

## Joey & Jewel

Joey and Jewel are sweet, bonded siblings ready to meet their forever family. Jewel has beautiful blue eyes and striking color points that indicate a Siamese-type cat somewhere in the



family tree, while Joey has tabby stripes over his pristine white coat.

This brother and sister are adorably attached to each other—Jewel helps Joey with his grooming while he happily “makes biscuits” on her belly. As with most brothers, Joey can

be an annoying goofball but he adores his sister and cries when he can’t find her. Jewel is the serious big sister who knows she is in charge and is fine with that.

For exercise, Joey and Jewel love playing with their toys, which may be as elaborate as a battery-operated spinner or as simple as a bottle cap. For relaxation, they spend time at the window watching birds on their local “cat TV” channel. Jewel enjoys watching the bird who lives inside their house, but she never bothers him. They also share their home with a large, mellow dog and an adult male cat. Everyone is polite and respectful to each other, and the kittens especially adore their feline “Uncle Elliott.”

Joey and Jewel were very shy when they came to us, but with time and patience they came to love their new life, and are very comfortable with their foster family. They follow their people from room to room and are great lap snugglers during movie or computer time. They are wary of strangers and don’t rush to greet guests to their home but once they have adjusted, their wonderful personalities blossom.

Joey and Jewel have been neutered/spayed, are up-to-date on vaccines, and tested negative for FeLV/FIV. They were born in April 2019.

The adoption fee is \$150 for the pair. To learn more about any of our cats available for adoption, please call 503-402-8692, email [arcf@pdx-petadoption.org](mailto:arcf@pdx-petadoption.org), or visit [www.pdx-petadoption.org](http://www.pdx-petadoption.org).

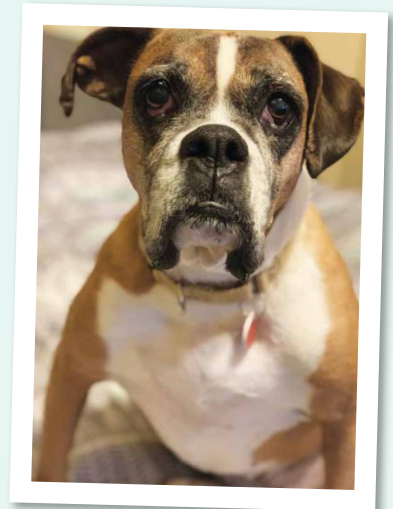
## Juniper

Juniper is a petite and well-mannered senior Boxer lady. We’re not sure how she came to be in a high-kill shelter, but we do know that she is crate-, leash-, and house-trained. Juniper rides well in the car, sleeps quietly through the night, and although she’s probably about 8 years old, she still enjoys some easygoing play time with her people. Even though she always seems sad in her photos (*resting sad face* perhaps?) Juniper is really a happy girl who asks for little in exchange for her companionship.

Juniper came to My Way Home Dog Rescue needing some medical care, which is common for dogs surrendered to open-intake public shelters. She needed dental work and a chance to heal and gain some needed weight at her foster home. Now she’s feeling much better! Juniper is happy to go places and meet people, but really loves her fluffy bed and hanging out on the couch.

She likes to chase small animals and can be picky about her dog friends, so Juniper is looking for a family with no other pets and a home with a securely fenced yard—no apartments, town homes, or condos, please.

Juniper weighs just over 40 lbs. She has been spayed and microchipped, is current on vaccines and flea control, and tested negative for heartworm. The adoption fee of \$300 includes leash, collar, blanket, and food sample. If you are interested in meeting Juniper, email [mywayhomedogrescue@gmail.com](mailto:mywayhomedogrescue@gmail.com) or call 503-974-4944.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

This time of year we look forward to the shorter days and cooler nights that reduce the unending demand for our resources, although there really is no end to “kitten season” anymore—we recently rescued the “C” litter, including **Chenille** and her siblings Cashmere and Corduroy. They will be ready for adoption around New Year’s Day. After they leave us, we hope for a small break to rest, recharge, and restock before the cycle starts again in the spring.

Fostering and finding homes for kittens born to outdoor-living cats is a big part of our daily work, but there is so much more. For example, Clackamas County offers no services at all for cats, despite its large geographical size and population. The burden falls mostly on small private rescues, especially for stray and abandoned cats. **Sterling** came to us because she was left behind when her owners moved out of their apartment. We will find her a true forever home, but there should be education and services available for pet owners to prevent abandonment, and consequences when they choose that course. We can’t take on a whole county, but we will do our best to help when asked.

