

FEATURED CAT

KitKat

KitKat is a spunky Manx girl with a personality big enough to fill up the whole house, so she's looking for a home where there are no other cats to interfere with her goal of getting all the attention. In exchange, she will greet all your visitors, and introduce them to her favorite toys: the pillows filled with catnip that she can grab with her front paws and kick with her back legs.

KitKat likes to keep busy most of the time, checking the windows for



potential lawn intruders, nosing into bags and boxes, and then coming back to a friendly lap to rest, relax, and purr. KitKat is about nine years old, has excellent house manners, and is ready for her new family to come meet her and fall in love. Call us at 503-402-8692.

Helpful Advice for Outside-the-Box Issues

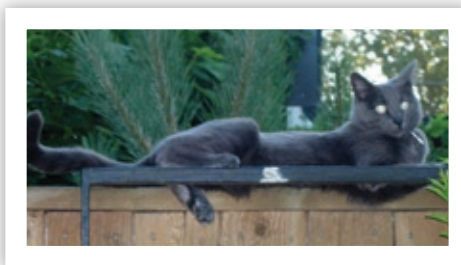
Our friend Gretchen called us recently to ask about a problem with her cat, Gracie, adopted from us six years ago. Gracie was Gretchen's first pet of her very own, and totally adored, but about two months earlier Gracie had started going potty outside the box. In fact, she was leaving her "gifts" right on the living room carpet. The vet ran every kind of test, and determined that Gracie had no underlying issues. There were no changes in household or litter routine, the most common triggers for such behavioral changes.

Based on research and personal experience, we suggested that Gretchen try Dr. Elsey's Cat Attract™ litter. It's a scoopable litter with an herbal ingredient to attract cats to the box, and a fine texture to encourage digging and covering. After two weeks, Gretchen called again to say that Gracie had been using the box consistently since she started using Cat Attract™. Lola, the other feline in the house, also prefers the new litter when given the choice. It's too soon to know whether the problem is solved for good, but for now, the household is back in order and stress levels are much reduced. Bonus tip: Gretchen says the Bissell SpotBot Pet carpet cleaner

is a nearly-magical machine which helped her clean and remove all those spots Gracie left on the carpet.

EBENEZER: Lost and Found

When her handsome gray cat went missing, Kornelia called to ask if we'd seen or heard about him. We directed her to our website, where we have listed the best resources for reuniting lost cats with their families. Kornelia had already found those resources and had carefully followed their instructions.



A few weeks later we contacted Kornelia for an update, and were delighted to learn that Ebenezer was back home, after eighteen days on the road. He had wandered onto the porch of a house several miles from his home. The couple who lived there saw Kornelia's ad online and her poster in the neighborhood, and gave her a call. Ebby was hungry, skinny, and tired, but very happy to see his mom. He is now learning to adapt to the indoor-only life.

The sad part of the story is that the couple who found him had called a local shelter to report they had found him, but couldn't afford to keep him. The shelter was not accepting cats, and didn't suggest any other resources, so they planned to feed him for a couple more days, then turn him loose to find his way home. Ebenezer has a microchip, but the couple had no idea that any vet or shelter could scan for a microchip at no charge, in just a few seconds. He could have been reunited with his family right away.

If a friendly stray cat finds its way to your home, take it to the closest vet clinic or shelter to be scanned. If there is no microchip, check our website for more instructions or give us a call for guidance on reuniting the cat with his family.



**BEAR NEEDED HELP!
READ HIS STORY
ON PAGE 3.**

“There are kittens in my backyard!”

We'll soon be getting calls from concerned citizens who have found a litter of kittens and want to rescue them. Often the first instinct is to grab the kittens, take them inside, and start making phone calls for help.

But before you do this, remember that unless you are absolutely sure the mother is dead or removed from the area, she will probably be back shortly to care for her kittens. She may be eating, hunting, or hiding, hoping you'll leave so she can come back to her nest.

