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***Chattanooga Nature Center Celebrates Red Wolf Pups First Birthday***  
*The Pack Had a Howling Good Time*

**Chattanooga, Tenn. (April 12, 2008)** – The Chattanooga Nature Center (CNC) recently had a howling good time celebrating the first birthday of five red wolf pups. The wolves enjoyed a special, all-natural birthday cake created and provided by Chattanooga's Bone Appetit Bakery. The special treat was made of whole wheat flour, honey and other natural ingredients.

"This is a celebration of the success of the Red Wolf Species Survival Plan (RWSSP); a program that works to increase the red wolf population which the Nature Center is a member," said Tish Gailmard, CNC Wildlife Curator.

Dozens of CNC Members and other people in the community came out to see the wolf pack celebrate. Some attendees were given steaks wrapped in biodegradable wrapping paper for the wolves to enjoy.

"We're very grateful to the community for supporting our efforts to save the red wolf and were thrilled to see so many people come out," said Gailmard.

Celebrants also learned about the history of the native red wolf and details about each CNC red wolf.

Wal-Mart of Tiftonia presented CNC's Executive Director, Jean Lomino and CNC's Director of Development and Marketing Tina Harvey Crawford a check for \$1,000 toward environmental education.

"Wal-Mart has supported our efforts over the years, and we are very grateful for that support, as well as the other support we receive from our generous supporters," said Tina Harvey Crawford.

The Red Wolf pups, born April 3, 2007, are the offspring of a five-year old male and four-year old female who came to CNC at the end of 2006.

The Chattanooga Nature Center is located at 400 Garden Road in Chattanooga. For more information about upcoming programs, please call 423.821.1160 ext. 102. The Chattanooga Nature Center is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children and seniors age 65+. Visit <http://www.chattanooganaturecenter.org/> for more information about the Chattanooga Nature Center.