



Animal Aid

*Passionately Serving Animals
and The People They Own*

FOUNDED IN 1969



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DID YOU KNOW ANIMALS ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Approximately one in four women will be victims of domestic violence in their lifetimes. Given that more than 71 million U.S. households include companion animals as pets, it is inevitable that many of those households will experience both domestic violence and animal abuse. The problem is compounded when children also become victims and begin to model the behavior that they have learned by perpetuating the violence on to the next generation. When victims who have companion animals consider leaving their abuser, there is often no place for them to go with their pets. Most shelters will not allow animals; as a result, victims are left to choose either to remain in her home and subject themselves, her children, and her pets to continued violence, or to flee and leave her pets behind.

Facts about animal abuse and domestic violence:

- 71% of pet-owning women entering women's shelters reported that their batterer had injured, maimed, killed or threatened family pets for revenge or to psychologically control victims; 32% reported that their children had hurt or killed animals.
- Battered women have been known to live in their cars with their pets for as long as four months until an opening was available at a pet-friendly safe house. For many battered women, pets are sources of comfort, providing strong emotional support.
- Pets may suffer unexplained injuries, health problems, or permanent disabilities at the hands of abusers, or may disappear from their home altogether.
- 13% of intentional animal abuse cases involve domestic violence.

As part of Animal Aid's mission to relieve the suffering of our non-human friends, we are participating in discussions with Washington County Animal Services, Beaverton Police, The Washington County DA's office,

and various social service agencies regarding ways to provide animal education and therapy for victims of domestic violence, and to provide temporary housing for their companion animals.



Plans are already underway to begin construction on housing for companion animals belonging to residents of a domestic violence survivors' shelter in Hillsboro. One program currently being explored is the use of therapy animals to provide comfort to shelter residents as they recover and begin to rebuild their lives. Another prospective program seeks to provide education to children affected by domestic violence, so that they themselves may be less likely to engage in abusive behaviors in the future.

Animal Aid is honored to be given the opportunity to actively partner with our community organizations to help victims of domestic violence.

CHANGES!

Please note that we are no longer using a P.O. Box to receive mail. **All mail is now being delivered to our physical address, 5335 SW 42nd Ave. Portland, OR, 97221.** Please note this change in your records.

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Volunteer News

Bet for Pets Casino Night & Auction: Mark your calendar now and please join us on *Saturday, October 9*, for our sixth annual **Bet for Pets Casino Night & Auction**, which will be held at the World Forestry Center from 7-10 pm. This is *our biggest fundraising event of the year*. The ticket price includes appetizers, \$10 in gaming scrip, and a ticket to enter a drawing for a prize of your choice. Thousands of dollars in furrbulous auction items and prizes will be awarded! So enjoy a night of gaming, with all proceeds going to a grrreat cause! Check out our Web site for *special ticket offerings* available soon. Invite your friends for a wonderfully entertaining evening with our hostess and emcee Kimberly Maus, of KPTV fame. For details on becoming a sponsor or to provide an in-kind merchandise donation, email BetforPets@AnimalAidPDX.org or visit our Web site. This will be a winning event for all involved!



PAINLESS WAYS TO GIVE

Monthly giving can really benefit our shelter, and it provides a lifesaving ongoing income stream for our homeless pets, our programs, and the organization. If you usually give \$50 at the holidays or in time for tax relief, consider giving \$5 or \$10 each month instead. Giving large gifts during the holidays can be tough for many people, due to other obvious expenses at that time. So, even though your heart wants to hand over \$50 or \$100, the wallet may not be able. By breaking your giving down to smaller increments (like the cost of a Starbucks coffee or McDonald's value meal), you may find you can actually give more! Just \$5 a month adds up to \$60 over the year, and \$10 per month brings in \$120 for the year, painlessly.

Use the method that suits your lifestyle. Simply visit the "Donations" section of our Web site (<http://www.animalaidpdx.org/helping/donations.php>) to learn about giving by check, through a phone call, via PayPal or, for the most fun, by visiting the shelter!

PLEASE HELP US REDUCE EXPENSES!

Every hardcopy newsletter we send out uses funds we could put to good use saving pets' lives. Please, please consider making the move to accept your newsletter online. It's more attractive online in color. The web address to sign up is: <http://www.animalaidpdx.org/library/newsletters.php#subscribe> It only takes a few minutes to do this. THANK YOU!



