



Plans for New Blount County Animal Center Move Forward

Smoky Mountain Animal Care Foundation (SMACF) presented its vision for a new Animal Center to serve Blount County at a meeting of the Animal Control Committee on March 8. The plan outlined the issues affecting animal welfare in Blount County and the country such as adoption and euthanasia rates, veterinary care and the control of disease. To address these concerns, SMACF proposes the construction of an animal care facility of over 8,000 sq. ft. that will have the capacity to house 146 animals and will include 60 large dog kennels (20 with outside access), 32 small dog/puppy kennels and 32 feline kennels.

The plans also call for quarantine and hold kennels for animals that have not yet been examined by a veterinarian and those that are infected with a transmittable illness. These features will allow center workers to control and prevent the spread of diseases through the animal population.

Initial cost estimates prepared by SMACF place the cost for building the facility at \$1.2M. With a beginning on-site staff of a director, veterinarian, two technicians, two animal control officers, a receptionist and other volunteers, the facility will be equipped to address many of the shortcomings facing other area animal shelters. Injured and sick animal will be provided with necessary vet care when they arrive. Staff and volunteers will make every effort to place as many adoptable animals as possible. The public will be able to visit with their potential pet in a friendly and welcoming environment, and all animals will be spayed or neutered before leaving the facility.



Artist's rendering of the proposed Blount County Animal Care Facility .

SMACF estimates the initial operating budget for the facility at \$330,000 per year. In addition to raising funds for the construction of the facility, SMACF intends to continue its efforts in fundraising to supplement the ongoing expense for running the facility. "Once the facility is built, we aren't going anywhere," said Chris Protzman, President of SMACF. "Our job will just be starting."

To help offset the cost of running the facility, the group hopes other municipalities, such as the cities of Alcoa and Friendsville, will sign on to the project once it is in operation. Such an agreement would be similar to the services agreement between the county and the City of Maryville that expired at the end of 2006. However, SMACF realizes that it would have to prove the success of the new facility before such an arrangement would be considered.

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Easter Egg Hunt

ARFNets' First Annual Easter Egg Hunt, held on March 31 at the Greenbelt Pavilion, was a great success. More than 200 children, along with their family and pets, turned out to join the search. Peter Cottontail himself stopped by for a few photos. Overall, ARFNets volunteers hid an estimated 1,000 plastic eggs. Volunteers only found a couple of undiscovered eggs at the end of the day, so the kids did an excellent job. A couple of eggs were even located by the Greenbelt's resident ducks. The ducks were quite dismayed when they tried to nest atop of the plastic eggs.

The event also included free balloons, a bake sale, hot dogs and drinks, music from the 98.7 Earl-FM and face painting from ARFNets' own Rachel McReynolds. Rachel used her extraordinary talent to decorate little cheeks with the traditional bunnies and eggs, as well as Spiderman and realistic Labradors and German Shepherds.



ARFNets volunteers cannot wait until Peter drops by again next year with his basket of eggs. ARFNets would like to thank their media sponsors Journal Broadcast Group, The Daily Times and 98.7 Earl-FM for their assistance with the event. Thank you also to Charissa Knouff and Shelby Deck for their tireless efforts in planning and running the event.



Dog Beer the New Craze?

After a long day of frisbie and fetch, nothing hits the spot like a nice cold beer? A new product has hit the market for those over-indulged pooches — dog beer.

Jamie Miller of Napa Valley noticed her Akita, Kodi, loved beer and would lick up spilled beer every chance he got. Of course, beer is not safe for dogs. Not only do they not metabolize alcohol the way humans do, but some beer ingredients can be toxic to dogs. So, Jamie de-

cidated to prepare her own non-alcoholic home brew flavored with beef extract for Kodi and Happy Tail Ale was born. It's the new hottest item in Napa Valley wine stores. A similar product, Kwispeibier, has been introduced in the Netherlands. "Kwispeibier" is Dutch for wagging tail.

A 20-pack of Happy Tail Ale costs about \$20. It's currently available in 28 states, including some pet-friendly restaurants in California.





