



Shelter Animal Resource Alliance (S.A.R.A.)

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Spring 2008 Newsletter

Greetings from Hitch



Dear Friends,

My name is Hitch (check out my awesome thumbs!) and I am SARA's Spokes-cat this spring, because I've been waiting the longest for my "forever" home.

We have all been very busy since we spoke to you last in December. Sadly, sales at our fund-raising thrift shop, SARA's Treasures were lower than usual over the holidays. We count on these funds to help carry us through the year, especially through "kitten season". Thank goodness we also have the financial support of generous folks like you!

The happy news is that many of my rescued kitty friends found homes for the holidays! Several of

SARA's long-term foster dogs found wonderful new homes, too!

We felines have been enjoying testing the new premium cat foods and toys that our Cat Ladies Melinda & Nicole were researching, and, as you know, SARA's Treasures now carries a selected line of these great items.

We are pleased that more kitties in our community will be healthier and happier by using these products, plus with the sales of these items we are able to raise extra funds for our shelter animal rescue and advocacy programs.

The SARA staff and volunteers have been helping with animal welfare projects in our community that are showing great results:

* Our Executive Director, Diana, served on the Lane County Save Adoptable Animals Task Force, and recommended life-saving improvements to the programs at Lane County Animal Services (LCAS), where most of us were rescued from.

* The W.A.G. clinic opened in early January, and is providing high quality, affordable spays and neuters for the cats and dogs of

Lane County's low income residents. For more information, please check out their website at www.wagwag.org. They are still in need of another part-time Veterinarian and a Vet Technician, so please spread the word!

The next time you're in the River Road area, please stop by SARA's Treasures for a visit, browse through the unique items donated by kind supporters like you, and say "Hi" to me and my rescued kitty friends.

We have lots more exciting news to share.....so let's dive right in!

Upcoming Events At SARA's Treasures:

Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day):

1st Annual Plant Sale!! 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*and please mark your calendars for our
Fantastic Sunday Parking Lot sales!*

May 18th 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

June 22nd: 10 - 5 w/Delicious Bake Sale

July 27th: Parking Lot Sale 10 - 5

*For more information, please call S.A.R.A.'s
Treasures at 607-8892 or visit:*

www.sarastreasures.org

Pet Lovers Should Plan Ahead

“Can you help us?” asked a young man, entering S.A.R.A.’s Treasures early one morning. “Justin, your Saturday volunteer, died last night, and we don’t know what to do with his two cats”.

The SARA staff & volunteers were shocked. Justin had been helping at the shop just a few days previously, and now his neighbor was giving us news of his tragic death.

Peering in the carrier, Nicole saw two fluffy cats whose sad eyes begged her to help them.

Although these kitties had not been adopted from SARA’s cat rescue program, and we generally only have enough space in the program for those cats most desperately in need (at animal control shelters on the verge of being euthanized), we felt that helping his kitties was a fitting way to honor Justin’s generous volunteer contributions to SARA.

By accepting Jellybean & Bonanza into our rescue program, they were spared the stress of the traditional shelter environment, and were able to benefit from SARA’s personalized adoption program.

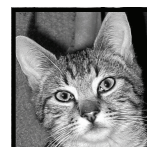


Jellybean & Bonanza settling in at SARA’s Treasures

At first the girls were very frightened, after having been through such a traumatic experience. After several days and lots of loving care from SARA’s staff & volunteers, their sweet, loving personalities shone through.

They were soon adopted by a wonderful woman, Marta, whose heart was touched by their sad story. She has let us know that the kitties have settled in beautifully at her home, and are enjoying her love and care.

With new names, Emma and Coco, and a new life, these girls are so grateful to donors like you who made it possible for their tragedy to become a happily ever after!



Howie, Jellybean, Hobbs, Reggie, Mckenzie, Strawberry and Peanut all had to be rescued by SARA from being killed at LCAS after their owners died without adequately planning for their futures. Please don’t allow your furry family members to be put at risk this way!

Estate Planning for Pets

Are you prepared should something unexpected happen to your family? Please ensure that your cats and dogs are provided for, if something were to happen to you.

If you haven’t already done so, we urge you to consult an estate planning professional about setting up a Pet Trust, to protect your four-legged family members when you are gone.

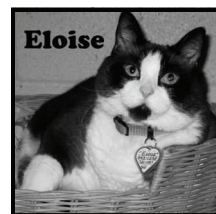
Our website, www.sarastreasures.org, features a short, interesting article (in our Resources section) Planning Ahead - Simple Trusts for your Pets from USA Today.

You can also stop by SARA’s Treasures and we’ll happily provide you with a copy of the article.

