Become a Member!

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: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

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

_____ Student/Senior ($10)

_____ Individual ($15)

_____ Family ($25)

_____ Business ($50)

Contact us at: volunteer@mcfacc.org

Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care & Control, Inc.

Contact Information:

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125 N. Main Street, Suite 500 #129
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: 12PM -1PM & 4PM-5PM
Saturday: 12PM -4PM

FACC Board Members:
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If you have enjoyed "Paws in the News" become a member of FAC&C to continue your subscription

This newsletter was written in memory of Madison the Mastiff

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NEW: 501c3 Status!
The Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care and Control (MCFACC) is now a 501c3 tax-exempt nonprofit organization. This means that MCFACC can now accept contributions and donations that are tax-deductible to the donor and that MCFACC activities are tax-exempt.

Letter from the President

November 16, 2006

Paws in the News

I am very happy to report that Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care & Control, Inc. is now 501(c)3 and all your donations are tax deductible!! A lot of effort was put into getting all the paperwork completed and I want to thank everyone involved. This is another big step for our young organization as we look to make significant strides for the animals in Montgomery County.

The Saturday extended hours have been well received by the public. All feedback has been wonderful and we hope to continue utilizing these extended hours as a public outreach tool. We have started training our volunteer base on shelter operations and continue to have weekly openings for dog walking training. If you are new to the group or haven't been through the training I would like to encourage you to come join us. Now is the time to increase our volunteer base for these activities so we can stay fresh for the public every week. It really is a great joy to walk a shelter dog and even greater joy to adopt one to their new family.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please visit our website: www.mcfacc.org or email volunteer@mcfacc.org and we will get you all the information you need.

Jason Shelton

NEXT MCFACC MEETING
7 PM Tuesday 11/21/06 in the Multi-Purpose room of the Montgomery County Government Center 755 Roanoke St. Christiansburg, VA
ALL ARE WELCOME

Tailgating Tails

Dog Tales from Saturday, October 21, 2006 at the Virginia Tech Homecoming Parade.

Callie, a 3-year-old American Pitbull Terrier mix, is being fostered by a Virginia Tech Kappa Delta sorority sister. Although Callie is friendly and housetrained, she was terrified of the band at the Homecoming Parade! Callie loves to run and runs in circles in her foster mom's backyard. Callie loves everyone, especially children, and absolutely hates not being around people. Callie's foster mom has fostered three dogs and thinks Callie is an amazing puppy.

How did Callie end up at the Radford City Shelter? Well, she was chained in a junkyard and allowed to get pregnant. Callie's original owners had given her to these people, and she was upset to see the conditions she was in, so she brought her to the Radford City Shelter with her puppies. Her puppies have all been adopted, but Callie is still looking for the right home. You can adopt Callie from the Radford Animal Shelter: http://www.radfordpoundpals.org; check out NRV dogs available at: http://www.nrvanimalshelters.com/

Madison, a 1 1/2 year old Pekipug, has been a Hokie fan her entire life. Madison's "mom" lives in the Zeta Tau sorority house at Virginia Tech. A Pekipug is a mix between a Pekignese (an ancient Chinese breed) and a Pug (a toy breed with a wrinkly face).

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Are you an animal-loving person looking for a part-time job?

The Montgomery County Animal Shelter is looking for an Animal Control Aide to assist the current staff members in routine building and kennel cleaning.

For more information about this position, to receive an application, or to request accommodation got disabilities, contact Human Resources at 540-394-2007 (TDD 540-383-5700) or the County Job Line at 540-394-2010, or visit Montgomery County's website at www.montva.com

Tailgating Recipes for You & Your Dog!

Campfire Chili Recipe
from Clubhouse Tailgate, representing a group of dedicated Virginia Tech tailgaters

Ingredients:
1 lb ground beef
1 lb sausage meat w/sage
2 medium onions; diced
2 cans kidney beans (undrained)
2 cans crushed tomatoes
1 sm can diced Ortega chilies
2 pkg Lawery Chili mix
3 bay leaves
1 sm tub sour cream to garnish

Brown ground beef and sausage in Dutch oven
Add chopped onion and cook until tender
Drain excess fat
Add remaining ingredients and mix together
Simmer chili for 1 hour
Serve with blob of sour cream

Check out www.clubhousetailgate.com, a great website about Hokie Tailgating!

Cheese Dog Biscuit Recipe
2 c All-purpose flour
1 1/4 c Shredded Cheddar cheese
1/2 c Vegetable oil
4 to 5 Teaspoon water
Bake at 400 for 10 to 15 minutes.
Makes 12 (4-inch) cookie bones.

While tailgating, remember there are foods that pets should never be allowed to eat—

PET POISONS:
alcohol
avocado
chocolate
caffeine
macadamia nuts
moldy foods
onions & onion powder
raisins
salt
walnuts

NO Alcohol for Dogs!

This is the beginning of a three part series on dogs and alcohol.