Education: The Cycle of Violence

For Christmas, 13-year-old Taylor Howard wanted a puppy. And not just any puppy. She knew exactly the one she wanted when she saw Sophie, a 2-month-old Jack Russell Terrier puppy, at Young-Williams Animal Center. Taylor loved Sophie and would talk and sing to her before bed.

But, Taylor and her mother returned home one day to find Sophie dead. Taylor's step-father, Timothy Sawyer, estranged from the family, had slammed Sophie's neck in the bathroom door, breaking it. As the puppy struggled to breach, Sawyer poured make-up down her throat and suffocated her. Sawyer laughed as he showed the dead puppy to the family. As police investigated the incident, Sawyer called several times to admit what he had done and threaten his wife. The wife later reported that Sawyer was jealous of the puppy and the attention that it received.

In February 2005, Knox County District Attorneys prosecuted the county's first aggravated animal cruelty case against Sawyer under the state's new tougher law. The law defines aggravated "animal cruelty" as the intentionally killing or intentionally causing of serious injury to a companion animal in a depraved and sadistic manner, and includes the failure to provide food and water that risks or causes death. Aggravated animal cruelty is a Class-E felony under Tennessee law, punishable by 1 to 6 years in prison.

Timothy Sawyer was convicted of aggravated animal cruelty and sentenced to two years. The case brought attention to the unmistakable connection between animal cruelty and violence. Sawyer had a history of misdemeanor charges for domestic violence against his wife. Knoxville

District Attorney Randy Nichols vowed to continue aggressive prosecution of cruelty cases. However, despite the focus that has been brought to this issue in recent years, much more action is needed.

Why is the prevention and punishment of animal cruelty so important to our society? Obviously, to intentionally inflict suffering on any living creature is wrong. Beyond this initial concern is the underlying cause of the aggression. Animal cruelty is a sign of psychological distress and emotional depravation. Most often, cruelty to animals and human violence go hand in hand. The relationship between the two forms of violence is not a new discover, but appears to have first been noted by Pinel, a celebrated psychiatrist, in 1809. Because of this link, the prevention and punishment of animal cruelty and the promotion of humane awareness can act to deter or intervene into violent situations.

Animal Cruelty as a Companion to Child or Spousal Abuse

In the words of Immanuel Kant: "He who is cruel to animals become hard also in his dealings with men. We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals." This 18th-century German philosopher discovered an unfortunate truth about society - a person who would abuse an animal would likely abuse other seemingly defenseless creatures. In 1983, a study of New Jersey child abuse cases revealed that 88% of those families had at least one member of the family that abused animals.

Animal abuse by abusive parents or spouses is itself a form of battery. The offender may use the abuse as a way to control or punish their victims, often using the abuse or threat of abuse to a pet

as a way to prevent the victim from leaving or revealing the offender's actions. The offender may also use abuse of the victim's pet to isolate and degrade the victim. Importantly, animal abuse in a violent family environment establishes that the abuse is deliberate and not merely a fit of anger or loss of control.

Many battered women's shelters have programs for pet placement, but most do not. Haven House of Blount County is in need of loving homes to provide temporary shelter to pets of abused women and children. This placement allows victims to escape their dangerous circumstances without worry that their beloved pet will become the scapegoat for their abuser's aggression.

Animal Cruelty by a Child as a Sign of Abuse

Quite often, offenders abuse their victims as a means of degrading and controlling them. The offender is seeking to assert a form of power over their victims and the victims are left feeling helpless, powerless and worthless. Because they feel unable to protect themselves or to lash out at their abuser, victims will often seek out a target for their frustration and anger. An animal can serve as a target for this rage, and also provide the victim with a substitute sense of power and control.

Abused children in particular tend to seek a to validate or communicate their abuse. Children often reenact behavior that they





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County Commission Considers Appropriation of Funds/Property to Shelter Project; Donations

At a meeting of the Animal Control Committee on April 5, the committee members voted to request an appropriation of \$350,000 from the County's debt service fund and county-owned property to begin the animal center project. The committee proposes to construct the center in phases, beginning with the rear portion of the facility dedicated to housing animals.

