



Friends of Animal Care & Control (FACC)

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FACC Mission

Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care & Control is the non-profit organization helping to improve the lives of our community generated animals at the Montgomery County Animal Shelter.





FACC History

- ❖ Initial MOU adopted 2003; updated 2007
- ❖ Incorporated in May 2006; 501c3 in November 2006
- ❖ Board of Directors: 4 officer positions, total of 9 board members
- ❖ Extensive volunteer base
- ❖ Numerous fundraising and outreach events have increased community awareness of shelter





FACC Services

FACC enhances the services provided by Montgomery County by:

- ❖ Funding a part-time shelter assistant in 2009 and 2010
- ❖ Staffing the shelter on weekends
- ❖ Providing enhanced dog care and increased adoption efforts
- ❖ Supporting spay/neuter programs





Success

❖ Dramatic reductions in euthanasia rates since 2004.

- 2004-2007: decrease from 54% to 17%
- 2008: 15%
- 2009: 11.9%

❖ Significant increase in adoption and reclaim rates.

- 2004-2007: increased from 41 to 64%
- 2008: 63%
- 2009: 73%

❖ Increase in transfers out of shelter:

- 2004-2007: increased from 3 to 11%
- 2008: 15.9%
- 2009: 10%



Shelter Assistant Demonstration

Tangible benefits to the Montgomery County community:

- ❖ Greatly improved outcomes for stray, abandoned, and surrendered dogs:
 - 15% Increase in adoption rates
 - 42% Decrease in euthanasia rates
 - 14% Increase in reclaim rates
- ❖ Longer open hours for potential adopters
- ❖ Increased opportunity for interaction and communication with community
- ❖ Expansion of shelter operations, dog care, and volunteer support



Extended Open Hours

Extended open hours benefit the community by:

- ❖ Increasing opportunities for adoption, reclaim, and intake
- ❖ Summer hours 12-5 Monday through Friday; Saturday open hours 12-4 year round
- ❖ Allowing for additional community involvement through volunteer opportunities





Enhanced Dog Care & Adoption Efforts

- ❖ Volunteers transport dogs to/from veterinary clinics

Before



After



- ❖ Volunteer dog walking program socializes dogs
- ❖ Publicity via Pet Finder and social networking sites helps more dogs find homes.
- ❖ Coordination with other rescue groups transfers dogs out of the shelter



Spay/Neuter Support

- ❖ FACC ensures all dogs adopted from shelter are spayed / neutered.
- ❖ Volunteers contact adoptees and staff early morning intake and late afternoon pick up.
- ❖ Transitioning spay/neuter services to Mountain View Humane Clinic.



Success

- ❖ FACC provides for veterinary care for dogs that otherwise would most likely have to be euthanized due to health issues.



Delilah needed two hernia surgeries and post operative care. She was subsequently adopted by a family in Christiansburg.



Paco is currently being treated for bladder stones.



FACC Goals

- ❖ Continue funding vet care, supervising dog walking program, and staffing increased open hours with volunteers
- ❖ Expand community outreach efforts: awareness of current shelter, need for new shelter, responsible pet ownership
- ❖ Work with Mountain View Humane to streamline spay / neuter efforts



FACC staffed concession stand for all VT basketball games and the spring football game stand to raise money.



Long-Term Goals

- ❖ Make Montgomery County “Friendly” for companion animals
- ❖ Expand humane education and spay/neuter programs
- ❖ No need for euthanasia of adoptable animals
- ❖ Provide sheltering /adoption services in a modern facility.





FACC Needs

- ❖ County support for a new shelter & community education center
- ❖ Funding for a Shelter Manager
- ❖ Expansion of County efforts related to community awareness
- ❖ Funding for a County-wide spay / neuter effort





Questions?

