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CAFA 2018 Annual “Gratitude” Report

CAFA is grateful for your donations and support throughout 2018. Without support like yours, CAFA would be unable to help as many pets and people in the Salem area.

- **In 2018 CAFA rescued and adopted 120 cats/kittens.** This was slightly lower than the previous year because we rescued 3 VERY pregnant cats who delivered kittens in my house. This means that I had the moms and litters for 10-12 weeks and we didn't have the space for newcomers. In one case in particular, the momma kitty would have died if she hadn't been taken into a rescue. She initially delivered 8 kittens; two were stillborn, then, one week later she delivered another stillborn kitten. Needless to say, vet care for her and the 6 remaining kittens was lifesaving.
- CAFA was able to continue rescuing moms and many litters of kittens due to two grants, one from the Karen M. Schroth Foundation and the other from the Petco Foundation. Without these grants, 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.
- 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. Our great vet care would not have been possible without the generosity of Willamette Valley Animal Hospital in Tualatin and the No Frills Pet Clinic in Salem.
- CAFA funds do not purchase the thousands of dollars of food needed to feed the rescued cats/kittens. Fosters donate most of the cat food for cats/kittens in their care and I purchase the rest from my personal funds.
- 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 help us again in 2019.
- Speaking of helping cats, CAFA also trapped/neutered/returned numerous cats throughout Marion County. An unsprayed female cat can have 3 or 4 litters a year. 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 helped to get 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 approximately a dozen locations each month. Donating cat food is one way you can help support those who are feeding cat colonies.

- CAFA will also work to fight animal cruelty while supporting and assisting the United States Humane Society in their legislative efforts to help animals here in Oregon. In the upcoming (2019) legislative session, we will be

disseminating information to support a bill which prohibits pet stores (in Oregon) from selling or offering dogs that don't come from rescues, shelters, non-profits or animals control. Additionally, CAFA in conjunction with PAL was able to get Marion County to implement the same ban that we fought for in Salem—a ban against selling live animals on public right-of-ways.

- 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 2017, 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, 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 every time 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 2019 and we are grateful for your support,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lora Meisner".

Lora Meisner
CAFA President