

## Tours, Open Houses, Events

Life with animals is subject to change without notice. Please call 540-854-0870 x3 or check [www.RikkisRefuge.org](http://www.RikkisRefuge.org) before arriving for events. Animals and weather can cancel an event without warning.

Christmas Day Tour with Jan: 12/25, noon  
 New Years Day Hike: 1/1, noon, Nature Walk  
 Monthly Tours: noon, Sunday, 1/30, 2/27, 3/27, 4/17, 5/22, 6/12  
 Full Moon Walk: vegetarian bbq, bon fire: Saturday, 1/15, 2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/14, 6/11  
 Sunday Tours: noon when there's not another tour, open house or special event that week  
 Drop off Donations noon to 2 pm, Saturdays  
 Singles Day: 10 am - 4 pm, Saturday, 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11  
 Basic Volunteer Training: 11 am - 3 pm, Saturday, 1/22, 2/19, 3/19, 4/23, 5/21, 6/18  
 Self Service Volunteer Training: 8 am - 1 pm, Saturday, 1/29, 2/26, 3/26, 4/30, 5/28, 6/25  
 Spiritual Growth Night: last Saturday, 1/29, 2/26, 3/26, 4/30, 5/28, 6/25  
 Volunteer Appreciation Day: Saturday, 3/26, 6/25  
 Bunny Bonanza: Saturday, 4/16  
 Golf Tournament: TBD, interested in coordinating this event? Call me 540-854-0870 x2  
 Cruisin' for the Critters – A 60s Tribute Party: Friday, 5/6, Classic Car Center, Fredericksburg

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Don't be left in the dark and miss the weekly fun events; Hound Dog Day 1/8, Adopt a Refuge Day 1/9, Animal Attention Day 1/15, Sandwich Day 1/16, North / South Day 1/17, Hoof Care Day 1/22, Celebrate Life Day 1/23, Getting Ready for Groundhogs 1/29, Chicken City Feather Fluffing 1/30, Can Day 2/5, Pick a Pet Day 2/6, Supper Bowl Sunday (yes, you read that right!) 2/6; and many, many, more fun days!



Remember all that rain in the fall of 2009? The deluge forced us to cancel the October Open House and every public event until the March Tour. Once back on schedule, Tours and Open Houses were very popular for kids and adults. Everybody loves to get up close and meet the animals!



## WILD AND FERAL

Wild and Feral passes the 200 mark, with the help of the local spay clinic

Our Wild and Feral division has passed the 200 mark! As of the end of September, over 200 feral and free-roaming felines have been speutered at three local clinics, with the majority being done at the Pulaski County Humane Society clinic under the PetSmart charities grant they have. This helps keep Wild and Feral's expenses down and we can use the donations you have made to pay for those "emergency" surgeries (pregnant cats that can't wait for the next clinic, for example) that crop up.

The trapping is being done mostly by the caretakers themselves. We purchased 25 trapping books from Alley Cat Allies and the trappers borrow them at the time of trapping. This really helps the cats as they are then properly trapped and cared for before and after surgery.

Caretakers are starting to spread the word and more and more people are not only getting their cats speutered, but are beginning to understand and embrace ear tipping. This extremely important part of the process prevents cats from being trapped over and over as well as buys them extra time at the pound in the event they are ever taken in.

Our upcoming plans include:

- Conduct a trapping seminar/seminars
  - Continue with our December fundraisers
  - Recruit volunteers to help with the feral spay clinics
  - Increase surgeries from 40 avg per month to 60
  - Continue to pursue making TNR an accepted and legal activity under Commonwealth laws
- Judith Peele, Division Chief



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