



EAST C.A.N. FAN: Mayoral Candidate Edition

The East C.A.N. FAN Gallery shines a spotlight on the “paws-itive” people who support encouraging accountability on issues of animal welfare and responsible pet ownership.

BARRY – Monday, July 20



What impact do you feel a loving animal can have on a home/family?

I have always been lucky to have a dog in my life. From my first pup, Brutus to Mandy to Big Rapper and Sherman and Melvin and Murray –and now, to Boris and Hank – dogs have been a part of my life. Dogs are special. I have a favorite story about Big Rapper and Sherman. Rapper was getting on and having trouble moving around. He had a favorite rug he would curl up on most days and rest while Bruce and I were at work. Sherman was younger and more spry – and I remember coming home one day and it was

clear that Rapper hadn't moved all day from the rug. (He would pass away later that evening.) But Sherman had been busy. He had taken the dog food from the dog bowl and piece by piece had placed it at Rapper's head so he could have food. Sherman knew that Rapper couldn't get up and by bringing him the food he needed, he was showing him love and affection and loyalty – as only a dog can do. Sherman died many years later but not before he had passed along his knowledge to Murray and then Murray passed along his knowledge to Hank. Hank is still trying to bring Boris along.

What is your vision for developing a community of responsible pet owners in the Metro?

On Metro Council, I've co-sponsored and passed legislation to make it illegal to chain animals. I've also fought for additional funding in the budget for the health and well-being of our animals. In my experience, most pet owners are responsible and want to do the right thing – they just sometimes need additional education and/or help with spaying and neutering and chipping. I will work with not only pet owners but also the dedicated staff at Metro Animal control and the Humane Society to move to a place where we can greatly reduce our euthanasia rates and get us to a point where we have a no-kill policy.

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BONE – Tuesday, July 21



What impact do you feel a loving animal can have on a home/family?

I know firsthand the positive impact a loving family pet can have on a home. As a child, I grew up with Lady, a Shetland Sheep Dog. Today, our family pets are Lucky Bone, a rescue Golden Retriever, and

Andy, a Dachshund. They bring so much joy to our family – especially our four kids. They are both beloved members of the Bone family.

What is your vision for developing a community of responsible pet owners in the Metro?

As a pet owner, I'll make sure that the welfare of pets in Nashville is reflected in a responsible way in the Mayor's office. I'll work with pet advocacy groups like East C.A.N. and the Nashville Humane Association, among many others, to make sure that the issues facing the pet community are addressed thoughtfully.

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FOX – Wed, July 22



What impact do you feel a loving animal can have on a home/family?

I always have had pets. When I was growing up, we had dogs Missy and Coco. Today, our family has a dog (Lulu), a tiger salamander (Tiger), and six backyard hens. On any given day, my wife Carrington has taken in another bunny, frog or fish. The more the merrier, it seems. Lulu is a great companion; the

salamander and hens, not so much. The hens provide breakfast and dispose of kitchen scraps, and all the pets teach our boys what it means to be responsible for another living thing.

What is your vision for developing a community of responsible pet owners in the Metro?

My vision for developing a community of pet owners in Metro reflects what we see today across our county. Nashville is full of animal lovers who find creative ways to benefit our furry friends and their people. We see creative place-making in the form of dog parks, and environmental stewardship as neighborhoods promote cleaning up after pets to protect water quality. We see neighborhoods strengthened by social media communications regarding lost and found pets. And we see increased awareness of pet safety with campaigns to prevent leaving pets in cars during the summer. As mayor, I will continue to look for ways to promote pet ownership in a way that serves animals and their humans.

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FREEMAN – Thursday, July 23



What impact do you feel a loving animal can have on a home/family?

I have two hunting dogs, labs named Pitch and Paddy. I know how much love and happiness can be brought by the companionship of pets when they are treated like members of the family. While an

abused or ignored pet can become aggressive or dejected, with proper care, the affection an animal can bring can bring joy to people of all ages. I have never regretted the decision to get dogs, and I am sure there are many other homes in Nashville that would benefit from owning pets.

What is your vision for developing a community of responsible pet owners in the Metro?

I know how important it is for pet owners to know how to properly take care of their dogs, cats, and other animal companions. While there are many potential owners who would provide a loving home and make sure their pets given the care they need, the number of animals in need far outnumber the people willing and able to help. First and foremost, we should be concerned with controlling the pet population by making sure pets are spayed and neutered and by prioritizing adoption from animal shelters and foster programs, such as those run by East C.A.N. and Metro Nashville Animal Care and Control, rather than buying pets from breeders. We must also make sure animal owners are responsible, knowledgeable, and not abusive. This can be done by sponsoring education programs and promoting organizations concerned with the well-being of pets.

