

PAWS

Placing Animals With Seniors

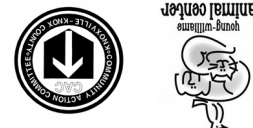
a local program placing adoptable
pets with eligible seniors



A partnership between the
Young-Williams Animal Center and the
Knoxville-Knox County Office on Aging

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INFORMATION, CALL
546-6262**

Knox PAWS
c/o Knoxville-Knox County Office on Aging
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Thank you
for asking
about
Knox PAWS
(Placing Animal
With Seniors)

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Pets & Seniors:

A Healthy Combination

Studies show that having a pet helps seniors:

- 🐾 Reduce Loneliness and Stress
- 🐾 Lower Blood Pressure
- 🐾 Become More Active
- 🐾 Improve Physical and Mental Well-Being

These are just some of the benefits pets bring to the lives of seniors. Unfortunately, for many seniors on a fixed-income, the financial expense of having a pet is prohibitive.



Each year, the Young-Williams Animal Center shelters thousands of homeless and unwanted animals. Most are surrendered through no fault of their own and would make a perfect pet for someone.



We are pleased to announce Knox PAWS, a new program that matches qualifying seniors with a homeless, adoptable animal.

The Service

- The Office on Aging staff will make a home visit to determine eligibility of persons applying for a pet.
- The Young-Williams Animal Center will select homeless, adoptable pets for appropriate placement. The pet's medical exam, shots, microchip, and spay/neutering services will be provided.



Senior Eligibility

- Must be 60 years or older
- Income-eligible
- Live independently in a pet-friendly environment
- Be able to contribute long-term to the financial care of the animal
- Resident of Knox County

After eligibility is determined, a match will be made between the applicant and a pet. There will be regular reviews of the placement.

History of Knox PAWS

Through a bequest in her will, the Dorothy Kidd Memorial Fund was established in late 2004 with the hopes of enhancing the lives of limited-income senior citizens through the adoption of homeless, adoptable animals. To administer this community project, a partnership was created between the Young-Williams Animal Center and the Knoxville-Knox County CAC Office on Aging.



Knox PAWS Partners

A Dorothy Kidd Memorial Fund Project
Young-Williams Animal Center
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