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WILL YOU PLEASE HELP?

Precious, a 5 year old little stray poodle mix was picked up and turned over to a shelter that euthanizes dogs and cats. As part of Animal Aid's commitment



to giving every animal a second chance, Precious was rescued from that shelter. Originally thought to have kennel cough, the condition turned out to be dysphagia (a medical term used to

describe difficulty in swallowing). Our veterinarian partner recommended no medical intervention, as Precious has lived with this condition for a long time and has learned to compensate for it.

Then the unthinkable happened. **She ruptured a disc** and lost the use of her legs. Because of her foster mom's quick response in getting her to a veterinary specialist for **emergency surgery**, you would never know she had any difficulty. She's up and about and the only thing unusual is the new 'hair style' she's wearing where she was shaved for surgery! Sweet little Precious has a real zest for life. Joie de Vivre!

Every day, animals are euthanized due to lack of funds to pay for veterinary care. With your support, Animal Aid is able to help the community's companion animals and the animals that are in Animal Aid's care until a permanent home is found. Precious is a wonderful little spirit that deserved a second chance.

If Precious' story has touched your heart, **won't you consider a donation to help pay for her veterinary bills?** As you can imagine, they are substantial. Animal Aid is a non-profit, no-kill rescue

organization that has been in existence for 40 years. **No donation is too small.** If you can donate even \$5 a month it would go a long way towards paying for Precious' veterinary costs. **Please visit our website homepage for more information on how you can help:** www.animalaidpdx.org

ARE YOU 70½ OR OLDER? DID YOU KNOW?

Congress passed a law to allow people 70½ and older to donate up to \$10,000 from their IRA



accounts to a qualified charity, like Animal Aid, without having that money considered as taxable income. Currently this law extends through 2009. For more information about how this is done, contact your tax consultant or see IRS Publication 590 (www.IRS.gov)

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MEET OUR NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Carly McDowell brings to Animal Aid 20+ years of experience in non-profit development, PR, marketing communications and advertising. She recently served as Development Director for the worldwide leukemia organization, The Max Foundation, and has also served in upper management development and communications positions in healthcare for Children's Hospital Guild Association and Foundation in Seattle and other institutions. She has run her own marketing agency, serving a wide variety of non-profit organizations, including Rotary International and youth and family organizations, hospice and education. She has formed or assisted in growing key community advisory groups and boards and has provided a number of agencies with branding and strategic growth.



Living in East Vancouver, with her husband and daughter, Carly has a huge heart for all animals. She explains, "Our rescue dog, Mac is our true head of household!" Mac is an Airedale, Irish Wolfhound/German Shepherd mix the McDowells adopted from Seattle Dalmatian Rescue. "Everyone loves how Mac was actually an honorary Dalmatian," Carly adds. "When we tell kids his loving story, they look at his dense black and gray coat closely trying to find the spots (which of course do not exist).

Carly works half-time and is generally available Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. She has begun to make plans for new avenues of resource development and can be reached at 503- 863-7605 or at development@animalaidpdx.org.

Looking to the immediate future, Carly adds, "I am thrilled to be part of Animal Aid and looking forward to helping make our 40th year one of our best ever!"

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Pacific Veterinary Hospital has been a firm supporter of Animal Aid for at least sixteen years. Our thanks go to Dr. Andrea Frost and Dr. Julie Grossen, who have been the owners for the last nine years. During that

time Pacific Veterinary Hospital and its staff have given exceptional service to animals in the Portland area and of course to our Animal Aid shelter animals. Aside from her clinic work, Dr. Frost is involved with the Feral Cat Coalition. Both Drs. Frost and Grossen committed the clinic to provide 50 spay and neuters per year for the annual Tom and Mom Cat Special program over the last three years. To quote a Yahoo Web site about Pacific Veterinary Hospital: "This facility and its entire staff are top notch. Each of the veterinarians is very skilled and has absolutely fabulous demeanors. Appointment availability is great, especially with being open seven days a week." We concur with that opinion. They have provided outstanding routine and specialized services for our shelter animals. Thanks from our staff, volunteers and our furry friends for helping us to maintain healthy, happy animals in our organization!



