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# **FEATURED CAT**

## **Pierre**

Pierre is looking for *l'amour*! This mature handsome gentleman charms everyone he meets with his affectionate and outgoing

nature. He wears a very elegant tuxedo (complete with plume tail) at all times, and look at those wild, white whiskers!

Pierre has lived with other cats and a cat-friendly dog, but what he really loves the most is people, and especially people who provide a warm lap. He loves being fussed and fawned over, combed and



brushed, and generally given the adoration he deserves.

When we rescued Pierre, he had been living on his own for awhile, and had tangled with something that injured his left ear and eye. The ear had healed up, but his eye was too damaged to save. He recovered from that surgery very well. We guess that Pierre is about 10 years old, but he has the playful spirit of a kitten, and needs a little play time every day. He will reward you with many happy hours of lap time in appreciation.

He must have been in considerable pain when he came to us, but even then he showed his sweet and easygoing personality. Now he's obviously feeling much better, and enjoying life to the fullest.

Because Pierre is so outgoing and eager to meet new people, we think he would made an excellent shop cat for a book store, antique shop, or other small retail establishment. Also, although he loves being with people during the day, he prefers sleeping in his own bed at night.

Pierre has excellent house manners and no special dietary needs, but he will need a drop of medicine in his good eye every day to make sure it stays healthy. Pierre is agreeable to that, and the medicine is not expensive. He has been neutered, microchipped, tested negative for FeLV/FIV and is up to date on vaccines. He has also recently had a complete dental exam and cleaning.

Pierre's adoption fee is \$80. To learn more about Pierre, please call us at 503-402-8692, send email to arcf@pdx-petadoption.org, or visit our website, www.pdx-petadoption.org.

# FEATURED DOG

## **Davey**

Davey's first birthday is coming up soon, and guess what he wants more than anything? Yup, you guessed it: a

new home where he gets to spend the rest of his life being adored. Davey's start in life wasn't the best, so he missed out on some of those fun things that all puppies should get to do, like meeting new people, being picked up, and going on adventures, to name a few. But Davey's foster mom says he is learning quickly how to relax and even take a snooze in her arms. He does love other dogs (and cats!), and playing with toys, but is still quite shy with strangers.

Davey is a little guy, part Chihuahua and part
Dachshund, with some other mystery ingredient
which gives him his beautiful coloring. He's a lover
and doesn't try to bite anyone, but he will run away
from scary stuff. Since young kids tend to run around making funny noises and motions, Davey would probably not

enjoy living with them.

He has shown himself to be a quick study with leash walking and potty training, and would get a big jump in confidence by taking shy dog classes with his new family.

The perfect new family for Davey will include

at least one doggy pal who will be his playmate and show him the ropes. He also wouldn't mind living with a kitty or two, and Davey really, really wants calm, patient parents who will give him the time he needs to adjust to each new thing in his life as it comes along.

All adoptable dogs from My Way Home Dog Rescue are spayed or neutered and current on vaccines. Davey's adoption fee of \$180 includes: microchip, leash, collar, blanket, food sample, and a copy of *Love Has No Age Limit: Welcoming an Adopted Dog into Your Home*, by Patricia McConnell.

If you are interested in meeting Davey, contact Cheryl at cayoshioka@aol.com or 503-974-4944.

PHOTO OF DAVEY BY LISA TESO

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# From the President's Desk

As much as we all love kittens, we really wish someone would turn off the spigot for a while. The first litter arrived in our receiving department at the end of March. As we do each spring, the first litter was given names starting with A and we work our way through the alphabet. Just yesterday we signed in the "R" litter, when our volunteer drove out to the country east of Portland to collect a momcat and her kittens that had appeared

recently at a farm on one of those country roads where so many city dwellers decide to rid themselves of unwanted cats. This farm is the home of a very kind couple in their golden years, with no interest in supporting a cat family.

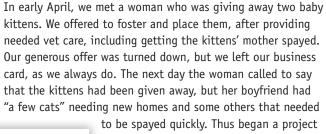
In one recent week alone, we received calls for help for a total of 13 momcats with kittens, some of them strays, some pets of people who failed to spay their cats, and some feral cats that caregivers had been

feeding but weren't able to trap. Thanks to our intrepid trappers and dedicated kitten foster homes, all these cat families are safely in our custody and every single one will be spayed or neutered before being placed in new homes.

