

News from the Animal Center



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Animal Center Class List Growing, that is, Growing and Growing!

The Animal Center is pleased to announce a busy educational event schedule. Some classes have a participation fee while others are free to the public. All classes require that participants register. Contact Taylor Slemmer at tslemmer@knoxpets.org or (865) 215-6661 if you would like more information about a class.

Pet Parenting Series:

Learn the ins and outs of being the best pet parent possible for each breed each month! Breed history, successful training techniques, and volunteering with breed rescue are some of the topics discussed. Classes are on Saturdays from 10am-11:30am at the Animal Center. Classes are free, but please do not bring your pet.

May 10:	English Bulldogs
June 21:	Cats
July 19:	Spaniels
August (TBA):	Terriers
September 1:	Hounds
October 25:	Great Danes & Wolfhounds
November 8:	Northern Breeds
December (TBA):	Weimeraners & Dobermans

[Participants are encouraged to confirm all pet parenting class dates at www.knoxpets.org.]

Therapeutic Dog Massage:

A three-part series for pets and their people held **Wednesdays from 5:30pm-7pm** at the Animal Center. There is a \$60 class fee, and people should bring one dog with them. **May 14th, 21st, & 28th**.

Dog Training: Puppy Manners

For dogs ages seven weeks to five months, \$125

Tuesdays, 6pm-7pm: 5/20, 5/27, 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24, 7/1

Jumping up, mouthing, barking, chewing, house training problems, pulling at the leash... Sound familiar? Unfortunately, puppies don't automatically outgrow these types of behaviors; they just grow more entrenched as your puppy grows up. We know you want to enjoy your dog, but sometimes that's not so easy. The "Puppy Manners" program offers you the keys to dealing with all these behaviors and more. The program consists of a seven-week class, one hour per week. Limit 10 puppies per class. **Contact PetSafe Village directly for more information about this class at (865) 777-DOGS.**

Dog Training: American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen® Program

For graduates of the Basic Obedience course, \$125

Thursdays, 6pm-7pm: 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26

This program is a means of rewarding dogs who are well-behaved companions at home and in the community. The goals of the Canine Good Citizen program are to teach responsible dog ownership to owners and to provide basic training and good manners to dogs. Graduates will receive an AKC certificate for passing this 10-step CGC test: accept a friendly stranger, sit politely for petting, appearance and grooming, out for a walk, walk through a crowd, sit, down, stay on command, come when called, reaction to another dog, reactions to distractions, and supervised separation. The program consists of a six-week

class, one hour per week. Limit 10 dogs per class. **Contact PetSafe Village directly for more information about this class at (865) 777-DOGS.**

Fill Your Cup

A group for people who work or volunteer with animals to address compassion fatigue, which comes from working very hard and caring very much. This peer-based group helps you learn how to care for yourself so that you can continue to care for others. This group meets at the Animal Center from **6:15pm-7:30pm**. There is no charge for this group.

Thursday, May 22; Wednesday, June 4; Wednesday, July 2; and Wednesday, August 6.
Fall and winter dates TBA.

Third Annual Animal Center Camp Care

Summer is just around the corner, and now is the time to make your plans! Camp meets Monday-Friday from 9am-1pm. Fees are **\$175** per camper.

Camp Care Junior: for 8-10 years old; June 2 – June 6
Camp Care Senior: for 11-13 years old; June 16 – June 20

For more information and to download registration materials, visit www.knoxpets.org. Click on the “Camp Care” button on the right side of the screen.

2008 Rabies Clinic Schedule

Sponsored by Knoxville Veterinary Medical Association and the Knox County Health Department. All cats must be in carriers or may be transported in a pillowcase, and dogs must be on a leash. Laws of Tennessee and Knox County require all dogs and cats three months and older must be vaccinated and display proof of vaccination.

Clinics are on Saturdays from 2pm-4:30pm. \$10 per animal.

