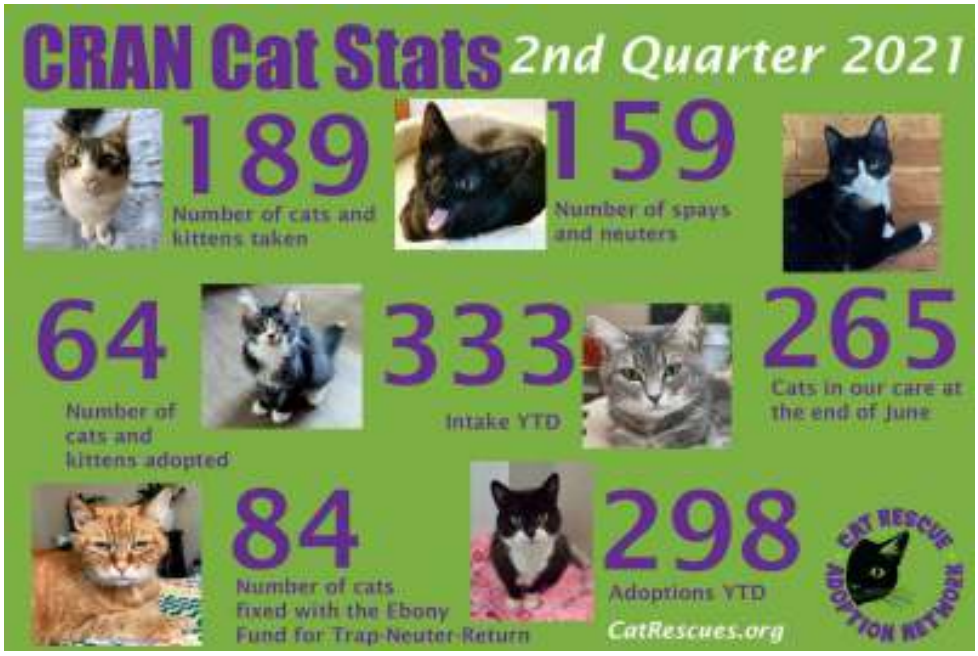
CRAN Cat Tales Second Quarter 2021

Cat Stats

Our 2nd Quarter Stats are in! Helping these cats is only possible due to your support. Thank you!



Forever Tales

Sam

We were contacted by a friend of CRAN. Her grandmother had died and the rest of the family thought euthanasia might be the best option for an old cat with IBD (he was 16 intake December) but she didn't agree. Could CRAN take him? At his assessment, the family member caring for Sam, told our volunteer that he spent the whole day (every day) hiding under the bed. She tried to get him out to prepare for our meeting, and only managed to break one of his claws. So at his first meeting Sam was an angry 18 lb ball of orange indignant cat, hiding under the bed, growling and swatting at our volunteer.

Our volunteer left his caregiver with instructions to win Sam's trust and heart.

His caregiver came through for Sam. After about 10 days she sent a video clip with her touching him, brushing him, even carefully stroking him...and he was purring! So we made him a CRAN cat and put him into foster.

His medical records from his time with his owner said that he had IBD and he was supposed to be on a few different medications. The first foster attempted to spoil Sam, but she had another cat, and it turned out Sam didn't like other cats. Luckily, a second loving foster home opened up, and we moved Sam. The second foster home

Cheyenne (now Sakie)

Cheyenne, a very sweet loving cat that was never fixed was abandoned by her people and then got pregnant. She was found by a caring person after giving birth to 9 kittens. Sadly 4 died right away and 2 others died while she was in foster due to congenital issues. The other 3 babies were adopted. Now it was her turn to find a loving forever home. Well she found one. From her adopter, Liz:

"After adopting her I renamed her Sakie [Saw-key] since she wasn't all that responsive to the name Cheyenne.

The first 2 days I was worried since she was so nervous she just hid under my bed. But once she opened up she has turned into the goofiest most lovey cat ever. And now that she recognizes her name she meows whenever I call for her.

