



Fayette County Animal Rescue (FCAR)

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Upcoming Events

Adoption Days

- 12/18 Adoption Day at Petsmart (Wolfchase Mall)
- 01/01 Adoption Day at Petsmart (Wolfchase Mall)
- 01/08 Adoption Day at Petsmart (Hacks Cross & Winchester)
- 01/15 Adoption Day at Petco (Bartlett)
- 01/22 Adoption Day at Petsmart (I240 & Poplar)

Special Events

- 12/18 & 12/19 Pet Photos with Santa at Petsmart (Wolfchase Mall)

For event hours and directions, please visit our website at:
<http://fayettefcar.com>



Tiki

Tiki is one of over 50 animals rescued by FCAR from a hoarding situation. She was rescued with Marzi who was featured in our last newsletter and has since been adopted!

Tiki was very shy at first, but she is improving daily. She is a great size, about 30 lbs. She loves other dogs and cats and once she gets to know you she warms up quickly. Tiki's date of birth is February 2008.

If you are looking for a canine companion and have the patience to give this shy girl the TLC she so desperately needs please contact us.

From the President!

I can't believe that another year is almost coming to a close, it is amazing how fast it goes by! I gave a lot of thought to what I should talk about in this newsletter. Do I tell you all about the phenomenal adoptions we've had like Blondie and Godiva and Fleet? Or about the heart wrenching rescues or amazing recoveries or sad returns from previously loving homes? Although all of those things and more are important the most important issue that I need to bring attention to is the need for your financial support.

We at FCAR try very hard not to harass or beg or bother our supporters for donations. Instead our volunteers spend day after day, weekend after weekend putting on fundraising events to raise the money for the shelter to combine with the donations that we receive from you. We know that it is a personal choice when and how much you donate and we are always very grateful for any and all gifts that are made for the animals. However the economy has hit us hard and even with all of our creative fundraising attempts we are still falling short financially.

But let me explain what that means. The best news is that we consistently raise enough money to pay our regular bills and we are not in danger of shutting down. That may not seem like a big deal or something to be immensely proud of but please believe me, it took us years to get to that stable place and we have put in place processes and policies to ensure that we remain a viable shelter for years to come. The animals need us, the community needs us and we are committed to everyone.

The problem that we are facing is our inability to rescue new animals due to lack of donations. As we get money in then we open our doors to new animals but the money has come in slowly and it's affected the number of animals that we can save. We have the space. We have the volunteers. We have the ability to care for more animals. But we do not have the money to provide the veterinary care that all new animals require when they first come to our shelter.

For example, at our peak in previous years we had 131 animals at FCAR that we were caring for. Over the past year we have been as low as 59 animals. And what is even more distressing is that over the past 3 months we are seeing our adoption rate skyrocketing. Yes, that's a good thing but we want to be in a position to take advantage of that and place more animals in new forever homes. We are adopting out our rescues quickly, even our old timers, and we know we could adopt out more animals if we had them available. But we don't... simply because of money.

I am humbly asking for your financial support. Please consider making a donation to FCAR today for the animals or signing up on our website to make a monthly donation via credit card. We appreciate all of the support that you have given us over the years and please know that your gift will be used to directly save the life of an animal in need. May you all have a blessed and happy holiday.

~Yvette Gilbert, President

Babies & Pets

~ By Laurie Turner



For the past 10 years I have spent all of my free time volunteering with animal rescue organizations. Although tremendously satisfying, it can also be sad, overwhelming, and at times quite frustrating. One of the hardest things to deal with is when an animal is returned from what we thought was the "perfect" home.

What always struck us as odd was the high number of animals returned because someone was pregnant or just had a baby. I just could not understand how you give up a member of your family because a new one had come along. Although I have a wonderful stepdaughter, I will admit that I never had a baby so maybe, just maybe, I just couldn't understand the issues. Well all

of that changed in February.

On February 7th I actually volunteered at the shelter for a few hours in my very very pregnant state. I went home to watch the Super Bowl but our plans were changed and we headed to the hospital. That night we were blessed to bring our healthy baby girl, Gracie, into this world. What Joy!

But I do now understand the complete and utter exhaustion. The being so tired you can barely put the diaper on right side up. And how difficult everything can be when you have a newborn baby.