During one of those rescue missions (to pick up the "M" litter and their mom, Mary Ann) we made a stop at the local PetSmart store for supplies. We watched a white van whip into the lot and park next to us. A man got out, carrying a plastic tote with no lid. He walked up to the door of the store, set down the box, trotted back to his van, fired it up, and shot out of sight. This happens so often, the only question in our mind was, "How many kittens in the box this time?" We were both relieved and sad to find only one

kitten; sad because we know the mom and the rest of the litter are somewhere, also needing rescue. There was a note in the box asking someone to take the kitten and care for it. We know this man was trying to help, but didn't know what resources were available.

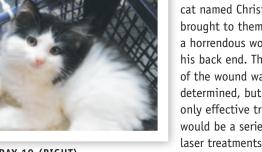
The little girl was a mess: emaciated, dehydrated, and infected with fleas, worms, and ulcers in her mouth, typical of calici virus. We named her Lainie and headed straight for the vet with her. Because the calici virus is very contagious, Lainie spent 10 days in isolation at the Cat Hospital of Portland before she was able to move to a foster home. She is doing much better now and will soon be available for adoption.



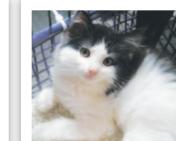
that eventually involved 13 adult cats. We collected ten in carriers, trapped three more, and took them all for immediate spay/neuter surgeries. Seven of them were pregnant females, so the population there was about to triple in a matter of weeks. We were able to find homes for six of the cats and the owner kept seven, but the kitten factory has been closed.

Our friends at Tigard Animal Hospital called

us about a very sweet cat named Christian, brought to them with a horrendous wound on his back end. The source of the wound wasn't determined, but the only effective treatment would be a series of six laser treatments over a week, after initial



MARY ANN AND BABIES



LAINIE ON DAY 1 (LEFT) AND DAY 10 (RIGHT)



**CHRISTIAN** 

surgery to start the repair process. His owner was distraught over Christian, in financial straits, and in desperate need of our help. We won't show you the "before" photos, but we'll tell you that Christian's recovery was nothing short of amazing, and he's doing very well.

There is no end to the requests for help from our community, and often ARCF is the only resource available or willing to provide assistance to those who need it. We often hear, "Of all the organizations we called,

you are the only one who offered to help." Our volunteers are tireless in their commitment to our mission, and those we help are grateful, but most of them are unable to repay us financially. ARCF receives nothing from any public or private agency; we depend entirely on our individual supporters for our funding. All of you, by your contributions, make it possible for us to carry out our mission. On behalf of all the animals who have no one else, we thank you.

Happy Summer!

— Carma Crimins **PRESIDENT** 

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Since ARCF does not currently have a dog adoption program, we are working with other local dog rescue groups who share our goals and philosophies of animal welfare and rescue.

# MY WAY HOME DOG RESCUE

FOR MORE INFORMATION: mywayhomedogrescue.org 503-974-4944

### **Ernie**

In our spring issue, we told you about Ernie, a charming senior gentleman who had been given up by his family when the kids went off to college and no one had time for him anymore. He spent many months at a private shelter, and although he

charmed everyone he met, he was never the one to be chosen by a new family. My Way Home Dog Rescue was asked to take Ernie and give him a chance to live in a foster home while he waited for his perfect family to find him.

Ernie was happy to have his own person, and a home with a couch, a yard, plenty of toys, and a cat, even though she had to teach Ernie some of the finer points

of sharing space with a feline. Ernie got lots of walks, rides in the car, and other adventures, but what he really wanted was a family with another dog to be his buddy and playmate, where he could stay forever. He and foster mom Gloria were very patient, and eventually their reward was to meet Serena and Chaco.

Because Ernie had been in foster care for so long, and knowing that Chaco wasn't that crazy about most other dogs, we took the unusual step of letting

Ernie go on some doggie sleepovers at Serena's house.

Serena recently sent us this update:

I first met Ernie at Oregon Humane Society in late 2010. As a volunteer I participated in the Kennel Buddies program and spent a lot of time in the kennels with the dogs. I immediately felt a connection with Ernie and spent a great deal of time sitting with him and just hanging out. I came in one day and saw Ernie (formerly known as Zeus) was gone and I got the happy/sad feeling you get when a dog you really enjoy at the shelter finds a home. I didn't follow

up to see where he went, I was just happy he didn't have to be in the shelter anymore.

