

## News from the Animal Center



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### The Animal Center's Online Newsletter, September 24, 2008

#### September has gone to the Dogs...and Cats...and Runners... and Rats!

The fourth annual Tennessee Week for the Animals is September 20-28, 2008. It is a week packed with animal-related events and fun. A complete calendar (expanding daily) can be found at [www.tennesseeanimals.org](http://www.tennesseeanimals.org).

Saturday, September 27 is a big day in our area. It begins with the **2008 Farragut Fall 5K Run, Fun Walk & Pet Parade**. Start time is 8am at Mayor Bob Leonard Park on Watt Road in Farragut. \$1 from every ticket sale goes to the Young-Williams Animal Center. Visit [www.farragutchamber.com](http://www.farragutchamber.com) for a registration form and more race details.

Speaking of the Animal Center, that same day from 11am-3pm is the **Animal Center's annual Furry Fall Festival**. Event details include: No Admission Fee, Goody Bags for the First 50 Visitors, UTCVM RUFUS Dog Bite Prevention Program at 11am (call 215-6662 to preregister), \$5 Canine Good Citizen Testing from 11am-1pm (call 215-6662 to preregister), \$10 Knox County Health Department Rabies Clinic from 11am-3pm, Small Mammal Education & Advice, Ask-the-Trainer, \$10 Microchips, Animal Care How-To Clinic, Booths Include: Invisible Fence Rescue Groups & Adoptables, American Red Cross Pet First Aid & CPR, and more!

The Animal Center is located at 3201 Division Street, at the front of the John Tarleton Park. Saturdays are busy days in the park, so come early and stay late! For more information about this event, contact Deonna Light at (865) 215-6662 or [dlight@knoxpets.org](mailto:dlight@knoxpets.org).

#### Animal Center Wag 'n Woof Days through October

Summer was a smash with Feline Fiesta, and the fall is sure to be fabulous with Wag 'n Woof! Now through October the adult dog (dogs six months to seven years old) adoption fee has been reduced from \$120 to \$75 and senior dogs (eight years and older) are just \$50! Bow-Wow! As always, puppies younger than six months are \$150. Visit the Animal Center and find your new best four-legged friend today!

#### Shop 'til You Drop!

Now you can adopt and shop in the same location! The Animal Center has pet products like collars, leashes, bowls, soft crates, and toys available for purchase. There is also a nice selection of t-shirts (for people!). Expect special items (for pets!) for the upcoming holidays. All proceeds benefit the homeless animals in the Animal Center's care.

#### Upcoming Pet Parenting Courses

Be a better pet parent or learn about a breed that interests you by attending the Animal Center's 2008 Pet Parenting Class series. Classes are one Saturday each month from **10am-11:30am**. All classes are free, but please do not bring your pet to class. Let us know you're coming by contacting Taylor Slemmer at [tslemmer@knoxpets.org](mailto:tslemmer@knoxpets.org) or (865) 215-6661.

**October 25: Great Danes & Wolfhounds**

**November 8: Northern Breeds**

**December 13: Weimaraners & Doberman Pinschers**

**Course Content Includes:** Breed history and basics (what features define the breed), behaviors unique to breeds, how to safely exercise the breeds, ideal diet, how breeds do with other pets, children, etc., and how to get involved with breed rescue.

## Giving Feels Good

The Young-Williams Animal Center exclusively feeds Hill's Science Diet to our pets. However, we often receive dry pet food donations of various brands. So this food does not go to waste, we have developed a pet food distribution program for local pet owners in need. **Our donation supply is very low, but demand is increasing. We need your help!**

We need dry kitten, puppy, dog, and cat food of whatever brand you choose to share with these families. All donations should come to the Animal Center during regular business hours:

**M-F 11am-7pm, Sat 11am-5pm, & Sun 1pm-5pm**

For more information about donating to this special program, contact Xan Rawls at (865) 215-6683 or [xrawls@knoxpets.org](mailto:xrawls@knoxpets.org). Thank you!

## Donations Needed at the Animal Center:

- Bath towels (not washcloths or hand towels)
- Blankets
- Flat sheets (not fitted sheets)
- Canned kitten, cat, puppy and dog food

## Volunteers Needed to Transport Donations

Do you want to help the animals but cannot commit to scheduled volunteering at the Animal Center? If so, we need your help! Volunteers are needed to deliver donated items to the Center. We are delighted when businesses and individuals collect needed items like cardboard litter boxes, pet supplies, linens, and toys. However, we do not always have the staff available to pick up these donations. Pick ups can often be scheduled at the convenience of the volunteer. If you can help the animals in this special way, please contact Deonna Light at (865) 215-6662 or [dlight@knoxpets.org](mailto:dlight@knoxpets.org). Thank you!

## Petfinder Offers \$5,000 to Favorite Shelters

The Petfinder.com Foundation will give away \$5,000 cash prizes to two Petfinder member shelters or rescue groups. Votes are cast at [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com). Winners will be announced on October 1, 2008. At this writing, one animal agency has more than one million votes. Are you up to the challenge?

## Have You Visited the Events Page at [www.knoxpets.org](http://www.knoxpets.org)?

If you haven't you should! It is the most comprehensive list of animal events in our area. Animal Center events and those of our rescue friends are listed with dates and times so you can be sure not to miss a clawed, pawed, feathered, or furred thing!

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