Animal Aid hosted a volunteer appreciation night in March to recognize and thank our many volunteers for their donations and the **15,000 + hours of service** they gave to Animal Aid in 2009. We are very lucky to have such an amazing and diverse group of people who are willing to do whatever it takes to help Animal Aid fulfill its mission. These dedicated folks provide care and socialization for the cats in the shelter, and foster cats and dogs in their homes. They make "furry tails" come true by facilitating adoptions and delivering cats and dogs to their new homes. They staff our outreach and educational events, and they raise much-needed funds by working as agility ring crews and by helping out at our fundraising events. They answer our phones, greet our guests, do our laundry, stuff our envelopes, and other tasks too numerous to mention. These warm and generous people show up every day in every kind of weather – and they are truly the life blood of the organization!

Even though each and every volunteer is valuable, special recognition was given this year to a few volunteers who truly went above and beyond. This year's recipients were:

The Cat Whisperer Award for socializers who have brought so many kitties out of their shells and taught them to love again - **Erin, Nina, and Ava H.**

The Matchmaker Award for the adoption counselor who has made countless happy tails - **Anne J.**

The Midas Touch Award to the volunteer who has generated thousands of dollars for the Animal Aid Fund for Veterinary Care – **Linda K.**

The Huey Award to foster parents who have fostered dozens of dogs and given them a new lease on life and a second chance – **Don B. and Tanya T.**

The Golden Scoop Award to an amazing caregiver who has set the highest standard of care for the cats in the shelter – **Ramona L.**

This year's event also recognized the many years of service of former board members Joene Pike, Bonnie Rainsberger, and Harold Rainsberger. Their combined years of service are too many to count!

Finally, volunteers had the opportunity to bid a grateful Animal Aid farewell to Bonnie and Joene. After years as our organization's staff, March saw Bonnie entering a much-earned retirement while Joene moved to a new position in the private sector. We wish both of these ladies only the best in their new endeavors.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Edmay has been volunteering for Animal Aid for several years. From fostering kittens and cats to caregiving, she has always put the welfare of the animals first. Her generous nature has blessed us with numerous donations. Edmay has been a Bet for Pets sponsor, spruced up our entry with flowers and, most recently, purchased an energy efficient washer and dryer to help keep our kitties clean and healthy while saving on energy costs. She has made a huge positive impact on our organization and we appreciate all she has done for Animal Aid. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you Edmay!



SPECIAL THANKS

The North Clackamas School District #2 Sunnyside Elementary School Penny Council held a penny drive and made Animal Aid the recipient. Small change can and does make a difference! Thank you for your generous \$500 donation!

Junior Girl Scout Troop #41267 worked hard this year on their Girl Scout cookie drive and were able to donate a portion of the proceeds to help the kitties in the shelter. Head butts and purrs of gratitude from the kitties!



QUIZ....DID YOU KNOW ?

- A. How many total whiskers does the average cat have?
- B. How do dogs sweat?

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Semiannual Report

Animal Aid Fund for Veterinary Care
Inspired by our founder, Jack Hurd
January-June 2010

Repayments To Animal Aid Fund for Veterinary Care:
 \$10,164.65

Veterinary Costs For Animal Aid Fund for Veterinary Care:
 \$17,161.82

Average Financial Assistance: **\$76**

We helped about **243** animals through the Care Fund this period.

Animal Aid, Inc. 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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INFORMATION / HELP:

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ANIMAL CONTROL

Clackamas County**503-655-8628**
 Multnomah County.....**503-248-3066**
 Washington County.....**503-846-7041**

OTHER

Audubon Society.....**503-292-6855**
 CAPER.....**503-775-5777**
 Rescues cats caught in trees:
 Carl Knox (Portland).....**503-639-1021**
 Keith Moran (Vancouver).....**360-256-4958**
 Critter Gitter.....**503-253-5584**
 Dove Lewis Emergency Clinic
 Portland.....**503-228-7281**
 Lincoln City.....**541-614-1200**
 Feral Cat Coalition.....**503-797-2606**
 Rabbit Advocates.....**503-617-1625**
 Oregon Ferret Shelter.....**503-557-8369**
 Oregon Humane Society.....**503-285-7722**
 Oregon Spay & Neuter Fund
 Information/Coupons.....**503-286-2411**
 Emergency Veterinary
 Clinic of Tualatin.....**503-691-7925**
 ASPCA Animal Poison
 Control Center.....**1-888-426-4435**