2008 STATISTICS

We take pride in the numerous programs we offer in the Portland Metro area. Following is a list of just some of our accomplishments in 2008.

Pets and their families helped through the **Jack Hurd Medical Care Program:** 741

Rescue/Intake: 70 Cats 29 Dogs
Most were rescued from a shelter just before they would have been euthanized, while others were strays or hardship re-homing cases.

Adoptions: 106 Cats 33 Dogs
This is a wonderful 56% increase over last year's numbers. Our team of adoption counselors is fabulous!

Spay/Neuters: 225 Cats & 119 Dogs spayed and 195 Cats & 131 Dogs neutered, for a total of 670. This program is funded in partnership with POPPA (Pet Over-Population Prevention Advocates)

Volunteers: We are blessed to average 140 volunteers at any given time.

We continue to **partner with other organizations** to assist where possible with food, rescues, education and supplies. Some of those include the Oregon Food Bank, the Humane Society for SW Washington, Head Start programs in Portland, PAW Team, and more.

JACK HURD MEDICAL CARE PROGRAM THANK YOU

“We can not thank Animal Aid enough for the loan for our beloved Raja to be seen by a vet. Raja was getting on in years and his health had declined very quickly over just a few days. Our finances would not allow us to take him in that day and we are so thankful that you were there for him and us. Sadly, the visit concluded he had developed a brain tumor and it was necessary to say goodbye to a dear family member on that day. The blessing is that with Animal Aid's help Raja did not suffer one day more. We are so happy to repay the loan and help you continue to help others care for their pets with your wonderful service.” With thanks from Raja’s entire family.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Sandra Ling has been involved with Animal Aid in a wide variety of volunteer capacities since the mid 1990s. She started out volunteering when Animal Aid had a thrift shop in Multnomah Village. Since then she has served as a board member and officer as treasurer and secretary. As a result of her pet sitting business, she has referred some great adopters to Animal Aid. She has also been a generous donor, and volunteers annually at our Bet for Pets event. Sandra is multi-talented and, when not volunteering for Animal Aid, she runs her pet sitting business and does dog walking. She is a professional musician who plays the violin, and she likes to travel. We are so fortunate to have Sandra’s talents and steadfast dedication to Animal Aid. Thanks, Sandra, for your many years of volunteer service.



Quarterly Report

Jack Hurd Medical Program October through December 2008

Repayments To Animal Aid Emergency Program:
\$7,153.00

Veterinary Costs For Animal Aid Emergency Program:
\$11,465.00

Average Emergency Loan **\$76.00**

We helped about **150** animals through the Program this Quarter.

Animal Aid, Inc. Mission Statement

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

To actively promote and encourage altering of all pets to reduce and prevent overpopulation.

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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OTHER

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Cats in trees Keith Moran...**360-256-4958**
Critter Gitter.....**503-253-5584**
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Portland.....**503-228-7281**
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House Rabbit Society.....**503-645-9063**
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Oregon Humane Society.....**503-285-7722**
Oregon Spay & Neuter Fund
Information/Coupons.....**503-286-2411**
Emergency Veterinary
Clinic of Tualatin.....**503-228-7282**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch our Web site for further details on these and many other exciting events.

Northwest Pet & Companion Fair - April 18-19, Portland Expo Center. Clip out the **discount coupon** for reduced entrance fees. Detach the Animal Aid



portion of the stub before you hand in the coupon at the ticket window, and bring it to our booth #122 for a free spin of the *Wheel of Chance* (a \$1.00 value/one stub per person). The Northwest

Pet & Companion Fair is a "must do" for anyone with a companion animal in their life or if you are looking for a pet! It has something for everyone – animal events, child-friendly activities, hands-on exhibits, and hundreds of retail and non-profit animal welfare groups.