Petfinder Pet Module

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Featured Adoptable Pet:



Eloise

Shelter Animal Resource Alliance (SARA)

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Compliments of Petfinder.com

[Click to See All of SARA’s Petfinder Animals](#)

Estate Planning to Help SARA Continue to Help Homeless Animals



While you are making provisions for the safety and security of your four-legged family members, we hope you will also ensure that the abandoned cats and dogs in our community will continue to benefit from your love and concern, even after you are gone.

You may choose to leave a bequest to Shelter Animal Resource Alliance (SARA) in several ways:

Under Your Will: Leaving a bequest in your Will is a simple process, and one that is chosen by many SARA supporters.

Under Your Living Trust: By including SARA in Your Living Trust, you create the same powerful legacy as you would with a Will, but with several additional advantages:

1. Living Trusts eliminate the need for an often lengthy and expensive probate process.
2. Using a Living Trust can help ensure the proper protection and distribution of your Estate in the event you become incapacitated, as well as after you are gone.



Sample language for Wills or Living Trusts: you may name SARA as the beneficiary of a specific dollar amount of your estate, or of specific assets.

i.e. I give and bequeath to Shelter Animal Resource Alliance, a nonprofit organization, Federal tax ID #93-1310131, the sum of \$_____ [or, the proceeds from the sale of my residence, stock, securities, coin collection, or description of asset] to further the objectives and purposes of Shelter Animal Resource Alliance.

Alternatively, you may name SARA as a beneficiary of the remaining assets of your estate after specific requests are made to others:

i.e. I give and bequeath to Shelter Animal Resource Alliance, a nonprofit organization, Federal tax ID #93-1310131, _____% of the rest and remainder of my estate.

We urge you to consult your own estate planning advisor to ensure that your personal objectives are met.



To learn more about your giving options, please contact SARA's Executive Director Diana Robertson at (541) 741-7253 or e-mail her at dianar494@comcast.net.

Some creative and exciting ways you can help S.A.R.A.

Monthly Donors: Donors authorize automatic monthly payments, which reduces fund-raising costs, and helps SARA maintain a stable funding level so that even more animals can be helped.



Workplace Giving: Allows employees to support their favorite nonprofits through payroll deduction programs such as the United Way.



Employer Matching: Many progressive companies will match their employees' donations to nonprofit organizations like SARA. Please check with your Human Resources Dept. to see if your company participates in this type of program.



Feature SARA's Rescued Adoptable Animals on Your Website: Do you have an active website?



Would you like to help SARA find loving, responsible homes for our rescued animals? Please consider featuring a Petfinder pet module on your website, so that many more people can see the wonderful rescued cats & dogs that we have available for adoption. Check out our sample Petfinder module on page 2 (featuring Eloise) to see how this can enhance your website, and help save lives. (The module will appear in color on your website and can be sized to fit your available space!)

Tribute Gifts: Monetary donations to SARA are a unique way to honor a person or companion animal, or to celebrate their memory. We can feature your tribute gift on our website, with photos if desired.



Vehicle Donations: SARA can now accept vehicles, as long as they are in good running condition. Please check with our Shop Manager, Melinda, for more information at 607-8892 10am to 6pm Mon-Fri or you can e-mail her at cats@sarasavesanimals.org.



GoodSearch: SARA can earn a penny every time you search the Internet! GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates a penny per search, to the charity you designate. Use it just as you would any search engine and watch the donations add up!



Just go to www.goodsearch.com and please enter Shelter Animal Resource Alliance as your charity of choice.

i-Give: You Shop, They Give! At over 680 brand name stores, a portion of each online purchase you make will be donated to SARA. For more information, please click on the blinking "i-Give" icon at the bottom of our website's homepage www.sarastreasures.org, or stop by SARA's Treasures for more information.



If you have questions about any of these programs, please don't hesitate to call Diana at 741-7253 or e-mail her at dianar494@comcast.net.

Patience Pays off for Special-Needs Cat



"I was named Bandit because I have this cute mask on my face - just like a bandit!

Along with my mom and sisters, I was taken to Lane County Animal Services (LCAS), when we kittens were just two weeks old. If the SARA Cat Ladies hadn't rescued us, we would have all been "put to sleep", because at that time the shelter did not have a foster program*.

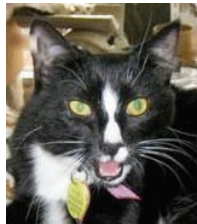
My sisters were adopted fairly quickly, but I have a food allergy that requires me to be on a strict "no grain" diet, and adopters kept passing me by.

Finally, my patience paid off! A wonderful young couple, Nicholas and Elise, who had adopted a SARA kitten last year decided they needed to find her a friend to keep her company, so they came back to SARA'S Treasures to look for a compatible kitty.

The SARA cat ladies recommended me, because I love other kitties and adapt easily to new situations.

So now I get to snuggle with my new mom and dad and play with my "sister" Yuri in my wonderful new home.

