



## S.A.R.A.'s Treasures Gift & Thrift Shop

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# Spring Newsletter

April 2013

## 2013 Summer Fundraising Events

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mothers Day

### Plant & Artisan Sale May 11th & 12th

At S.A.R.A.'s Treasures  
10:00 - 5:00 (both days)

Hanging Baskets, Veggie  
Starts, Bedding Plants,  
Perennials, Herbs, Gift  
Plants, Garden Art &  
Artisan Items.

### Parking Lot Sales

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

At S.A.R.A.'s Treasures  
10:00 - 5:00

Featuring new and used  
household and kitchen  
items, home décor, toys,  
clothing, jewelry, shoes,  
linens, tools, furniture,  
books, movies, and more  
all at amazing prices!

Visit S.A.R.A. at the

### Eugene Celebration!

August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Play fun games and win  
great prizes at our booth in  
the Community Causeway  
(the free area of the Celebration)  
and cheer us on in the  
parade Saturday morning.

Hey there, I'm Spike, and I wanted to let everybody know about all of the awesome things going on with S.A.R.A. It has already been a busy spring with lots of medical expenses to finally clear up the ringworm we've been dealing with since the holidays. We've also had an unusually high number of cats requiring dental cleanings (and the occasional extraction—ouch!), and as any pet owner knows, dental work can get very expensive very quickly.

To help rebuild our cat medical funds, we're planning a lot of great summer events. Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up fast: our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Plant & Artisan Sale on May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. In addition to all of the normal activities going on around here, we've been spending a lot of extra time getting ready—planting beautiful hanging baskets with McKenzie River Nursery, picking out flats of flowers and veggies, and collecting great gifts for Mother's Day—and we really hope to see you there!



## Win a New Kindle Fire!

Right now at S.A.R.A.'s Treasures, we're selling raffle tickets for a new 8GB **Kindle Fire**.

The tablet features a 7 inch screen and built-in wi-fi. We'll be drawing on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are only **\$1**, and all of the proceeds benefit our life-saving mission to rescue, assist, and advocate for shelter animals.

# Summer Safety for You & Your Pet

With summer just around the corner and the warm weather beckoning us into the great outdoors, it is time to start planning how to spend all those sunny days. For most pet owners, those plans will probably include your furry, four-legged friends. As the temperature rises it is important to take some precautions to keep our pets healthy and safe from the hazards that accompany summer:

**Make certain that your pet is ALWAYS wearing a collar and identification tag.** Microchipping your pet is also an excellent idea, as it offers an even greater chance of locating and finding your pet if she is lost.

**Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle.** On a hot day, a parked car can become a furnace in no time—even with the windows open—which could lead to fatal heat stroke.

**Keep cats indoors.** Cars, people, other pets, and wild animals can all pose risks to cats' safety. Provide cat trees, playtime, and other enrichment activities to keep your cat happy and content indoors.

**Don't put your pet in the back of a truck.** It is dangerous, and in some states illegal, to drive with a dog in the back of a pick-up truck. Not only can flying debris cause serious injury, but a dog may be unintentionally thrown into traffic if the driver suddenly hits the brakes, swerves, or is in an accident. Dogs should ride in the cab or in a secured crate in the bed of the truck.

**When taking a dog for a walk on a hot day,** adjust your schedule to walk in the morning and evenings to take advantage of the cooler temperatures. Remember that sidewalks can get hot enough to burn the pads of your dog's feet, so try to walk on grass if possible. Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun.

**Pet rabbits don't tolerate heat well and should be kept indoors.** Keeping a rabbit indoors will also provide protection from predators who might try to attack a rabbit in an outdoor hutch.

**Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool.** Not all dogs are good swimmers, so introduce your pets to water gradually and make sure they wear flotation devices when on boats. Rinse your dog off after swimming to remove chlorine or salt from his fur, and try to keep your dog from drinking pool water, which contains chlorine and other chemicals that could cause stomach upset.

**Keep your pet up to date on flea treatment,** but use only flea and tick treatments recommended by your veterinarian. Some over-the-counter products can be toxic, even when used according to instructions.

**Beware of lawn and gardening products.** Cocoa mulch, pesticides, fertilizers, and other yard chemicals can be fatal if ingested by your pet. Keep citronella candles, oil products, and insect coils out of pets' reach. Most home stores offer pet-friendly alternatives to keep your lawn and garden beautiful. When walking your dog, steer clear of areas that you suspect have been sprayed with chemicals.

**Be considerate of elderly, fragile, ill, and young animals** that are not able to cope well with hot weather and high humidity. Watch out for signs of heatstroke which may include excessive panting, staring, glazed eyes, drooling, warm, dry skin, high fever, rapid heartbeat, vomiting, or even collapse.