Kittens need their mother until at least six weeks of age. She feeds them exactly the right food, keeps them clean, and teaches them valuable feline life skills. If the momcat senses you intend to move them, she'll probably do it herself, and you may not find them again. So, don't disturb the kittens, no matter how irresistible they look. Leave food in the area of the nest, but not right next to it, so predators aren't drawn to the babies by the smell.

Keep an eye on the kittens from a distance. If the momcat hasn't returned and the food is still untouched in 24 hours, give us a call and we'll coach you on orphan kitten care. It's tiring and time-consuming to bottle feed a litter, so you don't want to take that on unless the kittens are truly orphaned.

If the momcat does come back, give her plenty of high-quality food and fresh water. If she seems friendly, you may be able to bring her and the litter inside.

Once the kittens have been weaned (at about eight weeks), the momcat can be spayed, and the kittens can be started on needed vaccines and treatments. When our foster homes are already full, we can help with advice and referrals for getting them adopted.

If the mother is not approachable, continue to provide food and water and contact the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon for advice on capturing and caring for her and the kittens.

RESOURCES:

For an excellent, detailed kitten care guide: bit.ly/FNOUC

Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon
503-797-2606
www.feralcats.org

From the President's Desk

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2011! Our regular readers will notice this issue has a new look. We're very happy to have Molly Henty contributing her skills as a designer. Please let us know what you think!

In other good news, we were able to help Sparky, a genial black cat who was found severely injured in a restaurant parking lot, most likely hit by a car. With the help of our friends at North Portland Veterinary Hospital, he was put back together, although he was short one front leg and his tail when all was said and done. His rescuer fell in love with him instantly, and she adopted him as soon as he was released from the hospital. He's now a happy, indoor-only cat, adjusting well to life as a stubby tailed tripod.

We also helped a senior citizen whose senior cat, Missy, had suffered a serious eye infection. The gentleman had lovingly cared for his cat for twelve years, but when the vet recommended immediate enucleation (removal) of the eye in order to save her life, he knew he wouldn't be able to pay the bill. He contacted another local rescue group, and they contacted us to suggest a team effort.

Working together, and with quick work by the staff at Tigard Animal Hospital, we were able to take care of Missy's needs, and she is now back home with her gentleman, recovering well.

Bonnie is another cat who desperately needed our help. She was abandoned by her family about a year ago, and a neighbor had been feeding her outdoors since then, but now wanted her gone. Bonnie was also missing a front leg, and a vet exam revealed a deep, infected wound under her remaining leg, apparently caused by her paw being caught in her collar. Blood tests showed that Bonnie also needed medication for an overactive thyroid. In spite of her pain and discomfort, Bonnie was loving and playful. She is now enjoying rest and recovery in her foster home and will soon be available for adoption.



BONNIE

In less happy news, we've been contacted in the last few months by a number of our adopters asking to return cats to us, sometimes years after adopting, and sometimes with only a few days notice of an impending move out of state or arrival of a new baby. If you have adopted from us, and things aren't going well, please contact us as soon as you are aware of the problem! We will always take responsibility for any cat we have placed, but our foster homes are in very short supply and we never actually have "openings", because the waiting list stretches out to the horizon.

ANIMAL PLACEMENTS

Nov-Dec 2010 Jan-Feb 2011:
We placed 28 cats in loving, responsible homes. Major expenses were:

Veterinary Fees: \$40,115.03*
Advertising/Outreach: \$2,138.75
Food, Special Meds: \$711.19**
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.

In addition to our rescue and adoption work, ARCF strongly supports a policy of spay/neuter for all companion animals. Each year we help sponsor the Tom and Mom Cat Special, a program in the Portland area which provides \$10 spay or neuter surgeries for low-income pet owners during one month in the spring. In 2010, more than 1000 cats were spayed or neutered. This year's program is just wrapping up, and we were very pleased to participate again.

We're grateful for your support, which makes our work possible. We welcome your letters and comments, and we invite you to join us on our Facebook page. You can keep up on our cats coming and going, and post updates and photos of your own cats.

