## 2005 Membership Renewal

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City	State Zip	Fayette County Animal Rescue
Yes, I want to be a part of the work of this year:	of FCAR. Here's my membership donation for	P.O. Box 44 Rossville, TN 38066 (901) 854-2565
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A Quarterly Newsletter

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## A Message from the President



No matter how many questionaires and contracts that we require when someone adopts a pet from us we still seem to lose some in the cracks. Recently we have had dogs come back to us that were adopted as puppies several years ago. Sadly, most of them came back heartworm positive. I don't understand it. People comment that

they feel like they are adopting a human considering all the paperwork, laugh and promise to love and take care of this animal for the rest of it's life only to bring the pet back years later for some reason or the other. What I would love to see (and for the most part most adoptees are responsible pet owners) is that when people adopt to be responsible. Keep those pets on heartworm preventative and flea and tick control. Groom this animal if need be and spend time with them. If they are experiencing problems, don't just throw the dog in the back yard and forget about him. Work with the problems, get a trainer, go online and seek out solutions rather than giving up. All this animal wants is love and attention and somone to take care of him or her responsibly. Another excuse we have seen when people return our pets is that they decided to have a baby. So! How many of you had pets as children. It should not be reason to surrender a pet that has little chance of finding another home; especially if this pet is several years old.

Well, that being said I have a wish list. That wish is to have more volunteers come to our shelter to play with our rescues. At any given time we have around 100 dogs, cats, puppies and kittens and each and everyone of them could use a hug or a chance to catch a ball or to be just brushed. FCAR has two big play yards with benches and shade trees and many animals that would give you hours of unconditional love just for your attention. We could also use more help on adoption days. We load and unload crates, walk dogs, talk to people and try to make it as much fun as possible.

I do want to thank every single family that has adopted a pet from us and has given

that animal a loving forever home. A special thanks goes out to those that continue to support us with monthly donations and those that bring by toys, bedding, cleaning products and litter. I also want to thank the volunteers that do take their days off to help us in our efforts to make life more comfortable and enjoyable for all the sick, injured, abused, abandoned and neglected animals of Fayette County Animal Rescue. Much love and gratitude to you all.

Respectfully, Yvette Gilbert, 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!

# FCAR Comes To The Rescue For Animal Evacuees

FCAR stepped up to the plate to help some of the evacuees from the Katrina disaster with their pets. Craig Robbins, 600 WREC Radio interview with Randy Adams Thursday, September 1, prompted Delores D. Provow, Chief Executive Officer of FCAR to email and offer help for those families that could not take their pets to the local shelters with them. "We have limited space but we will set up crates and kennels to help these people in their time of need." Said Ms. Provow. Mr. Adams had called the radio station concerned that families were going to be displaced because of the American Idol group coming into town. The hotel he was staying in was going to have to honor previous reservations and they were asked to leave today. When Craig got the word out Mr. Adams situation changed drastically and his family will be able to stay at the hotel with his 5 pets until Monday.

"Of course this will put quite a burden on the already strained finances of our non-profit group but we are confident that we can count on our pet friendly community to step forward and help us help them". Quoted Yvette Gilbert, President. "These people have lost everything and their pets are their families and did not hesitate to bring them to safety. We will do what we can to help".

### "You've Been Doing What for Two Years?"

by Gina Thweatt, Vice President

July of this year marks my two-year anniversary volunteering for Fayette County Animal Rescue. I am amazed at what all I have learned, seen and experienced in that time. I started out helping at adoption days, but then I soon realized I wanted to do much more. I eventually became a full-time volunteer, and my life has changed so much.

I never know what each new day will bring. I begin by taking dogs and cats to Animal Care Hospital for treatment. They are having surgery, receiving vaccinations, getting heartworm treatment, or just getting examined by the veterinarian for a first-time visit. The staff and the veterinarians there are very patient with me, because I continually ask questions about the animals' medical conditions. I love to learn new things, so I am naturally curious about what is going on with them. I have even watched a lot of procedures that would have made me cringe and look away two years ago. Now, I love to watch everything. When the veterinarian is finished with the animals that I brought, I load them back in my car and head back to the shelter.