But I also have 5 dogs (yes 5 of them...) that are still just as important to our family as they were before we had Gracie. And still require food, water, vet visits and attention regardless if I had gotten any sleep or not.

I will freely admit that the dogs don't get as much of my dedicated attention as they did before. I do have my limits. But they are all still living in the house with us, still sleeping in the bed or in the room with us and are still allowed free run of the house. Supervised of course but yes, even with a new baby. And we have all loved it.

During maternity leave I would lay in the bed with Gracie and I'd have the

dogs laying around the room with us. I think they hated when I returned to work as much as I did! In dozens of pictures of the baby you would see one or more of the dogs with their head, ears or tails sticking up, never far from our side. I especially love the one below of Gracie and my mom from California. My mom spent hours holding her granddaughter and her granddoggies were never far away as you can see!



Of course my number one priority is my daughter and of course there have been times where a dog barked at just the wrong time and woke her up and I wanted to cry. But I wouldn't give up any of them for anything. And how lucky Gracie is to have them all to grow up with, play with and snuggle with. They make our family complete.

9 Dogs Seized in Cruelty Investigation

FCAR cruelty investigators seized 9 dogs from a home in Oakland. We had been to that house several times before in the last few years. However, the owners kept getting new dogs and kept neglecting them. Two 5 month old puppies were found in a pen littered with trash, including broken glass. There was no water and the water bowl was dry and had dirt in it. The puppies were very skinny and appeared weak. The rest of the dogs were running around loose. Water and food bowls were all around the yard, but all were empty.

There were two three month old puppies as well. One was thin and had a terrible case of contagious mange. She barely has any hair and is mostly covered in scabs from scratching so much. Actually, all the dogs are being treated for mange and are receiving medication and baths in medicated shampoo. Both 3 month old puppies also have entropion, which is an eye condition in which the eyelids are grown inward, causing the eye lashes to come into contact with the eye itself. It is painful and can cause corneal damage and corneal scarring which required surgery.

All of these dogs have been adopted and are now living in their new forever homes. Love these happy endings!

Milky Way Then and Now...



Lovey Then and Now...



Both dogs have been adopted!

Support FCAR!

Schnucks eScrip Card

Pick up a Schnucks eScrip Customer Card at your local Schnucks grocery store. Present the card every time you shop and Schnucks contributes a percentage of your monthly purchase amount to FCAR. You don't have to pre-load your card or anything, pay for your groceries the same way that you always do and Schnucks donates 3% of your purchase amount to FCAR. It's that easy!.

Kroger Fundraising Gift Cards

FCAR earns 5% on card "reloads"! Gift cards can be used for groceries, fuel, and prescriptions. Cards can be reloaded at the register (PRIOR to paying for groceries). Every time you reload the card, FCAR earns 5%!

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Volunteering at FCAR

~ by Sabine Zander

Maggie (Margaret Trippany) and I first volunteered at the FCAR shelter beginning at the first of the year. It all began with wanting to make a difference. We started by adding our names to the volunteer email listing around Christmas and responded a couple of weeks later to an email plea from FCAR asking for help to clean, walk dogs and open the frozen water buckets. It was a busy, but fun day. It felt so good to help these munchkins and to be around like-minded people. So much so that Maggie and I both decided to return the following weekend to see if help was needed....and the weekend after that ...and the weekend after that...well in short, we've been there every since.... I think I'm speaking for both of us when I say we were "hooked" on this place of serenity.

The people that run this place - and those that work and/or volunteer there - are THE BEST. Kind people that make a difference every single day and I love to be part of such a great crew.

Most of you are probably thinking that I'm telling you things that you already know, but Maggie and I feel so strongly about it, that we thought we'd take the time to share our feelings. Lots of people tell me that many humans are also in need and ask why don't I do as much for them as I do for animals. I always reply with the same answer: "People have a voice to plead their case.... animals don't". Animals are also

My Second FCAR Dog

~ By Gina H. Thweatt

Previously I wrote about Angel, the first dog my husband and I adopted from FCAR. Well, Angel was so sociable that she needed a companion so my husband and I decided to adopt another FCAR dog.

