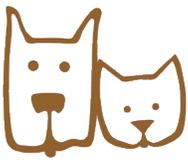


Springfield Saga (A W.A.G PRODUCTION)

FEATURING:

**TINKERBELL,
HARD WORK,
AND MAMAS
NOT MAMAS
NO MORE**

BACK TO THE FUTURE: The WAG Clinic needs to move. We need the capacity to do more dogs, an indoor reception area, and bigger everything. We have accomplished much in our present location, but the time on our current lease is running out and we are all dreaming of a brand new building built to our specifications. A more central location, east Eugene or west Springfield, would make the clinic more accessible to more people, and thus increase the chances of more spaying and neutering. Right now, this is just a dream we have, but we are working at getting the pieces in place, and the right players to move them. Spay/neuter is not glamorous, or warm and fuzzy, but it is the most essential component of a truly effective animal welfare program. As has been said about money, it ain't everything, but it's way ahead of whatever is in second place.



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SPRINGFIELD REPORT

HOORAY FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD! In December of 2013, WAG received a grant from a major foundation to spay and neuter 1,000 cats in the zip codes 97477 and 97478. The emphasis was to be on free-roaming “community cats”, but up to half could be owned. This enabled WAG to enlarge upon the already-successful CatSnip program, which was offering \$10 spays and neuters for Springfield residents, plus add free services to ferals and strays. The City donated the use of a building for the post-surgery recovery of those cats that lived outside. Interior painting and flooring plus a generous sum of cash were donated to enable us to get the space cleaned up and ready for 2014. The response from the community was immediate. Many of the “owned” cats were strays that people took in for a “fix” them. Others, who had watched their own strays burgeon into colonies of up to 20 or more, were finally able to get the help they needed to trap and alter those that had turned feral. Interior painting and flooring plus a generous sum of cash were donated to enable us to get the space cleaned up and ready for 2014. The response from the community was immediate. Many of the “owned” cats were strays that people took in for a “fix” them. Others, who had watched their own strays burgeon into colonies of up to 20 or more, were finally able to get the help they needed to trap and alter those that had turned feral. Anyone with kittens socialize them until they reached two lbs., as WAG arranged for Oregon Humane Society in Portland to accept them for adoption. 142 kittens were transported average, in less than five days.



TINKERBELLE
Cat number 1,000
One of seven kittens out of a total of ten cats done together in October, 2014

FINAL STATISTICS

Total cats S/N'd under Community Cats program: **1063** Feral/free-roaming: **628**
Cats with homes: **435** Kittens adopted from OHS: **142** CatSnip program total: **366**
Total cats impacted by WAG/Springfield programs, 2013-2014: **1571**

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SPECIAL THANKS to Oregon Humane Society's Second Chance Program



WALTER AND SHERRY are good examples of Springfield residents who have used the WAG program to their advantage, making a big difference in their lives and the lives of their cats. When they called the Help Line, they had eight unaltered outdoor cats and two litters of kittens. The first litter was older and still a little wild, so when we went to help Walter and Sherry with trapping the adults, we took these kittens to fosters that would give them the attention they needed to be socialized; so, when they were taken to Oregon Humane Society, they were adopted within the usual five days that has been the

average for our kittens. The adult cats were all trapped within three weeks and altered at WAG. The second batch of kittens was fostered by Walter and Sherry themselves, and turned out so sweet and healthy that after going up to OHS, they were adopted before we had time to track them! (OHS gives each kitten a registration number so that its progress at the shelter can be monitored on computer.) Sherry had such a good time with her own kittens, knowing they were destined for good homes, that she has volunteered to foster future foundlings.

