



knoxville-knox county
animal center

"Caring for the
homeless animals
in our community."

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The Knoxville-Knox County Animal Center is a cooperative effort by the city of Knoxville and Knox County to end the pet overpopulation crisis. Their vision is to develop a community in which no adoptable animal is euthanized. The KKCAC is dedicated to providing care for homeless animals and giving them a voice. No animal has ever been turned away from the Animal Center, and every decision made is in the best interest of the animals.

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Animal Center Gets Closer to Fund Raising Goal



The Knoxville-Knox County Animal Center is 75% complete and on schedule to open in mid-January.

Over \$600,000 has been raised to date to support the new Knoxville-Knox County Animal Center. The Center's Board of Directors had set a minimum fund raising goal of \$700,000.

The new 22,000 square foot Center at the entrance to John Tarleton Park will have the capacity to house 350 animals and represents a new direction in animal sheltering that emphasizes community involvement and educational programs on topics such as spay and neutering.

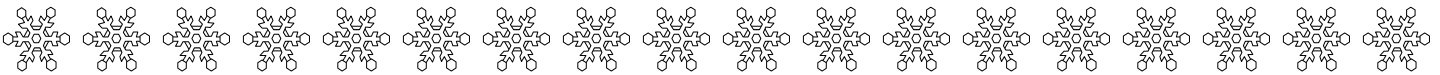
According to Mark Williams, Chairman of the Animal Center Board of Directors, "The Animal Center is an example of a unique public/private partnership between the government and private donors. People have been incredibly generous with donations to help us meet our goal of building a Center that will offer exemplary care for animals and help end animal suffering in our

community. It could not have been completed without their support for which we are extremely grateful."

Major donors to date include:

- Aslan Foundation**
\$400,000
- Thompson Charitable Foundation**
\$100,000
- Lucille Thompson Foundation**
\$50,000
- Cornerstone Foundation**
\$25,000
- Randy Boyd**
President, Radio Systems Corporation
\$20,000 to sponsor the Center's reception area and a future donation for the lobby's educational kiosk
- Brad Connatser**
\$7500 to sponsor the gardens

In addition, people have purchased 241 bricks honoring their pets and/or family members that will line the walkway to the Center and be called the Walkway of Life.



Fund Raising, Cont'd

The Center's fundraising efforts are still underway. Randy Keplinger, Executive Director of the Center said, "There are several ways friends of the Center can help the animals of our community. Named giving opportunities are still available, and we will continue to sell bricks." Bricks are available for \$100 and can be engraved with the name of a beloved pet or family member.

Donors can underwrite the cost of a real life room, cat colony, special critters room, kennel run, bench or other area of the Center. Engraved plaques listing the name of the donor will be placed in a prominent position near the donated gift. Named giving sponsorships include:

Real Life Rooms

Six of these unique rooms allow adult dogs to be placed in a more homelike setting. Potential adopters can sit in a comfortable environment to meet an animal. The rooms result in less stress to the animals and a higher adoption rate.

Cost: \$5,000 per room

Get Acquainted Rooms

Visitors who find a dog in which they are interested can sit down in one of two get acquainted rooms to get to know the dog in a safe place. The rooms will accommodate the entire family.

Cost: \$4000 per room

Featured Cat Colony

Two colonies with play structures are designed to accommodate 6 to 7 cats per room. The cats can interact, climbing and playing on the structure. The colonies, which will be the first thing the public sees as they enter the lobby, attract people to watch the animals.

Cost: \$5000 per colony

Special Critters Room

This room, which will include equipment, is designed to accommodate a variety of animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, reptiles, birds, and hamsters. It will be the first room the public sees as they walk through the adoption door.

Cost: \$5,000

Benches

Five benches constructed of faux stone with concrete seats will line the lobby of the new Center and provide the public with a place to relax. Benches will also be located in the gardens of the Center grounds.

Cost: \$2500 per bench

Kennel Runs

Twenty-five unique runs will be constructed of ceramic tile with stainless steel doors and lighting.

Cost: \$1000 per run

A grand opening of the Center is scheduled for mid-January. At that time friends of the Center and the public will be invited to tour the new facility. For information about giving opportunities please contact Karen Lively at 215-6597.

Visit www.knoxpets.org for a copy of the engraved brick order form for the Walkway of Life!



**Rabbits:
The Other Indoor Pet**



Although rabbits are the most popular small mammal in U.S. households, they are also the third most common animal relinquished to shelters.