— Carma Crimins
PRESIDENT

FENCES FOR FIDO

Although we don't currently have a dog rescue program, ARCF continues to support local groups who are doing good work with dogs. One group we especially admire is Fences For Fido. The mission of FFF is:

To improve the quality of life for dogs living outdoors by removing chains, building fences, providing shelters, offering spay/neuter, and raising awareness about the physical, mental, and emotional needs of dogs and why chaining a dog is inhumane and dangerous.

The group was founded in 2009 by ten women who saw a need, and now includes more than 900 volunteers, with chapters in Salem, Linn County, and Southwest Washington, in addition to the main group in Portland. To date, 162 dogs have been freed from their lives at the end of a chain, all done by volunteer labor, with materials and vet care paid for entirely by donated funds. Each project costs about \$800-\$1000, including fence, shelter, and vet services. Currently about six projects are completed every month.

Recently, FFF volunteers set out to visit each dog they had helped in 2009 and 2010 to make sure the dogs and the fences were being cared for properly, and to offer any follow-up services needed to keep and strengthen the bond between family and dog.

To support the work of FFF, the ARCF board of directors voted to sponsor six dogs on the waiting list for funding. These projects have all been completed and we are happy to tell you about them.

Daisy is a Golden Lab who had spent her entire seven months of life at the end of a chain. Daisy was overflowing with energy, love, and a strong desire to please. But she was isolated and frustrated, creating a rift



VOLUNTEER ERIN FIELDS AND DAISY, RELEASED FROM HER CHAIN



SAMMY, SPOT AND SPOT'S MOTHER ANNIE RUN TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME, AFTER THE FENCE WAS FINISHED

between Daisy and her family. Now, she has a fence which allows her to run around all sides of her house, and burn off of some of that puppy energy. FFF volunteers are working with the family on a training program which will allow her to integrate even more into their lives.

FFF learned about Bear, a two-year-old Boxer, from a neighbor who said simply, "Please help this dog!" Bear, a dispirited gentle giant with the saddest eyes, clearly needed help, but his family seemed skeptical. His young family is just starting out in life and it took three visits before they warmed to the offer to provide a fence and neuter surgery for Bear. At the fence building visit, the family reported that since his neuter, Bear had stopped marking in the house, which made him more welcome to come inside for family time.



ANNIE AND SNOWBALL CAN'T WAIT FOR THE GATE TO OPEN THAT CONNECTS THEIR NEWLY FENCED YARDS.

The other four dogs we sponsored were part of a "two-fer". Annie and her son Spot were living next door to Sammy and Snowball, another of Annie's sons. FFF volunteers started by scooping up many pounds of doggy-doo, and tearing down a pen that was too small and in disrepair. Then they built fences on both properties, and put a connecting gate between the two yards, so occasionally the gate can be opened and all four dogs can romp together. Sammy and Snowball had been chained at opposite sides of the yard so their chains didn't tangle, so you can imagine their joy at finally being able to play and cuddle together. It was a long day for the volunteers, but ended with many smiles and four very happy dogs.

Fences For Fido recently received a grant of \$15,000 from the Banfield Charitable Trust. There are many dogs on the waiting list, which continues to grow. If you know of a dog that needs to be released from a chain, or if you would like to volunteer, FFF would like to hear from you.



RESOURCES:
www.fencesforfido.org
 503-869-0422

Miss Nugget

Miss Nugget appeared on my porch one day over a year ago. She didn't want to be touched, but she clearly needed care, so I captured her using a humane trap and took her to the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon to be spayed. My intention was to return her to my yard and continue caring for her. I had already gone through this process with two other stray cats in our neighborhood, who decided to stay around and eventually became my adored and pampered house cats, Boyfriend and Tripod.

We were surprised to learn that this little tabby girl had already been spayed and microchipped. We were able to track down her owners from the microchip number, so I called with the wonderful news that their cat had been found. They replied, "It's been over two years since she ran away, and we don't want her back." Poor little Nugget!



