

Roane County puppy mill raid

Animal control officers recently raided Marjorie Dodd's property in Roane County where they found

kept as "breeders" and used purely for profit. Dodd is currently facing six counts of animal cruelty. A hearing in Roane County General Sessions court has been moved to Feb. 22 so an attorney will have a chance to discuss the case with her.

Ironically, Dodd's family has shown concern regarding the amount of press coverage and the effect a crowded courtroom has had on her, much like the anxiety these animals must have felt being trapped in a cage full of their own feces and urine.

Roane County animal shelter and several local



Maura was a rescue from the puppy mill in Roane County. She gave birth to a litter after her rescue. *Photo submitted*

rescue groups are currently fostering and covering the costs of care for these neglected animals. If you'd like to help cover expenses, contact information is listed below.

Roane County Humane Society info: 423-376-7300 or e-mail rcas@iol24.com.

Small Breed rescue of Tennessee info: Karen Marquand, 966-6597 or e-mail rescue@sbret.com.

Little Paws canine rescue of Kingston info: 376-8669 or e-mail sdfarver@netzero.net.

For more information on preventing puppy mills, visit the ASPCA's Web site at www.aspc.org.

Do you have critter-related news you'd like to share? E-mail Sara at BarrettS@shoppernews.com, or call her at 218-9378.

Knoxville Watercolor Society show at KMA

The Knoxville Watercolor Society will be exhibiting at the Knoxville Museum of Art Jan. 29 through Feb. 28. The public is invited to a reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. Admission to the Museum and the exhibit is free. Museum hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Info: Mary Connolly, 482-5181, or Clarke Gillespie, 525-6101.

HEALTH NOTES

The West Knox Free Clinic, 11201 West Point Drive, Suite 102, will be held 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 16 and Feb. 13. Dr. Russell and volunteers serve uninsured or underinsured persons in need of general care, women who need pap smears, and provide social services and crisis management assistance. For appointment: Farragut Family Practice, 675-3743.

The National Kidney Foundation Serving East Tennessee will conduct a free health screening for people at increased risk for kidney disease 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Feb. 15, at the Luminary United Methodist Church, 3401 River Road, Ten Mile. Info or for appointment: 688-5481 or e-mail jennifer.kuechenmeister@kidney.org.

Large Group Volunteer Orientation at UT Hospice office 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26. Info: 544-6277.

Cancer survivor support groups, Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings and Tuesday evenings, at the Wellness Community, 2230 Sutherland Ave. **Support groups for cancer caregivers**, Monday evenings. **Cancer family bereavement group**, Thursday evenings. Info: 546-4661.

Chronic Pain and Depression support group meets noon to 1:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of every month at Faith Promise Church off Pellissippi Parkway. Info: Paula, 945-3810, or 748-1407.

Covenant Weight Management Center offers a free educational program at noon the first Tuesday of each month. The programs are held at the center located at 200 Fort Sanders West Blvd., Building One, Suite 200.

Fibromyalgia screenings are held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the Fibromyalgia Clinic located at Total Rehab Physical Therapy. Also **support group meetings and several classes** are held on the third Wednesday

of each month. No charge. Info: 548-1086.

Grief support groups at Fort Sanders Sevier Hospital at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Covenant Home Care Knoxville office and 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Covenant Home Care Oak Ridge office. Registration is required. Info or to register: 541-4500.

Lung cancer support group meets 6 p.m. the third Monday every month at Baptist West Cancer Center, 10820 Parkside Drive. No charge, light refreshments served. Info: Trish or Amanda, 218-7081.

Stop Smoking: 215-QUIT (7848) is a program of the Knox County Health Department. The hotline is answered 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

UT Hospice conducts ongoing orientation sessions for adults (18 and older) interested in becoming volunteers with its program. No Medical experience is required. Training is provided. Info: 544-6277 or 544-6279.

UT Hospice Adult Grief Support, for any adult who is suffering loss, meets 6 to 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month in the UT Hospice office, 2270 Sutherland Ave. A light supper is served. Info or to reserve a spot: 544-6277.

ANIMAL EVENTS

Feral Feline Friends of East Tennessee have animals available for adoption at PetSmart located in Turkey Creek during normal business hours. Info: www.feralfelinefriends.org.

Horse Haven of Tennessee meets 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, in room 117A in the UT Small Animal Hospital. Info: 609-4030 or visit www.horsehaven.net.

The following rescue groups will hold adoption events Saturday, Jan. 16, at Agri Feed pet supply, 5716 Middlebrook Pike: East Tennessee Border Collies, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Cocker Companions, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The Stray Connection will showcase its adoptable animals 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at PetSmart on Morrell Road near West Town Mall.

Young-Williams Animal Center team member Mark Miracle



enjoys some special moments with 3-year-old rat brothers Simon and Theodore. Pet rats are clean, gentle and friendly. These senior boys are relaxed and wonderful, preferring a nap over rowdy play. Rats make wonderful family pets and can be a wonderful way to introduce children to the fun of small mammals. See all of the Center's adoptable animals at www.knoxpets.org or visit them at 3201 Division St. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

SENIOR EVENTS

Wise Consuming: Saving Money in 2010

Kathy Sergeant, manager of the One Call Club for Seniors, and Gabrielle Blake, local couponing blogger and workshop coordinator, will share tips and tactics on ways for seniors to save money. The meeting will take place at the John T. O'Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona Street, 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14.

At the monthly meeting, the Council on Aging presents issues of interest to area seniors, their caregivers and eldercare professionals. The Council on Aging membership is free, and the meetings are open to the public. Info: 524-2786.

Snowflake Ball to benefit seniors

The second annual Snowflake Ball will be held 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Kerbela Temple. Tickets will be \$20 for the black-tie optional event.

Proceeds from the ball will benefit the Senior Companion Program, which provides companions in the home for frail, homebound persons at no charge. Demand for Senior Companions, who are volunteers, historically exceeds supply. Community support allows the program to train and place more companions with those in need.

Sponsors of the event include Covenant Health Senior Services, Mercy Health Partners and AmeriChoice by UnitedHealthcare.

Ticket info: 541-4500. Senior Companions info: 524-2786.

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