



Animal Aid

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TOGETHER AT HOME!

Hoagie and Olivia were adopted in October from Animal Aid where they lived for nearly two years. Life couldn't be better for this adopted brother and sister pair. They're loving their new home!

Olivia found a favorite spot - on top of the dividing wall between the kitchen and the living room. She often sits there, high above watching her new family. Seems Hoagie got a new, distinguished name with his new home. He now goes by Maxwell. Max and David (the new guardian's son) have bonded so well that David wrote an entire college essay on Max. It seems Max's unflappable nature inspires him. Both cats have adapted perfectly. Olivia's gradually coming out of her shell. They both get plenty of lap time and are pampered with affection. At night, they nestle up to their new family members to sleep.



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DON'T BE LOST WHEN YOUR ANIMAL IS

One of the scariest moments we may face as animal guardians is when our furry friend gets lost. It is an emotional time and most people don't know where to begin. Here is a checklist to help reunite you and your animal:

- File a report with your local county animal services, as well as any neighboring counties. Look through your county's found animal reports (description lists, photos and/or video footage).
 - Keep checking and visiting in person with the county services every couple of days.
- Check with your neighbors or homes around the area where the animal was lost.
 - Look inside sheds, garages, and storage spaces in case the animal is trapped inside (particularly in cold weather).
- Make fliers and post around your neighborhood and where they were lost (including a photo, description, and unique characteristics).
- Post and monitor listings in the 'lost + found' and the 'pets' section on Craigslist.
- Post and monitor other online lost & found bulletin boards such as, Animal Aid, DoveLewis, and PetFinder.

One of the best ways to quickly find and be reunited with your animal is to be prepared before hand:

- Microchip your animals and keep your registration information current (including indoor-only animals).
 - Keep collars and tags on your animals.
 - Have good photographs of your animals, including distinguishing markings.

Additional resources available include companies you can hire for assistance, as well as various websites that have advice on tracking your animal and sample lost and found posters. The best thing you can do is to persevere and keep looking, your furry friend will thank you!

Have you FOUND an animal? See page 5 for tips of what to do.



Never has there been more of a bundle of affection than **SOPHIE**, the purriest, purrtiest kitty of them all! From her long whiskers to her bushy tail, Sophie is purrfection. This dainty lass dreams of being your one and only true love.



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Each and every volunteer is vital to the mission of Animal Aid! Every year we have volunteers who go above and beyond to rescue and care for Animal Aid's cats and dogs. At this year's annual Volunteer Appreciation Night on March 16th, we recognized outstanding volunteers in the following categories:

The Amazing Animal Administrator Award is given to a volunteer whose administrative support helps keep Animal Aid running. ~ *Lisa G.*

The Cat Whisperer Award is given to a socializer whose endless dedication helps shy kitties blossom and accept the love they truly want. ~ *Lisa T.*

The Golden Scoop Award is given to caregivers who keep the shelter clean and the kitties well cared for. ~ *Theresa L. & Roger P.*

The Matchmaker Award is given to an Adoption Counselor dedicated to finding perfect matches. ~ *Kathy S.*

The Gina Award is given to a foster parent who generously opens their home and heart to animals in need. ~ *Janice R.*

The Animal Advocate Award is given to a volunteer whose life and work exemplifies their dedication to animal rescue and welfare. ~ *Dr. Courtney W.*



A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers! Without your amazing dedication and love for animals in need, our work would not be possible.



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT - SOCIALIZER

At the Animal Aid Cat Enrichment Center, we are not only dedicated to the physical well being of the cats but their mental and emotional states as well. To that end, we have dedicated socializing volunteers who visit the shelter Monday-Friday to visit and play with the cats. Depending on each cat's needs, this may involve dangling a feather toy or laser pointer to help lively cats burn energy, slowly working with shy cats who need gentle patience, or just providing a warm lap. Socializers help keep our cats content and well loved as they wait for their furever homes. We are truly grateful for their help!

ANIMAL AID'S MISSION STATEMENT

To prevent and reduce animal suffering by providing assistance to abused, homeless, injured and sick animals.

To reduce overpopulation by actively promoting and encouraging altering of all pets.

To find loving, dependable and nurturing forever homes for animals in our care at the shelter and in foster homes.

To educate the public by teaching and promoting the ethic of compassion, respect for all animals, and the need to be kind and responsible stewards.