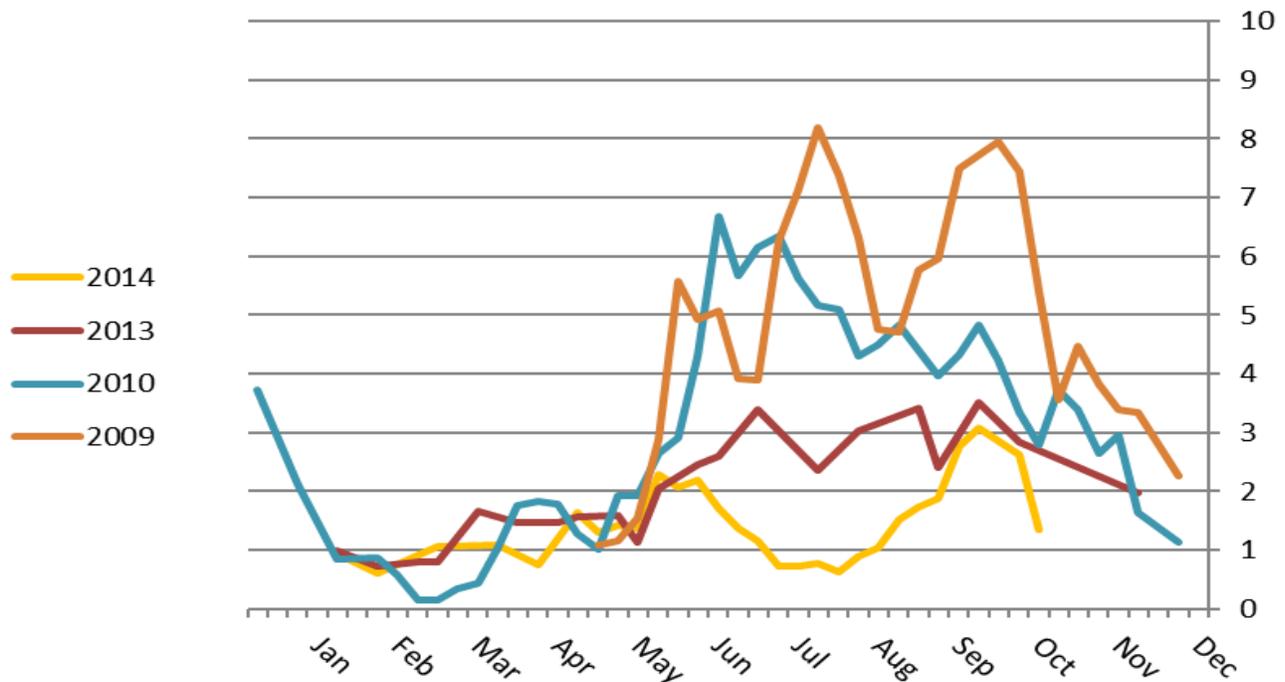
Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who made this project successful:

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Roblyer - Willow Schneider - Bailey & Leslie Smith - Lisa Wahl
Sheila, David, & Dimitri Bong - J.J. Bridges - Bev McKay - Dune
Erickson - Shirley Nagy - Morgan Olsen - Sherry & Walter Renfro**

SUSAN OLSEN had been feeding a female cat at her workplace parking lot for two years. During that time, the cat, which everyone appropriately called “Mama”, had given birth to four litters; the kittens were all taken home by Susan and her co-workers. Finally the boss gave the word: The cat must go. Susan was unable to touch the cat, so enlisted our help in trapping her. Susan’s mother offered to take in Mama once she was spayed. During her five days’ recovery time, the cat care volunteers noticed she was acting less and less feral. By the time she was fully recovered, she was easily handled. When Susan and her mother came to pick up Mama, they put their cat carrier on the floor and watched in amazement as we took the cat out of her cage and flipped her on her back to show off her spay incision, only about an inch long and with no stitches to be removed. When we put her down on the floor, she walked right into the carrier as if to say, “OK, that’s over, let’s go home.” Mama’s days in the parking lot were done and Mama was mama no more.



CRAIGSLIST KITTEN INDEX: SPRINGFIELD



WHAT IS THE CRAIGSLIST KITTEN INDEX?

Check out Eugene's Craigslist pet section (eugene.craigslist.org/search/pet) almost any day and you'll find over 1,000 ads—during "kitten season", May through November, there are even more. Since 2009, our associate Lisa Wahl has been monitoring the Craigslist for many communities all over the US, taking a weekly "reading" of the number of ads for kittens. Yearly comparisons of CLKI data to animal shelter intake reports suggest that this chart is a pretty good measurement, both to compare kitten overpopulation in one area from year to year and to compare different communities. Eugene and Springfield's average CLKI readings have been going down each year since the WAG Clinic opened in 2008, and this year Eugene's peak was the lowest of all 180 areas monitored. We can't wait to see how this year's cat spay/neuter activity will affect next year's readings for Springfield, which is ranked number nine so far in 2014.

SAY, DON'T YOU GUYS DO DOGS, TOO? We certainly do. We have done dogs that weighed 147 lbs and dogs that weighed 2 lbs. We "fix" rescue dogs as young as 2 months so that they can be adopted out already altered. The oldest dog we have done was 15. The little dogs are all dressed in sweaters and even booties to keep their body temperature up during surgery and recovery. We have done a 14-year-old with pyometra, an infection of the uterus. In fact, WAG gets many cases of pyometra referred by other veterinarians because our surgery is so affordable. Working with Stop Pet Overpopulation Today (SPOT, 541-485-7768), an organization that subsidizes dog S/N, WAG can make any dog surgery more affordable. WAG has never lost a dog during surgery or recovery at the clinic. Now we are working with the McKenzie Cascade Dog Fanciers— this organization is has offered to subsidize one spay or neuter per month.



Debbie with Sheba in her WAG surgery sweater.

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