She's also super playful, and loves crinkly toys the most. While I work she jumps up into my lap and sits with me. And she's the only cat I've had that LOVES belly rubs. She's been such a great addition to my home and I couldn't love her more!"

got Sam to eat and come out of his shell a bit, but also had foster kittens, and it turned out Sam didn't like kittens. So, on to his third foster home, a college student with no other pets but a great love for cats. In this home, we figured out that (a) Sam hated his medications, and (b) possibly didn't need them, and (c) started to learn that Sam liked to play with toys on a stick, and learned what he liked to eat. The third foster had to move at the end of a term, so Sam moved to foster home #4, and this is where he really, really blossomed, thanks to the groundwork done by his initial caregiver and the other fosters. Sam became pampered, loved to sleep in bed with his foster mom, watched the birds and all the sights outside of his window, and was gradually weaned off of all of his medications without any sign of a return of the IBD symptoms. With all of this love, it wasn't too long until adopters found Sam. And it just so happens that the adopters have also volunteered for CRAN. Sam is now living his happily ever after.

Our PetSmart Catteries will soon be open!

We had to close all of our catteries due to COVID restrictions 15 months ago. Now that things are opening up and are safer, we will be able to start putting our cats and kittens back in the catteries. We have already started placing cats at Wags! Dog Emporium on Coburg Road and Petco on Valley River Drive and are planning on opening the cattery at PetSmart on Chad Drive next. We are very excited to get our cats back out in the community but need volunteers to help care for the cats there before that happens. Are you interested? See the Help Wanted section next for more information.

Help Wanted!

Cattery Volunteers: CRAN is urgently looking for new volunteers to help care for the cats and kittens at our PetSmart location on Chad Drive. Both PetSmart catteries closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are hoping to re-open the Chad

drive cattery soon. But we need more volunteers to make sure the cats get the care they need.

Trappers: We can't keep up with all the requests for assistance with feral cats. We trap feral cats and get them fixed and vaccinated. Adoptable cats and kittens enter our program and the true feral cats are returned to their territory with a colony caregiver. Can you help? This program is vital to decrease the number of homeless cats in Lane County. No experience necessary or equipment needed. We will provide training and equipment.

Fosters: We are limited in how many cats we can help by how many foster homes we have available. We are having to turn away cats in need as we just don't have enough foster homes. Do you love cats and have a quiet room or bathroom a cat or kitten could hang out in while they get ready for adoption? All cats have different needs. Some might need medications, some need time and space to grieve, some need to learn to trust people and some just need a place to stay while they wait for their forever home. You let us know what you are comfortable with and we provide all supplies.
Fill out a volunteer application.

Special Kitty Corner

Merlot has gone through more in 9 months than most cats go through in 9 years. Merlot has not gained weight since she reached 2 pounds. She has had issues with

vomiting and regurgitating her food as soon as she eats. She has seen many vets. She was diagnosed with exocrine pancreatic insufficiency, which can be treated with an enzyme with her meals. This should have helped her to finally gain weight. Well unfortunately, she did not gain weight. Merlot has been on her pancreas enzyme medication for a few months now without any improvement. She was also tried on Prednisolone and is now weaned off. Also no change. Her weight varies a small amount but she is still around 2 pounds and is 9 months old. Last week Merlot went to OSU to meet with several specialists. Finally a diagnosis! Merlot was diagnosed with severe megaesophagus, anemia, and GI parasites. Her foster immediately started feeding her upright and keeping her upright for 15-30 minutes after meals but that's easier said than done. So we ordered this feeder for her from @adaptivetechandconsulting. This makes feeding so much easier and she can't cheat to get to her food. We went ahead and started talking to the specialist about a feeding tube since she has a pretty severe case and they want to get her to gain weight but she was continuing to vomit even with the change in her feedings and acid-reducing medications but then she stopped vomiting and as of this mailing, Merlot has made 3 days without vomiting and has put on some weight! Thank you to all who have helped little Merlot. Do you want to help? You can give at our website or our Facebook Fundraiser(2) Facebook

July is Lost Pet Prevention Month!

- A family pet is lost every 2 seconds in North America
- 10 million pets are lost per year
- 1 out of 3 pets will be lost in its lifetime

Losing your cat is every cat caregiver's nightmare. How can you protect your

cat?

Keep your cat indoors:

If you'd like your cat to experience the great outdoors safely, build a catio, install a cat-proof fence, use a stroller or use a harness and leash.

