



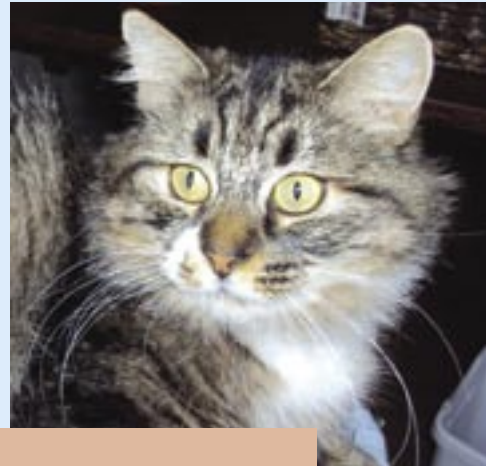
ANIMAL TALK

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Featured Cats of the Quarter: The Single Ladies!

One thing we know for sure about a female cat: if she's not spayed, there are going to be kittens. She might be abandoned, lost, or just a household pet allowed to roam. But where there's a girl cat on the loose, there are probably a dozen male cats, and it doesn't take long for nature to fill the void with kittens. We've been called to rescue many of these single moms and their broods. These loving and lovely young ladies have done the work of raising their babies, and with our help, the kids have all moved on to their happy, forever homes. Now the moms are ready for their turn at the good life! To meet any of these single ladies, visit our website www.pdx-petadoption.org and click on "Available Cats" or call 503-402-8692.



Eva

Eva was raising her kittens with a colony of abandoned cats in an alley in North Portland. Our volunteer was in the neighborhood and spotted Eva. A neighbor pointed out the alley and the cat colony, and

mentioned this was Eva's third litter in the year and half she'd known of the cats. Neighbors were willing to feed the cats, but needed our help to trap and neuter them. Eva was much more socialized than the others and wanted to be a house cat, so she and her kittens came home with our volunteer. Once again, the adorable kittens were quickly adopted, while the beautiful, dedicated, single mom who raised them is still waiting to be chosen by her special people.

Miranda

Miranda was another abandoned pet who found a kind woman to provide food and shelter. But she didn't take the next step of getting Miranda spayed, so she had at least two litters a year for three years. Some of the kittens died, some ran away, some were given away. Eventually the woman connected with the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon, and all the cats were trapped and neutered. When the woman passed away, the neighbors decided the cats were a nuisance and had to be removed. There were only two remaining kittens, and they found a home in a short time. But, in a now-familiar story, no one wanted Miranda, who did the best she could to take care of her kids and keep them out of trouble. Miranda is affectionate, playful, and easygoing, and just look at that irresistible face!



Abigail

Abigail and her litter were discovered by one of our volunteers under a house in Portland where she didn't belong. She's only a year old; another very young mother who spent her "teenage years" raising her kittens, has been spayed, and now wants a carefree home with another playful cat to keep her company. Abigail quickly learned to love the wonders of indoor life: everything is warm and dry, there are enticing toys to explore in every room, and there will always be another meal, guaranteed. Abigail's kittens were as lovely as she, and were quickly adopted. She now waits for the home where she can be pampered as she deserves.



A FAREWELL MESSAGE

I wanted to say a few words of goodbye to all who support Animal Rescue & Care Fund. I am leaving rescue work in order to spend more time with my family and friends while I'm still of somewhat sound mind.

It has been my honor to help rescue, foster, and place the many cats I have known in my fifteen years with ARCF. It has been wonderful to meet those of you who have provided good homes to the cats you have adopted from us. One of the few perks of this hard work is knowing that the cats and dogs we have fostered are going to homes where they will be loved and cherished for the rest of their lives.

Most of all, it has been my pleasure to work with the volunteers and veterinarians so essential to this organization. As I depart, they remain to continue this vital work. To all of you I say "Thank You!" for your dedication.

As I have said many times in letters of thanks for your donations and support, "This work cannot be done without you."

My thanks go out to all of you.

