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Dear Reader,

Due to a confluence of circumstances, CAFA will be ending the rescue part of its advocacy work. This year, because of the overwhelming number of abandoned cats/kittens, I realized that there is no way to “rescue” our way out of this tsunami of litters of kittens. CAFA will focus solely on spay/neuter/TNR. All fundraising efforts and money donated will go to help people get their cats/kittens fixed. We need to turn off the flow at the source. I hope you will continue to support CAFA but I understand if you would prefer your donation be used by another cat rescue organization.

Additionally, since my husband does not drive and it looks like he will be continuing to telecommute for his job, in the foreseeable future, we will be relocating to the Portland area next year. (I will continue helping people in Marion county with spay/neuter.) We need to be in an area that offers better public transportation services.

I have been working in rescue since 2005 and started CAFA in 2013. After 10 years of rescuing cats/kittens, I need a break. This year has been extremely stressful: increased numbers of abandoned cats/kittens; Oregon Humane Society’s relinquishment of responsibility to Marion county strays and TNR; lack of adoption inquiries; and Sharon Harmon’s threats and bullying of me, CAFA as well as my veterinarian has only added to my stress level. This occurred because of my continued work to change their “no-stray” policy. In addition, unnecessary bullying from Chelsey Marks at Salem Friends of Felines, because of my use of the South Salem Pet Supply catio and a remark on Facebook-- was the “icing on the cake.” (Now Salem Friends of Felines won’t even allow CAFA to help people in the community to get their cats fixed for \$25. CAFA would reimburse Salem Friends the difference. )

CAFA has a good track record thanks to you and other fosters before you. We have rescued, on average, 150 cats/kittens each year and spayed and neutered 150-200 cats/kittens as well. The spay/neuter efforts will continue as long as I am able to find clinics that will help.

I can’t begin to tell you how grateful I have been for your donations and support. CAFA could not have done nearly as well without your support.

Again, thank you for your support of CAFA,

Lora Meisner