



POPPA, Inc.

Pet Over-Population Prevention Advocates, Inc.

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Fishing for Funding

POPPA's president, Keni Cyr-Rumble, has been researching the feasibility of launching a fundraising campaign in 2008 that entails fishing inside Oregon's major corporations for animal-loving employees looking to donate a piece of their paycheck to a charity that will use 100% of every dollar raised to spay/neuter Oregon's companion animals. Lots of companies offer matching donation programs in order to encourage their employees to give back to their community, but usually their lists of approved charities are lacking in animal rescue organizations. Keni intends to rectify this situation by contacting and/or meeting with corporate giving coordinators in the Portland area. And, she could use some help with both identifying corporations that have such programs in place, as well as spreading the word. Interested? Contact Keni directly at info@POPPAinc.org.

POPPA is always willing and able to accept private cash donations too, these donations are fully tax-deductible as allowed by law, due to our 501(c)(3) status. Rest assured, 100% of all private donations are used to fund ONLY our spay/neuter program--no salaries, no overhead. Donations can be made securely via our website at <http://www.POPPAinc.org/donations.asp> or you can mail a check to POPPA Inc, PO Box 5721, Beaverton OR 97006.

Plant Prices Going Up in 2008

The cost of supplies for our resale nursery have gone up due to the price of oil and so must our prices at Recycled Gardens, though only by \$1.00 a gallon. This means our terrific plants will now be going for \$5 a gallon beginning the week after our No Foolin Plant Sale in April 2008! That's still about half what you'd pay at a regular retail nursery though and our plants are hardier, they have to be because we have no greenhouses, so they're guaranteed to live. Thing is, our price hike is also a direct result of the increase in demand for our spay/neuter program.

POPPA, Inc. is now funding an average of 110 spay/neuter surgeries a month. Some animals' caregivers are receiving public assistance and can be referred to other organizations for financial aid, but we've been spending approximately \$4,000 a month for over a year. This means unless we can find another reliable and regular source of funding, like employer-matched employee contributions, or grant money, we need to pay for all surgery requests statewide by selling plants at Recycled Gardens. So PLEASE come shop, frequently! Remember, shopping RG means your dollars are doing double duty. Thanks for your support!

ANNUAL TOM AND MOM CAT SPECIAL CONTINUES TO REDUCE THE PET OVER-POPULATION PROBLEM

For the seventh year in a row POPPA Inc., along with six other local animal groups, is putting on the Portland Area's Tom and Mom Cat Special \$10 spay/neuter event for cats. This entirely volunteer run event started as a week long event for male cats only, but has been extended to run from Valentines day to St. Patricks day and cover female cats as well. This year 31 local veterinary clinics have generously committed to perform at least 10 cat neuters at \$10 each and optionally additional cat spays at \$30 each. As of March 3rd, we've already had requests for help for over 550 cats. All surgeries are offered to the low-income public for \$10 each. The \$20 difference in spays is covered in part by POPPA Inc. and the event sponsors with help from individual donations. The Tom and Mom Cat Special runs in conjunction with the national Spay Day USA campaign.

Please join us in thanking our event sponsors...

- Participating Veterinary Clinics (will be listed on SpayOregon.org after Mar 17)
- Pet Cross and the Portland International Beerfest
- Yvonne LeGrice, Licensed Real Estate Broker and Transaction Coordinator

Participating Animal Groups...

- Friends of Shelter Animals (FOSA)
- Indigo Rescue
- POPPA, Inc.
- Animal Aid, Inc.
- The Pixie Project
- Oregon Spay Neuter Fund
- Spay Today!

Read more about the special at <http://SpayOregon.org>.

If you would like to sponsor a spay(s) for \$20 or more, please send a check to:

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Note "Spay Day" on your check if you would like to donate specifically to the Tom and Mom Cat Special or note

CAT TRAPPER NOTES

Jody Harmon, a cat trapper working to control the mid valley stray population, reports, that thanks to POPPA Inc. funding, she has gotten over 90 cats fixed on one short deadend street just outside Albany. She has dubbed this colony, fed primarily by two older couples, the BS or Big Situation colony, now under control. Also, with POPPA funds, Jody has gotten over 80 cats fixed on what she terms "The Street of Nightmares" in Albany. Many of these cats are fed by a kind old man, who has no cats of his own, but cares for the neighborhood cast-off cats while living on a fixed income.

