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Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter

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## Washington County Animal Services Welcomes New Manager

*Columnist, author of pet care books selected*

**Hillsboro, Oregon** -- Deborah Wood is the new Animal Services Manager for Washington County. She supervises the operations of the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter in Hillsboro, the animal control field services for the County, and humane education and outreach.

Wood is a familiar name to many Oregon pet-lovers. For the last 11 years, Wood has been the "Pet Talk" columnist for The Oregonian newspaper. Her column will end in February. She's also the author of 12 books on pet training and care.

"Washington County Animal Services is already doing great work," says Wood. "I hope my set of skills and background can help make it even better. My goal is to work with the community to create an environment in which no adoptable animal will be euthanized for lack of a home. That means we need to create more awareness and resources for spay/neuter programs, we need to have more people coming to the shelter to adopt their new best friends, and we need more education about caring for pets," says Wood.

Prior to her work with animals, Wood had an extensive background managing housing and social service programs for low income and homeless people. She was the Executive Director of Central City Concern, Portland's largest agency providing housing and social services to homeless people.

She's a graduate of the College of William and Mary. She grew up in Oregon and is a graduate of Hillsboro High School.

For more information about Washington County Animal Services & Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter, see [www.co.washington.or.us/pets](http://www.co.washington.or.us/pets) or stop by at 1901 SE 24th Avenue, Hillsboro.



Debbie Wood and Tanner, a shelter kitty ready for adoption

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*The Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter provides care and protection for over 7,300 homeless, unwanted, abandoned and abused or neglected dogs and cats each year. We serve an estimated 110,000 dogs and 120,000 cats and their owners in Washington County, an area that encompasses 727 square miles and a human population of about 500,000. Adoption, lost and found, emergency veterinary rescue services, cruelty investigations, humane and safety education, and pet identification are just a few of our services. All donations are tax deductible.*

**Spay or neuter your pet for a kinder future.  
If your pet is already sterilized, consider sponsoring a friend's or neighbor's pet.**

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