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GENTRY – Friday, July 24



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What impact do you feel a loving animal can have on a home/family?

I had horses for many years. Besides being majestic, spirited animals, they were always loving, and even healing. My family and I have also had terrific rescue dogs, Shasta (German Shepherd) and Matthew (Cockapoo), both of whom are passed, but were dear friends.

What is your vision for developing a community of responsible pet owners in the Metro?

We need to make sure that people understand the need for adoption of rescues instead of buying dogs from puppy mills. That takes constant education. I also support ordinances that promote responsible treatment of pets and ensure people do not adopt pets they cannot responsibly treat.

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KANE – Monday, July 27



What impact do you feel a loving animal can have on a home/family?

I've spent my whole life with dogs. When I was born, my parents had a golden retriever, Missy. Missy was like another sibling to me, my brother, and my sisters. We spent our summers running around our

South Nashville neighborhood with Missy. She taught us how to love and care for someone else. She taught us compassion. She taught us responsibility. And most importantly, she taught us friendship. There is nothing quite as special as the bond between a kid and their dog. The life lessons that come from these relationships stay with you forever. That's why when my wife, Tracy, and I moved back to Nashville and decided to start a family, we adopted two rescue dogs. We wanted our daughter, Wells, to have the same special bond that both Tracy and I had with our dogs growing up. We wanted her to experience the bond that comes from having a pet. But more than anything, we wanted Wells to love an animal. Our dogs, Sarge and Cooper, have become Wells' siblings. It's hard to put into words the emotional impact my dogs have had in my life. They've been with me through all of the ups and downs, the good and the bad. I learned how strong the emotional connection that dogs play in our lives. I thank my mom, Carol, for teaching me the significant impact that an animal can have in our homelife. Growing up and even now, my mom continues to train service and therapy dogs through Canine Companions for Independence, a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships. Animals are not only loving members of a family, but animals also enable humans to live more independently. Just as precious is the bond between our pets, their humans and that of their communities and neighborhoods.

What is your vision for developing a community of responsible pet owners in the Metro?

As mayor, I can help foster a pet-friendly and responsible culture among not only pet owners but everyone in the community.

First, I can help improve and expand our network of sidewalks. In many of Nashville's neighborhoods, taking your pet for a walk is unrealistic due to lack of sidewalks or poor sidewalk conditions. Making sure that pet owners have the resources needed to be a responsible pet owner is one of the many reasons why we need to invest in our sidewalks.

Second, as mayor I can ensure that there is sufficient space for our canine family members in parks. In recent years, a few dog parks have sprouted up in Nashville and I would continue to support this initiative in our diverse neighborhoods. When we are welcoming and inviting of our pets in public spaces, we create a broader culture of respect and care for animals. I am willing to explore new areas across Nashville to put additional dog parks.

Finally, I always think it is important to communicate and educate. In order to develop a compassionate community, we must teach our kids at a young age that animals deserve our respect and affection.

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REBROVICK – Tuesday, July 28



What impact do you feel a loving animal can have on a home/family?

Pets can have a tremendous positive impact on families. Our dogs have been an integral part of our family from the time our children were a few years old until today, and the memories that we have with our pets are very special.

Recently, I've been bringing Snow Bear to work with me once a week, and the entire campaign staff (my second family) loves it when he's in the office. He's also a great companion when I knock on doors and talk to voters. Often times my conversations with voters begin and end on the subject of pets. It's a universal language that most families are familiar with.

What is your vision for developing a community of responsible pet owners in the Metro?

We have to enforce existing laws - such as the leash law, animal cruelty laws and other regulations that Metro requires pet owners to abide by - while also looking for innovative ways to provide information to pet owners. Whether it's through a smartphone app or a website, Metro can create a one-stop shop for pet owners and potential pet owners. Real-time information on vaccinations, updates on laws and regulations, lost and found alerts, and assistance with adopting pets - just to name a few - can be centralized in one place.

We owe a big thanks to organizations like East C.A.N. who are already doing excellent work in this area, and I would look to them as partners in this endeavor. Along those lines, I would look to expand public-private partnerships across the county that are aimed at cultivating a responsible environment for pet owners and the entire community.

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