Cat-proof your home:

- Make sure window screens are escape proof. Consider using wire shelving in front of the screen in the window track, a child gate in the window, or tear-proof screen and fastening screen to the window frame.
- Make sure screen doors are cat-proof. Consider a metal screen door or improvise with pet doors in front of a screen.
- If you have an interior door that goes to a utility or mudroom and then outside, use it as much as possible. If not, discourage your cat from going close to the door.
- Always transport your cat in a secure carrier. Check to see that all of the clips/screws are tight and the door is latched and resist the urge to open the door to pet your cat. Use the seatbelt to secure the carrier while driving to protect your cat in case there should be an accident.
- When you move, if your cat is an indoor/outdoor cat, keep him or her securely in a room for several weeks after the move.

Increase chances of finding your cat should she get lost by:

- Microchipping
- Fit your cat with a collar that has an ID

Finding your cat should she get lost:

Lost cat behavior is different for indoor-only vs indoor/outdoor cats. If your cat gets out or doesn't return home, remember the most important thing to do is to look for them. Here are more resources for finding a lost cat:

Cat Rescue and Adoption NetworkI Lost My Pet - Cat Rescue and Adoption Network (catrescues.org)

How to Find a Lost Cat - YouTube

Find a Lost Cat | Mission Reunite - Bringing missing pets and their people back together

Looking for Forever

CRAN has several kittens who are FeLV + looking for their forever homes.

It wasn't long ago that testing positive for Feline Leukemia was an instant death sentence for a cat but luckily more has been learned about this virus and that FeLV-positive cats can live perfectly happy lives with good care. If you share your home with an FeLV-positive cat(s), it's important to understand that it's a possibility the cat may have a shorter life span (but this is not always the case, as many cats live 14+ years- the average life span of a cat who tests negative) and that FeLv+ cats should be taken to a veterinarian if any health issues arise, as quick treatment is essential for their well-being and ongoing health. You needn't anticipate that, because a cat is positive, it will be "sickly." As with any pet, many of the health issues that might arise are minor and treatable. The onset of the disease occurs over a period of months to years after infection. There is no specific treatment for FeLV, so most of the treatment of FeLV-positive cats involves supportive care. Some veterinarians tend to recommend the need for dentals at a younger age than other cats, as a measure of keeping the cats in top health. It is best not to adopt a FeLV-positive cat if you have a non-infected cat (although some people do and keep the non-infected cat vaccinated). Do consider adopting two FeLV-positive cats together. Keeping a pair of siblings or buddies together can decrease stress and help keep their immune systems strong.
For more information on Cheeto, Wispy, Sprinkles, Theo and Noel: go to our website:
Available Cats

2022 Calendar Contest

Our 2022 Calendar Photo Contest is live!

Support CRAN's work by:

- Entering your cat and asking friends and family to vote for him or her.
- Purchasing a calendar.
- Purchasing a day to feature your cat's photo.
- Voting for the cat you think should be our 2022 Cover Cat.

Help us make this Calendar Contest even more successful than last year's.
[Cat Rescue and Adoption Network | 2022 Calendar Photo Contest (gogophotocontest.com)]

2nd Quarter Adoptions

Help CRAN while you shop

Shopping for a cause

Support cats while you shop!

AmazonSmile – 0.5% of your eligible purchases can be donated to help the cats when you choose Cat Rescue and Adoption Network as your charity Use Smile.Amazon.com

Amazon Baby Shower - Help CRAN by purchasing much needed supplies to help us care for all of the kittens in our program. You can purchase items from our list and Amazon will ship them to us. To get to our shower: Kitten Shower or you can also log-in to Amazon and click on Baby Registry and search for us: Cat Rescue and Adoption Network.

BottleDrop – Pick up a stickered bag and fill it with your bottles and cans (can be co-mingled) and drop it off at either of the Bottle Drop stations in Springfield or Eugene. CRAN will receive credit for your donation. Bags can be found on the CRAN carts (by the catteries) at PetSmart, Wags! Dog Emporium, Hometown Pets in Springfield, or your friendly CRAN volunteer.

BottleDrop Give: A Great Way Oregon Nonprofits Can Fundraise (bottledropcenters.com)

Thank you so much for your support and enabling us to continue to help cats in need. We could not do what we do without you!

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