Benefit Concert for the Animal Aid Annie's Angels Fund - April 21, 7 pm, \$15, at the Old Church, corner of SW 11th and SW Clay in downtown Portland. You're invited to come enjoy a concert by Amelia Coffey, a talented Portland-area songwriter and musician. The musical style is a blend of soothing instrumental flute, piano and vocals, coupled with audiovisual pieces. The concert is a benefit for Animal Aid's "Annie's Angels Fund." This fund was established to aid individuals in caring for medical conditions that are considered to be debilitating or life threatening as verified by a veterinarian. *Tickets are available now at the shelter, at the door the night of the performance, and online.*



On Friday May 1, **Liberation Logistics**, together with Backline Records, will be hosting an all age "melodic hard rock" **concert** at the Hawthorne Theater (1507 SE 39th Ave, Portland, OR 97214) to benefit Animal Aid. Bands include Dream Killer, The Mediam, Falling Closer, and Cities. For more information about the event and sponsors, visit the Liberation Logistics Myspace site.

The Hawthorne Theater is an all age venue with bar. Doors open at 7 pm; admission is \$10.00. For only \$2.00, attendees can purchase a raffle ticket at the event for great prizes, or receive a raffle ticket by donating any item from Animal Aid's wish list. <http://www.animalaidpdx.org/helping/aWishlist.php>
Come join us and show your support for Portland's Animals and the people who serve them!



Ladies' Night at Momo's in Camas - May 15, Friday, 6-8 pm - to benefit Animal Aid. Join us at Momo's Wholesale Designer Clothes in Camas, WA, for an evening of "fashionista fun." A portion of the evening's sales will go directly to Animal Aid.

Shop the latest fashions from New York and L.A.'s hottest designers at 50% off, while

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SAVE \$2 on Adult Admission
 (up to 4 adults)
or Save \$4 on \$20 Family Pass

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pets welcome!
bring \$1.00
collar and tag!

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 with over 100 different pet related businesses to help you.

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 Portland Expo Center
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 Sat: 9:30am - 6pm
 Sun: 10am - 5pm
www.petfairs.com
 503-287-7541

General admission \$8 / Students-Seniors \$5 / Family pass \$20

Fill out this stub and turn it in at the Animal Aid booth for a free spin of the Wheel of Chance!

Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Yes No thanks!

Name: _____

Please email me a copy of your newsletter

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enjoying Thai food and champagne. Momo's favorite masseuse and acupuncturist will be on hand, providing FREE mini-services during the event. Relax, unwind, and help support pets and the people who love them! Bring your girlfriends, daughters, mothers and neighbors!!

Momo's is located at 339 NE Cedar at 4th Ave. in downtown Camas, and parking is FREE on the street.

Western Pet Supply Adoption & Appreciation Day – July 25. Join us for a fun-filled day at Western Pet Supply. We have many events planned and fabulous raffle prizes to boot! Watch our Web site for details.



HAPPY TAILS

Abby

Abby says "Hi." Well, OK, "Bark, Bark." It's been almost two years since we adopted her and she's



doing very well. Abby loved the snow. She would dive into light snow and plow through with only her ears and tail showing. Too cute. When there was a crust on the snow, she would run around on that until all ten pounds of her fell through. Judging by her

expression, she didn't seem to understand why that should happen to her. Don't worry; we checked her paws for ice buildup.

Most stores like to have her; in fact, the local video store manager made the point that their no dog policy did not include Abby girl. A local book store says I can't come in without her. Oddly, so far there is only one store that's asked her to leave. I do usually carry her in my arms when we're shopping.

Crows have somehow become a new toy. When one or two fly over, she'll jump up at them from a flat pawed stance. If there's a big flock (collective noun: "murder"), she pretends not to see them.

Respectfully and as always, Charlie and Kate

Mikey

This is an update about our precious Mikey who spent over a year of his life on meds in near isolation from other kitties getting over the worst case of ringworm the shelter has ever seen. With lots of love and attention from the dedicated staff and volunteers he got healthy and found his furrever family.

"My husband and I adopted **Mikey** last summer and



I wanted to let you know how he is doing. Mikey was shy at first, but he gradually got used to us. He started out in a spare bedroom and we would go in several times a day and sit on the floor. By the end

of the first week, he would come up to us and flop on his back and purr. Gradually we introduced him to our other cats, Miles and Sadie.