Have you ever thought if you gave your dog just a taste of beer or let him have an ice cube out of a mixed drink, "What's the harm?"

Have you done this and your dog suffered no ill effects?

An item that always shows up on the "things that are toxic to dogs" list is alcohol. Web anecdotes reveal that just one ice cube from a mixed drink can send you to the vet emergency clinic.

DID YOU KNOW?
Stray dogs that come to the shelter are held:

* 6 days if they don't have a collar
* 11 days if they do have a collar

The best insurance to have your dog make it back to your family is to license your pet. Additional measures can be taken such as a microchip or ID tag.

Doggie Mascots

Smokey

Speaking of Homecoming, there's a local team with a dog as their mascot; Smokey has represented the University of Tennessee since 1953! After a student poll sponsored by the Pep Club of the University of Tennessee revealed a desire to select a live mascot for the University, the Pep Club held a contest in 1953 to select a coonhound, a native breed of the state, as the mascot to represent the school. Announcements of the contest in local newspapers read, "This can't be an ordinary hound. He must be a 'Houn' Dog' in the best sense of the word."
One of the most beloved figures in the state, Smokey is famous for leading the Vols out of the giant "T" prior to each home game.

University of Tennessee Mascot: "Smokey"

Smokey's Reigns
Smokey 1953-1954
Smokey II 1955-1964
Smokey III 1965-1977
Smokey IV 1978-1979
Smokey V 1980-1983
Smokey VI 1984-1991
Smokey VII 1992-1994
Smokey VIII 1995-2003
Smokey IX 2004-Present

http://utsports.cstv.com/trads/tenn-trads.html
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Uga

Five generations, nine national titles, 98 Southeastern Conference championships, 265 football wins and 25 bowl games—the Uga legacy that began with a wedding gift to then University of Georgia law student Frank Seiler and his new wife Cecilia rolls on.

All of the dogs are of the same blood line and are solid-white, male, English screwtail bulldogs. The Seiler's always choose the youngest born white male pup to take on the title of Uga. Uga I started the dynasty, he served longer than any of the other mascots.

The picture to the left is of Uga V. Uga VI's registered name is "Whatchagot Loran", inspired by Larry Munson.

http://www.uga.edu/gm/1299/FrontNews.html

University of Georgia Mascot "Uga"
Uga I 1956-1965
Uga II 1966-1972
Uga III 1973-1980
Uga IV 1981-1989
Uga V 1990-1999
Uga VI 2000-Present

Great Dane Rescue & News from the Montgomery County Animal Shelter

We want to tell you about a wonderful girl who came to the shelter a few weeks ago. Ivy - a female Great Dane - was picked up by a Montgomery County animal care & control officer after being dumped in Shawsville. First impression told us she was not treated very well by her previous owners. She was completely flea infested and weighed a whopping 77 lbs, much too skinny for a girl her size. She had numerous sores from skin and bone rubbing on hard ground and she was so dehydrated she didn't even have saliva.

After a vet visit, lots of love from our volunteer group, and many small meals to get her on the road to recovery, we contacted the Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League and she was off to her new foster home. We have received an update and she is doing remarkable well for her condition. Her foster family said she has been pretty feisty and obviously seems to be feeling better every day. The good news is she is young enough to rebound from her current state and live a long healthy life.

Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care & Control were able to supply flea treatment, some chicken and rice meals, and a vet visit thanks to your donations. We hope to help many more animals in Montgomery County and with support from citizens like you we will accomplish that goal. We plan to update Ivy's story in a future newsletter, so stay tuned and thanks for your support.

Are you ready to bring a pet HOME?

Merriam Webster defines
home·com·ing
Pronunciation: 'hOm-"k&-mi[ng]
Function: noun

1 : a return home
2 : the return of a group of people usually on a special occasion to a place formerly frequented or regarded as home; especially : an annual celebration for alumni at a college or university

The past couple weekends FACC has been manning the shelter from noon to 4 PM, opening the shelter up to the public for an additional 3 hours. The success of this program has been immediate! During our Saturday open hours we have adopted out over a dozen dogs, 8 of which were adopted during hours when the shelter would not have been open previously (12-3 PM).

One weekend a potential owner brought their own dog to the shelter to meet a shelter dog before adopting her. The interaction went very well and she was adopted immediately. It helped the owners tremendously because they were able to evaluate the dogs together before taking her home.

The Animal Control Officers and staff have been very supportive while we are learning the ropes. Thank you to everyone who has made the first month of our program a success! Please contact us at volunteer@mcfacc.org if you are interested in any of our programs.

Volunteer with Us!

Next Meeting: 11/21/06 at 7 PM in the Multi-Purpose room of the Montgomery County Government Center 755 Roanoke St, Christiansburg.

Extended Shelter Hours: Every Saturday at 12pm - 4pm.

Dog Walking Program: Every Sunday at Noon.

For more information about these program email volunteer@mcfacc.org!