Because she shrank from contact with people, and didn't want to come indoors, I made a small shelter for her and released her back to my yard. After a couple of months and as the weather got colder, I decided to bring her inside to foster and socialize her. ARCF agreed to help find her a new home, since our duplex already contained a total of four cats. After nearly a year, Nugget is still afraid of strangers, but she loves us and our cats. She snuggles in to sleep with me and my two boys every night, without fail. She and my big Siamese cat Boyfriend, another feral-cat-turned-family-member, are best friends, playing and romping together through the house like littermates. I decided that Miss Nugget was already part of our family, so I chose to adopt her, and we're all very happy with this decision.

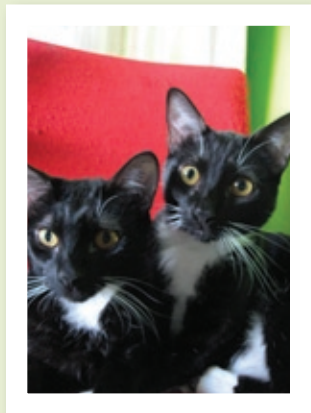
— Dave Mays, Boyfriend and Tripod

Contact us at 503-402-8692
or arcf@pdx-petadoption.org



Goose and Porter (formerly Gustavo and Arturo)

Goose and Porter were adopted from a public shelter and then returned when the family found the cats wanted more attention than they were able to give them, as the family grew to include more children. The shelter was overflowing and they asked for our help in placing this handsome young pair. David and Minna were looking for a cat to be a playmate for their young cat, Coconut, so their older cat, Xena, could have some peace and quiet. Here is their report:



GOOSE (LEFT) AND PORTER

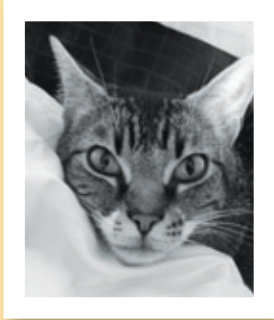
We've had such a great time with our two new family members, Goose and Porter. These guys are the greatest companions ever! They are tuxedo twins, absolutely handsome and totally rambunctious. More than anything, they just want to be around us and our two other kitties. Any time is playtime to these guys! That is, unless they are curled up on a lap or parked in front of a window watching birds and squirrels, tails a-swishing.

They love meeting new people and are not shy at all about giving and receiving affection. And they love to have conversations with anyone who'll chat with them. Goose likes to get up on his hind legs and "conduct" by waving his arms in front of him; it's absolutely endearing to watch. Porter's thing is to sneak up behind us in the kitchen, put his paws on the back of our legs, have a good stretch and chirp "Hello". They also love to box with Coconut, our young female cat, and have even been spotted cuddling with our older cat, Xena. They are true lover boys, through and through!

— David and Minna Shirley

Renato

Renato came to us as a feral kitten. He quickly adapted to home life and we placed him with a family. It wasn't quite a good fit, and we agreed to take Renato back and find a home more suitable for his personality. It was Renato's great fortune that we found Eva and Jared.



It had been a few years since I had owned a cat and my partner, Jared, had never had a pet to call his own. I was a bit nervous about finding the right cat to fit our lifestyle. I watched the ARCF website for a couple of months. The cats were all great but I just was not ready until the day I saw Renato's profile. I

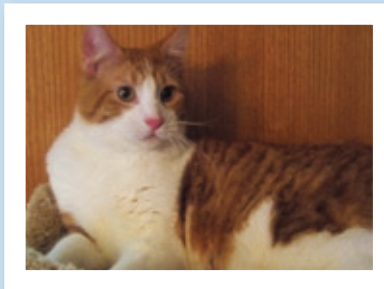
kept looking at it and finally decided to make a phone call. We are so happy we did because Renato has been a fantastic addition to our lives. He has always been sweet and was a bit shy at first. Now he lounges around wherever we are with confidence. He loves to play fetch with his white mouse toy. It is super cute and hilarious. He also loves belly rubs and will roll over on his back. He enjoys a snuggle before I get up for work and he patiently watches me get ready. He has good manners, wears a white shirt and gloves always. We could not imagine life without him now. He makes a fabulous companion and suits us perfectly.