Jody netted one adult male on the "Street", whose eye had ruptured due to herpes. Mickey was not only neutered but had his eye removed and now is a Canadian citizen. Mickey was adopted by a magician living in Surrey, B.C. Jody sends a HUGE THANK YOU to the volunteers of POPPA Inc. for helping her control the feral cat situation in Linn and Benton counties.

To read more about Jody's exploits and see videos of some of her successful cat rescues, please check out her website at www.FeralCatNightTrapper.com. And, if you would like to help POPPA fund Jody's work, please send a donation with either "Jody Harmon" or "Feral Cat Night Trapper" in the memo field of your check.



Hi there! Our names are Zoe and Bono and we're looking for a furrever home...our resourceful, but homeless, momma, Olive gave birth to us in someone's attic and when we were discovered, POPPA's president, Keni Cyr-Rumble took us in as fosters. We are now six months old, fixed, vaccinated, and microchipped. If you are intrested in adopting one or both of us, please contact Keni directly at info@POPPAinc.org or call 503-757-7502.

Plants For Dance

Garden Tour 2008

Saturday, June 14, 2008 from 11- 4

Dance West, a pre-professional dance company at the Arts and Communication Magnet Academy, a public school within the Beaverton district, has arranged a local garden tour fundraiser featuring five uniquely beautiful gardens in the Beaverton/Hillsboro area, one of which is the garden of Recycled Gardens' former director and POPPA president, Keni Cyr-Rumble. Tickets for this tour are only \$15 and will be available at Recycled Gardens, as well as other West Side nurseries and garden centers, at ACMA, and at "Dance West in Concert" and the ACMA Annual Recital at PCC Sylvania April 11-12. All proceeds from the tour will be used to support Dance West. As a thank you to participants, Recycled Gardens has included one free raffle ticket inside every tour program for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate good toward plants at Recycled Gardens! Additional raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5, at Recycled Gardens.

For more information about Dance West, go to www.myspace.com/dancewest.

ECOMETRO WEBSITE A GOOD RESOURCE FOR GREEN LIVING IDEAS AND BLOG COMMENTARY

Need to find an eco-friendly way to clean your house? Maybe you're interested in locating stores that sell unique merchandise like cotton bras and hemp products. Or, you'd like to discover where single "greenies" hang out in Portland. All of these topics and many more are discussed in length at www.EcoMetro.com. EcoMetro is brought to you by Celilo Group, the same folks who put out the Chinook Book every year. So log on and learn how you too can leave a smaller footprint on Mother Earth.

Recycled Gardens

6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road, Hillsboro

IMPORTANT NOTES FROM OUR NEW DIRECTOR

Volunteers

Thanks to all the word-of-mouth advertising and recruiting our customers have been doing for Recycled Gardens and POPPA we are excited to announce the addition of four new active volunteers. A sincere welcome goes out to: Karen Tarnow, Share Madalena, Christine Riegler and Katie Luss. Your contributions since you began at Recycled Gardens have been enormous.

-- Karen Tarnow and her husband helped myself and veteran volunteer Steve Budnick to replace the rollers and door guide rail on our sliding barn doors. It was an all day job with lots of lifting and tugging. We couldn't have done it without all of you. Thanks!

-- Share Madalena jumped right into the mix taking ownership of two of our display gardens and has been busily pruning, raking and feeding to get ready for spring. She brings her grandchildren with her when she comes out so a big thanks to our little helpers too!

-- Christine Riegler is our new behind the scenes gal. She is a PGE admin by day and Recycled Gardens admin by night. Thanks Christine!

-- Katie Luss, our newest volunteer, found us at the Yard, Garden and Patio Show. Since then she has planted a new display garden, helped bring in loads of donated lumber with her truck, and will be assisting us in building plant tables/benches to get our stock up off the ground for better visibility and to clean up our walk ways. She works a commercial nursery by day and has pledged to apply what she learns there at Recycled Gardens to help the animals. Thanks Katie!

-- Veteran volunteer Christine Armer deserves huge thanks for not only taking over all inventory tasks but being the star of what has become a two man dig crew. Christine, you are priceless, please don't ever leave us!

