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Top CAT Volunteers Recognized Cat Adoption Team

(September 8, 2008) — The Cat Adoption Team announces its top volunteers, who were recognized at CAT's annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic held on Sunday, September 7.

CAT Volunteer of the Year

Barbara Pirk, of Sherwood, keeps CAT's active foster care program organized by helping out the staff weekly. She also fosters over 20 kittens each year and provides care to the cats at CAT's adoption outreach center in the Wilsonville PetSmart. Barbara's crafting talents are used to decorate for events and special promotions at the shelter. Barbara joined CAT's volunteer roster in December 2005 (almost three years ago).

Cheryl Rucks, of Lake Oswego, helps find homes and provides care to cats at CAT's adoption outreach locations at the Tualatin and Tigard PetSmart. Cheryl also lends her writing and love of photography with CAT by keeping CAT's internet adoptable cat list up to date. She also finds time to help out with the foster program. Cheryl has been volunteering for CAT for over three years.

CAT Lifetime Achievement Award

Carol Grindlay, of Tigard, started helping CAT over six years ago. You will find her at CAT's Sherwood shelter every Sunday caring for and offering some love to the felines at the shelter, training and mentoring volunteers, and assisting families find just the right cat.

Volunteer Choice Award

Debbie Brusius, of Aloha, was chosen for this award by her fellow CAT volunteers. Debbie is always behind a camera taking photos of CAT events and happenings as well as providing excellent feline photographs for CAT's publications and presentations. Debbie is also an active foster volunteer, mentoring new foster volunteers to help them give kittens a healthy start to a long life. Debbie has been volunteering for CAT for over two-and-a-half-years. She received the 2007 Volunteer of the Year Award.

Other

Lea Bishop, of Wilsonville, was recognized as the volunteer donating the most volunteer hours. She racked up over 890 volunteer hours over the past year helping CAT at the Wilsonville PetSmart adoption outreach location. Lea has been volunteering for CAT for over four years.

Marcia Gurein, of Tualatin, was recognized for her extraordinary efforts with the foster care program. For 258 days over the past year, Marcia fostered cats and kittens for CAT, a total of 29 kittens and 4 mother cats.

The Cat Adoption Team thanks every volunteer for the valuable contribution they make to the lives of cats in this community. CAT has over 500 volunteers who foster, care for felines at one of CAT's nine Portland-area outreach centers, provide care and love to the cats in the shelter, staff special events, and provide support to all the employees at the Cat Adoption Team.

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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. 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.

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