

This year has been a big year for Whisker City. The political and economic climate produced new challenges for the shelter and the volunteers that work here. Animal rescue needs grow with every decision that effects the human condition. A job loss means that families lose housing and not only do they become homeless, but their pets do too. The war in Iraq has sent thousands of soldiers far from home and they leave loved ones, including the beloved family pet. Deaths caused by illness, accident and aging means that a treasured pet must be relocated to a shelter home. Those of us that work at Whisker City are reminded daily that animal rescue is all about the human condition.

Our goal this year is to add more space to meet the demands of a growing long-term population. We poured a concrete pad for a new laundry room and winter quarantine area. A new bathroom is nearly completed for the volunteers. Plans are in place to cover a large concrete outdoor enclosure before winter rain and snow.

Volunteers are the backbone of our work and new talent has been added to our faithful and committed team of caregivers. This new energy and talent is helping us develop the foster care homes and volunteer network needed to continue the high level of care the cats and kittens receive at Whisker City.

On Sundays from 11-3:00 Whisker City is open to the public for adoptions. This past year hundreds of cats and kittens found loving homes. We continue to search for a RV to convert into a Mobile Adoption Center. Maddie's Fund granted \$10,000 in funds to re-fit the vehicle. The "Whiskers On Wheels" mobile adoption center will dramatically affect the number of adoptions completed in King County. Our plan includes offering the center to other rescue groups as an adoption resource.

This past year my husband and I founded an organization that focuses entirely on issues of the homeless. Blue Sky Charity symbolizes the clearing of the clouds of despair by providing funding to groups that help homeless people and pets. Money is central to providing care. Each of the organizations listed in this months' issue can not provide services without it. Your regular contributions and annual financial gifts are greatly appreciated and desperately needed.

Please join us for the "Funk & Waggin" dinner and auction. This annual affair will be fun and will help us reach our goals!

Funk & Waggin'

Labor Day Weekend

Sept. 3 • Friday 5:00 - 10:00

Auction & Dining

Get your tail waggin' to a funk beat and join us at the South Lake Union Complex for Blue Sky Charity's inaugural fund raiser to benefit homeless pets and people. The event is designed to promote exciting products and services to eager buyers prior to the holiday season.

Fabulous gifts will be auctioned to the highest bidder during the evening finale. Prizes will be distributed all night to lucky ticket holders. Whisker City, Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Project, St. Martin de Porres Shelter and the Rose of Lima House are the beneficiaries. Tickets are \$55 and can be purchased via PayPal from the Blue Sky Charity web site www.blueskycharity.com OR call 206-533-1423 to purchase by credit card. Checks can be mailed to PO Box 77214, Seattle, WA 98177.



For more information on business participation call April Brown at 206-542-9617.



Mike & April Brown founded Blue Sky Charity as a funding resource to meet the needs of homeless pets & people. Mike is a sports reporter with 710KIRO and April is an auctioneer and conducts benefit auctions and auction training.



Snowbank & Centerline Update:

Snowbank and Centerline were rescued from the icy roads in central Washington over the Christmas holidays. Brenda Anderson was driving back from a mid-west cross country trip and discovered the helpless little kittens in the middle of the ice coated highway. The kittens were literally frozen to the center line & crippled with frostbite and hunger.

They were miraculously rescued from the inevitable crush of a tire by Brenda, a long-time volunteer with Whisker City. She was at the right place at the time.



The King 5 news team visited Whisker City to cover this and other stories about our precious orphans. Healing for both kittens was painful and expensive, but both Centerline and

Snowbank fully recovered and were adopted into loving homes. Several people who watched those stories have joined our team of volunteers. Would you like to volunteer? Call Michelle at 253-896-4673.

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YES! You Can Serve Your Country!

The Fort Lewis Stray Animal Facility plays an important role in the lives of the military and the civilian population in and around Fort Lewis Army and McChord Air Force Bases. The shelter is a link to life for abandoned and unwanted animals. Recent troop deployments to Iraq created serious overcrowding at the base animal shelter and Whisker City transferred 30 cats and 3 dogs to our care. All of the dogs are adopted and 7 of the cats. The rest of the felines will remain with us until some lucky family invites them in. People ask us if we can reunite these beloved pets with the soldier families upon their return from the war. At this time there isn't a system or procedure in place that can make that happen.



This litter of kittens was born 5 days after transferring from Fort Lewis Stray Animal Facility to Whisker City.

Happy Homes



Ashley and Shadow



"We brought our newest feline daughter, Ashley home from Whisker City on April 5, to join our resident cat, Shadow . We knew she was a snuggler from reading her profile and we knew we would love her. We are delighted to discover how much she loves us, demonstrating it every day by running to greet us when we come home. We are so happy to have Ashley and Shadow. They bring fun and laughter into our lives everyday. "

- Tom & Alicia

Lyle & Hopscotch



"I just wanted to let you know that Lyle is really enjoying Hopscotch. He has a collar with Whisker City information on her in case she ever is lost. Luckily she has no desire to go outside. She and Lyle are inseparable and share a secret communication that only they understand. Thanks for making a difference."

- Lyle's Caregiver

Snowwhite

"We adopted Snow White last Sunday from Whisker City. She is so sweet and smart. It was easy to get her to use the scratching post rather than the furniture with just showing her once. Our big black cat has been in a hissy-fit all week, but I think she has been great with the newcomer and found the toy mice that Winnie and Cookie knocked under the stove a few years ago. Snow White loves them. Our family renamed Snow White. After a family vote we came up with Shasta (pronounced Shaw sta). Thank you for taking care of all the felines."

- Janice and Ken Sommerfeld

Katrina & Harmony

"This cat is so perfect for us - she snuggles with Katrina at night and is always ready for more loving! She purrs as soon as you touch her and just loves being close to us wherever we are. Her only "bad" habit is waking up in the middle of the night and playing "pounce" with the feet under the covers. It's very cute, and just bringing her back up to the pillow for more attention is all she wants. We are loving this wonderful cat - she is totally potty trained, and we're working on getting her to use the pet door so she can go in and out as she pleases."



Harmony was dropped off at WhiskerCity with a litter of kittens. She is a very special cat and waited for that very someone special to come along. Harmony now lives happily with Katrina and they both have big smiles to prove it!

**The World's best cats live
at Whisker City!**

(Please Copy and Distribute)

RV WANTED

Local animal shelter needs your RV!

IRS Deduction at Fair Market Value!

Vehicle will function as a Mobile Adoption Center for Whisker City



Whiskers on Wheels will provide an adoption recourse for **ANY cooperative animal rescue organization located in King, Pierce, & Snohomish Counties.**

Please Contact:



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Whisker City is a 501 c-3 non-profit organization

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