

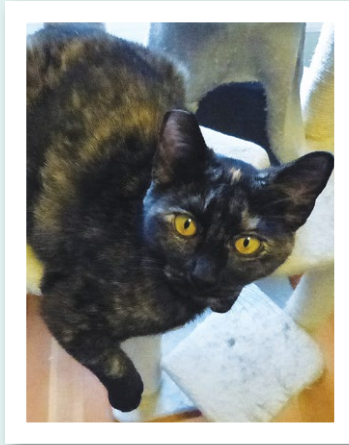
FEATURED CATS

Matilda & Ziva

Matilda and Ziva are two of the sweetest kittens we've met in a long time—the type of kittens that make our foster families wish they had room for just a couple more permanent residents. But we know there are other folks out there who will be delighted—and very lucky—to add one or both of these precious girls to their family.

Matilda is a gorgeous tortie who loves people and cats, and is also very fond of her canine foster sister, Iris. She loves cuddling, lap time, play time, dinner time, and pretty much everything else life has to offer.

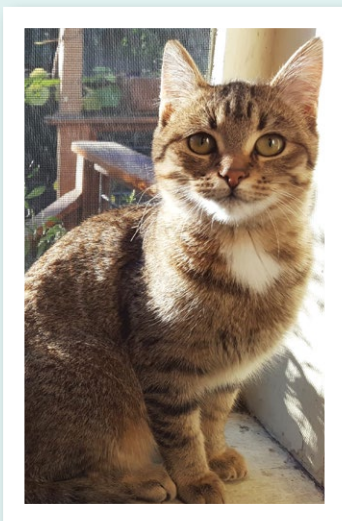
Her friend Ziva is a beautiful brown ticked-and-striped tabby with a personality that just won't quit! She's interested in everybody and everything. Both girls are very social, affectionate, playful, and just delightful to be around.



MATILDA

These young ladies definitely need a kitten or young cat buddy in their forever family, and they would love to be adopted together if their new family doesn't already have a friendly feline at home. Their antics keep each other entertained and help burn off some of that excess kitten energy so the household can have some quiet time, too.

Matilda and Ziva are both about six months old. They have been spayed and microchipped, and are up-to-date on vaccines. They have tested negative for FeLV/FIV. Adoption fee is \$100 each or \$150 for a pair of kittens. To learn more about Matilda and Ziva or any of our cats available for adoption, please call 503-402-8692, email arcf@pdx-petadoption.org, or visit www.pdx-petadoption.org.



ZIVA

FEATURED DOG

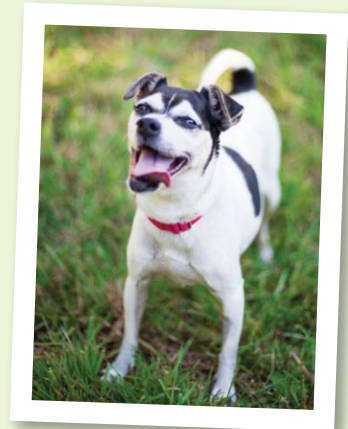
Maggie

Maggie is a cheerful gal—ok, you can call her a little old lady, she won't deny it—who loves meeting new people, and she'd really like to meet the fantastic people who are going to take her home forever! She wants a family who will take her for walks every day, and she'd really love to have another dog to be her buddy and “interpreter”—Maggie can't hear very well, so she relies on the signals from her doggie pals to know what everybody's up to and what might happen next. Mostly she likes walkies, snoozing in the sun, and meal time—the simple things we all know and love!

Maggie was taken to a high-kill shelter with her Pug buddy, who was quickly released to a local Pug rescue group. Because Maggie was a little older and needed some dental work, she was getting overlooked and her future didn't look too promising. My Way Home Dog Rescue stepped in and brought Maggie to their safe place. She got some much needed veterinary care and those troublesome teeth are now all gone.

A generous donor is funding DNA tests for some MWH dogs and Maggie's test results will soon be known, but in the meantime she's about 20 lbs. of adorable black-and-white some-kind-of-terrier. She's about eight years old.