-- Veteran volunteer Steve Budnick deserves special recognition too. He staffed Recycled Gardens through the winter, alone on Saturdays in the cold. We cannot thank you enough. For the record, you are the king of RG!!!

-- Dolores Taylor, another veteran volunteer recently left us to have hand surgery. We all appreciated her before but in her absence we were reminded of just how much she means to us. Dolores, thank you for being our role model on how to keep things neat and tidy. She is a fabulous potter and a wealth of information, we benefit greatly from her keeping a watchful eye over RG. Welcome back Dolores!

Plastic Pots

Can you believe it? RG is out of 1-gallon nursery containers! Please bring us any you have laying about, along with larger ones too. We'll use what we can and recycle the rest.

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, Fuchsia (hardy),
Lavender (assorted), NW Natives (assorted),
and Vines of any kind

And, remember, RG no longer turns away ANY plants... we simply reserve the right to compost invasives and move slow selling plants into our FREE bin.

Calling all trucks...

Do you or someone in your family have a pick up truck that you are no longer using that is in good shape mechanically? If so, would you consider donating it to POPPA for use at Recycled Gardens?

Our previous director owned a truck. That made scheduling stops during the day for plant pickups quicker and available with shorter notice, which can be really important when we get those last minute calls to rescue plants facing a bulldozer! We no longer have a truck available seven days a week. Needless to say scheduling conflicts arise sometimes to the detriment of a plant in peril.

So, the next time you see an ad promising to take that unused vehicle off your hands in exchange for a tax break, please consider donating directly to Recycled Gardens instead. Donating directly to us will insure that no for-profit middleman, usually an auctioneer, takes a cut out of your generosity because you will know that we are using your truck solely to collect plants to be sold as fund-raising for our spay/neuter program.

Of course, IF you have a truck you don't want to part with, perhaps we could simply talk you into participating on digs... Watcha say? Wanna come play in the dirt with us?

PS... POPPA can accept ANY and all vehicles as donations, since we have an arrangement to auction off those we can't use ourselves. We will even have them towed away if they're worth at least \$75.00.

Recycled Gardens will return to seasonal hours, Thursday-Sunday 10-5, AFTER our No Foolin Plant Sale on April 5th and 6th. Until then we are ONLY open Saturdays from 10-5.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FREE, FREE FREE

March 28-30, 2008

Fri 12pm - 9pm, Sat 11am - 9pm, Sun 11am - 5pm

THE BETTER LIVING SHOW

Portland Expo Center, Hall E

The idea of the Better Living Show is to give you access to local resources that will improve your life. The show highlights eight core topics: lifestyle, home/garden (Recycled Gardens is an exhibitor), transportation, food/beverage, clean tech, eco adventure, recycling and conservation. All presented in an entertaining way like you've never seen before. From layout and lighting to the food and speakers, the Better Living Show will be unlike any show -green or otherwise - that you've ever seen. Visit their website at www.blueoceanevents.org for more info.

NO FOOLIN PLANT SALE AT RECYCLED GARDENS

April 5-6, 10:00am-5:00pm

It's our season opener and we're gonna hold prices at the 2004 rate of ONLY \$4.00 per gallon through the weekend. This will be your last chance to snag our great plants at this incredible price, because once the sale's over we're gonna have to raise prices by \$1.00 a gallon in order to keep pace with increasing cost-of-business expenses. The \$4.00 per gallon price is for everything except specially tagged mature trees and shrubs (which generally work out to cost less than the per gallon price. No foolin! So grab your checkbook (NO plastic please) and head on out to Recycled Gardens, 6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road in Hillsboro.

April 12-13, 10-5 Sat, 10-3 Sun Hardy Plant Society of Oregon Plant Sale & Garden Festival at the Portland Expo Center

Come check out the HPSO Spring sale in it's new digs! Having twice as much space (60,000 sq feet) means DOUBLE the number of plants available from not only your favorite regular vendors, but a host of new specialty growers you can shop from too. And, there will now be room for botanical/specimen displays, demonstration gardens, additional garden artists, and book sales. Remember, the HPSO is a non-profit--this plant sale funds their horticultural education and grant programs.

More info available at www.HardyPlantSociety.org.



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