The request was presented to the Finance Committee on April 9 and approved. The proposal will now be present to the entire commission for consideration. The property is a 10 to 12-acre tract located

behind the Boys and Girls Club off Currie Avenue.

The property would provide plenty of room for expansion of the facility, but also space for a possible dog park in the future.

Allen & Hoshall Architects and Engineers has agreed to provide all design services for the facility at no cost. In addition, Julie Nelson of Nelson Realtors, Inc. has made a personal pledge of \$15,000 toward construction. Protzman said that these were encouraging steps toward that final goal that evidence community and county government's commitment to the project. SMACF will continue its efforts in fundraising to meet the total construction budget needs. Visit their web site at www.smokymountainanimalcare.org to make a donation.



A side view of the Animal Care Facility, showing outside access from interior dog kennels.

Spotlight On... Shelby Deck: Co-Director of Fundraising

Shelby Deck is one of our newest Members, and has jumped right in to assist our Fundraising Director (Charissa Knouff) in helping to plan some fantastic events for 2007 in order to raise money to help all of the animals that ARFNets cares for.

Shelby, a native of Tennessee, is a Marketing Coordinator for Smiths Detections in Knoxville, and enjoys spending her free time with her fiancé Chris Sonon and her two dogs Bailey and Tracker.

Shelby first learned about ARFNets while looking online to help find a furry companion for a friend. Instead, she found Tracker, who was being fostered by Sue Salter. Tracker was a perfect match for her other rescue dog Bailey, and so she adopted Tracker into her family.

After adopting Tracker from ARFNets, Shelby decided to get involved with the organization as a Volunteer, hoping that her Marketing skills might give her the opportunity to present some ideas to help



Bailey (in front) and Tracker.

raise money to care for the animals that our fosters take into their homes until we can find them forever families. Instead, she ended up jumping right in to help Charissa in planning Fundraising Events.



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in planning Fundraising Events. Shelby summarizes her involvement with ARFNets very simply. "I adopted Tracker, and ARFNets adopted me."

Since joining us earlier this year, Shelby has not hesitated to help our organization in any way that she can. From holding dogs at adoption events, to working on fantastic, very successful Fundraising Events with Charissa.



Older Dogs Make a Big Hit

In MGM's 2006 production of *Rocky Balboa*, Rocky takes on a new training partner - a older dog named Punchy who has as much fight as the heroic star. Punchy is played by a 10-year-old terrier mix named Rusty. In the movie, Rocky takes a young boy to the shelter to adopt a dog. The boy wants a young dog, but Rocky teaches him that younger does not mean better. Instead, they adopt an old, scruffy, black dog that quickly becomes Rocky's constant companion.

Punchy is side-by-side with Rocky through training scenes reminiscent of the original *Rocky* movie, sporting a matching grey sweat suit. When Rocky runs to the

top of the steps at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, he lifts Punchy into a triumphant hug.

Sylvester Stallone, writer, director and star of the movie, filmed the adoption scene at the Philadelphia Animal Care and Control Association (PACCA). After the movie was released in December of 2006, PACCA reported a 60% increase in the adoption of older dogs.

Punchy provides us with a valuable lesson - older animals have a

lot left to give, make excellent companions and deserve a second chance at a happy life.



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have witnessed or actions that have been taken against them with dolls or toys. This type of communicating the abuse is sometimes encouraged in control therapy settings. However, absent appropriate therapy, a child may naturally relay his or her experiences through role play which may involve cruelty to an animal. In fact, in one study of 57 families being treated for child abuse, one-third of the abuse children had killed or injured animals.

Abusive and anti-social behavior by a child has been recognized as a classic indicator of abuse. By acknowledging this cycle and taking seriously acts of animal cruelty by children, authorities and caregivers can recognize the signs of a child reaching out for help. By reacting to this indication of distress, we can intervene into the violent situation and provide the child with the assistance and support that they need.

