

# Hays Small Animal Shelter gets money to test for cat diseases

The Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter in Hillsboro received \$18,570 from the Dal L. Baker Charitable Lead Annuity Trust today. Thanks to the Trust, the money will fund pre-adoption leukemia and FIV testing of 1500 cats for one year.

"Our goal is to provide people with happy, healthy pets that will be great companions for their new owners. This very generous donation will help us do that better than ever before," says Deborah Wood, Animal Services Manager.

While most people think of "dog" when they picture an animal waiting for a home at an animal shelter, more than 60 percent of the animals that come to the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal shelter are cats.

The cats that come to the shelter are strays or have been abandoned by their owners. Since most have not had adequate veterinary care, these animals are at high risk for the deadly feline diseases of FIV and feline leukemia. Unfortunately, these diseases are similar to HIV in humans.

As the technology in the field of shelter veterinary medicine has improved, animal shelters have begun to recognize the risks that FIV and feline leukemia pose to other cats in the shelter and to household cats. Likewise, methods to test for these diseases have be-

come easier to administer.

"We started testing cats in August, but we had no funding budgeted for these new costs," Wood says. "We weren't sure how we were going to continue. Then we heard about this grant opportunity in October."

For more information about

Washington County Animal Services & Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter, stop by and see the pets first-hand at 1901 SE 24th Avenue in Hillsboro, call 503-846-7041 or view [www.co.washington.or.us/pets](http://www.co.washington.or.us/pets).

## Study says some bait cure bad for fish

A recent study by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife confirms some commercially-available cured fish eggs – a popular salmon and steelhead bait – are harmful to juvenile salmon and steelhead. ODFW released the results of its study released December 16, 2009.

ODFW and Oregon State University scientists tested a random sample of commercially-available cured eggs and found that some juvenile fish died after ingesting some brands. Specific mortality levels varied among products and ranged from 0 to 30 percent.

In a second round of studies at OSU, researchers identified sodium sulfite as the ingredient causing the fish to die.

"We've already talked with several manufacturers and we're encouraged by their com-

mitment to solving this problem," said Bruce McIntosh, ODFW deputy administrator of inland fisheries.

"Our emphasis will be on informing anglers, guides and other manufacturers about the risks sulfites pose to juvenile fish."

While the recent research showed some cured eggs killed juvenile fish, ODFW researchers cannot predict whether this has a significant effect on the overall health of salmon and steelhead populations.

"We cannot extrapolate the data from this study to predict what impact, if any, the ingestion of cured eggs by juvenile fish has on the final size of the adult population," said Shaun Clements, ODFW researcher.

Anglers often cure salmon eggs to preserve them and to

add fish-attracting scents. Some anglers use their own egg cure recipes, while many others use commercially available products. While salmon eggs have been considered safe and popular bait for decades, it's only been since the 1980s that sulfites have been a common ingredient in egg cures.

The egg cure issue was brought to the attention of ODFW in April 2008 and testing began the following month.

Researchers selected random samples from commercially-available eggs to conduct the research. ODFW has coordinated with the product manufacturers, who have cooperated throughout the study and supplied ingredient lists to the researchers.

### Between the Bookends

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tranged mother. Both of their lives are unraveling, but through it all, they find family.

*Jumper Cable* by Piers Anthony. Anthony fans will be happy to see that there is another Xanth adventure. A cataclysmic battle between two all-powerful demons has severed a mystical connection that joins Xanth to our own world. The key to mending the connection is hidden within a cryptic prophecy found in the form of a spider named Jumper, snared by a Narrative Hooks that pulls him in to the center of the devious plot. Soon, Jumper finds himself transformed from

spider to man, struggling to solve the mystery while dealing with alluring damsels with perplexing problems. Anthony has spun another wild and witty tale for fantasy fans.

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## Be prepared using these FEMA tips

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your calendar for routine inspections.

- Keep serviceable fire extinguishers in kitchens, garages, risk areas and autos.

- Stock emergency supplies for 72 hour independent action – and schedule periodic rotations to keep supplies fresh.

- Re-evaluate flood insurance coverage to make sure it is adequate to your current

needs. If you don't have flood insurance, get some!

- Stock or restock disaster kits for home, office and auto (first aid kits, food, water and prescription medications for 72 hours, extra clothing, blankets, flashlights).

- Teach all responsible family members how to shut off water, gas and power in case of emergencies.

- Build Pet Disaster Kits

(food, water, leashes, dishes and carrying case or crate).

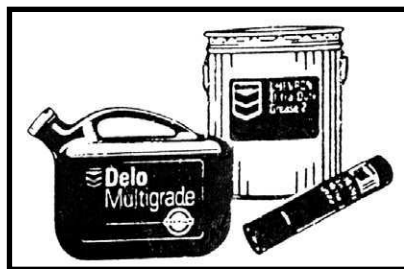
- Create family disaster communications plans – and schedule biannual practices.

A wealth of information and preparedness tips is available from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's READY.GOV site at: <http://www.ready.gov> and from FEMA at: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

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