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2012 IN A NUT SHELL

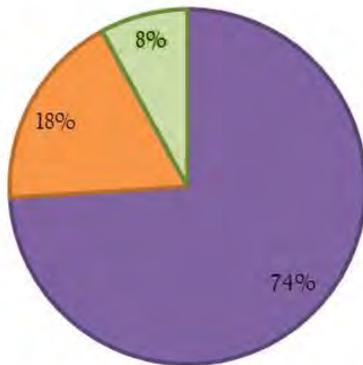
With 2013 off to a strong start, we reflect on 2012 and all of the great work your support made possible. Here are some of the highlights!

- Animal Aid directly saved the lives of more than 105 cats and dogs. Many of whom were special needs or older, in need of dedicated individual care.
- Kincaid's Korner, a quiet place at the shelter for potential adopters and adoptees to get acquainted, was remodeled and dedicated this year and is now helping to facilitate more adoptions.
- The Animal Aid Fund for Urgent Veterinary Care (AAFUVC) Program was expanded to include two additional vets – getting closer to our goal of expanding the program to include vets in all geographic areas of the Portland metropolitan area.
- Lulu's Hideaway, an isolation intake room, was completed and dedicated to help prevent the spread of disease and infections among cats at the shelter. This has helped us keep the cats in our care much healthier.
- Our partnership with Washington County's Monika's House continued as we developed the grant submission to fund the building of a small animal shelter for families and their pets affected by domestic violence.



2012 Budget Breakdown

■ Program ■ Administration ■ Fundraising



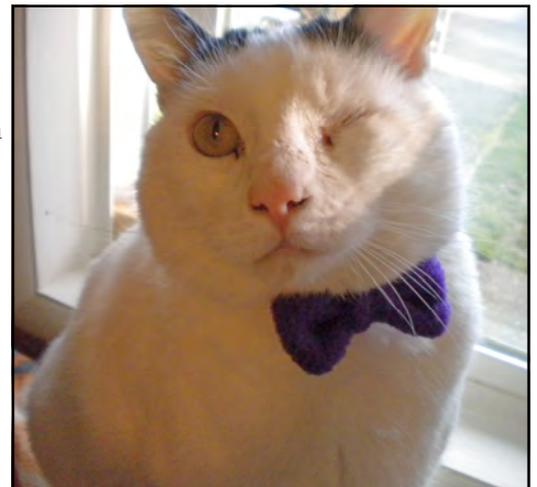
- Animal Aid partnered with Fences for Fido by donating funds to pay for the spay/neuter of 20 dogs.
- Animal Aid is often a great resource for pet guardians: This year we distributed hundreds of low-cost spay/neuter coupons as well as educational materials to assist in the effort to reduce and prevent pet overpopulation.
- Our volunteers walked (in the snow!) door to door to promote the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland's "Spay and Save" program.
- Animal Aid participated in more than 20 community-wide fairs and events this past year to promote good stewardship of animals.
- We increased our social media presence through a very active Facebook page and we are experimenting in tweets via Twitter.

We've included a breakdown of the 2012 budget. You can see that by far, your generous donations go *directly* to programs serving animals in need. Your support provides for the veterinary and daily needs for the animals in our care, urgent veterinary grants to those in need, and the abundant resources we pass out to the community; your donations are for the animals first and foremost.

AHOY MATEY, IT BE CAPTAIN'S HAPPY TAIL!

Saved from a rough life on the streets, Captain arrived at Animal Aid missing an eye, but with his sights set on a bright future. He quickly charmed everyone he met, finding his purrfect match with a volunteer who loved him right from the start. As the first adoption of 2013, Captain started the year off right!

Since making himself at home, Captain goes by Odin, named after a god who gave up an eye to Wisdom of the Ages. Odin is sneaky too! His people tell us, "He is very crafty. Apparently he found an old bag of food and ripped it open, then proceeded to carry it to the back of the closet where we couldn't see it. He had been snacking on it when we were otherwise engaged."



Curl up with unique **MONIQUE** and you'll see that, in the box or out, she reigns as cuddler supreme! She's a lap-cat through and through, and just waiting for you!

TRAVELING WITH YOUR PETS - TIPS FROM THE VET

Now that our weather is beginning to improve, more of us will be planning outings with our pets. Let's keep safety high on our list, to keep these outings fun for all.

Ensure that your pet has secure identification: a good collar with up to date contact information and a registered microchip, in case your pet becomes separated from its collar. Whether at the beach, the dog park, or the campsite, your pet can be exposed to other animals, as well as viruses, bacteria, or parasites on vegetation. Be sure your pet is current on vaccinations and parasite control in preparation for your departure.



