



# POPPA, Inc.

Pet Over-Population Prevention Advocates, Inc.

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## REORGANIZATION SAVES RECYCLED GARDENS

Due in large part to the public outcry that resulted when POPPA's Board of Directors announced early in July that Recycled Gardens would be closing forever, a reorganization has been negotiated and our charity nursery will now stay open for at least another year and likely through the remaining four years of it's initial business plan... if not even longer!

Staying the course would not be possible without the continuing support of RG's generous landlady, Dr. Gregory, who has always donated the use of the property, well water, plus a bit of electricity, and who now has also agreed to donate half of an annual salary to hire a new director, Kelly U., whose fresh enthusiasm and energy are expected to not only reinvigorate veteran volunteers but also recruit the help of many new ones.

**So, bring on the plants!** The first half of 2007 turned out to be a banner year for RG and we now have fewer plants in stock than ever before. This means plant donations are actively being encouraged--no need to pot them up at home though, just dig them out and cart them over to the nursery where we have a huge pile of potting soil and loads of pots to divide them into.

Speaking of dividing and potting plants... **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS**, as the primary thing we are always lacking at RG is helping hands, so please consider joining us. You'll really learn a lot, FAST. And, for every three hours you volunteer you get to take home a one-gallon plant--FREE!

For more info, or to find out how to volunteer at Recycled Gardens, please stop by the nursery during regular business hours, Thursday-Sunday, 10-5, call us at 503-626-4070 ext 3, or write to us online via the website at [www.POPPAinc.org](http://www.POPPAinc.org).

## SPREAD THE SPAY/NEUTER MESSAGE

Chalk it up to Global Warming if you will, but whatever is causing us to have more temperate weather patterns in the Pacific Northwest is also playing havok with the reproductive cycles of companion animals, especially cats. Some folks have even witnessed cats putting forth three litters this year when normally they only manage two before the cold shuts down their urge to procreate. In a perfect world the weather wouldn't matter one way or the other, because ALL companion animals would have a home of their own and be fixed, aka: sterilized, so their biggest desire would be finding a nice sunny spot to catch some rays instead of worrying about where their next meal was coming from, keeping their kittens safe from predators, and/or how to get some relief from fleas, ear mites, and other parasites that thrive in warm climates.

Pet over-population is reaching epic proportions in spite of being a preventable problem. Ignorance breeds neglect and we as a society have allowed ourselves to turn a blind eye to this issue simply because we don't want to believe cute little kittens and puppies are a bad thing. But they are, because there aren't enough homes for all of them--every year, Oregon shelters end the lives of tens of thousands of "surplus" animals. ANYONE who allows their pet to breed is contributing to this problem. This includes breeders of pure-bred animals because the shelters are full of these beautiful pets, as are the foster homes for all of the breed specific rescue organizations.

It is time, past time, for EVERYONE to jump on the spay/neuter bandwagon. Spread the word in your neighborhood today... tell any and all caregivers of intact pets you know that there are many low-cost sterilization programs available statewide.

All they have to do is look online at <http://www.POPPAinc.org/spayneuter.asp>

**Please, don't breed or buy while shelter pets die!**

## 100% OF ALL DONATIONS TO POPPA FUND OUR SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM

### POPPA financials for 2006

<b>Donations/Grants/Other</b>	<b>\$ 28,737</b>
Recycled Gardens	
Net Proceeds	43,318
<b>SN Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 55,931</b>
(#of animals fixed)	1,826

A quick glance at the numbers in the box above shows just how important private donations are to POPPA as it makes it easy to see we could never fund all of the spay/neuter requests we receive with the proceeds from Recycled Gardens alone. It also proves that every dime people donate to POPPA is spent on our spay/neuter program. RG covers ALL operating expenses and still pulls in money POPPA can tap for spay/neuter, which equates to the more donations we receive, the more animals we can fix.

POPPA, Inc. gave away over \$50K in 2006 and this year the requests from folks asking for help with spay/neuter surgery fees is at an all time record high. Some of those callers are receiving public assistance and can be referred to other organizations for financial aid, but we've been sending out approximately \$5,000 a month, so if you've been thinking about making a generous donation to POPPA, now would be the perfect time to do so. Remember, at Recycled Gardens, POPPA's fundraising division, we pay no salaries we haven't gotten designated donations to cover, and keep our overhead to a minimum (liability insurance, port-o-potty, voice mail system, cell phone, mailbox, bulk rate postage, gasoline, kerosene, bottled beverages for the volunteers, and trash). In fact, we still don't have electricity in the barn, a graveled parking lot, or a finished greenhouse, because we prefer to spend our money on spay/neuter surgeries. That's what it's all about anyway, helping the animals. Actually, we're pretty proud of what we have accomplished at Recycled Gardens with donated materials and very little money. So please, help us continue to reduce the animal over-population problem during the winter months, when plant sales are almost nil, by sending in whatever donation you can. Just \$30.00 fixes a male cat, so it makes a difference.

POPPA doesn't ask for donations unless we really, really need help. As little as \$30 to \$50 of POPPA funds completely pays for one surgery. Checks can be sent to: POPPA, Inc. PO Box 5721, Beaverton, OR, 97006. Secure donations can also be made online at [www.POPPAinc.org](http://www.POPPAinc.org)

And, remember, POPPA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. All donations are tax deductible as allowable by law.



We're looking for homes... call 503-757-7502 for more info.