Pam Brooks
Outgoing President and Cat Coordinator

HELP WANTED

If you've been thinking of volunteering with us, now's a great time. Because of the recent retirement of several longtime, dedicated foster homes, we're more in need than ever of foster homes. Animals are typically fostered for a couple of weeks to several months or more, depending on the amount of care the animal needs and how long it takes to find a home. ARCF provides all needed veterinary care, and we ask our foster homes to provide food, litter, and loving care.

We have an ongoing need for help with other tasks, including outreach events, newsletter distribution, and cat transportation. Our most pressing need is for a graphic artist to design and lay out this quarterly newsletter. Our current (retiring) volunteer estimates 10-12 hours are required for each issue.

For more information, please email arcf@pdx-petadoption.org or call us at 503-402-8692.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We recently received an envelope in the mail from one of our supporters. In it was a clipping from a local paper, dated January 15, 1975, announcing the formation of a new group dedicated to the promotion of humane treatment of animals and the placing of abandoned and unwanted pets in homes. This group was called Animal Care and Rescue Fund. Our name has changed slightly over the past 35 years, but our mission and dedication remain the same. Hundreds of volunteers have worked thousands of hours, our supporters have contributed financial support in amounts great and small, and as a result, countless animals' lives have been saved.

At the end of each year, our board meets to elect members and officers for the coming year. I'm both happy and sad to report the results of our recent meeting. First the sad news: Several of our longtime volunteers have chosen this year to retire.

Lorraine Jones, known to many of you for her tireless and unswerving dedication to the animals, has been with ARCF since the beginning. She has filled every board position, provided a foster home to cats beyond counting, edited the newsletter, written enough thank you notes to fill a filing cabinet, attended many a harrowing rescue, and basically served as our anchor and inspiration. Lorraine is retiring from active duty, but will remain a valued resource for our group.

Pam Brooks has been with ARCF for fifteen years, and in recent years has served as president and cat coordinator. Pam has been responsible for every person and every animal passing through ARCF, and that's an enormous job. We can't begin to count the hours she dedicated to working for this group, and we'll probably need five people to replace her. We offer our gratitude for her dedication, and wish Pam a well-deserved rest from the phone that never stops ringing with calls for help.

Katie Davenport has volunteered as a board member, as a foster home, and as the graphic artist for this newsletter. Her skills with the computer and patience with anxious cats will be sorely missed.

I'm happy to report the following officers elected for the coming year: Nancy Chavez, vice president; Leah Goodman, secretary; Chrisi Badrick, treasurer; along with me as the new president. Erin Bergstrom remains as a board member at large.

Please be patient with us as we make the changes required to move forward without some of our key players. As always, we are honored to have your continuing support for our work.

Carma Crimins
President

Please note our new phone number, effective December 1: 503-402-8692

Animal Placements

Aug-Sep-Oct 2010: We placed 21 cats in loving, responsible homes. Major expenses were:

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| *Veterinary Fees: \$33,552.00 | Advertising/Outreach: \$290.03 |
| **Food, Special Meds: \$349.52 | Newsletter: \$1,389.00 |

*These expenses include veterinary care for the dogs of Portland's homeless. We also had expenses for injured and sick pets and emergency vet visits.

** Most volunteers pay for food and litter for the animals they care for as their contribution to the cause.

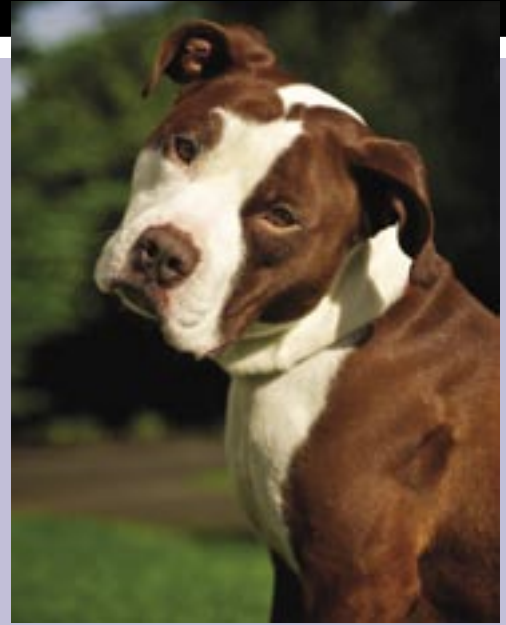
CANINE CORNER

Reggie (Family Dogs New Life)

Hi, I'm Reggie! I'm a red-haired love sponge who loves human and canine companionship. I am also sensitive, smart, eager to please, big-hearted, and really cute. I know how to sit and lie down. I'm starting to figure out "stay," "off," "down," and how to walk nicely on a leash. My new favorite game is tug and I love my own toys, but will sometimes steal something of yours. (I especially like socks and other small articles of clothing.) I can get excited, so older kids would be best, and given the opportunity I may chase cats.