There were, and still are, so many dogs at the shelter that I would love to adopt, so I knew this was not going to be an easy decision. One of the volunteers suggested that I consider Clay, a beautiful red mixed dog. He was very large and had been at the shelter since he was a puppy. He was also very shy. But, he had the most beautiful almond shaped eyes and such a sweet temperament. He usually stayed outside in one of the big yards, but he had been moved inside so that we could tend to a Frontline burn on his back. I got to know him well because I would sometimes put his medicine on his back and visit with

often forgotten about.

Even though my boyfriend and I are already living with three dogs and one cat, we felt that we had room to grow the pack. So we recently started fostering a little guy named Fleet. He is my little Ol' Man. Nobody knows what his life was like before he joined the FCAR family about six years ago, but we're hoping to give him everything he never had. Whatever that may be...

Life makes you who you are. So it amazes me that some of these dogs that were treated so badly at some point still have the will to again trust a human being. Most people get hurt once and will never forget it. That is why I think animals are braver than I would ever be.

If you have the time and want to make a difference in someone's life, come on out and meet everybody. You'll love it. I did and still do. It's also great exercise since walking dogs (or running with them - Spud and Dane) can be a big part of it. When going to the shelter you don't have to worry about what to wear or how to do your hair. The rule of thumb is... wear something that can get dirty. Your hair really doesn't matter, because dogs really don't care. And always, ALWAYS be ready to be amazed by these little creatures that have so much love to give - even though most of them never had much of anything before coming to FCAR.

him. Then Clay had to have surgery on one of his knees, so I decided to foster him while recuperated. It didn't take long for my husband and me to fall in love with him and decide to adopt him.

Clay soon came out of his shell. He and Angel became friends and play together all the time. He also loves squeaky toys, but like most dogs he chews them up in less than a minute. He has another funny habit; he prefers to give kisses rather than be petted. He loves to lie down in the hall, and sometimes he'll get up, walk in the den, and go to us to just give kisses, then goes back into the hall! It's as if he is saying, "I just wanted to remind you that I love you!"

It's hard for me to believe that Clay had been at the shelter for so long. All he needed was someone willing to spend a little extra time with him so he could come out of his shell and he has turned into the 'perfect' dog.

One Person Making a Difference

Our great volunteer Bryan has spent countless hours volunteering for FCAR and one day decided to try something new. He loaded up an FCAR rescue and went and stood outside of major retailers with a can collecting donations for the shelter. And collect them he did! Weekend after weekend, in the hottest weather and the coldest, Bryan would stand out there for the animals. With donations low due to the economy the money that Bryan collected each week often made the difference in whether we could pay our bills that week or not. This is just one of the many creative ways that our volunteers have come through for the animals and goes to show you what the difference one person can make for the animals.



A Heartwarming Adoption

Blondie is a beautiful 12 year old yellow lab mix that had been at the shelter for over 10 years. Everyone loved her and loved to play with her and although she needed to go to a single animal home she was a great dog. We called her "Queen of the Shelter" because she had been with us so long. Like so many of our adult dogs, we had great difficulty in placing Blondie in a home, primarily because she didn't do well at adoption events so she stayed at the shelter full time.



However, you can never, ever count the angels of this world out! A wonderful couple saw Blondie on our website and became interested in her. After meeting her they decided to

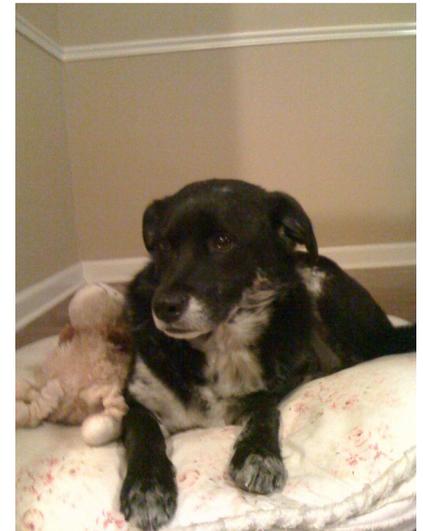
Over the years Blondie developed a very large fatty tumor on one side of her. It looked strange, but was not a health concern. She also has a heart murmur and has to stay on medication for the rest of her life. Add those issues plus her senior age and unfortunately she was considered somewhat less than a "highly adoptable dog".

foster her and after having her in their home for just 3 days, they called us and said they wanted to keep her! She had made herself right at home and they just fell in love with her. The couple takes her for walks every morning and told us that she is "everything they ever wanted in a

A Letter from a Proud FCAR Adopter

We adopted a dog from Fayette County Animal Rescue at Petsmart in July, 2006. Her name was Dinah (although we changed her name to Oreo later). She was a Border Collie/Australian Sheppard mix. At the Showcase of Dogs this year at the Agricenter, we decided to enter her in the Canine Good Citizen test. Oreo successfully passed! I've been wanting for Oreo to be a therapy dog for years, and now I can actually try!