### POPPA SPAY/NEUTER TALLY

**As of August 30, 2007, POPPA, Inc. is directly responsible for the spay/neuter of 13,156 companion animals--10,925 cats, 2,172 dogs, and 58 rabbits or other small pets!**

**Please, if you know someone who "owns" an unaltered pet, refer them to us for help with paying for the surgery that saves lives by reducing animal homelessness and abuse. POPPA, Inc. will pay up to \$50 towards the spay/neuter of cats, dogs and rabbits and we can direct folks in need to lots of veterinarians who will do the surgery for even less.**

# Recycled Gardens

6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road, Hillsboro 503-626-4070 ext 3 or online at [www.RecycledGardens.org](http://www.RecycledGardens.org)

## REWARD

The first half of 2007 was a banner sales year for Recycled Gardens' and nursery stock is now at the lowest level in our history, so we're offering a reward to gardeners everywhere who are willing to donate plants from their personal gardens. It works like this... during the three months of October, November and December, for every 25 gallons worth of plants you donate, and this could be one large plant that fits into a 25-gallon pot, you will receive 5 RG bucks. RG bucks work like regular dollars in that they never expire, but they are only considered currency toward plant purchases at Recycled Gardens. There is one small caveat though... the reward applies only to plants YOU dig and deliver to Recycled Gardens.

Recycled Gardens does offer dig help, but our volunteer crew is small and we dig by hand, so the number of digs we can perform is limited. Plus, we always evaluate WHAT someone wants to donate to make sure digging it will be a cost-effective use of our limited resources. And, we don't dig for free... either the homeowner can assist--thereby becoming at least a temporary volunteer (and by assist we don't mean bringing the diggers a pitcher of water, but rather getting down and dirty with the crew), or make a minimum donation of \$50 cash. The primary reason for this requirement is that a good many of our regular plant donors and buyers are maintenance landscapers and we don't want to put any of them out of business by devaluing their labor.

So, bring on the plants! No need to pot them up at home though, first check our most current Do Not Want list via the website to make sure they're something we can sell, then just dig them out and cart them over to the nursery where we have a huge pile of potting soil and loads of pots to divide them into. And, if you make time to stay and help with potting up the plants you're donating, we'll "pay" you even more because every three hours of volunteer labor gets you another 1-gallon plant!

***Recycled Gardens will change over to Winter hours, Saturdays ONLY 10-5, after our Fall sale on September 29th. We will NOT be open on Sunday, September 30th.***

## PLANTS WE NEED

If you have any of the following plants you could donate, please call 503-626-4070 ext 3 to let us know, as we have customers waiting for them to come into stock. Thanks!

Bamboo, all clumping varieties  
Blueberries  
Daphne  
Delphinium  
Hardy Fuchsia  
Hydrangea  
Japanese Maples (weeping types)  
Native (Oregon) plants  
Weeping evergreen trees  
Witch hazel  
Vines of any kind.

## **RG is proud to announce we are now a No Kill plant recycling center!**

In lieu of tossing out tiny, weak and sickly plants, or even pretty weeds, the kind-hearted volunteers at RG have decided to create a FREE bin from which our customers can adopt needy plants. This is nothing to laugh at, as we will also be filling this section with common things some folks consider weeds or thugs, but because "Grandma" had it in her garden it is still desirable--not to mention usually healthier than a lot of specialty items. Anyway, this means we have abolished our Do No Want list and will now accept ALL plant donations, except houseplants during the Fall/Winter months.

## ROSES, ROSES, AND MORE ROSES

Thanks to an extremely generous donation from Cornell Farms in SW Portland we now have a tremendous selection of beautiful roses in every color of the rainbow and some others you may not have ever seen. So, we're working on Special Pricing in order to find homes fast for these beauties. Come on out to RG soon if you want the best selection! Remember, Fall IS the best time to plant as the rains help promote root growth which improves leaf and flower production in the Spring and Summer, so come get your new roses NOW and you'll have gorgeous blooms by May 2008.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September 29, 10:00am-5:00pm Recycled Gardens' End-of-Season (NOT!) Sale

It's time once again to **lower our prices to ONLY \$3.00 per gallon** in order to encourage planting at what is truly THE BEST time of year for gardening in Oregon.

This price is for everything except specially tagged mature trees and shrubs. And, we're gonna have a section where trees, both fruiting and ornamental, are a mere \$10 regardless of pot size just so they can find good homes. Plus, you can U-pick(up) hazelnuts for ONLY \$1.00 per pound!!! So grab your checkbook (NO plastic please) and come on out to Recycled Gardens 6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road in Hillsboro.

Questions? Check our website at [www.POPPAinc.org](http://www.POPPAinc.org) or call 503-626-4070 ext. 3.

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*We owe a special "Thank You" again to Pet Cross and the beer-drinkers at Portland International Beerfest (PIB). Due to our participation in the event and their donation, we now have starter funds for our 2008 Tom and Mom cat special \$10 neuter campaign. A joint event with several area animal groups that is held each February as part of Spay Day USA.*



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### JUNK MAIL

If you're too busy to read everything that arrives in your snail mail box, or are interested in saving POPPA money on postage by signing up for our email list, please call us at 503-626-4070, extension 3, and leave a message with your preference, as well as any pertinent info--like your email address. Thanks!

### HELP WANTED!!!

POPPA is looking for well connected business people to become members of the Board of Directors. Ours is a working board, which means all members are required to put in a minimum of fifteen (15) hours a month that can include board meetings, publicity, outreach, fundraising, grant writing, and soliciting donations. If you're interested in joining our fight to reduce the companion animal over-population problem, please call 503-626-4070 or email us at [info@POPPAinc.org](mailto:info@POPPAinc.org)

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### POPPA Inc., Pet Over-Population Prevention Advocates

People working together CAN make animals precious again! Help POPPA wipe out animal abuse and neglect—promote spaying or neutering of ALL pets.