— Eva and Jared

The Bulldozer

This bundle of orange tabby exuberance was rescued as a stray. He had a terrible respiratory infection, and had picked up every parasite out there during his time on the streets, but he still had more energy than any other five cats we know. "Bulldozer" seemed to be the only appropriate name for him. He became a pest to the more sedate cats in his foster home, made friends with the big dog, and showed no fear of anything. We knew The Dozer would need a home tolerant of his high energy level, and preferably, one that included a big dog. We were so happy to receive an adoption application from Marci. She recently wrote us:

Our little whirling dervish, Bulldozer, has been nicknamed "Fred" by my husband. What a character he is! I've never had a kitty make me laugh so much. When I decided to get a new



Jasper and Eleanor

(formerly Lorenzo and Paloma)

We were contacted by a woman who had been rescuing cats from her friends and neighbors, and hadn't yet learned to say no. She was becoming overwhelmed and in danger of losing her home. She asked us for help in finding a new home for these two beautiful cats. We were lucky enough to find Kristen, who recently sent us this update:



ELEANOR (TOP) AND JASPER

Jasper (formerly Lorenzo) and Eleanor (formerly Paloma) are doing great, and I adore them. Jasper is very loving and cuddles up to me often. He's also gotten very comfortable in my apartment. He even

greets friends who come over to visit. Eleanor is much more skittish, but she warmed up to me after a month or so. She walks up to me and then starts rolling around on the floor to get my attention. They're both really playful, and they have the run of the apartment when I'm asleep at night.

I thought you would like to know that at the vet's suggestion I switched the cats to canned food only, and ever since, Eleanor has been MUCH better. She no longer throws up and she has much more energy. Also, my allergies no longer bother me.

I love my babies! Thank you for letting me adopt them.

— Kristen Martin

kitty, I was concerned that our overactive dog, Reed, would be overwhelming and scary, which was one of the main reasons for adopting Bulldozer. He is everything you wrote in his description: fearless, energetic, and crazy, but sweet and easygoing at the same time. He and Reed are already best pals. It's amazing to see them play like crazy, yet they are both gentle with claws

and teeth. His favorite activities are playing hide and pounce with Reed or anyone in the house, running and sliding on the hardwood floors, and chasing everything that moves. We all just adore him! He definitely moved in and made our house his home.

— Marci and Darin Yost

MAKING THE TOUGH DECISION

By Dr. Andrea La Raus, DVM

Bringing a new pet into your family can be the beginning of a wonderful lifelong relationship. That first step of adoption is probably the easiest step. The most challenging step comes later: making end-of-life decisions for your pet. While it is difficult to think about our beloved pets suffering age-related decline or being diagnosed with a terminal illness, having a framework in place for end-of-life decisions before a crisis occurs can be invaluable. Humane euthanasia can be thought of as our gift to end the suffering of our beloved pet. It is a truly loving decision.

The first part of the process generally involves a veterinary evaluation. This is recommended because it is best not to assume that nothing can be done for an ill or elderly pet. There may be options for treatment, including palliative measures. Once the scope of the problem is established, the owner(s) of the pet can decide how to proceed.

A common question is how to evaluate quality of life. This isn't necessarily an easy question to answer and may vary from day to day. However, making such a determination will inform other decisions in the end of life plan. While often a

subjective observation about the pet, the HHHHMM scale can be very helpful in making a quantitative assessment. These letters stand for Hurt, Hunger, Hydration, Hygiene, Happiness, Mobility, and More Good Days than Bad. Details about this scale and how to use it are available at www.veterinarypartner.com (search for "euthanasia").

With as much care as we put into when the euthanasia should happen, also consider where it will happen. Do you want to take your pet to your veterinarian's office or would you prefer a home visit? We are fortunate in this area to have the support of house call veterinarians to make this a viable option.

It is helpful to make contact in advance with the veterinarian you wish to be a part of this process to determine availability, cost, and aftercare arrangements. Forming an aftercare plan ahead of time will ensure that all family members can weigh in on what they want before emotions are running high. Home burial and cremation are the most common aftercare choices. With regard to cremation, you can choose for the pet's ashes to come back to the family,

or not. There are many options for urns, headstones and other memorials available at local crematories and online.

