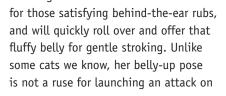
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## **FEATURED CAT**

## Camellia

Our beautiful Camellia is the kind of cat who always wants to be close to her people, and Camellia's deepest desire is to find a home where there's always a lap to welcome her. She is eager to make friends with everyone who might offer a hand



the unsuspecting owner of the innocent hand! In fact, she's more likely to nuzzle

up and give a lick on the nose than take a swat at anything.

Although she looks like a princess, Camellia can be a tomboy, too; she loves chasing the mouse-on-awire, Cat Dancer toy, Da Bird, and anything else that flies through the air. When playtime is over, she'll find a lap and curl up with a contented purr, which gets

even louder if her favorite comb comes out for a grooming session. Although her fur is thick and lush, it is silky soft, doesn't mat, and she sheds very little. A light combing every day is more than enough to keep her looking her very best.

Camellia has lived with children, cats, and dogs, and her preference seems to be a quiet household of adults or older children, with a mellow male cat for a friend. She could also be content as an only cat, but she really does need time and attention from her people every day.

Camellia was born in the spring of 2011. She has been spayed, microchipped, tested negative for FeLV/FIV, and is up to date on her vaccines.

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

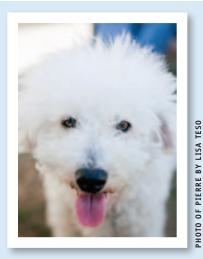


Take a look at that irresistible face, and let us tell you about the angels who have been looking out for Pierre. Maybe you would like to be Pierre's guardian angel and share your home with him forever. If you're looking for a friend who doesn't ask for long walks or bike rides, won't trash your house, jump the fence, or chase the cats, Pierre could be your guy.

Our first knowledge of Pierre is from a high-kill shelter in Los Angeles, where he

was received as a stray. Many rescue groups monitor the animals going into this shelter, because the intake numbers are overwhelming and adoptions are limited. That means far too many animals are euthanized after a very short time, and often for very minor reasons.

Pierre's first angel at the shelter estimated his age at 5 years old, and in spite of some itchy spots and a wobbly leg, took him to an outreach adoption event. There another angel,



Debbie, noticed his sweet and easygoing personality, and took the time to play with Pierre and even gave him a bath. He was not adopted at the event, so he was loaded up for the ride back to the shelter. Debbie knew that with his medical issues, Pierre would not be adopted. She happens to be a volunteer with the Jason Debus Heigl Foundation, whose mission includes supporting non-profit animal rescue organizations in their efforts to save shelter animals. Debbie arranged for the foundation to sponsor Pierre, with a commitment from My Way Home Dog

Rescue to foster and place him in a forever home.

The next angel was Menna, who took Pierre from the shelter to a nearby vet where he got a brief exam, a couple of injections to make him feel better, and a place to stay until it was time to catch a ride to Oregon. Another angel (we suspect it was Menna) picked up the bill there.

At the last minute, Pierre needed a ride to meet the transport, and this time his angel was Victoria, who got in her car on

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# From the President's Desk

Kids are back in school, and all those berries and tomatoes at the farmer's market have been replaced by pumpkins and corn stalks. We're also looking forward to the end of the kitten crop for this year, although we still have a good supply. Once again, our kitten foster homes have done an amazing job of running kitten "boot

camp:" feeding, medicating, socializing, cleaning, and then much more of the same, every day.

One of our volunteers noticed a kitten at his feral colony feeding station, with a painful looking wound on her head. Shortly he had the kitten trapped and taken to the vet where she was examined and spayed. Lola was estimated to be 12 weeks old, and showed the captivating personality typical of tuxedo cats. In our foster home for her recovery, we noticed that Lola didn't seem to see very well. She swatted at things that weren't there,

walked right through her food dish, and wouldn't jump up or down without first touching the launching and landing pads. Her eyes looked normal, but another visit to the vet confirmed that Lola is visually impaired, but it doesn't bother her one bit! Once she has mapped out her environment, she navigates very well by sound and feel, and she is very happy in the company of other cats, once she

gets to know them. Lola's future family is going to be very, very lucky to have her in their home.

