

## **SHELTER ANIMAL RESOURCE ALLIANCE - MISSION STATEMENT**

The purpose of Shelter Animal Resource Alliance (**S.A.R.A.**) is to rescue, assist and advocate for the lost and homeless animals at animal shelters.

**S.A.R.A.** develops programs and provides funds for programs which are designed to increase the number of shelter animals adopted into loving, responsible homes and to decrease the number of shelter animals euthanized.

**S.A.R.A.**'s primary focus will be animal control shelters located in the Lane County area, but may, when funds permit, include assisting shelters located in neighboring counties. In order to accomplish this mission, **S.A.R.A.** has focused on the following activities:

A) Collaborating with local animal shelters and the Overpopulation Crisis Committee of the Animal Welfare Network of Lane County to identify strategies that will result in higher adoption rates and lower euthanasia rates of shelter animals.

B) Rescuing adoptable cats and dogs from animal control shelters who would otherwise be killed:

- 1) All rescued animals are vaccinated and tested for common communicable diseases.
- 2) They are evaluated for transfer to one of the adoption programs offered by regional humane societies or rescue organizations, or for inclusion in **S.A.R.A.**'s adoption programs.
- 3) Animals are given any needed medical care and behavioral training, and spayed or neutered and microchipped before being placed up for adoption
- 4) Adoptable animals are publicized through a variety of media: Petfinders.com, **S.A.R.A.**'s Website, newspaper ads, posters, press releases, etc.
- 5) Potential adopters are carefully screened for ability to provide a loving, responsible, lifetime home, and home checks are completed when appropriate.

C) Assisting and Advocating for Shelter Animals

- 1) Educating the community regarding the advantages of adopting shelter animals.
- 2) Publicizing the adoption programs at animal control shelters.

D) Advocating for Animals in the Community

- 1) Staff & volunteers at **S.A.R.A.**'s Treasures educate community members about the advantages of spaying or neutering their companion animals, resulting in a healthier, better behaved companion for them, and fewer puppies or kittens being born and adding to the pet overpopulation problem.
- 2) **S.A.R.A.** also educates the community regarding of the advantages of providing multiple forms of identification for their dogs and cats via: licensing, microchipping and I.D. tags, and of keeping their companions indoors, resulting in a safer situation for their own pet, and less strain on under-funded animal control facilities

- 3) Supporting and providing funds for local spay/neuter organizations that assist low income animal guardians to spay or neuter their dog or cat, resulting in a safer community for all and fewer unwanted animals flooding into animal control facilities, only to be killed.
  - 4) Recruiting volunteers and dog/cat foster parents to assist with **S.A.R.A.**'s mission.
  - 5) Hosting and/or participating in events which will raise funds for, and will promote the above programs.
- E) Communicating and collaborating with individuals and organizations that share **S.A.R.A.**'s mission. F) Any other related activities which will promote **S.A.R.A.**'s mission.

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