



# News from the Animal Center

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## Hurricane Katrina Update

The Young-Williams Animal Center gives a very big thanks to those who donated pet supplies for the animals displaced by Katrina! Enough supplies have been received for animals that are receiving temporary care locally and for those who remain in the areas hit by Katrina. The local DART (Disaster Animal Rescue Team) organization has handled the recent incoming Katrina animals. DART addresses short-term needs, including boarding incoming animals until they can be reunited with their owners. This is **good news** as these are not "homeless" animals but rather animals that are temporarily separated from their families.

In the weeks and months to come, unclaimed animals from the gulf region will likely make their way to shelters across the country. We'll need your help again when the time comes. However, please realize that the Animal Center is the public intake for Knoxville and Knox County. We expect to shelter nearly 16,000 homeless and unwanted animals this year, and none will be turned away.

**Pet overpopulation is an everyday problem, so please  
keep our animals in your hearts and in your minds.**

## Monetary Donations:

The following information was taken from [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com). Please visit that website for updates and for more information about making monetary donations. Be sure to subscribe to the ASPCA's online newsletter at [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org) for updates, too.

Financial donations are being accepted through the **Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation at the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association.**

**Please make checks payable to the LVMA Dr. Walter J. Ernst Veterinary Memorial Foundation (write "Katrina Fund" on the memo line) and send to the LVMA, 8550 United Plaza Blvd., Suite 1001, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.** They will be able to use these funds quickly. You may designate that your donation be used to care for animals directly, or that it may be used in support of the displaced veterinarians who are now in Baton Rouge helping to provide care for stranded animals.

# Furry Scurry 5K

*Saturday, October 15, 9am  
Young-Williams Animal Center  
3201 Division St.*

People are invited to run for the animals! The race will begin and end at the Animal Center. Animals may cheer on their owners, but no animal runners, please. Registration begins at **7:30am**. Runners will receive a t-shirt, as supplies last. Visit [www.knoxpets.org](http://www.knoxpets.org) for a race form and for more details. Please support our Center!



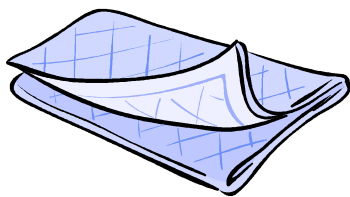
# Recycle for the Animals!



The Animal Center will be joining a printer cartridge recycling program through Cash for Critters. Each month, the Animal Center will receive money each month that cartridges are received in our name. In the near future, we'll be including mailing pouches in the packet we give to new adopters as well as making the pouches available at all Animal Center locations. For now, please save your empty cartridges and bring them to the Animal Center on Division Street for recycling. To see if the brand of cartridge you use are accepted in this program, please visit the FAQ page at [www.cashforcritters.com](http://www.cashforcritters.com).

## Donations Needed: Towels

**The Animal Center is in need of bath towels and small blankets for our animals. We use them for bedding and bathing, and our linens get quite a workout at the Center.**

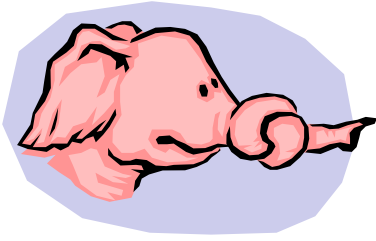


**The Animal Center shelters 475 each day, and a blanket or towel can be just the item that soothes and comforts our new arrivals and those waiting to be adopted.**

**If you can donate your old towels and small blankets or would like to purchase some for the animals, we thank you in advance. This is an ongoing need, and donations can be delivered to the Animal Center when we are open to visitors (Mon-Fri 11am-7pm, Sat 11am-5pm, Sun 1pm-5pm).**



# A Crafty Idea!



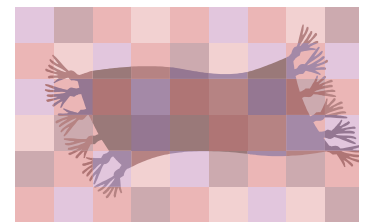
**Don't have towels or blankets to donate but want to make our animals a bit more comfortable? Make some!**

## Supplies Needed:

- ✿ Pieces of felt or fleece
- ✿ Scissors

## Directions:

- ✿ Cut felt or fleece into large rectangles (perhaps 24" x 36" or 48")
- ✿ Lay two of the same sized rectangles on top of each other
- ✿ Cut around all four edges of the fabric, making fringe
- ✿ Match the fringe from the upper piece of fabric with the fringe from the lower piece of fabric
- ✿ Tie the two pieces of fringe together in a small knot



**The end product should look like the illustration, except the fringe exists on all four sides of the blanket.**

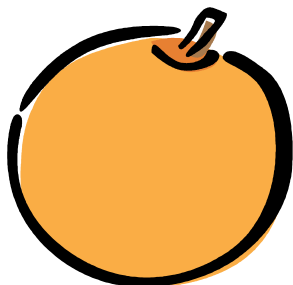
# Thank you!

# Does Your Fur Run Orange?

**Thursday, September 15, 5:30 to 6:30 pm**  
**Young-Williams Animal Center, 3201 Division St.**

If your fur runs orange, you should Join the PAC (Pals of the Animal Center)! In its new facility, the Animal Center shelters 475 homeless and unwanted animals, and volunteer help is needed every day. PAC members walk and behavior train dogs, socialize cats, work with small mammals, assist in adoptions, help keep the animals clean and comfy, work at special events and fundraisers, and much more!

This general orientation is open to anyone interested in learning more about Knox County's non-profit, open-intake animal shelter and the important role it plays in our community. The Animal Center permits volunteers of any age, however, children younger than 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.



Although we welcome a long-term volunteering commitment, all volunteers are required to donate at least **eight hours each month for one year** and are required to pay a small program fee to cover printing and other costs. For more information about our program, please contact [volunteer@knoxpets.org](mailto:volunteer@knoxpets.org).



## STORY IDEAS?

If you have an idea for our online newsletter or our printed quarterly newsletter, "The Howl", please email the editor at [tslemmer@knoxpets.org](mailto:tslemmer@knoxpets.org).

