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Cat Adoption Team Celebrates Take Your Dog to Work Day Friday, June 20

(June 17, 2008) — On Friday, June 20, Portland’s largest feline only animal shelter welcomes the canine companions of its staff in honor of national ‘Take Your Dog to Work Day’.

“While the Cat Adoption Team specializes in feline health and placement, our staff values the companionship of all animals, so on Friday dogs will be welcomed at the Cat Adoption Team!” comments Aaron Asmus, Executive Director of CAT.

Businesses across Portland will be opening their doors to doggie co-workers. Asmus offers this advice to CAT staffers bringing their dogs to work on Friday, which may also help others have a successful Take Your Dog to Work Day:

- get permission from your supervisor as well as the facilities manager, if appropriate
- bring all the supplies your dog may need, including food, bowls, waste bags, toys, medications (if your dog is taking any), collar with ID, leash
- have a safe way of confining your dog in your office or work space; please no free roaming, unsupervised dogs
- be extra productive leading up to Friday as your attention will be diverted from work towards caring for and showing off your dog
- take frequent breaks to take your dog to the appropriate, predesignated relief area
- if your dog does not do well in the office, make arrangements to have him/her taken back home as some dogs do not do well having their routine disrupted
- indicate what areas will be ‘dog free’, which at CAT, will be all adoption rooms where the cats and kittens reside, including the CAT in-shelter feline hospital

Some of CAT’s management staff are planning to bring their dogs to work on Friday, June 20. Media is welcome to visit the CAT shelter in Sherwood to see just how cats welcome dogs into their turf.

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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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