One man in Clackamas County asked for help with two kittens that had just appeared at his farm, apparently dropped off by someone with the inaccurate assumption that every farm has unlimited capacity to take in animals unwanted elsewhere. Brothers **Toby and Taz** were very shy at first, but have blossomed in their foster home and will soon be available for adoption.

Another kind man called to request a safe, heated outdoor bed for his 24-year-old feral cat, named **Kitty**. He faced some serious health problems that changed his financial picture but still wanted to help his cat. How did he know she was really 24? Because she came with the house when he bought it 23 years earlier. We delivered an appropriate heated bed, along with some high-quality food, deworm medicine, and flea control. We were very happy to meet Kitty and make her life more comfortable.

Again this year we spent a few days building simple insulated shelters to help outdoor living cats stay warm and dry through the winter. One shelter went to a 96-year-old woman feeding a cat on her porch, and for another family, we made enough to

shelter the 14 (spayed and neutered) cats they care for on their rural property. If you know of cats in the Portland area that could benefit from one of our shelters, please contact us—we will help!

We love to share our success stories with our supporters—who doesn’t love a happy ending! But sometimes the road to success has some bumps and switchbacks, and we have to backtrack, reset, and start over.

**Hugo** was adopted with his brother Herbie in 2018. For about a year, all was well. Recently their adopter notified us that about six months earlier Hugo had begun inappropriate elimination—otherwise known as peeing outside the box. When this behavior appears suddenly, there is always a triggering cause and the cat is trying to communicate in the only way he knows. There had been some changes in his environment, and his adopter sought professional veterinary advice to help Hugo resolve his anxiety. There was no underlying

medical condition, and nothing was effective in changing the behavior. The stress was building for everyone in the home, so we all agreed that Hugo would come back to us.

Because we had no foster homes available, we arranged boarding for Hugo at our vet clinic, hoping it would be a short stay. Hugo at first was furious with the situation, and he was especially disturbed by the sight and sound of other cats. Over time he became less anxious, but although he was desperate for human attention, he made it clear he would NOT tolerate being near other cats.

Weeks later a foster home with no other cats became available, and there we learned that Hugo is a playful, charming, and very affectionate cat. He

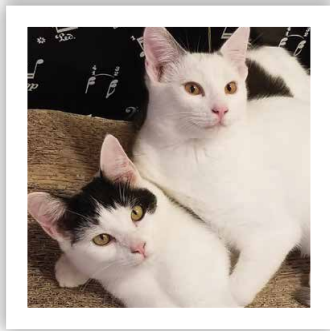
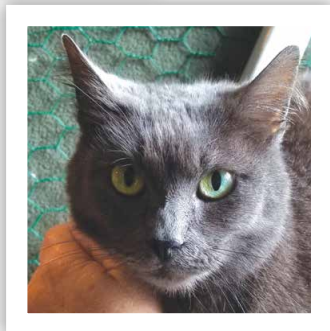
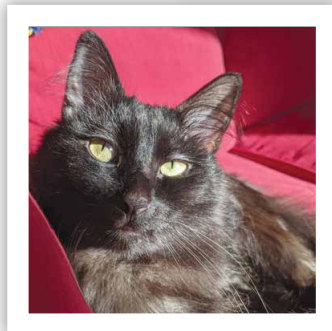
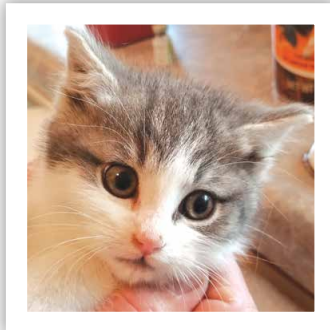
has shown absolutely no unwanted behavior and we are confident that he will make a wonderful companion for an otherwise cat-free family.

On behalf of Chenille, Elsie, Kitty, Grandpa Cat, and all the others, we offer our deepest gratitude to the generous donors who allow us to give them the best life possible.

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



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:  
**CHENILLE; STERLING; TOBY & TAZ; KITTY; HUGO**

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.