May 3

Austin East HS, Ball Camp Elem., Belle Morris, Blue Grass Elem., Dogwood Elem., East Knox Elem., Farragut HS, Gresham MS, Halls HS, Inskip Elem., New Hopewell Elem., Northwest MS, Powell HS, Rocky Hill Elem., South Doyle HS, Sunnyview Elem., West HS, & West View Elem.

May 10

Anderson Head Start, Bearden HS, Brickey Elem., Carter MS, Cedar Bluff Primary, Chilhowee Elem., Christenberry Elem., Copper Ridge Elem., Gibbs Elem., Karns Intermediate, Mount Olive Elem., Norwood Elem., Pond Gap Elem., Ritta Elem., Shannondale Elem., & West Hills Elem.

Visit www.knoxpets.org for a printable flyer.

2008 Discount Microchip Clinics

\$20 microchips for dogs, cats, kittens, and puppies at the Animal Center. Fee includes registration!
Saturdays from 11am-2pm. May 31, July 26, and September 27.

Can't make it to a clinic? Hate waiting in line? Visit the Animal Center Monday – Friday from 11am-5pm to purchase a microchip. It's as easy as that!

May 4-10 is Be Kind to Animals Week

How can you be kind?

- Tell a Knox County resident about the Animal Center's free spay/neuter program. Call 215-6677 to make an appointment.
- Offer to pay for a pet's spay/neuter surgery for an owner who can't. Call the Spay/Neuter Hotline at 975-6464 for a list of subsidized clinics in our region.
- Make a donation from the Animal Center's wish list or make a donation to another unlimited-intake shelter. At these facilities, no animal is ever turned away, so donations are a must.

- Buy a brick on the Animal Center's Walkway of Life to honor or remember a person or pet. These personally-engraved bricks guide visitors to the front door of the Center, and all profits are used to care for the animals.
- If your yard does not get many wildlife visitors, create a butterfly-friendly garden or spend time at a nature center.
- Be on the lookout for animals-in-need and contact animal control if you think one needs some special attention.
- Show children how important it is to be kind to all animals and to respect all living things through your actions. Be thoughtful in what you say and what you do regarding animals.

Donating Never Smelled So Sweet!

Please enter the Oust sweepstakes at Petfinder, one of the nation's largest rescue Websites. You can enter once a day and the Animal Center could win **\$5,000!**

In the Petfinder.com to the Rescue Sweepstakes, Oust is giving \$5,000 to a Petfinder member each month for 6 months, January through June. Staff members and volunteers may enter on behalf of their organization. Winners will be selected via a random drawing. Prizes will be awarded directly to the organization. Just go to <http://www.petfinder.com/petrescue/> and complete the entry form.

The Animal Center's Petfinder shelter ID number is TN61, but you can select the Center from a drop-down list. Just:

- Select Tennessee
- Scroll to the VERY bottom of the list and select "Young-Williams Animal Center"
- Complete the other requested information
- Click "Submit"

That's all there is to it! Thank you for voting!!

May 18-24 is Dog Bite Prevention Week

Did you know there is a top-notch dog bite prevention program in our own back yard? (so to speak!) The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine's RUFUS (Respect-Understanding-Friendly-Unfriendly-Stay Away) program teaches children how to be safe around dogs. Now this program has a fun Website (<http://www.vet.utk.edu/dogbiteprevention/parents/index.html>). There are games and activities for children and information for adults about dog bite statistics, advice about what to do if a bite occurs, and links to lesson plans and activity books about this important topic. Check it out!

Most-Needed Animal Center Donations

- Canned kitten food (ground, not flaked): This helps our kittens gain weight, and we hide medicine in the food!
- Canned dog or puppy food: Any brand—nothing fancy!
- Postage stamps: This is a huge expense for the Center. We always need first-class stamps!

All donations can be delivered to the Animal Center M-F 11am-7pm, Sat 11am-5pm, and Sun 1pm-5pm. Thank you!

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