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# **“The Little Shelter that Could” Cat ADOPTION Team counting down to its landmark 10,000th adoption**

**10,000<sup>th</sup> adopter will not only receive a loving companion but a purrfect prize package from a local non-profit organization that has grown by leaps and bounds**

*Sherwood, Ore., (April 18, 2006)* — In the next few days, the Cat ADOPTION Team, the Pacific Northwest’s largest and fastest growing no-kill cat shelter & hospital, will adopt its 10,000<sup>th</sup> cat into a loving Oregon home. Founded only eight years ago, CAT has rehabilitated and placed over 6,000 furry felines in the last three years alone.

*“The little shelter that could”*- which started with 60 cats and one man’s vision to save not only the community’s abandoned but injured and sick cats and kittens - has grown into the *“big shelter that does”*. A staff of 20 with the help of 300-500 volunteers, gives daily care to the 300-600 cats at the CAT shelter, in foster homes and off-site locations. Called *“a shelter without walls”* for its outstanding foster care program and its extensive collaboration efforts with other organizations, CAT has become an impressive animal welfare organization and a leader in cat rescue and adoption. As the only shelter in the Portland area with its own veterinary hospital on-site, CAT collaborates with Dove Lewis and many other veterinary clinics that need high quality medical follow-up care and adoption services for the community’s sick and injured stray cats and kittens. Additionally, over 1,200 cats a year are transferred from other shelters (including Multnomah and Washington County Animal Services) to help with their space constraints or medical cases. CAT’s 10,000 square foot facility is a friendly, colorful shelter with roomy cages, free-roam rooms, a little cat boutique and 250 cats and kittens who are looking for their new family.

Britta Bavaresco – CAT Director and Board member – says that “As of this morning, April 18, we have only 20 more adoptions to go until we hit our big milestone which can happen within a few days.” This week, the lucky 10,000<sup>th</sup> adopter will not only find a wonderful feline companion but receive the following prize package which in large part has been donated by local businesses: A one-year Wellness Plan from Banfield, the Pet Hospital; a one-year supply of Organix dry cat food; a one-year supply of Swheat Scoop litter; a comfy cat bed and many other treats.

Adoptions qualify at the shelter in Sherwood, any of CAT’s four Petsmart locations in Hillsboro, Wilsonville, Clackamas and Tigard, or Pet Loft in Portland.

Please visit CAT’s website at [www.catadoptionteam.org](http://www.catadoptionteam.org) and see the daily countdown to the 10,000<sup>th</sup> adoption of one lucky cat and its new companion.

**About CAT:** The Cat Adoption Team (CAT) is the Pacific Northwest’s largest and fastest growing non-profit, no-kill cat shelter with its own on-site veterinary hospital. CAT rehabilitates and finds loving homes for the community’s abandoned, neglected and injured cats and kittens. CAT not only partners with the community but with local county shelters, other rescue groups and veterinary offices to rescue cats that might otherwise be euthanized due to medical problems or space constraints. CAT, a 501(c)(3) publicly-supported charity, will save close to 3,000 lives this year and relies heavily on the support of the public and generous volunteers.

CAT is located at 14175 SW Galbreath Drive in Sherwood, just off Tualatin-Sherwood Highway Road. **For directions and more information, call (503) 925-8903 or visit CAT’s Website at [www.catadoptionteam.org](http://www.catadoptionteam.org).**

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