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**IJAMS OPENS NEW PET WELCOME STATION WITH PETSAFE**

Ijams Nature Center, complete with over twelve miles of trails, is one of Knoxville's most cherished greenspaces for visitors to walk their pets. Now, with the support of PetSafe, a new Pet Welcome Station will provide enhanced enjoyment for the furry park visitors.

**To celebrate the opening of the new pet station, Ijams and PetSafe invite visitors and their special pets to come out to Ijams on: Thursday November 13 at 3pm at the Visitor Center Plaza. Joining us will be a number of community pet partners including Small Breed Rescue with little pups who will be up for adoption.**

The Pet Welcome Station is part of a series of improvements Ijams has made in 2014 to enhance visitor orientation and enjoyment on the Visitor Center Plaza. Recent additions also include wildlife interpretation, information kiosks and custom-designed art installations by local artisans.

The Pet Welcome Station features a handy water fountain as well as hitching posts to secure dogs while visitors step into the Visitor Center for a trail map or a quick snack.

Funding has been provided by PetSafe, the largest manufacturer of electronic pet training products in the U.S. PetSafe is committed to helping Knoxville become the most pet-friendly city in America.

**About Us:** Ijams Nature Center is a 300-acre urban greenspace encouraging stewardship of the natural world by providing engaging outdoor experiences.

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