

Recycled Gardens

6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road, Hillsboro

DIG CREW SETS NEW RECORD

Our dig crew volunteers, Kathy Blair, Annik Larsen, Helen Wolff, Val Madison, and for a while, Sara Cairns, led by yours truly, Keni Cyr-Rumble, dug up and hauled back to Recycled Gardens a record quantity of great plant donations this Winter. Starting in January, the crew worked almost every Tuesday, and several Wednesdays, each week to bring our customers healthy mature plants like 9-foot rhododendrons, huge azaleas in all colors, aqua, euonymus, hydrangea, red twig dogwood, pieris japonica, laurel, viburnum, Rose of Sharon, an assortment of tall grasses, bamboo, and several large conifers, in addition to loads of small stuff like sedums, ferns, bergenia, and roses. Pretty terrific for a bunch of mature gals working with hand tools!

Back at the nursery, Susan Nolte and her daughter, Julie, in addition to Yasuko OIye, Dianne Kippes, Janet Black, Naomi Hughes, Stacey Hanf, and Corinna Buchhold, under the guidance of our Master Potter, Steve Budnick, potted and tagged everything they could using donated soil from ProGro and a significant number of the plastic pots we took in last year. Unfortunately, we didn't have quite enough large pots, resulting in our having to heal in the really big stuff. It's okay, they'll just be a little more difficult to handle when someone wants to take them home (or maybe not, depending on how the purchaser plans to transport the plant).

Anyway, customers who know we're open all year made it a point to stop by often, in spite of the weather, to see what was coming in weekly and bought up a lot of the new stuff. This was a VERY good thing as it enabled us to continue funding the S/N of companion animals throughout the winter months when our bank account is traditionally empty due to slow sales.

Now, because Spring is coming early to Oregon, causing plants to break dormancy mid-March, we have to stop digging until Fall. We've also gotta quit digging as it's time for the season opener at Recycled Gardens. This means we're going to regular hours of Thursday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and must re-channel our volunteer's efforts into sales. Hey! We've got plenty to sell thanks to the hard work of the dig and potting crews and all the other donations folks brought us. Many, many thanks to everybody for a job done extremely well!

HELP US GET THE WORD OUT!

Please run off just 10 copies of the enclosed flyer announcing our plant sale and post it or pass it out. Your help will bring in the customers and make it possible for POPPA to fund many more spays/neuters of companion animals.

PLANTS **WANTED** LIST

If you have any of the following plants you could donate, please call 503-626-4070 3# and let us know. Thanks!

Blueberries
Clematis (cuttings???)
Cobra lily
Huckleberries
Lavender (assorted)
Lilac (dark purple)
NW Natives (assorted)
Portugese laurel
Viburnum plicatum tomatosa
Vines, any kind
Violets, scented

TAX LETTERS HAVE BEEN MAILED

Many thanks to all who donated plants and/or other garden merchandise, crafts, and other resale items to Recycled Gardens in 2002. Your gifts made it possible for us to continue funding the spay/neuter of companion animals by broadening our selection of quality merchandise. Personalized letters of receipt bearing our non-profit Tax ID# for inclusion on the itemized deductions portion of your 2002 tax return were mailed in January. If you have NOT received one by now, PLEASE call so that we can issue you one in time to file on April 15, 2003.

INVENTORY TAKERS NEEDED

Help us update our plant list so we can better serve our customers! We're looking for a few reasonably knowledgeable plant folks who are able to identify plants whose tags have faded while counting everything in stock at RG. Consider it an opportunity to take a walk in the country amongst the nursery stock on a dry, sunny, but still cool, early Spring day. There are hundreds of pots to count so this is a task for many (even those without plant ID ability can help as you may simply mark the ones needing ID). And, it can be done whenever a person has time in their schedule. Please call 503-626-4070 to sign up and receive instructions.



Oregon Neutermobile

by Celeste Crimi, Director

ONLY \$15.00 PREVENTS A LITTER

Now is the best time to remind your friends, relatives and fellow animal lovers that EVERY \$15 ON receives as a donation is enough for us to help alter one of ON's poorest clients pets. Remember, each client will be contributing a little something to their animal's care (never less than \$5), so a donation of just \$15 is enough to COMPLETELY COVER the rest of a once-in-a-lifetime surgery for one of ON's neediest patients. This is a fantastic benefit for such a modest contribution!