Animal Cruelty as a Precursor to Violent Offenses

The correlation between animal cruelty and the human violence can also indicate the offender's potential for later violent acts against humans. Psychological studies show that the emotional depravity necessary for the commission of violent acts against humans is most often present in individuals that commit acts of cruelty against animals. The most remarkable evidence of this link can be seen in the histories of some of our nation's most notorious criminals:

- As a child, Jeffrey Dahmer impaled frogs, killed neighbor's dogs and cats and impaled a dogs head on a stick. As an adult, he killed, dismembered and cannibalized 17 people.
- Brenda Spencer set the tails of dogs and cats on fire as a child. As an adult, she opened fire on a group of San Diego school children, killing 2 and wounding 9.
- The "Boston Strangler", Albert DeSalvo, shot arrows into boxes of trapped dogs and cats.
- David Berkowitz, the "Son of Sam", killed a number of his neighbor's pets.
- Edmund Emil Kemper, III, who murdered his mother and 7 other women, had a history of animal abuse.
- Carol Edmund Cole, who murdered 35 people, stated that his first act of violence as strangling a puppy.
- Richard Allen Davis, kidnapper and murder, doused cats with gasoline and set them on fire.
- 12-year-old Eric Smith strangled his neighbor's cat with a garden hose. A year later, he lured 4-year-old Derrick Robie into the woods, choked him, sodomized him with a stick and bludgeoned him to death.



Education:

- Of the young gunmen involved in school shootings in Mississippi, Arkansas, Oregon and Colorado, almost all were known to have abused or killed animals prior to their crimes.

The connection between animal cruelty and violent offenses is astonishing. Studies of prison inmates reveal that as many as 75% of violent offenders had early records of animal cruelty offenses. The FBI has recognized the link since the 1970s, when its profile analyses of serial killers suggested that most had consistent patterns of animal cruelty as children. The American Psychiatric Association considers animal cruelty one of the diagnostic criteria for conduct disorders.

Many individuals with the innate tendency for violent crime begin acting on these desires on animals. Interviews with some offenders reveal that they may view animal cruelty as a means of satisfying their need for this feeling of power and control with less risk of being caught or punished. Others indicate a

lowered sense of guilt, the ease of obtaining victims and the need to “practice” and perfect their methods as reasons for acts of animal cruelty. In jailhouse interviews, Jeffrey Dahmer referenced most of these reasons for his history of animal cruelty that began in his childhood.

Intervention into any one of these tragic lives at an early age or stage may have forced them to obtain the help that they so desperately needed, or at the very least saved the lives of their later victims.

What You Can Do

- **Know the Signs** - Know the difference between a young child’s natural exploration and animal cruelty. While young children may step on ants, normal curiosity does not rise to the level of torture. While innocent acts of cruelty should be addressed, the acts are of particular concern when the child is insensitive to the obvious distress of the animal, repeats the behavior or derives pleasure from causing an animal pain.

- **Take Animal Cruelty Seriously** - Do not simply dismiss the conduct as unfortunate. Report animal cruelty to a child’s parents, the police, animal control or a child’s school guidance counselor. Be cognoscente of the abuser’s family dynamics as the abuse may be an indicator of a violent situation.

- **Encourage Strict Enforcement of Animal Cruelty Laws and Tough Penalties** - Contact your local law enforcement and district attorney’s office and encourage them to be tough on animal cruelty cases.

- **Educate the Public and Governmental Agency on the Connection between Animal Cruelty and Violence**

- **Develop Cross-Training and Cross-Reporting between Animal Control, Schools, Child and Human Services and Police**

- **Educate your Children and Promote Humane Education Programs** - Lead by example. Instill a sense of compassion and humane values in your children, and encourage self-control and non-violent problem solving

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 April Fools Day Palm Sunday	2 Horse Racing Awareness Week	3	4	5	6 	7
8 	9 National Animal Control Appreciation Week	10 ARFNets General Meeting; 6:00 at the Blount County Library	11	12	13	14
15	16 Animal Cruelty/Human Violence Awareness Week	17	18	19	20	21
22  Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month				

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 6 - 12—Be Kind to Animals Week

May 8—ARFNets General Meeting; 6:00 PM at the Blount County Library

May 11-12 - ARFNets Bake Sale at New Midland Plaza Arts & Crafts Fair; Fri 9-6, Sat. 9-4