In early June we heard from a woman who was surprised to find a mother cat and six kittens living under her home. This type of call is the most common we receive from March through October. In this case, the home was in a development where no outdoor pets are allowed and the woman had

not been feeding the cat. Our volunteers trapped the little family, who became the "S" litter. We quickly discovered that momcat Stella was very friendly, and had obviously been someone's pet. We made every effort to find her family, but without an ID tag



KITTENS TRAPPED!

or a microchip, there's a very low return rate for stray cats. After all the required veterinary work was done (including microchips), Stella and her kittens were placed in permanent, responsible homes.

Another recent call came from a young family with two adult dogs, parents of a recent "unplanned" litter of six puppies. The family wanted financial help getting the adult dogs spayed and neutered. Both of the dogs were pit bull mixed breeds, and unfortunately, the puppies had already all been given away. We immediately made arrangements to get the adult dogs altered, and had a talk with

the family about the staggering numbers of homeless pit bulls, which often include any dog that vaguely resembles a pit bull. We are sorry the puppies were already scattered into the community without proper socializing and before being altered, but at least there won't be another unwanted litter there.



LOLA

Our support of Portland Animal Welfare (PAW) Team usually includes 4 to 6 surgeries every month for pets of Portland's homeless and very low-income citizens. These are typically dental extractions, removal of masses, and other procedures which can't be done at PAW Team clinics, but which go a long way toward improving quality of life for the animals. Several local vet clinics are willing to provide services at a discount for PAW Team clients. The vets and technicians who treat them tell us that these animals are always easy to handle because they are well-socialized from

being around new people, sights, and sounds every day. Allowing these well-loved pets to stay with their owners, even through hard times and homelessness, keeps them from entering the alreadyoverloaded shelter system.

Several times in the last few months, I've talked to supporters who say they read our newsletter and believe in our mission, and then add, "I

> wish I could help, but I can't donate enough to make a difference." Please believe that every donation to ARCF is needed, appreciated, and will be put to good use, no matter the size! Some of our friends put a dollar or two in our donation jar, some send \$20 a month, some give \$100 a year, some supporters donate an unwanted vehicle, and some even remember us in their estate planning. Regardless of the amount, every dollar goes toward the care of

> > animals in need, and often ARCF is the only organization willing to step in and offer assistance.

Our most pressing need now is for foster families for adult cats. There are many cats needing help, but we're severely limited by our capacity



STELLA AND KITTENS. SAFE AND SOUND

to foster. Currently we have just five foster homes for cats, and we would love to have twice that many. ARCF provides vet care, adoption screening and placement, and plenty of support for our foster families. If you'd like to know more about fostering for us, please call, email, or fill out the application on our website.

Happy Fall!

— Carma Crimins **PRESIDENT** 

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

### Davey

Our regular readers will remember adorable little Davey from our summer issue. Nobody knows his story before he came to My Way Home, but we did know that he was a very shy little guy who would need a special family to understand and be patient with him as he learned about the good stuff in life. We were prepared for a long wait for his perfect family to find him.

But the stars must have been aligned, because Frank and Debbie Saniti contacted us to find out more about Davey. We knew that Davey loves cats, and there happened to be a few of them in the Saniti family, so we set up a meeting. Davey was scared, as we knew he would be, but Frank and Debbie felt they were up to the challenge of helping him adjust to life in a normal, happy home. We recently got an update from Frank:

Over the years we have taken in many special needs animals from greyhounds to

cats. I think that all of them came around in less than three months to be very happy animals with very long lives. In fact one of our cats lived to be 25 years old!



DAVEY & HIS BEST FRIEND, COLUMBUS THE CAT



DAVEY, WITH DEBBIE AND FRANK

Davey was a very special needs dog. We have never given up on an animal before, but we sure thought about it with Davey. He just did not want anything to do with us, and did not seem to make any progress in almost three months. It was very heartbreaking. We wanted so badly to help him be happy and normal, but nothing seemed to be changing.

But wait, there's more! In the last three weeks he has adapted to us, our home, and most of all has bonded with our cats. What a happy dog he is right now! He is playing with our cats, he plays with Debbie in the yard, chases her and nips at her feet, and then when he comes in the house he expects his cookie right away. He is not 100% comfortable with us yet, but we think he will be very soon now.

