasan*

Gina Thweatt, *Love Mom & Dad*

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for details.

## FCAR Success Story – Maize

~By Kristen Pollack

After I graduated college, I had always said that I wanted a dog. I have volunteered with FCAR and realized that a shelter dog is the best dog to have. When I first met forever dog Maize, she was staying at my friend's house as a foster dog. I was a bit nervous because I was told that she was a pit bull mix. I sat outside with all the dogs and she was the one who came up to me and licked my hand. I sat down on the concrete and petted her as she put her head on my shoulder. That night as I was leaving my friend's house, she tried to follow me out the door. At that point she had won my heart. I asked about her history and found out that someone had let a choke chain grow into her neck (she still has the scar), and tried to cut off her tail.

I decided to research information regarding pit bulls. Did you know it is reported on temperament tests conducted by the American Temperament Test Society that Pit Bulls had a passing rate of 82% or better -- compared to only 77% of the general dog population? One of the most amazing things about this breed is their ability to adapt to almost any situation. They serve in a wide variety of professional fields as well as making outstanding companions. Their attitude, courage, and never say die approach to life makes them exceptional dogs for such fields as search and rescue, therapy dogs, guide dogs, and police and military drug and bomb sniffers. Several different sites I researched also stated they are wonderful family dogs, most of them make poor guard dogs because they do not know a stranger.

All in all, I learned it was the lack of education and knowledge that gives the pit bull a bad rap. It is the people who want them to do bad things are the only ones shown on the news. It is my duty as a responsible pit bull owner to help people understand that it is not the dog that is bad, but the people who are mistreating the dog.



It didn't take long for Maize to figure out that if she did tricks, she would get treats. I took her to Shelby Farms for the first time (on a leash) she looked at me like, "Are you going to let me go play or what?" Soon she was playing with the other dogs and wore herself out. When she was done, she came to my side and waited until it was time to go. Maize has also been known to be an escape artist - she jumped over one of my friend's fences. I didn't believe it until I saw it myself. I heard she did that at the shelter too and she was known as "Spiderwoman". She had been at the shelter for over a year and was the unofficial mascot.

Now Maize has no fear being around other dogs or people. My three and five year old nephew's adore her and she adores them. The youngest will just stand there and she will just kiss on him until he stops laughing. She loves to jump in the car and go for a ride no matter where we go. I love all her different smiles, the way she will curl up with me on the bed, and she doesn't care where I go as long as she is invited. She loves playing with her bones and being silly. One of my favorites is when she goes to sleep; she will roll over and fall to the floor. I finally just put pillows down so it wouldn't hurt as much.

I now have a personal affinity for Pit Bulls and will do whatever I can to educate people on how loyal, intelligent and silly they are, and that they can be the best friend any human can have.



## Memorials

**Zig Drabowicz** *from*

- *Arlington Animal Clinic*
- *Peter Barclay*
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**Phyllis Little** *from*

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- *The Erwin Family*
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- *Larry & Andrea Little*
- *Robert Sparks*
- *Connie Shaw*
- *Sam & Bonnie Thomas*
- *Cheryl Whitt*

**Alex "A.P." Rose** *from*

- *George and Lisa Gehring*
- *3.5 Tennis Team*
- *Jo (Cox) Kenny*
- *Angie Rose*
- *Sandy Moore*
- *FedEx*

**Anna**, my "grand dog", *from Julie Burrows*

**Barbara Judy** *from Walt, Lisa, Ashley, Christopher, Melissa, Lauren, Daisy, Max, Cassie, Charlie, Socks, Emma & Perkins*

**Beutley** *from Mary & Maury Bush*

**Bowe** beloved pet of Geneva Blurton & Family *from Connie Shaw*

**Brett Marshall** *from Dana Marshall*

**Casey and Pistol** *from Charlotte Johnson*

**Charles R. Cash, Jr.** *from Connie Shaw*

**Clancy Clumber** beloved pet of Karen Keywood, *from Sandy Howard*

**Clancy** "Forever in Karen's Heart" *from Jackie Keywood*

**Claudette Phillips**, loving wife of Frank Phillips and loving mother of Allison and Barden Greenfield *from Lois & Mike Provow and Marty Lindberg*

**Coco, Mandy, Bonnie, Mollie, Bandit, Mama Cat, Maggie & Jack** *from Dean & Angie Wills*

**Cola**, a big loving dog belonging to Susan Hearn *from Robert Keeler*

**Dakota Wolfchase**, who is missed very much and added so much to the lives of **Danny & Mary Ellen Fleetwood**

**Dixie Riley** beloved dog of the Riley Family *from Donna & Bryan Moffatt*

**Faith** beloved cat of Dee Walker *from Kathy W., Pam, Connie S. & Arlene*

**George** beloved pet of Allison Rayburn, "He was our favorite grand dog!", *from Shirley & Bob Harris*

**Goldie Carter** *from Jennifer Fidler*

**Herbert Raymond Levy** *from Michael & Delores Provow & Martin Lindberg*

**Hooch** beloved dog of Edye & Jack Holt *from Alan & Donna Mullen*

**Jimmy Price** *from Debby Earles*

**Judge** love **Martha & Cheri, Rock, Roll, Luke, Molly & Dixie**

**Katie** Beloved Pet of The Golden Family *from Donna Yancey*

**Kenneth Marion Coleman** *from John & Shirley Bigham*

**Linus & Lucy** beloved pets of Joanne Traicoff *from Mom & Dad*

**Madison Conn**, beloved pet and friend *from Thomas & Mercedes Gaia*

**Maggie** the sweet Aussie, beloved pet of Bill & Marilyn Weedon *from Anne Keefe*

**Murphy**, beloved Lhasa Apso *of Laura Winfrey*

**Margaret Rose** *from Dana Marshall*

**Patches** beloved pet of Nita Martin *from Kay Thweatt*

**Paul F. Kates** *from Ray and Marie Ricossa*

**Radar** beloved pet of Yvette Gilbert *from Cheryl Whitt*

**Rascal** beloved pet of Dana Gossett *from Jeanne Rose*

**Rin Tin Tin** *from Larry & Margaret Wilkinson*

**Robert White** *from John & Shirley Bigham*

**Roy Curtis Turner** *from Michael and Delores Provow*

**Ruby Woodside** *from Dana Marshall*

**Sadie** *from Pat Dodson*

**Sam Weeks** *from Sherry Powell*

**Scott Hewett** *from David and Robin Henson*

**Shirley Mae Hanson**, mother of DeAnna Lackney, *from Mary B. Reed*

**Slyvester ~ a great cat!** *from Don and Babs Oliver*

**Stanley** beloved friend of "Charlene" *from Cheryl Whitt*

**Sylvester** *from Don Oliver*

**Taffy and Avery** Beloved cats of **Don and Babs Oliver**

**Tiger**, kitty family member of Mark & Rita Madden, *from Danny & Theresa Graham*

**Tiki Howe** *from Debby Earles*

**Valentine** beloved dog of the Bennett Family *from Ann Brown*

**William Carroll Robertson, Jr.** *from Kay and Bruce Miller*

**Zeke**, beloved dog of Bob & Barb Rodruan *from David Wichlan & Kim Kasow*

**Ziggo** beloved pet of Jennifer Lyons, *from Mom & Dad*

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are currently available for  
adoption!



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*Stinger*

## Directions to the FCAR Shelter

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Hwy. 194

Hwy. 194

Rossville

Oakland

Collierville

Hwy. 193

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