Yours truly,
Katie Williamson (9 years old)



Memphis Polo Club Holds a Benefit for FCAR

The Memphis Polo Club had their first annual "Lucky Dog Challenge" along with their first match of the season on June 20th and donated the proceeds to FCAR. The horses were absolutely beautiful and very skilled. It was

really fun watching the match and everyone there had a great time. Many people stopped by our booth for information and made donations. We also brought some dogs for everyone to see and hopefully adopt. They had a great time parading around and they even tried to chase the horses when they got near us!

Polo has a long-standing tradition in the Memphis area, beginning in 1954, when it was played at the Memphis Hunt and Polo Club. The club moved to Rossville Farm in 2003, and has worked with experts to create some of the country's best polo fields at the new, 200-acre location.

We want to thank Memphis Polo Club for supporting FCAR. For more information on the Memphis Polo Club please visit their website at: www.memphispoloclub.com.

Three Dog Bakery in Collierville is DogGone Awesome!



We would like to thank Three Dog Bakery in Collierville for their frequent donations. They provide treats not only to our rescues, but they also donate goody bags and other items for our fundraisers. They keep a donation canister in the store for us, too. Everyone there is so helpful and friendly, even the dogs that are working there: Winston, Copper and Gracie. If you have a dog, you must visit their bakery at 2136 Poplar Avenue in Collierville!



Amanda and Alan Barcon held a "Just Because" party at their home to benefit FCAR. They asked their guests to bring an item from our wish list to donate to the shelter. This is the second time the Barcons have done this for the shelter, and we are all very thankful to them and their guests for their generosity.

Two Volunteers Attend Animal Welfare Conference

Yvette Gilbert and Gina Thweatt, animal cruelty investigators and volunteers for Fayette County Animal Rescue, attended the annual Humane Society of the United States Animal Care Expo in May. The conference was held in Nashville and lasted 4 days. They have been to many of these conferences before, and this one was very informative. Courses they attended included: How to Design and Run the Best Foster Programs, Client-Focused Animal Welfare, Marketing Mongrels: Enhancing the Image of Homeless Animals, Enrichment for Shelter and Foster Pets.

"After attending an animal welfare conference, we feel so rejuvenated and ready to implement so many new ideas. We also gained many new contacts and

resources", Gina said. She has even gotten to know instructors who work for the HSUS and one has used a photograph of a chained up dog from Fayette County in the HSUS's campaign to fight animal cruelty. The photograph is still on the HSUS website. (That dog, Chesney, was rescued along with 3 other pits from a dog fighting ring. Her owners were convicted of animal cruelty and spent a short time in jail.)



Achilles



Fawn



Dane



Emi



Fido

Volunteer/Foster: Take a break from the "Real World"

~ By Sydney Lane

Promote your talents and skills as a volunteer or a foster parent. Looking for lifestyle choices, a purpose, or just have a passion for the health and wellness of animals; our survival, success and the behavior, socialization, and rehabilitation of our animals depends on a strong core of volunteers.

Our non-profit organization is full of intelligent people with a passion for their work. We offer volunteers important, meaningful and satisfying projects. Come work with people who share common interests and meet essential community needs. We do experience sadness when we lose one of our loving souls but those moments remind us that we are human.

Happiness is individualistic; it is deep within one's soul. My life has been enriched in many ways while working with FCAR; not only varied and busy but

I am spending my time as I choose to. I am proud to share the values, vision and objectives of an organization that is dedicated to saving the lives of injured and abused animals.

What an amazing experience to share worthwhile goals; to realize that obstacles can be solved and that fear and worry can be overcome. Simply knowing that I can do something every day to make a difference in the lives of our animals makes me feel good. Happiness is contagious; my husband also is also heavily involved in volunteering at the shelter.