Davey loves to ride in the car, and even though he is still a little shy, he loves being around lots of people, he is very calm around them. We love him very much, and

we think he kinda likes us too. Davey has a home for life, and will be well taken care of, in fact he will be very spoiled.

— Frank & Debbie Saniti

### FEATURED DOG: Pierre CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

short notice and made sure Pierre didn't miss the bus! Then another angel took over, and made sure Pierre made it safely to Oregon and My Way Home Dog Rescue.

A more thorough exam revealed that Pierre is actually about 10 years old, completely deaf, and partially blind. He's got a bit of a hitch in his rear end, there are a couple of little growths that need to be snipped off, and he needs some dental work done. These things will be taken care of soon, and then Pierre will be ready for the next big step and the happily-ever-after part of his story!

Pierre is a very genial companion, content to spend a lot of time relaxing with his people. Pierre's sense of smell is excellent, so even though he can't hear you calling, he can sniff out a treat in a heartbeat, and is very food-motivated. His angel family will have a quiet home with a stable environment (no uprooting or rearranging the furniture every week!). Pierre isn't fond of stairs, and would prefer more mature companions, of both the two-legged and four-legged variety.

All adoptable dogs from My Way Home Dog Rescue are spayed or neutered, and current on vaccines. Pierre's adoption fee of \$120 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 Pierre, contact Cheryl at cayoshioka@aol.com or 503-974-4944.

### **Pearl**

Pearl's story starts several years ago, when his former owner (yes, Pearl is a boy) asked us for help trapping and fixing the stray cats she was feeding outside her apartment. Carol had good intentions, but feeding without fixing had allowed her colony to grow to the point of taxing her budget to keep them fed, and causing problems in the neighborhood. When Carol was able, she would grab one of the feral kittens, bring it inside and tame it enough to be her house pet.

Last fall, Carol called us again for help. We trapped and neutered nine cats, and were very fortunate to find a new home where all nine were welcomed to live as barn cats. That left six

cats living indoors only, to the great relief of the neighbors.

This spring, we received a call from our local shelter, reporting that Carol had died unexpectedly in her apartment, and five cats had been captured and taken to the shelter by animal control officers. We knew there was one more cat there, so our volunteer went to Carol's home and found that cat on the porch, crying to be let in. Obviously, he had

escaped during the hubbub of emergency personnel going in and out of the apartment, and no one realized there was one cat missing. We took him to the shelter to be reunited with the rest of his feline family.

In such cases, the shelter is required to hold and care for the animals, until family members of the deceased can be contacted to come retrieve them. In this case, no members of Carol's family were interested in taking her cats; in fact, not one of them even returned a call to the shelter. Eventually, the executor of the estate contacted the shelter and released all claim to the cats, so they became the property of the shelter. Fortunately, five of the cats were adjusting well to the shelter environment, and could be placed for adoption from there. But Pearl was not doing well; in fact, he was becoming aggressive and was considered too difficult to handle by the staff, so we were contacted again, to see if we could find some alternative placement for Pearl.

Our volunteer brought him home and found that Pearl was very stressed and only wanted to hide and hiss at everybody and everything. But within a few days, it became obvious that he was just afraid, and once he was touched and stroked, he immediately rolled over and began purring. He became so

loving and social, we put him in charge of the kittens in our foster home and Uncle Pearl became everybody's favorite. We knew he deserved only the very best forever family we could find for him.

Then came sad news: our friend Jim Sutherland had lost his dear cat Frankie, and his surviving cat Macaroni was lonesome and singing the blues, literally. Although he now lives in Bellingham, Washington, Jim asked us to find a new friend for Macaroni. We invited Jim to come and meet Pearl. It went very well. The only question was how would Macaroni and Pearl feel about living together? Here is the report from Jim:

MACARONI (LEFT) AND PEARL

As you know, Pearl made the 250 mile trip to Bellingham with no problems, riding along quietly in his carrier. Once we got here, I kept him separated from Macaroni by a screen for a day or so, but fed them at the same time on either side of the screen. When I was pretty sure there wouldn't be problems, I removed the screen. Mac hissed at Pearl exactly once. Pearl looked at him as if to say, "What is your problem?" He stepped

around Mac and began to check out his new home. Mac followed Pearl around for a bit, and then plopped down in the middle of the floor, content to watch Pearl from that vantage point.

