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Friends of Campbell County, TN Animals Releases Its Campbell County Animal Shelter Community Impact Report

Jacksboro, TN (July 2024) – Friends of Campbell County, TN Animals (FCCA) had another successful year at its operations of the Campbell County, TN Animal Shelter. For its fiscal-year 2023-24, FCCA provided care to 5,532 animals. This included intaking 1,795 dogs and cats, providing vaccinations to 2,175 animals, and providing spay/neuter procedures on 1,277 animals. FCCA is proud to be providing numerous services that benefit the Campbell County Community. FCCA started its spay/neuter clinic in April 2020 and offers low-cost spay/neuter programs to Campbell County residents. This program is critical to addressing the overpopulation of animals in Campbell County and without an affordable options for residents, most of these animals would not have been spayed/neutered. Since inception of the program, FCCA has provided spay/neuter services to 4,832 animals. Had these services not been performed, Campbell County would have experienced thousands of additional kittens and puppies. FCCA is also proud of the success of its low-cost vaccination program. Since the inception of the vaccination program, FCCA has enhanced the health of 4,318 animals in Campbell County - thus reducing the risk of illness in the dogs and cats in the county and ultimately improving the safety of animals for the benefit of the community.

FCCA continues its goal in alignment with the desires of the Campbell County, TN Commission to be designated a “no-kill” shelter which simply means that we have a goal of a live-release of at least 90% as we recognize as an open intake county animal shelter that we will have to euthanize some animals due to injury, illness, behavior or safety issues. In the fiscal year 2023-24, our live-release rate was 88.5% and this was an improvement from our live-release rate of 83.1% for fiscal year 2022-23.

For the fiscal-year 2023-24, we reunited 96 pets with their families, we had 366 adoptions in the community, and we found homes for 1,064 animals that we transferred to animal rescue organizations through our partnership with the East Tennessee GoNorth program. The GoNorth program provides animal rescue transport services for numerous East Tennessee animal shelters, including the Campbell County, TN animal shelter. FCCA knows that dogs and cats are part of the family and provided low-cost euthanasia services for 77 pet owners this fiscal year when they had to make the difficult decision to let their family pet cross the rainbow bridge for health reasons. Since FCCA took over the county animal shelter in 2015, we have taken in 23,831 animals at the shelter. After ensuring the health and well-being of the animals, we reunited 822 animals with their families, had 2,606 adoptions in the community

and sent 15,837 to outside rescue organizations. Over the 9+ years, we have saved over 83% of the animals that came into the shelter.

FCCA is also proud to help families in need of temporary assistance with their family pets. In the fiscal year 2023-24, we provided 53,930 pounds of dog food to 767 families in Campbell County. This has allowed the families to keep their pets at home versus having to surrender them and ensured that their pets were able to be fed. This service is provided as part of FCCA's Critter Cupboard program, and this program is supported by pet food donations.

In 2024, we launched a new program – Homeward Bound – to increase the enrichment of our homeless shelter dogs of Campbell County, TN. This is a virtual foster program provides community volunteers the opportunity to interact with dogs remotely and in-person with the assistance of the FCCA staff at the animal shelter. This enriched interaction with the dogs allows FCCA to better communicate to potential adopters the various behaviors of each individual dog to help ensure we align potential adopters with the right dog for them. This program has helped us find homes for the homeless dogs faster which benefits the shelter by relieving our constant over-capacity situation.

If anyone is interested in adopting one of our dogs or cats in our shelter, please contact us. You can view all of our adoptable pets on Petfinder and Adoption applications can be completed online via our website fccanimals.org.

FCCA is a nonprofit organization that manages and oversees the daily operations of the Campbell County Animal Shelter for Campbell County, TN. Our purpose is to preserve animal life through humane sheltering and finding homes for the thousands of homeless animals that enter our shelter every year. Since 2015, we have cared for over 25,000 animals, spay/neutered over 4,800 animals, and provided low-cost vaccines to over 4,300 animals in Campbell County, TN. These accomplishments were achieved through the extensive new programs launched by FCCA. We are pleased that these efforts have resulted in increasing our live-release rate for the animals of Campbell, County, TN to ~87% over the last three years.

For more information about Friends of Campbell County, TN Animals, visit our website at fccanimals.org.

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About Friends of Campbell County, TN Animals

FCCA is a non-profit organization formed in 2012 by a core group of volunteers determined to have a positive impact on animal welfare in the Campbell County, TN community, eventually taking over shelter management and animal control services for Campbell County in 2015. Our goal is to preserve animal life through sheltering animals in a humane environment, promoting pet adoptions, fostering rescue efforts, and inspiring advocacy. We urge responsibility and the importance of spay/neuter of cats and dogs to reduce pet overpopulation, striving to be an animal low-kill community for Campbell County, TN.