I was looking on Petfinder.com for another dog that might cohabitate with my picky cattle dog, Chaco. I had been

> looking for about 8 years and hadn't found a match, but when I met Ernie at the shelter I thought they might get along. But when Ernie got adopted (or rather was rescued by his fabulous foster mom Gloria and the amazing folks at My Way Home Dog Rescue!) I didn't give up my search.

As I perused the ads for shelter dogs I came across a picture of a handsome

> grey-faced German Shepherd mix named Ernie. I thought he was just too cute so I took a chance and emailed the contact person. Amy from My Way Home promptly called me back and as we talked about my own dog on the phone we discovered that Ernie was the Zeus I had fallen in love with months before!

To ensure the process of introducing Ernie to my home was successful, we did a few sleepovers before he packed

his bags and moved in. It wasn't



**ERNIE AND CHACO** 

ERNIE

love at first sight for Chaco; he is picky and stubborn and they had a few squabbles initially but after a few weeks they are sleeping on the bed together every night (the bed they so generously share with me). Ernie is doing fabulous and loves to hang out in the yard while I work. Our daily walks are therapeutic for all three of us and we are all enjoying each other's company tremendously. I am very happy Ernie has come back into my life and that this adoption was a success. Thanks to everyone at My Way Home Dog Rescue!

- Serena Primm

## **SUCCESS STORIES**

## **KitKat**

KitKat was rescued with two other cats from a neglectful situation. The other two cats were adopted quickly, but KitKat had a bit of a challenging personality: she made it very clear that she wanted nothing to do with any other cats,



KITKAT AND NAOMI

including her two former roommates. That made it difficult for us to find her a foster home, since all our volunteers have cats of their own in addition to the cats they foster for us.

Eventually we did find a foster home with no other cats, with a group of college students. Although KitKat is adamantly opposed to sharing space with other felines, she does like people very much. But KitKat is one of those senior pets who are usually last to be chosen by a new family, in spite of her charming and playful personality.

After many, many months in our care, we got a message from Antonia, asking if she and her daughters could come to meet KitKat. We weren't sure about how KitKat would react to the two resident dogs, but she's a pretty self-confident girl, so we thought it might work out.

#### Antonia recently wrote us:

Oh, here comes KitKat! I hear her pads running across the hardwood floors to greet me as I awake. Since KitKat joined our household last winter, she has become our source of both entertainment and of soft affection. We have always been a two-dog, one-cat home. When my beloved 10-yearold Maggie passed away from cancer last fall, I thought perhaps we would go sans cat, as I could not imagine another cat filling her paws. But by January we had started looking to adopt, to fill our feline void.

My younger daughter found KitKat on the ARCF website. She sounded perfect for us (and feisty enough to hold her own with our curious dogs). She has not let us down!

We fell in love almost immediately with her. KitKat loves to snuggle when I study, have her belly rubbed, chase after toys, and purr loudly when held. Our dogs know who is boss (I have had to rescue our terrier once or twice as she has chased after him!) Now that she is here, I cannot imagine life without her. We love our forever kitty!

- Antonia Garland

#### Sesame

Two years ago we got a call from a disabled veteran who had lost his job and his house, and was moving out of state to live with elderly parents. He was not able to take his two 13-yearold cats with him, and in spite of many months of trying, had not been able to find a shelter or rescue to take them. We were also reluctant, since senior cats usually stay in our care for a long time, and that means a valuable foster home spot is taken up indefinitely. Also, older cats often have medical issues that make them even more difficult to place. But this gentleman and his two cats had no other options, so we agreed to take them.

Sesame did have multiple health issues that needed immediate attention. We also found that in spite of her age, she had a very spunky personality, which included getting right in the face of any cat who crossed her path in our foster home, even the



sister she had spent her whole life with! But Sesame was very, very happy to be in the company of people and adored attention.

We expected that Sesame would be with us for a very long time, so we were delighted to hear from

SESAME

Eliza Kang, who was looking for a sweet, older kitty to be her companion. Eliza's sister Sophia had adopted the fabulous Roxy and Cartman from us several years ago, so we knew that our Sesame would be going to a wonderful home.

