

News from the Animal Center



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Rabies Clinics This Saturday and Next

Visit www.knoxpets.org to get locations for upcoming Knoxville Veterinary Medical Association/Knox County Health Department rabies clinics. Vaccinations are just \$10 for dogs and cats, and these clinics are from 2pm to 4:30pm on Saturday, May 5th and May 12th. Dogs must be leashed and cats must be in a pet carrier or secured in a pillow case. This vaccination is required annually.

Tuesday Groups this summer at the Animal Center

Pet Loss Recovery Group

Help Others by Sharing Your Story

Tuesday, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14

6:30pm – 8pm

Free

This educational support group is for animal owners who are:

- Suffering the loss of a companion animal
- Dealing with the terminal illness of a companion animal
- Wanting to help other pet owners by sharing their story

To be respectful of everyone's group experience, the group will be closed at 6:45pm. If you are unable to get to the group by then, please come to the following month's group.

Caring for Professionals Who Care for Animals

Tuesday, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14

7pm – 8:30pm

Free

In the work of caring for animals, it is natural for people to experience compassion fatigue from working very hard and caring very much. Although animal professionals care very much, sometimes the death of animals, the number of needy/homeless animals, and interacting with the public can cause the most giving of hearts to become tired. This group is for veterinarians, veterinarian technicians, veterinary assistants, client representatives, animal shelter workers, animal control officers, animal abuse investigators, and rescue group workers. The group will consist of a discussion about compassion fatigue triggers for animal-related professions as well as offer activities that help to increase capacities for dealing with compassion fatigue. The group serves animal-related professionals in the Nine County Region.

Both groups will be lead by staff from the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine's Department of Veterinary Social Work. Groups meet in the Young-Williams Animal Center's Community Room at 3201 Division Street, Knoxville, TN 37919.

Barkitecture Houses Still on Display

Barkitecture, the Animal Center's upcoming fundraiser on Saturday, May 12th, is just around the corner. The gala evening will include great food, entertainment, and a silent auction. The event will finish with a live auction of the custom-made luxury dog houses and cat condos. All of the proceeds will benefit the homeless animals in our community. Visit the Animal Center to see some of the homes or stop by area

First Tennessee banks to see even more. www.knoxpets.org has photos and descriptions of all of the houses and condos. While you're surfing, be sure to vote for your favorite. The "Viewer's Choice" selection will be announced at the big event!

Special Volunteering Opportunities Available

Website Assistant

More than half of the animals adopted from the Animal Center were first seen on www.knoxpets.org, so this award-winning, life-saving tool is updated three times each week. Volunteers are needed to help Karen Lively, Website Coordinator, with the update by holding pets steady and helping them say, "Cheese!" for their web photo. Updates take place on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 12pm to 4pm or so. Volunteers can help once a week, once a month, or whenever you can! Please contact Karen directly at klively@knoxpets.org or (865) 215-6668 for more information about this volunteer opportunity. Do know that it's not all work—there's a lot of puppy and kitten snuggling between shots. It's a perk of the job!

Administrative Assistant

Did you know that hundreds of animals leave the Animal Center every year for rescue groups and guaranteed homes? From guinea pigs to great Danes, our Pet Placement Partners are there! We are looking for a volunteer to help our Rescue Coordinator compile her statistics. This is an ongoing project, but we would love to have a few talented tallyers trained to do this important work. If you can help or would like to learn more about this task, please contact Karen Lively directly at klively@knoxpets.org or (865) 215-6668.

Camp Care Volunteer Counselor

2007 marks the second year for the Animal Center's summer fun "Camp Care." Last year was such a success that this year's sessions were expanded from three days to five, and a new session was created for younger campers. Volunteers are needed to assist the Camp Director and Assistant Director. Educational projects, crafts, games, and fun with animals are just some of the activities that take place during Camp Care. We ask that Volunteer Counselors be at least 16 years old, take direction well, and be comfortable around animals and children. Counselors can volunteer for one day, one session, or even more. Contact Taylor Slemmer, Camp Care Director, directly at tslemmer@knoxpets.org or (865) 215-6661 for more information. Students and scouts should be sure to consider this volunteer job if summer credit hours are needed for a certificate or badge.

Camp Sessions

Kinder Camp Care

5-7 year olds

June 4 – June 6, 9am-11:30am

Camp Care Junior

8-10 year olds

June 11 – June 15, 9am-1pm

July 9 – July 13, 9am-1pm

Camp Care Senior

11-13 year olds

June 18 – June 22, 9am-1pm

July 16 – July 20, 9am-1pm

Veterinary College Offers Dog Bite Prevention Class for Kids

WHAT: Dog bite prevention class
WHEN: Saturday, May 19, 2007
TIME: Two sessions:
Class 1 = 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Class 2 (same as class 1) = 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: UT Veterinary Teaching Hospital
2407 River Drive, Room A118

COST: Free (Registration is Required)

PARKING: Lot 66, east of the building

Does your child get nervous around dogs? Is your child afraid of dogs? Does your child know how to use "good manners" around dogs?

Each year, dogs bite an estimated 4.5 million Americans. Almost half those victims are children younger than 12 years old. The dog bite problem is largely preventable and education is an important tool used to reduce the incidence of dog bites.

In recognition of National Dog Bite Prevention Week in May, The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine is offering a "Dog Bite Prevention Class" for children **Saturday, May 19, 2007**. The class, which is designed to teach children proper ways to behave around dogs, is free and will be offered twice during the day, at **9 a.m.** and again at **11 a.m.** at the UT College of Veterinary Medicine.

The class is designed for children ages 4-8. There must be at least 1 adult for every five children in attendance and space is limited. Each child participating will receive a goodie bag and have his or her picture taken with Rufus, a costumed dog who will help teach the class. **Registrations are required and are now being accepted.** Call 865-974-5574 to register or visit www.vet.utk.edu/dogbiteprevention to register on-line.

Increasing the Impact of East Tennessee's Spay & Neuter Programs:

A Conference Presented by the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine's CAIT (Companion Animal Initiative of Tennessee)

Friday, June 8, 2007

Increase the impact of East Tennessee's spay/ neuter (s/n) programs by building relationships, examining needs and resources for spay and neuter services and exploring practical and effective program improvements.

- See, hear and discuss the results of the Companion Animal Initiative of Tennessee (CAIT) statewide survey
- Meet with colleagues who can become your strategic partners
- Help identify ways to use existing s/n resources more effectively
- Learn about some of the most successful spay and neuter programs in the country, how they achieve success and how they raise funds to keep their programs going
- Plan your next steps to make your s/n more targeted and more successful

Plus!

- Find out what CAIT does and what it can do for you!
- Get info on grants you can easily apply for
- Get tips to successfully secure s/n license plate funds for your program!

For more information about the conference topics, fees, and location, contact Teresa Jennings at cait@utk.edu or (865) 755-2276.

Our Dogs Have a Special Request: Please donate stuffed animals!

An important part of keeping our pets healthy and well is providing them entertainment. We have found that donated stuffed animals are an economical way to keep our hounds (and labs, terriers, spaniels, and more) happy. If you're spring cleaning and have found that your stuffed animals have multiplied(!), please donate any stuffies you no longer need to the Animal Center. Our toy bins are a little low right now, and we have many dogs to please! If you are fond of flea marketing, please consider picking up a few discount

stuffed animals for our animals while you're shopping. When you bring them to the Animal Center, try to spend a few minutes on the adoption floor watching our dogs play with their new babies. After a few minutes, it might start to snow stuffing. We love it when it does!

Just Furr Fun

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www.theanimalrescuesite.com

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