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## MY WAY HOME DOG RESCUE

### Smokey Joe

Readers with long memories may recall seeing Smokey Joe on the cover of our newsletter in 2015. At that time, he had already been in foster care with My Way Home Dog Rescue for two years, the longest time for any dog in the rescue up to that point. He came from a high-kill shelter where he was surrendered by his owners, who then chose a younger dog to adopt. Smokey was a bit cranky and didn't attract a lot of admirers, but who could really blame him.

Devon wasn't actively looking for a dog, but a friend who adopted from MWH liked to share stories of their adoptable dogs on her Facebook page. Devon saw Smokey Joe's photo and wondered why such a cute little gremlin was not yet adopted. He needed a home with no kids or other pets, which



was a good fit for Devon, and her family was very supportive of her decision to adopt Smokey.

At their first meeting, Smokey Joe tried to bite, but Devon didn't take it personally. She could tell that attitude was just a cover-up for his timid and tender broken heart. She grew up with many dogs in her family, but Smokey would be the first dog of her very own. "He was already 12 years old," said Devon. "I figured he could spend the next five years on my couch without much trouble."

Four years later and Smokey Joe is doing just fine. He has a bit of arthritis—what Devon calls his "tennis elbow." As with all Chihuahuas, he tends to feel chilly in our climate so he sports a wardrobe of sweaters and jackets most of the year. He can be found in front of the fireplace every minute it's in use and he loves burrowing into a nest of blankets.

Devon also discovered that Smokey Joe loves the beach! He can only manage short walks though, and then he gets to ride in the backpack for the rest of the hike. He has taught Devon how to respect his wishes, which



include not looking him in the eye, and keeping the noise level to a minimum. He can be distracted with treats, which he will take politely—and then try to bite the hand that gave it!

But Devon knew what she was getting with Smokey Joe—she describes him as a grumpy old man with strong opinions. She loves her special little guy, quirks and all, and the feeling is mutual—he has definitely become a momma's boy.

"He's always excited when I get home from work or come downstairs to wake him up for breakfast," said Devon. "I wasn't looking for a dog when I found Smokey, but I'm so glad he is part of my family now and he has a big circle of people who love him."

Smokey Joe has a safe, stable, and loving home for all the days, months, and years remaining to him. He will never again be exchanged for a newer model.

My Way Home Dog Rescue saves dogs from high-kill shelters, providing all necessary medical care and home-based fostering. These dogs often have long-neglected chronic conditions. Returning them to good health takes 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](mailto:mywayhomedogrescue@gmail.com).

## IN MEMORIAM



**RORY**

The end of an era came in September with the passing of **Rory**, feline companion to Roz Simon for 23 years. Found wandering in the rain in 1997, Rory didn't immediately adjust to indoor life with humans, so Roz sought expert advice from a veterinarian specializing in animal behavior. That doctor connected her with Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon, where she soon became a volunteer and a valued part of the organization ever since. Glenda Hughes remembered the indomitable Rory with a donation to ARCF.



**BUDDY**

Bev Trover also experienced the end of an era when her beloved cat **Buddy** passed away at the age of 21+ years. As a volunteer at Cat Adoption Team starting with their opening in 1998, Bev was trained as an adoption counselor. In her first few months there, she adopted 12 cats, so she was obviously quite good at her job! Bev took on many other tasks at the shelter over the years, and became a dedicated advocate for all animals in our world, supporting ARCF and many other organizations. Buddy was the last survivor of the 12 adopted that year, so it must have been quite a reunion when he arrived at the next stop on his journey.

We were sorry to learn from our foster volunteers Jen Hansen and Roger Anderson that their large, handsome cat **Ramon** succumbed to kidney failure only two days after being diagnosed at the age of 11 years. He was adopted from our local public shelter as an adorable baby who became a handsome hunk with a strong independent streak. Ramon had no patience for the many foster kittens passing through his home, but he was a champion snuggler with a deep, rumbling purr. In addition to Jen and Roger, Ramon is survived by his feline brother Elliott, his canine sister Iris, and a cockatiel named Basil.



**RAMON**



**PANTS**

Our friend and dedicated cat rescuer Eric Phelps recently lost his best friend in the world, his handsome tabby cat **Pants**. In the 12 years since they first met at an animal sanctuary in Mississippi, Pants has never left Eric's side through good times and bad, including two cross-country moves. His gentle, loving nature made Pants adored by all who met him. He tolerated the many rescued cats who passed through their home, and welcomed those who stayed to become his new brothers and sisters. His loss leaves a giant hole in the center of his family.

