

Cat Rescue and Adoption Network  
Board Meeting  
October 9, 2022

Louanne Koch, Board President called the meeting to order at 5:03 at the Round Table Pizza Banquet Room. There were three people in physical attendance and another six attending by Zoom. Lisa Lundquist (Board Member) was unable to attend the meeting owing to a work commitment. Louanne welcomed everyone and stated this was the first in-person meeting since the start of the Covid lockdown.

Louanne introduced and welcomed Jean Harman as a new Board member. She also commented that the quarterly newsletter (Lyllian Breitenstein, designer and author) had just been emailed out in the last day or two.

**The minutes of the last meeting were accepted**, as amended, unanimously. Louanne made the motion; Jean seconded it.

**Under a request for Public Comments**, Julie Mason explained to everyone in attendance that Petco at the Valley River location was no longer a CRAN site for cat or kitten adoptions owing to the complete disarray of the store.

**Under the Financials**, Rob McIntosh explained that CRAN is not currently in a bad financial position, though revenues were notably under a year ago. He attributed this to the stock market fluctuations (hence donations coming from donors who give based on stock earnings are down compared to a year ago; the spring campaign was considerably less than last year, along with a decline in other donations.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Volunteer Coordinator/Avery Stewart** - A volunteer appreciation event will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Willamalane Adult facility in downtown Springfield. This will be a catered event; Avery is looking at several catering companies before making a final decision.

Avery also told the group the T-shirt will have a nice added drawing done by Jane Kwiatkowski. T-shirts will be completed in late November.

**Statistics/Lyllian Breitenstein** - We currently have 512 cats or kittens in our care. Last month CRAN had an intake of 60 felines and 68 adoptions.

#### **Fundraising Program**

**Cars for Cats** received the first car donation, a 1994 Honda Civic, according to Jason.....after all processing CRAN is likely to receive something over \$1,000. A similar program will be set up for property people are looking to divest and potentially turn over as a donation (to CRAN).

**GoGo Calendar** contest raised over \$12,500, after all expenses are accounted for CRAN will net approximately \$8-9,000.

**Facebook Fundraiser** for three kittens/one mama cat who all needed significant eye surgery including the removal of the eye. The cost of the surgeries will be covered resulting from skillful Facebook skill on the part of our marketing team lead, Lyllian Breitenstein.

A Winter Event will take place at Viking Braggott though planning is still underway - Kim Konevich and Marci Seghetti are working on this activity.

A number of grants are being looked at by Jean Harman to help with the emergency medical bills already paid and with the knowledge of several needed surgeries in the near future. The PetSmart Adoption Preparation grant will be opening in several weeks, and a grant is being offered by Pets for the Elderly for which CRAN will apply.

### **Adoption Team**

Karrin Jackson explained the Team would be meeting on Wednesday to discuss a number of items, including Emotional Support Animal details and handling; she also said the team now has three additional “adoption completion” finalizers which helps move the process along more rapidly. The Team is doing well!

### **Marketing/Social Media**

Julie Mason continues to answer and field questions to others, as needed, from our Facebook business page. Lyllian B. stated she no longer has a team working on marketing, everyone left the team. She did say however Emily Schnabel is helping remotely while she is living out of the country (until sometime next year). Along with a range of volunteers for the team, Lyllian said she would like to find someone who knows TikTok so CRAN can create a presence on this newer social media platform.

### **Foster Program**

Kim Konevich told the group there are currently approximately 100 active fosters. Emily Cicell assisted in getting two new fosters in place and will continue to help Kim with this aspect of the foster program.

### **Surrender Program**

Sarah Nyburg reports, “The last two months haven’t seen a big decrease in surrenders coming in, the month of July still holds the record at 110 surrenders.

- August had 97 surrenders
- Sept had 93 surrenders
- October to date has had 20 surrenders; I can see us reaching to the 90’s for surrenders in October.

To keep on top of surrender communication I am using what I term a “non-emergency email (n/e). This gets sent out to surrenders where the cat isn’t experiencing any urgent issues or isn’t in danger of any kind. It basically says that CRAN is at capacity for cat intakes, if they can foster more than a month to fill out our foster application or reply back to me. I attach the CRAN rehoming resource and ask the surrender to try other options. I hope to follow up with the people who got the n/e if things slow down anytime soon. We seem to be getting a small increase in people contacting us about sick/injured strays. Many people don’t seem to know that Greenhill treats sick/injured strays or to surrender at Emergency Veterinary Hospital if the cat is unstable, so they contact other rescues looking to surrender. A couple of cats did pass before CRAN was contacted, and I could get the information to them.

Some good news is that our waiting list is getting cleared, we are down to five cats on the list! With follow ups this might increase, but for now I am enjoying the low number.”

### **TLC**

Sarah Olson, TLC Team Lead, reports, “We have so many ferals right now that we are overflowing into room three, though they will soon be gone soon - and then we have more ringworm cats coming in that week. Both rooms 1 and 2 have had lots of movement with cats going to fosters. We have four new cat care volunteers and two feral cat care volunteers. We still need one more person for feral cat care if anyone knows someone who is interested. Everything is going well.”

### **Medical Program**

Louanne Koch, Team Lead explained the enucleation (eye removal) for the two kittens previously mentioned and a special/new surgery for one additional kitty will take place in the coming week. CRAN remains backed up on spay/neuter surgeries - as she is only able to schedule 5 appointment per week with Willamette Animal Guild (WAG) because they are still catching up from the closure for several weeks during the summer. Toni Ray has given some of her allotted appointments to CRAN and a number of our partner vets have done multiple spays and neuters.

### **Working Cat Program**

Julie Tanit is working with Toni Ray, turning over the process to her.

### **OLD Business**

Louanne reviewed the Code of Conduct which was then voted on and unanimously accepted by the Board. Louanne making the motion to adopt the Code of Conduct and Jean seconded the motion. Someone in attendance proposed adding a clause on non-discrimination of non-CIS individuals. While not added during the meeting, Louanne did say it can be added in the future.

Two additional items will be held over until the next meeting. Hospice care, palliative care, and euthanasia policy discussion; Posting cats and kittens online, the process, vaccinations, chronic conditions.

### **New Business**

Louanne said the Operations Team meetings would be on hiatus and that the board would likely go back to monthly meetings with a new time and date to be determined. She also reminded everyone Board meetings are for the Board and after public comments activity focuses on the Board agenda for the Board/organization. Again, new Board Member Jean Harman was introduced and Louanne said the board was seeking additional members and if anyone was interested to email her.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 with a motion made by Lyllian and seconded by Jean. Next meeting location, time, and date TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

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