



News from the Animal Center

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Eight Until the Fifth!

**The Animal Center's Fifth Year Celebration
and Tailgating Party is Just Eight Days
Away!**

Saturday, September 30th
11am-3pm at the Animal Center



Come and Enjoy:

- Discount Microchipping
- Pet-icures for Cats and Dogs
- Prizes and Giveaways
- Food and Games for People
- Rescue Groups and their Adoptable Animals
- Professional Photographs by Karen Anderson
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Have You Visited the Animal Center Lately?

If not, it's worth a visit! New to the Animal Center:

- **How 'Bout Them Vols?:** University of Tennessee football and other events play on the lobby flat-screen—pull up a chair (and a dog) and stay awhile!
- Soft music playing in all of the animal areas
- Colorful and cheerful adoption rooms
- Comfortable beds for every dog
- A movable wall in the Adcock-Jones Community Room for hosting two groups at once
- Roomy benches in the outdoor exercise areas for two-legged visitors, and wading pools and canopies for four-legged residents

Drop by on September 30th for the celebration, stop by anytime. You'll be glad you did!

Have You Heard the News?

Not since the founding of the Young-Williams Animal Center in January 2001 has there been such good news for our community. This coming January, things are going to get even better.

Thanks to very generous gifts from the Aslan Foundation and the Lucille S. Thompson Foundation, the Animal Center will begin its most ambitious outreach program to date. The YWAC will offer free spay/neuter surgeries for the dogs and cats of low-income families in Knoxville and Knox County. Surgeries will take place on a specially equipped recreational vehicle (RV). A van will also be used to shuttle animals to and from the RV.

If 6,000 families take advantage of this offer, this effort is expected to reduce the number of animals coming to the Animal Center by 10,000 within the program's first five years. With more than 16,000 animals receiving care at the Animal Center each year, the importance of this program cannot be overstated.

Knoxville News Sentinel columnist Sam Venable has agreed to be the spokesperson for this initiative. As the program grows, so will the geographic area the program will service.

The Young-Williams Animal Center will pay all of the costs associated with this program, and they are responsible for raising at least \$290,000 to fund the initiative. The ultimate reward—fewer homeless and unwanted animals— will require the support of the entire community.

If you would like to help the Animal Center fund this effort, you can make a donation in a variety of ways.

You can mail your donation to: Animal Center, 3201 Division Street, Knoxville, TN 37919, Attn: Spay/Neuter Initiative.

You can also go online at www.knoxpets.org and make a donation on the Animal Center's PayPal link. Just specify "Spay/Neuter Initiative" in the Subject line.

If you would like to make a more immediate donation to stop unwanted breeding, please spay/neuter your own pets or offer to pay the surgery fee for someone who can't.

Spay/Neuter saves lives. It just does.

Sweating for the Animals

Rain, rain, go away. We're going to run, walk, and parade anyway!

The Farragut Fall 5K Run, Fun Walk, and Pet Parade is tomorrow!

Go to Mayor Bob Leonard Park at 301 N. Watt Road in Farragut no later than 7:20am to register for the run, walk, or pet parade. There are prizes for runners and something special for the dogs! An Animal Center representative will be there to accept part of the races' proceeds as a donation to our community's homeless and unwanted animals.

Visit <http://farragutchamber.com/> to learn more about the event, and remember to have your people- and dog-friendly dogs properly restrained, displaying a current rabies tag.

See you there with bells and running shoes on!

What's Happening in the Veterinary Clinic?

The Animal Center's veterinary clinic is a place that few volunteers see. We've decided to change that!

Our vets are calling all current volunteers and volunteer-hopefuls so they can lend a hand in the clinic. Volunteers are needed to assist in the recovery area with animals that have just had their spay/neuter surgery. Cuddling, soothing, and bundling are just some of the important jobs done by the recovery nurse. You will be assisting the veterinary technicians and surgeons insure the good health and well-being of our furry charges at a very important time during their stay at the Animal Center.

No previous veterinary experience is required, but you must be able to take direction very well and follow very specific procedures. All veterinary volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

For more information about assisting in the clinic, contact Deonna Light, the Animal Center's volunteer coordinator, at dlight@knoxpets.org.

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