FUND FOR VETERINARY CARE THANK YOU

Hello, my name is Sheri D. and I'm writing to thank you for your service. My 12-year-old dog was hit by a car the other night, and the economy being what it is, I just didn't



have the funds to get her the emergency treatment and medication that she would need. The clinic I was referred to was FABULOUS! We will be using them in the future for all of our vet care needs.

Your organization is priceless. Thank you again for providing such a valuable service. I will be donating to the cause as soon as I am able to.

Belle's on the road to recovery, and we both thank you!

LOOKING FOR FURREVER HOMES

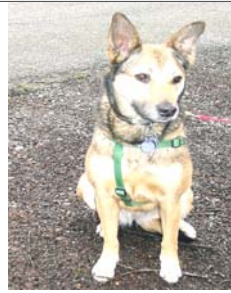
Kami

Hello! That's what I say when people walk through the door, because I'm the official Animal Aid office greeter! I'm a good greeter because I'm outgoing and I like people. I like my job, but it's only temporary until I can find a job as a house cat. That's my real career choice.

If I were applying for a job as your house cat, I would tell you that I could handle an active household, and I'm intelligent and very curious. My weakness? Well, there's only one. I don't really like other cats. I can tolerate them if I have to, but I'd prefer to be your only cat. Why would you need someone else when you've got me? I'll always be there with you and I won't take any vacation days. You'd think that with so many positive things I've got going that not liking other cats wouldn't be a problem. But it's a tough job market out there and I've been waiting a year for someone to give me the break I need.



My hobbies are playing with all sorts of cat toys. The shelter gave me an honorary MST (Master of String Toys) because I'm so good at catching them. I also like to play laser light and catch the mouse. And I like running the crazy cat dash through the reception area! My references will confirm that I've got a gentle nature and am very sweet. Off the record, I like to give little kisses and will say hi by touching my pink nose to yours.



Kylie

Hi there! Are you looking for a loyal friend who will be by your side through thick and thin? Someone to share your life with? Someone who will always be glad to see you? That's me and so much more! I've been waiting a long time to find

someone like you. I'll give my heart willingly to you and all you need to do is call my name. I'm a mature lady of eight years and I know the finer points of living with humans: there is no chewing furniture, potty breaks are taken outside, and lots of snuggles and kisses for you when you adopt me as your own. Please call 503-292-6628, option 3, and let's make a date!

HAPPY TAILS

Prince



Hi everyone! Since it's been a little over a month now that I've been in my forever home, I thought I'd send along another update.

Things are fantastic! After ten years in the shelter, I'm enjoying being part of a family. Animal Aid was great, and they made sure I was always well taken care of, but there's nothing like having your own family. I love my new parents and siblings, and I have a lot of fun laser chasing, ball rolling, and house prowling. Shouldn't everyone be so lucky?

Even though I was in the shelter for so long, I never gave up, I kept a positive attitude, and I was able to touch the lives of a lot of people and cats over the years; now I'm starting a new journey as a loved family member, just like I always wanted. I hope my story will inspire shelter dogs and cats to hang in there, and will inspire people to step up to adopt a homeless animal. There are lots of animals standing by who need help!

I think it was Cesar Milan, the dog whisperer on TV, who said "You don't get the dog you want, you get the dog you need." Well, that goes for cats too – bring one of us home, open your heart to the experience, and you won't be disappointed. My parents sure weren't – I make them laugh, they make me feel loved, and we're all a big, goofy, loving family just enjoying the ride together. I wish the same for you!

Pepper

Sweet Pepper made us her forever family in January, but within a very few weeks, it was hard for us to imagine our
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lives without her. Now, just three months later, she has won a permanent spot in our hearts.

When I met Pepper, she seemed very isolated and detached. I felt confident about her ability to fit into our home, though — particularly when my energetic, year-old cocker walked up and gave her face a good lick. On her first day home, Pepper seemed to know that she had found her forever family, and she followed me from room to room as I went about my day.

