

Media Contact: Kathy Covey
(503) 710-8373
(503) 925-8903 ext. 228
kathyc@catadoptionteam.org
www.catadoptionteam.org



Grants from Six Foundations Provide over \$44,600 in Support of the Cat Adoption Team This Summer

Supporting Spay/Neuter Initiatives, Improvements to Feline Hospital, and Cat Food Bank

(July 8, 2008) — The Cat Adoption Team in Sherwood recently received over \$44,600 from six foundation grants to support its “Nine Lives” cat transfer program, spay/neuter initiatives, hospital improvements, and cat food bank.

The Karen M. Schroth Charitable Foundation for Animals awarded CAT with a \$24,108 grant to fund CAT’s “Nine Lives” transfer program in partnership with the Willamette Humane Society (WHS) in Salem. Through this program CAT receives hundreds of cats and kittens from the Salem and finds them loving, lifelong homes. The success of CAT’s “Nine Lives” transfer program contributed to lowering the euthanasia rate for WHS from 75 percent to 53 percent within two short years. CAT will transfer 1,000 adults and kittens from WHS in 2008. The Schroth grant will pay for spay/neuter surgeries, foster care supplies, and adoption discounts. Awarded May 2008.

The Autzen Foundation gave CAT a \$4,000 grant to increase the number of subsidized spay/neuter surgeries CAT performs for cat owners in financial need in the greater Portland metro area. Since this will most likely be one of the only veterinary visits for these cats, funds will also be used to treat these cats for parasites, including tape/roundworms, ear mites, and fleas – all visible conditions treated with single applications of medicine. In addition, CAT plans to use grant funds to purchase cardboard cat carriers exclusively for owners who have no means of transporting their cats safely. Awarded June 2008.

The American Humane Association awarded CAT a \$4,000 Meacham Foundation Memorial grant to purchase 12 new recovery cages for its onsite veterinary hospital for cats after surgery. These kennels will improve recovery time and conditions for the cats after surgery, as well as reduce the stress level of the animals and reduce the amount of time they must be in the hospital. The Meacham Foundation provides financial assistance to animal shelters for improvements that directly impact the welfare of the animals in the shelter. Awarded June 2008.

The Oregon Community Foundation gave CAT a \$5,000 grant from the Steinfeld Family Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation to support CAT’s core programs: adoption, outreach, volunteer, foster, and spay/neuter. Awarded June 2008.

The OnShore Foundation gave CAT a \$2,000 grant to support CAT’s newly created Cat Food Bank. The Cat Food Bank provides cat owners with a month’s supply of cat/kitten food to help keep cats in the home with the families who love them. The Cat Food Bank has given out over 700 pounds of cat/kitten food since it opened in June 2008. Awarded June 2008.

The PETCO Foundation awarded CAT a \$5,000 grant and a \$515 donation to support CAT's ongoing adoption programs, in particular its adoption outreach efforts where CAT brings cats and kittens to locations across the Portland metro area. Awarded June 2008.

-30-

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. CAT will find homes for over 3,200 felines this year. As a 501(c)(3) publicly-supported charity, CAT relies on the generous support of the public and volunteers.

14175 SW Galbreath Drive ~ Sherwood OR 97140 ~ (503) 925-8903 ~ www.catadoptionteam.org