Undeniably, the euthanasia feels like the culmination of a long journey. But the road doesn't end there. Coping with the grief and sense of loss is also an important part of this process. For some, our furry friends are full-fledged family members. It is critical to give yourself the time to grieve and celebrate the relationship you had with your pet.

AnimalTalk

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RESOURCES:

ASPCA pet loss hotline
877-GRIEF10
www.asPCA.org/pet-care/pet-loss/

DoveLewis Pet Loss Support
503-234-2061
www.DoveLewis.org

**Washington State University
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www.vetmed.wsu.edu/plhl/

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www.drlorigibson.com

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503-757-6124
vettopet.net

At Home Veterinary Services
Dr. Louise Mesher
503-281-1631
www.pdxhomevet.com

IN MEMORIAM

Wyonia and Dwight Conkle report the loss of their rescued cat, Amy. They adopted her knowing she had serious health issues. Her time with them was short, but she was loved and comforted until the end. Amy is also survived by her feline brother Ozzie, who says he will not really miss her very much.



DAPHNE

Lorri Elkington lost her Jack Russel Terrier, Daphne, at age 15½ years. She was a dog of extraordinary beauty, intelligence and character and the best companion ever.

Annie Sincavage lost her big black cat, Vladdie. He was playing his usual game of drag races in the hallway one evening, when suddenly he collapsed. Vladdie was in his middle years and had no known health issues, but he left this life in the comfort of his home, doing something he loved.

Carrie Fagerstrom lost two special cats over the winter holidays, Ember and Chloe. They were sweet girls who left a big hole in their family, which includes many other furry ones.



EMBER

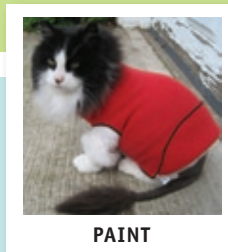


CHLOE

Don and Margaret Warnke-Shields said goodbye to their rescued Chihuahua, Heidi. She was found in 1999 living behind a restaurant, rescued and taken to a vet clinic. Heidi went home with the vet to recuperate, where Margaret and Don met and adopted her. Heidi soon assumed the position of queen. She loved to bury herself in blankets and snuggled in Margaret's sweatshirt while she worked. Heidi had a number of medical issues, but kept up her duties as queen throughout her life. She had a little bark to let her people know when something was needed—now!

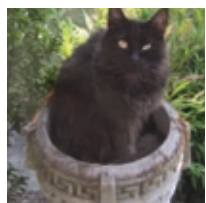
Randy Copenhaver was very sad to lose Princess, a feral cat he had been feeding for sixteen years. Princess never wanted to be touched or come indoors, and sometimes she took long unexplained absences, but she was a survivor and she always returned to Randy's yard.

Carma Crimins lost two of her posse in one week. Old Paint, the fearless leader, was about seventeen years old. In spite of some serious health issues, he was always in charge of the posse until one day he suddenly lost his way and couldn't go on. He had very long hair, so each spring he went to the beauty parlor for a lion cut, and he loved wearing his little red jacket until his coat grew out to keep him warm. Paint happily toddled out to greet all visitors and he was the poster boy for feral cats learning to love life surrounded by people, cushy beds, and regular meals.



PAINT

Tony appeared in the backyard one day eight years ago and quickly solidified his position as deputy in charge of the front steps. He patrolled from his perch in the flower pot, warning off feline intruders, while warmly greeting two-legged guests. Tony was cut down in his prime by kidney failure, which sneaked up and attacked him very suddenly.



TONY

Susan and Mike Phipps lost Dexie, their gentle giant of a cat, to kidney failure. He loved everyone and was universally adored.

