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## The Animal Center's Online Newsletter, December 13, 2006

### Animal Center Holiday Hours

Sunday, December 24	1pm-5pm
Monday, December 25	Closed
Tuesday, December 26 – Saturday, December 30	11am-5pm
Sunday, December 31	1pm-5pm
Monday, January 1	Closed

**Regular operating hours resume on Tuesday, 1/2.**

### It's an Age-Old Question

What do you give the pet lover that has everything? An Animal Center gift certificate, of course!

If a friend or family member is interested in adopting a pet, give them a special gift this holiday season and save a life while doing it!

Dog/Puppy/Cat/Kitten:	\$100
Rabbit:	\$35, \$60 for two
Guinea Pig:	\$20 for one, \$10 for each additional cavy
Mice/Rats/Gerbil/Hamster:	\$5

Adopters must complete an adoption application, but gift certificates will be honored through June 30, 2007. That means that the gift certificate recipient can adopt a pet when it is convenient for them, like when the decorations are put away and life has settled down again!

### What if you don't know anyone needing a pet?

No problem!

Make a donation to the Animal Center in their name (**see form below**) or purchase a personally-engraved brick for them in the Animal Center's Walkway of Life! Donations can be made in any amount, or you can even donate an item from the Animal Center's Wish List (available at [www.knoxpets.org](http://www.knoxpets.org)).

## The Season of Giving is Here!

Donating to the homeless animals in our community has never been easier!

### Option 1:

Print this section and mail it to:

Young-Williams Animal Center  
3201 Division Street  
Knoxville, TN 37919

### Option 2:

Print this section and deliver it to the Animal Center in person! While you're there, we hope you'll say hello to the animals that will directly benefit from your generosity.

### Option 3:

Go online at [www.knoxpets.org](http://www.knoxpets.org) and use your credit or debit card with PayPal. You don't have to have a PayPal account to make a donation!

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Enclosed is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the services of the  
Young-Williams Animal Center on behalf of the homeless animals in our community.

\$15    \$30    \$50    \$100    \$250    \$500    Other (\$ \_\_\_\_\_ )

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a receipt for your donation? (please circle one)    Yes                  No

Method of Payment (please circle one):                  Check                  Money Order

Would you like your donation to be made in memory or in honor of a person or animal?    Yes    No

Name of person/pet: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory or In Honor: (please circle one)                  Memory                  Honor

Name and address of person who should receive an acknowledgement card:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## PetFinder Volunteers, Thank You!

The Animal Center is fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers. Some of those volunteers help directly with the animals by walking and cleaning, while others lend a hand at special events or keeping our secondary website on PetFinder current. Many of our PetFinder volunteers have been helping in this special way for years. More than half of the animals adopted from the Animal Center were first seen on the internet, so our PetFinder volunteers are invaluable. We want to recognize them for their efforts. They are:

Donna Poling  
Melanie Daugherty  
Renee Berube  
Carolyn Wheeler  
Lynn Taylor  
Barbara Bleidorn  
Hillery Williams  
Linda Webb

## Animal Center Wins Beautification Award

The Animal Center is a proud recipient of a Keep Knoxville Beautiful 2006 Orchid Award. The YWAC received an honorable mention in 2005 by KKB. With its stone façade, wildlife-friendly retention pond, and inviting entryway, the Animal Center combines pleasing esthetics with function. Everyone is invited to visit *your* Animal Center!

## Featured Pet: Percival Jones



The Animal Center currently has four rats (a pair of males and a pair of females). These darlings are very calm and are adjusting to Center life very well. Right away we moved them to very clean and roomy enclosures, and we're working on making their cages a bit more interesting. They seem relieved to be here. All of these rat children are two years old. They are all seniors, and their original family was lucky to have them as long as they did. Rat children live 1-4 years, so having ratties live as long as they have is just great. Well, we'll need families to take these snowy darlings in so they can live out their days as spoiled fur babies. Rats are clean, smart, and interesting pets if you give them the chance. They are dreamy. The girls must be adopted together for \$10, and the boys must be adopted together for \$10...but never the twain shall meet! No rat babies! For more information about these extra-special pets, visit the Rat Fan Club at [www.ratfanclub.org](http://www.ratfanclub.org). For more information about our rat children, email Taylor Slemmer at [tslemmer@knoxpets.org](mailto:tslemmer@knoxpets.org). Don't forget that pet stores breed misery and rescue saves lives!

## **A Friend in Need**

As the temperature drops and people head indoors, furry companions can get left out in the cold. If you see an animal not receiving proper care, call our friends at Animal Control for help. They will speak with owners about responsible pet ownership and intervene if necessary.

When money is tight, you don't have to break the bank when caring for an outside pet. Purchase a bale of clean straw from a garden center for \$5 or so for bedding. Dogs stay warm and they have fun spreading the straw around. Dry dog food purchased in bulk at a discount super center can fill a hungry belly.

Think about helping a neighbor-in-need by buying a bale of straw and a bag of food for their pets. You can leave it at their door when no one is looking (always stay safe!). If you cross paths with the owner, you can offer your neighborly gifts outright or distance yourself from the gifts if the pet owner is not very receptive. You might say the items were given to you by a friend, but you have no need for them. Perhaps they could put them to good use?

Whatever you do to help a pet or neighbor in need, stay safe. Animal Control is your mobile partner in animal welfare, and the Animal Center is your home base for...all things animal!

**City of Knoxville Animal Control: (865) 215-7457 / Knox County Animal Control: (865) 215-6658**

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