All dogs from My Way Home Dog Rescue are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and are current on vaccines. Maggie's adoption fee of \$250 includes leash, collar, blanket, and food sample. If you are interested in meeting Maggie, email mywayhomedogrescue@gmail.com or call 503-974-4944.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Although ARCF has been operating since 1975 in Portland, we tend to keep a low profile. We don't have a shelter, clinic, or huge staff. We don't throw fancy gala fundraisers. Other than this newsletter, we have no budget for advertising or promotion. What we do have is a small group of dedicated volunteers who are willing to do the work of helping animals that have no other options.

This year we responded to more than 500 phone calls and emails about animals needing help. We're not able to act on all of them but we respond to everyone who contacts us and often we're the only organization that does respond. If we can't solve the problem, we direct people to the resources they need. Sometimes just a thoughtful conversation will lead to a solution, but often the situation requires some action by our team.

It might be as simple as delivering a few doses of flea control to a man whose two cats are suffering badly now, but funds won't be available for a few more weeks. Or arranging in-home euthanasia for an ancient Chihuahua who needs help leaving his worn out body behind, and his mom's budget is already stretched to breaking. Or bringing fresh straw to a deaf couple who take care of community cats at their mobile home park and want to make sure the cats' shelters are ready for winter. This couple doesn't use email or text, they contact us by telephone relay and when we arrive, we communicate with handwritten notes. These folks—and many others in similar situations—weren't able to get help from any other group or organization.

Sometimes the situation is more complicated: our volunteers may spend a day crawling under a house wrangling kittens and setting a trap to capture their mom, or they may spend weeks canvassing, organizing, and trapping to complete a TNR (trap-neuter-return) project for 40+ community cats. Setting the traps and capturing the cats is the easy part; getting the human community working together toward a common goal is the big challenge.

We took in about 175 cats and kittens in the last 12 months. Almost 100 of them were adopted and the rest were transferred to other shelters for adoption because our foster homes were at capacity. Those numbers may not seem awe-inspiring at first glance, but the amount of care and concern we give our rescued cats is beyond measure.

Each one receives thorough veterinary care, including vaccines, parasite control, spay/neuter surgery, and microchip implanted—and those are just the basics. Almost all our rescued animals need diagnosis and treatment for various infections, requiring lab work and prescription medications. We place cats for adoption only after all issues have been resolved, unless special arrangements

have been made with our adopters. They receive a copy of medical records as part of the adoption process, so they know exactly what care has been given and what may still be needed.

This year we have had more than the usual number of kittens needing extraordinary medical care, as with **Louella and Loretta** of the "L" litter, who broke out in little spots of ringworm shortly after they came to us. Ringworm is just a fungal infection on the skin which always clears up but thorough treatment takes at least one month, and infected kittens must be kept isolated from others to prevent reinfection.

We took in the beautiful **Priya** and her five three-week-old babies from our friends at Cat Utopia in Pendleton when their shelter was overflowing. Shortly after arrival, this sweet family came down with a particularly virulent respiratory and eye infection. Weighing less than a pound, kittens have very few resources to fight off powerful bugs, and sometimes it takes a trial-and-error combination of antibiotics and other therapies to bring them through it. After weeks of dedicated care by foster mom Lori and a few days in the hospital to get them through the worst, they are finally out of the woods. Tiny **Poppy** was hit the hardest and will lose one eye to the infection, but thanks to excellent care at Cat Hospital of Portland and some potent (and expensive) drugs, the other eye will be saved.

We depend entirely on private donations to fund our rescue work. In addition to veterinary care, our hundreds of kittens require hundreds of pounds of food and litter. We ask for discounts, and we shop the sales and use coupons like everyone else, but there are no freebies or shortcuts to good nutrition for our little clients.