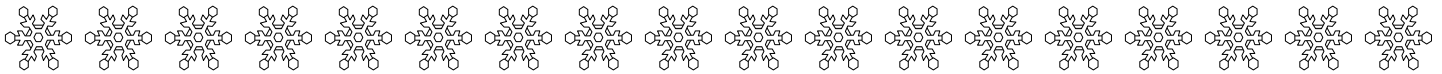
Rabbit enthusiasts are well aware that bunnies make wonderful companions and are a great choice for an indoor pet.

Did you know:

- Rabbits are fastidious and can be litter trained
- They are crepuscular (active at dawn and at dusk), which is a great fit for a family away from home during the day
- Bunnies are very playful and can learn to respond to their name
- They should be spayed/neutered just like dogs and cats for the health benefits and to prevent breeding
- They are not typically fond of being held, but they are inquisitive and will want to know what their family is up to
- They must have unlimited timothy hay and fresh greens in their diet every day
- House rabbits can live for 8-10 years

If you would like more information about this wonderful companion, visit www.rabbit.org. To adopt a rabbit, visit www.knoxpets.org or www.petfinder.com.





Rescue in the Spotlight: East Tennessee Border Collie Rescue

Taylor Slemmer,
Director of Education
and Community Outreach



East Tennessee Border Collie Rescue (ETBCR) is a non-profit organization that rescues and rehabilitates homeless Border Collies and then places them in appropriate permanent homes. The group also educates the public about the breed's special needs and provides advice to Border Collie owners who are experiencing problems, in the hope that they can be persuaded to work with their dogs and ultimately keep them. In addition, it is very important to ETBCR to encourage spay/neuter of all companion animals and to discourage irresponsible breeding practices.

I spoke to Karen Lively, who is the Rescue Coordinator for the Animal Center and also a member of ETBCR, to learn more about this special breed and the Border Collie rescue community.

Why was ETBCR established and what are its goals?

ETBCR started in a small way about nine years ago, when my rescue partner, Suzanne West, who was heavily involved in herding at that time, realized what was happening to all the very nice dogs that did not "make the grade" as herding dogs. She persuaded her trainer to turn the dogs over to her so that she could work with them and place them as family pets. After I was told that one of my adopted dogs was a Border Collie mix, I contacted Suzanne to offer my help.

We created a web site, which resulted in a huge increase in the number of dogs we could help (both mixes and pure-breds) and brought in many new volunteers and foster families. While we concentrate our efforts on dogs here in our area, we occasionally accept dogs from middle and west Tennessee and south-east Kentucky and northeast Georgia.

ETBCR has a strong mission to educate the public. Border Collies are extremely popular right now for all the wrong reasons, and many are ending up in rescue because their needs are not being met by their owners.

What are the misconceptions about border collies?

There are many misconceptions about this breed, which has increased in popu-

larity due of its rating as "the most intelligent breed in the world", success in various dog sports, and TV and movie appearances. These misconceptions have made the Border Collie a target for puppy mills, back-yard breeders, and thoughtless but well-meaning individuals who insist that they need to reproduce the family genius without giving a thought to the future well-being of the puppies.

Selectively bred over hundreds of years for its intelligence, herding ability, and intense work ethic, the Border Collie is one of the few breeds that still works for its living daily. It needs a job to do and does not do well when unemployed. This can result in destructive, and sometimes aggressive, behavior, as well as boredom, nipping, chasing, and many other bad and dangerous habits.

A family adopting a Border Collie must be aware that leaving it in a crate all day and turning it into the back yard for exercise is likely to result in one or more of the above behaviors. An adoptive family should be prepared for walking or running with their Border Collie daily, or at the very least spending time with the dog playing ball or Frisbee. Obedience, agility, flyball, and hobby herding are all appropriate outlets for this work oriented breed.

I visited your website (www.bordercollierescuetn.com), and saw that you have many dogs in rescue.

We are very fortunate in having a group of about 10 excellent foster families, most of whom have been with us for a long time and are extremely committed to the breed and to our program. We typically have between 12 and 20 dogs in the program at any given time, and most foster homes have one or two ETBCR dogs. These volunteers socialize and train the dog in basic manners, and in this way increase its chances of finding an appropriate home. We are always looking for new foster families to join our efforts!

Where do you hope ETBCR is in 5 years? 10 years?

We hope that the public will realize that while every pet is a serious commitment, a Border Collie is a big liability without sufficient stimulation. We hope that more potential owners will do research about the breed, that families with companion Border Collies will have them spayed or neutered, and we would like to see puppy mills go out of business.

Unfortunately, we don't see the present problem going away any time soon, and it is likely to get worse before it gets better. With continued efforts, though, maybe one of these days a Border Collie Rescue effort will no longer be necessary.

Thank you, Karen!

For more information about border collie rescue and border collies as companion animals, please visit ETBCR's website, www.bordercollierescuetn.com.