**Never leave a dog outdoors unattended on a chain or tether.** Long-term chaining during the hot summer months can result in insect bites, dehydration, and heat stroke. Even short-term unattended tethering can pose risks such as theft or attacks by people or other animals.

**Pets need access to fresh, cool water at all times.**



Bill enjoying the sunshine from the safety of his cat tree.

# Ringworm Update

It's been a difficult few months for everybody at S.A.R.A. You may remember that last December S.A.R.A. accepted two ringworm-positive cats into our program from another rescue. They were living happily in a quarantine area while they recovered and we were feeling good about their prognosis. Not long after, we received a call from our local animal shelter saying that they had just taken in 3 kittens with ringworm and wanted us to come and get them within the hour. Knowing they would be killed if we didn't step in, we rushed to pick them up and created another quarantine area for them that was separate from our other kittens with ringworm and separate from our healthy cats.

While treating these 5 kittens, we found a tell-tale spot on *another* kitten in our shop. Because it's impossible to know if this new case of ringworm was due to a quarantine error on our part or if the kitten had an unrelated strain, we decided to play it safe. In order to ensure that every other cat remained healthy, everyone was temporarily removed from the front of the store and all of the merchandise, fixtures, walls, and floors were cleaned.

Unfortunately, because ringworm can lie dormant or be otherwise undetectable, we had to proceed as though every cat might have been exposed. That meant that all of the cats needed to undergo to same treatment protocol whether they were healthy or not: Each cat had their own separate living space (usually a dog-run in the warehouse, but a few cats were moved to temporary foster homes), was medicated daily, and had to have two 'clean' cultures (which each take *two full weeks* to develop) before being declared officially 'healthy.' The medicine costs hundreds of dollars and the tests are very easy to contaminate—meaning that they need to be thrown out and a new test has to be started—leading to lots of frustration.

But now, months later, we are finally nearing the end of this endeavor and things are getting back to normal. All of the cats are healthy, and we are just waiting for the original five ringworm kittens to be spayed and neutered before re-opening the warehouse. Interestingly, we're finding that a few cats (long-time residents Ziva, Jethro, and Ambrosia) are doing much better in the relative quiet of the warehouse, and other cats who used to live exclusively in the warehouse (Venus and Spike) can now be found happily hanging out up front.

As you can imagine, the cost of these medications, cultures, and vet visits (not to mention the unbelievable amount of cleaning supplies we went through) has really hit our budget hard. **Your support means more to us now than ever.**

Luckily, all of the cats are doing great, and unlike at traditional shelters, *no one was killed because of a fungus.*



A healthy Lefse waiting to be spayed.

## 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!**

# Senior Cat Spotlight

## Senior cats need homes too!

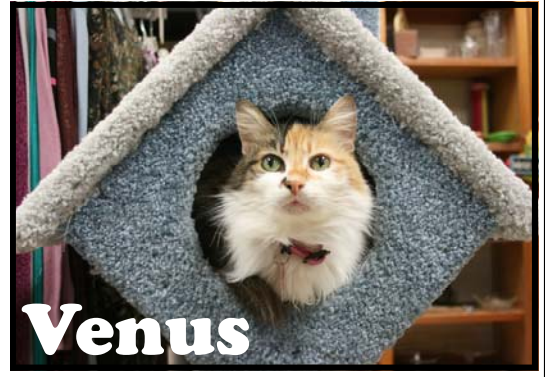
Kittens may be adorable, but too many adult cats spend their golden years in a shelter. Before being rescued by S.A.R.A., an adult cat can end up at the shelter for any number of reasons, most of which reflect on the owner's situation and not on the cat.

Senior cats have a lot to offer a household and adopting a mature feline can be very rewarding—for both of you! At S.A.R.A.'s, we've got some really great cats that are over 10 but still have plenty of pep.

Adopting a senior cat can be extremely gratifying and will give a deserving cat a second chance to be a part of a loving family.

## Venus

Venus is a soft and gorgeous 15 year old calico looking for a family. You would never believe that Venus was a senior gal—she's always on the go. She loves climbing cat trees and all of the shelves in the shop and happily plays with cat nip toys, balls, and feather sticks. Venus is also a very affectionate kitty who loves sitting on your lap and being pet and brushed. She would prefer to be an only cat but does not mind living with cat-friendly cats. In February of this year, Venus had a senior blood panel (which came back looking great) and a dental cleaning, so she is in tip-top shape for her new family!



**Venus**

## Honey

Fifteen year old Honey is a very sassy and smart lady who will make a great addition to a quiet household. Honey would love to spend all day on your lap purring and chatting. She's surprisingly adaptable for a senior gal and has done well living in a foster home as an only kitty, but also tolerates living with many other adoptable cats in our adoption center. Honey has had some health issues, but she is young at heart and still enjoys playing with toys and string. When we rescued Honey from the animal shelter last year, she came with her favorite bean-bag kitty bed. If she can't find a free lap, she knows which bed is hers and will curl right up.



