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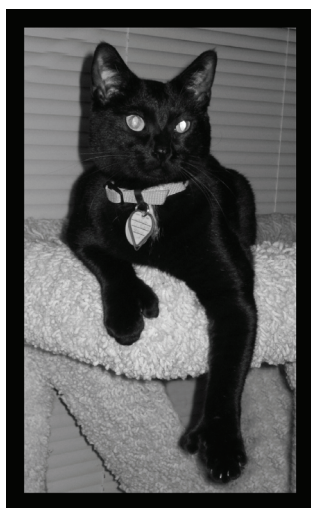
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Spring 2009 Newsletter



Hi everyone, remember me? I'm Hitch and I was the spokescat in last year's spring newsletter because I had been here at S.A.R.A.'s Treasures the longest waiting for my forever home. Well guess what? I got my wish and went home with Melinda, the store manager, and now am the happiest kitty ever. I love to play with my brother and sister kitties, though sometimes they think I am a bother not a brother. Mom knows all about good food and treats and we have a ton of toys. I would have to say however that my favorite thing is sleeping under the covers with mom and dad at night...mmm warm! It has been a great spring for adoptions so I am not the only one who was lucky enough to find the home and love I deserve. Inside this exciting newsletter you will find more happy tales, some great information for making your furry family members healthier and happier, and some coupons to save you money!

So, sit back in a sunny window with your favorite beverage and enjoy!



S.A.R.A.'s Treasures' Summer Events!



Second Annual Mother's Day Plant & Artisan Sale:

May 9th-10th

10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

- Flowers
- Hanging Baskets
- Gift Plants
- Organic Vegetable Starts
- Handmade Tote Bags
- Garden Art
- Birdbaths
- Children's Tie-Dyed Clothing
- Handmade Quilts

Parking Lot Sales

Sunday, May 31st

Sunday, June 28th

Sunday, July 26th

Sunday, August 30th

Sunday, September 20th

10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Thanks to our great supporters, each parking lot sale will feature **quality** new and used household and kitchen items, clothing, jewelry, furniture, books, children's toys, and more **amazing deals!**

The Plant Sale and Parking Lot Sales will be held at our store, located at **871 River Road** in Eugene (next to 7-11 and River Road Sew & Vac)

Event proceeds support Shelter Animal Resource Alliance (S.A.R.A.)'s mission to rescue, assist, and advocate for shelter animals.

For more information, visit our website:

www.sarastreasures.org



Join us at the 2009 Eugene Celebration Sept. 5th & 6th



Visit us at our booth on the community causeway, and don't forget to cheer us on in the parade!



Cookie, Peanut and Mitch... Living the good life!

In January I adopted Peanut and Cookie (who now goes by Ella), and in February I was back to get Mitch. It's been such a joy to get to know these new furry family members as they each have such distinct personalities.

Peanut is definitely the trouble maker. The best toy in the whole house is the tail of another cat -- sometimes even his own.

However, all his mischief is more than made up for by the way he cuddles. He is truly the sweetest kitty I've ever known. He loves to be held and is always in my face looking for love (or food - that cat will eat ANYTHING).

Miss Ella-belle is the princess of the bunch. She likes to cuddle but definitely requires her alone time too. She is so soft and yet so vocal, she's usually the one who rats Peanut out for being on the counters. She loves to play and has a knack for getting her toys "lost" under the furniture. I used to worry that Peanut was playing too rough with her until I saw her launch herself off the sofa and try to eat his head.



Peanut and Cookie (Ella)



Mitch (in the fancy bed)

Mitch is full of love and adores being petted. He's the only one who ever sleeps in the fancy cat bed I bought - everyone else prefers to sleep on any section of newspaper that's been left lying on the floor. He is the most timid of the bunch but he enjoys getting brushed. He has finally realized that sleeping on the people bed is a good thing and that the "big scary thing that moves under the covers" is me.

All in all, I can no longer imagine my home without them and I am so very glad that I decided the time was right to bring these three love-monkeys into my life.

Love, Shannon

5 Easy Ways to Save on Pet Care Costs

Finding ways to make small changes to save is a big priority for all of us in 2009. Here are some ideas to help reduce the costs of pet care and increase your pet's quality of life.

Spend Smart: Don't skimp on high quality food, but instead minimize the designer collars and other luxury pet items that are more of an indulgence for you than for your pet.

Think Prevention: Controlling your pet's weight through proper diet and exercise, and limiting treats saves money on healthcare in the long run. Overweight animals are at a high risk for diabetes and other health care issues. **Feeding a high quality food is the single most important thing you can do to keep your pet healthy and happy.**

Do-it-Yourself: Dropping your pet off at the grooming salon every month is expensive. With a little bit of research, you can learn how to groom your pet yourself.