Once I'm back at the shelter, I have to organize any new medicines and make notes about the animals and their conditions. I get them all settled into their kennels and then organize things around the shelter and return phone calls. We get a high volume of calls, and we try to get back to everyone as soon as possible, but sometimes that is difficult. We don't have enough volunteers so that someone is in the shelter all day. That is also why people have to make an appointment to come see our animals.

I also go on animal cruelty calls to investigate situations that people call and report. There may be a call about a dog that is very skinny, another one may have no shelter, and another one may appear to be very sick. This was a completely new experience for me. I have taken classes at the National Cruelty Investigations School through The University of Missouri-Columbia so that I would be prepared and know what to do. These classes opened my eyes to terrible things that happen to innocent animals. But, what I learned really inspired me to continue doing what I am doing. I sure would love for more people to pay for some of the hei-

nous crimes they commit against animals.

I started taking those classes because soon after volunteering with FCAR, we rescued some puppies that were extremely neglected, abused and covered in mange. I had to bathe those puppies 3 times a week to help heal their skin. (They barely had any hair, just scabs and open wounds.) I had never seen anything that disgusting. My heart would just break every time I would look at those little babies. Then I would get angry. Then



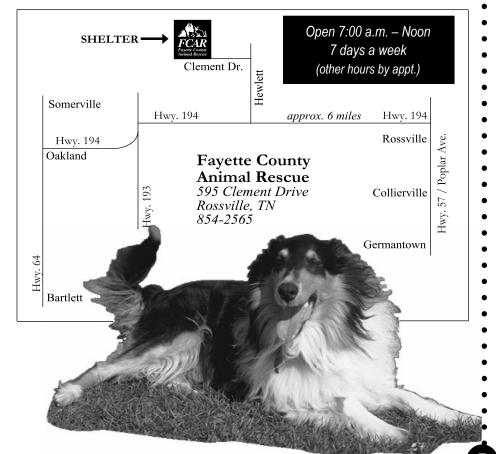
I wanted to do something about it. FCAR rescues a lot of cats and dogs from animal cruelty calls, and yes, my heart still breaks for each of those animals. But I do my best to take care of them and give them as much love and care as I possibly can, just like all the volunteers at FCAR. I may think one case is the "worst I've ever seen", but who knows what the next day will bring? Unfortunately, I know I will see another case of animal cruelty worst than the last one. But, that is what keeps all of us plugging along; we have a job to do and nothing will stop us!

Other changes for me in the last two years include:

- No dressing up everyday for my job; I wear scrubs and tennis shoes all the time!
- I usually don't wear makeup; I get so dirty the minute I get there!
- I have a ton of bruises all over me at any given time; we have a lot of big dogs that love to jump on me!
- My car has an interesting and awful odor in it that will not go away; I transport dogs and cats in it, need I say more?
- I have to take 2 showers a day because I'm so dirty when I get home; yeah, more laundry.
- My husband feels neglected; he tells everyone he would get more attention if he sprouted a tail and grew 2 more legs; sad thing is, he's right.

🛣 I wouldn't trade what I'm doing for anything! 🛣

#### **Directions to FCAR Shelter**





# Fayette County Animal Rescue Road Race a Huge Financial Success!

Thanks to the Amateur Cycling Club of Memphis for including FCAR as a recipient of this year's proceeds. This daylong event began at 8:00 a.m. at our shelter here in Rossville, Tennessee back in April.

Neighbors dropped by and gave donations for our efforts to treat the sick, injured, abused, abandoned and neglected animals of Fayette County. Over 150 people attended this exciting family event from all over the country. This competition bike race brought in over \$1,950 to help us help the silent ones. We look forward to next year's event. Thanks to all that attended and to the many volunteers that helped with this fun and exciting event.