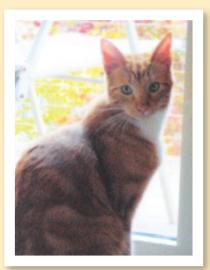
Here is an update from Eliza:

Sesame has adapted well in her new home. With her gigantic paws, gorgeous face, and long furry coat, she has become the queen of the upstairs part of the house. She prefers to live with people only, so living with two younger cats half her age was a bit of a struggle at first. But she has become tolerant, and learned to live with them under the same roof.

Sesame has been a great addition to our family and she seems to be very comfortable and happy here. She loves to talk and nudge her head on my arm all hours of the day. If she wants attention, she will reach out her paw until I pet her. She also loves to snuggle next to me while she sleeps. When she is awake, she will get into a playful mood where she likes to play with her toy and gallop across the hallway. My favorite aspect about her is that she is a respectable lady cat who is such a chatterbox. She is a very lovable and special cat with a wonderful personality.

- Eliza Kang

## SUCCESS STORIES



**CURTIS** 



CECILIA

## **Curtis and Cecilia**

Last fall, two young women were trying to take care of the stray cats in their neighborhood, but didn't have the resources to get them to a clinic for spay and neuter surgery. They tried to find homes for the kittens, but called us when they got overwhelmed. We helped them get all the adult cats spayed or neutered, and we took all the kittens into our rescue.

We've never met a kitten that wasn't adorable, but this pair was extra cute and it wasn't long before we had a list of people interested in adopting them. Kathy was the first to contact us about Curtis and Cecilia, but at her first meeting with them, Curtis had come down with a bad cold and Kathy ended up taking him for an emergency vet visit. Cecilia caught the bug too, of course, so it was another week before they were ready for visitors again. Kathy came back for a more relaxed visit, and allowed them to capture her heart.

I am so happy with my decision to adopt Curtis and Cecilia. Though they are still kittens and have a lot of energy, their foster mom, Nancy, did a great job teaching them not to scratch the furniture or jump on counters and they are great with the litter box. They get their exercise by playing chase with each other and love when I bring out the toys. Curtis even knows how to fetch a ball. Being littermates, they are very bonded so they play together during the day while I am at work and cuddle up with each other on my bed at night. With spring here, they love looking out the screen door at the birds feeding on the deck. They make me smile and laugh every day with their antics and their endless curiosity. Thanks, ARCF, for taking such good care of these kittens and bringing them into my life.

- Kathy Genochio

## Bella

Bella came to us when her senior family members became too ill to care for her. In spite of being declawed at an early age, Bella had not developed any of the unpleasant compensating behaviors that we often see in declawed cats. She had excellent house manners, a playful personality, and of course that beautiful orange and white coat, rare in a female cat. We expected she would be adopted soon, and indeed she was.



RYANN (AGE 6 YEARS) AND BELLA

But after about nine months, Bella was returned to us because of a litter box issue: she always went to the box, but sometimes didn't get 100% of the output into the box. We were pretty sure it was just a question of providing the right kind of box and litter for her tender declawed paws, but that didn't seem to be

an acceptable option in that home. Once she was back in our foster home, we gave Bella the covered litter box she wanted, and the issue was resolved.

After waiting a few months just to make sure we had solved the problem, we advertised Bella for adoption again, and soon heard from Tirzah and Gary McDowell. We didn't know how Bella would do with their young kids, Ryann and Jake, but we set up a meeting. Bella was not immediately at ease with them, but they were willing to be patient with Bella and give her a chance.

We recently received this lovely photo with a note:

Bella is doing great! We love her so much and she is very comfortable here. She has wonderful behavior, and I think she knows this is home. We love having her in our family.

— The McDowell Family

## IN MEMORIAM

Sally and Dick Church remembered their wonderful cat Admiral Jellicoe with a donation in his memory. The Admiral, also called "Jelly Bean" but mostly just known as "Bean," was adopted from ARCF in 1999. His easygoing personality charmed everyone he met, and Bean will be deeply missed by his family and friends.



Gretchen Root lost her cat Gracie after several years of health issues that were never definitively diagnosed, but finally wore her down. Gretchen adopted Gracie from ARCF about six years ago and although her personality could be described as guirky and a bit difficult, she and Gretchen shared a special bond. Gracie will also be missed by her feline sister, Lola.

Larry and Calista Berg returned from a trip to find their dear orange barn cat Ricky injured and unable to move his back legs. He had evaded injury

from horses' hooves for 13 years, but this injury was not treatable, so Ricky was helped into his next life.