Thank you for supporting S.A.R.A. so that they could help me find my perfect forever home!



My sister Yuri

**Thanks to your support of SARA's Animal advocacy programs, and to progressive folks on the Lane County Budget Committee, LCAS now has a great foster care coordinator, Kylie, whose efforts are leading to many more cats & dogs being saved at LCAS.*



A Tale of 8 Rescued Kittens

By Mitch, Feline Reporter extraordinaire

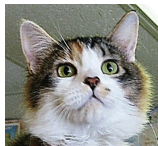
"This is the story of me and my Florence "Van Cat" friends. Last December, the SARA cat ladies, Melinda and Nicole, had successfully completed several quality adoptions, which freed up space in the SARA cat rescue program.

They were excited about going to LCAS to see if there were kitties who needed to be rescued. They had heard that the shelter was "full to the rafters" of cats, after several SWAT-type seizures of multiple cat homes. On top of that, the Florence police had discovered a van full of neglected cats and kittens, and due to a mis-understanding, brought them to LCAS, instead of to the "no kill" Florence Area Humane Society.

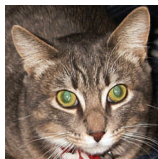
Melinda and Nicole found several cages full of us - all sneezing, looking miserable, and in great danger of being euthanized. They rescued us all, and brought us back to the SARA



Ambrosia



Jenny



Willard

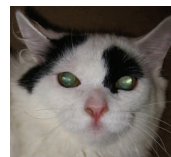


Coral

quarantine room, where they discovered that we were much sicker than they could have imagined - not only did most of us have a serious case of a rare "calici virus", which we appear to have caught at LCAS, several of us were also suffering from a canine "kennel cough" virus, which normally cats aren't even supposed to get!

It took a lot of dedicated nursing, plus more than \$3,000!! in unplanned medical costs, before we could be restored to health, spayed/neutered and ready for adoption to carefully selected homes.

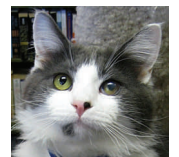
We know we couldn't have survived without your loving support, so we'd like to take this opportunity to say.....*thank you, thank you, thank you!*....for caring about abandoned and "at risk" kittens like us!"



Jethro



Ziva



McGee

Sensitive young dog finds loving home at last!



Hi! My name is Jasper. SARA rescued me from certain death at a nearby animal control shelter, and drove me up to Oregon Humane Society in Portland, so I could quickly find a new home.

I did get adopted quickly, but even more quickly, was returned! I was so desperate to be with my adopters, that I jumped out of a second story window to try to follow them when they left for the day. The shelter said it would be too hard to find me a second home, so the SARA Dog Ladies came back up to Portland to pick me up.

Within a few weeks, I was featured for adoption on KVAL-TV, playing with my rubber ducky. At first it seemed like it didn't work — no one came forward to adopt me, which made me kind of sad.

However, one of the SARA Foster families (who had not met me yet), saw the TV coverage and secretly fell in love with me.

They offered to foster me at their country home, where I had five acres to explore, other dogs to play with, and super nice people to snuggle with. Soon, Dallice and Roy decided to adopt me and make me a permanent member of their happy family.

Both my new family and my friends at SARA worked patiently to help me get over my separation anxiety. It took me about six months to settle down and realize that I had finally found my forever home, but now I couldn't be happier!



"Thanks so much for saving me, and for helping me find my happy, forever home!"

Brady Finds Special home For His Golden Years



Brady is my name, and adventure is my game! At 8 years of age, I was found wandering around alone in Junction City, and was taken to doggy jail.

Boy, was I glad when the SARA Dog Rescue Ladies bailed me out of the slammer - it's no place for a Senior gentleman like me!

The first thing I did at foster mom Dallice's home was to greet her dogs. The second thing I did was to lift my leg on all her furniture! I'm a small guy, but I leave a long shadow :).

The SARA ladies took me to the Vet, and found out that for my age, I was in pretty good shape, but needed some dental work. Thanks to your kind support, my teeth were all fixed up, and I was ready to have my

profile posted on Petfinder.com.

Dallice and Diana were a bit concerned that with my age and special relationship with furniture, it might take a long time to find me the right home.

Thanks to the Internet, though, it wasn't long before a really nice lady named Winter from Portland wrote SARA that her old dog had recently passed on. She said "I recently lost my best friend and companion, and I miss coming home to a happy face who is always glad to see me and spend time with me".

She drove down to meet me, and we loved each other right away. The "furniture thing" didn't bother her at all, and we're very happy together.

Thanks from both me and Winter...it's folks like you that make this world a better place for all!





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“Hi Friends!”

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S.A.R.A.'s ability to
rescue & advocate for other
shelter animals like us -
please help S.A.R.A.
so they can help our
Furry Friends!*



Scarecrow



Dylan