



United Paws 2006 Newsletter



2005 Banner Year for UP

A simple program depending more upon funds than volunteers, the UP mission is to:

- *Spay/neuter companion animals of low-income county residents.*
- *Spay/neuter feral cats and colonies.*
- *Provide financial and advertising support for the care and placement of animals in foster homes.*

Our goal? To end the cycle of animal suffering, overpopulation and homelessness through an active spay/neuter program and foster placement and adoption network.

This year we:

- *Substantially increased our funding, thus helped more animals.*
- *Held a garage sale, which netted over \$1,000. Another is planned for 2006.*
- *Sponsored a successful quilt raffle; another is planned for 2006.*
- *Streamlined our foster program.*

Activities this year:

- *We are busy constructing our very own website, which will include photos of animals available for adoption, as well as full-color versions of all our newsletters. Be sure to visit us at: www.unitedpaws.org.*

UP asks for donations only through mailings, never phone calls or emails.

The more you donate to United Paws, the more animals we are able to help.



Rosie and Roxie Looking for a New Home

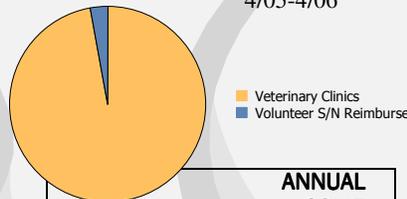
UP Receives PETCO Grant

PETCO Foundation showed its support of United Paws by approving a \$1,000 grant to be used for spay/neuter in Tillamook County. With this newly established relationship, United Paws will be able to reapply for more PETCO funds as the year progresses.

TLC Credit Union Donates

Thanks to a generous donation from TLC Credit Union, United Paws obtained liability insurance without having to take a single nickel out of our funds. That means every penny of every dollar you donate continues to go to the animals. We bought our insurance from a local broker, making this a true community outreach project.

Spending by Category



	ANNUAL INCOME
2000	\$2,780
2001	\$4,109
2002	\$3,288
2003	\$3,026
2004	\$5,531
2005	\$13,095
2006 Goal	\$20,000

Please Help Us Meet our Goal for 2006!

United Paws of America
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Spay/Neuter Still our Primary Objective

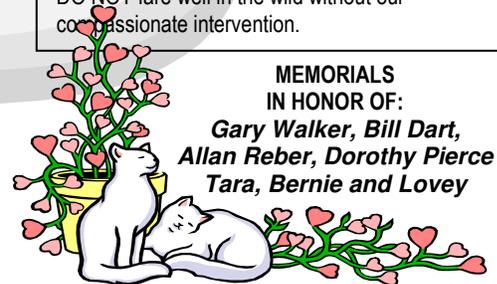
Spaying and neutering is the only way we can hope to make a dent in the volume of unwanted, homeless animals in our communities. There simply are more animals than there are good homes. Since we began our spay/neuter campaign in Tillamook County three years ago, we have altered over 700 dogs and cats.

Tillamook County has no mobile or discount spay/neuter clinics. Our funds go to local vets, who at times offer us discounted rates for some of their services. We also drive animals to veterinarians in other counties, who offer us the most competitive discounts, enabling us to stretch our dollars to spay and neuter more animals. Increases in vet charges took a larger chunk out of our budget this year.

Spay/neuter funding is provided either in full or in part, after a careful assessment, based upon the client's ability to pay.

Residents and volunteers have also helped us trap and spay/neuter feral cat colonies in Nehalem, Bay City, Garibaldi, Tillamook and Cloverdale. UP provides traps, educational information for maintaining feral cat colonies, as well as cat food.

Our goal for 2006 is to s/n as many feral cats along the 101 business route as possible. We will trap/neuter/return cats if there are caretakers available to provide food, which UP can also help with, as funds allow. Contrary to what many think, feral cats DO belong to the domestic cat family but DO NOT fare well in the wild without our compassionate intervention.



MEMORIALS IN HONOR OF:

**Gary Walker, Bill Dart,
Allan Reber, Dorothy Pierce
Tara, Bernie and Lovey**

Fostering Provides an Interim Home for Animals Awaiting Adoption

Thanks to the valiant efforts of a tiny group of Tillamook County folks, now coordinated and spearheaded by Melissa Josi Sexton, literally hundreds of county cats and dogs have found a second chance. With few actual homes available to foster, volunteers have been creative in providing support to help people with their animal "problems." Go to www.unitedpaws.org to view adoptable animals.

- UP provides financial support and supplies to foster families for veterinary expenses and pet food, when needed.
- UP supports adoptions with posters, newspaper ads and website promotion. United Paws recently started placing Tillamook fostered animal ads on www.petfinder.com, a national website.
- UP promotes increased communication and networking among volunteers helping Tillamook animals.

Spring is here and that means Kitten Season is nearly here. If you would like to volunteer as a foster home and reap the rewards of providing hands-on care and support, please call Melissa at 503/815-8282 for more information. We desperately need good foster homes!