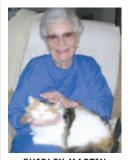
Carrie Fagerstrom has been through a rough few months with her critters. Her little rescued dog Evi succumbed to an unknown type of anemia in March, and two months later she lost her big, handsome cat Simon to a fast-growing tumor. Evi and Simon are also missed and mourned by their canine pack, Grady, Griffin, and Luna, and their feline tribe, Casper, Celeste, Billy, Milo, and Moe.





Janice LaJoie is missing her beautiful black cat Kiki, who one day in May went to a quiet corner of the house, curled up, and went to

sleep for the last time. Kiki was about 11 years old. She came to Janice seven years ago as a foster cat, captured her heart, and never left.



SHIRLEY MARTIN AND MAGGIE

ARCF lost one of our long-time rescue cats, a sweet old calico named Maggie. We rescued Maggie six years ago when trapping a feral colony in Portland. Maggie was very friendly, and we were told that a neighbor had moved away and left her. We found that she had a microchip, which revealed that Maggie was 10 years old and had been adopted from a private shelter several years earlier. Her previous owners did not respond to any of our attempts to contact them, so we took her in. Before long we introduced Maggie to Shirley Martin, and that was a true love match. As

ladies "of a certain age," they both had health issues, but they kept each other going until Shirley passed away in 2011. Maggie came back to our foster home and stayed there until her little body finally wore out.

We recently received the following message:

A little over sixteen years ago, Mark and I were introduced to three-year-old Kramer and his five-yearold half brother, Newman. We met them at Animal Rescue & Care Fund, where they had been luckily given up by their previous owners who seemed to think that locking your cats in a tiny windowless room for a year was acceptable behavior.

That day Mark and I made the choice to bring the two home with us. Before that day, I was not a cat person. Never had one. Grew up with dogs. Cats were

aloof. They didn't have "feelings" like a dog. I was allergic to them. Boy, was I wrong. Kramer and Newman (names given by their previous owners, but they really fit) were indoor-only cats and predominately Devon



**KRAMER** 

Rex, a breed that has no undercoat. No undercoat meant no dander. No dander, no allergies.

The first few days were tough. We thought about returning them on several occasions. They were scared of us. Mark had had cats, I had not. This was how I thought cats behaved. The first few days, I washed my hands after touching them before I went to bed. Weeks later they were sleeping with us. Newman passed away years ago, but he had a great life. He loved Mark a bit more and spent most of his time lying on Mark's lap actually watching TV with him. Kramer got me by default. He was nestled into my right arm every night for the next six years or so, until Mark became available.

He also loved to clean his fur sitting next to me on the bathroom counter while I brushed my teeth and washed my face, every night. To those of you out there who've had indoor pets, most of you understand; for those of you who haven't, you're missing out. Kramer was my pal. Seeing him at the front door every night or just touching his incredibly soft fur or equally soft moleskin-like belly always put a smile on my face—except for yesterday. I'm glad he went quickly and peacefully and that I was there.

The Three Amigos are no more, but Kramer will never be forgotten. If anyone in the Portland area is interested in adopting a cat, please check out ARCF. If you have an allergy to cats, I can't recommend Devons highly enough. They are talkers, but what great personalities they have.

Kramer buddy, I hope you are out of any kind of discomfort and thank you so much for all of the incredible good times over the past sixteen years. Rest in peace.

- Sean Rumpel

## Clementine (formerly Leonora)

We found Clementine when her owner was trying to sell her as a barn cat, and threatening to have her killed if she wasn't purchased immediately. Deaf, long-haired, white cats don't survive long outdoors, and our volunteer was able to negotiate the price down to zero and close the deal very quickly.

Clementine's first stop was the Cat Hospital of Portland. She got an exam, a

bath, and a very good meal. She purred and rolled on her back for belly rubs, and demonstrated her ability to vocalize at great volume!

At our foster home, Clementine was at first baffled by toys, furniture, and cushy kitty beds, but she quickly learned to enjoy them in true diva

style. As she learned the joys of indoor life, we learned some helpful techniques in dealing with deaf cats, such as thumping on the floor or wall before touching her when she's asleep, so she's not always startled awake.