I'm always friendly with people, but I get a bit excited with new dogs; this can get me in trouble sometimes. They don't understand how excited I am to see them! I'm looking for a forever home with a person who will be patient, kind, and committed to training me.

To arrange a meeting with Reggie, contact his foster mom Cheryl at cayoshioka@aol.com.



Baker (Indigo Rescue)

Baker is a young Chihuahua/Dachshund mix, who is a bit shy at first, but warms up quickly when given a chance. Baker loves kids and other small dogs, but what he wants more than anything is a loving person to dote on him and carry him around everywhere. He wants to be with his people all the time, including sleeping on the bed at night.

It seems that Baker had a bad experience with men, and he's still a bit fearful, but getting much better since his rescue. He also had been given a peculiar haircut and lacks confidence, so Baker really needs some R-E-S-P-E-C-T from his next, forever family.

If you can't resist that adorable face and want to know more about Baker, please contact Indigo Rescue at 503-626-7222 or www.indigorescue.org.



Rocky (Project POOCH)

Rocky recently received his Good Canine Citizen diploma (see how proud he is?) and is awaiting a properly appreciative new family to introduce themselves and take him home forever.

He's a typical goofy Boxer mix, sweet and affectionate, and a big boy at 70 pounds Rocky likes kids and dogs, but we aren't sure how he feels about cats. Rocky is a warm, fun-loving guy who wants to share your life in good times and bad, and promises unwavering devotion for a lifetime.

To find out if your family is the right one for Rocky, call Project POOCH at 503-982-4492.



SUCCESS STORIES



Frankie

A year ago, we told you the story of Frankie, a rescued cat being fostered by Sally and Paul Needham. Frankie took a tumble from the cat tree and broke his leg. During his recovery, Sally and Paul fell in love with Frankie and chose to adopt him. Here's an update from the Needhams:

He is truly a "people cat" who greets all who come to visit, assuming that everyone will like him (which is pretty much true).

We moved from a downtown condo to a house with a yard and trees, so Frankie can watch the leaves fall and blow across the yard. He is able to run up and down the stairs with no problems.

We really appreciate all that you did to rescue Frankie and help him through his recovery.

Sally & Paul Needham

Rufus

(formerly Sammy)

From our volunteer, Nancy Chavez: Rufus appeared at our house, looking haggard and beaten. After a trip to the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon clinic, we continued to look for his family while he healed and rested. One day a little girl saw me feeding him and said, "He used to be my cat, but my mom got a new kitten and we don't want him any more." So we put Rufus up for adoption, and he was lucky enough to find a home with Eric, who reports:



Rufus & Eric

I adopted Rufus in March 2010 and gave him a new home by the riverfront in downtown Portland. Between chasing his cat toys up and down the stairs and his habit of sleeping on his back, Rufus has been very entertaining as well as being a great companion.

Eric Segerdell

Romeo

Romeo was rescued by a technician at one of our partner veterinarians. He had a bone infection from an injury, which required amputation of his tail. Mysteriously, we never heard him utter a single meow the whole time he was with us. But that didn't stop him from purring! His new family reports:



Romeo is quite the character. There is no place at all that he doesn't consider his own. He loves to climb on top of the refrigerator and bookcases—the higher, the better. He gets along fine with our other kitty. This summer we lost one of our older cats (18 years). Having such a good-natured, amusing kitty around has made it easier. We are so happy with Romeo. He has brought us much pleasure and many laughs.

