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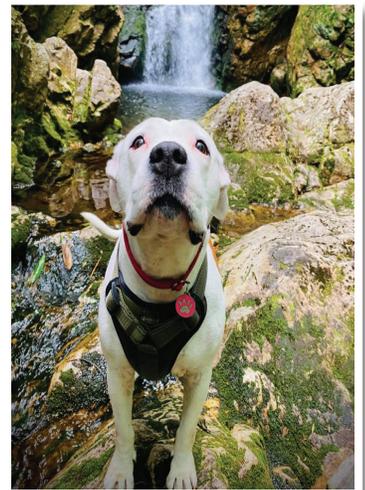


Maisy, has made all the difference

February 4th was the day that forever changed my life. Maisy has helped me in so many ways I cannot explain it all in a paragraph or two. She has kept me in check, and in the game of life. This pup keeps me grounded and aware of my surroundings. I am diagnosed with PTSD and suffer from insomnia and hypervigilance. Maisy is up at 4:00 AM for morning walks and this is an essential part of how I operate. At night, she is my early warning system. I can now sleep soundly with her in the house, knowing that she has my back. She is a perfect match for me. I did not adopt her, she adopted me. I do not have to worry about anything anymore.

She loves my son and my son loves her. She has been a blessing since the day she came into our family. I am so grateful to the Washington County Animal Shelter for helping me get her into my life! She is the sweetest, and most loving dog I've ever met.

Thank you!
Jason Sabbides
U.S. Army Infantry



MAISY & FAMILY

“And God said, I will send them without wings so no one suspects they are angels.”

- Author unknown



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It is so exciting to see our community, back inside the shelter! Even though we had to close to the public for several months, the staff and volunteers continued to work tirelessly to take care of all of the animals we took in. As President of the WCJC Animal Shelter Foundation, I want to thank all of those who supported us this last year.

Even though the shelter has been closed, a lot has been going on, including adoptions and fundraising. Volunteers planted our new Memorial Garden a couple of months ago. This new area will provide a relaxing space to enjoy with your furry friend, as well as an opportunity to honor a special person or pet with a personalized brick paver. We have also begun installation of picture tiles inside the shelter on the Tribute Society wall as a place to have your pet remembered forever.

As always, we continue to ask for your support, whether it be by adopting a pet, volunteering at the shelter, or through your generous donations!

Kind Regards,
Shelley Brouillette
President, WCJC Animal Shelter Foundation

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month. To honor this special month, I want to make sure you know all of the benefits of opening your heart and your home to a senior pet in need.

While their younger counterparts may be adorable, older pets are just as cute and loving. They just need someone to give them a chance to live out their golden years in a loving home. Adopting a senior animal companion comes with great advantages:

- They don't require the constant monitoring and training that puppies and kittens do.
- Most are already housetrained.
- Since senior pets are fully grown, you'll be aware beforehand of important information like personality type (generally easy going) and grooming requirements, making it simpler to choose the perfect pet for your family.

It is a sad fact that senior pets are often the last to be adopted from shelters. When you adopt a senior pet, you're not only welcoming love into your home, you're also saving a precious life—what could be better than that?

If you are thinking about adding a four-legged-friend to your family, I ask that you consider opening your home and your heart to an older dog or cat in need.