Every year we take hundreds of kittens into our rescue; some arrive with serious medical conditions that can't be corrected, no matter how hard we work to save them. Each little life is precious and we remember Ashley, Annie, Barley, and Quella, the angels who left us too soon.

When the time comes to help our ill and elderly pets leave the world without pain, it may bring comfort for you and your pet to have humane euthanasia administered at home by veterinarians who make house calls for this purpose. Here are some Portland area vets who provide this service:

### **At Home Veterinary Services**

Dr. Louise Mesher  
503-281-1631, [pdxhomevet.com](http://pdxhomevet.com)

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Dr. Lori Gibson  
503-880-1172, [drlorigibson.com](http://drlorigibson.com)

### **Vet to Pet**

Dr. Laura Chang  
503-757-6124, [vettopet.net](http://vettopet.net)

## Grandpa Cat

*We love to send our kittens off to their adoring forever families, but there is nothing more heart-warming than finding the perfect home for the less-than-perfect cats—especially the senior feline citizens.*

*Grandpa Cat came to us in the summer of 2018 when his elderly gentleman died and no one was left to care for him. For months he lived under a shrub where neighbors left food, but eventually the house was sold and the family's attorney contacted us for help. 2018 was a hot summer, and by that time Grandpa was scruffy, underweight, dehydrated, and very wary of people.*

*Once in our custody we began dealing with his health issues and discovered that he was a very sweet old guy, confused by the loss of his home and companion. With only a few broken and infected teeth left, Grandpa's dental extractions were scheduled. He also needed a couple of benign masses excised, but otherwise his health was pretty good for a senior feline.*



**GRANDPA CAT**

*As he began to recuperate, Grandpa clearly perked up a bit. He learned to love his heated bed and three meals*

*a day plus snacks. He asked for very little, but he also wasn't a barrel of fun, and could be a bit cranky at times, so we expected that Grandpa would be in our care for a long time—possibly forever.*

*After more than a year, we heard from Susan, who recently lost one of her cats at age 19, and her remaining little*



**WITH LIL FLUFF**

*old cat was crying with loneliness for her missing friend. We thought Grandpa Cat might be a good companion for Lil Fluff so Susan came to meet him and off they went together.*

*It was not love at first sight, but there was no conflict either—and Lil Fluff immediately stopped crying. In the weeks since Grandpa Cat joined her family, Susan lost her two rescued dogs to sudden illnesses, but during this time of sadness Grandpa and Fluff are bringing comfort to her and each other.*

My dream is to have a home where senior dogs and cats have a well-loved end of life. Lil Fluff and Grandpa are both happy and get along well. She is so much happier having a friend and she no longer cries. She likes to sneak into his crate with him. Grandpa sometimes talks to me. He is very affectionate and lovely to be with. Thank you for introducing us.

—Susan Ferguson

## ANIMAL PLACEMENTS

Sept-Oct-Nov: We rescued and cared for 34 cats and kittens, including veterinary exams, hospital care, vaccines, spay/neuter surgery, microchipping and more. We placed 18 cats and kittens in loving, responsible homes.

Major expenses for the quarter were:

**Veterinary:** \$3,327.68

**Food/Supplies:** \$1,820.14

**Newsletter:** \$3,751.55

## AnimalTalk

**ANIMAL TALK** is a quarterly newsletter published by Animal Rescue & Care Fund.

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## Doug

Last month we told you about our friend Mary and her newly adopted kittens, Nancy King and Charlotte. They adjusted well to her household, and Mary's older cat Peterson accepted his new siblings. He was in poor health for some time, and about a week after the kittens' arrival he took a sudden turn for the worse. The next day Peterson was gone. Mary was heartbroken and wanted to fill the hole left by Peterson's passing with a little brother for the girls, and it was determined his name would be Doug.

Our Albany rescue partner Jody had recently posted a photo of an adorable kitten ready for a new home. We thought he might be a potential "Doug" and Jody agreed, so we quickly arranged the vet care he needed, then invited Mary to come meet him.

We believe in love at first sight, and so it was for Mary and Doug. Within a few days he was meeting his new sisters and learning the routine at his new home. It wasn't all smooth sailing—Doug wasn't used to indoor life and needed some extra patience while he learned the difference between the



FROM TOP:  
NANCY KING, CHARLOTTE, & DOUG

furniture and the litter box. We sent him back to "kitty kindergarten"—confining Doug to a small room with the litter box whenever he was without supervision and adding Cat Attract™ litter to the box to remind him what it was for. Within a week, he learned proper house manners and could roam freely again. He is now much tidier than his sisters when using the loo!

