



S.A.R.A.'s Treasures

Gift, Thrift, & Cat Adoption Center

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Spring Newsletter

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Hello Pet lovers and S.A.R.A. supporters! We are so grateful for your support during this critical time. The COVID-19 pandemic has led to many changes in the community, including at S.A.R.A.'s second hand shop & cat rescue program. To ensure the safety of our staff, animals, and the community, we are offering curbside pickup of pet food & supplies. The thrift shop is closed to foot traffic, and in-kind donations are temporarily on hold. Adoptions are welcome by email and appointment only. All volunteer activities have been suspended until further notice. Staff are working daily to care for the adoptable animals that reside in the shop. We are still available to answer questions and provide resources over the phone. Don't hesitate to give us a call!

COVID-19 has turned our lives upside down, especially for the little guys. Smaller rescue groups, like S.A.R.A., have limited cash reserves and small margins. During a time like this, it is extremely difficult to make ends meet. We are relying on the support of our donors more than ever. Thrift shop sales make up a large portion of S.A.R.A.'s fundraising for our lifesaving mission. While the shop is closed, we have instituted creative merchandising tactics, including sales of donated items online via Facebook Marketplace & eBay. Applying for grants and small business loans is another promising option, but the funds are quickly running out. S.A.R.A.'s biggest fundraiser of the year is our annual **Mother's Day Plant & Artisan Sale**. We have officially committed to do it this year by instituting new safety protocols and carefully following social distancing recommendations suggested by health officials. This exciting fundraiser will be held Mother's Day Weekend **May 9th & 10th** at our shop on River Rd. It will feature our unique hanging baskets and gift plants, all hand-planted by staff & volunteers, along with a variety of veggies, herbs, flowers, yard art, and more! Stay tuned for pre-ordering options and safety updates available on our website and social media.

One thing is certain, the animals in our community still need our help! While we all are dealing with this pandemic, stray and community cats are continuing life as normal. State mandates created in response to COVID-19 may slow our ability to help these animals. To conserve medical supplies, the state of Oregon has limited veterinary care to essential surgeries only. Unfortunately spays and neuters did not make the cut; these procedures have been banned, until further notice. With kitten season already here, and the most effective procedure for population control on hold, the animals and the community are going to be affected for years to come. The future of our country is unsure at this time, but S.A.R.A. staff is committed to doing what we know best, helping animals in need. We will continue to work hard to do what we can right now and care for the animals that need us.



Finn Available for Adoption Soon!

"Hi Everyone, my name is Finn! I am S.A.R.A.'s newest resident, transferred from HSCG. From what I hear, things are quite different around here. The cats all seem to handle the quiet days in their own ways. Some of the shy cats are taking this time to come out of their shells. But I am much more outgoing and can never get enough attention. I can't wait for the store to open back up and for things to go back to normal. One thing we can all agree on is that we really appreciate all the support and donations made to the shop and to the cats. Special thanks to the cat food and supplies sent from food companies (Darwin's, Nulo, Weruva, World's Best Cat Litter, & Dave's Pet Food) AND special thanks to the donations made from S.A.R.A.'s wish lists." Check it out for yourselves, S.A.R.A.'s wish lists are available online at sarastreasures.org



Rose (adopted 2019) receives monthly nail trim and flea treatment application by Nicole West during social distancing protocol.

How to Help

The impacts of COVID-19 are affecting us all. Small nonprofits work around the clock to make ends meet and now we need your support more than ever. Help us continue our important work!

Make a Monetary Donation

Help us cover veterinary expenses, food, supplies, & more!
Donations are accepted online, over the phone, or by mail
(We've enclosed an envelope for you to rush your support!)

**Consider making a tribute gift in memory or in honor of a pet or loved one!
Or, create your own fundraiser! Learn more on our website.**

Donate Stimulus Check or Tax Refund

Consider donating all or part of your \$1,200 federal stimulus check or if you receive a tax refund.

#GivingTuesdayNow - May 5th

Participate in the global day of giving, an emergency response to COVID-19.

Take advantage of Charitable Giving Incentive

The CARES Act encourages charitable donations in 2020 by increasing deductions for non-itemizers and lifting limitations on contributions by individuals who itemize.
Lean more at: insidecharity.org/2020/03/28/cares-act-for-nonprofits/

Purchase Pet Supplies from us!

S.A.R.A.'s Treasures carries a variety of pet food & supplies for purchase. We are dedicated to continue supplying essential pet food & supplies via curbside pickup!
Check our website for a list of brands we carry. Call us during business hours (10am-6pm Daily) for assistance or to place an order.

Wish Lists (Available on our website)

Check out our Amazon Wish List - supplies that are needed most and why.
Ships directly to us from the comfort of your home.
Use AmazonSmile so S.A.R.A. also gets a percentage of the purchase!

Check out these simple fundraisers to support S.A.R.A. during your daily activities:

Learn more at sarastreasures.org



Can Drive: Collect bottles/cans in a BottleDrop blue bag for S.A.R.A.!
Transfer Funds directly from your BottleDrop account to S.A.R.A.'s



Sign up to help S.A.R.A. every time you shop with your Fred Meyer rewards card, while still earning your own rewards!



Earn S.A.R.A. a percentage of each purchase by signing up

Donate a Gift Card!

Next time you are shopping at your favorite small business, buy a gift card to donate to S.A.R.A. - support both of us! We can use it to purchase what we need or add it to our next raffle or fundraiser.

ADOPTED! Fantastic Felines & Their New Families



Leo



Warren



Carl



Piper

Thank you for your support & helping us save these amazing cats!