

Fall 2007

"Hi Friends,

My name is Grasshopper because I hop a bit when I run. I volunteered to be S.A.R.A.'s Fall "Spokescat", and since I'm the biggest and toughest cat right now in S.A.R.A.'s Rescued Cat Program, all the other kitties agreed!



Grasshopper

Like all cats, I started out as an adorable kitten, who liked to play rough. Unfortunately, my people didn't think about how hard I would bite and scratch when I grew up to be the big boy I am now, and I was abandoned outside a Carl's Jr. fast food restaurant.



Luckily for me, I ended up in S.A.R.A.'s Rescued Cat Program. I soon made it plain to the Cat Rescue Ladies Melinda & Nicole that I was getting a bit frustrated at being kept indoors all the time, so our friends Tom & Carol of "Pets are People Too" petsitting service donated a wonderful "dog run" to be a cat enclosure for me and a couple of my kitty friends who like to spend time safely outside in the fresh air.

For people and cats who believe in an indoor/outdoor lifestyle, this arrangement is ideal – it keeps us cats safe from cars, dogs and other hazards, while allowing us to enjoy the great outdoors and indulge in two of our favorite hobbies – birdwatching and flycatching. The neighborhood birds have voted our enclosure as "Best New Idea for Cats", too!"



Harriet watching the birds....



Anyway, enough about me....let's talk about two of the life-saving community projects that S.A.R.A. has been helping with.....

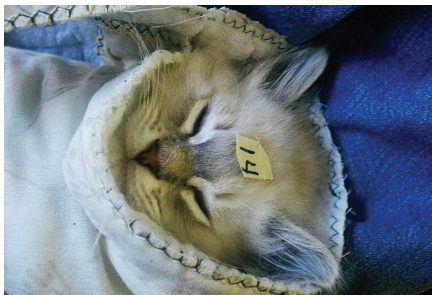
As you may know, S.A.R.A. staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly over the past 1-1/2 years (along with other animal advocates) to introduce our County Commissioners to basic "Save Adoptable and Treatable Animals" policies and programs that can save the lives of innocent cats and dogs at Lane County Animal Regulation Authority (LCARA).

Just last month, the Commissioners unanimously approved this philosophy for the shelter!

We also have been helping raise funds so the Neuter Scooter can provide free and low cost spay / neuter services for cats of low income cat caregivers.



Fritz & April are thrilled to see our community rally behind safer shelters for all the homeless animals!



A kitten rests comfortably after a quality spay at the Neuter Scooter



Dr. Peavy and her staff and family travel all the way from Indiana to provide affordable spays for our County's low income residents!

The Neuter Scooter has held **7** clinics in Lane County so far this year, spayed/neutered **579** cats, and prevented an estimated **3,750** unwanted kittens from being born and adding to the local pet overpopulation problem!

Dr. Peavy (standing on truck) provides "after-care" instructions to grateful Neuter Scooter clients



Some of my rescued cat and dog friends would now like to tell you their Happy Tails, and thank you for saving their lives.....

**Foxy** "Hi, My name is now Foxy, but it used to be "Baby", and I was taken to Oakridge Dog Control when my people didn't want me anymore (once I had outgrown my "cute puppy" stage). I wasn't used to new people or dogs, but once S.A.R.A. rescued me, I got a great foster Mom named Bette and a Border Collie mix foster sister named Dolly. Bette made sure I got out daily to meet new people and dogs, and I really "blossomed".

One day a wonderful couple named Ron & Debra saw me on Petfinder.com, fell in love with me, and gave me a wonderful new home. Here's the rest of my story, from my Dad...."

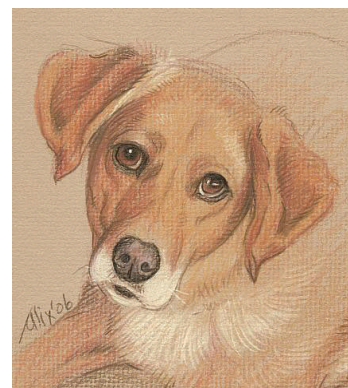
"Foxy often goes with me to Memory Care and Assisted Living Facilities to bring joy and happiness with her love. She lays at "Daddy's" feet when he plays his guitar. Residents love her and she always gets compliments on her good behavior and sweet disposition.