#### **FCAR Wish List**

- Laundry
  Detergent
- LeashesCollars
- Pine Sol
- Copy Paper
- Paper Towels
- Paper Clips Large
- Bleach
- Envelopes

• Towels

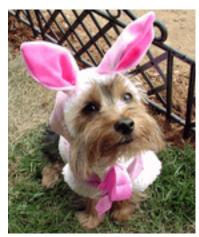
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## Halloween Hollow

FCAR's 1st Annual
Costume Contest for Dogs

#### October 29th

3 p.m. – 7 p.m. Heartsong Church Houston Levee Rd. in Cordova



There will be carnival-type games in the Celebration Center, Trick or Treating will begin around 5 p.m. with trick or treat stations through a wooded area. The Best Pet Costume Contest will be at 4 p.m. Bring your pet and take them to their very own trick or treating stations.

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

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

### **Consider Fostering**

by Laurie Benedict

Last October when I moved to Rossville, TN I contacted FCAR and started fostering dogs. I had worked with another rescue group prior to moving and had fostered over eighty animals over the past couple of years and was looking forward to working with another local rescue organization. Although I was very happy with my previous group, I was absolutely overwhelmed by the support of the members of FCAR, not to mention the ease in which they made volunteering with the organization.

FCAR works hand-in-hand with me to select animals from their shelter that will fit well into my household and that would benefit the most from the experience. They provide all of the vet care and food, and are available to answer questions or address any issues that I have around the clock. Every single time that I have needed anything they have been there for me – and always with words of encouragement and appreciation for what I'm doing. I don't think that I have ever felt so valued and needed as I have working with FCAR. It's not only the joy and satisfaction that I feel knowing that I'm helping the animals until they find a forever home. It is also the response that I get from these wonderful people who work tirelessly night and day on behalf of these animals, yet still find time to be there for me as well.

If you can't adopt another animal, please consider fostering for FCAR. All it takes is love and time and you will make such a difference in the life of an animal that has already suffered too much.

For more information about our adoption program please contact us at 854-2565. Make a difference in the life of an animal today!

## **Adoption Days:**

**2nd Sundays** ...... Petco (Noon – 4 p.m.) Germantown on Poplar Ave.

3rd Saturdays.....Petco

(9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) Cordova on Germantown Pkwy.

4th Saturdays.....Petco

(9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

Germantown on Poplar Ave.

We are no longer holding Adoption Days at Petco at Poplar and Highland.



Make a difference, remember us in your Will! Tax I.D. #62-1836008

#### **Memorials and Honorariums**

#### **PET MEMORIALS**

- "Bandit" beloved pet of Martha, Ken & Scott McFadden from: Keith & Gina Thweatt
- "Dillinger: from Larry E. McCalla
- "Jack Black" who is running in endless sunny fields from: Jennifer P. Barr
- "Madeline"- we will always remember you as "Mad Maddie" from: Cheryl Whitt and Jacob
- "Madeline" from: Delores, Yvette and Gina
- "McGee", canine campanion of Dr. Tom Pickering from: Raymond M. Lynch
- "Miller" beloved pet of Faith Barcroft
- "Miller" beloved pet of Faith Barcroft from Michael Provow and Marty Lindberg

- "Mollie: much loved pet of Bill and Donna Yancey from Shirley Johnston
- "Oatmeal" beloved dog of Brian Able from Colleen Able
- "Oatmeal" beloved dog of Brian Able from Delores Provow
- "Oatmeal" beloved dog of Brian Able from Dr. Lauren Wiltshire
- "Pandora" much beloved cat of 20 yrs. of Gwyn Wright from Raymond M. Lynch
- "Pico" beloved pet of the Levy Family from: Michael & Delores Provow
- "Pico" beloved pet of the Levy Family from: Marty Lindberg
- "Pumpkin" our 13 yr old Cocker from: Mike & Charline Daugherty
- "Roxie Rose" beloved pet of Anne Keefe from: Marilyn Weedon

- "Vern" beloved pet of Philip and Mindy Johnson from: Michael & Delores Provow
- "Vern" beloved pet of Philip and Mindy Johnson from: Marty Lingberg

#### **PET HONORARIUMS**

All of the dogs who are helping in the search and rescue in Katrina's devastation from: Sherry Acton

#### **MEMORIALS**

"Larry Milton Chambers: son of Milton and Etna Chambers from Delores D. Provow

#### **HONORARIUMS**

"Gina Thweatt" from: Lana & Jerry Dowdy

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