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Summer Newsletter

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The dog days of summer are upon us again and the staff and volunteers at S.A.R.A. are working as hard as they can to keep things going for all of our rescued animals. With the economy in such poor shape, sales at our thrift store are at an all time low, and medical expenses are higher than ever. Because S.A.R.A.'s life-saving programs are entirely dependent on the generous donations of money, materials, and volunteer time that we receive from our great supporters, we are reaching out in hope that you will help give our rescued shelter animals the help they so desperately need and deserve.

And Now For Some News and Updates:



Neptune

In 2005, when we rescued Neptune and his sister Venus from LCAS, they were 7 years young, and Neptune was unique because he had two different colored eyes. In Feb. of 2009, in accordance with our mission to never have our rescues in the shelter system again, we took the pair back into our program when their adoptive family could no longer care for them. After some TLC Neptune was back to his gregarious and affectionate self. In July of this year Neptune got an abscessed tooth and went in to the vet for a dental procedure. During this very extensive procedure with many, many extractions, Dr. Nancy Johnson noticed some swelling in his right eye and did a glaucoma test, which came back positive. Initially, everyone thought that

this condition could be managed with eye drops, but when it came time for the re-check on his eye, we took him to Dr. Maxwell, the animal Ophthalmologist, and learned that the glaucoma was a secondary symptom of a bigger problem. Neptune had a melanoma in his right eye and the doctor said they eye would have to be removed. We were very upset at the news that this was an extremely painful condition, so we called up to OSU and scheduled the surgery as soon as we could. Neptune came through the procedure amazingly well and started on the path of healing. After two weeks his stitches came out and since then he has been

acting like a kitten. Neptune is such an amazing soul, we could never imagine not having done this for him. S.A.R.A. is dedicated to stopping at

nothing to give each dog or cat we rescue the second chance they so richly deserve, but we could not take such an active approach without the generous support of caring people like you.

Thank You!



Please donate today to help rebuild our medical fund so that more rescued shelter animals can receive the care they need!

A Happy Dog's Life For Me...

It is hard to believe it has been just over a year since I was rescued by S.A.R.A. in such bad health...so much has changed!!

I was featured in S.A.R.A.'s 2010 Summer Newsletter after S.A.R.A. rescued me from the red alert euthanasia list at LCAS (Lane County Animal Services) where I had lost a good portion of my coat to demadex mites. The staff and volunteers worked hard to help me, but the real change came when I was seen by Dr. Ashley, and the all caring staff at the Veterinary Allergy & Dermatology Services. Everyone there got to know me very well through many visits working to figure out what was wrong with me and how to go about fixing it. I was finally able to breath a big sigh of relief on July 25th when I got my *first clean skin scraping* to go along with the beautiful, shiny, full coat of hair I had grown! The doctor says I have to continue on some of my medications and supplements for environmental allergens (maybe for the rest of my life!), but I am alright with that because I never want to feel like I did before! I also had an amazingly fun, full out doggie good time learning many new things at "Good Dog" training classes with Jennifer Biglan! I even got a graduating "Certificate of Training"! My favorite part of the class was the homework, because my foster family took me to all sorts of fun places to work on my training in different environments! But... the best news of all is that *I have found my forever family!* My foster mom and dad say they feel that my "special needs" might be too much of a challenge for average people, but I know that the real reason is that they have really fallen in love with me! Which is GREAT cause I sure do love them! Without supporters like YOU great dogs like ME that just need a little extra time and special care would not be saved! Thank you so much for believing in the folks at S.A.R.A and continuing to support their Life-Saving Mission.



