

## News from the Animal Center



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### The Animal Center's Online Newsletter, October 5, 2006

#### Volunteers Put the Fun in Fundraising!

The Animal Center's biggest fundraiser is coming, and we want you to be part of it! For *Barkitecture*, local architects, contractors and home builders will be invited to design and build customized dog houses. In addition to a silent auction that evening, each of the dog houses will be auctioned off in a live auction.

Volunteers are needed to help with this unique event. The first volunteer planning meeting is:

**Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**  
**at the Young-Williams Animal Center**  
**3201 Division Street**  
**(on the corner of Sutherland Avenue and Division Street, in the John Tarleton Park)**

For more information or to lend a hand at this fun and worthwhile event, please contact the event coordinator, David Bolton at [dbolton@knoxpets.org](mailto:dbolton@knoxpets.org) or 865-215-6664.

#### The Sweetness of Sunday

Join the Animal Center on **Sunday, October 8** from 3pm until 5pm at the United Methodist Church at 7234 Middlebrook Pike for the Blessing of the Animals. There will be rescue friends there, activities for pets and people, food, and lots of fun. Come enjoy the afternoon!

#### Has It Been Five Years Already?

A very big thanks to the rescue groups, volunteers, and visitors who came to the Animal Center's anniversary and tailgating party last Saturday. Many toenails were trimmed, microchips were placed, photos were taken, and fun was had. It was the first time the Animal Center was able to broadcast the Tennessee Volunteer football game on the lobby monitor. It was also the unveiling of new additions to the Animal Center, such as the colorful pet rooms, music in the animal areas (the music goes throughout the building), and beds for the canine residents (every dog in the building has its own bed!). Special thanks go to Keith Slayton, LMT, who helped the staff prepare for the big day by donating his time and skill for personal massages on Friday afternoon. Wags and Purrs also go to Karen Anderson of Interesting Developments for her kindness, patience, and photographic talents. From the donated and festive decorations courtesy of the Animal Center's Sutherland Avenue neighbor Farm Fresh Produce, to the delicious nibbles donated by Rocky Top Realty and Blue Ribbon Foods, the day couldn't have been better!

#### Tune In!

##### The Animal Center's Media Schedule is:

93.1FM Rock Hits Radio	Every Wednesday, 7am hour with Kevin
Knoxville Journal	Every Wednesday, Pet of the Week
WVLT Channel 8 News	First Thursday of the Month, Noon Broadcast
WBIR Channel 10 Live at Five	Every Thursday, 5:40pm for "Puppy Picks"
WATE Channel 6 News	Every Friday, Noon Broadcast
Knoxville News Sentinel	Every Friday, Pets of the Week

## October is Adopt-a-Shelter Dog Month

Celebrate in style with the Animal Center this October and save a life (and some money, too!). All dog adopters will receive \$10 off the adult-dog (one year and older) adoption fee for the month of October.

The benefits of adopting an adult dog are many:

- Already housetrained (or get the concept)
- Fewer chewing problems
- Can determine if they are child-, cat-, and other animal-friendly
- Enjoys exercise or maybe snuggling
- Have a longer attention span for training
- A short stay in their new home will reveal that they were homeless through no fault of their own

All dogs will be spayed/neutered, microchipped, heartworm and temperament tested, dewormed, vaccinated (except for rabies), and tattooed before going home with their new family. All dog adopters receive a dog training DVD and a five-pound bag of Science Diet dog food. Wow!

## Safe Treats for Pets this Halloween

As Halloween nears, so does the beginning of months of celebrating...and eating. Resist the urge to indulge your pets by giving them table food. Instead, make the holidays special by making treats and toys especially for your four-legged family members.

### Pumpkin Drop Cookies for Dogs

#### *Ingredients:*

- 1½ cups whole wheat flour
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3 tablespoons applesauce
- 2 egg whites
- ½ cup solid-pack pumpkin (not pie filling)
- 1 tablespoon molasses
- ½ cup water

#### *Directions:*

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and mix together to a cookie dough like consistency. Drop by the teaspoonful, 1" apart, onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until cookies are firm. For harder cookies, turn off the oven and let cool in the oven for 1 to 2 hours or overnight. Store in the refrigerator in an airtight container.

### Catnip Pumpkins for Cats

#### *Supplies:*

- Orange felt or other material cut into 5" x 5" squares
- Green yarn
- Loose catnip
- Cotton balls and Jingle bells (optional)



#### *Directions:*

Lay material on table. Place a small pinch of loose catnip in the center of the square. Place a cotton ball and jingle bell in the center of the square. Gather corners of material together, and twist. Tie yarn around twisted corners so the catnip can't fall out.

### Small Mammal Fun

#### *Supplies:*

- Clean pinecones
- Raffia or other natural string (optional)

#### *Directions:*

Clean pinecones are fun and delicious to small mammals. Animal-safe cord can be tied to the pinecone to attach it to cage bars. It's as easy as that!

## Lobby for the Animals

There are several bills about animal welfare that are worth watching. Some are state-specific while others are federal. To learn more about the animal enterprise terrorism, internet hunting, horse slaughter and other bills, visit the Action Alerts page of [www.aspca.org](http://www.aspca.org), the website for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) also has an informative website about animal welfare. Visit their site at [www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org) to learn more. Get informed and get busy. You'll be glad you did.

## Donation of the Month: Socks!

This is no trick, but it would be a great treat! A favorite toy of the Animal Center's cats is catnip socks. Just put a pinch of loose catnip into the toe of a clean children's sock. Knot the sock so the catnip can't fall out, and the toy is ready to go! The Animal Center has loose catnip just looking for a sock. Can you spare a sock? Thrift stores, discount super stores, and behind the clothes dryer are great places to find an odd sock or two. When you find one, bring it in, and we'll do the rest!

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