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**CAT ADOPTION TEAM
PARTNERS WITH WILLAMETTE HUMANE SOCIETY
TO SAVE A FURRY SALEM CITIZEN**

Sherwood, OR (March 1, 2007) Bandit looks so comfortable now, you almost wouldn't know he just recently underwent major surgery. After being struck by a car and taken to Willamette Humane Society (WHS) in Salem by a good Samaritan, this sweet 5-month old kitten was transferred to the Cat Adoption Team (CAT) in Sherwood at the request of concerned WHS staff. Because CAT is fortunate enough to have medical resources other shelters don't, CAT often partners with WHS and other organizations to help cats and kittens, like Bandit, who might otherwise be euthanized due to medical needs.



Bandit is one lucky beneficiary of this partnership. Upon his arrival, Cat Adoption Team's medical staff expertly treated him for shock, took x-rays to determine the severity of his injuries and swiftly performed surgery to repair a femoral fracture, inserting a pin to align the bone pieces and provide stability while he recovers.

While broken bones and major surgery are enough to make anyone grumpy and want to be left alone, Bandit is a model patient: walk up and say hello and Bandit happily but cautiously stands up to greet you. And if you ask him how he is doing, Bandit just purrs with contentment. Currently receiving postoperative antibiotics and pain medication, we expect Bandit will be fully recovered in about six weeks, at which time the pin will be removed. Meanwhile, CAT will place him in a loving foster home to recuperate in comfort. When he has fully recovered, Bandit will be available for adoption at Cat Adoption Team's shelter in Sherwood.

Those interested in contributing to Bandit's lifesaving surgery and helping keep these valuable services available to our community's cats and kittens in need can make their donation on line at www.catadoptionteam.org, by mail or in person. 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 .

If you would like an interview with the doctor who is treating him Dr. Wendi Rekers, CAT's Veterinary Chief of Staff, and/or pictures of this loving kitty, please contact Rachel Wallace at 503.701.4087. Please see still photos attached. Bandit is also available for an "interview" or photo opportunity today and tomorrow at CAT's shelter in Sherwood.

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, that saves 3,000 lives each year and relies heavily on the support of the public and generous volunteers.