When planning your charitable giving, we hope you will choose to put your hard-earned funds to use close to home. Every dollar donated to ARCF helps animals living in our community—maybe even in your neighborhood. If your family includes a rescued pet you adore, whether adopted from us or somewhere else, please consider a donation to ARCF in honor of your beloved

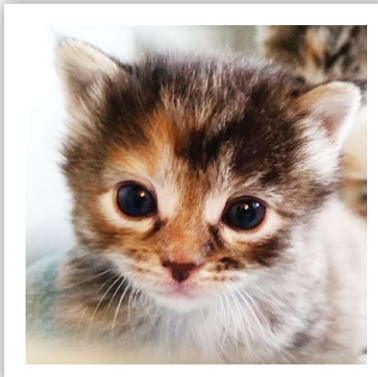
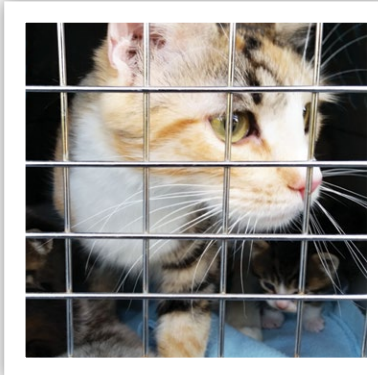
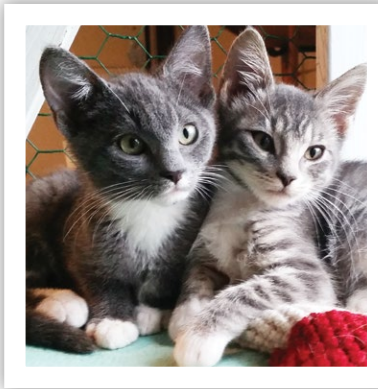
family member. We'll use it to rescue and care for the next critter who deserves a home as good as yours.

On behalf of the animals who would thank you if they could, please accept our sincere gratitude.

We wish you tranquility and contentment in the company of your loved ones for the holiday season and the coming year.

Happy Winter!

— **Carma Crimins**
PRESIDENT



FROM TOP: LORETTA (LEFT)
& LOUELLA, PRIYA, POPPY

Since ARCF does not currently have a dog adoption program, we are working with other local dog rescue groups who share our goals and philosophies of animal welfare and rescue.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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MY WAY HOME DOG RESCUE

Miss Bee

Mary Dowless is one of our best friends and a longtime ARCF supporter. She's rescued many a dog, cat, bird, and bunny in the years we've known her—most from the "scratch and dent" section of the homeless animals department, making them unlikely to be adopted and sometimes not even likely to survive. Mary has a gift for earning the trust of the most timid and fearful critters, allowing them to blossom and thrive.

But over time, these beloved critters succumb to the maladies that eventually take all our animal companions, and when there's a vacancy at Mary's home, she fills it with another of her favorite breed of everything: Rescued.

Mary is especially fond of fuzzy little-old-lady dogs, so she asked our friends at My Way Home Dog Rescue to keep an eye out for a rescue who might not have a good chance of survival without special help.

Cheryl at MWH soon found a likely candidate at a high-kill shelter. She sent Mary the shelter photo, along with a description of an 11-year-old female Chihuahua (mixed with Lhasa Apso? Papillon? Who knows?) who had been brought to the shelter as a stray. She had no visible teeth and her tongue hung out sideways, but she was trying to bite everyone who handled her. She weighed a whopping 5 lbs., her eyes were draining green goo, she was sneezing and had a limp. Mary took one look at the pitiful picture, read the shelter notes, and said, "Perfect! I'll take her! And her name shall be Miss Bee."



MARY AND MISS BEE

Upon first exam by the MWH vet, it was discovered that Miss Bee had two foxtails buried in her eye, and most of her remaining teeth were badly infected and needed removal as well. She also had a broken jaw and early stage kidney disease. The doctor's prognosis was guarded but Miss Bee seemed to recover well from her procedures, had a good appetite, and underwent an attitude adjustment. She wasn't exactly Little Miss Sunshine, but at least she wasn't snapping at everybody and everything. Mary took her home to foster—and watch and wait.

Three months later Mary reports that Miss Bee integrated seamlessly into her family of wayward waifs. She never barked or growled at any of the other small fuzzy dogs, or the cats, even at meal time. She snoozes most of the day in her cozy padded crate (known as the Bee Hive, naturally), uses potty pads appropriately, and makes herself a little nest on Mary's bed every night, before settling in with a contented sigh. She likes to go for rides in Mary's big truck, as long as she can ride shotgun, and she wants to never set a toe outdoors when it's raining. Miss Bee was introduced to the wonders of turkey lunch meat and seeing her delighted anticipation when she hears Mary say "treat!" is enough to melt a cold, cold heart.