Laurie & Gordon Palfrey

MORE SUCCESS STORIES



Shakti

(formerly Bella)

Shakti had been the pet of an elderly couple who were no longer able to care for her. Unfortunately, they had her declawed at an early age, and she had begun biting to defend herself, as is often the case

with cats who are subjected to this painful procedure. The added stress of upheaval in her life didn't help, but over the time she spent with us, she began to relax and the biting became less frequent. She is extraordinarily beautiful, and her personality charmed Ken, who adopted her and recently gave us this update:

Like any good relationship, it's taking time to unfold. Shakti and I have settled into a warm, connected way of being together. She is (playfully) nipping less often and knows immediately that I do not like it. On the rare occasions when she does, she is more tentative and runs away right afterward.

Shakti is a sweet and affectionate cat, curious, playful, and engaging. We are pleased to be together.

Ken Andert

Raisin & Rumpel

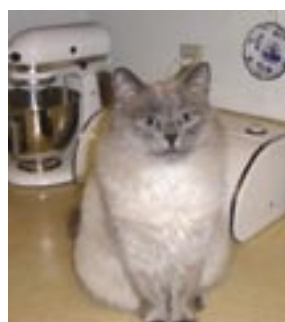
Raisin was found hanging out with a feral colony in a city park. She had a horrible cold, which made her very cranky. Several weeks later, with lots of TLC, she finally beat the cold, started feeling well, and showed us her wonderful personality. Rumpel was taken to a public shelter as an unwanted stray, and although he was very friendly, the stress of being in the shelter was making him cranky, too. He came to the same foster home as Raisin, and the two became fast friends. They recently were adopted by Josephine and Pete, who adore them. They recently sent this note:

Rumpel and Raisin are adapting well. They make us laugh a lot with their playing. Raisin has really taken to my husband; she loves to sit on his lap. Rumpel is my lap cat and so lovable. He loves to eat, anything and everything. He likes the kitchen best. We are so enjoying having them with us.

Josée & Pete Peterson



Pete & Raisin



Rumpel



Ozzie

When we found Ozzie back in June he had a horrible abscess on his paw. He was treated and healed, but about a month later he came down with a very high fever. We discovered he has a heart disease called Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy, which requires medications for life. Ozzie is a very special cat: he takes pills right out of hand and, when his injured foot needed soaking, he just stood there calmly with his foot in the bowl. What cat has ever been so agreeable? Ozzie deserved the best home in the world, and he found it with Wyonia and Dwight Conkle. They forwarded this message from Ozzie:

I am blessed. I was adopted by a family who loves me, even with my broken heart. I will have to take medication for the rest of my life. They love me very much! I have been here only a week and my new brother, Ginger, loves me, too. He let me sleep with him in his favorite chair! I also sleep in the bay window with him. We have been grooming each other. Ginger was adopted about two years ago. He is twelve years old and has a lot of long hair. It gets on everything!

I have chores to do at my new home. I walk my new mom to the bathroom in the middle of the night. She could get lost, you know. I also do a "walk-about" on the edge of the tub while it is in use. It is required that I keep track of the water level. I like to get into the tub when all the water is out. It leaves cool footprints in the bottom of the tub. I am awesome at chasing bugs and squirrels that are outdoors from inside of the glass. This also leaves prints to let my family know I am on top of my job!

My favorite toy is a feather wand. I love to play with it. They hide it and I have spent much time looking for it. I am still trying to figure out how to get the closet door open. Please send the manual if you know how it opens! I have a new sister coming soon. She is thirteen years old! I hope we get along as well as I do with Ginger!

Ozzie

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We received this helpful note from Betsy Wosko, who recently adopted Duke and Grace, featured in our Fall issue.

Duke and Grace are doing great! Last summer, when my mom visited from the East Coast, Duke started peeing on my living room carpet. I thought the addition of Mom to the household was the problem, but she thought otherwise. Mom suggested that I try paying more attention to Duke, as Grace is a showboat who will absorb all the attention. (She is very affectionate, and does things like retrieve stuffed toys and purr all the time, which makes us smile and want to hold her.)

