

CRITTER KEEPER

Willamette Valley Animal Hospital



Special Edition:

Salem Friends of Felines

Since 2004, many volunteers have donated their time and effort to caring for and finding homes for over 3,800 cats and kittens in the Salem-Keizer area.

Through donations and grants, the people behind Salem Friends of Felines provide food and shelter for as many fuzzy souls as they can, help pet foster parents care for those they can't fit in the adoption center, help feral cats get vaccines and sterilization, and provide very low-cost spay and neuter certificates for pet owners who need financial assistance in these trying economic times with the ultimate goal of helping with cat over-population.

Their Mission Statement

"To help as many homeless cats and kittens as we can by placing them in loving permanent homes; to reduce feline over-population through education and our spay/neuter assistance program; and to bring more public awareness to the plight of homeless and unwanted cats."

A No Kill Safe Haven

Salem Friends of Felines is a non-profit, no-kill organization for cats in Salem, Oregon.

The Adoption Center and Thrift Store (located in downtown Salem and always in need of volunteers) provides funding for the cats and kittens they care for year-round.

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December Events

December 4

Pet Photos with Santa at Pet Etc.
10 am - 5 pm
1145 Edgewater St NW

December 4 & 5

Santa Claws photos at PetsMart
11 am - 4 pm

December 11 & 12

Holiday Market Oregon State Fairgrounds starting at 10 a.m.
Santa Claws photos at PetsMart
11 am - 4 pm

December 18 & 19

Santa Claws photos at PetsMart
11 am - 4 pm

**FUNDRAISER: Dec 18 at SFOF
10 am to 1 pm Rabies Vaccines
for cats only \$3!!**

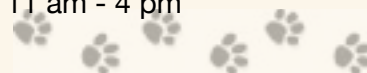
Saturday Outreach

1st Saturday
Petsmart and Pet Etc.
11 am - 4 pm

2nd Saturday
Pet Sense in Woodburn
11 am- 4 pm

3rd Saturday
Petsmart 11 am - 4 pm

Last (not 4th) Saturday
S. Salem Pet Supply
11 am - 4 pm



Adoptions may also be made at the SFOF adoption center in the Salem PetsMart on Lancaster Drive.

Can They Take My Cat?

With all the cats they have in-house, the ones in foster care and the many that are still out there without owners, it's not hard to see why the shelter is full. With each adoption, a space opens up for another in need of placing.

Adoption Fees

Adoption fees help recoup the cost of maintaining all the cats and kittens SFOF cares for. Cats require litter and litter boxes, food and water, medical care, vaccines, worming medications and many other things that cost real money. The fees help ensure that no harm will come to their fuzzy friends and instill a sense of responsibility in new and young pet owners.

The fees themselves are very reasonable considering all that the price includes. It's just \$55 to adopt an adult cat, and \$85 for kittens. Sponsored cats and kittens have a lowered rate because someone else cares about them too! (See Can't Adopt? Sponsor! below.)

What Adopting Includes

You may be thinking that those fees are a little high for a cat no one wanted to begin with, but keep in mind all that goes into making that cat safe and healthy.

Every cat that gets adopted is:

- Spayed or Neutered
- Microchipped
- Tested for feline AIDS
- Tested for feline Leukemia
- Fully Vaccinated for indoor living
- Treated for worms
- Treated for fleas
- Examined by a licensed veterinarian

What if I adopt a cat and it doesn't work out?

When we adopt out our great cats we always want to make sure that you and the cat are happy. If for any reason an adoption doesn't work out, we always want our kitties back. We will also gladly refund your adoption fee within the first 30 days.

Can't Adopt? Sponsor!

Sponsoring a cat or kitten makes it easier for them to be adopted because it takes you donation off the adoption fee! You simply select a cute fuzzy to sponsor, and for only \$25 (do you really need that Starbucks coffee every day?) You can make a big difference in the life of a people-less feline.

Spay/Neuter Certificates

For \$5 each you can pick up a spay/neuter certificate at 980 Commercial Street SE in Salem during the Thrift Store / Adoption Center business hours.

Only 50 spay/neuter certificates are released per month on the 1st day of each month. The certificates have been known to disappear in the first hour! Please be at the store before it opens on that day. Also, please be aware of the 2 certificates per household maximum. It is suggested that clients arrive by 10:30 a.m. on the first of the month to get in line.

Regretfully, at the current time they can only issue 50 a month. Hopefully, with donations to the spay/neuter fund, they will be able to increase that number in the future.

Be aware that you must use one of the participating veterinarians, like Willamette Valley Animal Hospital, and at the time you drop off the cat for

the spay or neuter, you will give the veterinarian's office your co-pay portion (\$20 for a neuter or \$25 for a spay).

