

## Highlights

- **Knox animals act in Purina® ad**
- **Local breed, obedience & tracking**
- **Agility classes at UT**

# Meadowbrooke News

Meadowbrooke Kennel  
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## New rescue sponsor

Two of the 'actors' (above) enjoy a quiet moment on the set of a recent TV commercial shoot for Purina®. A local production company filmed the ad for Pro Plan® dog food and the company's new campaign, Rally to Rescue™.

It was the acting debut for all the dogs and cats, and the first time many of the handlers had been involved with a project of this magnitude. The shoot included several human actors, huge lights and dozens of crew members. Police controlled traffic on the street at the Fountain City location throughout the long day. It was a little bit of Hollywood right here in Knoxville!

The ad will be aired during Purina's® National Dog Show, an NBC event, at noon on Thanksgiving Day, immediately following the Macy's Parade.

In addition to the Great Pyrenees and kitten (above), look for a Pembroke Welsh Corgi, an Australian Shepherd and another, slightly older cat. These five dogs and cats in the commercial are all rescues, and were all trained and handled by Meadowbrooke staff and students.

## Rallying to Help Rescue Animals

The Rally to Rescue™ campaign is designed to support a wide range of rescue organizations coast to coast. Through various promotional materials (e.g., sales of a dog collar and matching wristband for humans) the program aims to collect and disperse significant funds to rescue organizations that nourish and care for unwanted pets. More about the campaign can be found at the website [www.rallytorescue.org](http://www.rallytorescue.org).

## Agility at UT Vet School

Agility (and pre-agility obedience) training will be offered indoors, at Brehm Arena, on the UTK Ag campus, for beginner and intermediate students starting November 2. The first 2 classes focus on obedience; they're followed by 4 sessions of agility. The schedule, directions and other info can be found at [www.mbkennel.com/agility\\_classes.htm](http://www.mbkennel.com/agility_classes.htm).

## AKC local competitions

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club, Inc. (TVKC), the Knoxville-based member of the American Kennel Club (AKC), will host its annual dog show on November 5-6. This year the events, including breed and obedience competition, will all be held in downtown Knoxville at the Civic Coliseum.

AKC also sanctions all levels of tracking competition, and events are now available in the local area. Last year, Oak Ridge Kennel Club (ORKC) held its first

official AKC tracking test. Their second is scheduled for December 3 in Heiskell. All breeds can participate in tracking tests, and last year all exhibitors received qualifying scores!

## Upcoming events

Nov 5-6	Knoxville, TN*	BO
Nov 5-6	Alpharetta, GA	A
Nov 12	Greenville, SC	O
Nov 13	Asheville, NC	O
Nov 19-20	Roanoke, VA	A
Nov 20	Hazel Green, AL	T
Nov 25-27	Decatur, AL	A
Nov 26-27	Charlotte, NC	BOR
Dec 2-4	Fletcher, NC	A
Dec 3	Heiskell, TN*	T
Dec 10-11	Decatur, AL	BOR
Dec 17-18	Durham, NC	OR

A=Agility B=Breed O=Obedience R=Rally T=Tracking

\* See articles above for more info

## Resources

### Obedience

Monday classes starting November 7

Tuesday classes starting December 6

Private lessons

Boarding School

### Agility (see text for details)

Beginners class Wednesdays 7:15 pm

Intermediate class Wednesdays 6 pm

Mixed-level class Sundays 11 am

Private lessons

### Boarding

Daily hours: 9-1 and 4-6 (Sundays: 4-6)

### More Info

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