Connect with something bigger than yourself and you will catch yourself smiling all the time. Our animals will excite lifelong compassionate feelings and contribute to a positive volunteer or fostering experience. Come experience unconditional love; it will be the most rewarding decision of your life.

Cocker Spaniel Reunion a Heartwarming Event

In December 2007, FCAR volunteers rescued 26 cocker spaniels (including 2 pregnant ones, with babies the total was 36) from a puppy mill. Their living conditions were absolutely horrible; dogs were crammed into crates and living in their own feces and urine. We filed 27 counts of animal cruelty against their owner. Fortunately, we were able to rehabilitate all of the animals and found wonderful homes for all of them.

We keep in touch with many of our adopters but due to the size of this seizure we thought it would be a great experience to have a "Cocker Spaniel Reunion". The reunion was held June 26 at Piperton United Methodist Church.

We had a great turnout, with 18 cocker spaniels and their families attending. We provided lunch and had some contests, like best trick and best costume, plus some drawings for door prizes. We even gave a prize to the cocker who traveled the farthest, and that was Maggie from Tulsa!

The owners of the cockers got to see a slide show of adoption pictures and candid photos of their dogs, as well as a display of photographs from the cruelty case. Many were shocked by those photographs, and they had no idea that their dog had lived in such a terrible



place.

Everyone had such a good time and enjoyed meeting the other owners and sharing their experiences with their dogs. Many told us the same thing, "I can now see why my dog is so scared of people after seeing where she lived," and, "It helps me understand my dog a little better after talking to the other owners." I think they all have a better understanding of what a puppy mill is, too, and how the lack of socialization affects an animal.

We took some wonderful pictures at the event which are posted on our Facebook page, Fayette County Animal Rescue.

This cruelty case had such a terrible beginning, and some of us will never forget the sights and smells of that day in December. But what a wonderful ending! All of the rescued dogs went to loving homes which is FCAR's mission with every rescue.

Volunteers from our Community!



Volunteers from FedEx Services Technology Services department came out and spent an afternoon getting the shelter ready for winter. They put the hay out, mulched hundreds of bushes, filled in holes, cleaned and so much more!



Volunteers from Wells Fargo came out and also spent hours cleaning the shelter and getting the environment just perfect for our wonderful rescues. Thank you so much for your support!

Memorials

"In memory of Pat Davis", from Esther Farrow

"In memory of Shorty", from James Deckelman

"In memory of Precious Lucy", from Mrs. Hugh Bosworth

"In memory of Little Auggie", from Dana Horner

"In memory of Dr. Robert J. Barnett", from Jerry & Tina Howell

"In memory of Mattie", from Norma Boswell

"In memory of a beautiful lab - Della", from Charlotte Johnson

"In memory of Teena Spencer", from Faith Barcroft

"In memory of (Sweet Kitty) Gizmo", from Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Delaney

"In memory of Wiley, a very beloved pet", from Linda, Jimmy & Jonathan Segerson

"In memory of Cody Dixie Delight (Our loving yorkie)", from Harry and Bertha Novak

"In memory of Beau, Gypsy, Loki, Kippur, Shadow, Pippin, Sarge & my husband Bob (Who loved them all)", from Joanne Clausier

"In memory of Bullet (collie) who passed away Dec. 2004", from Nita Lewis Hurdle

"In memory of Cody, our much loved adopted stray", from Sterling Gillette

"In memory of Pepper & Gizmo", from Barbara Rankin

"In memory of my Friend Kay's beloved Rosie", from Joann Allen

"In memory of Muffin", from Diana Gill

"In memory of Beth Curry", from Larry & Beverly Doring

"In memory of Avery", from Don & Bobbe Oliver and Donna Hale

"In memory of Crystal", Linnea Bert

"In memory of Stinger", from Lou Shanks

"In memory of Lady, beloved dog of Connie Milligan", from Patty Gant

"In memory of Lt. Governor John S. Wilder", from Corky, Marcia & Alex Hora

"In memory of Chloe, Fat Baby, Katie & Ethan", from Shana Robbins

"In memory of Beatnik", from Hans and Liz Jonsson

"In memory of Bear", from Diana Gill

"In loving memory of T.J. Odom", from Pat Rush Davis and Christopher Hemp

"In memory of Pauline Robbins Wright", from Tammy Crump and Shanna Greer

"In memory of Ike, beloved per of Carol Baker", from Linda, Jimmy, Johnathan Segerson

