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Friends of Campbell County, TN Animals Announce Successful Launch of Homeward Bound Virtual Pet Fostering Program

Jacksboro, TN (July 2, 2024) – Friends of Campbell County, TN Animals (FCCA) recently 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. These volunteer fosters participating in our Homeward Bound program take the dog home and/or to local dog-friendly spots or just simply interact with the dog at the 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. It is also very beneficial to the dog by providing them a brief escape from the hectic animal shelter environment and provides a safe environment for them to just be themselves – a fun-loving, playful dog. It is also helpful for the socialization of animals as they prepare for their new forever home.

“The initial results of our Homeward Bound program have exceeded my expectations” said Patricia Siwinski, Shelter Director of FCCA. “This new Homeward Bound dog enrichment program is very helpful in helping us find homes for the dogs that have spent longer periods of time in the shelter before getting adopted. This program will help get dogs adopted faster. Thus, this is beneficial for the dogs, and it benefits the shelter as it increases our intake capabilities by opening up kennel space quicker. We are routinely facing overcapacity issues at the Campbell County shelter that we operate for our community. We are very grateful for the volunteers that our committing their time to help find homes for our homeless animals.”

Please check out the Campbell County TN Animal Center Facebook page to see our Homeward Bound stories. If anyone is interested in adopting one of our Homeward Bound dogs or other 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 24,000 animals, spay/neutered over 4,100 animals, and provided

low-cost vaccines to over 4,700 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.