For the next few days, they seemed to purposely ignore each other, but after a week or so, I caught them playing and chasing each other around the house. This is a good thing because Mac could use the exercise. Pearl is one of the most laid-back cats I have ever seen. Nothing seems to bother him. And he taught Mac a few new tricks, like hopping up on counters and tables that Mac never noticed before Pearl's arrival. I haven't seen them curled up sleeping together (yet), but I do notice they nap within a few feet of each other. Pearl has found a few hidden places for uninterrupted naps.

It hasn't been quite a month since Pearl moved in but it seems like a lot longer. Mac immediately stopped his crying and neediness as soon as Pearl arrived. We are very happy that he likes his new home and his new family.

— Jim Sutherland and Macaroni

## **SUCCESS STORIES**

### Wally & Sammy (formerly Wally & Waffle)

One day in June, we got a call from our friends at the Cat Hospital of Portland, asking if we had room to take in two more kittens. It was only June, and we were already up to the "V" litter, but we somehow found a little more room for these two. They had been found by a passerby in a grocery bag near some food carts a couple of blocks from the hospital. As you can see in the photo, they were in need of immediate medical attention.

Once the fleas were wiped out and antibiotics started, they bounced back quickly. Wally was definitely the captain of the team, but Sammy was never far behind, and both of them were very interested in getting



WALLY (LEFT) AND SAMMY ON RESCUE DAY

lots of love and attention. They were a great team as our "spokeskittens" at several outreach events.

We knew they wouldn't be with us for long, and soon we heard from Kathy and Rick, who were looking for a bonded pair of kittens to fill the hole left in their home and their hearts when their last cat passed away.



WALLY AND SAMMY, THREE WEEKS LATER

Wally and Sammy are curious and active—such great kittens! They have really grown. As of a couple of days ago they have decided to be a little more independent and decided to go upstairs on their own to play (and nap, of course).

We hear the pitter-patter of kitty feet from downstairs. Wally is still the more adventuresome of the two. Sammy seems just to be a little more nervous but he watches Wally and tries to do what he does. Breakfast is at 6:30 am; their idea! But we are early risers so that works out ok.

Kathy and Rick Harvey



### **Lily** (formerly Chloe)

Lily and her mother Ellie were rescued by our volunteer who came upon them living in the shrubs outside a building near her work. Ellie was friendly enough to let strangers pet her, but she was protective of her kitten, and Lily stayed safely out of reach. We captured both and got them spayed, and our volunteer took them home to begin socializing and training in house manners.

Both Ellie and Lily learned good habits quickly, and made friends with all the members of the household, including human, canine, and feline. Lily remained a bit shy with strangers and some who came to meet her didn't get a chance to see her affectionate and playful side.

But then we heard from Katherine and Jim, who were looking for a playmate for their 6-year-old cat Sprite. They understood that Lily might take a while to get comfortable and confident in their home, and for Sprite to adjust to her new sister, but they were willing to be patient. There were some stressful moments at first, but they stuck with it and worked through the problems. Katherine sent us this message:

I've been meaning to email you and, since everything is going so well, it's taken me much longer!

I'm so happy (and relieved) to let you know that Little Miss Lily is a full-fledged member of our family and even Sprite seems ok with this (and perhaps even happy? It's hard to tell!). It is so wonderful and so fun to have her just being around the house, wherever she feels like being. Right now this is sound asleep in what has become her chair in the living room. She runs around the house having kitty freakouts, which we love, and sleeps on the bed with us. Sprite has occasionally joined her on top of my legs and I've even witnessed one kitty kiss.

I'm holding out for the two of them grooming and snuggling together, but that may need to wait for Lily to mature a little more. Until then, it's just nice that there are no more hisses and growls. The chases seem to be (mostly) for fun.

Thank you again.

