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## **\$1,000 Grant Awarded to Cat Adoption Team For Outstanding Efforts in Finding Homes for Hard-to-Place Cats**

(Jan. 28, 2008) — The Cat Adoption Team was recently recognized for its outstanding efforts in finding loving homes for hard-to-place cats. Maddie’s Fund, the Pet Rescue Foundation, commended CAT on the creative steps taken to show that slightly imperfect cats make wonderful companions and presented CAT with a \$1,000 grant.

“We are extremely proud to be recognized for our creative efforts to find loving homes for cats and kittens who come with some challenges,” remarks Britta Bavaresco, executive director of the Cat Adoption Team in Sherwood. “We believe there is a family for every cat and reach out to the community to make those matches. In 2007, 3,129 cats and kittens found homes through CAT’s adoption program.”

With a full service in-shelter hospital, the Cat Adoption Team is able to diagnose and treat many ailments or imperfections that otherwise may limit a cat’s chances of finding a new home. CAT’s team of veterinarians and certified veterinarian technicians provide preventative and crisis medical care as needed. Adopters are given a complete medical history to provide to their own veterinarian.

CAT’s volunteers also take particular care in advocating for older cats, those who are a little rough around the edges, or who are shy. Visitors to the shelter will find in-depth descriptions of such cats on their kennels or in their on-line descriptions. Volunteers also provide long-term and hospice foster care for cats.

If you are looking for a cute kitten, active teenager, relaxed adult, or a more mature feline companion, the Cat Adoption Team can help you find just the right feline friend for your family.

For more information on CAT, it’s in-shelter hospital, volunteering, or to find your perfect feline friend, visit [www.catadoptionteam.org](http://www.catadoptionteam.org).

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*The Cat Adoption Team (CAT) is the Pacific Northwest’s largest non-profit, feline-only shelter with its own full service veterinary hospital on-site. CAT’s mission is to work with the community to save the lives of homeless, sick and injured cats and kittens by offering shelter, adoption, foster, hospice, spay/neuter, and veterinary services to end needless feline euthanasia in our community. CAT will find homes for over 3,200 felines this year. As a 501(c)(3) publicly-supported charity, CAT relies on the support of the public and generous volunteers.*

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