Senior dog rescue is challenging, heartbreaking, and financially draining. But one little life has been saved, and for whatever time she has left, Miss Bee will be surrounded with love, warmth, and security in knowing the next meal will always be there.

My Way Home Dog Rescue specializes in saving senior dogs from high-kill shelters, providing all necessary medical care, including heartworm tests for each incoming dog, and fostering all dogs in loving homes until their permanent

forever families find them. Senior dogs naturally have more health and medical challenges. Those that end up in open-intake public shelters often have chronic conditions that were neglected for years. Bringing these dogs back to

good health takes time and money, and a commitment to providing as much care as each one needs. If you'd like to foster, adopt, or donate towards the care of a senior dog, please contact mywayhomedogrescue@gmail.com.

Gwyn & Gary

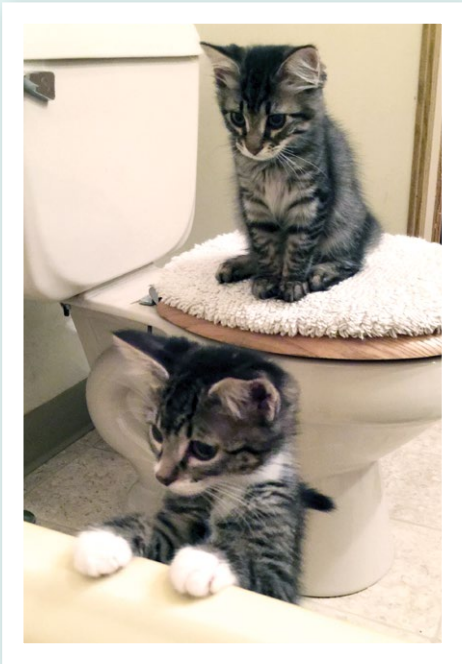
(formerly Gretchen and Garrett)

Jody Harmon is a one-woman force of nature when it comes to helping cats in the Willamette Valley. One of her TNR (trap-neuter-return) projects this year involved more than 60 cats and kittens in a county park, where multiple colonies had grown from a few fertile cats abandoned by campers and others. We were able to take at least five of the litters she rescued there, including the “G” litter of five adorable brown tabbies.

We were happy to see Molly’s application to adopt kittens—her family includes 11 goats and a pig living in the barn, and she was looking for some critters to share the house. She was charmed by Gwyn and Gary and we think she chose wisely. We asked for a photo update and Molly replied:

You bet! My phone is stuffed full of kitty pictures. I’m worse than a first-time grandmother.

We named them Gary and Gwyn. They’ve quickly taught us how cats behave and what we need to do to accommodate them. The



GWYN & GARY ON LIFEGUARD DUTY

bathroom is their favorite place—the term ‘Bathroom Attendants’ is frequently used. They lay on the toilet seat while I get ready each morning; it’s now our tradition. I’m very impressed with their ability to tell time too—no late meals around here. Both of them are often on our laps too, one of my favorite ways to end the day. I so look forward to it!

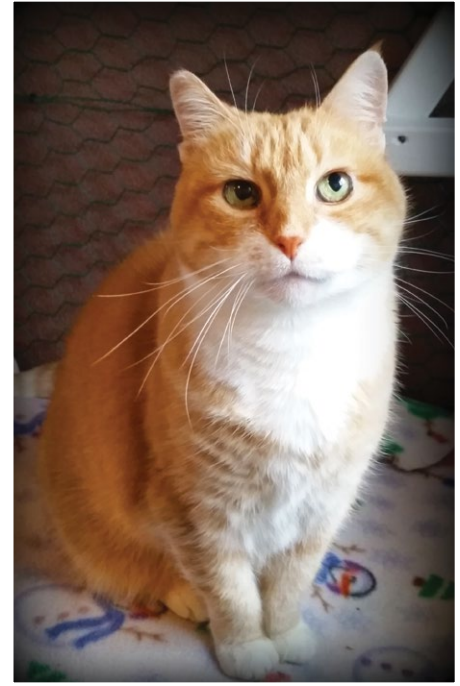
They’ve been patiently teaching this self-proclaimed ‘dog person’ what amazing creatures

cats are. What I can’t believe is that I’ve never had a cat before, how in the world did I live without a cat? They are hilarious! We love these two so much and they continue to make us laugh every day. We’re blessed to share a home with them.