"In memory of Abby, beloved dog of Sydney & Phil Lane"

"In memory of victims of cruelty", from Diana Gill

"In memory of Jonas, our much loved and missed Golden Retriever", from Bettye and Nathan Atkeison

"In memory of Joseph W. Barnwell", from Robert Lanier

"In memory of Pal", from Etna Chambers

"In memory of Memphis Shelter Abused Animals", from Emma Chandler

"In memory of Lila, beloved pet of Barry & Susan Chase", from Michael Provow

"In memory of Spuds More", from Marcie More

"In memory of Lucky", from Leigh Taylor

In memory of Max, beloved dog of Margaret & Larry Wilkinson

In memory of Grady & Little Bit, beloved dogs of the McAfee Family

"In memory of Eric Robertson, 08/13/1977 - 12/01/2001", from Mrs. Kathy Haney Williams

"In memory of Woody and Potsie", from Mr. & Mrs. Kevin P. Delaney

"In memory of Mr. Phil Overton", from Randy & Denise Worley

"In memory of Teena Spencer", from Faith Barcroft

"In memory of Rudy Slattery", from Patti & David Wilder

"In memory of Lindsey, beloved dog of Karen Lynn Crocker", from Barbara Reynolds

"In memory of Jack, beloved dog of Karen & Rich", from The Segersons & Everyone at Edgewood

"In memory of Abby, beloved dog of Susan and Kelly Amsden", from Elizabeth Ayrer

"In memory of Yoda", from Janet Gray

"In memory of TJ Odom", from Patricia Rush Davis

"In memory of Little Bit", from Delores Cowan Provow

"In memory of Lucy, beloved Rottweiler of the Hughes Family", from the David Williams Family

"In memory of Buck, our FCAR shepherd/collie mix. Our beloved pet and member of the family died in 2007. He is truly missed, but never forgotten.", from the Statham Family

"In memory of Phyllis Little", from Larry & Andrea Little

"In memory of our beloved dog Britches Welch", from Steve & Bonnie Welch

"In memory of our precious shih tzu, Oliver", from Jo Ann Mercer

"In memory of Cleo, my lab/chow that was my friend for 8 1/2 years", from Nancy Smith

Memorials

"In memory of Andrew Walsh & Rocky", from Lottie Greenlee

"In memory of Daisy, Dakota & Shelby", from Terry & Wendy Renoux

"In memory of Gretchen Sienna Richwood's Powell, a 12 year old red dobie", from Sherry Powell

"In memory of Taylor's Toby of Rossville, our beloved Manchester Terrier", from Julia Taylor

"In memory of Mr. Walter Milam", from Charles Houston

"In memory of Cassie, beloved pet of the Weber Family", from Linda, Jimmy & Jonathan Segerson

"In memory of James H. Jackson", from Sarah M. Jackson

"In memory of Clancy, beloved dog of Karen Keywood", from Jackie Keywood

"In memory of Marilyn Davis", from Janie & Keith Deckelman

"In memory of our beloved family dog Hobbes", from J.S. Smith DDS & Barbara Smith

"In memory of our beloved dogs Anna & Hobbes", from J.S. Smith DDS & Barbara Smith

"In memory of Coco & Mandy & Bonnie", from Dean Wills

"In memory of Wiska, beloved pet of Lisa Crocker", from Barbara Reynolds

"In memory of my beautiful sister Ann Pryor", from Delores Provow

"In memory of Katheryn Ann Pryor", from Yvette, Laurie & Gina

"In memory of Harold Riddell", from Davis & Patti Wilder

"In memory of Morgan, loving companion of Nanci Jennings", from Patsy J. Dodson

"In memory of Katie, beloved Airedale of Lisa Ciaramitaro", from The Segerson Family

"In memory of April, beloved pet of Caroline Milot and Ron Carlsen", from The Segerson Family

"In memory of Brett Gorovsky", from Mary B. Reed

"In memory of Maggie", from Stan & Sylvia Young

"In memory of William Travis Rutledge", from John & Shirley Bigham

"In memory of Max, beloved dog of Jim & Connie McDuffee", from John & Shirley Bigham