Sincerely,
Tammy Davis
Executive Director



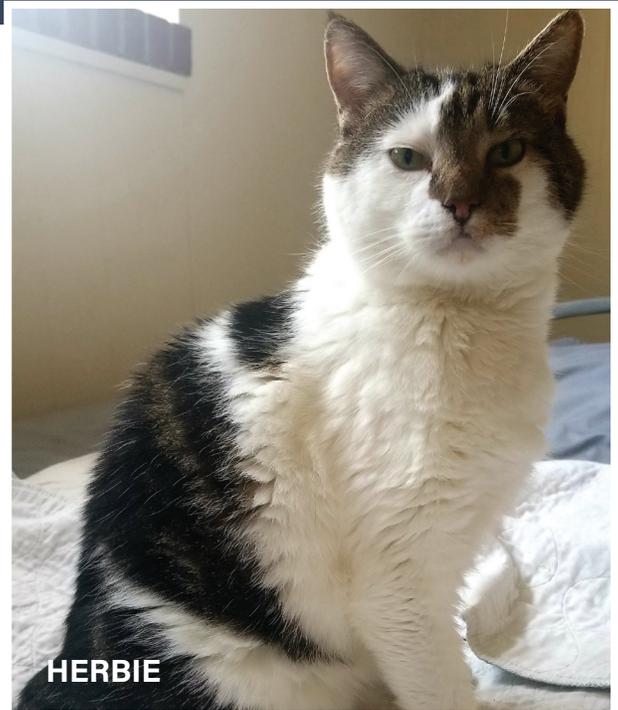
RECENT *Rescues*

Herbie was picked up as a stray in late 2014/early 2015 and estimated to be around three (3) years old. He was sent to a veterinarian for a checkup and neutered. During that visit Herbie was diagnosed with *FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus). Although FIV positive cats can live a long healthy life, he was overlooked by many potential adopters.

We visited the shelter often and were immediately taken by Herbie. We checked in on him whenever we went. He had such a great personality, but at the time I already had three (3) cats and thought four (4) cats too many. If you knew me, you would see the humor in that. Fast forward to me taking one of my cats to the veterinarian Herbie came up in conversation with the receptionist. It turns out my veterinarian was the one who cared for Herbie when he had his neuter. That was the only additional nudge I needed to rescue him.

Herbie is one of the sweetest and well behaved cats we have. His hobbies include sink sitting and telling everyone that the food bowl is empty. He's now almost 10 years old and continues to be in perfect health if you overlook that he may be just a bit plump.

Warm regards, Jenny Haun



We had the pleasure of working with Washington County Animal Shelter four (4) years ago and again this year. Our first adoption was our big pup Otto. At best guess, he was six (6) years old. He was shy, quiet, and a little timid at first. From the moment we brought him home, he was the sweetest, most loving, and loyal dog. As he grew older, we decided it was time for him to have a friend at home. In January, we adopted our rambunctious little girl Callie. She has added so much excitement, love, and fun to our home. Like Otto, the shelter did not know anything about Callie's past. I know to some people it may seem scary to adopt a dog if the breed or history isn't known. However, I can honestly say, I will never have another dog if it isn't a rescue. I am extremely thankful my wife and I did not shy away due to their past being unknown, because we have gained two of the most loyal, loving, best friends one could ask for. Our lives are changed forever.

*Thank you!
Lesley and Tracy*

Newsletter Submissions

We love reading about your furry friends and we'd like to hear from you! If you would like to submit a story AND digital photo of your WCJC Animal Shelter rescue, email the story and digital photo (highest resolution you have) to masonb@etsu.edu or snail mail to:

Attn: Newsletter, WCJC Animal Shelter
3411 N. Roan Street
Johnson City, TN 37601



FANG



They say you can never get enough of senior rescue dogs once they enter your life. It is true. They leave an indelible impression on your heart and life. Our first senior rescue was ten (10) year old Jake; November 2019 from the Washington County Animal Shelter. What a beautiful old soul he was! You never know the length of time with a senior, but you hold precious each of the moments with them. Our next adoption was Earl of Nottingham. He had been abandoned in a hotel room. This enormous 140 lb. gentle giant was destined to be part of our pack. Daniel and his girls rushed to the Washington County Animal Shelter to adopt him. They changed his name to Fang, after a character from Harry Potter. Daniel's daughter Kylee loves the Harry Potter series. Fang is quite the attraction wherever he goes. His sweet demeanor allows us to dress him in all sorts of costumes. He tends to forget his size as he tries to fit on a bed a quarter his size, but it is comfortable so he makes it work. His slobber is epic. He lazily watches as Daniel fishes. To no one's surprise, he recently won 1st place for largest dog. Each day watching Fang is a reminder of how important it is to live, love, and be in the moment.

*Sincerely,
Connie Farrington*

SHELTER STATS

JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021

# of Adoptions – Dogs	918
# of Adoptions – Cats	1,673
# of Reclaims	370
# of Incoming – Dogs	1,433
# of Incoming – Cats	2,085

