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CAFA 2019 Annual “Gratitude” Report

CAFA is grateful for your donations and support throughout 2019. Without support like yours, CAFA would be unable to help as many pets and people in the Salem area.

- **In 2019 CAFA rescued and adopted 102 cats/kittens.** This was slightly lower than the previous year. We rescued more litters with younger kittens which required more time to become adoptable. Because we didn't have as much space for newcomers our intake numbers were lower than usual. It also took longer to get kittens adopted this past year as well. We think the economy contributed to the fewer calls for cats and kittens.
- On the positive side, CAFA got many of the momma kitties spayed, so no more litters for them.
- CAFA was able to continue rescuing moms and litters of kittens due to a grant from the Karen M. Schroth Foundation. Without this grant, CAFA would not have been able to rescue as many cats/kittens and provide the necessary vet care as well as keep our adoption rates in an affordable price range. Additionally, CAFA and our partner, PAL shared as one of the recipients of Life Source Natural Foods Token Donation Program. What a wonderful donation that turned out to be.
- All of CAFA's funds—from donors, fundraising and grants—go directly to all of the veterinarian care (vaccinations, spay/neuter etc.) for the cats/kittens and helps to keep our adoption fees competitive. Additionally, 78% of CAFA's budget goes to vet care for our rescues/fosters. CAFA's great vet care would not have been possible without the generosity of the No Frills Pet Clinic in Salem as well as the Willamette Valley Animal Hospital in Tualatin.
- Food comes from the generosity of fosters as well as my funds—my donation to the organization.
- A very special thank you to CAFA fosters without their generosity, we would not be able to be as successful rescuing cats/kittens. Anyone interested in fostering cats/kittens for CAFA, please let us know. There are always more cats and kittens that need rescuing. The good news is that they are willing to continue helping us again in 2020.
- Other ways we help cats, CAFA also trapped/neutered/returned numerous cats throughout Marion County. TNR is the only way to help decrease the cat overpopulation. CAFA is one of the

member organizations of the Marion/Polk Community Cat Program. Grants via the Willamette Humane Society are instrumental in getting these cats TNR'd at their spay/neuter clinic. Again, CAFA needs more volunteers to help us trap these cats and get them fixed. Please contact us if you can lend a hand.

Additionally, CAFA always needs donations of cat food for people feeding cat colonies that CAFA helped TNR. Food is delivered to many locations each month. Donating cat food is one way you can help support those who are feeding cat colonies.

- CAFA partners with Prevent A Litter (low cost spay/neuter for dogs). CAFA and PAL collaborate on a number of projects and fundraising efforts. One of our ongoing fundraising efforts is the **Cans for Critters program**. On the 3rd Saturday of every month, CAFA and PAL collect recyclables at South Salem Pet Supply on Commercial Street (November – March) and the Salem Saturday Market near Winter and Union Streets (April – October). In 2019, we raised over \$2500 through our Cans for Critters program that helps pets in our community. You can help by bringing your cans, bottles, ink and toner cartridges, and “gently used” shoes. We sort and turn these items into funds to rescue and fix cats and spay/neuter dogs.

Next year, CAFA would like to do more—rescue more cats/kittens, spay more momma kitties, get more cats TNR'd, and donate more food. With your continued support, hopefully CAFA will be able to this. The challenges will continue but when someone finds cats or kittens that need homes, because of your generosity, CAFA is able to help. We look forward to helping more pets in our community in 2020 and we are grateful for your support,

Sincerely,



Lora Meisner
CAFA President