At home, she likes to find a quiet place to nap in the room where we are working. Always setting a good example for



the younger dogs, she stays off the furniture. She loves to explore the yard on a sunny day, and has grown strong enough to run the length of our fenced yard to greet us when one of us drives up. This summer she is going to honor us by walking down the aisle in our wedding.

One of Pepper's most endearing traits is the way she makes and maintains eye contact with us. She has the big, soulful eyes of a cocker, and they are always fixed on us, which is totally irresistible! Although she is deaf, communicating with her via sign language is easy because she is so attentive.

Pepper can't help winning over children and adults alike with her gentle sweetness and her irresistibly soft coat, which feels like a plush toy. One thing that is quite unique about her is that she doesn't bark. Instead she makes cooing noises like a dove. She loves a good belly rub and will coo when we rub her floppy cocker ears.

Pepper's transformation in the past few months has been nothing short of miraculous. We are truly graced by her kind presence, and are so grateful to the people at Animal Aid whose good work made it possible for us to love her.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

What's happening the last half of 2010? Check out our Web site for details on these events and more! We hope to see you at many of our events!



Show & Tell Saturdays: At the shelter noon to 4 pm most Saturdays except holidays. Come visit and fall in love with the adoptable cats at the shelter looking for homes. 5335 SW 42nd Ave, Portland.

Western Pet Supply Outreach: 6908 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Portland. *Meet feline & canine friends;* 10 am-2 pm; 3rd Saturday each month.

July 24: Western Pet Supply Customer Appreciation & Pet Adoption Day: Vendor demonstrations, and fun things to see and do for the entire family. All proceeds benefit Animal Aid and other rescues. Store location: 6908 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Portland.

August 14: Bow Wow Bash: Visit our booth at this Garden Home Rec. Center festival. 7475 SW Oleson Rd., Portland.

August 13-15: Odds & Ends for Furry Friends Garage Sale: Have the purrfect item you want to donate? This event will be held at the garage on the Animal Aid premises. Animal Aid is a registered nonprofit and *loves* writing tax receipts! Contact garagesale@AnimalAidPDX.org

September 11: Community Booth at the Beaverton Farmers' Market: Ah, brisk fall air and cinnamon rolls from Beaverton Bakery! Come visit our volunteers at the booth.

October 9: Our sixth annual *Bet for Pets Casino Night & Auction:* For details, turn to pg. 2

October 23: 4th Annual Cute Critters in Costume Photo Contest at Western Pet Supply. Want a chance to show off your pet and maybe win a prize? Come visit us at WPS. Proceeds benefit rescued critters supported by our programs.

October 24: Visit us at *Doggie Palooza* at the World Forestry Center, a fun dog-centric event.

December (all month): Western Pet Supply Giving Tree. Simply select an ornament off the tree, purchase the article listed, and provide much-needed items for our shelter.

December 4 and 11: Winter Holidays Photo Event at Western Pet Supply. Wonderful photos of your furry kids (and the not-furry ones). Purchases help pets lacking homes.

December 31: Last chance to make your tax deductible donation to the charity of your choice, which we hope is Animal Aid!

TOM AND MOM CAT SPECIAL

This year's Tom & Mom Cat Special Spay/Neuter Program was a great success. Thanks to the generous support of our partner veterinarians, we surpassed our goal – over 1055 felines were altered this year!

This was only achieved thanks to their generous donation of services. In addition to helping these cats, we also referred hundreds of community members who did not meet the income restrictions to other low-cost spay/neuter options.

It was heartwarming to hear the stories from the participants of how much this program meant to them, allowing them to continue to care for their beloved cats. During our follow-up calls, we heard time and time again of the excellent treatment their cats received while in the clinic's care.

To recognize their generosity and commitment to ending pet overpopulation, we have published a list of this year's participating clinics on the 2010 Tom & Mom Cat Special Web site (www.SpayOregon.org).

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 www.AnimalAidPDX.org to download a discount coupon or call 503-292-6628 to request a mailed copy. Help your animal friend live a healthier life and help reduce pet overpopulation at the same time.



QUIZ ANSWERS

- A. Cats have about 24 movable whiskers, 12 on each side of its nose.
- B. Dogs sweat through the pads of their feet. They pant and salivate to help cool down.

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