



News from the Animal Center

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CAMP CARE

Spaces Available!

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 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 2:** July 24 – July 26, 1pm-4pm

Camp fees are \$60 per camper per session. **Registration materials must be received by July 10th.** For more information about camp, visit www.knoxpets.org or contact Taylor at tslemmer@knoxpets.org.

CTV is the Place to be this Thursday

The Animal Center will be featured on Community Television of Knoxville (CTV, Channel 12) this Thursday from 7:30pm-8pm. John Mayer, host of *Open Dialogue*, will interview Taylor Slemmer, Humane Educator for the Animal Center. They'll discuss animal sheltering in our area and how you can help solve the pet overpopulation problem. This is a call-in show, so please dial in with your questions and comments. *Open Dialogue* airs on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, and the host intends to feature animal issues in future broadcasts. For more information about CTV, visit www.communityknox.org.

Chip-A-Pet, Clip-A-Pet

Saturday, June 24th from 11am-3pm the Animal Center will have its summer discount microchip clinic. For \$20, cats and dogs will be chipped, and the Animal Center will register the chip for you. At this clinic, we're offering a little something extra. For a \$5 donation, we will trim toenails, too (cats or dogs, of course!). Wow, a lifesaving procedure and a spa treatment—all for \$25. Can you beat that?

Did you know?

The Animal Center offers discount microchipping for cats and dogs every day? **It's true.** If the Animal Center is open to visitors (M-F 11am-7pm; Sat 11am-5pm; Sun 1pm-5pm), your pet can be microchipped for just **\$20**. Please spread the word!

The Glass is Half Full

The mission of **SpayKnox** is to end healthy animal euthanasia in Knox and its surrounding nine counties through the implementation of a high-volume, low-cost spay/neuter assistance program for low-income citizens. Applicants call the SpayKnox hotline (865.579.5164), and a representative returns their call with information about available surgery dates and surgery fees.

This year, the goal of SpayKnox is to assist with spay/neuter of 2006 animals. 2006 in 2006! Raise your glasses because as of this writing, they are half way there!

How can you help?

- Donate supplies or your time to this important cause and watch the numbers of incoming shelter animals decline
- Donate money to the fund, knowing that spay/neuter is the key to solving pet overpopulation
- Spread the word about the fund, spay/neuter, and responsible pet ownership.

To learn more about SpayKnox, visit www.spayknox.org.

Hitching a Ride. Saving a Life.

With more than 16,000 animals receiving care at the Animal Center each year, we have had to get pretty creative in finding new ways to save lives. One of the Animal Center's strongest programs is the rescue program. Designed and implemented by Karen Lively, more than 150 shelters and rescue groups partner with the Animal Center to save hundreds of animals each year. Although most rescues are located in Tennessee and the surrounding states, Animal Center animals have been sent across the country, too!

When an Animal Center pet has a guaranteed home elsewhere, we jump at the chance to help. However, we are hoping that this time you can jump (or drive) at the chance to help one of our own.

Help is needed to transport Matilda, a Catahoula leopard dog mix, from Knoxville to Birmingham, Alabama. Rescue transports are typically divided into several legs (predetermined starting and stopping places), and a transport coordinator works with individual volunteers to plan the most convenient legs.

Transport Date:	Saturday, June 24, 2005
Origination/Agency:	Knoxville, TN/Young-Williams Animal Center www.knoxpets.org
Destination/Agency:	Catahoula United Rescue Society/ Birmingham, AL www.catahoulaunited.com
Legs:	Flexible

If you can help, please contact: Karen Lively, klively@knoxpets.org

We're Over the Moon for June!

In honor of Adopt-a-Shelter Cat month, the Animal Center is celebrating in a special way. Through July 4th, the adult cat adoption fee is only \$90. Our hope is that families who were planning to adopt a cat this summer will make their way to the Center for the **purrfect** cat. Adopters can save themselves some time by checking our website, www.knoxpets.org, to see cats and all other animals available for adoption. More than 60% of animals adopted from our Center were first seen on the website. It's a life-saving tool, so we update it three times each week! If June is the **purrfect** time for you to adopt, we hope you'll come to the Center!

Animal Center Has New Wish List!

In the upper left corner of our website, click on our wish list link. You'll see that we have posted a new wish list, sorted by animal. Some items have an explanation (how to make, which brand we prefer), and we have even updated our Top Ten (Favorites) list. Check it out!

Flea Market: What else would we call it?

It's that time again--time for the Animal Center's huge rummage sale. Saturday, July 22, 7am-1pm is the big day, and the Animal Center will accept donations beginning Saturday, July 7th. Not sure what to donate?

DO donate clean, ready-to-sell items.





DON'T donate clothing...half-burned candles, cracked dishes, tins of old candy, pesticides, broken children's toys, dead batteries, old magazines, etc.*

(*These items were donated last year!)

If you wouldn't sell an item at your sale, we probably can't sell it at ours!
For more information about our sale and making a donation, contact Deonna Light at dlight@knoxpets.org.

We'll Have a Howlin' Good Time

Be on the lookout for the summer issue of *The Howl*, the Animal Center's printed newsletter. This issue will appear as an insert to the July Critter magazine. Stories will include:

-  Rescue in the Spotlight: Labrador Retriever Rescue of East Tennessee
-  Knox County Animal Control Wins National Award
-  Summer Special Events
-  and so much more!

Remember that all newsletters are also available at www.knoxpets.org.



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