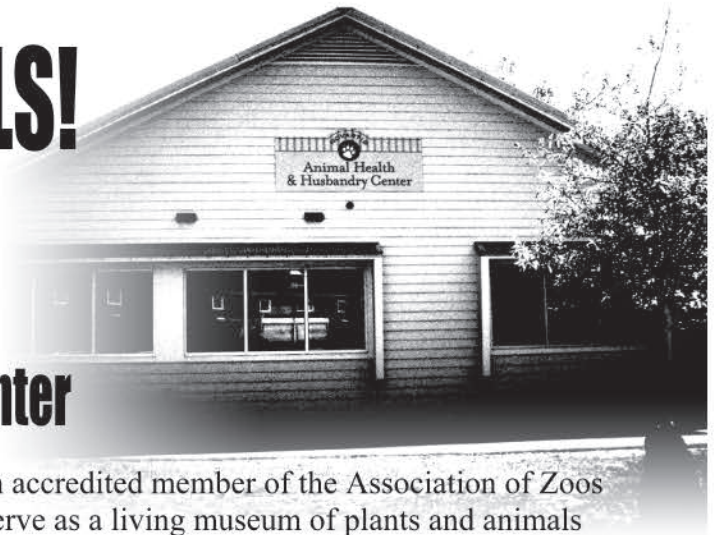


HELP US HELP OUR ANIMALS!

We have an Urgent Need for a Veterinary Clinic & Quarantine Area at the Western North Carolina Nature Center



The Western North Carolina Nature Center (Nature Center) is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). The mission of the Nature Center is to serve as a living museum of plants and animals native to the Southern Appalachians.

To maintain its national AZA Accreditation, the Nature Center must undergo periodic inspections by AZA. The last accreditation inspection occurred in 2004 during its ownership by the County, with the next inspection scheduled for 2010. The unresolved major concern of the 2004 AZA inspection is the less than adequate veterinary and quarantine facilities: specifically, that the Center's

- 1) veterinary facilities are inadequate to meet the needs of the collection,
- 2) quarantine facilities are scattered and random,
- 3) isolation and holding facilities need to be improved, and that
- 4) there is an emerging need for dedicated facilities for surgery, treatment, and pharmacy.

If the Center and the Friends do not address this AZA major concern, there is a possibility that the Nature Center will lose its AZA Accreditation in 2010 which would adversely impact the Friends' members.

Yes, I want to help build this Clinic. My donation is enclosed and will be earmarked for this much needed project.

Yes, I want to help build this Clinic, but would like more information. Please contact me by phone or e-mail. I have listed my preferred contact information below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I prefer being contacted by e-mail ____ or phone ____ or by visiting the Friends office _____. Please check one.

The best time and day to contact me are _____.

Please return this form with any donation made out to the Friends of the WNC Nature Center to P.O. Box 19151, Asheville, NC 28815. Thank you for your support of the WNC Nature Center and our veterinary clinic!