Shop Wisely: Shopping S.A.R.A.'s Treasures Gift and Thrift Shop is an excellent way to save money on gently used pet items. We have also included coupons to make our high-quality food and treats even more of a deal. **By shopping here or donating an item for us to sell, you save money, get a tax write off, and help others save too!**

Choose Adoption: A furry family member adopted from S.A.R.A. will love you just as much as a purebred but will cost you a fraction of the price. Plus, with every adoption, you'll be saving the life of a shelter animal.

An Important Necessity

Everyone is familiar with the need for high-quality food and nutrition for your pets. But there is something that's just as important as good nutrition, and yet it is usually overlooked by most guardians and even veterinarians: **water!** One of the best ways to improve your pet's overall health is to make sure they are drinking enough water. The easiest way to encourage your pet to drink more water is a fountain. Dogs and cats are instinctually drawn to drink from moving water. We've all known the cat who prefers to drink out of a dripping faucet! In nature, moving water (a stream) is much more fresh and safe to drink than stagnant water (a puddle).

S.A.R.A. recommends Drinkwell Fountains to provide moving water for many reasons, the most important being that a Drinkwell is the only pet fountain made using high-quality polystyrene plastic (actually, the same material that Fuji water bottles are made from!). The low quality plastics used in other fountains can emit harmful toxins, which can cause dermatitis (cat acne). Additionally, Drinkwells are the only fountains with a free-falling stream of water--which the kitties love! Drinkwells are especially helpful for pets with urinary tract problems, kidney disease, and diabetes. A fountain may also help to prevent these diseases from occurring.



Other Tips to Encourage Drinking

- Use glass, ceramic, or metal dishes. Plastic dishes tend to retain odors and prove more difficult to disinfect. Some sensitive cats even develop dermatitis from plastic dishes.
- Provide wide, shallow dishes, which allow pets (especially cats) to drink without having their sensitive whiskers touch the bowl.
- Because all water is not created equal, the kind of water your cat drinks can have a major impact on her health. Use distilled or filtered water in their bowls, as the quality of tap water can vary tremendously from one place to another. In some places, tap water can contain chlorine by-products, bacteria, arsenic, toxic pesticide residues, and heavy metals.
- Make sure to have an additional water bowl (or fountain) in a separate location away from your pet's food dish. Some cats and dogs won't drink their water if they can smell their food while trying to quench their thirst.
- Use a charcoal filter in your Drinkwell to remove odors and bad tastes.

Rosco and Bosco find the love they deserve!

Baloo and Bagheera (formerly Rosco & Bosco) became part of our family in February 2009. We went to S.A.R.A.'s Treasures looking for a cat to become part of our family and after considering some of the younger cats, we were shown these two brothers who were almost 3 years old. They settled into our lives quickly, and although at first they were spooked by our boys and their noisy toys, now they want to be in the middle of the action most of the time. Oliver and Theo love to hug and kiss them, and they sleep in our beds. In fact, all parties have gotten so comfortable with each other that the other night Oliver fell asleep after Baloo installed himself on his chest (Baloo takes up a lot of room on such a little body).



Baloo goes nuts over yarn (we are careful to not leave it around though, since you said that's a safety issue), so the boys can run back and forth through the house with a long bit of yarn and Baloo will race back and forth after them. Baloo also turns into a vicious tiger if he sees anything moving under a rug or blanket, so we've learned to be careful with that to avoid losing toes and fingers. Bagheera, on the other hand, is the fetcher. He will bring a ball to us (the kind you have at your store are best, but he's had to substitute other soft things when the balls all end up under the stove) and meow and look meaningfully at us until we throw it. He FLIES after it (especially down the stairs), then slowly saunters back to drop it at our feet or on our laps again.



It's very funny for us to be sitting in one room and suddenly we hear a little thundering sound, and out of nowhere these two fuzzy shapes hurtle past us and then disappear.

Thanks again from the Yerian Family



Diana with her first foster dog Bailey

**Thank you Diana for
eight years of hard
work and dedication to
the homeless animals
in Lane County.
Enjoy your retirement
on the beautiful
Oregon Coast!**



Diana with Sula

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

- Monetary Donations for Veterinary Bills and Medical Supplies



- New and Gently Used Items for Our Thrift Store
 - Locking Storage Shed
 - Wellness Canned Cat Food
- Cat Litter (Fred Meyer Pet Pride Scoopable)
 - Acidophilus Cat Supplement
 - New Cat Toys
 - Feliway Refills
- Frontline Plus Flea Treatment, Dog & Cat (All Sizes)
- Advantage Flea Treatment, Dog & Cat (All Sizes)
- Rubbermaid 18 Gallon Roughneck Storage Tubs
 - Febreze Refills
 - Planet Dish Soap
- Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Garbage Bags
 - Simple Green Cleaning Solution
- Household Surface Wipes (Kirkland (Costco) Brand)
 - Hand Soap (Trader Joe's Next to Godliness)
 - Postage Stamps
 - Printer Ink (HP22 + HP27)



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