I took them for booster shots and the vet looked at both of them and said, “I can tell these two little ones were loved in foster care, they are healthy and not afraid of the world. They are lovely.”

I’ve commented to other people about this too. You helped these little ones prepare so well to navigate their lives. It takes a special person to take on this challenge and succeed. I thank you for everything!

— Molly Houge



Abbey (formerly Mango)

Before Abbey arrived at ARCF, we were expecting to welcome a big tough orange tomcat who would be looking for a job as a barn cat. The kind people who had been feeding her in their backyard for many months had never been able to get close enough to pet her, and from a distance they assumed she was an unneutered male who had been left to roam by unknown neighbors.

When it was time for them to move to a new home, they weren’t sure what to do. Their new home didn’t have a safe place for an outdoor cat, but they couldn’t leave Abbey behind, so they asked us to help. We lent a humane trap and Abbey was quickly captured.

A trip to the vet revealed that Abbey was a spayed female, probably about 10 years old. It didn’t take long for her to settle in and show us what she considers her true calling in life: this girl just wanted a lap, an arm to rest her head on, and tasty meals served on a regular schedule.

After a few months, we heard from a woman who was looking for a cat companion, and it seemed like a good match—both senior citizens pursuing a quiet lifestyle. We arranged a meeting and all went well so Abbey went to her new home. But within a week, we knew

Ruby & Noodles

Noodles' family was living under an apartment building where his mom had raised many litters. Noodles was the tiniest of the current litter and he was nabbed when he wandered out of the crawlspace looking for food. The other four kittens and momcat presented more of a challenge. Our determined trappers Courtney Argo and Gerry Taylor tag-teamed the project, and after many frustrating hours, days, and eventually weeks, the whole family was captured, the kittens entered our kitten boot camp, and momcat spayed and returned. Most of the kittens were very robust and quickly adopted, but Noodles didn't grow very fast and needed some extra TLC so he stayed with us much longer.

In the meantime, Ruby came to us with her two siblings from our friends at Cat Utopia in Eastern Oregon. Ruby was the smallest in her litter, too, but her personality was bigger than both of her brothers put together! After they were adopted, Ruby looked around the kitten foster room, pointed her little paw at Noodles and said, "You! You shall be my special friend. Stay close to me and watch what I do."

With their fluffy little faces and Ruby's stub of a tail, they made an irresistible pair, and were soon adopted by Ralph and Kara, who absolutely adored them. Unfortunately Kara's long-dormant allergies were triggered and within a couple weeks it was obvious that they would have to give them up for Kara's health. It was heartbreaking for all involved, but we agreed there was no other good option.

The very next day we received an application from Casey and Jevon who were eager to meet them. Ironically, Jevon had also suffered from pet allergies so we were a bit cautious. But



NOODLES (LEFT) & RUBY

his problem had not been severe and we were hopeful enough to give it a try. It's been three months and we were happy to receive this update:

Ruby and Noodles are growing like weeds and are always up to something. They both are cute as buttons and we are very happy to have them in the family. Ruby is into everything and always up for more attention. She continues to be a ragdoll full of endless love and affection. The cooler weather has Noodles becoming a bit more willing to come around and cozy up and of course they cannot get enough of each other.

— Casey Snoeberger

Abbey continued

something was wrong. Abbey was not using the litter box properly—unknown behavior in our experience with her. She was always tidy—sometimes to the point of obsession—with her litter box habits. We brought Abbey back to our foster home then straight to the vet for a complete checkup. She was declared in perfect physical health, and the litter box issue resolved itself immediately. Abbey was doing her best to communicate that her new home wasn't the right one and we needed to pay attention. Sometimes we don't get it exactly right the first time, but we regrouped and settled in to wait for the right home to appear.