— Katherine and Jim Still

### IN MEMORIAM

### **Evelyn** (formerly Chopper)



Evelyn's story has a familiar beginning: we get a phone call from someone who is surprised to find the stray cat they have been feeding suddenly shows up for breakfast one spring day with kittens in tow.

#### **BRENDAN & EVIE**

In this case, the homeowner had been feeding two cats, and indeed there were two litters, one of which included Evelyn and her four siblings. We took them all in, brought them back to good health, and then Evelyn was lucky enough to meet Caitlin and Brendan. We recently received this update:

We adopted Evelyn in Fall 2010. Soon she, her sister Nora, and their mother were whisked away to Lincoln, Nebraska, traveling by car over the high desert of Eastern Oregon, the craggy red rocks of Utah, the Badlands of Wyoming, and the prairies of Western Nebraska. Evie navigated the whole way, in order to be reunited with her feline brother Shag and their dad, Brendan.

Evie loved Nebraska, but soon our family was uprooted again, for the sake of Mom's Master's degree. Evie, Nora, and Shaq rode safely in their carriers in the back of a U-Haul truck, blasting through bad storms on I-70 to relocate to the historic city of St. Louis. Evelyn did not navigate during this journey, but did offer some back seat driving tips.

Evelyn is a very happy kitty, always concerned about the safety and wellbeing of others. When not sleeping in her favorite spot atop the filing cabinet, she can be found playing with her many toys, often putting one in her food bowl (to mark the food "saved for later"). She does not like a closed door, and will wait nearby until someone opens it so she can be assured that no monsters or fire hazards hide beyond. Evelyn gets along fine with Nora, a long-haired calico, but her best friend is Shaq, a buff-colored, long-haired tabby. Evie loves to rough-house with him, and cries ceaselessly by the door when Shaq helps his parents do laundry in the basement.

Evie likes St. Louis, though she finds it is too hot, and is concerned that Shaq spends too much time doing laundry.

- Caitlin & Brendan Donald

We received word from Jim Sutherland in Bellingham, WA that Frankie, his gentle Siamese cat, passed away on July 11 after an 8 month battle with lymphoma. Frankie's passing was in Jim's arms at home, with his feline brother, Macaroni, nearby.



FRANKIE & MAC

"I was fortunate to have shared 10

years with Frankie. He was there with me in the difficult times. He shared in the joy of the good times. I miss so much about Frankie already, like his presence on the foot of the bed every night, his patient demeanor and his beautiful blue eyes. His ashes will soon join those of Andy, Nacho, Grady, Truman, and Moses under a special tree on Sqaulicum Mountain here in Bellingham."



Ruth and Matt Page lost their dog Steve, who was almost 15 years old when he died suddenly in his own bed at home. He was adopted in Texas as a pup, and although his genetic background wasn't clear, Steve grew up with Beagles and considered himself one of them. He may have been a cat in a prior

life, as all cats adored him instantly. His favorite thing in life was going for walks, regardless of the weather. Steve is missed by all his feline siblings, and especially by Daisy, his Beagle sister.

Lois Copenhagen is missing her beloved beagle, Maggie, the sweetest dog ever. Lois' sister Sharon Buhlinger let us know of her loss with a donation in Maggie's memory.

Jan Lewis was heartbroken at the loss of her adored cat. Luke. He was adopted at 3 months old, and was Jan's constant companion for the next 18 years.

Beth Baltz lost her precious cat Emily at the age of 19 years. She was remembered with a donation from her friend Shayne Gustafson. Emily was adopted from ARCF as a kitten, and in addition to Beth, Emily is missed by her feline brother, Charley.

Cheryl Yoshioka's family said a sad goodbye to their granddog Blueberry, her daughter Leah's "special one." Blueberry had a long life, well-lived and full of love, and she left many broken hearts behind.



**BLUEBERRY** 

Kate Davenport lost Porch Cat to an unexpected seizure. He just walked in one day and made himself at home, and left as quickly. A loving heart and a free spirit always, PC will be greatly missed by his many friends, human and feline alike.

Isabel McDonald remembered Red, the beloved cat of Phyllis Thorne, with a note and donation. Phyllis cared for Red through many troubles, including his last, lengthy illness.

