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Forget Me Not Animal Shelter Preliminary Annual Report for 2006

In 2006, Forget Me Not Animal Shelter brought 200 abandoned, stray, and unwanted pets into the Happy Homes Adoption Program, of which 162 found great new adoptive homes, 8 were reclaimed by their happy owners, 2 elderly dogs were placed in lifetime foster care, with the shelter paying their expenses for the rest of their lives, 5 were still seeking their new homes, 5 were transferred to other shelters to improve their chances of finding a new home, 17 were euthanized for illness or aggression or died of other causes, and 1 escaped from a boarding facility.

We are particularly pleased that only 8.5% of the pets in our Happy Homes program died or were euthanized; we accept that there will always be some animals that are too aggressive to work with and safely rehome, and some that are too ill or injured for us to justify prolonging their suffering, but we hope to see the euthanasia percentage decline even further.

No animals were euthanized due to length of time at the shelter; we are committed to the pets we accept into the Happy Homes Adoption Program, and keep them as long as it takes for us to find them the loving forever home they deserve. Occasionally, Forget Me Not will transfer a pet that has not received enough adoption interest during its time with us to another shelter or rescue to increase the pet's chance of adoption; we did this with 5 pets in 2006.

The longest a pet stayed with us before finding their happy home was 4 months, for Rosemary, an adult cat who ended up with a great family from Spokane. The shortest time before adoption was 1 day, for Buggle (renamed Stolie), a long-haired calico kitten who arrived at the shelter on the same day we received a "long-haired calico kitten wanted" application from a wonderful adopter in Seattle. (Some things are just meant to be).

In 2007, we will be linking our adopters' followups to their pet's photo on our Adopted Pets webpage. We also invite you to stop by the shelter and look through our Happy Homes book, where you can see all your favorite shelter pets in their new homes, and hear about their new lives.

The Fear No Feral TNR Program was asked to assist with 20 feral cat colonies in 2006, totaling 155 cats. Of those colonies, 11 of the smaller colonies totaling 37 cats agreed to the Trap-Neuter-Release policy, and those 37 cats were altered, vaccinated for rabies, and returned to the original colony site.

8 smaller colonies totaling 41 cats and 1 very large colony totaling 77 cats were requested to be permanently removed from their sites. Of the 118 cats that we were asked to permanently remove, 17 were relocated or adopted after alteration and vaccination, 2 were actively waiting for homes as of 12/31/06, and 99 were euthanized for illness or aggression.

In 2006, 64.7% of the feral cats we handled were euthanized, mainly as a result of the one very large colony that was not allowed to be returned under the TNR plan. Only one of the cats in this colony was healthy enough and handleable enough to rehome.

We continue to educate property owners about the benefits of the Trap-Neuter-Release program, and hope to increase the number of feral cats being allowed to return to their original colony sites in 2007. Our goal for 2007 is to see the euthanasia rate of feral cats drop below 40%, with continuing declines in euthanasia rates for subsequent years.

The Stop the Cycle Voucher Program issued 64 cat spay and 55 dog spay vouchers, and 19 cat neuter and 24 dog neuter vouchers, in 2006, for a total of 162 vouchers issued (does not include voided vouchers; does include active vouchers not yet redeemed as of 12/31/06). We have been aggressively seeking funding to expand this program, and expect to issue at least 250 vouchers in 2007, funded in part by a \$10,000 grant from Inland Northwest Community Foundation that takes effect on January 1, 2007.

The Pet Food Bank, which began on 11/15/06, served families totaling 33 dogs and 41 cats, distributing 817 pounds of dog and puppy food and 294 pounds of cat and kitten food in 7 weeks, for an average of 159 pounds of food per week. We expect the number of families, and pets, served to grow in 2007 as more people learn about this new service.

Our biggest challenge in 2006, and one of the first we will address in 2007, was adequate housing for the animals in the Happy Homes program and the adoptable cats in the Fear No Feral program.

Forget Me Not has been operating with only our small building, in which we house healthy adult cats, and a network of foster homes and boarding facilities.

As of February, 2007, we have entered into escrow on a 7-acre parcel of land, on which we will be building our permanent facility. The first building to be completed will be the dog kennel building, with a target date of 11/1/07. The board and volunteers of Forget Me Not eagerly anticipate this improvement, and look forward to welcoming our supporters to our new home.

Donors and the general public are invited to call the shelter at 775-2308 or Kim Gillen, Executive Director, at 779-4430 with questions or comments, or to request the complete annual report and IRS form 990. These items will also be posted on the shelter website, <http://forgetmenotshelter.org> no later than 5/31/06.

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HAPPY HOMES ADOPTION PROGRAM				
IN	Cats	Dogs	TOTAL	%
Stray/Impound	28	31	59	29.5%
Owner Surrender	51	80	131	65.5%
Transfer in from other shelters	2	8	10	5.0%
TOTAL IN	81	119	200	
OUT				
Adopted	62	100	162	81.0%
Reclaimed by Owner	5	3	8	4.0%
Transfer out to other	0	5	5	2.5%
Lifetime Foster Care	0	2	2	1.0%
Euthanized/Died*	9	8	17	8.5%
Escaped from boarding facility	0	1	1	0.5%
Still at shelter 12/31/06	5	0	5	2.5%
TOTAL OUT	81	119	200	

FEAR NO FERAL TNR PROGRAM			
IN	Colonies	TOTAL CATS	%
Requested TNR	11	37	23.9%
Requested removal of colony	9	118	76.1%
TOTAL IN	20	155	
OUT			
TNR to original site		38	24.5%
Moved to new location		10	6.5%
Adopted as pets		6	3.9%
Euthanized/Died*		99	63.9%
Still at shelter 12/31/06		2	1.3%
TOTAL OUT		155	

STOP THE CYCLE VOUCHER PROGRAM				
Voucher Type	Cats	Dogs	TOTAL	%
Spay	64	55	119	73.5%
Neuter	19	24	43	26.5%
TOTAL VOUCHERS	83	79	162	

PET FOOD BANK (11/15/06 - 12/31/06)		
Served families totalling 33 dogs and 41 cats		
Food distributed:	TOTAL POUNDS	Avg per Week
Dog	761	109
Puppy	56	8
Cat	274	39
Kitten	20	3
TOTAL POUNDS	1111	159

*Animals are euthanized for illness, aggression, or inability to be handled by volunteers/vet. No animals were euthanized due to length of time at the shelter.