Before you hit the road, be certain your pet enjoys the car (or plane, train, bus, boat) and feels secure. Get small pets accustomed to their carriers before adding transportation to the mix by leaving the carrier out in the living space, with the door removed or open, and comfortable bedding in it. Leave treats and favorite toys in it, so your pet will be rewarded for investigating it. Feed meals in the carrier to encourage the pet to consider it a safe and happy place to be.

Similarly, help get your pets acclimated to the car by taking the pet and carrier to the car and feeding treats, or playing a little with them while the car is parked and silent. For dogs not traveling in carriers, invest in a sturdy harness that can be secured by a seat belt. This will keep them safe in an accident and prevent them from interfering with the driver's focus on the road. Take the time to make sure your dog is accustomed to wearing it before you're ready to leave.

Keep in mind that pets cannot be safely left in a parked car for more than a few minutes once the sun comes out, and our reliably fickle Northwest weather means that such a shift can happen in a very short amount of time.

Keeping these things in mind will help ensure we all have happy travels.

~ *Dr. Andy Frost* Board of Directors & Veterinarian at Pacific Veterinary Hospital



LOOKING FOR FURREVER HOMES!

Meet CHLOE!

Are you looking for a friend, a cuddle on the couch, a walk on the beach, and someone who will listen to you? Me too! We have so much in common, I'm sure we'll be BFF! I also love learning new tricks. I've mastered sitting and crate training. My foster mom says I'd be good at agility, flyball, or the perfect jogging partner.

I'll tell you a secret. I'm terrified of strangers (both people and dogs)! I get scared when dogs slobber on me or bark at me. That's why I'm a Heartstrings girl. But once I know you understand me, I'm yours for happily ever after!



Meet HAMLET!

Are you looking for the purrfect companion to foster or adopt? Someone to cuddle and play with? With beautiful, big green eyes, maybe? And a heart of gold? Well, here I am!



The name's Hamlet, and as my name suggests, I am a prince! I'm loving, declawed, and ready to be your best friend. Wherever you are, that's where I will be. Loyalty and chivalry are my virtues. I'm searching for a peaceful kingdom, where I can get a little extra love and support for my diabetes. So if you are looking for a love-bug, come into Animal Aid and visit me today!

View Adoptable Animal profiles at
AnimalAidPDX.org
or email for more information:
adopt-cat@animalaidpdx.org
adopt-dog@animalaidpdx.org



IF YOU FIND A LOST ANIMAL

Animal lovers sometimes find themselves in the situation of finding a lost animal wandering the streets or in their own backyard. Follow these basic steps when you find a lost animal to reunite them with their people:

- Check for identification and have the animal scanned for a microchip (most vet clinics will do this for free).
- Option (1) turn the animal in to county services where it was found - this is their best way to reconnect with their people. You can give them your name if you'd like to be contacted if an animal will be euthanized so you can claim them.
- Option (2) file a report with your local county animal services and work to find the animals guardian yourself.
 - *Note there are legal requirements to follow if you choose this option, check with your county animal services.
 - Post fliers in the area where the animal was found.
 - Post and monitor listings in the 'lost + found' and the 'pets' sections on Craigslist.
 - Post and monitor other online lost & found bulletin boards such as Animal Aid, DoveLewis, and PetFinder.

If you are not able to find the guardian and would like to keep the animal, be sure to check with your county regarding lost animals ownership laws as they differ. On behalf of all lost animals and the families who miss them, thank you to everyone who goes out of their way to help reunite loving families!



OUR BIGGEST PARTY OF THE YEAR!

Planning for the 9th annual Bet for Pets Casino Night and Auction is underway and we are looking forward to a wonderful event this year! Watch our website, Facebook, and Twitter through out the spring and summer to get your tickets and checkout the awesome, donated auction items!



