

EUGENE WEEKLY CAMP GUIDE

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hiding the numbers of animals killed by LCARA, "ridiculous."

Many of LCARA's critics also allege that while staff members are trained and certified in euthanasia, they are not trained and certified in temperament testing, nor is there a veterinarian on staff. Instead, LCARA staff attempts to assess and make medical and behavioral decisions.

Wellington said that sick animals are transported to local vets who attempt to stabilize them with a spending limit of about \$60. The vets, he said, "donate a lot."

No-Kill Now?

Michelle Parris founded Grateful Dogs Rescue in San Francisco and recently helped the Coos County Animal Shelter go for three years without euthanizing any adoptable healthy dogs. She maintains that it is not impossible for Eugene to accomplish what she helped the animal controls of San Francisco and Coos County do — stop the killing of healthy adoptable animals.

"If people come together," she said, "you need a single nonprofit doing the work." You also need "strong volunteers and donors that believe in them." Lane County, she said, "should have a beautiful shelter by now."

Parris and other animal advocates nationwide stress the need for low-cost spay and neuter and many volunteers. "Volunteers come in and do an excellent job," she said.

When Parris learned of comments made at the public hearing by Cheryl Dyer, president of the county employees union, (AFSCME) who said an increase in volunteers will be expensive because "they need supervision," Parris said, "I had to laugh." One program at LCARA, the off-site PetSmart adoptions by volunteers such as Julie McDonnell, has resulted in the adoptions of almost 100 cats since it began.

At the public hearing, Commissioners Pete Sorenson, Bill Dwyer and Bill Fleenor were optimistic about the possibility of Lane County going no-kill. Fleenor's efforts on the no-kill issue were noted several times at the hearing. Faye Stewart was reserved in his opinions, and Bobby Green was dubious about the meaning of the phrase "no-kill." At the conclusion of the hearing, however, the commissioners agreed to appoint an Implementation Task Force on the no-kill issue.

This Task Force hit a snag when a county administrator said the Task Force needed a \$25,000 facilitator. This issue has since been resolved, and according to Sorenson, "we are inching our way towards a no-kill philosophy." He said it's "not as fast as I want, but neither are we getting stopped."

If Lane County is able to adopt a "no-kill philosophy" and stop killing healthy adoptable animals, then cats like Garfield will one day find homes with families rather than end up as fertilizer or "meat meal."

There is one point upon which Wellington and the no-kill advocates agree: No one wants to be killing all these pets. "We wouldn't be in this profession," Wellington said, "if our goal was just to kill animals."

Interested in adopting a pet, volunteering or becoming a foster home? Here are just a few of Eugene's animal resources:

Note: If you are interested in being on the No-Kill Task Force, contact your county commissioners.

Animals Inc.

Collaboration of animal rescues. Links to dog training and other resources.
686-6768
www.animalsinc.org/

Greenhill Humane Society

Monthly volunteer and foster orientations. Many dogs and cats available for adoption.
689-1503
www.green-hill.org/

LCARA: Lane County Animal Regulation Authority

Offering a discount on cat adoptions. Cats and dogs available. Volunteer and foster opportunities.
682-3645
www.lanecounty.org/animals/

NKCC: No Kill Community Coalition

Meetings on the second Monday of each month at 6 pm, Harris Hall, Lane County Court House building.
www.nokillcoalition.org/

Pro-Bone-O

Caring for pets of the homeless.
607-8089
www.proboneo.org/

SARA: Shelter Animal Resource Alliance

Currently encouraging the adoption of adult cats.
607-8892
www.sarasavesanimals.org/

WAG: Willamette Animal Guild

Raising money for a low-cost spay/neuter clinic.
345-3566
www.wagwag.org/