Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care
and Control, Inc. (FACC)
c/o VA PAWS
125 N. Main Street, Suite 500 #129
Blacksburg, VA 24060

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With a donation as shown below, become a friend of Montgomery County Animal Care and Control and know you are making a direct difference to the homeless dogs in Montgomery County

Name: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Enclosed is my membership check made out to "Friends of Animal Care and Control" to help projects get started:

_____ Student/Senior ($10)

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Contact us at: volunteer@mcfacc.org

To receive your tax deduction, in the Memo portion of your check, write: "A subsidiary group of VA PAWS – a 501(c)3 charity".

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Contact Information:

FACC c/o VA PAWS
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Blacksburg, VA 24060
www.mcfacc.org

Montgomery County Animal Care & Control (the Shelter)
434 Cinnabar Road
Christiansburg, VA 24073

www.nrvanimalshelters.com/Montgomery
www.montva.com/departments/gs/animal

Shelter Hours of Operation
Monday-Friday: Noon-1PM & 4PM-5PM
Saturday: Noon-4PM

FACC Board Members:
Jason Shelton, President
Cindy Mize, Treasurer
Rachael Herman, Secretary
Kim Shelton, Board
Karen Phillips, Board

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Letter from the President

Welcome to Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care & Control's first newsletter!

We have so much happening and this is a very exciting time for our young organization. FACC began as a project by concerned citizens and VAPAWS to improve shelter conditions and increase community awareness around Montgomery County's animal control facility. Since our creation FACC has grown into its own entity, becoming incorporated in May 2006 and currently finalizing our 501(c)3 status with the IRS.

Our volunteer efforts have grown to include extending shelter hours on Saturdays (12-4pm) and a dog walking program for shelter animals every Sunday. Montgomery County is working with us to establish a dog walking trail behind the shelter, which will be an enormous benefit to the shelter animals. Montgomery County also purchased a web-based shelter software which will allow for improved record keeping and report generation. These are huge steps in our relationship with Montgomery County and we hope to continue our positive progress as we eventually strive for a new, modern shelter that can accommodate the current and future needs of our community.

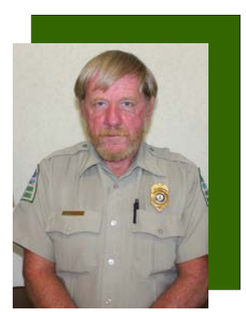
Additionally we hold fundraising activities which include our annual golf outing at the Blacksburg Country Club, which just had its 3rd successful year. Steppin' Out in Blacksburg is always fun for us as it gives FACC an opportunity to showcase our efforts and talk with citizens. This year we even sold dog biscuits made by volunteers. This winter we plan to hold a bowling fundraiser, which should be lots of fun for people of all ages.

Montgomery County Animal Shelter 434 Cinnabar Rd. Christiansburg, VA

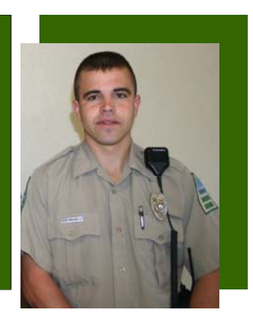
So as you can see we are moving along with many positive results from both Montgomery County and local citizens who have joined FACC to take ownership of our community generated animals. Please consider joining us for one of our monthly meetings or visit our website, www.mcfacc.org, for more information. We look forward to having members of the community join us in our continuing efforts.

Jason Shelton, FACC President

Meet the Team!



Chief Harvey Waddell



Officer Ray Helmick

Officer Scott Richardson

Animal Control Officers in Montgomery County provide a vital service by enforcing County regulations for fowl, poultry, livestock, and dangerous animals; check for animal licenses and dog tags; and control stray animals. They administer the dog pound and investigate animal cruelty and abuse cases and bite/rabies cases.

Animal Control Officers Harvey Waddell, Ray Helmick, and Scott Richardson are either on duty or on call at all times. A message can be left during closed hours at (540)382-5795. If you have an emergency, contact the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office at (540)382-2951.

History of FACC

Virginia Partnership for Animal Welfare and Support (VA PAWS), a non-profit organization established in 1998, formed to serve the New River Valley, wanted to create a formal and positive relationship with County Administration & Animal Control Officers by creating a shelter outreach program. This shelter outreach program is called "Friends of Animal Care and Control" (FACC).

The initiative started in 2003, and communication with the county started in 2004. In 2004 new shelter signs were placed to help people find the shelter, and work days commenced including planting, landscaping, painting, new fencing, trash removal, new shelter signs, and general outdoor renovations.

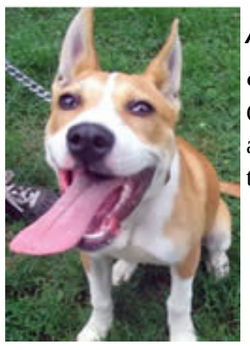
FACC board members continue to have regular meetings with the County Administration and have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the shelter. This partnership between the county and FACC / VA PAWS was created to provide guidelines to renovate the existing shelter and planning for a new shelter; assist the county in upgrading license and impound fees; develop a spay/neuter program; and start a volunteer program to expand public hours at the shelter.

In 2005 fencing around the shelter was installed, which allows family's seeking a new pet the opportunity to interact with the potential companion animal. At the same time landscaping was added to improve the overall feel of the shelter. On October 7, 2006 Saturday shelter hours were extended from 3-4PM to 12-4PM.

Looking forward into 2007, FACC will be training volunteers, setting up a volunteer calendar, hosting more work days, and continuing our great fundraising events!