May 13—Mother’s Day

May 19—Armed Forces Day

May 20 - 26—National Dog Bite Prevention Week

May 28—Memorial Day

June—Adopt-A-Shelter Cat Month

June 12 - ARFNets General Meeting; 6:00 PM at the Blount County Library

June 14—Flag Day

June 17—Father’s Day

June 18 - Smokies Baseball Dog Days of Summer

June 22 (27) - Take Your Dog to Work Day



Happy Tails

Marbles and Cuddly came into foster care after being brought to the Maryville Animal Shelter late in 2006. They were in a wire crate in the back of a pickup truck while the woman who found them hesitated to take them inside. Marbles, along with her (4) Kittens were rescued before they even got to the front door of the shelter.

Several weeks later, three of the four kittens had found their forever homes, and it started to look like Marbles and Cuddly might be in foster care for some time to come. Then, a wonderful family in Blount County, Valerie and Jim Vesper and their daughter decided after some time without cats in the house, that they needed some companionship. They called looking for a kitten. After speaking with them by phone, it was decided that an in-home trial for these two sweeties should be arranged. It worked! The Vespers decided to keep the remainder of this feline family together and give them a second chance at happiness.

It took several weeks for these two wonderful felines to get acquainted with their new surroundings, hiding in the basement of the house and allowing little contact from the outside world. However, with patience and persistence from Valerie and Jim, they began to come around.

Last week I got an email from Valerie with an update. It seems that Marbles and Cuddly (now Molly) are starting to really make themselves at home. Out of hiding now, they are adapting well to their new forever home, watching Disney movies on the couch with Valerie and Rachel, nibbling on Jim's fingers and being content as they look forward to years of warmth, love and affection.

Congratulations Marbles and Cuddly, you deserve all of the happiness in the world.



Office Space Needed!!

ARFNets is in need of office space. If you have a small commercial space available, please contact Kandi Yeager at 621-3879 or 981-9686. The space would primarily be used to storing supplies, but also occasionally for printing and copying. Traffic would be minimal and ARFNets would be responsible for all utilities. Your donation would be tax-deductible.





1st Annual ARFNets Dog Days of Summer Animal Rescue Fun Run/Walk

ARFNets will be hosting its 1st Annual Dog Days of Summer Animal Rescue Fun Run/Walk on **July 7 at the Greenbelt Pavilion** next to the Blount County Courthouse. Entrants can sign up on the day of the event beginning at 8:00 am. The Run/Walk will begin at 10am and will include a 2.5 mile course along the Greenbelt.



Bring your dog and complete the course as a team!

Get sponsors for your participation. The entrant who obtains the largest amount in sponsorship will win the grand prize!



A minimum sponsorship of \$25.00 entitles you to an official Dog Days of Summer Animal Rescue Fun Run/Walk T-shirt and a special treat for your four-legged team member.



Other prizes awarded for the Second and Third Place participants!

A day of fun for everyone, including food, music, games and more!

100% of proceeds to benefit ARFNets and Smoky Mountain Animal Care Foundation, both 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. Your sponsorships are tax deductible.



New Midland Plaza Spring Arts & Crafts Fair

Friday May 11 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Saturday May 12 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Come by and visit the ARFNets table for pies, cakes and other goodies at our Bake Sale. Also, we will be showcasing arts and craft from our talented members including pencil drawings, stained glass and paintings among others.

Two Paws UP

ARFNets would like to thank for following individuals that made donations to help our cause:

Brenda Cook

Shelia Falls-Galyon

Amy Hayes

Journal Broadcast Group

Amy Mann



News

Gentry Fined: Country singer Troy Lee Gentry of Montgomery Gentry plead guilty to killing a tame black bear he had purchased from a hunting guide. The guide, Lee Marvin Greenly, is the owner of Minnesota Wildlife Connection. Gentry released the bear into a pen and killed it with a bow and arrow. The killing was videotaped and edited to show Gentry hunting and killing the bear after a chase. Gentry had the bear stuffed and displayed in his Tennessee home. As part of his plea deal, Gentry turned over the bear and his bow, was sentenced to 3 months probation and fined \$15,000 and cannot hunt in the State of Minnesota for 5 years.

