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14 Cats from Beirut, Lebanon, Now Looking for Homes in Portland

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International Feline Adoption Collaboration of the Pixie Project and Cat Adoption Team.

One of the cats from the war torn city of Beirut of Lebanon that have been brought to Portland for adoption.

(PORTLAND, Ore.) - Fourteen feline refugees from Lebanon's capital city arrived in Portland on Monday, January 21st and are now available for adoption through the Cat Adoption Team and Pixie Project.

Abandoned on the streets, rescued from neglect at a pet shop, found in a garbage pail, injured and discarded, Ella, Cookie, Dido, Karel, Bono, Nancy, and the others now have a real chance at finding loving, caring homes.



War and political instability in the region make finding permanent homes for these animals in Beirut extremely challenging.

Daily circumstances change and funding evaporates, yet the need to help the animal victims continues.

The majority of cats sheltered by Beirut for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (BETA) were dumped at the shelter doors, rescued from the highway, or so badly injured they were overlooked by others.

The Pixie Project, a rescue adoption center in N.E. Portland, worked with Beirut for the Ethical Treatment of Animals to bring some of their homeless animals to Portland in an effort to ease the burden on BETA's limited resources.

The Pixie Project enlisted the aid and expertise of the Cat Adoption Team in this international adoption collaboration.

The 14 Beirut cats were given time to settle into new surroundings, observed for any ill-effects to their long transit, examined by veterinarians, and are now available for adoption from the Cat Adoption Team and Pixie Project.

BETA is the only animal rescue organization for Lebanon and cares for over 340 cats and dogs in their shelters. They have 7 paid staff and about 20 volunteers.

BETA pets have found homes through international adoption collaborations in Germany, Holland, Canada, and the United States.

The average age of BETA cats is 3 years, they are spay/neutered, vaccinated, tested for FIV/FelV and microchipped.

To reach the U.S., the cats traveled 6,794 miles.

At this time 5 cats are available through CAT, and 9 cats are available through the Pixie Project.

The Cat Adoption Team (CAT) is the Pacific Northwest's largest non-profit, no-kill cat 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 in our community. CAT, a 501(c)(3) publicly-supported charity, will save over 3,100 lives this year and relies heavily on the support of the public and generous volunteers.

For more information visit their Website: catadoptionteam.org

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