Many students visit Mary's home for music lessons, so it's important that her feline family members are comfortable meeting new people and listening to live music performances. Fortunately, all three of her kittens are very much at ease with each other and life in general.

I was thrilled when I adopted Nancy King and Charlotte. Then my dear kitty Peterson died. But ARCF came to our rescue! Welcome, Doug! After a bit of a bumpy start, he is now a perfect fit. It's all kitty love fest, all the time. Thank you!

—Mary Kadderly

## Kiko & Neil (formerly Kirby)

The "K" kittens came to us from our friends at Cat Utopia in Pendleton. This bunch was one of those "easy" litters—all healthy and happy from the very first day until they were adopted—exactly where they were meant to be:

Kiko and Neil are the center of our family's lives. We are so happy to share our home with them. We all agreed Kiko was a Kiko. Kirby became Neil named after our favorite author Neil Gaiman.

Kiko is a love bug. She likes to lay on us and purr loudly. Neil is more independent but really enjoys being carried around the house and especially likes to hang out on our shoulders—although he does nibble hair.

They are inseparable. Every day they curl up together on their mini



cat tower next to our large window and snooze. Every night they sleep on our bed, often stretched out in very cute positions.

They are very social, wonderfully mischievous and playful. We love them very much! Thank you so much for the love and care you provided for them as baby kittens.

We feel so lucky!

—The Gluibizzi Family



LEFT: BABY NEIL & KIKO  
RIGHT: ALICIA, NEIL (LEFT) & KIKO

## Elsie

*In our Fall issue we told you about Elsie, our quirky gray girl with her sweet, round face. Although very comfy in her foster home, Elsie is timid with strangers, so we were looking for a family with patience who wouldn't expect an "instant lap cat."*

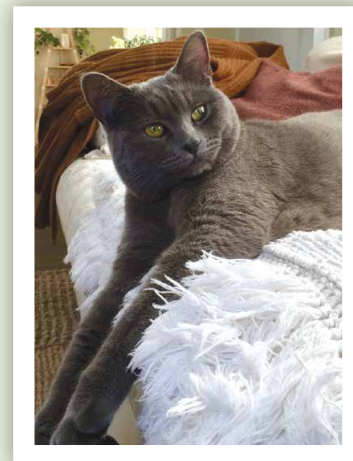
*Johanna and Adam were looking for another cat to add to their family, but the search was complicated—both Johanna and Adam have allergies. As anyone knows who loves cats in spite of allergic reactions, there are measures that make it possible to live with beloved felines, but it depends very much on the chemistry of the cats. We all agreed that Elsie would be a good match for their family, if she didn't trigger the allergy load out of Johanna's or Adam's comfort zone.*

*They came to meet her and had a few close encounters. As expected, they were charmed by Elsie, so they advanced the testing by taking home a towel that we rubbed all over Elsie's coat. After 48*

*hours there was no reaction, so with great joy we began packing Elsie's bags for the move to her new home.*

*In just a few weeks, Elsie has already chirped and snuggled her way into our hearts! She's also struck a ton of silly poses, played with all kinds of toys, and said a lot of "ak-ak-aks" to the crows out the window. One thing she hasn't done, to our great relief, is cause a lot of sneezing! Although my partner and I both have cat allergy, we have found that with the right cat and the right allergy medicine, we can keep our symptoms in check. It took a bit of trial and error—and heartache—but amazingly, we now have two cats that we both tolerate well allergy-wise. Hooray!!*

*In other news, we have started "catifying" our house—creating more places to play and explore by installing shelves for climbing. Meanwhile, we are gradually introducing Elsie to her new feline housemate Lu.*



**ELSIE**

*Since Elsie and Lu are both a bit shy, we are following Jackson Galaxy's slow, careful cat introduction method. They've made a lot of progress, and soon we will be able to let them roam the house together freely and (we hope) peacefully! We are so grateful to have Elsie in our lives. Thanks so much, ARCF and foster-mom Janet!*

**—Johanna Kunin & Adam Thompson**

## Snowball & Muffin

(formerly Elvis & Ivy)

*Many of the kittens we rescue are bouncing balls of energy who eat well, grow quickly, and leave us as soon as their socializing and vet work is complete. But a few kittens are fragile and require more time, care—and worry.*

