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### **“Single guy becomes father of six overnight” Cat ADOPTION Team Foster Care Program Open House Wednesday, March 15 6-9pm**

**Sherwood, Oregon (March 15, 2006)** — When Tualatin resident Doug Smith signed up to be a foster parent, he envisioned a cuddly bundle or two of fur, not a squirming army of six. Six kittens that is. Doug volunteers as a foster dad for homeless kittens too small to be separated from their mom. Mom Cat, named Iris by the shelter staff from Cat Adoption Team, was a stray cat who found herself in an unfortunate situation- pregnant and without a home during a very cold stretch. A good Samaritan arranged for her to be accepted into the foster care program at Cat Adoption Team, the Pacific Northwest’s largest and fastest growing no-kill cat shelter and hospital.

Doug was the next volunteer on the list to receive a litter. While he does have the momma cat to handle feedings, Doug “changes diapers” and does “Daddy Daycare” with the kittens so momma cat can get some rest and relaxation. When Doug is home, the kittens consider him their personal jungle gym, climbing and playing until they are tucked out and climb up in the easy chair with him for a good rest.

“Becoming a foster dad was a great decision. I get lots of kitten play time. Mom Cat is really shy, but I’m making progress with her little by little. I’m so happy to know that these kittens will end up in good homes.” Smith says. Kristi Brooks, Program Manager for Cat Adoption Team, adds, “We have over 140 foster families that have cared for over 1,000 cats and kittens year after year. It’s very rewarding. With kitten season arriving early this year, we are recruiting more families so we can save more lives.” Foster families receive training, get a mentor assigned and have access to CAT’s veterinary staff with any questions.

If you would like to meet Mister Mom and his kittens, and find out what it takes to be a foster parent, please attend Cat Adoption Team’s Foster Care Program Open House on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 pm at the Sherwood shelter at 14175 SW Galbreath Drive, off of Tualatin/Sherwood Road.

For more information and to RSVP please visit [www.catadoptionteam.org](http://www.catadoptionteam.org).

**About CAT:** The Cat Adoption Team (CAT) is the Pacific Northwest’s largest and fastest growing non-profit, no-kill cat shelter and hospital. CAT finds lifetime homes for the community’s abandoned, neglected and injured cats and kittens. CAT not only partners with the community but with local county shelters, other rescue groups and veterinary offices to rescue cats that might otherwise be euthanized due to medical problems or space constraints. CAT, a 501(c)(3) publicly-supported charity, will save more than 2,500 lives this year and relies heavily on the support of the public and generous volunteers.

CAT is located at 14175 SW Galbreath Drive in Sherwood, just off Tualatin-Sherwood Highway Road. **For directions and more information, call (503) 925-8903 or visit CAT’s Website at [www.catadoptionteam.org](http://www.catadoptionteam.org).**

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