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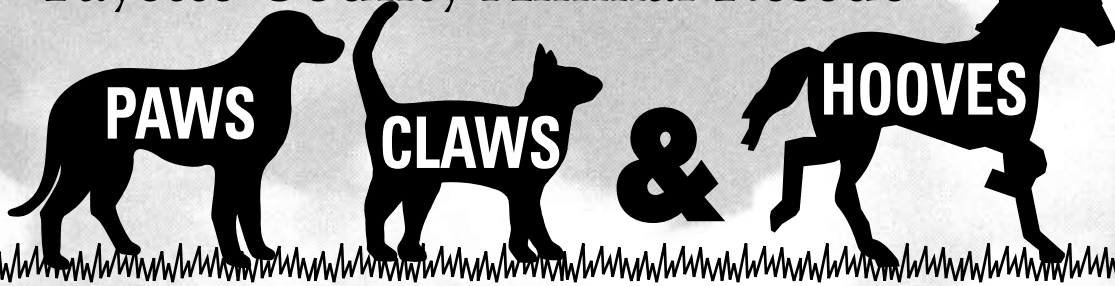
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# Fayette County Animal Rescue



A Quarterly Newsletter

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## A Message from the President



At the last board meeting of Fayette County Animal Rescue I was elected President for the year 2006. I consider this a huge honor and a great responsibility. I wanted to share with you my goals for our organization. I hope many of you can assist me in accomplishing some of them.

First of all, I would like for there to be a greater awareness of animal cruelty. Many of the people who adopt our dogs are shocked to hear about their background. They always ask me, "How could people do such terrible things to a defenseless animal?" It is hard to provide any kind of answer to that question. I want the public to know it exists and know what to do to help prevent it.

I would also like to spend more time in schools providing humane education. I feel it is very important to educate children about pet ownership and the responsibilities that go along with it. I also want children to recognize signs of animal cruelty and to be aware of what to do when they witness it. Children are so enthusiastic and many times they think of great ideas for caring for our animals and for fundraising.

Something else I would like to do this year is to provide a greater understanding of what Fayette County Animal Rescue is all about and to clear up any misconceptions people may have about a no-kill shelter. It doesn't mean we can take in every single animal that we encounter. When we are full, we are full. To take in too many animals would compromise the health and quality of life of our existing animals. Many people get angry with us when they call and we tell them we have no room. When we tell them that it means we literally have no place to put the dog or cat. We tell people to check with us later to see if any animals have been adopted and we can also put them on a waiting list. However, we are not going to euthanize any of our dogs or cats to make room for new ones who may be more adoptable. We have some animals that we feel may never get adopted, due to their temperament or physical problems. Therefore, Fayette County Animal Rescue is also a sanctuary, providing these animals a home until the end of their lives. The volunteers and staff here still love, play with and treat these animals like all the others. This is also a great place to come and learn about animals. It is an ideal and healthy place to volunteer. Studies

have shown that petting animals reduces your blood pressure! Lose weight for free – walk dogs around our large fenced pen! Tone your muscles – carry 50-pound dog food bags to the pens! Who needs a gym when you have Fayette County Animal Rescue?

These are just a few of my goals for the upcoming year. There is so much more I want to do for our organization, and I hope many of you can work with us in some way. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions. Have a Happy New Year! 🐾

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.*

*Pledge a gift to FCAR in your will to ensure that this happens and you'll be a faithful friend to animals forever!*

• 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!

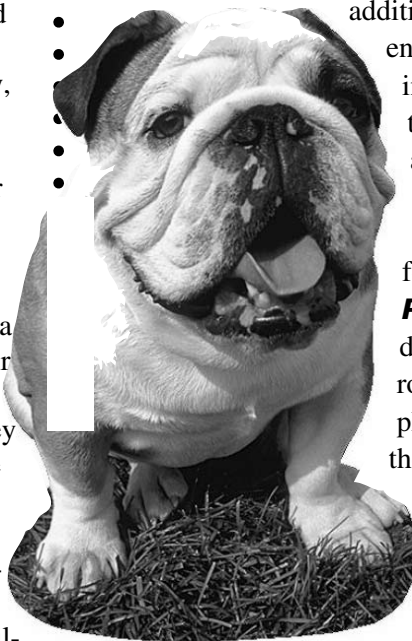
## A Story Worth Repeating...

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle. I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family there were no miracles left for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home. As we made the arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for the four-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives.

Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why." Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The four-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long." 🐾

— author unknown



## "At a Glance..."

At a recent Board of Directors meeting, discussion focused on our accomplishments in 2005 and our goals for the organization in 2006. Every year FCAR has grown as an organization; rescuing more animals, adding additional community service programs and widening the circle of lives that we have impacted in our local area. In 2006 we plan to continue to pursue our lofty mission by focusing our attention on improving the quality of life for our rescues, both prior to and after they are adopted. There are 3 key areas that we will be focusing on:

**Pre-adoption:** We will be conducting a detailed analysis of our current shelter environment and will be pursuing funding to make physical improvements designed to increase the stimulation and socialization of our rescues while they are at the shelter. We will also be aggressively recruiting additional volunteers in an effort to staff recurring "Shelter Play Days" to improve the socialization and day-to-day lives of the animals. Additionally we will be implementing a Behavior Training

Program focused on increasing the adoptability of the animals, as well as improve the animal's behavior once they do find a forever home.

**Post-adoption:** We will be implementing a formalized follow up process to ensure that all new adopters have the support that they need to address any issues they encounter when bringing a new animal into their home. By opening up the lines of communication and proactively and repeatedly contacting them, our goal is to become an active support mechanism for new adopters. This will allow us the opportunity to provide guidance and address issues prior to the owner deciding to return the animal to our shelter.

**Administrative:** FCAR is now tracking all animals, medical costs, adoptions, owner information, follow ups, etc. in a database. This information will allow us the opportunity to fully analyze all aspects of the organization and identify areas that can be improved. The centralization of this data will also allow for the streamlining of administrative tasks which will ensure compliance with policies, aid in the development of new programs and improve the efficiency of the organization. In addition we will be identifying backup personnel for key tasks and document processes to reduce the dependency on any one individual to ensure the long-term success of FCAR.

We are all very excited about the prospects for 2006 and with the dedication and commitment of the Board and volunteers at FCAR this year is destined to be our best year yet! 🐾

We're on the web at  
[www.fayettefcar.com](http://www.fayettefcar.com)

## FCAR Volunteers

Have you ever gone to a shelter or seen a rescue group at Petco and expressed dismay at being unable to adopt another animal? Well we have the perfect solution for you... volunteer at Fayette County Animal Rescue! FCAR is run solely by volunteers and we are only limited by the amount of resources that we have... both financial AND personal. Every year FCAR has managed to expand its programs, improve the quality of life for our rescues, and directly affect the community in which we live but imagine what we could do with your help.

The opportunities at FCAR are limitless when it comes to volunteering. If you have one hour a month or 40 hours a month, your help can make a difference in the lives of abandoned and neglected animals.

- Below are just some of the areas
- that we need your help:
- • Socializing animals at our shelter (this is the funpart... just come out and play with the animals! This is our numberone priority.)
- • Setup & tear down at adoption events
- • Assistance at special events
- • Administrative tasks
- • Pet taxi to the veterinarian
- • Fundraising
- • Humane education programs at local schools
- • The satisfaction and love that you get in return for a small amount of your time is overwhelming, guaranteed. So please, make a difference today and call 901/854-2565 to volunteer at Fayette County Animal Rescue. 🐾

## Adopter Responses:

### Colonel – Adopted 12/10/05

“Colonel is doing great!!!!!!  
Spoiled rotten is a better word for it :) He had a wonderful Christmas.... Santa was good to him. He is growing sooooo fast. We are so blessed to have Colonel in our lives and part of our family. My husband and I took Ellie and Colonel for a walk the other night. Colonel walked better on a leash and with me than Ellie did for my husband. Colonel also loves to sleep with our daughter who will be 2 in Feb. He fits right into our family and we love him so much!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

### Dominic – Adopted 11/26/05

“We are having so much fun with him. I’ll get some pics to you soon, we’ve been taking plenty! His personality is awesome. He loves the backyard, and has made friends with the dog next door. They play together every couple of days.”