Or, if you can afford to do more, we'd like to invite you to 'Fix 6x6'. How? With a \$100 donation! What this means is you'll be giving us enough to alter 6 animals—dog, cat (feral or tame), rabbit or 'pocket pet', and since we recommend that animals are fixed before they're 6 months of age, because pregnancies can occur as early as 4 months of age, that's 6x6!

Our goal is to raise enough, \$15 at a time, to alter every patient our low-income clients bring us. We sincerely hope the end result will be 70-80% of a rural communities companion animal population will be sterilized. This would mean a population growth plateau has been reached! Yes, you read correctly, altering 70-80% of a community's animals translates to an end to that old, "Too many animals, not enough homes" dilemma.

So PLEASE keep us in your hearts in the coming weeks, and wish us the best of luck, as we work diligently towards bringing Oregon's animals a solution to homelessness and abuse.

DOES YOUR COMMUNITY NEED THE ON TO PAY A VISIT?

If your rural, economically depressed community has a pet over population problem, give ON a call at 503-626-4070 to discuss how you can be a County Host. You'll be doing the animals and your neighbors a BIG favor when you put together an ON visit as we'll work our tails off until 70-80% of the companion animals in your area are sterilized.

This translates to an end to that old, "Too many animals, not enough homes" dilemma!

TECHNICAL STAFF NEEDED

ON is desperately in need of veterinarians and veterinary technicians, full and part time, to fill the demanding calendar we've set for ourselves. If you're interested in making a serious reduction in Oregon's pet over population problem and are willing to work really hard to achieve this goal, PLEASE contact us. Currently we're contracting for both temporary and permanent positions. More detailed info can be found on the website at: www.all4animals.org/neutermobile.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

If anybody's interested in volunteering at an actual clinic, like Tillamook, you can either make a day trip of it, or we can arrange for you to have free room and board provided by local volunteers if you'd prefer to stay for a night or two in order to help out. To volunteer in Tillamook, March 24-26 and April 1-3, contact Marilyn Burkhardt at 503-392-3333. For all other locations, contact ON at 503-626-7722.

Oregon Neutermobile "Wish List"

Sturdy carriers, crates, kennels and humane traps of all sizes, with an especially urgent need for large dog crates and humane traps.

Animal Care Equipment & Services, Inc. (ACES) is having a Tru-Catch Traps sale! Buyer must mention NACA-1-03 to receive special prices through April 30th. Kitten trap #24 is \$24.65; Model #30 is \$41.65; Model #30-D is \$47.60; Model #36D is only \$56.10 (reg. \$88.93). Prices do not include shipping. Call 1-800-338-ACES to order.

Laptop computer and attachable printer:

Essential for mobile operations, including keeping inventory of supplies, electronically communicating with stationary administrators, admitting clients, record-keeping, and printing client receipts and post-surgical instructions. Can be previously owned, prefer lithium

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 24, 2003

Oregon Neutermobile (ON) Hits the Road

All the details have finally been worked out to enable the ON to roll out of RG's parking lot and travel to Tillamook County on March 24th where it will provide a targeted service by *staying there* for as long as there continues to be high demand for it's S/N services.

If you've got some free time to travel with the ON, please give us a call at 503-626-4070 as volunteer opportunities abound.

IT'S THE NO FOOLIN PLANT SALE AT RECYCLED GARDENS April 5-6, 10:00-5:00

It's our season opener and we've dropped prices to the No Foolin price of ONLY \$2.50 a gallon. This price is for everything except specially tagged mature trees and shrubs (which generally work out to cost less than the per gallon price) and decorator potted merchandise. No foolin! So grab your checkbook (NO plastic please) and head on out to Recycled Gardens, 6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road in Hillsboro, just 1.2 miles north of Hwy 26 at Exit 62. You'll be sure to find something to fill every hole in your garden and then some.

April 12-13, 10:00a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Hardy Plant Society of OR Plant Sale Washington County Fairplex--Hillsboro

Recycled Gardens has been invited to participate in this sale of all sales featuring a minimum of 30 specialty nursery vendors. You'll find everything from tropicals to native plants, everything a plant collector's heart could desire, AND there's a garden art segment too. Don't miss it!