There was some social awkwardness at first, but we played with them all with a toy called "Da Bird" (the most popular toy in our house) and they were all drawn out of their shyness by their desire to play. Now they regularly play together. I've seen the female cat Sadie grooming Mikey; and Miles and Mikey are currently curled up next to each other. They all have their favorite spots around the living room and have a routine which includes tearing around the house at night while Aaron and I sleep. I can always tell how much fun they've had by the state of the throw rug in the entryway of our house in the morning.

Aaron and I are both totally smitten with Mikey. He has adorable habits such as sitting under lamps and looking up inside them. We think he is staring at tiny particles of dust and floating bits of cobwebs. He also loves to stare at walls and gets really excited when he sees a bug. Needless to say, we don't think there is anything wrong with his eyesight. It is extremely gratifying to see how Mikey has blossomed since he has been here. He loves to snuggle and frequently sleeps on his back, so we think he feels safe.

Thank you so much for rescuing him and bringing him into our lives!" -Meg

YOU CAN HELP

You get a call; there is a five-year-old needing a foster home. It appears that she has been abused and neglected most of her life, and she is extremely underweight. Although you are glad she is out of her abusive home, your heart still breaks when you see the sad and fearful look in her eyes.

With lots of TLC and patience, you teach five-year-old Molly that not all people will hurt her, and she slowly learns to trust you. She is able to look at you when you speak to her, she has learned to play, and there is a bounce in her step. All too soon you receive the phone call you both hope for and dread; a family is interested in now happy and healthy Molly.

It looks like a good fit and the bittersweet day arrives when you must bring her to the adoption counselor who will take her to her new home. Molly looks back as she gets in the car wondering why you are not coming, too. You call a few weeks later to check how Molly is doing. You are told that the agency just got some pictures of her and her new family. She made herself right at home and they cannot imagine not having her as part of their family; her tail rarely quits wagging.

Have you ever wondered what you can do for the neglected, abused or abandoned animals you hear about in the news, and the many more that do not make the news? The late radio personality Jack Hurd wondered that too, seeing animal after animal abandoned in a park near his home. In 1969 he founded Animal Aid. Our organization's motto is "Passionately serving animals and the people they own."

Finding foster and adoptive homes for some of the area's cats and dogs in need is one of several services provided by Animal Aid today. Some special-needs cats and all dogs live in foster homes and are also available for adoption. Even though Animal Aid has a shelter for cats, there is a great need for foster homes that will take in an adult cat that needs a break from shelter life, medical care or hospice care for the seniors. Most of the animals Animal Aid cares for are abused, abandoned, or injured. Others are rescued from high-

volume intake shelters, where upwards of 60-70% of the animals may be euthanized simply because space is needed and they did not find a home fast enough. Unfortunately, Animal Aid must turn away hundreds of cats and dogs each year because there are not enough foster homes.

Won't you help Animal Aid make more tails wag with happiness?

HEAD START PROGRAM

I enter the classroom and my hosts welcome me cheerfully. A group of 15 preschoolers sit with their teachers at circle time in a **Head Start** classroom. All of us are excited to meet each other. I carry with me a "Case of Care." It is filled with pet-care items to explain how much our pets rely on us every day and what a joy and big responsibility it is to be a pet owner.

I'll spend about half an hour with this class today: sharing, passing around the items from the case, and



reading a story (a new relevant book will be read at every visit). Knowing what to expect is important to these children, so I tell them about my future visits. In the coming months I'll be back twice. The next time will be with one of my two Pet Partners, a big orange tabby cat named Guido. Guido and I will teach about Same and

Different (an age appropriate concept) and about how to interact safely with cats by reading their Tail Talk (feline body language) and petting gently with a soft-open-hand. Guido will wear his best, brightest red Soft Paws on his front toes (looking just like he had a manicure that morning) and his harness and leash.