Join us for a meeting!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006 at 7pm, Montgomery County Government Center



Are you ready to adopt a dog or cat?

Check out these great links & adopt from a local animal shelter:

www.nrvanimalshelters.com
www.petfinder.com

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Options at the Animal Shelter

FACC and Montgomery County are working in partnership to develop effective spay/neuter and education programs in collaboration with local Veterinary Clinics. The County has committed funds for a spay/neuter incentive program at the shelter;. This will help to establish stronger sterilization policies at the county level, encouraging more adoptions at the shelter, and lower euthanasia rates overall.

Low cost options, when adopting from the animal shelter range from $75 for a spay and $60 for a neuter . The County and FACC provide a coupon to the adopter for $40 off the low cost surgery. The new owner will be required to pay a portion of the surgery, thus furthering the education regarding responsible pet ownership, value of their new family member, and supporting local veterinarians. Veterinarians participating in this program include:

Companion Animal Clinic Inc	(540) 552-6800
North Main Small Animal Clinic	(540) 951-1002
Town and Country Veterinary Clinic	(540) 382-5042
VA PAWS Spay/Neuter Program	(540) 382-7297

Volunteer with Us!

Sunday Dog Walking

Training Date for Dog Walking TBA

Expanding Hours Saturdays Noon - 4 PM

Volunteer Orientation TBA

Annual Dog Tag Fees	
Male Dog	$5.00
Female Dog	$5.00
Unsexed (Spayed or Neutered)	$3.00
20 Dog Kennel Tag	$25.00
50 Dog Kennel Tag	$35.00

"May I see your License & Registration?"

All dogs four months old or older must be vaccinated for rabies.

All dogs must have a county license obtained from the Treasurer's Office or at the Blacksburg Municipal Building. Licenses can be obtained with proof of rabies vaccination certificates from your veterinarian.

Dog licenses must be renewed yearly. They expire December 31. You can license your dog by mail using the "Dog Tag Order Form" at http://www.montva.com/departments/treas/dogtags.php

Halloween Hounds

Petsmart (the nearest one is at 4749 Valley View Blvd NW Roanoke, VA 24012) is having a "Howl-O-Ween" Costume Contest and photo event Tuesday, October 24th 6pm-8pm. The costume contest is awarding a $20 giftcard for 1st place, a $10 giftcard for 2nd place and a $5 giftcard for 3rd place. A photo package for $6.95 includes a photo and a glow-in-the-dark photo frame. The costume party is held at 7 PM. Free Howl-O-Ween collar charms will also be given out to the first 100 pet parents at each store.

Where to get costumes for dogs locally:

Target

Old Navy

Petsmart (the photos are from Petsmart)

Where to get costumes for dogs online:

www.glamourdog.com/costumes.html

spoiledrottendoggies.com/ldcostume.htm

www.halloweencostumes4u.com/

Halloween Safety

There are typically no health hazards to putting your pet in a costume, but you need to make sure the costume won't choke them, that they won't get too hot, and that your pet won't eat part of the costume.

Dos and Don'ts: WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A DOG

So you've seen a dog wandering your neighborhood and you figure he must belong to someone or at least he should be off the streets. What do you do? Well, here are a few tips:

1. Ensure your own safety first. If the dog seems scared or agitated, do not approach him or try to grab him - you'll only scare him more and risk getting bitten. Immediately, call your local police and/or your local shelter and give them a description of the dog, his location and the time you saw him. If you see the dog in Montgomery County, you can leave a message with the Montgomery County Animal Control Officers at: 540-382-5795
If you need to let someone know right away, call:
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office: (540) 382-2951 (24 hours a day)
Blacksburg Police Department: (540) 961-1150 (24hr Non-emergency)
Christiansburg Police Department: 540-382-3131 (Non-Emergency)
Radford Department of Police (Animal Control): 540-731-3688 (normal business hours)

2. If the animal seems friendly, try to coax him to come to you. If you're not alone, try to have someone get a leash. A regular leash can be fashioned into a slip lead that can be lassoed around the dog's neck to safely catch him. If a leash or a similar item is not handy, try to coax him into your garage. If you're in a park and there's no way to confine the dog, try to keep him with you. If he runs off, tell police and park officials when and where you encountered the dog and the direction he went.

3. Once you have the dog safely leashed or confined, check to see if he is wearing a collar and tags. If he has a dog license, the town he was licensed in will have information on the owner. If he has a nametag and a phone number, call that number and leave a message. Some dogs who have been microchipped may have another tag with a phone number and serial number. Most shelters can scan the dog to get the serial number, but if the dog has this type of tag, you can call the number and give them the serial number and they will contact the owner for you.

4. If you have no way of contacting the owner, you should take him to the animal shelter in the town or county HE WAS FOUND, not the town you live in. If you take the dog to a town other than the one he was found in (which is likely to be the town in which he got loose), his owner may not think to look there.

5. You can also post fliers with a brief description of the dog and note your contact information and/or the information for the shelter he was taken to.

6. If you decide to keep the dog in your home instead of taking him to a shelter, be aware that every state has a holding period to give the owner a chance to find their dog. For example, the Montgomery County Animal shelter holds a stray dog for five days. If you take the dog into your home, you must make every reasonable effort to locate the owner. A good rule of thumb is to make at least two or three attempts to find the previous owner (make posters, place newspaper ads, notify local police departments, and humane organizations). If you have made those efforts and the holding time has passed, the dog would become yours to adopt as your pet or to adopt to someone else.
http://www.sibrescue.com/founddog.asp