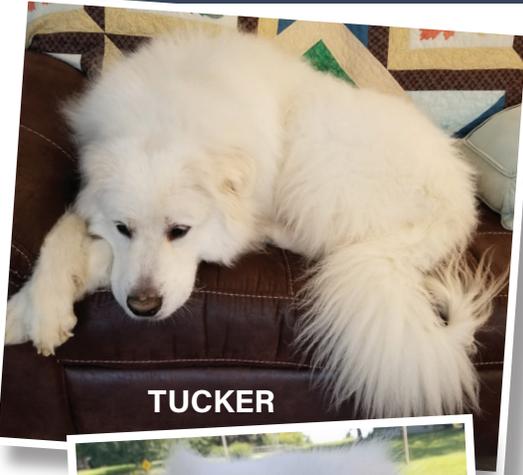
My name is Bockko! I was a wild Tom Cat brought into the shelter in a trap. I was so scared and nervous until I found my forever family. I am now living my best life, with my moms, brothers and sisters. I have many toy mice, tree stands, and water fountains to drink out of. I also have plenty of catnip to roll around and play in! I am now living my best life, and I am such a sweet and happy BIG BOY! My favorite thing to do is to play hide and seek in my tunnels with my other brothers and sister (Usually, I am the one who gets spooked). During the day, you will find me lounging in my favorite king size bed on my favorite pillows or under my warm blankets. My favorite treats are Catnip Fever Temptations. My family gets me a big 30 oz. container of these at Tractor Supply, and boy are they so good! Well, that is all for now. Thank you for listening to my story. I am now living the dream!

*Much love,
Bockko!*

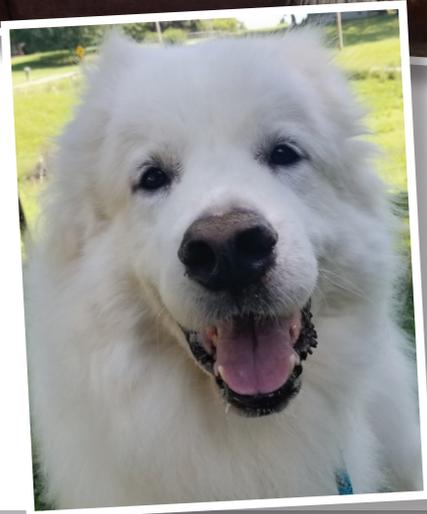


BOCKKO

RECENT *Rescues*



TUCKER



Our story starts Labor Day weekend in 2013. As a family we often visited the animal shelter to love on all the kittens and pups. That weekend we met Tucker. Tucker is a beautiful and gentle Great Pyrenees that was left in the overnight drop box with a note that only said his name was Tucker and he was six months old.

Just like we did with all of the other dogs we said hello to Tucker and gave him some head scratches. Tucker only had eyes for my daughter who was just six (6) at the time. Given his size she was hesitant to go in the kennel so I went in with her. He stood right by her at the kennel door as if he claimed her and was ready to go. We said our goodbyes knowing that given his behavior and stunning looks he would be adopted quickly.

We left the shelter headed to Elizabethton. I couldn't get him off my mind and even posted about him on social media. My husband suggested we just turn around and go get him. Every doubt I had about him, my husband had a solution for. So back we went and adopted Tucker. Now it's hard to remember LBT, Life Before Tucker.

*Sincerely,
Jenny Haun*

MEDICAL EXPENSES

**JULY 2020 -
JUNE 2021**

**TOTAL
MEDICAL CARE ALL
ANIMALS
\$79,213.84**

**TOTAL SPENT ON
SPAY/NEUTER
\$120,174.26**

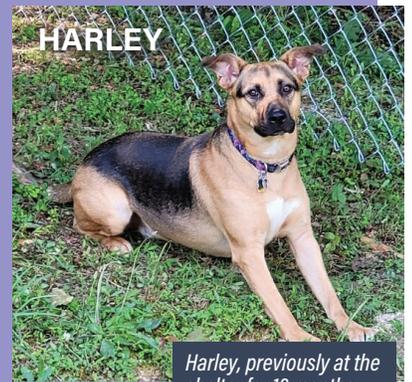
CHAIN*FREE*DOGS

Man's best friend should have a safe area to run and play freely. Chain Free Dogs, a volunteer-led organization in Washington County, builds fences to free dogs from chains. We advocate against the chaining and tethering of our furry friends.

A fenced yard is beneficial to a dog's social and physical health. In addition, the fenced area promotes social interactions between the dog and family, aiding all.

Chain Free Dogs is financed through private donations. The service provides and installs up to 100 feet of chain link fence with gate. It is available to homeowners rescuing specific long-term dogs currently housed at the WCJC Animal Shelter. For additional information contact info@wcjcanimalshelter.com

A special thanks to Chain Free Dogs and Lyons Fencing for providing this valuable service to our furry friends.



HARLEY

Harley, previously at the shelter for 18 months.



Winnie, previously at the shelter for a year.

WINNIE



FRIENDS OF THE SHELTER

Friends of the Shelter provides direct support to programs that improve the welfare of animals in our community. They make important contributions for ongoing programming, allowing us to expand our critical lifesaving work. These members are our most valued supporters and leaders in making a positive impact on the lives of animals in our community.

Friends of the Shelter Funds our Future

Each member makes a monthly tax-deductible contribution of \$100, \$50, or \$25 over 12 months. Contributions may also be made in annual sums of \$1,200, \$600 or \$300.

Friends of the Shelter Save the Lives of Animals

Programs supported by Friends of the Shelter are designed specifically to save the lives of animals in our care.

How Will My Donation Help?

Friends of the Shelter contributions have helped save and improve the lives of thousands of animals in Washington County and Johnson City.

Some of the activities our Friends have funded include:

- Spay/Neuter
- Adoption services
- Food & supplies
- Medical care
- Feral cat population control
(feral cats are caught, spayed or neutered, and released)



◀ Pin provided to Friends of the Shelter members.

TO ENROLL, VISIT wcjcanimalshelter.org/friends-of-the-shelter/

HELPING Hands

AmazonSmile

If you are looking for a simple way to support the WCJC Animal Shelter you should start your Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com. AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to the charity of your choice. You shop as you normally would on the site and the donation is made at no extra cost to you. You do not need to create a separate account. If you are already an Amazon Prime member, all Prime benefits will be available at AmazonSmile.

You can identify that you are shopping from the correct page if you see the AmazonSmile logo in the corner of the page and "Supporting WCJC Animal Shelter Foundation" below the search bar. When you hover over the shelter name, you can see additional information about it and track the donation amount that you have generated through your purchases.



TRIBUTE SOCIETY

Our building is finished, but the needs of the animals continue. Assist our ongoing fundraising efforts with a beautiful tribute.

Brick | \$120

Commemorative bricks can be inscribed to honor or memorialize a loved one, pet or person. Each brick is engraved using laser technology, ensuring durability and resistance to the elements.

Your commemorative brick will help pave the exterior walkway outside the Washington County/Johnson City Animal Shelter.



Tile | \$250

Imprinted with a beloved pet's color photo and name, commemorative tiles are permanently installed on the interior walls of our Adoption Center, and serve as an everlasting tribute to the love and bond between animals and their families. Thousands of visitors each year will see these furry faces decorating our walls, and many will visit their own personal tile again and again to remember a special pet.

TO ORDER A TILE AND/OR BRICK, VISIT www.wcjanimalshelter.org/tribute-society/

VOLUNTEERING ISN'T JUST GREAT FOR THE ANIMALS

Volunteering is the best possible kind of addiction. Sometimes we expect to be at the shelter for just an hour, and soon realize that three hours have passed, and we are covered in ten (10) different dog's and/or cat's hairs. We are exhausted, but we are also the happiest we have been all week. This is our therapy.

WE NEED YOU! The first step to becoming a volunteer is to complete a volunteer application online at wcjanimalshelter.org/volunteer/. We need volunteers for: dog walking, cat socialization, community outreach, laundry, sanitizing kennels, poop scooping, front desk helping, adoption counseling and greeting, kitten foster parenting and dog bathing.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Kroger will help the WCJC Animal Shelter by donating a percentage of spending to the WCJC Animal Shelter Foundation. Simply visit www.kroger.com. You'll need a rewards card in order to create a Kroger account. Once logged in, go to the bottom of page and click on Kroger Community Rewards. Search for and then click on "Animal Shelter Foundation". A percentage of your future spending, at no cost to you, will then be sent to the WCJC Animal Shelter Foundation. Thank you for your support!

OUR Mission

To create ongoing financial stability to ensure that the WCJC Animal Shelter can continue providing a safe haven for abandoned animals, including appropriate medical care and loving, permanent homes, and to increase community awareness on spay and neuter.

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"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Mahatma Gandhi



BE AN ANGEL TO THE RESCUED

Remember our furry friends through the WCJC Animal Shelter Foundation in your trust, or other estate planning documents.

WCJC ANIMAL SHELTER FIRST ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT



THANK YOU to Century 21 Legacy and People's Home Equity for organizing the first annual fishing tournament! And, THANK YOU to ALL of our sponsors who helped make this fishing tournament a success! Without your support and love for animals this would have never happened. The tournament raised over \$12,500 to help support the needs of our fur buddies at the shelter.

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Dogs can recognize **positive and negative emotions** on human faces.