



Newsletter



August 2014

Kitten Season – A Placement Predicament

Shy cats, chubby cats, black cats, cats with food allergies, cats with heart murmurs...what's a shelter to do?

Well, if you're Salem Friends of Felines, you just work harder to convince the public that, despite a quirk or two, these cats have a "lot o' love" to give.

The fact is, if we only had cute, fluffy kittens to place in adoptive homes, our job would be so much easier, not to mention less stressful. But all rescues face the dreaded "Kitten Competition Syndrome" every spring and summer. While the young ones "fly" out the door, our adults, particularly those with "issues", watch longingly hoping their turn will be next.

So we appeal to our readers to think about what you can bring to the life of one of these harder to place residents. SFOF will gladly help you choose a barn buddy, (a cat which has only lived in the great outdoors) or point out the merits of the shy ones. It only takes a moment to lock eyes with a soulful creature that will be forever grateful.



Paws & Purrsonality's 9th Year!

Last year our event sold out, so we are encouraging everyone to purchase their tickets early, in fact we will stop selling tickets altogether the week before the event so that we can coordinate with our vendors for the event.

This year our event will be at a different location that offers closer parking and only one level to walk through. Our event will run for a little bit longer so that you can fully enjoy the festivities.

We are planning on having an extended silent auction, and in place of the oral auction we will be teaming up with Wild Bill's Casino to offer you gaming for prizes.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 27th!

Don't forget to buy your tickets early so you don't miss out on this fun night out to help the kitties!

SALEM FRIENDS OF FELINES

Invites you to our 9th annual
Paws & Purrsonality Fundraising Event

Catsino Royale

Shaken Not Purred

Saturday

September 27, 2014

Cascade Hall

2330 17th Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Social Starts at 5:00 pm

Event Begins at 5:30 pm

Large Silent Auction,
Food, Drinks & Gaming

Sponsored by

Willamette Valley Animal Hospital

Tickets \$40.00

Purchase at www.sfof.org

Or at our thrift store

980 Commercial St SE, Salem, OR 97302



Our Mission

To help as many homeless cats and kittens as we can by placing them in loving permanent homes; to reduce feline over-population through education and our spay/neuter assistance program; and to bring more public awareness to the plight of homeless and unwanted cats.

It Takes a Village

One of the most encouraging aspects of rescue in the past few months has been the formation of the Marion Polk Community Cat Program. This collaboration of cat organizations in our area formed to address issues related to population control with the goal of reducing shelter intake.

Salem Friends of Felines, Willamette Humane Society, CAFA (Coalition Advocating For Animals), Feral Cat Coalition and Willamette Valley Animal Hospital have joined forces to focus on spaying and neutering free-

roaming community cats. These cats are in every neighborhood. Many are feral while others were abandoned by their previous owners. Without sterilization, they produce litters of kittens that end up flooding through our doors. Though we are in the beginning stages of this effort, it is encouraging to see these groups working together for a common purpose. Community meetings are held quarterly, and citizens are encouraged to attend.

The next meeting will take place Thursday, August 14th, at 5:30 p.m. hosted by Willamette Humane Society, 4246 Turner Rd SE.

This meeting will include training on how to safely trap, neuter and return (TNR) free-roaming community cats.



To celebrate the 10th anniversary of SFOF, we are creating a photo collage highlighting our many ventures and accomplishments. We invite any of our supporters to stop in and view this memory wall as it evolves. Better yet, if you have a favorite photo of a SFOF alumni or event, we would love to add it to our wall.

Thanks for the memories!

SFOF is a non-profit 501(c)3 cat adoption center that has found adoptive homes for over 8200 cats and has made possible over 8000 spay/neuter surgeries in our community in the last 10 years.

We rely solely on the generous donations of supporters like you.

Visit our website at : www.sfof.org for more information.

Come and visit us 7 days a week at 980 Commercial St. SE. We are open 11-6 Mon. –Sat. and 11-4 on Sundays.

We are also on Facebook!

Beware of the Great Indoors

Your neighbor's cat got hit by a car. Your brother's cat got into a nasty fight with a local stray. Your childhood cat thought nothing of crashing the party at the backyard bird bath.

So you make a good, solid decision to keep your feline friends indoors thereby eliminating the potential perils of the cat "hood" beyond your doors. But wait! We're talking about animals whose very DNA is programmed for mischief. CATS WILL FIND TROUBLE.

Indoor hazards abound for those determined to find it. SFOF has seen its share of cat vs. recliner chair, cat vs. drapery cord, cat vs. toxic house plant, and even cat vs. clothes dryer. Electrical cables are also hard to resist if you have four paws.

Whether you have a new companion or long-term roommate, take a few minutes to assess potential cat targets. You can minimize the natural inclination of our feline friends to partake in risky behaviors.



STILL WAITING



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[BABY]



[TOPAZ]

The kitty thrown from car on I-5

We received a flurry of inquiries about adopting Edmund, and we took our time in finding just the right family out of all the applicants, and we did find the most perfect family. Edmund has gone from being a "throw away" kitty to being happy and spoiled, thanks to all the wonderful donations from our supporters. We raised enough money that Edmund was able to "pay it forward" to another kitty in need of surgery that same day that came to SFOF.

Edmund also touched the life of a woman who had made a special quilt that she wanted to donate to just the right recipient. When the news of Edmund hit she just knew it was meant for him.



Volunteer Spotlight Kathy Pilon

Many people may assume that volunteering with SFOF means working with cats. However, it's a multi-faceted organization with several positions that benefit the kitties indirectly. Take Kathy Pilon, for example; she volunteers in the SFOF thrift store sorting room, looking through donations to pick out any damaged items so that only the best quality goods end up for sale in the store.



Kathy says she enjoys keeping busy and helping SFOF, without having to take care of the cats all the time, but she admits, "Sometimes if things get too crazy in the sorting room, I go back to the adoption area and hang out with the cats for a few minutes!"



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Thrift Store Hours:
Mon - Sat, 11am - 6pm
Sun, 11am - 4pm

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Celebrating 10 Years!

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Rescuing one cat may not change the world...



...but for that one cat, the whole world will change.

Upcoming Events

Recyclables Drive

2nd Sunday of every month

12pm – 3pm, Salem Off-Road Center @ 2953 Silverton Rd.

Adoption Outreaches

1pm to 4pm

1st Sat & Sun of the month — PetSmart, Lancaster St

2nd Sat of the month — Petco, Keizer Station

3rd Sat & Sun of the month — PetSmart, Lancaster St

WISH LIST

- ♥ Kitten Milk Replacement (KMR)
- ♥ Royal Canin Baby Cat or Kitten
- ♥ Friskies Canned Pate'
- ♥ Baby Wipes (unscented)
- ♥ Scooping Litter
- ♥ Hand Sanitizer
- ♥ Paper Towels
- ♥ Bleach (unscented)
- ♥ Laundry Soap ("He" only)
- ♥ Printer Paper
- ♥ Baby or Small Blankets
- ♥ Towels
- ♥ Office Supplies

