



MEW NEWS

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PARKING LOT

Welcome to another Whisker City newsletter friends! Not much time has gone by since you last heard from us, but there has been no shortage of activity around here!

A perfect example of why animal shelters like Whisker City exist came about recently. At 6:30 on the morning of February 26th, Executive Director April Brown received a call from a man saying he saw several teenagers severely abusing a cat by “drop-kicking” it in a grocery store parking lot in Tacoma. The man was able to get the cat away from the kids, so April instructed him to take the cat to our veterinary clinic, Northgate Vet.

Doctors discovered the cat, since named “Parking Lot”, had three fractures in one of its hind legs. This senseless act provoked Whisker City to offer a \$500 reward to anyone providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. We were given coverage on all three of the major Seattle television stations for two days.

Consequently, our phones got quite a workout from people wanting to add to the reward, adopt Parking Lot, and others claiming he was their cat. We’ve also heard from Pierce County animal control and the Tacoma Police, who are working on the case.

Now that things have settled down a bit, we are happy to report that Parking Lot is resting comfortably in a foster home. He will be there until his leg heals—about eight weeks—and has a second surgery to remove the pins needed to put him back together. By then we will have a clear idea of who should have him as their pet on a permanent basis, and hopefully be closer to nailing the idiots who did this to him.



The reward money now stands at \$3500 thanks to donations from concerned viewers. Parking Lot’s vet bills will be over \$1000 by the time he’s in the clear, and if you would like to help Whisker City with this expense it would make a huge difference! You can view the story of Parking Lot by logging on to our website, www.whiskercity.com. There is additional video footage of him on the home page as well.

As upset as we get over this kind of abuse, we are glad we are in position to help these innocent creatures when

DONATE TODAY!

Donate online thru PAYPAL:
www.whiskercity.com

Donate by mail:
Whisker City, PO Box 77214,
Seattle, Washington 98133

Donate by phone:
Call Mike Brown at 206-533-1423

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If you’d like to be removed from our mailing list, call 206-533-1423.



KITTY CLIMB UPDATE

The response to our Kitty Climb campaign has been very good and we thank everyone who has taken the time to donate! We are off to a good start toward realizing our goal of a facilities upgrade here at the shelter.

Volunteers Mike Brown and Dave Sizer will climb Mt. Rainier on June 26-28th for Whisker City, and if they successfully summit what is the most difficult climb in the 48 contiguous states, they will climb a combined 28,822 feet! So we’re shooting for a dollar for every foot above sea level. The money will be used to install sinks, washer/dryer, a dishwasher, bathroom and general remodeling of Whisker City’s main shelter.

Dave and Mike have been on several training hikes on Tiger Mountain and are doing daily workouts to get in shape (with Dave out to a much better start!) Included here is a photo from Poo Poo Point outside Issaquah, where paragliders and hang gliders frequently launch.

While Mike and Dave are looking at nearly four more months of preparation, we hope you’ll consider supporting the guys with a donation toward our facility upgrade. Any amount helps, and your gift will be long-lasting since the new facilities will be with us for years!

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KITTY CLIMB UPDATE (cont.)

Remember, the generous advertisers on the second sheet of this newsletter have already covered ALL EXPENSES involved with the Kitty Climb, so 100% of your donation goes toward the facilities project and our ongoing needs! Please consider patronizing our advertisers for helping Whisker City!

KITTENS!

The first litter of kittens of 2007 arrived at our shelter a couple weeks ago. A mother and five 3-to-4-week old kittens were found on a blanket in a field in South Park. Thanks to a cat lover, they were scooped up and arrived at Whisker City in less-than-ideal condition: Mom was under-nourished, the kittens were full of fleas. We went to work, and they are now doing exceptionally well! The person who found them will take in the mother after she has raised the little ones. The adorable little guys will be available for adoption in mid-late April.

Since the Kitty Climb campaign of Mt. Rainier was launched about the same time the litter arrived, we've named the five kittens after mountains in our state: Rainier, Baker, Tahoma, Adam and Helen!




BLARNEY BOWL Meet the Seahawks!

Last call for the Beer Church Blarney Bowl! On Saturday, March 17th, you can celebrate St. Patrick's Day and help Whisker City at the same time! Beer Church is presenting the 8th annual Blarney Bowl fundraiser at West Seattle Bowl and has designated Whisker City as the charity that will benefit from the proceeds. Bowling, a silent auction and a raffle are all part of the event, along with an autograph session featuring Seahawk players Sean Locklear and Marcus Tubbs!!

Here's the time frame:

- 5-6pm** Autograph session with Seahawk OT Sean Locklear & DT Marcus Tubbs
- 5:30** Bowling sign-in begins
- 6-9pm** Bowling, raffle, silent auction

To register to bowl, log on to www.beerchurch.com and click on the green square in the upper right hand corner and follow the directions. Cost is \$25.00 per person. You do not have to bowl to attend. Thanks so much to Beer Church!!!!



Every Saturday 11AM - 4PM

Petco

205th and Aurora in the Costco Aurora Village Center

WHISKER CITY TV



Our monthly webcast made its debut on February 28th, and all things considered it came off quite well! Hopefully you had a chance to log on and watch. Whisker City will do a monthly webcast LIVE on www.helloworld.com, and our next show will be on Wednesday, March 28th at 7pm Seattle time.

Here's how to watch Whisker City TV:

- Log on to www.helloworld.com
Click on "Watch Hello TV" in the upper left hand corner
- Click on "Who's on Now"
- Look for the Whisker City logo and click on the green "watch" button.
- Click on the green "play" button and you'll see us!

SPECIAL MENTIONS

1. To all who have responded to our Kitty Climb campaign!
2. Petsmart Charities, who presented Whisker City with a gift card valued at \$536 as part of their Holiday Wish Tree Campaign.
3. Pat Wilson, who made a 55" x 79" rag quilt for the Blarney Bowl fundraiser!
4. All Whisker City volunteers, including those who helped put together this newsletter! You all make such a big difference in making our shelter run smoothly!

KITTY CLIMB SPONSORSHIP FORM

Yes, I want to help Mike and Dave get to the top of Mt. Rainier and build the new facilities for Whisker City!

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

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