Louisiana Police Indicted for Killing Animals: Former Deputy Mike Minton and Deputy Chip England have been indicted for aggravated cruelty to animals. Witnesses say the officers shot family pets as their owners were being loaded into boats for evacuation during Hurricane Katrina. The animals were shot in the legs, neck and hindquarters, causing prolonged pain and suffering. You can read the entire story at <http://network.bestfriends.org/washington/news/12248.html>. Aggravated animal cruelty is a felony in Louisiana.

Dolphin Exhibit in Las Vegas Inhumane: According to the World Society for the Protection of Animals, 11 of the 16 dolphins used in The Mirage's dolphin exhibit has died since it was opened in 1990. Although records indicate that the dolphins dies of natural causes, experts say that captive dolphins routinely die at young ages. The U.S. Dept of Agriculture entered into a settlement agreement with The Mirage in 2005 under which the hotel agreed to make undisclosed changes to how it cares for the dolphins in the exhibit.

Pet Theft a Continuing Problem in the US: A Los Angeles family was robbed at gunpoint in their home on February 23. The family breeds and sells Yorkshire Terriers and had advertised the puppies for sale in a local thrift paper. The robbers came to the home under the pretense of purchasing a puppy, but forced the family to lay on the floor while they stuffed three puppies and their pet into a black garbage bag. The family has now recovered all of the dogs and two men have been charged with the crime. Luckily, the family had just installed surveillance cameras in their home and the entire event was caught on tape. You can review the report at <http://video.nbc4.tv/player/?id=76750>.

Dog Found with Mouth Wired Shut: Diane Leslie found a small spaniel-terrier mix wandering in Carrollton, Texas with its mouth wired shut. Rescuers believe someone was trying to prevent the dog from barking. She has been named Angel and is doing well despite stitches and nerve damage caused by the wire.

Pig Ears Recalled: BJ's Wholesale Club has recalled its Berkley & Jensen Full-Cut Pig Ears due to possible salmonella contamination. The recall involves the 25-count packages purchased between January 1, 2006 and March 8, 2007. The packages are marked "Best if used by 2009." The packages should be thrown away. For more information, contact BJ's Wholesale Club Member Careline at 1-800-BJS-CLUB.

Canine Lymphoma Test Now Available: Dog World magazine reports that PetScreen, Ltd. of England has developed a blood test for canine lymphoma that is less invasive than the traditional biopsy. The company is also working on other tests for canines and felines. For more information, go to www.Pet-Screen.com.

Fur as Fashion Faux Pas: In light of recent reports about the inhumane practices used in fur production and the use of domestic cat and dog fur in garments, many are speaking out about the use of any fur in clothing. The reports indicate that fur farm animals are housed in tiny, filthy cages and are beaten, strangled, poisoned and gassed, or killed by anal or vaginal electrocution or breaking of the neck. An undercover video, narrated by Martha Stewart, shows animals in China being slammed to the ground and them skinned alive, still panting and blinking. In response, **Israel's Chief Rabbi Yana Metzger** has ruled that Jews should not wear fur from animals that have been skinned alive and, in 1992, **Tel Aviv Rabbi Chaim Dovid Halevy** ruled that Jews should not wear fur. **Designer Tommy Hilfiger** has announced that the company will cease developing any garment containing fur and that any product with fur already in production will be phased out by Spring 2008. Fur garments are often mislabeled as faux fur.



If you are interested in any of these adorable pets, please contact ARFNets or Lindsey at:
Lindsey.Hill@maryvillecollege.edu or 865-256-0754.

Petunia (left) and Violet (right)

Petunia and Violet are 2-month-old female Terrier mixes.

