

NEWS RELEASE For Immediate Release Video and interview opportunities available – Photos, video and logo can be found at: https://bit.ly/GHSCatAbandonment-Aug2023

Media Contact: Sasha Elliot sasha@green-hill.org 541.689.1503 x 112

## Greenhill Humane Society Receives Thirty-Five Cats From Hoarding and Abandonment Case

Some of the cats will be available for adoption starting Friday & Saturday

**EUGENE, OREGON – (September 1, 2023)** – Last week, thirty-five cats were received by <u>Greenhill Humane</u> <u>Society</u> from a local hoarding and neglect case. The cats were all abandoned in a rented Eugene apartment.

"All of these cats have health issues including ringworm and some more serious conditions. We are working to provide them with the care and treatment they need," said Ashley Lalan, Greenhill's Feline Program Manager. "Initially they were timid, but they've warmed up to our team and are proving to be outgoing, friendly cats. Adoptive families will find that after a little bit of time and trust building, there will be a loyal bond."

All thirty-five of the cats have ringworm, a highly contagious, but treatable zoonotic disease. Treatment can take months, but is something that can be done in a home environment. For that reason, Greenhill is looking to find families to adopt the cats while still under treatment. Adopters will be provided with training, medication and supplies to continue treatment in their home.

"We are looking to find homes for these cats quickly," said Sarah Bouzad, Greenhill's Community Engagement & Events Manager. "We currently have over 160 animals in our care, and more coming in every day. Because each of these cats require extra time and care, it reduces the number of animals we can care for overall."

Currently, seven of the cats will be available for adoption beginning on Friday, September 1 and eight more cats becoming available for adoption on Saturday, September 2. The age of the cats ranges from 1.5 years to 2 years old. More cats will become available for adoption in the coming weeks. While some of the cats are initially shy, many are very friendly and affectionate. The adoption price for these cats has been reduced to \$45. There will be a special process for adopters including education about the cats' care needs. Adopters will be provided supplies necessary to make treatment manageable. People interested in adopting these cats can visit <u>Greenhill's website</u> (www.green-hill.org) or visit the shelter starting Friday morning between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The shelter is operating on a first come first served limited capacity basis.

People interested in becoming a foster family for any of these cats that are not yet ready for adoption can learn more <u>here (https://www.green-hill.org/foster\_care)</u>. People can also support the care of these cats and others like them with a donation at https://www.green-hill.org/donate. <u>Click here to donate</u>.

To learn more about Greenhill Humane Society or see all the animals up for adoption, visit <u>www.green-hill.org</u>.

###

## About Greenhill Humane Society

Greenhill Humane Society has been caring for animals in Lane County since 1944. It is a private, nonprofit organization that relies on charitable donations. Greenhill is located at 88530 Green Hill Road in Eugene. *We envision a world in which all animals are treated with compassion and respect*. In 2022, Greenhill sheltered and cared for 3,691 animals. Greenhill dogs, cats, and rabbits are spayed or neutered prior to adoption, receive recommended vaccinations, and are microchipped. To learn more visit www.green-hill.org and follow on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok.