Going Chain Free

Friends of Madison County Animals (FOMCA) has begun building fences for the dogs of Madison County. After training with Chain Free Asheville, FOMCA enlisted the help of Dwaine Stines of Stines Fence Co. (who also works with Chain Free Asheville). On July 20, 2012, we built our first fence at the residence of Dwayne Cutshall and Christine Dillingham. Now their two dogs, Diesel and Baby Jo will enjoy the freedom to play in their own fenced area.

FOMCA is dedicated to improving the lives of the animals of Madison County through programs such as spay/neuter, pet pantry, therapy dogs, and rabies clinics. Now our new program, Chain Free Madison, will build fences for dog owners who would like to give their pets some play room and get their dogs out of permanent chaining situations. Dogs are social animals who need exercise and like to be with people and other dogs. By building fences, FOMCA will help create healthier, happier lives for dogs.

If you are currently keeping dog(s) permanently chained and would like to pursue fencing alternatives, please contact us at 828-649-9798 or fomca@yahoo.com. Please join us in the effort to provide fencing for chained dogs in our community. Volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Spotlight — FOMCA Welcomes Young Volunteers

For several months, FOMCA programs have been enhanced by young volunteers. Jeremiah Robinson, Jared Rogers (not pictured), and Christina Robinson get up at dawn to help with the spay/neuter program twice monthly. Their job is to prepare animals for transport to Humane Alliance, a high-volume spay/neuter facility. As FOMCA’s primary program, the spay/neuter program enables volunteers to be in direct contact with Madison County cats and dogs.

These volunteers have a variety of interests, but all care about animal welfare. Christina Robinson, a college student at Western Carolina University, also volunteers to help in the office and helps with the rabies clinics and the Pet Pantry program along with Taryn Garew and Katie Johnson. Taryn is a Madison High
“Chip Shots”
Upcoming Microchip and Vaccination Clinics

August 18 Walnut Fire Dept, Marshall
September 15 Wolf Creek Market Exxon, Mars Hill
October 20 Laurel Fire Dept, Laurel

10AM-1PM. No appointment required. Pets must be crated or leashed.

Help Us Help Animals! Current Volunteer Needs:

Community Outreach Center- Office help 2 to 3 hours weekly. Training provided!
Spay/Neuter Clinics- Always looking for early birds to be on call for clinics held twice a month. Prepare animals for transport from our office to Human Alliance. Wednesday 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.; Thursday 7:45 to 9:45 a.m.
Rabies/Microchip Clinics- We also need volunteers on call for clinics held in various parts of the county. Shifts are every third Saturday for 4 hours, 9:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m.
Fence Building/Carpenter- Help build fences for qualifying clients! Once a month on weekends. Or, build dog houses for clients receiving fences.
Our Animal Friends Therapy Dog Activities- Visit nursing homes, participate in the library's literacy program, or explore other venues. Flexible schedule. Ask about having your dog assessed and registered!
Fundraising, PR, Photography, Writing- Flexible. Help us promote our work and brainstorm new ideas!
Website- Content management. Flexible. Joomla experience required.
Grant Writing & Research- Flexible. Writing and organizational skills required.
School & Community Education- Help expand our humane education program as we become more involved in county schools! Inquire for more information.
Office Cleaning- An hour or so a week, or suggest a schedule that works better for you.

Natural Flea / Mosquito Repellent for Pets!

- 1 large lemon, including rind, sliced paper thin
- 1 tbsp crushed rosemary leaves
- 1 tbsp aloe pulp or juice, as needed
- 1 quart hot water

Place lemon slices in bowl, add rosemary. For dry skin/ coat, add aloe. Pour near boiling water over mixture. Lightly stir and leave overnight. Strain into spray bottle. Refrigerate until needed. Shake well before spraying pet; include stomach and paws too. Use at least twice or more often when bugs are most prevalent.

Dog Daze Sweepstakes Winner! It was great to see so many of you at Dog Daze in downtown Marshall! And congratulations to April Marley of Weaverville, winner of a Remington Canvas Dog Kennel!

MAGIC COMES TO MARSHALL!

Through the month of August, your donation to FOMCA will double!

A very kind animal lover has stepped up and offered to match all funds donated this month. In addition to expanding our spay/neuter program, FOMCA is now building fences to keep dogs off chains, taking therapy dogs into libraries, schools, and nursing homes, and providing pet food to elderly home-bound and low income residents. So please help us take advantage of this very special opportunity to help twice as many animals in Madison County by donating now.

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School senior and will begin college next year to study veterinary medicine. Katie, also a college student, works in the Pet Pantry/Pet Portions program and with the monthly rabies clinics. Katie and Taryn will soon begin to organize and manage the Pet Pantry/Pet Portions program.

With their strong desire to help animals and a belief that their efforts will make a difference, these volunteers give us all hope for a more compassionate future.