Goodbye to Two Dear Friends

In January, we were deeply saddened to learn that our longtime supporter **Helena Heartt** had died. In 2006 Helena adopted a very special orange cat named Watson. Each month with her regular donation, Helena included a handwritten note "from Watson", including his observations on life and other topics. About a year ago, Watson passed on. Helena felt the absence of feline company, and she chose to adopt two more cats from us. Ladykin and Crackerjack, a mother and son pair, were also grieving the loss of their special person, and they found a warm welcome at Helena's house. We continued to receive a note each month. The last note we received was just a few days before she died:

January 11

Dear Rescuers,

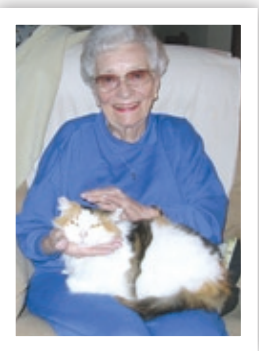
Well! I must hurry as it will soon be dinner time. I just wanted you to know I have devised a trick for awakening Housekeeper—I jump on the top back of her recliner at night and it bounces like a teeter totter. She doesn't like it. Tee hee!

Then Mom has teeth problems so she eats slowly and Housekeeper doesn't like it when I help her eat.

Happy New Year! I shall write more next time—a can was just opened.

*Keep warm,
Crackerjack & Ladykin Heartt*

We're also sorry to report the passing of **Shirley Martin**, who adopted a sweet, longhaired senior calico cat named Maggie from us in 2006. Our longtime newsletter readers may remember a story we wrote about them several years ago. Shirley and Maggie both suffered from serious health problems in the last few years, but they remained devoted to each other. Since Shirley's passing, Maggie has come back to live with one of our volunteers, where she will stay until her days come to an end.



Clunkers for Critters!

Petey and Jack

Petey was found abandoned, along with a couple of cans of cat food, at a home in the country. As with all homes in the country, there are already enough cats available, so Petey came to us. Jack was rescued from a family who had been trying to feed all the cats that were dumped off near their rural home, but they were getting overwhelmed. Jack lost one eye to a bad infection but his little heart was just overflowing with good feelings for everyone. He and Petey met up at an ARCF foster home and instantly bonded. Shortly afterward, they met Kate and began their happily ever after. Kate writes us:

Jack and Petey are the most charming, curious, friendly boys I or any visitors to my home have met. Petey is an unusually confident, laid-back, fluffy guy and Jack is sweet, lanky, and a bit mischievous. After moving into my apartment it took them barely any time to get comfortable and start ruling the place. They love to play with their toys, follow me around and check out whatever it is I'm doing (including typing on my laptop), cuddle together, and of course, they like to eat, eat, eat. I loved them both as soon as I met them at their foster home and love them more every day. I'm so glad to have them in my home as companions. It's a great feeling when I open my door and they run down the stairs to greet me.

Thanks again to ARCF! They are wonderful kitties.

— Kate Wilson



PETEY (LEFT) AND JACK

We can't give you cash for your old car, but you can get a tax deduction if you choose to donate your unwanted vehicle to ARCF. All it takes is a phone call to get that beast out of your driveway.

- 1.** Contact Speed's Supertow at 503-234-5555 and let them know you have a vehicle donation for Animal Rescue & Care Fund. They'll ask for basic information about your vehicle and arrange to pick it up.
- 2.** When Speed's Supertow picks up your vehicle, they will give you a temporary receipt and make sure that you have the title signed over to ARCF.
- 3.** The vehicle will go to auction, and the net proceeds will be donated to ARCF.
- 4.** Speed's Supertow will handle the DMV paperwork. You must notify the DMV of your donation which can be done online at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/vehicle/sell.shtml.
- 5.** ARCF will send you a 1098-C receipt and a letter showing the auction sale price and the net proceeds to ARCF.

Call us if you have a question about the process. Please check www.irs.gov or with your tax advisor for further info.

Thank you for donating to ARCF. Every dollar goes to help an animal in need.

YES! I want to help

Animal Rescue & Care Fund, Inc., depends entirely on your donations. Our work includes rescue, medical aid, food and shelter, humane education, neutering/spaying, and more. All workers are volunteers. Your contribution goes directly to help the animals. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Make a secure online donation using a credit card, debit card, or PayPal account. Save time and postage!

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- I enclose _____ for humane work. (\$35 sponsors an animal, but we appreciate any amount.)
- 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.
- I'm interested in being a volunteer. Please contact me at _____.

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