Duke would come running every time I called "Gracie!" I thought that he simply didn't know his name, but Mom, who raised three kids, thought Duke just wanted more attention. So I made a point of lavishing attention on him. The result: Duke stopped urinating on the carpet and there have been no more problems! Duke has also been attentive to my Lynx Point Siamese, Tinker, adopted from ARCF almost 20 years ago. Duke is slowly becoming a cuddler. All is well!

I share this story with you to help others having similar issues.

Betsy



Duke

WITH OUR THANKS

The board of directors wishes to recognize the dedicated volunteers who have kept us going for another year.

To our foster homes, without whom nothing is possible, our deepest thanks: Cathy Silva, Christine Spencer, Crissy & Tim Cummings, Diane & Jim Thompson, Elizabeth & Jason Isbell, Eric Phelps, Gloria Garbutt, Gracia Lundy, Kate Northington, Kristi & Don Nesbitt, Laurie & David Stubbs, Linda & Don Miller, Ruth & Matthew Page, Serena Harris, Sue Willis, Wilma & Lou Perez-Leon, and Yvonne LeGrice & David Hertel.

These photographers have shared their talent to help our cats put their best face forward: Donna Dunaif, Lisa Gidley, and Paige Lehman.

For distributing our newsletter to points far and wide, we thank Marian Kerr, Sally Needham, and Jan Lewis.

Our outreach and special events could not have happened without Kirk Kiggins, Dave Mays, Carlos Chavez, Brian Fuqua, Carrie Cheshire, and Debbie Norr. Special thanks to Kate Northington and Darcey McGowan for organizing the European Flea Market Fundraiser, and to Annie Sincavage and Roz Simon for your extraordinary donations to the market.

Susan Phipps and Marian Massey help us in a number of ways, and Julie Davenport contributed her skills to a special project for us.

ARCF could not do our work without the support of our partner vets. Those who helped us this year include:

North Portland Veterinary Hospital
(www.northportlandvet.com)

Cat Hospital of Portland
(www.portlandcats.net)

Laurelhurst Veterinary Hospital
(www.lvhvet.com)

Rose City Veterinary Hospital
(www.rosecityvet.com)

Newberg Veterinary Hospital
(www.newbergvet.com)

Pet Samaritan Clinic (www.petsam.com)

Overlook Veterinary Hospital
(www.overlookvet.com)

Milner Veterinary Hospital
(www.milnervet.com)

Barbur Blvd. Veterinary Hospital
(www.barburvet.com)

Tigard Animal Hospital
(www.tigardanimalhospital.com)

For hosting our outreach events:

Healthy Pets NW (on NE Alberta)
(www.healthypetsnw.com)

Sellwood Dog Supply
(www.sellwooddogsupply.com)

Stef-Anie Wells, Marketing & Event
Coordinator, Jantzen Beach Mall

For pet food donations:

Portland Pet Supply, Linnton Feed & Seed.

We reserve special gratitude for our friends at Furever Pets (www.fureverpets.com), who support us with food drives and donations, a location for our outreach program once a month, and expert advice on all manner of pet nutrition topics.

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ONE MORE SUCCESS STORY



Aries & Orion

Aries (Snowshoe Siamese) and Orion (orange tabby) were adopted from ARCF ten years ago, when they were just babies. They were named after constellations, but Orion was really named after the cat in the movie "Men in Black," then popular. Here's an update from their adopters:

The personalities of these two brothers could not be more different. Aries is very intelligent, always looking for something to occupy his brain. This mostly consists of following us around all day to keep an eye on us. He is not affectionate and does not let anyone pick him up, but occasionally will sit on a lap (briefly) or allow his belly to be rubbed. He has a high, delicate, little voice and is generally very quiet.

Orion is frankly not very smart but he is a typical orange tabby in that way. He is very affectionate and will sit on your lap for hours. His meow is more of a bark, used often to ask for food and attention. They are indoor cats, but one hot night last summer, they escaped via a second story window and landed on an aluminum roof a few feet below, where they cried piteously to get back in. We called them our "cats on a hot tin roof" after that escapade!