Carol is an avid user of her Hillsdale neighborhood library, where she saw a copy of Animal Talk with the lovely Abbey

(then known as Mango) on the front page. She had recently lost her beloved Mister Mischief at the age of 17 years, after losing Angel kitty at age 18 the year before. Carol felt the time was right to bring home another feline companion, and Abbey's story and photo spoke to her.

This time we all felt better about the situation, which was confirmed when Abbey stepped out of the carrier at Carol's home, moseyed around to check out a few key areas, and came back to flop at Carol's feet, with not so much as a look of concern toward the ARCF volunteer who had cared for her all those months. We never take offense at such slights; our reward comes from seeing a cat relaxed and content, proclaiming approval of her new home and family.

Abbey is the perfect companion. She loves to cuddle, and can't wait to get on my lap the instant I sit down. She likes it even better when I lie down and she can curl up next to me and give me a little help with grooming.

She is very comfortable here and enjoys greeting familiar guests. She's a bit more cautious with new people and if something is really new and startling, as when she first met the vacuum cleaner, she goes to her safe and warm hiding space behind the Jacuzzi tub.

We're very happy together and so grateful for the work you do saving and caring for homeless animals.

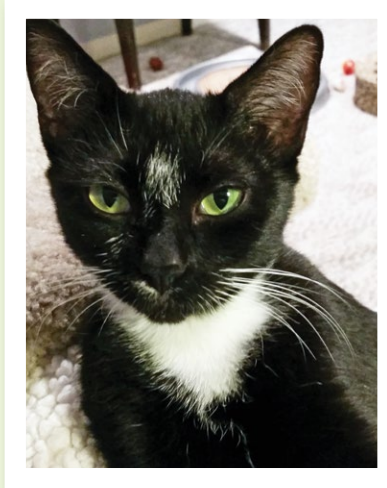
— Carol Markewitz

Rosie

Late in September we received a message about a family vacating their rental house and intending to leave behind their 15 cats. None of the cats were altered, nor had any known vet history. The family had no vehicle and the deadline for moving out was only a few days off. A neighbor helped take most of the cats to other shelters but there was one female cat left. We didn't have a foster home space available but agreed to take her anyway. The owner told us that Rosie and her brother had been found as kittens and they were the parents and grandparents of most of the other cats. Poor Rosie, only two years old and already a grandma!

As usual we went straight to the vet and other than being undernourished, loaded with parasites, and desperately needing to be spayed, Rosie was in good health. We got those issues resolved, and let Rosie have a little time to rest and recover. She was sweet but anxious, and didn't want to eat, drink, or use the litter box for the first couple days. But she soon adjusted to her new situation. Her appetite came back and her charming personality began to blossom.

A few days before we rescued Rosie, we had received a call from Lucy Waibel, a longtime friend of ARCF. She first adopted a sweet tortie girl named Lena from us in 2004. A few years later she adopted Snow, whom she called Lily Rose. Both cats have since passed away and Lucy was ready for another feline



companion. We talked about Rosie and agreed that we needed to give her more time in our foster home, since we knew little about her personality and habits.

After just a few days, we could see that Rosie had some excellent qualities—she was sweet, playful, and affectionate—but we still weren't sure if she was the right fit for Lucy's situation. Rosie had lived with many cats and dogs and kids, and that was the very opposite of Lucy's home. But Lucy was lonesome and ready for some company, so we packed up Rosie and took her off to Lucy's home for a sleepover.

Rosie took a quick tour of the premises, checked out the bed, the window-viewing arrangements, and the location of the litter box, then came back to flop at Lucy's side and gaze up at her with blinky eyes and a big purr. We

decided it was probably going to work out fine.

Rosie is very happy here and we are getting along swimmingly. She is an absolute darling and could not be more precious. She wants to be near me all the time, and the minute I sit down anywhere, she's in my lap. I think she's very happy to be the spoiled only child and have mommy all to herself. We are going to be very happy together. Thank you for bringing her into my life.

— Lucy Waibel

ATTENTION ARTISTS AND CRAFTSPEOPLE!