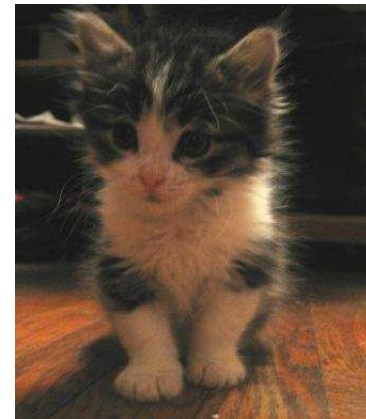
We were saved from a shelter, but we didn't escape empty-handed...we came down with parvo :(We are very healthy now thanks to our very kind vet and we are up to date on all of our shots. We will be available for home visits starting April 12th, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't put in your applications now. Our favorite activities include going on walks and eating! Please only homes with securely fenced in yards and homes that have the patience and time for puppy training.



Bigby

Bigby is a 3-year-old male Manx mix.

I'm Bigby and I'm a very loving cat that was saved from a high-kill shelter after the animal control officers couldn't bear to put me down because I'm so friendly. I'm a natural bob-tail and have a beautiful charcoal grey coat. I really love sitting by the window and high on my cat tree. I think I will be happier in a house with no other cats, but as you can see by my picture I can get along with them just fine if necessary! I'm very good at using my litterbox and not scratching the furniture. I'm negative for Feline Leukemia, am up to date on all of my vaccines, and neutered. My adoption fee is only \$60. WHAT A DEAL!



Ophelia (left) and Oscar (right)

Ophelia and Oscar are 1-month-old Tortoiseshell/Log Hair kittens.

We are wonderful kittens, sister and brother, who were abandoned when we were only weeks old. We will be available for adoption in a few weeks when we are old enough to survive on our own.



You Can Help!

Get involved and save a life! There are many ways you can help improve the lives of animals in our community. Chose the way the best suits you and get started today.

- ◆ **Make a Monetary Donation:** Complete the form below and make a monetary donation to ARFNets. Or, visit www.arfnets.org and make automatic monthly donations through PayPal.
- ◆ **Make a Donation of Supplies:** ARFNets' Programs are always in need of supplies to continue our work. Make a donation of pet food, toys, a dog crate, or see the "Foster Wish List" section in this newsletter for specific needs. Contact ARFNets at info@arfnets.org or call 621-0539.
- ◆ **Donate You Time:** ARFNets has several programs to meet the needs of the animals in our area. For more information on how you can get involved in one of those programs as an ARFNets volunteer or member, complete the form below or visit www.arfnets.org.
- ◆ **Donate Your Love:** Become an ARFNets Foster and open your home and heart to a needy animal. Veterinary services are provided by ARFNets. For more information, complete the form below or visit www.arfnets.org.

Please complete and return to: ARFNets, P.O. Box 5671, Maryville, TN 37802

<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to make a donation of \$_____.	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like more information on volunteering for the following ARFNets program(s): (Please check)
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like more information on becoming an ARFNets Foster.	<input type="checkbox"/> Feral Cat Program <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter Watch/Friends of the Shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption and Events <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations/Distribution
Name: _____	Email: _____
Address: _____	
City, State, ZIP: _____	

Share-A-Pet

The ARFNets Share-A-Pet Program is designed to allow those who cannot have a pet for whatever reason to take an active part in saving the life of an animal in need in Blount and surrounding counties. Share-A-Pet is perfect for people who cannot have pets because of space or time constraints, children who may not be old enough for the responsibility of pet ownership and those who are not able to care for a pet. Sponsorship of an animal in need is only \$10.00 per month and your contribution is designated specifically for the care of rescued animals. Along with your sponsorship, you will receive quarterly updates and photos of your sponsored animal. You can sponsor any ARFNets foster animal you see in this newsletter, or visit www.arfnets.org to see more animals available for sponsorship or to have your sponsorship automatically deducted from your account through PayPal.



ARFNets Share-A-Pet Program

Please complete and return to: ARFNets, Attention: Share-A-Pet, P.O. Box 5671, Maryville, TN 37802

Name: _____	Sponsored Animal: _____
Address: _____	Additional Animal: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____	
Email: _____	

ARFNets is a 501(c)(3) organization and an entirely volunteer program. Your donations are tax-deductible and 100% of your donation goes to save the lives of animals in need.