Bennett

Feb. 2011 Dozen Dumped Cats Update:

S.A.R.A.'s last newsletter featured a group of 12 kitties that were abandoned in the middle of the night at S.A.R.A.'s front door. Your kind support made it possible for S.A.R.A. to give each of these abandoned kitties the top-notch medical care they so desperately needed. We are thrilled to report that 9 of these special felines have been adopted to loving, forever homes, and are thriving! 3 of them, Hazelnut, Snorkel, and Coconut, are still in our care. While Hazelnut is actively looking for her forever home at S.A.R.A.'s Treasures, Coconut and Snorkel are still requiring medical treatment. They came to us sicker than anyone else in the bunch, with very severe



upper respiratory infections, and while they have shown much improvement with the medications, supplements, and quality food they have been given, they still have a way to go before being healthy enough for S.A.R.A to place them up for adoption. These amazing girls are perfect examples of cats who would be killed in the shelter system, it would be too much work, and extra time, taking up space, for them to be patient and let them heal. We are confident with time, love, patience, (and a little more medication) that Coconut and Snorkel will make a full recovery and have tons of love and snuggles to share with a family in their own forever home.

Sometimes...Miracles do happen.



Hi, my name is Cici, you may remember me from last summer's newsletter. I was the kitty who was returned, got depressed and developed Fatty Liver Disease and had to be feed through a tube. Things really didn't look too good after all the complications with my condition and having to have the tube in for so long, no one knew if I was going to make it. One day the store manager Melinda said to me "If you will just put the food in your mouth and eat on your own, I will take you home with me and you can stay forever!" At first I didn't believe her, but for the next 2 days she said the same thing over and over to me so I decided I didn't really have anything to lose. The next day I waited for the office ladies to come in and this time when the put some crunchies on my blanket I ate them. You would have thought that I was the first cat to walk on the moon! Those ladies cheered and smiled and even cried a little, but the one I was watching was Melinda.

She came over and said "way to go Cici, do it again and again and when you are strong enough we will go home." So everyday I ate a little more on my own and they put less and less down the food tube until finally, I was eating like a regular cat. Melinda came through with her promise and now I live in a wonderful home with two other S.A.R.A. kitties, Ginger and Hitch. I like Ginger well enough (even though she can be a little cranky, ok I'll admit I can get a little cranky with her too) but I LOVE Hitch!

He is a really neat guy who plays and snuggles and even cleans my head! I could not have ever hoped for a more perfect family and I never would have had the chance at having this one if it wasn't for your help. Thank you so much in believing in S.A.R.A. and helping them save my life so I could finally find my FOREVER home!



Cici



Help Us Continue Our Life Saving Mission

**A donation in any amount
that you can spare will be
greatly appreciated.**

We've enclosed an envelope
for you to rush your support.

Thank you for being a part of this life-saving work!

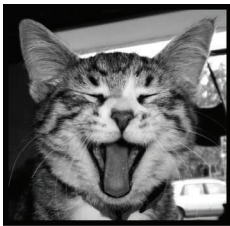
Don't forget to visit us at the
Eugene Celebration
August 27th & 28th
in the Community Causeway!



S.A.R.A.'s Wish List



- Monetary Donations for Vet Bills and Medical Supplies
 - New and Gently Used Items for Our Thrift Store
 - Wellness Canned Cat Food (Large Cans)
 - Cat Litter (**UNSCENTED**, Scoopable)
 - Gift Certificates (Office Max, Costco, Fred Meyer (gas))
- Revolution or Advantage Flea Treatment, Dog & Cat (All Sizes)
 - Rubbermaid 18 Gallon Roughneck Storage Tubs
 - Environmentally Friendly Dish/Laundry/Hand soap
 - Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Garbage Bags (All Sizes)
 - Simple Green Cleaning Solution Concentrate
 - Febreze Fabric Freshener 1 gallon Refills
 - Household Surface Wipes (Kirkland (Costco) Brand)
 - Postage Stamps
 - Printer Ink (HP901XL Color and Black)
 - Clear Packing Tape
 - *New Cat Toys & New Squeaky Dog Toys*



Caring for our animals requires a lot of time, love, money and supplies. We use all of the items on our wish list nearly every day, and these ongoing expenses can really add up. With your donation, we are able to save money so we can dedicate the greatest amount of our resources directly to the cats and dogs who are relying on us.

Donated items can be dropped off at S.A.R.A.'s Treasures, 10:00am to 6:00pm, every day.



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