On my third visit I'll be assisted by Moon, a sweet young dog from Halfway, Oregon, with a story all her own. She and I are a registered Delta Society Pet Partner Team. Some



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 children are hesitant to meet Moon; they may not have ever had a positive interaction with a dog before. She has developed her own commando-crawl, low and steady, to reach out to the more cautious ones. While we are in the classroom, together we teach about how to greet a dog, keeping both you and the dog safe.

The school that piloted our humane education program this January was James John Elementary in North Portland. I brought a version of the program started up in Vancouver Washington; my animal assistants and I reached every Head Start classroom in Clark County through that program. Since we have had success in our pilot with James John, I hope to recruit volunteers to expand the program to reach more classrooms next year. With the support of our partners, Head Start and Animal Aid, I have high hopes! - Jen Walker

SPECIAL VISITORS

Hands On Greater Portland volunteers were first welcomed by the furry residents of Animal Aid with open paws in March of 2007 and haven't been able to resist their purrfect ways since! On the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, Hands On Greater Portland volunteers meet to support Animal Aid in maintaining a clean space for the kitties to call home during their stay at the shelter.



The partnership that has developed between Hands On Greater Portland and Animal Aid was a matter of being in the right place at the right time. As a previous Hands On Bay Area volunteer, I had relocated to Portland and was looking for opportunities to become involved in the community. Having completed Hands On Greater Portland Volunteer Leader training, I received a call from a Hands On staff member sharing this newly created 'Clean for Cats' project opportunity with me. Being the animal lover that I am, I couldn't think of a cause I'd rather support.

The passion and dedication that the Animal Aid staff exudes in the actions they take to identify forever

homes for the cats they care for as their own family members is inspirational. Thank you to the Hands On Greater Portland volunteers who continue to support Animal Aid through the energy and commitment they bring to the 'Clean for Cats' project each month.

My daughter Esja has been saving the "charity" portion of her allowance to help cats, her "most favorite animal in the world." After several months of saving money, we went to a pet store and Esja picked out several items that she thought would be useful for the kitties at Animal Aid. On 12/3/08 we brought in all the toys and food that Esja had picked out. She even had a chance to try out a couple of the new toys with the kittens who were very eager to play and, by the time we left, Roy was napping in the cozy cat house Esja brought. We really enjoyed shopping for the cats at Animal Aid. Thanks so much for all the work you do to help our feline friends! - Michelle



LOOKING FOR FURREVER HOMES

King

I'm a single mature white male looking for life long companion and committed relationship. I enjoy outdoor activities and long walks on the beach. I am a great listener and can keep a secret. I love to play ball and have fun. I am an American Eskimo, but I live right here in Portland. I would love nothing more than to snuggle with you and get belly rubs! I am a hopeless romantic and still hope to find my soul mate. If I sound like your kind of guy, please call 503-292-6628. My name is King and the only kingdom I'm interested in is your heart!



Cindy and Goldie

Meet two lovebirds that met at the shelter. **Cindy** has been waiting for a long time (over 5 years) for her home. **Goldie** was also in the shelter for almost a

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year when by serendipity the two sweethearts met and it was love at first sight! These two girls are truly soul mates and love each other dearly, but the best part is they will invite you into their love nest! Cindy is a pedal purring sweetie and Goldie does a great flop and roll! Both of



these girls are very affectionate and will surely increase the love you have in your life. Double the love in your life by adopting Cindy and Goldie.

If you have *room in your heart, but not in your home* for **Cindy and Goldie**, won't you consider supporting them through our **Heartstrings** program? Sponsoring a Heartstrings Pet is a great way to honor or memorialize a special someone. With a donation of \$25 or more, your recipient will receive a photo and biography of the chosen pet and a Certificate of

Sponsorship. And, you both will know that you have touched the life of a precious pet. Remember Mother's Day is May 10 this year, and what better way to say I love you than to adopt or sponsor the lovebirds, Cindy and Goldie? Details are available on our Web site at: www.animalaidpdx.org/helping/heartstrings.php.

OREGON SPAY/NEUTER FUND PROGRAM

If you or a friend have a dog or cat that needs to be spayed or neutered, please visit our Web site:

COUPON

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