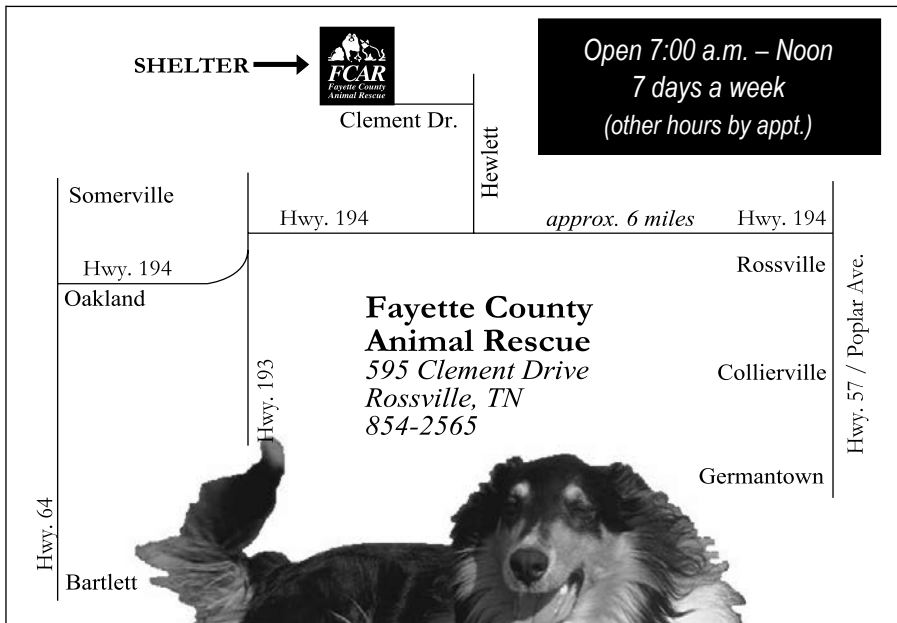
### Don Juan – Adopted 11/27/05

“Just wanted to give you an update on Don Juan. He is doing great. He is adjusting very well. Tonight they started playing together and they cant get enough of each other. Every once and a while we have a “bone” issue but they get over it. Just wanted to let you know that we love having him here and we are glad he is apart of our family now. I will keep you posted.”

### Jacey – Adopted 07/25/05

“Jacey has integrated very well into the family. She goes out on her own and plays with the other dogs. When we open the back door she comes in on her own as well. She alternates sleeping with Kristin one night and then with me another night under the covers. She is becoming more affectionate toward us also. She still likes her place on the couch. She’s a great dog and Kristin has hung a stocking for her over the fireplace for Christmas this year.” 🐾

## Directions to FCAR Shelter



# 2006 Schedule of Events:\*

## January

- 01/02 ..... Shelter Work Day
- 01/05 ..... Event Planning Subcommittee Meeting
- 01/07 ..... Shelter Play Day / Shelter Improvement  
..... Prioritization Mtg.
- 01/14 ..... Just Dogs Gourmet: Adoption Event
- 01/21 ..... Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 01/28 ..... Petco Germantown: Adoption Event
- 01/28-29 .. RV Show, Cook Convention Center:  
..... Information & Fundraising Event (tentative)

## February

- 02/02 ..... MPACT Memphis / Volunteer Mfs. Non-Profit Expo
- 02/04 ..... Shelter Play Day
- 02/18 ..... Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 02/17-19 .. Midsouth Boat Show: Info Booth & Fundrsg. Event
- 02/25 ..... Petco Germantown: Adoption Event
- 02/25 ..... G'town Mardi Gras Parade, Info Booth & Fundrsg.
- TBD..... Bowling Tournament (Exact Date TBD)

## March

- 03/04 ..... Just Dogs! Gourmet: Adoption Event
- 03/16 ..... FCAR Board Meeting
- 03/18 ..... Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 03/25 ..... Petco Germantown: Adoption Event
- 03/25 ..... Petsmart Grand Opening: Adoption Event
- TBD..... Fayette County Business & Health Expo  
..... (Oakland Elementary School; Exact Date TBD)
- TBD..... KIX 106 Focus on Fayette County: Info Booth,  
..... Adoption & Fundraising Event (Exact Date TBD)

## April

- 04/01 ..... FCAR Reunion, Pet Walk & Adoption Festival
- 04/15 ..... Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 04/22 ..... Petco Germantown: Adoption Event
- 04/29 ..... Gimmee Shelter

## May

- 05/06 ..... Just Dogs! Gourmet: Adoption Event
- 05/06 ..... Gimmee Shelter Rain Date
- 05/06 ..... Shelter Work Day
- 05/13 ..... Garage Sale: Fundraising Event (Midtown)
- 05/20 ..... Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 05/27 ..... Petco Germantown: Adoption Event

## June

- 06/01-03 .. Memphis Italian Festival CALL 685-1378  
..... (Marquette Park) (Tentative)
- 06/03 ..... 3rd Annual Fayette County Animal Rescue Road  
..... Race: Fundraising Event (Exact Date TBD)
- 06/10 ..... Pet Adoption Festival (Oakland)
- 06/15 ..... FCAR Board Meeting
- 06/17 ..... Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 06/24 ..... Petco Germantown: Adoption Event
- TBD..... Oakland Job Fair: Info Booth & Fundraising Event
- TBD..... Oakland Home & Business Expo: Information Booth  
..... & Fundraising Event (Exact Date TBD)
- TBD..... Memphis Redbirds: Information Booth &  
..... Fundraising Event (Exact Date TBD)

