



News from the Animal Center

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CAMP CARE

Is Here!

About the Camp:

New to the Animal Center in 2006, Camp Care gives younger animal lovers an opportunity to spend time with the animals they love while doing activities that teach them about responsibility, kindness, and respect for all living things.



Camp Care Junior

What: Campers learn about basic animal care for dogs, cats, and small furry pets through discussion, activities, and play.

Ages: Rising 3rd Grade through Rising 5th Grade

When: **Session 1:** June 19 – June 21, 9am-12pm
Session 2: July 17 – July 19, 1pm-4pm

Camp Care Senior

What: Campers will learn about animal sheltering, responsible pet ownership, and how they can partner with our community's shelter to improve the life of all animals.

Ages: Rising 6th Grade through Rising 8th Grade

When: **Session 1:** June 26 – June 28, 9am-12pm
Session 2: July 24 – July 26, 1pm-4pm

Space is limited, so sign up today. For more information about camp, visit www.knoxpets.org or contact Taylor at tslemmer@knoxpets.org.

Animal Center Wish List at a Glance

- ♥ Children's socks (for cat toys)
- ♥ Paper grocery bags (for cat hideaways)
- ♥ Stuffed animals (for dogs)
- ♥ Baskets free of glue and paint (for bunnies)
- ♥ XL dog crates (very needed!)

What's a nice dog like you doing in a place like this?

Knoxville's first off-leash dog park, Dogwood Park, continues to grow in popularity as more dog owners discover the joys of playing with their pup in a safe, quiet, peaceful (sometimes!) hillside in north Knoxville's Victor Ashe Park. Dogwood Park managers have thoughtfully provided a water fountain for owners, and even one for dogs. Although owners are asked to bring bags to clean up after their dogs, bags are provided for those who might forget.

Dogwood Park is now Knoxville's place to be for matchmaking! On the first Saturday of each month, singles and their pets gather at the park to find love, or maybe just a new person to throw the tennis ball. Singles, Pets, and a Park is \$10, and it includes refreshments for you and your pooch. Visit www.datingagaincoach.com for details.

Dogwood Park, Victor Ashe Park, 4901 Bradshaw Road, Knoxville, TN 37912

The Best Things in Life are Free

Come to the festival (fountain) lawn at World's Fair Park on Saturday, June 3rd for the 2nd Annual Children's Festival of Reading, sponsored by the Knox County Libraries. This kick off to the Summer Library Club is free, free, free and will include children's writers, storytellers, magicians, puppet shows, and musicians. The Animal Center is proud to be one of the selected festival guests and will have a booth worth visiting. Come and enjoy a trivia game, give-aways, and prizes, and our special invited guest, Max the border collie. Max loves nothing more than to be read to, so be sure to pull up a book and stay awhile!

Animal Center Radio Days

The Animal Center is fortunate to make several media appearances each week. The regular media schedule is:

- ♥ Every Wednesday at 7:10am on 93.1 Rock Hits
- ♥ Every Thursday at 5:40pm on WBIR Channel 10's Live at Five Puppy Picks
- ♥ The first Thursday of every month at noon on WVLT Channel 8
- *watch for our special appearance at noon on Friday, June 9th
- ♥ Every Friday at noon on WATE Channel 6

Be sure to tune in Sunday, June 4th from 10am to noon on WNOX-FM 100.3. Tim Adams, Animal Center executive director, and Taylor Slemmer, our humane educator, will appear on the Ask the Vet program to discuss animal sheltering, the benefits to everyone by rescuing, and just how to choose the best pet for your family. Dr. Kristi

Lively will be stepping in as program host that day, and she'll give listeners an opportunity to call in with their comments and questions. www.askthevetradio.com

Chips and Salsa, or just Chips?

Chips and toenails, actually! The Animal Center will have its next microchip clinic on Saturday, June 24th from 11am to 3pm. Microchips will be offered for dogs and cats for \$20, and that includes the microchip registration. This clinic will offer a special service for pet owners. For \$5, the Chip Crew will clip pets' toenails.

Did you know that the Animal Center always offers discount microchipping? Pet owners are welcome to bring their cats or dogs to the Center during business hours (M-F 11am-7pm, Sat 11am-5pm, Sun 1pm-5pm) for a microchip. So many of the animals that receive care at the Animal Center are clearly someone's pet. If they had a microchip, owners could be located. Microchips save lives. Spread the word!

Batteries and Bunny Birth Control?

What do Panasonic Oxyride batteries and bunny spay/neuter have in common? At first glance, not much, but take a closer look and you'll see what it is: the benefits of both are often unknown. The Animal Center shelters approximately 150 rabbits each year. Although we are often asked if there is a flood of rabbits shortly after Easter, a visit to the Animal Center throughout the year reveals that the rabbit adoption floor is always full. All Animal Center rabbits must live indoors with their families, and they are all spayed or neutered. We'll let the batteries speak for themselves, but we give the campaign two rabbit ears up! www.neuteryourbunny.com

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