"In memory of Bree, beloved dog of Jody & Kerry Martin", from John & Shirley Bigham

"In memory of Daisy Russell", from Susan C. Grizzard

"In memory of Penny Burgin", from Amy Ledbetter

"In memory of Bentley, a special 11 year old black lab", from Linda & Glenn Jones

"In memory of Gretchen", from Sherry Powell

"In memory of Jango, beloved cat of Willie H.", from Dr. Robert Winfrey

"In memory of Tavie, a very sweet cat", from Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Delaney

"In memory of dog Abbie Gregory for her birthday on September 6th", from Laurin Gregory

"In memory of Trader who has gone to the Rainbow Bridge", from Michael Provow

"In memory of Cleo, 08/01-07/09", from Nancy Smith

"In memory of Sampson, beloved dog of George Garrett", from Ann M. Brown

"In memory of Truck Worley, beloved dog of Randy Worley", from Lisa Dick

"In memory of Queenie", from Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Delaney

"In memory of Truck, beloved dog of Randy & Denise Worley", from Eastgate Animal Clinic

"In memory of Ginger Bell, beloved dog of Amy Bell", from Lisa Dick

"In memory of Sharkey", from Bob Braue

"In memory of Newman, beloved pet of Paula & Joey McPeak", from Dana Horner

"In memory of Macho & Sweetie Pie, beloved pets of Mr. & Mrs. John Bigham", from Jody & Kerry Martin

"In memory of Frisky, beloved cat of the Rowlands", from Maury & Betsy Ayer

"In memory of Maggie, beloved Golden Retriever of the Kline Family", from Linda, Jimmy, Jonathan & the staff of Edgewood Farm

"In memory of Duke, beloved pet of the Robinson Family", from Eastgate Animal Clinic

"In memory of Bree, beloved dog of Kerry Martin", from all of us at FCAR

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The following supporters are generously providing a monthly donation to sponsor a specific FCAR rescue:

🐾 Seahawk & Dude
by Joy Applebaum

🐾 Spunkie
by Lisa Heslep

🐾 Lucky & Dobber
by Margaret Trippany

🐾 Matt
by an Anonymous Donor

🐾 Grant
by Tonya Bodiford

To sponsor an FCAR rescue please contact us at fayettecar@hotmail.com

Honorariums

"In honor of Ozzy Steifer", from Laura Steifer

"In honor of my wonderful daughter, Nancy VanCleve", from Joyce Lacy

"In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Avery", from Mr. & Mrs. David Payne

"In honor of Marilyn & Tony Aldridge", from Mary Goodwin

"In honor of Anne Keefe", from Marilynn Weedon

"In honor of Cheyenne", from Donna Short

"In honor of Mrs. Sherry Foster", from Rob & Nikki Foster

"In honor of Murphy & Sylvesta", from Bobbe Gaskin Oliver & Donna Oliver Hale

"In honor of Mike Provow", from Shea Moskovitz & McGhee, PLC

"In honor of Cheyenne", from Donna Short

"In honor of Little Jimmy", from Jim & Carol Florow

"In honor of Conner, Holly and Rylie", from Lindsay West

"In honor of my 2 dogs - Sydney & Griffen", from Jewell MacGregor

"In honor of Magoo, adopted in Spring 2008", from Brenda Johnson

"In honor of Magoo's 2 year birthday", from Brenda Johnson

"In honor of Yvette Gilbert, Gina Thweatt and all Volunteers", from Delores Cowan Provow

"In honor of Houston", from Lois Criswell

"In honor of all abused and neglected animals", from Martha & Alex Moore

"In honor of Dr. Glenn Weatherly, for his devotion to the community", from Julia McAfee

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"In celebration of Dr. Arnel & Robyn Paller's new puppies, AJ & Bogey, from Louis Shanks

Animal DNA Testing

~ By Cheryl Withers

I received a request to tell you a little about our adopting our Samantha from FCAR. We were a 3 dog family: Joe, Sarah and Sadie. Joe had been my father's dog and when my Daddy passed away I brought him home. He has been our problem child from day one. He had been abused as a puppy and someone just put him out in country where my dad lived. We lost our precious Sarah last October and then in January we lost our Sadie. They were both Black Labs and they, along with Joe, were our hearts. Sarah was one of the smartest dogs I have ever seen, you could tell her something once and she would do it. Sadie was not quite the same, she would bark and chase anyone who walked by our house, if she got the chance. She had cancer and Dr. Galloway removed her front left leg. The day she ran across the backyard I was so excited, I thought she is going to make it, but unfortunately her cancer returned and even though we did all we could we lost her. We were very lucky that we still had Joe.

