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## **May 10 Proclaimed *Cat Adoption Team Day***

**By Sherwood City Council and Washington County Board of Commissioners**

(May 6, 2008) — Today, the City of Sherwood and the County of Washington both proclaimed Saturday, May 10, as *Cat Adoption Team Day* in honor of CAT's 10th anniversary.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners and the City of Sherwood encourage residents to visit the Cat Adoption Team and adopt a cat or kitten, learn about CAT's programs to the community, and support CAT's efforts to end needless feline euthanasia.

For the past decade, CAT has been a safe haven for homeless or injured cats and kittens of the greater Portland-metropolitan area. The Cat Adoption Team was founded by volunteers wanting to make a difference for the homeless animals of the community. CAT's adoption success is built on the coalitions it maintains with other shelters in the community, including Washington County Animal Services. Every week, WCAS and other shelters transfer cats and kittens to CAT for medical care, fostering, and adoption.

### **Some of CAT's Accomplishments over the Past Decade**

- CAT's doors opened in May 1998 with 35 cats; CAT now shelters over 250 cats and kittens daily.
- Feline foster care program helps 1,400 cats and kittens annual; CAT gives each foster family a 'baby' bag full of supplies to give each kitten a good start at a long life
- First animal shelter in Oregon to install a full service veterinary hospital (2002)
- Partners with local animal control agencies to save more lives; 73 percent of CAT's feline intake comes from other animal shelters
- Over 16,220 cats and kittens adopted since 1998, which represents 1328 percent growth
- Teamed up with 9 Portland-area pet supply stores to open adoption outreach centers
- Hospital lead by a medical director who is a Board certified feline practitioner
- Shelter has 7 free roam (colony) cat rooms
- Saved 51 cats from the Hurricane Katrina affected area in 2005 and 5 cat refugees from war-torn Beirut in 2008
- Ellis the cat goes to New York in 2006 as part of the Meow Mix House reality show; Ellis found a home and adoptions spiked at CAT's Sherwood shelter
- First subsidized spay/neuter program the 'February Feline Fix-a-Thon' sterilizes 155 cats and kittens from 7 surrounding counties; CAT received a \$5000 grant to continue this effort in 2008