Glencoe High School Plant Sale to Fund Developmentally-Disabled Kids Gardening Program

May 5-10, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

If you love the look of lush hanging baskets overflowing with colorful annuals and ferns, you MUST shop this sale. The developmentally-disabled kids in Glencoe HS' gardening program have been tending these annuals until they are eye-popping beautiful. Some of them even come in unique planters hand-crafted and painted by the kids. And, boy, are their prices reasonable!

The sale is at the HS, 2700 NW Glencoe Road in Hillsboro. Call the instructor, Donna Warren, at 503-640-8971 ext. 3561 for more info.



POPPA, Inc.

Pet Over-Population Prevention Advocates, Inc.

P.O. Box 5721

Beaverton OR 97006-5721

No Foolin Plant Sale
April 5-6
at Recycled Gardens

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.



POPPA, Inc.

Pet Over-Population Prevention Advocates, Inc.
PO Box 5721, Beaverton OR 97006
503-626-4070

Spring Edition 2003

METRO PORTLAND'S SPAY DAY EVENT FIXES 416 PETS

The numbers are in and the grand total for Spay Day 2003 in the Portland Metro area is 416 animals altered! Thirty-three vets did 406 neuters and 10 spays. This does not include the number of additional animals who were referred to the Oregon S/N Fund. Kathy at the Fund thinks that she received over 250 calls as a result of the publicity! She in turn either mailed out discount coupons or referred folks to SNAP, Cherish the Animals, or POPPA.

So what was the event? Basically, in honor of Spay Day USA, a coalition of volunteers from Oregon's animal rescue and welfare groups, Indigo Rescue, POPPA, and Friends of Shelter Animals, worked together to get area vets to participate in the Tom Cat Special which consisted of altering 10 male cats at ONLY \$10 each during the week of February 24-March 2. Space was limited, but those who didn't get a slot were given a referral to organizations that provided either low-cost coupons or outright payment for S/N.

The Doris Day Animal Foundation created Spay Day USA in 1995 to encourage each American to help solve the country's severe pet overpopulation problem by having at least one cat or dog spayed or neutered. Currently, shelter workers are forced to kill an estimated five million homeless cats and dogs each year – that's one every 6 and one-half seconds. Taxpayers across the country bear the cost of picking up, housing, and eventually killing these abandoned pets.

In 2001, over 16,000 cats were brought to Multnomah County Animal Control, Oregon Humane Society, and Washington County Animal Control. More than 8,000 of those cats were killed. By spaying and neutering companion animals, we can end these unwanted births, reduce the needless suffering that homeless animals endure, and save taxpayers' money at the same time.

Because of the success of this event, and our regular ongoing statewide funding of S/N surgeries, POPPA volunteers and sponsors can feel good about the positive impact they have made on the homeless animal problem in Oregon.

In gratitude, please patronize the following clinics who participated when you need veterinary care for your pets:

Westside

Animal Medical Clinic
Arbor Pet Clinic
Bethany Family Pet Clinic
Capitol Hill Veterinary Clinic
Cedar Mill Veterinary Hospital
Companion Pet Clinic-Beaverton
Companion Pet Clinic-Tigard
Cornell Center Animal Hospital
Crossroads Veterinary Hospital
Forest Heights Veterinary Hospital
Groves Animal Clinic
Kindness Family Pet Clinic
Pacific Avenue Veterinary Clinic
Tigard Animal Hospital
Vista Pet Hospital
Westside Animal Clinic
Willowbrook Veterinary Hospital

Eastside

Bridge City Veterinary Hospital
Broadway Veterinary Clinic
Companion Pet Clinic-Clackamas
Companion Pet Clinic-West Linn
Lombard Animal Hospital
Moreland Veterinary Hospital
North Portland Veterinary Hospital
St. Johns Veterinary Hospital
Town & Country Animal Hospital

Newberg-Woodburn

Chehalem Animal Clinic
Family Animal Hospital
Newberg Veterinary Hospital
Wynn Veterinary Clinic
Companion Pet Clinic-Woodburn

**POPPA's spay/neuter tally as of
March 15, 2003 is:**

**465 cats, 51 dogs, and 10 rabbits!!!
Be PROUD you're part of the solution.**