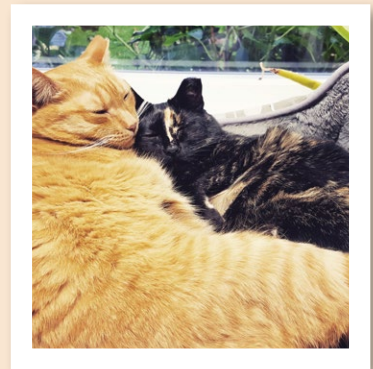
We're planning our second annual "Art from the Heart" auction fundraiser, to be held in April 2017 (exact date TBD). Last year we featured donated works from more than 20 artists, and our event was a great success. Next year, donated pieces will be on display for a month at Cat Hospital of Portland so visitors can view and bid any time during the hospital's regular hours.

To wrap up the auction, we'll host an evening reception with complimentary refreshments and prizes to raffle. The bidding will be closed and winners declared at that time.

If you or someone you know creates art and would like to support our mission by donating to our silent auction, please get in touch. We welcome works in any media on any theme and your donations are tax-deductible. You can reach us at arcf@pdx-petadoption.org or 503-402-8692.

Sailor & Lula

Sailor and Lula first came to us as babies in 2007, and they were so sickly we weren't sure they would survive. It took time, good medicine, and lots of TLC to make them well. Through it all, they were always sweet, loving, and devoted to each other. They were soon adopted. A few years later, they were returned to us because of "close family who are allergic."



SAILOR (LEFT) & LULA

Although we loved having Lula and Sailor around again in our foster home, they deserved a permanent home of their own and we were delighted when Kirsi and Tony adopted them. Here's a recent photo sent to us by Kirsi and Tony. This time we know they are staying forever!

They are treasures. I feel so lucky to have been connected to them. Sweetest kitties ever!

— Kirsi Baird

SUCCESS STORIES

Pipkin

Almost exactly one year ago we were contacted by a Southeast Portland family concerned about three cats roaming through backyards in their neighborhood. The cats were from a home where the owner had recently moved to a care center due to ill health. She left two dogs and five cats behind. The dogs were quickly rehomed but the house was closed up and the cats were turned outdoors by a family member who chose not to take responsibility for them.



Two of the cats soon disappeared, and several neighbors were doing their best to care for the remaining three, providing food and outdoor shelter. Two of them made their way into a new home, but the third was not as approachable and seemed to have no desire to be around the other cats. With winter approaching, the neighbors were concerned about her continuing to live outdoors and asked if we could take this cat that they had named Pipkin.

We agreed to take her and went straightaway to the vet. We learned that Pipkin was about six years old, had been spayed, and other than some dental issues and the usual fleas and worms common to outdoor-living cats, she was in very good health. We also learned that she was starved for affection. Pipkin simply could not get enough lap time and hands-on attention. If she wasn't the cuddliest cat ever to pass through ARCF World HQ, she was definitely among the top three. Pipkin wasn't wild about sharing space with other cats, but she craved social interaction with humans.

We expected that Pipkin would stay with us for a while. Six years doesn't seem very old, but in the world of cat rescue we learn to be patient—adopters for our more "experienced" clients are out there but they are few and hard to find.

After a few months, we heard from Donna, a retired lady who had recently lost her adored kitty, Jacob. She was looking for a companion to share her quiet, cozy life and she saw Pipkin on the front of Animal Talk at her vet's office. Somebody home all day with unlimited lap time? Who absolutely adores and dotes on her beloved pets? Who has no other cats wanting to get in on the action? This seemed like exactly the "home wanted" ad that Pipkin would write if she had opposable thumbs! We talked it over and Pipkin said, "How soon can you drive me over there to meet Donna?" So we did, and here's how that worked out:

I love my Pippie so much! I have had 20 cats in my lifetime but I never had a cat so loving and affectionate. Not five minutes after she arrived here on the first day, she jumped on the bed next to me and started giving me kisses. On the fourth day, she heard the mailman on the porch and ran over to growl at him—she already knew this was HER house and she was going to protect it!

It took a while for Pipkin to understand that all the cozy beds and perches in the house are just for her enjoyment. Her house manners are so good she didn't want to climb on anything without some coaxing.

