



News from the Animal Center

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The Animal Center's Online Newsletter, December 22, 2005

Animal Center Holiday Hours

Friday, December 23	11am-7pm
Saturday, December 24	11am-3pm
Sunday, December 25	Closed
Saturday, December 31	11am-5pm
Sunday, January 1	Closed
Monday, January 2	11am-5pm



Regular operating hours resume
on Tuesday, 1/3/06.

It's a question often asked...

What do you give the person who has everything?



An Animal Center Gift Certificate!

Give the gift of life to a shelter pet and allow the recipient to adopt the perfect *after* the holidays.

Also available...

An Engraved Brick on the Animal Center's Walkway of Life!

In memory of a pet or in honor of a friend, an engraved brick is a gift for a lifetime.



Visit the Animal Center to purchase your gift certificate and brick today!

Consumer Alert for Dog Owners:

This week, Diamond Pet Food announced a product recall. Aflatoxin, a fungus that is toxic and carcinogenic to humans and animals, has been discovered in a South Carolina distribution center. Tennessee is among the states that receives food from this center.



Please visit www.diamondpet.com for more information.

What a Week!

Although the Animal Center will shelter an all-time high of 17,000 homeless and unwanted East Tennessee animals this year, we could not have dreamt of a better way to finish 2005.



During the last six days, 65 animals have been adopted from our Center, and another 29 were transported to forever homes in northern states on the PETSMART Charities "Rescue Waggin'" (http://www.petsmart.com/charities/programs/rescue_waggin.shtml).

These past few days at our Center have filled our hearts, lifted our spirits, and renewed our energy so that we work even harder for companion animals and give them the voice they deserve.

Thank you, East Tennessee!

Just For Fun

www.cuteoverload.com



Help Us Help the Animals:

- **Never** buy a pet from a pet store or breeder
 - Every animal that is purchased is one less home for a homeless pet
- **Pay** the spay/neuter fee for someone who can't
 - Countless lives are saved by preventing unwanted litters
- **Always** spay/neuter your own pets
- **Help** educate:
 - Spread the word about the frustrating but fixable problem of pet overpopulation—
it's everyone's problem



Every pet deserves a home.
Together, we can make it happen.

Haiku Written By Cats

The food in my bowl
Is old, and more to the point
Contains no tuna.

So you want to play.
Will I claw at dancing string?
Your ankle is closer.

There's no dignity
In being sick - which is why
I don't tell you where.

Seeking solitude
>I am locked in the closet.
For once I need you.

Tiny can, dumped in
Plastic bowl. Presentation,
One star; service: none.

Am I in your way?
You seem to have it backwards:
This pillow is taken.

Your mouth is moving
Up and down, emitting noise.
I've lost interest.



The dog wags his tail,
Seeking approval. See mine?
Different message.

My brain: walnut-sized.
Yours: largest among primates.
Yet, who leaves for work?

Most problems can be
Ignored. The more difficult
Ones can be slept through.

My affection is conditional.
Don't stand up,
It's your lap I love.

Cats can't steal the breath
Of children. But if my tail's
Pulled again, I'll learn.

I don't mind being
Teased, any more than you mind
A skin graft or two.

So you call this thing
Your "cat carrier." I call
These my "blades of death."

Toy mice, dancing yarn
Meowing sounds. I'm convinced:
You're an idiot.

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