*Snowball (formerly Elvis) was born in our foster home and while the rest of his litter grew, thrived, and moved out of the house, he lagged behind. He was fussy, clingy, and had to be coaxed to eat. The vet couldn't find anything wrong, so we could only watch and wait—and try every kind of food imaginable to get him to eat.*

*In the meantime, we rescued Muffin (formerly Ivy) along with her mom and brother. She was very small for her age, and also failed to grow as she should. Her energy level dropped and our vet diagnosed Muffin with an enlarged heart—not a good prognosis. Snowball and Muffin bonded at their foster home, so their foster mom decided to just spoil and coddle them and hope for the best.*



**FROM TOP:  
CHARLOTTE, DOUG & NANCY KING**

*It took many weeks, but apparently that's just what they needed, because eventually both kittens seemed to hit their stride—they began to eat well, gain weight, and act like normal kittens. We were so relieved to see them blossom and grow, and are so grateful to Anne, their foster mom who hovered, doted, and nursed them through their ordeal.*

*We were so pleased when Jessica and Josh brought their kids to meet the kittens. It's turned out to be a great match:*

*Snowball and Muffin are doing great! The kids are over the moon, and these little guys have made themselves totally at home. They're playful and energetic and we love having them in our family. Thanks again for working with us and connecting us with these great little creatures!*

**—Jessica Pierce**

## THINGS WE LIKE

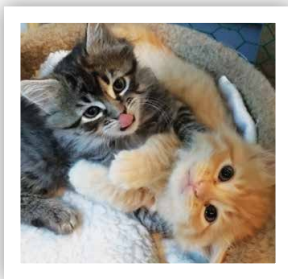
Nobody knows who first said, "It takes a village . . ." but the expression is so true for those who rely on members of their tribe to pitch in for the common good. In the case of ARCF, our village is very small in number but each contribution is essential to our mission.

Most of the cats and kittens coming to our rescue haven't been handled by humans and require special "wrangling" skills, along with lots of firm but gentle guidance. **Lori Sharp**, with help from husband **Paul**, runs our kitten boot camp where feisty little recruits graduate as fine, fit candidates for adoption. **Bonnie Williams & Drew Flowers** are also skilled at helping little wild ones learn how to get along in polite society. Lori and Bonnie also took on some challenging TNR (trap-neuter-return) projects for us this year.

When kittens are ready for their close-ups, they move to the next station on their journey—the foster homes where potential adopters will meet them. **Anne & Don Malinowski** have hosted hundreds of ARCF kittens and helped send them off to their forever homes. **Jennifer Hansen & Roger Anderson** also help with this process—their kitten room is rarely empty. **Ruth & Matt Page** opened their home to our foster kittens when we needed extra help.

**Janet & Eric Blackstone** provide the perfect foster home for adult cats who need a little extra patience and pampering to put their best paw forward, especially those cats who have shown us they really can't abide another feline in the same household.

All of our foster parents manage daily care for the health and medical challenges that come with most of our rescued kitties. It can be draining and heartbreaking and we offer



WILLIE & WYNONA

them gratitude and extra gold stars for service above and beyond.

Occasionally we are called to help outdoor-living cats who aren't candidates for adoption but must be removed from their location—usually when the property changes hands. In those cases, **Wilma Perez-Leon** helps us by caring for the cats after they are neutered or spayed, and finding safe homes where they can live out their lives.

**Gina Chirillo** keeps our financial books in order and we are very grateful for this critical contribution to our team. **Gerry Taylor** makes the cozy little blankets that go home with each of our adopted kitties.

**Leah Goodman** provides professional editing and proofreading for this newsletter. **Julie Davenport** helps with mailing and **Susan Phipps, Nancy Schroeter, Roz Simon**, and **Sally Needham** help deliver 1000+ copies around our community.

We depend on the **Cat Hospital of Portland, Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon**, and **Willamette Valley Animal Hospital** for top quality care. **Gabriel Park Veterinary Clinic** has been a placement partner for some of our kittens.

**Sellwood Pet Supply, Pets on Broadway, Happy Tails Pet Center**, and **Healthy Pets NW** (Woodstock location) support us with donated supplies. We encourage everyone to shop at locally-owned pet supply stores who can offer expert guidance in choosing appropriate products for your pets.

And finally, we extend our deepest gratitude to our generous and compassionate donors who make this important work possible.

—ARCF Board of Directors

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