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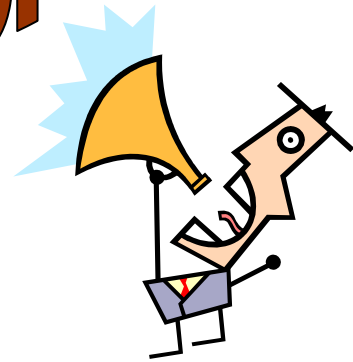
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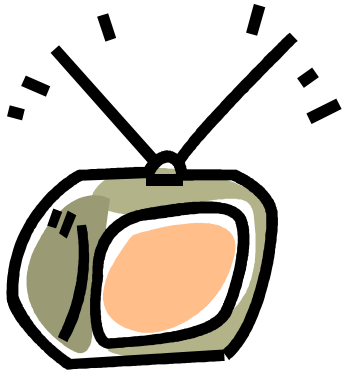
The Animal Center's Online Newsletter, October 3, 2005

Announcements!

Runners, You Have Been Heard!

The Animal Center's Furry Scurry 5K, which was to take place this month, did not permit animals on the course. However, so many *scurriers* asked that their pets be permitted to run or walk with them that we have postponed the race to make it so! We are currently working with city agencies to reschedule this race to a later date and to an animal-friendly course. We appreciate your patience while we make the necessary changes, and we **especially** appreciate that you made your preference known. Please stay tuned to www.knoxpets.org for race details. See you at the race!





Tune into Channel 7 WMAK to see the Animal Center's public service announcement (PSA). The PSA stars Dr. Dean Blackwell, from the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, Knox County Mayor Mike Ragsdale, and the City of Knoxville Mayor Bill Haslam. The



PSA invites everyone to visit the Animal Center to find their new best friend. We couldn't have said it better ourselves!

Air Date*	Air Time/Program
Tue, 10/4	10:00am-10:30am (People's Court)
Tue, 10/4	8:00pm-8:30pm (Judge Mathis)
Wed, 10/5	7:20am-7:30am (The Bev. Hillbillies)
Wed, 10/5	4:20pm-4:30pm (Gomer Pyle)

*Stay tuned to Channel 7 to see future airings of the PSA.



**Now
Showing**

Film:

***Inside the Animal Mind:
Are Animals Intelligent?***

Can animals actually apply insight to problem-solving and understand abstract concepts? Do they reflect on the past and worry about the future? Are they capable of recognizing their own mortality?

Thursday, October 6, 7pm-9pm

**University of Tennessee
College of Veterinary Medicine, Room A118**



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The Howl



Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

Be sure to pick up a copy of October's *Critter Magazine* for your copy of the Animal Center's quarterly newsletter *The Howl*.

In it, you'll find stories about:



**Tim Adams, new YWAC
Executive Director**



**Rescue in the Spotlight: East
Tennessee Doberman Rescue**



***New at the Zoo* comes to the Animal Center**



**CAIT: Companion Animal Initiative
of Tennessee Events**



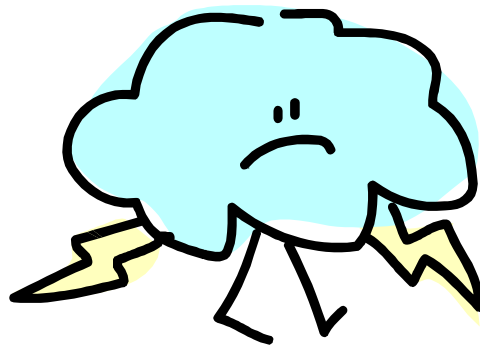
And so much more!



If you miss this issue of *Critter*, you can read this and past issues of *The Howl* and *News from the Animal Center* on the Animal Center's website, www.knoxpets.org.



The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) continues to provide regular updates about rescue efforts for animals affected by **Katrina** and other recent weather disasters. On their website, www.aspca.org, you can make donations to these efforts, subscribe to their online newsletter and updates, and learn how families and pets are being reunited. The FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page is especially helpful in explaining relief effort structure, protocol, and volunteer needs.



The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has made it easy for you to voice your feelings about the importance of including pets in emergency planning. The Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act, H.R. 3858 (PETS Act; see below), would require state and local authorities to include pets and service animals in their disaster evacuation plans.

Visit this link to send a message to your congressperson and to sign up for HSUS updates:

https://community.hsus.org/campaign/pets_act_house?rk=s7zyEzs1WmI5W

Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act (PETS Act)

The destructive force of Hurricane Katrina exposed many flaws in our nation's emergency preparedness programs. One easily correctible issue that has come to light is that many of our city and state authorities' disaster plans do not take into account how to rescue the portion of the population who are pet owners. In order to qualify for Federal Emergency Management Agency funding, a city or state is required to submit a plan detailing its disaster preparedness program. The PETS Act would simply require that the State and local emergency preparedness authorities include how they will accommodate households with pets or service animals when presenting these plans to the FEMA.

This bi-partisan legislation is necessary because Hurricane Katrina has clearly shown that when given a choice between their own personal safety or abandoning their household pets, a significant number of people will choose to risk their lives in order to remain with their pets. It is now clear that we must require these jurisdictions to have plans in effect to deal with their pet-owning populations as a matter of public safety.

There are significant problems, including serious health and safety risks to the disaster area, that are exacerbated by the abandoning of pets. Many of these problems can be mitigated or eliminated simply through the proper planning that this legislation advocates.

There are currently over 358 million pets in the United States residing in 63% of American households.

This legislation is supported by the Humane Society of the United States, the Doris Day Animal League, the Best Friends Animal Society, and the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

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