**Honey**

## Why Adopt a Senior Cat?

- Since a senior cat's personality is already developed, you know exactly what kind of cat you're getting—no surprises.
- Senior cats are often content to just relax in your company, unlike younger cats, who may get into mischief because they're bored.
- Senior cats make the best napping partners.
- When adopting a senior cat, you avoid the crazy kitten. It may be fun to watch a kitten play and race through the house, but remember that the playing and racing can happen at all hours, including at 3 am.
- Seniors are always the most difficult to find homes for, so when you adopt a senior, you're truly saving a life.

**Opal** Opal is a sweet, special love bug. At about 10 years old, she loves to snuggle and hug and can show her happiness by drooling. She's a very chatty lady who knows her name and comes when you call. Opal still has a playful side and enjoys catnip and ball-go-round toys. Even though she lives in the shop, she ignores other cats, gets along well with cat-friendly dogs, and is even okay with calm and respectful children. Opal has a lot of life left in her, and would love to find a home where she could be part of a family.



**Opal**

Pip and Mo are very sweet, soft Russian Blue mixes who have spent most of their 10 years with S.A.R.A. They've been in and out of foster homes and are ready for a family of their own. They're handsome gentleman who have distinct personalities. Pip is more social—he loves to talk and will groom you and hold your hand. Mo is a sensitive guy who would love to spend all day napping and snuggling. These brothers have spent their whole lives together and would really like to find a home together. Even though they love each other, these two boys don't get along well with other felines, and would prefer that they be the only cats in their forever home.

**Mo & Pip**



All of these awesome senior cats (and more) are available for adoption, so stop into S.A.R.A.'s Treasures to meet them soon!

## How Your Donation to S.A.R.A. Helps the Whole Community

We know there are plenty of thrift shops in Eugene vying for your donations, so why donate to S.A.R.A.?

All of the money we raise at S.A.R.A.'s Treasures goes towards saving the lives of local shelter animals. Donations that we are not able to utilize never get thrown away. Items that just aren't a good match for our store are redistributed to other local organizations that do good work in our community. If we can't use something, we will try to find someone who can. (Of course, while we would love to be able to take everything that is offered to us, we do have limited space and must protect our resident animals and volunteers from hazards.

Because spending money to dispose of broken or hazardous items diverts money away from our mission, there are some things that we just aren't able to accept.) We bring warm clothes, candles, and supplies to the Eugene Mission and St. Vincent de Paul Service Station and all non-working or out-of-date electronics are recycled. S.A.R.A. collects pet food all year to distribute to other groups who are facing shortages, feral colony caretakers, and wildlife rescuers. We also collect pet supplies and blankets to give to groups in need.

So tell your friends, clean out your closets, empty out your attic, and bring all of your unneeded or unwanted goodies to S.A.R.A.'s Treasures. We're open every day 10-6, and all donations are tax deductible.

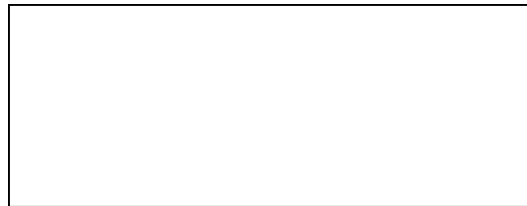
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# S.A.R.A.'s Wish List

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 animals who are relying on us.

- Postage Stamps
- New Cat Toys
- Cat Beds & Cat Trees
- AA & AAA Batteries
- Sharpie Markers
- Plastic Folding Tables
- Monetary Donations for Veterinary Bills and Medical Supplies
- Rubbermaid Roughneck 18 Gallon Storage Tubs
- Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Garbage Bags (All Sizes)
- Advantage II Flea Treatment, Dog & Cat (All Sizes)
- Tape (Packing, Scotch, Duct, or Double-Sided)
- Environmentally-Friendly Dish/Hand/Laundry Soap
- Microwavable Heating Pads (Snugglesafe)
- Printer Ink (HP901 XL + HP901 Tri-Color)
- Printer Paper (White or Color)
- Cat Litter (Unscented/Scoopable)
- Canned/Dry Cat & Dog Food
- Light Bulbs (LED/CFL-Any voltage)
- Simple Green Concentrate
- Household Surface Wipes
- Febreze Refills
- Cat & Dog Carriers/Kennels
- Cardboard Scratchers
- Bath Mats
- Bleach
- Feliway Refills



Angus - Available for Adoption



Gonzo - Available for Adoption

Donated items can be dropped off at  
S.A.R.A.'s Treasures 10:00-6:00 Every Day