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The 15,000th Critter Fix

That's right, sometime in Fall 2008--we aren't fussy about keeping track just so we can blow our own horn, POPPA, Inc. passed the 15K mark in animals fixed. WOW! That's a lot of critters. And, when you do the extemporaneous math, basically multiplying that number by seven (7), twice--two litters per year, per animal that would have subsequently bred indiscriminately, it works out to over 735,000 unborn animals that were prevented from being born in a state that simply could not support them with loving homes. I'll say it again, WOW! That is definately something to be proud of--thank you all for your help and support over our seven years of operation. We simply could not have accomplished so much without you!

Actually, while we're talking numbers, we'd like to share a few really sobering ones regarding the "euthanasia" (aka: kill) rate in just the Portland area. In 2008 alone, Multnomah County Animal Control (MCAS) reported 2,950 cats were euthanized (out of approximately 5K cats taken in). For Washington County Animal Control (WCAS) it was 2,754 out of 4,251 cats taken in. And, these numbers do not include owner requested euthanasia surrenders.

The primary reason shelters euthanize cats is upper respiratory virus. The shelter environment is extremely stressful for sensitive felines, so the virus spreads rampantly under these conditions, and no one wants to adopt a snotty nosed cat with runny eyes. The good news is that the new kennel manager at WCAS, Myndy, (she's actually been there for over a year but only been the kennel manager for a few months) got a new policy approved which states that no more cats or dogs will be euthanized for upper respiratory virus/kennel cough. This should make a huge difference in the numbers for 2009, and yet, if you compare the sheer volume of cats brought in versus those that get adopted out, it's still gonna be ugly unless EVERYBODY in the Portland metro area keeps their cats from breeding this year.



A Cat's Prayer.....

**I ask for the privilege of not being born...
not to be born until you can assure me of a home and a caregiver to protect me, and the right to live as long as I am physically able to enjoy life...
not to be born until my body is precious and men have ceased to exploit it because it is cheap and plentiful.**

.....Author Unknown

PRECIOUS... \ˈpre-ˌci-ʊ-s ˈˌ Pronunciation: \ˈpre-shus\ Function: adjective... 1 : of great value or high price <precious jewels> 2 : highly esteemed or cherished <a precious friend>

Cats are undervalued in American society simply because they are cheap and plentiful. Sterilization of ALL cats BEFORE they reproduce is the only way to stem abandonment and abuse. YOU can help make the Cat's Prayer a reality by working together with POPPA, Inc. to reduce their numbers so we can reveal just how precious these furry jewels are! Give the gift of sterilization in 2009 by donating to POPPA, Inc. an ALL volunteer run 501(c)(3) non-profit where **100% of all donations fund our spay/neuter programs.**

PLEASE don't breed or buy while shelter pets die!

PLEASE Help by Opting In...

POPPA, Inc. has enjoyed sharing both our successes and failures over the years with you, our customers, donors, and friends, but we realize some of you may have had more interest in the bargains at our resale nursery, Recycled Gardens, than our accomplishments in the spay/neuter arena. Soooo, though we truly hope everyone on our almost 3,000 person mailing list will choose to *Opt In* by sending in a donation and/or signing on for continued mailings--either by snail mail or via email (signup is possible via our website at www.POPPAinc.org), we are realistic in our expectations and will not be offended if you choose otherwise. Thing is, like every other organization in Oregon and the nation, we are feeling the pinch of these economic times and therefore are attempting to cut costs and focus our fundraising efforts on those who truly want to make a difference for animals. To that end, we are asking that you please circle a choice in the accompanying list and then return this page of the newsletter to specifically choose how we continue our relationship in 2009 and beyond.

Please choose only one and include a check, if applicable...

**\$500 Donation
(10 cat spays or 15 cat neuters)**

**\$250 Donation
(5 cat spays or 7 cat neuters)**

**\$100 Donation
(2 spays or 3 cat neuters)**

\$50 Donation (1 cat spay)

_____ **Other amount (anything helps!)**

No donation at this time, but I wish to stay on POPPA's mailing list

Monthly donations that ultimately total the annual amount are perfectly acceptable... i.e., a mere \$42 per month equates to \$500 annually.

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promote spaying or neutering of ALL pets.

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