Last summer we adopted a dog from the Washougal Animal Shelter, a Labrador retriever/Basset hound mix. It took several weeks for the cats to get used to this big, black, noisy, bounding, slobbery creature that suddenly appeared in their midst, but now they all seem to be fine with each other. The cats enjoy watching the dog's antics from high atop their perch in the cat tree.

Amy & Mike Starke

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Gracia Lundy

Our volunteer spotlight shines on Gracia Lundy this quarter. We love Gracia because she loves to foster cats and kittens, and that's our biggest need. Here she is with one of her current charges, a kitten named Arnie. Gracia came to ARCF about four years ago when she wanted help placing a feral kitten she had rescued and nursed back to health. In fact, Gracia is a retired nurse, who now devotes her time to gardening, travel, and promoting her Scandinavian heritage, in addition to caring for her own four cats, and the ARCF fosters who benefit from her TLC while waiting for their permanent homes.

Gracia & Arnie



IN MEMORIAM

John Wolz and Ann Bisger said goodbye to their dear dog A.D.

Henry David Throw, head cat at the home of Carma Crimins, lost his battle with a mysterious disease that was never diagnosed, but managed to wear him down to almost nothing before he finally gave up at age 12 years. Henry ruled the tribe with a firm but gentle paw, and he was expert at fetching, as long as the tossed object was a small, sparkly pompom. He was intelligent and sometimes aloof, and had a wonderful sense of humor.



Gerry Taylor lost her cat, Tweeker, rescued as a kitten from an alley in Santa Ana sixteen years ago. Her kids chose the name. Gerry didn't know what the word meant, but she thought it was a cute name for a kitten, so it stuck. She was a good girl, and finally she wore out.

Jan Lewis lost her 15-year-old Wheaten terrier, Dylan. He was a happy, well-loved boy to the very end and there wasn't a nicer, sweeter dog than Dylan. He was a great foster daddy to many of Jan's foster cats.

Danni and Bud Duggan said goodbye to their beloved Boxer mix, Angel, who lived a long and happy life.

THINGS WE LIKE: HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Bouncy, Minty, Buoyant Dog Toys



For your serious chewers, try the Orbee-Tuff® Diamond Plate Ball, rated 5 out of 5 chompers. There's also a Produce line, (4 out of 5 chompers), including an eggplant, an artichoke, a strawberry, and for the daintiest of doggies, a raspberry. The Produce toys include a treat spot, for extra

interest. About \$7 and up, available from www.planetdog.com and local retailers.

Elegant Catnip Pillows

Also locally made, these adorable pillows are made from recycled fabrics, with catnip included in the stuffing. Choose from a large bird, small bird, plain or fancy shoe. Available for about \$8 and up at Furever Pets, www.fureverpets.com or 503-282-4225.



Dog and Cat Duvet Beds

Made from 100% cotton, these duvets are designed to be stuffed with your own recycled clothing or fabric. Put your old blankets, towels, socks, or t-shirts to good use. Your own scent on the stuffing adds extra comfort for your pet. Available in a variety of fabric designs, in four sizes: Giant, medium, small, and cat. Mesh liners also available. About \$22 and up, liners extra, also available at Furever Pets.



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Acacia Modern Cat Tree

Here's something new from local company Square Cat Habitat: a compact version of their popular cat tree made from sustainable, cat-friendly materials. Acacia is 3 ft. tall, includes three perches, and comes in bamboo plywood (three choices of colors, about \$400) or low-pressure laminate (black or white, about \$200). More than 20 choices of color/texture are available for the replaceable inserts.

www.squarecathabitat.com or 503-662-2856.



Fido's Indoor Dog Park

Opened recently in SE Portland, Fido's is a doggie Disneyland. The 20,000 sq. ft. climate-controlled building includes 13,000 sq. ft. of canine grass, with shrubs, trees, flowers, and water features. Also available: a separate area for small dogs, a 98% chemical-free swimming pool, overnight boarding suites, self-serve and professional grooming, a retail shop, even a café with WiFi service. Services start at \$10-20 per day. www.fidosindoordogpark.com or 503-477-9379.



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- Sponsors can check here to receive a story and a photo about the animal being fostered.
- I'd like to contribute \$ _____ for the ARCF Microchipping Program, for adopted animals to have microchips.
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