If you have questions or need assistance call 503 362-5611. If you get the answering machine, please leave a call back number and time when it is best to return your call. A volunteer will call you back.

There is no advantage in allowing your pet to have a litter. There are, however, numerous advantages to spaying/neutering your pet. For instance, Kitty can have, for the most part, a longer and healthier life. She can have improved behavior and more responsiveness to their human family. There is increased safety for your pet as spayed and neutered pets are less likely to want to roam the streets and become lost or injured in search of a mate. No worries about finding homes for unwanted kittens. There is also less tendency for a spayed or neutered pet to mark or damage carpets and furnishings and a marked decrease in many medical problems such as mammary cancers and uterine infections which are fairly common in unaltered cats.

An unspayed female cat, her mate and all of their offspring, producing 2 litters per year, with 2.8 surviving kittens per litter can total:

- 1 boy cat plus 1 girl cat =
 - 1 year : 12 cats
 - 2 years: 67
 - 3 years: 376
 - 4 years: 2,107
 - 5 years: 11,801
 - 6 years: 66,088
 - 7 years: 370,092
 - 8 years: 2,072,514
 - 9 years: 11,606,077 cats
- Too Many Cats!
Not Enough Homes!

Coming Events

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February

Volunteer Appreciation Day
Details coming soon!

April

Cat's Only Vaccine Clinic
Details to come!

June

Feline Flea Spray Application for only \$3.00
Watch for more information!



Sign Up Today!
www.wvah.net
and click that button!

Donations

Donations fund the spay and neuter program. Adoption fees, cash donation and revenue from the Thrift Store help off-set medical expenses for our adoptable and special needs cats. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit so your donations are tax deductible as the law allows.

How can I help?

There are many ways to help:

- Volunteer
- Become a Supporter
- Donate
- Become a foster family
- Make sure all your pets are spayed and neutered



Hi! I'm **Carlotta!**

I'm really a very nice cat and I have been at SFOF for a while. I was found stray in a field, and although I had a collar on, there was no tag attached. I'm somewhat shy, and become irritated if fussed with too much. I do not care for other cats or dogs. I'm looking for a home and humans who will be understanding of my sometimes temperamental ways. To meet me please call my foster mom Denise 503 949-1502



Hi! I'm **Flurry**

and I'm a super nice kitty. I'm special needs because I am a bit shy. I am also very sweet and loving! Please call my foster mom Denise at 503 390-2339 to ask about me!



I'm **Snickers!**

Male - DSH - Brown Tabby
Approx. DOB
9/6/10

I am very quiet and gentle, and patient. Yet ... I'm very playful and very loving. My foster mom says I



am the sweetest kitten she has ever fostered. I need a home with no small children.

My foster mom can tell you so much more about me. Her name is Rhonda and you can call her at 503-884-2847.

Brie and her brother Sammie

DSH - Black
DOB: 9/12/2010



These two little DOLLS are ready for pre-adoption. They are about six weeks old as of today (10/24), so they aren't quite ready to go home. What a wonderful pair of kittens they are. They are in a great foster home with tons of love and attention, so they will be great new family members. Brie is very curious and checks out everything. Sammie wants to be near you and prefers to be held and especially loves to have you talk to him. Their eyes will not remain blue and they are too young right now to determine what color they will end up being. Sharon is fostering Brie and Sammie but please contact Jeanie if you are interested in meeting them at 503-930-4143.

December Dental Special!

Book your pet's dental and receive 20% off**

This discount is included on anesthesia, extractions, nerve blocks, sealants, IV fluids, and dental x-rays.

does not apply to add-on dentals, antibiotics, pain medications, senior discounts, combined discounts or pre-operative blood work

ONLINE STORE OPEN 24/7

www.wvah.net

Available for purchase:

flea medication heart worm control dewormer
joint supplements medicated shampoos pet supplies

some products by prescription only

Check out our Charity
Raffle to benefit
Paws for a Cause!
Gift baskets on display now!

**For every can of
food you bring
in to donate to
the Marion/Polk
Food Share,
you get \$1.00
off your exam!**

~*~NO LIMIT!~*~

**NEW HOURS STARTING
DECEMBER FIRST!!**

Toenail **Tuesdays** and
Vaccine Value Day **Thursdays** are
being **extended to 9pm!!**

Oregon Pet Driver's License



Only
\$5

ENDORSEMENTS:

- Able to drive alone after dark
- Able to drive alone after dawn
- To veterinary only with responsible human
- To catnip field with designated driver
- To any sunlit windowsill
- To the top of the food chain, where cats belong
- To groomer - rabies vaccine expires on : 06/11/11

Don't
forget about our daily
specials! There is always
something fantastic going on at
Willamette Valley Animal Hospital
that will save you money and give
you the peace of mind that your pets
are healthy and well cared for.

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