## July

- 07/01-31 .. Christmas in July: Fundraising Event
- 07/08 ..... Shower for the Shelter: Fundraising Event  
..... (Pink Flaming Tentative)
- 07/15 ..... Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 07/22 ..... Petco Germantown: Adoption Event
- 07/29 ..... Just Dogs! Gourmet: Adoption Event

## August

- 08/05 ..... Shelter Play Day
- 08/11-13 .. Midsouth Hunting & Fishing Extravaganza: Info  
..... Booth & Fundraising Event (tentative)
- 08/13 ..... Just Dogs! Gourmet: Adoption Event
- 08/20 ..... Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 08/27 ..... Petco Germantown: Adoption Event

## September

- 09/02 ..... Collierville Adoption Festival with FOCUS  
..... (Collierville)
- 09/09-10 .. Germantown Festival: Info Booth & Fundraising  
..... Event /Germantown Charity Horse Show
- 09/14 ..... FCAR Board Meeting
- 09/16 ..... Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 09/23 ..... Petco Germantown: Adoption Event
- 09/30 ..... Volunteer & Sponsor Appreciation Picnic

## October

- 10/07 ..... Pink Palace Craft Fair: Information Booth &  
..... Fundraising Event (tentative)
- 10/14 ..... Shelter Play Day
- 10/18-22 .. Delta Festival: Information Booth & Fundraising  
..... Event (tentative)
- 10/21 ..... Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 10/28 ..... Petco Germantown: Adoption Event
- TBD..... Halloween Hollow: Info & Fundraising Event

## November

- 11/04..... 2nd Annual FCAR A Home for the Holidays Pet  
..... Adoption Festival (Oakland)
- 11/11..... Just Dogs! Gourmet: Adoption Event
- 11/18..... Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 11/25..... Petco Germantown: Adoption Event

## December

- 12/01-25 .. Animal Angel Tree: Fundraising Event
- 12/02 ..... Just Dogs! Gourmet: Adoption Event
- 12/09 ..... Just Dogs! Gourmet: Adoption Event
- 12/16 ..... Petco Cordova: Adoption Event
- 12/21 ..... FCAR Board Meeting
- 12/23 ..... Petco Germantown:  
..... Adoption Event

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



## Memorials and Honorariums

### PET MEMORIALS

- "Gussie" beloved pet of Tracie & Shawn Abel from Rudy and Benita Watkins
- "Razz" Beloved pet of Bob Haley from Dot and Ray McGhee and "Oz"
- "Stuart" beloved pet of Dr. Lauren Wiltshire from Colleen Able
- "Stuart" beloved pet of Dr. Lauren Wiltshire from Delores Provow
- "Ellie" beloved and lost pet of Michele Blythe from Larry and Beverly Doring
- "Natalie" from Barbara Williams
- "Natalie" from Laurie Benedict
- "Natalie" from Delores Provow
- "Natalie" from Yvette Gilbert
- "Natalie" from Gina Thweatt
- "Natalie" from Mrs. Alex Moore
- "Lisa Marie" beloved pet of Lara Butler a crusader for the animals from Dr. Lauren Wiltshire
- "Lisa Marie" beloved pet of Lara Butler from Delores Provow
- "Annabelle" beloved pet of Helen Ferguson
- "Sadie" beloved pet of Cheri', Michael, and Kylie Kronthal from Martha L. Burge

### PET HONORARIUMS

- "Pepper" beloved dog of Sam & Becky Joyner from Pat Dodson

### MEMORIALS

- "Jo Ella LeMay" Mother of Beverly Doring from Sylvia Wiley
- "James H. Jackson" from Sarah Jackson and Deeann N. Martin
- "Getrude (Belle) Price" from Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson
- "Mr. George Franklin" from Betty Thompson to Mrs. Beverly Thompson
- "Mr. George Franklin" from Mrs. Beverly Thompson
- "Bessie Golightly" from Susan and Francis Grizzard

### HONORARIUMS

- "Bill Crook" for trapping a smart beagle from Jeanne M. Rose

- "Jerry Magness" for catching her two puppies from Jeanne M. Rose
- "Dr. Beth Goforth" for medical needs, spaying the mother and finding them all a good home from Jeanne M. Rose
- "Ann Brown" from Gloria Woerle
- "Kathy Coburn" from Gloria Woerle
- "Nancy Dowdy" from Gloria Woerle
- "Aunt Lois, Uncle Mike and Marty" from Amy Cowan
- "Jennifer Nelson" from Ed Orio
- "Dawn & Sam Manning" from Lisa Peterson
- "Martha Burge" from Kendoll Hoskin
- "Sniffle Keeney" from Jacqueline M. Keeney

