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Tough Times Hit Central Oregon Animal Rescue Group 21 Cats/Kittens Coming to Cat Adoption Team

(Apr. 14, 2009) — A small animal rescue group in Central Oregon was rocked by the tough economic times. The Madras Rescue Group, a foster/rescue group, can't care for all their animals. On Wednesday, April 15, the Cat Adoption Team in Sherwood will be receiving 21 cats and kittens to alleviate the burden on the small organization.

On Friday, the Cat Adoption Team received a desperate email from the group asking for a place to take up to 25 of the cats they are caring for. "Adoptions and donations have crashed along with the economy," explains Sandra Ballard in her email to CAT. "People who gave generously in the past can no longer afford to help us. We are in trouble!"

"The Cat Adoption Team is uniquely positioned to help this struggling group. Right now we have room for these young cats, who will most likely be adopted quickly," comments Aaron Asmus, CAT Executive Director. CAT's core mission is to help save lives. "Helping this group is the right thing to do for the cats and the Madras community. Our supporters and volunteers would expect nothing less of CAT and they will rally behind CAT so these 21 felines will be provided the best care and best chance at a loving home."

CAT is expecting 14 young teenage cats (all under 1 year) and one mom with her 6 kittens. The kittens and their mother will go directly into foster care through CAT's extensive foster volunteer network. After the teenagers are examined by CAT's veterinarian staff, they will be placed out for adoption – possibly as early as Thursday, April 16.

The Cat Adoption Team is the largest cat-only shelter in Oregon. CAT can shelter up to 300 cats/kittens in its Sherwood shelter and another 90 at its offsite adoption outreach centers. With a feline veterinary hospital on-site, CAT can provide these felines with top-notch care before they are adopted. CAT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit funded through donations and grants and receives no government or tax money. CAT found homes for 3,250 cats and kittens in 2008.

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MEDIA NOTE: The Madras Rescue Group is schedule to arrive at CAT on Wednesday, April 15, around 10 am with the cats. You are welcome to take part in this transfer or get photos, b-roll, or audio of the cats after they are received into CAT and placed out for adoption.

The Cat Adoption Team (CAT) is the Pacific Northwest's largest non-profit, feline-only shelter. CAT was the first animal shelter in Oregon with its own full service veterinary hospital on site. CAT's mission is to work with the community to save the lives of unwanted, homeless, sick, and injured cats and kittens by offering shelter, adoption, foster, hospice, spay/neuter, and veterinary services to end needless feline euthanasia. CAT will find homes for over 3,250 felines this year. As a 501(c)(3) publicly-supported charity, CAT relies on the generous support of the public and volunteers.

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