After Jacob died I intended to foster for another shelter, but I was turned down because I don't have a computer. Instead, I found Pipkin and I feel so fortunate! She is the best cat and the most wonderful companion I could hope for. Thank you for saving her and bringing her to me.

— Donna Robinson

ANIMAL PLACEMENTS

September-October-November: We placed 20 cats in loving, responsible homes. Major expenses were:

Veterinary \$4,858.68

Food/Supplies \$1,651.61

Fundraising \$1,563.85

Education/Outreach \$1,228.94

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THINGS WE LIKE

Friends, we don't need to remind you that if rescue work were easy, everyone would do it. Our group is small but mighty, and our top-notch volunteers make it all possible.

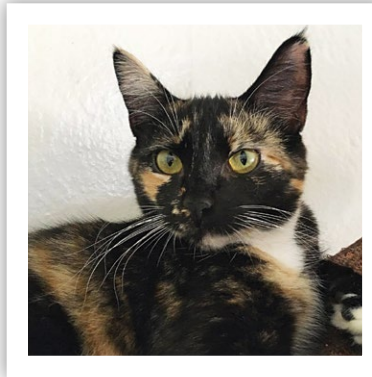
As always, we are grateful to **Lori Sharp, Val Walker, and Courtney Argo** for sharing their gold star skills in wrangling and taming so many cats and kittens. They have saved hundreds of lives by the not-so-simple act of showering the little wild ones with so much love that they simply can't resist, and soon turn to putty in their hands. **Amanda Ferguson** is developing her chops as a kitten tamer with coaching from our experts, and she helped us with several litters this year.

Joey Macca helped us with two big TNR (trap-neuter-return) projects—capturing and returning more than 40 cats and kittens—that required persistent community outreach and a lot of patience and legwork. **Anne Malinowski** specializes in providing expert care to momcats and their babies, which may sound like fun, but requires constant vigilance, an unflappable spirit in the face of inevitable heartbreak—and willingness to cope with constant scrubbing and tons of laundry.

We've kept **Jen Hansen & Roger Anderson** busy with a non-stop supply of foster kittens, and they also help us with outreach events and manage our website. **Glenda Hughes** and **Bill Gollhofer** opened their home, their hearts, and now their office to **Milton the Freeway Cat**, affectionately known as Mitty.

Kirk Kiggins heads up our outreach team, with help from **Erin Atkinson, Heidi Hart-Zorin, and Leah Goodman**, who also provides expert editing and proofreading for this newsletter.

Gloria Garbutt has been our go-to gal for getting 1000+ copies of this newsletter stuffed into envelopes for mailing. She recently retired from the position but we're happy to report that **Julie Davenport** has taken on this not-so-glamorous job.



BENITA

Sally Needham, Susan Phipps, Nancy Schroeter, Roz Simon, and Marian Kerr help deliver the 1000+ copies that go directly to locations in our community.

Special thanks to **Scott Tobias** who every year builds a couple of feeding stations that make a world of difference for the community cats who can enjoy dining under cover during our long, wet winter.

Our friends at **Furever Pets** store and **Healthy Pets NW** (Woodstock location) support us with food drives, donations, and outreach events.

We also depend on **Cat Hospital of Portland, Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon, and Stark St. Animal Hospital**, excellent veterinarians who support our work. **Gabriel Park Veterinary Clinic** has been a placement partner for some of our kitten boot camp graduates.

Our friends at **House of Dreams** shelter accepted our beautiful **Benita** when we learned she was positive for the Feline Leukemia virus. She's young, healthy, and beautiful, but FeLV+ cats need to live separately from those who don't carry the virus. House of Dreams cares for these kitties in their homey, free-roam shelter

with the goal of finding them permanent homes.

We are grateful to **Dr. Jean Battig** and **Dr. Heidi Shafford** of **Animal Dental Clinic** who performed extensive dental surgery on Bronco Billy, our cat with high risk of complications under anesthesia. Cat Hospital of Portland also hosted our "Art from the Heart" fundraiser last spring which helped us pay for that surgery for Bronco Billy.

Our thanks go out to all the volunteers, donors, and kind strangers who help us carry out our mission: to rescue, shelter, and care for homeless animals and place them in permanent responsible homes; to promote and support spay/neuter for all companion animals.

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