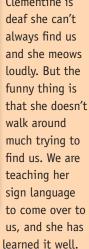
We took Clementine to one of our outreach events at Furever Pets, the pet supply store where we can be found every second Saturday of the month. We don't do adoptions on site at these events, but we always take a "greeter" cat to help tell our story to potential adopters and donors who stop to chat with us. On this particular Saturday, Jennifer and her son Max came in to the store, even though they didn't currently have a cat and weren't looking for one.

Max's birthday was coming up, and it turned out that he was going to get a very special present. He sent us this note:

We first saw Clementine when we were going into Furever Pets store, and it was love at first sight for my mom; "Those blue eyes!" she said.

The first night that she was with us she slept under the bed and yowled every few hours, but we knew she was just

> getting used to us. Because Clementine is deaf she can't always find us and she meows loudly. But the funny thing is that she doesn't walk around much trying to find us. We are teaching her sign language to come over to us, and she has



Clementine is VERY sweet, but she can be feisty. For example, every time my mom tries to clip her nails she hisses at her.

MAX AND CLEMENTINE

I love to run around the house dragging a toy mouse and Clementine chases me. When she catches the mouse she walks the other way and acts like she is walking me on a leash.

Clementine has fit perfectly into our household, and we love her a lot! We cannot believe what a great organization Animal Rescue & Care Fund is. They not only provided us a happy, healthy cat, but also food, a litter box, cat litter, toys, brushes, nail clippers (good luck!), and tons of information. Thank you!

— Max, age 10 years

## **ANIMAL PLACEMENTS**

March-April-May:

We placed 10 cats in loving, responsible homes. Major expenses were:

Veterinary Fees: \$12,490.21\* Advertising/Outreach: \$31.98 Food, Special Meds: \$1,315.42\*\* Newsletter: \$1,389.00

- \* These expenses include veterinary care for the pets of Portland's homeless. We also had expenses for injured and sick pets and emergency vet visits.
- \*\* Most volunteers pay for food and litter for the animals they care for as their contribution to the cause.

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## THINGS WE LIKE

## **Custom Pet Dishes**

Our regular readers know by now that we love to shop online at Etsy for unique and useful handmade items for ourselves and our critters. Our current favorite shop is Sunshine Ceramics, owned by an artist who lives on a farm near a town called 100 Mile House (love that name!) in British Columbia. Each piece is custom made, so you can choose the size, design, and colors, in addition to personalizing it with the name of your pet. This artist also makes tree ornaments, garden markers, and horseshoe hooks, all of which can be personalized with any name or text you choose. Prices start at \$20 for the pet dishes; \$8 for ornaments; \$18 for the horseshoe hooks. To see the complete selection, go to www.etsy.com/shop/sunshineceramics.



## **Blue Naturally** Fresh Walnut-**Based Cat Litter**

The search for the perfect cat litter never ends. We've tried clay, pine, paper, corn, wheat, clumping, non-clumping, unscented, and scented with a selection of perfumes, each more odious-smelling than the

last. The perfect litter is lightweight, nontracking, not too expensive, and free of as many unnatural substances as possible. Most important: Muffin has to be willing to step in it long enough to do her business, bury it, and step out again. Our current favorite is Blue Naturally Fresh, which

> is made of walnut shells. It's dust-free, fragrance-free, and low-tracking. We find it clumps quickly and controls odors very well. A non-clumping formula is also available. The price is higher than most litters, but it's cleaner and lasts longer, so we think it's worth it. Available at most pet supply stores.





## **Dog and Cat Portraits**

Who could resist these colorful pet portraits, by Brooklyn, NY-based artist Dean Russo? He's created portraits of many dog breeds, some cats, and at least one horse. Many of his pieces include messages in support of rescue, and pit bulls in particular. Prints of his original artwork are available starting at \$20, and he also takes commissions. To see his collection and place orders, visit www.deanrussoart.com.

#### **Donated Clunkers**

ARCF can accept donations of unwanted cars, boats, and RVs, and provide a tax deduction in return. We'll arrange for the vehicle to be towed, take care of all the paperwork, and send you a receipt after the vehicle is sold at auction. Call us at 503-402-8692 or email arcf@pdx-petadoption.org.

# YES! I want to help

Animal Rescue & Care Fund, Inc., depends entirely on your donations. Our work includes rescue, medical aid, food and shelter, humane education, neutering/spaying, and more. All workers are volunteers. Your contribution goes directly to help the animals. All contributions are tax-deductible.

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