We were so lost without Sadie and Sarah and I decided I would look on FCAR's web site and I saw a picture of Garland and Tinsel (Samantha), they were brother and sister and needed a home. Garland had been adopted but our Samantha had not, so I met her and said I would take her. She was so cute; the only thing I was afraid of was that Joe would not accept her. She was quite a handful but Joe did accept her.

I was the one that was about to go nuts! I don't think I allowed myself to grieve until after we got Samantha, so I was a total mess. I had forgotten that puppies have to be house broken and get into everything and all she did was chew. She is the only dog I know who was put out of puppy school. The first night we were there, she pottied on the floor and chewed her leash off and that was just the beginning. It is funny to me now, but at the time it was awful. I would work with her and nothing I was doing would do any good. She also acted like she thought she was a cat. She would climb and sit on the backs of chairs. I even caught her one night sitting in the middle of the kitchen table. Needless to say I was at my wits end. I began looking on the internet to see if I could come up with anything that might help us.

I found several sites about how different breeds react in different situations. The more I read the more I thought that knowing Samantha's breed might help us in training her. So I called Dr. Melanie at Animal Care Hospital in Oakland and asked her about DNA testing. She said she thought we should do the blood test because this was the best way to be sure we had the best reading.

Well we got Samantha's DNA back and she is 50% Lab and 50% Chow Chow. Believe it or not all the information they sent back told me about all the things I was seeing her do. Chow's have a cat like personality in some ways. They are hard headed and very willful. But are very loyal and love their master. The Lab in her makes her want to please. Thank Goodness! She also loves to swim and play fetch. The neatest thing about having DNA test done was now we know why she acts certain ways. We also have an idea of how large she will be: height and weight.

As I stated at the beginning, Joe had always been our problem child. So we decided when we had Samantha's DNA test done we would have him tested too. We have always thought that he was part Lab and because of his spotted tongue maybe he had some Chow too. We also thought the Chow was what made him so hard to train. He loved his family, but didn't like anyone else.

Well, was everyone shocked when we got his DNA results back! My Lab and whatever turned out to be an Akita and American Water Spaniel. Joe hates water... so much for the Water Spaniel part. When you look at the Akita traits you are seeing Joe. He is extremely loyal, very alert and as stubborn as they come. The Akita has a reputation as a good family dog, but can develop defensive aggression if he feels threatened, scared, or mistreated. It was like a light had been turned on, I finally understood my dog. With the help of Dr. Melanie and a trainer, we are finally getting Joe under control because we know what we are working with.

I am so thankful we did the DNA testing on our dogs. It has really given us an insight into our dogs and what we need to do to train them and make life happier for all of us. I would tell anyone to do this. It is worth the money and it can really help when working with your dog.

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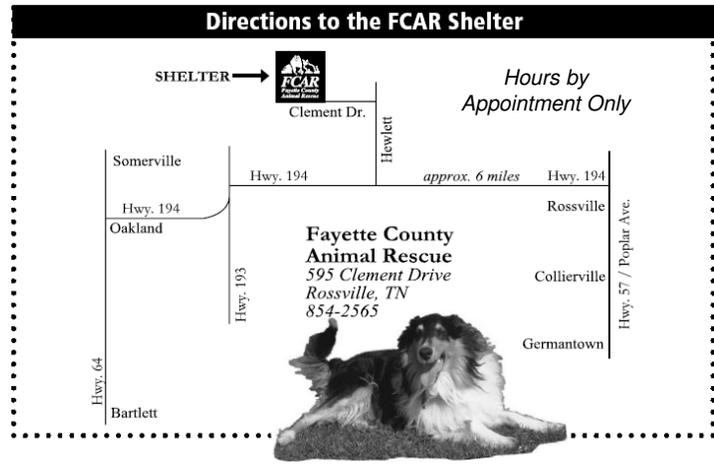
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