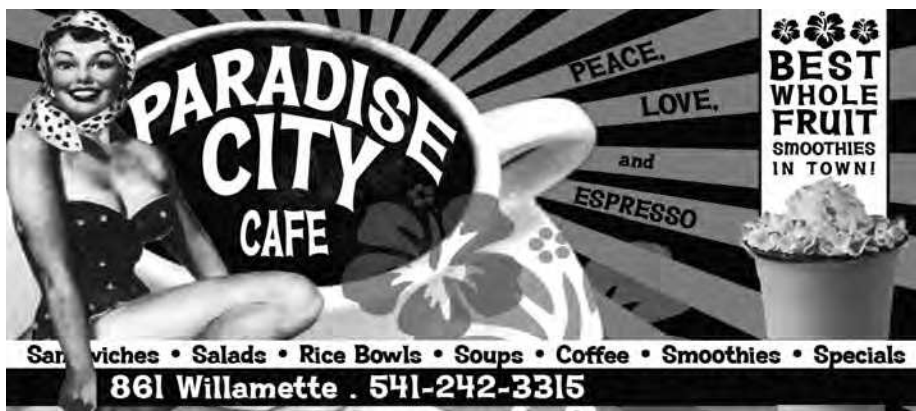




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The organization is devoted to finding the right home for their pets. Potential parents are interviewed before they can adopt an animal. "We want the cats to be like family members," says shop manager Melinda McCormick.

Volunteers spend their time working as cashiers and litter scoopers, gathering the cats for medications or spending time lying around in the back with kittens that like to cuddle and lick toes. Volunteers are also rewarded with discounts on high quality pet food and toys. S.A.R.A. is always looking for new volunteers to join their small but dedicated family. "We have 15 volunteers and 12 cats," says McCormick, "It's like working with friends or family." Volunteers help to keep the business running so S.A.R.A.'s Treasures can continue saving animals from an unhappy fate. An easy way to support S.A.R.A. is to make a donation of new or used goods to the shop or, of course, to shop there.

Greenhill Humane Society supports a wide array of creatures, from guinea pigs to dogs to cats. The society maintains over 150 volunteers, including some that have racked up 604 hours. "Right now we really

need help cleaning kennels," says Kyla Coy, volunteer and foster care assistant. Greenhill also relies on foster parents to care for up to 800 animals each year. Foster parents are expected to nurture and house animals for a limited time. Fostering kittens usually takes three weeks before they can be vaccinated and then adopted. Older animals need foster homes to become socialized and eventually fit better into a new family.

Lane County Animal Services is another organization that appreciates their foster families, which have saved over 100 kittens this year. LCAS is also looking for dedicated volunteers to train dogs, "cat buddies" to help socialize cats, photographers for their online pet finder and skilled pet groomers to work at the bath station.

"Volunteers can be part of change in the community's attitude towards homeless animals," says Kylie Belachaikovsky, the volunteer and community outreach coordinator for Lane County Animal Services. "Volunteers can help to make a county that saves all animals rather than relying on euthanasia for population control."

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