

Multnomah resale shop helps animals and their people

THE COUNTRY STORE

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When we stopped by Exchange for Animals, a new resale shop in Multnomah Village, owner Harriet Sheridan was busy arranging used dog cages and mats. Housed in a converted bungalow at 3636 SW Troy St. next to the Rivergate Church and a block west of the Coin Cottage and other stores, the shop is easy to find. Just look for chickens in the front yard.

Keeping chickens, Sheridan said, has become part of Portland, just like reusing, recycling, and buying local. She hopes her business will encourage all four while accomplishing her mission. Sheridan wants to help pet owners avoid euthanizing their animals.

Sheridan will start by contributing part of the shop's proceeds to veterinary rescue clinics. She hopes to gain non-profit status and start a pet surgery fund for those in need. "I come from a background where I studied animal behavior," she said. "I have empathy for animals because they can't advocate for themselves."

Her dog's recent expensive surgery made her think of others. "I felt lucky to be able to save my dog's life," she said. "For many there is no choice. They have to have the dog euthanized. I told all my friends, 'I'm opening a resale shop, and I'd like donations from your attics.' Generous friends have given me things that I can turn into funds to help

animals."

The shop includes everything pet like carriers, harnesses, crates, and beds. She rents cages to people who won't need one once their puppy grows. A retired geography professor donated artifacts from around the globe. Jewelry includes reproduction museum pieces. She has dishes, clothes and a room for children's items. She plans special events in the kitchen, like teaching people how to make organic dog treats.

"Since I began this business, I've met people who rescue every type of animal," she said. "I met someone who does chicken rescue in Beaverton and pig rescue in the Southeast. I want to be part of the neighborhood. It's like the slow food movement. Many people come in here to talk. I'm serving a function beyond being a resale shop."

Exchange for Animals, 3636 SW Troy St. is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 503.477.4374 or visit <http://exchangeforanimals.com>.



Harriet Sheridan, Clovis and Iyla at Exchange For Animals, a new resale shop in Multnomah Village (Post photo by Polina Olsen)

Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day celebrations coming to Multnomah Village

Multnomah Village would like to invite you to celebrate "Mardi Gras in the Village, Tuesday, March 8th, specials will abound. Sip D'Vine will be hosting the 2nd Annual Mardi Gras "We Love it Here" Multnomah Village Bloc's Initiative fundraiser.

Owner Jill Crecraft will have face painting, authentic New Orleans bites, drink specials, music and a lot of fun. Come dressed for the fun or get in the spirit at the event. Suggested \$10 donation to benefit Multnomah Village Bloc's Initiative.

Information about the latest happenings around the village will be on display and ready for your input. Also check out the other offerings in the village in true New Orleans style.

Wander the village getting beads from Renner's Grill, check out the drinks and food at O'Connor's, Journey's, Down to Earth Cafe and Marco's Cafe. Stop in at Village Beads and make your own strand if the mood hits you. We would love to see you!!!

Don't forget about the St. Patrick's Day celebration in the Village on March 17th. Be Green for a day! O'Connor's will be hosting the solo music of Scott Brown from 7-10 p.m. in the restaurant, no cover.

Next door at O'Connor's Vault will be

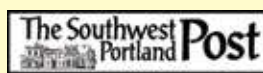
American/Folk music from Tin Silver from from 7-10 p.m. with a \$5 cover. O'Connor's and Marco's cafe will have special St. Patrick's Day bites as will Journey's and Down to Earth Cafe. Join us and be green to get rid of those late winter blues.

--Randy Bonella

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