BET FOR PETS CASINO NIGHT AND AUCTION SATURDAY SEPT. 28, 2013 AT THE WORLD FORESTRY CENTER



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

. **Show & Tell Saturdays** (Noon to 4 pm)
Come visit the adoptable cats at 5335 SW 42nd Ave., Portland

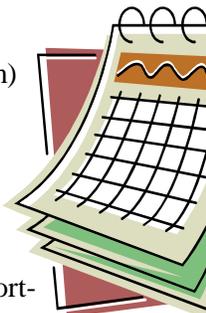
. **Show & Tell @ Western Pet Supply**
(10am to 2pm) Every 3rd Saturday of the month meet adoptable animals at 6908 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy., Portland

. **July 19-21: Portland International Beerfest** At the Animal Charities booth join us for the 'Puppy Kissing Booth' to raise money for spay/neuter programs! Pearl District, North Park Blocks

. **August: Odds N' Ends for Furry Friends Garage Sale** Our Annual Garage Sale to benefit the animals! Come by and see what treasures you can find (dates and times TBD) at 5335 SW 42nd Ave., Portland

. **Sep 28: Bet for Pets**
See above for details.

More details and events are posted all the time at:
AnimalAidPDX.org



ANIMAL SERVICES BY COUNTY

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| Clackamas County | 503-655-8628 |
| Multnomah County..... | 503-248-3066 |
| SW WA Humane Society..... | 360-693-4746 |
| Washington County..... | 503-846-7041 |

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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| ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center..... | 888-426-4435 |
| Audubon Society..... | 503-292-6855 |
| Committed to Animal Protection, Education & Rescue..... | 503-775-5777 |
| Dove Lewis Emergency Clinic..... | 503-228-7281 |
| Emergency Veterinary Clinic of Tualatin..... | 503-691-7922 |
| Feral Cat Coalition..... | 503-797-2606 |
| Rabbit Advocates..... | 503-617-1625 |
| Rescues cats caught in trees: Carl Knox (Portland)..... | 503-639-1021 |
| Keith Moran (Vancouver)..... | 360-256-4958 |
| Oregon Ferret Shelter..... | 503-557-8369 |
| Oregon Humane Society..... | 503-285-7722 |
| Oregon Humane Society Technical Animal Rescue Team..... | 503-416-2993 |
| Oregon Spay & Neuter Fund Information/Coupons..... | 503-286-2411 |
| Tanasbourne Veterinary Emergency..... | 503-629-5800 |
| VCA NW Specialty & Emergency..... | 503-656-3999 |



Done reading?

Before you recycle, can you think of anyone interested in helping animals in need? Maybe a friend, family member or co-worker?
Please pass along this newsletter.



OPIE'S HAPPY TAIL



Tina first saw Opie in a photo. He looked sad, and he had a huge gash in his side. You see, Opie had been picked up as a stray by the San Bernardino County Shelter. Wings of Rescue (a nonprofit rescue transportation group) was seeking to help more than 300 dogs escape from that shelter and was transporting the dogs to shelters in surrounding states. Out of all of the dogs, Opie was the only one not spoken for. It seemed no one wanted him.

Animal Aid jumped to the rescue, and offered to take Opie in, with Tina ready to foster him. While most of our animals come in from the Portland metro area, we are always open to special needs animals from any locale. Opie was scheduled to fly to Oregon, but caught a fever. At the last minute, he was pulled from the flight. Things began to look grim.



But it seems fate was on Opie's side. Another rescuer in California paid to board Opie until he was well. She also paid to fly Opie to Portland, with Tina there to pick him up. Within only a few days, it was evident Opie was no longer a foster dog but a permanent family member.



It was meant to be! Opie has formed an unbreakable bond with Tina and her husband. It seems he's also taken a liking to Candy, the resident dog. Candy and Opie play tug of war several times a day! Opie couldn't be happier at his new home, and he's bringing immeasurable joy to his new family.

TAKING CARE OF JEWEL AND HER FRIENDS

With spring in the air we often think about new beginnings, starting a fresh as the world around us blossoms into life. Jewel feels this way too! She is looking to begin a new life with a family of her very own. Her greatest hope is for her purrfect fit to walk in the door. It will be love at first sight!



Jewel and the rest of the animals wait for this special moment, your support allows us to keep them safe and cared for at the shelter and in loving foster homes.

Please help anyway you can:

\$8 ~ DaBird kitty toy

\$32 ~ cat food

\$38 ~ dry dog food

\$40 ~ 1 week of cleaning supplies

We are honored to be able to use the resources **YOU** provide to care for these animals.

Without your generosity it just wouldn't be possible. Please make a donation to help.

Mail or deliver donations of cash, check, or Visa/MC to:

Animal Aid ~ 5335 SW 42nd Ave. ~ Portland OR 97221

You can also visit the website and make a donation through **PayPal** with any credit or debit card or set up a recurring donation!

AnimalAidPDX.org

