



## The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine

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### Media Advisory

#### EXHIBIT DEDICATION AT VETERINARY COLLEGE

**What: “Smokey: Four Pounds of Courage” exhibit will be dedicated**

**Date: Monday, October 11, 2004**

**Time: 2 p.m.**

**Where: Entrance to Small Animal Clinic at Veterinary Teaching Hospital**  
(2407 River Drive, Knoxville, TN. 37996-4550)

Directions: From Neyland Drive, turn onto Joe Johnson Drive (new entrance to The University of Tennessee campus), take immediate right onto River Drive. Follow signs to the front of the building.

Smoky was a Yorkshire Terrier found abandoned in a foxhole in New Guinea by William Wynne, an aerial photographer in the Southwest Pacific during World War II. Smoky flew combat missions, helped get an airbase operational by carrying communications cable through an 8-inch underground pipe, entertained troops with her tricks, and visited hospitalized GI's.

Mr. Wynne is scheduled to present the exhibit to the college.

The Yorkie war dog exhibit is at the UT College of Veterinary Medicine in part because of Dr. Karen Tobias and her efforts to improve the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of congenital portosystemic liver shunts (PSS). The liver shunts cause serious and sometimes fatal outcomes in dogs. Dr. Tobias's research has shown the shunts are inherited in Yorkshire Terriers.

The college created the University of Tennessee Angel Fund for Portosystemic Shunts to, in part, support other research efforts to learn more about preventing the disease.

Following the exhibit dedication, Mary Elizabeth Dugmore, President, Yorkshire Terrier National Rescue, will surprise Dr. Tobias with an award.

Terri Shumsky of California created the hairamic sculpture.

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