On one sad and shocking day in September, Jackie Fischer lost both her cats. George had suffered from cancer for several years, and his departure was planned and peaceful. Later that day, B.G. suddenly took ill and died that night in the hospital.



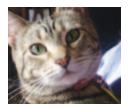
**GEORGE** 



Carrie Fagerstrom lost her ancient and revered cat Moe, almost exactly one year after he was rescued. Although he had multiple health issues, he never complained. Moe's heaven includes unlimited cuddling and a buffet of sardines at every meal.

Isadora Cascante was devastated by the sudden passing of her best cat, Felicia,

to complications of the feline leukemia virus. Felicia was only 8 years old. Her beautiful face and trusting heart are deeply missed by her human, feline, and canine family members.



**FELICIA** 



FROSTY

On the same day Moe and Felicia left the planet, Lorri Elkington lost her beautiful Welsh mare Frosty to a severe allergic reaction, possibly to yellow jacket stings. In addition to her two-legged family, Frosty left behind her 2-month-old foal, named Annie Oakley. Annie misses her mother, but is growing up strong and healthy with the loving care of her family.

All of us at ARCF were heartbroken to learn from Josee Peterson that her precious Raisin had become so ill from her auto-immune disorder that the kindest resolution was to relieve her suffering. We rescued Raisin in March 2010. She had been living with a feral colony and had such a horrible cold that it took many weeks for her to recover enough to undergo spay surgery. A short time later we rescued Rumple, and the two of them became inseparable companions.



Several times in the last year Raisin suffered major medical setbacks, but she was a fighter and always rallied in response to her treatments, until the last crisis in September. Raisin will be deeply missed by Josee and Pete, her best mate Rumple, and her loyal fans at ARCF.



MEREDITH & PIERRE

Meredith Meier adopted the handsome tuxedo cat Pierre from us in 2007. We were very saddened to receive this message from Meredith recently:

"Pierre passed away on Friday, August 17, and I will miss him more than anyone could ever explain. He was loved and cherished by everyone who met him. Thank you for giving me the chance to have Pierre in my life. I am better for having had him."

#### ANIMAL PLACEMENTS

June-July-August 2012: We placed 7 cats in loving, responsible homes. Major expenses were:

Veterinary Fees: \$12,498.26\* Advertising/Outreach: \$49.97 Food, Special Meds: \$1576.07\*\* 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

## **Better Buddies** Food Mats

These clever and useful food mats, called Bone Appetit, are upcycled from discarded yoga mats. After a sanitation process, the mats are cut to perfect size and shape for doggie placemats.



Because the original yoga mats come in a variety of colors and patterns, each Bone Appetit mat will be one of a kind. They can be wiped clean, and are dishwasher safe. Even better, this company donates 10% of profits to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. Mats are 23" by 17", about \$20 each. www.betterbuddies.com.

### **Beastie Bands**

Beastie Bands are collars specially designed for cats, made of the same soft, stretchy neoprene used to make wet suits for surfers and divers. They're not stiff or itchy, they don't snag, and because of the Velcro closure, your kitty will never be endangered by a collar getting caught on something. Each collar has an eyelet for attaching an ID tag and can be trimmed to size. With over 90 patterns and colors to choose from, you can find the perfect match to accessorize your cat's personality. Available



for about \$7 each at local retailers, including Furever Pets, Portland Pet Supply and Happy Tails Pet Center.

### **Binky Catnip Toys**

Once again, we've been scouting Etsy, the wonderful online marketplace of handmade and vintage goods, for items we can't seem to stop buying for our spoiled critters. This time we found a shop full of goodies for our cats and ourselves. Binky Catnip toys

are pillows made of interesting, fun, and unusual



fabrics, stuffed with organic catnip. Magnets and mirrors are made using old photos of cats, cowgirls, bathing beauties, and more. This seller also donates a portion of sales to non-profit cat rescue organizations. Toys and mirrors from \$4. See more at www.etsy/shop/ohsa.

### Our Boss

She usually doesn't care for recognition of any kind, but we'd like to introduce our readers to Tinker, office manager here at ARCF World HQ.



## YES! I want to help

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