Foxy has been featured in several portraits by local artist Alix Mosieur, with the final work of art hanging in her "Mommy's" office. Yes, we consider her a true family member - even Grandma in New York refers to Foxy as her "Granddaughter". At home, she listens to KLCC and NPR radio - and really enjoys watching Jon Stewart's Daily Show on Comedy Central.

Cuddling with mommy when she comes home from work is her favorite thing. She also enjoys taking her mommy on a run every morning, and Daddy on a walk every evening. Foxy is a very, very special addition to our family."



Me graduating from Dog class with Mom & Dad



My portrait by Alix - check out SARA's website so you can order one for YOUR furry kids!  
www.sarastreasures.org



Waiting for my forever family.....



Here they are - I couldn't be happier!!

**M** "Hi All, My name is Maximus, or Max for short. When the S.A.R.A. Dog Program ladies Diana and Dallice first rescued me, I was a wild and crazy guy! The folks at The Waggin Inn kindly cared for me at their kennel, until a foster home could be found for me.

**a** My foster Dad, Dustin, spent lots of quality time with me - taking me to his work, the dog park, Jennifer Biglan's Good Dog classes, hiking, and more! He even made me my very own website on "My Space"!

**x** Dustin worked hard at finding me a "forever" home, too. After several prospective homes fell through, I finally met my perfect forever family - Lynn & Dennis! Here's what Dennis has to say..."

"We first saw Max on a S.A.R.A website, which showed a video of Dustin teaching him some amazing tricks. We're huge Lab lovers so our interest was piqued.

When we first met Max, it took Lynn & I only a couple of ruffles of his fur and a few seconds with him to decide he was the dog for us. After just a couple of visits with Max, we loved him already! Dustin did an amazing job with Max, and they still share a special bond.

Lynn and I and Max owe S.A.R.A. and Dustin (and you) a bunch. Thanks, everyone!"

"Hello, Folks!

You probably remember me as S.A.R.A.'s Spokes-Cat this Spring. Of course you would like an update on ME, and a few things have changed since I last wrote.

Life was pretty good at S.A.R.A.'s Treasures, but now I'm living large with my own family in my own home, and things couldn't be better!

There are lots of huge windows to look out, and all the kitty amenities a girl like me could want. We have a drinking fountain, several cat trees, and a catnip plant growing inside!

My mom and dad love to rub my shoulders and scratch my back. I even have a new cat-sister, Rudi, who's my new best friend! She was also adopted from a shelter because my Mom and Dad know how important it is to save lives by supporting rescue groups. She was very sick when Mom and Dad adopted her, with a respiratory infection that gets a lot of cats and kittens "put to sleep" at shelters. One round of antibiotics and she was fine!

Of course, a lot of people would never have given me *or* Rudi a chance. I am only 5 years old, but a lot of people think that is too old to adopt- WRONG! Hooray for adopters who fall in love with mature kitties like me, or sickly kittens like Rudi!

Well, I think I hear my mom getting out the salmon treats, so I have to go.



DELILAH

*Thank you for all of your help in saving me and helping me get the good life I have now!"*



Enjoying my new kitty sofa



Relaxing with my Dad Chas



My Mom's briefcase makes a nice cat bed



How can you resist this beautiful belly?!

"When the S.A.R.A. cat ladies came to LCARA this summer to check up on the cats, they saw 3 tiny kittens huddled in a cage. That was us!

We were brought into the shelter with our mom and 2 calico sisters, but our sisters got adopted, (apparently because they were "pretty") and our mom was taken away from us and we don't know what happened to her. Boy, were we scared! We were only 5 weeks old, way too young to be taken from our mom and adopted out alone!

The cattery was full of sick cats and we were beginning to sneeze, not a good thing. If the cat ladies hadn't rescued us, we would have died or been euthanized for sure, because those sneezes turned into a serious "kitty flu"!



Clarissa



Angelica



Samantha

It took 6 weeks of dedicated nursing care by S.A.R.A. staff and volunteers before we got over that beastly infection, but thanks to kind folks like you, they were able to provide us with everything we needed to get healthy again (including lots of love)!

Now we're ready for adoption to loving, responsible homes of our own!

*Please come & visit us at S.A.R.A.'s Treasures, so we can thank you in person for helping to save our lives!"*