

Spring 2007

"Hi Everyone!

I'm Delilah, and I was nominated to be S.A.R.A.'s Official Spring 2007 Spokes-cat because I've got the most "catt-itude" of any of S.A.R.A.'s rescued kitties!

I'm about 5 years old, and was taken to LCARA (Lane County Animal Regulation Authority) last year as "unwanted".



Since I'm a dignified gal who likes to be treated with lots of respect, and not be fondled by strangers, my chances were not looking too good for adoption at LCARA. The S.A.R.A. ladies recognized my special qualities, though, and rescued me.

It's been a busy winter and spring for S.A.R.A. The Cat Rescue team has been caring for our many rescued cats & kittens, getting them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, socialized, micro-chipped, etc. and then adopting them out to carefully screened, loving homes. The Dog Rescue team has been rescuing, finding foster homes for, and training the special needs dogs who have been saved from our local shelters, with the gracious assistance of Jennifer Biglan of Dog & Cat training and behavior consultations (www.dogandcat.org) and the Waggin Inn Boarding Kennel.

Melinda, our S.A.R.A.'s Treasures Manager, and her husband Roy, our volunteer webmaster, came up with a great way to bring new customers into our shop so we can raise more money to help more shelter animals - the Queen Delilah Geocache! Geocaching is like a treasure hunt - people search for our cache, using their GPS (Global Positioning System) unit, finding our treasure from geographic coordinates posted on the internet. When they find the cache, they sign our log and can take a trinket if they are sure to leave something new for the next treasure hunter. People say this is really fun and almost always want to meet The Queen responsible for this - ME! For more information, please check out our website www.sarastreasures.org.

We've also been busy lately with a special promotion - our Spring Basket Special! To encourage the adoption of our wonderful adult kitties (like me!) each adult cat adopted this spring gets to go home with a basket of kitty essentials and toys!



We're very excited that the Willamette Animal Guild (W.A.G.)'s spay-neuter clinic is set to open early this summer, which will help ensure that low income residents will have access to affordable spay & neuter services, and will help relieve our county's tragic pet overpopulation problem (www.wagwag.org).

So, now I'd like to introduce you to a few of S.A.R.A.'s other rescued animals, so they can thank you for helping save their lives!"



Hi Friends,

My name is Sula, and my sister Suzi and I are two of the "Estate" cats rescued by S.A.R.A. last year, and this is our story:

A kindly woman started feeding a few stray cats who came around her house, but she didn't get them spayed or neutered, and soon the "few" strays turned into 30 cats and kittens, including us.



Sula & Suzi

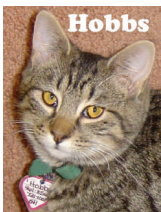
The lady suddenly died, and LCARA was called in to pick us up. They brought 7 of us to their facility to start with, and after a week none of us had yet been adopted.

The S.A.R.A cat ladies came to visit us, and found out that since the LCARA field staff planned to bring in another 7 of our family that day, the kennel staff were going to kill those of us who were already there "to make room"!

Melinda & Nicole were shocked, and went directly to the LCARA Manager. He was unaware of his staffs' plan to kill us, and agreed that if S.A.R.A. would rescue all 7 of us *that day*, LCARA would pay for our spays. So that's how we got saved, all in one fell swoop. Besides Suzi and I, Calvin, Hobbs, Peanut, Strawberry and Beau were also rescued that day. The next week they went back and rescued our parents - Howie and Nubbin.

We were infested with fleas, ear mites and tape worms, but the S.A.R.A. Cat Ladies got us all fixed up, and now everyone has been adopted except us two. I'm a wonderful kitty, who wants to be in a home with another cat, because I love them, whereas Suzi doesn't care whether or not she had a kitty friend, but she seems to think dogs are very cool....?!

On behalf of Suzi & the rest of my family, I want to thank you for your kind support!



Baby Monica



Hi everyone, my name is Monica, and I'm S.A.R.A.'s first rescued kitten of 2007! I'm 11 weeks old, and when I was first rescued I had really bad fleas and worms, and I was very sad that I had been abandoned outside in the cold, but now I'm doing great! Everyone says that compared to S.A.R.A.'s teenagers and adult cats, I look so tiny, but I'm old enough to be spayed and then I'll be available for adoption, so I think I'll be in a good home soon!

I'm a manx (no tail), and need just a bit of special care to stay happy and healthy. I purr when I'm picked up, I love to play, and I really appreciate being rescued and given the chance for a lifelong, loving family.

"Thank you for helping to save me!"

Peggy Sue's Story



"Hi, I'm Peggy Sue, and I was found wandering in Junction City as a 6 month old puppy, who had been painted with pink and blue spots. A Police Officer tracked down my person, who had a serious drinking problem. He told the officer that I was out of control, and he couldn't keep me any more.

Thanks to your kind support, S.A.R.A. was able to rescue me, and I stayed with the kind folks at The Waggin Inn until I was spayed and a foster home was found for me.

I had lots of bad habits, learned as a tiny puppy, especially jumping up on people and "play" biting. Bonnie and her American Staffordshire Terrier Shelby were my first foster family, and they started house-training me and teaching me some manners. Then foster mom Bette and her lively young Border Collie mix Dolly took over. Bette took me to Petsmart every Friday afternoon for a mini adoption event, which was very exciting and I barked at everyone I saw. Bette and I also attended Jennifer Biglan's "Good Dog Classes", which were really fun, and I learned a lot and got treats for my good behavior.

After a few months, a nice girl named Jessica and her family adopted me so I could be a friend and playmate to their lively young dog "Sacha".

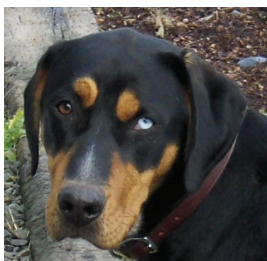
Thanks to you, I went from being an unwanted puppy wandering the streets, to a well mannered young lady who is a great addition to a loving family!"

"I'm Logan - a happy young guy with a tendency to get myself into trouble. When I was a young pup, I learned how to climb fences, which is probably how I ended up at the local "pound". My family didn't come to claim me, so S.A.R.A. rescued me.



Logan's Story

Even as a 6 month old pup, I was rather large, and it took a while to find me a foster home. My first foster mom Nancy taught me some manners, and took me to the dog park every day to burn off my excess energy and to play with the other dogs. Unfortunately, one dog didn't appreciate me chasing his ball, and he bit my ear - and boy, did it bleed! I had to wear this strange head gear, and convalesced at another foster home for 10 days. When I finally got the "cone" off my head, I celebrated by dragging all my foster mom Bonnie's household chemicals off her highest shelves! Now I'm in my third foster home, with Dallice & Roy and their dogs, out in the country where I can really run and play (and occasionally try to climb a fence or two!). Anybody you know looking for a Hound/Aussie mix that enjoys the country life, loves men and other dogs, is great with kids, and has a climb-proof fence?



Most shelters would have given up on me long ago, but with your loving support and S.A.R.A.'s wonderful foster families, life continues to be a great adventure (for me and the foster folk!)"