More than 50 percent of dog and cat owners give their pets a human name, such as Molly, Sam or Max.



PAWS for the CAUSE!

Please remember the animals this holiday season by donating an item from our wish list.

-  Bleach
-  Paper Towels
-  Bath Towels
-  Newspaper
-  Cat Litter
-  Dry Pet Food
-  Pet Treats
-  Cat Toys Towels
-  Rubber Dog Toys
-  Laundry & Dish Detergent
-  & More!!!!

Visit www.knoxpets.org for the complete wish list.

Monetary donations are also appreciated and will be used for the comfort and care of the animals. Donations should be brought to the main Center off Sutherland Avenue in the John Tarleton Park.

Thank you!!!



The Cat's Diary

Day 751: My captors continue to torment me with bizarre dangling objects. They eat lavish meals in my presence while I am forced to subsist on dry cereal. The only thing that keeps me going is the hope of eventual escape -- that, and the satisfaction I get from occasionally ruining some piece of their furniture. I fear I may be going insane. Yesterday, I ate a houseplant. Tomorrow I may eat another.

Pet Pictures with Santa Claws!



Saturday, December 6, 9am-6pm
Sunday, December 7, 12pm-5pm
at Agri-Feed & Pet Supply
5716 Middlebrook Pike



Saturday, December 13, 10am-5pm
Sunday, December 14, 1pm-5pm
Pet Supplies "Plus"
4856 Harvest Mill Way
(off Broadway behind Krispy Kreme)

Saturday, December 20, 10am-5pm
Sunday, December 21, 1pm-5pm
Pet Supplies "Plus"
7101 Kingston Pike
(next to Office Depot)

\$10 per sheet of digital photos
Each sheet contains:
(1) 8x10 or (2) 5x7 or (8) wallets



No appointment needed!

Digital photos courtesy of Art by Alessandro

In Honor, In Memory

In Honor Of:

Blaire Teodte—Happy Birthday!
Michelle Porter and Crew!
C.J. Shipe

from Friends at Hodges, Doughty, & Carson

In Memory Of:

William "Bill" McCloud

From Messrs. & Mmes. Robert Brown, Craig Brown, Michael Kedl, Paul Peltz, James F. McCloud, Gene Mathis, Bennett Tipton, and Dr. Nan Scott, Kathy Hodges, and Katy Hodges

Mason Cash "Pat" Patton

From his friends Chat 'n Chew and Eddy and Linda Ford, and Naomi and Earl Reed, Jr., Doug and Jackie Hill, Betty Lou McPherson, Rick and Gina McPherson, Sabra and Mac Boatman, Joan W. Tosti, Elizabeth R. Keller, and Carrol Blake

"Pat" Patton and Martini

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Hammond
 and Viola Sherlin

Dear Muffie Bremseth

from Elaine A. Evans

In loving memory of

Rocky Light-

forever a part of our family

Ted and Peggy Light

Holly Nix

beloved dog companion of Brenda Nix
 from Patsy Newman

Dan Brown

from Lange Animal Hospital

Lucille "Lucy" Dexter

from Nancy's friend Paula DeLucas, George and Kathleen Dexter, Karen Ulberg, and Betty B. Berry

Samantha

from David and Cynthia Carey

Ben Lange

from Mrs. Jen Schroeder

Dorothy Reed

from Dorothy Elliott

Oscar

from Joslyn Klinkel
 and Sheryl Warl

Carol K. Massengille

from her dogs Fred & Mike, the teachers at Farragut Middle School, her student Stephen Guertin, Robert F. Adkinson, Richard & Ann Goldstine, Mary O. Simpson, Suzanne & Jack Woodhouse, and Jim and Joan Passons

Robert S. Kincaid

from Sarah & Herschel K. Bailey,
 Cynthia H. Watkins, Mr. & Mrs. J.M. Parish, Robert & Ashleigh Sawdon, and Gayden Green

Nancy Connatser

from William & Becky Gardner, Robin & George Trotter III,
 Friends at EPRI PEAC Corporation, EPRI Charlotte Graphics,
 and Friends at the Animal Center

Emmy-Luise Gardner

from Elizabeth G. Demontreville

Mitch Shipe

from Friends at Hodges, Doughty, & Carson

If you would like to make a donation to the Animal Center on behalf of someone, please send it to: Animal Center, 3111 Division St., Knoxville, TN 37919, Attn: Taylor Slemmer. Please include information about where to send acknowledgments for the donation. The memorial will be published in the following issue of "The Howl". For more information about honoring someone in this way or remembering the animals in your will, please call 215-6585.

Did you know:

Other than humans, black lemurs
(*Eulemur macaco flavifrons*) are the only
primates that may have blue eyes.

