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A N N U A L R E P O R T  
**2013**





## 2013 in Review

Instead of a recitation of statistics about OHS programs, I'd rather tell you about a dog named AJ, a cat named Millie, and some great people in Salem who work to keep animals safe.

I met AJ because OHS received a call from the Marion County Sheriff's Office. It was a Saturday afternoon and the Sheriff urgently needed our help with a neglect case involving nearly 150 animals. With little notice, our team scrambled to bring most of the dogs back to OHS that night, where they stayed for weeks to come as the court case proceeded.

When I saw AJ he was emaciated and covered in wounds. His survival seemed doubtful. After multiple surgeries at OHS, he regained his health and found a new home with a family to care for him. Through it all he never lost his friendly nature, even if it hurt to lift his head or wag his tail. When the criminal case finally comes to trial, I will be thinking about AJ during the proceedings.

With the Marion County rescue barely behind us, in March OHS geared up for another Herculean effort — but one that was planned for months in advance. Called "Spay Odyssey," the event brought our entire medical team and dozens of volunteers together to spay and neuter more than 200 cats in one day.

The marathon surgery session was the most visible part of an ongoing Spay & Save program that provides free and low-cost spay/neuter surgery for cats owned by low-income families. After four years of targeted efforts, the Portland area has seen a significant drop in the number of felines coming to shelters and an end to the euthanasia of healthy and treatable cats. Our thanks to PetSmart Charities and the Fund for Second Nature for supporting this lifesaving program.

Data gathered by Maddie's Fund, a national foundation, shows that the Portland area is now unsurpassed among US cities in saving the lives of shelter pets. Maddie's Fund recognized our community's success with a special grant to a coalition of six local shelters that are members of the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland. Cats like Millie, adopted from OHS last year, are now guaranteed a forever home after arriving at a shelter in our community. That is something to purr about!

As spring turned to summer, OHS worked hard in the state capitol for new laws protecting animals. Rescue groups and shelters should be accountable for the animals who pass through their doors, and neglect involving many animals is a different crime than the neglect of one. Sen. Peter Courtney once again led the charge. With help from Senator Bruce Starr, Representative Brent Barton and Representative Vic Gilliam, the Omnibus Animal Welfare Act passed the 2013 legislature. The law grants judges new powers to sentence offenders to prison and strengthens penalties for crimes involving large numbers of animals.

I'm proud of work accomplished by OHS this year, and you should be too — without you none of this would have been possible. Having the support of the community isn't something we take for granted. We work to earn your trust each and every day.

Once you review this report, I hope you will be happy with the results of your investment in OHS. Please accept our deepest appreciation for helping pets like AJ and Millie get the care they need.

Sharon M. Harmon  
Executive Director



## Our Mission

To foster an environment of respect, responsibility and compassion for all animals through education, legislation and leadership. To care for the homeless, to defend the abused and to fight with unrelenting diligence for recognition of the integrity of all animals.

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**FRONT COVER:** Photographs of OHS animals by Laura Hinrichs.

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**98%**  
save rate

**11,110** total adoptions

- » Fourth year in a row OHS has exceeded 11,000 adoptions
- » Fifth year in a row that every healthy and every treatable pet has found a home
- » Largest number of adoptions from any single shelter facility in Washington, Oregon or California

## Homeward Bound 11,110 Reasons to Celebrate

Saving lives is what we do every day. Last year, OHS found homes for 11,110 animals – the fourth year in a row we have exceeded the 11,000 mark. OHS adopts more animals than any other single shelter facility in Washington, Oregon or California.

An average of 30 pets went to new homes each and every day OHS was open last year. Pets with names such as as Alfonso, Big Bub, Cinderfela, Duffy, Fancy Pants, Mugsy, Pumpkin, Rocket, Zoe and so many more.

We are committed to finding a home for every healthy pet as well as every pet with a medical condition that would be considered treatable by a responsible pet owner. 2013 marked the fifth year in a row that OHS has met this goal.

We're proud to say that our overall save rate\* for pets is 98%, which is one of the highest in the nation. That figure is even more impressive when you consider that OHS never places a time limit on how long a pet stays available for adoption.

## Adoptions in 2013

### ADOPTIONS in 2013

5,161 Dogs .....	99%
5,214 Cats .....	98%
735 Small Animals & Livestock .....	98%

### SAVE RATE

*\* The Save Rate is calculated according to Asilomar standards and includes transfers to breed rescue groups and animals reunited with their owner/guardian. Complete OHS adoption statistics conforming to Asilomar standards are available on our website. The collection and publication of Asilomar data is sponsored by Maddie's Fund®.*

TOTAL:

**11,110**  
adoptions

»

**98%**  
save rate

## Second Chances for Those Who Need it Most

When other shelters get overwhelmed by too many pets and too few adopters, they often turn to the OHS Second Chance program.

Last year, the Second Chance program helped a record 4,837 animals from 70 other shelters, the highest number in the program's 13-year history. Second Chance pets come in all shapes and sizes, but have one thing in common: the shelters they come from are faced with too many animals and too few resources.

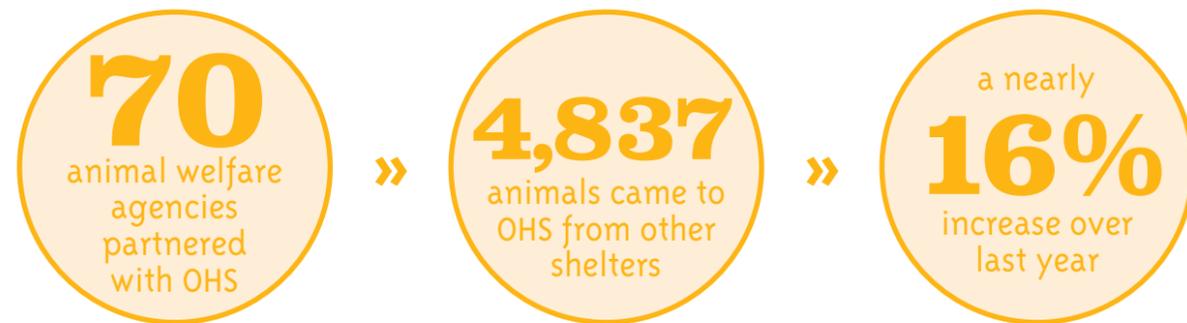
Many of the pets reach OHS in a special vehicle designed for long-distance animal transport. The truck is equipped with 40 kennels, back-up safety systems to make sure proper temperatures are always maintained, and a video camera allowing the driver to monitor the precious cargo.

The vehicle travels to a variety of far-flung shelters, such as those in Klamath Falls, Medford, Longview, Wash., and Merced, Calif. The truck was donated by PetSmart Charities. Ellyn Bye of the Dream Envision Foundation helps offset operating costs.

*“Working with OHS is a joy. Through their second chance program we are all able to help more dogs. Thanks so much!”*

**KIMBER ELLIOTT**  
Greenhill Humane Society  
Eugene, Ore.

## 2013 Second Chance Program



Second Chance partners were located across the region in Oregon, Washington, California and Hawaii.



PHOTO BY MIKE GOSTOMSKI

*“Blue Mountain Humane Association in La Grande Oregon loves the OHS Second Chance program. Because of this program many lives are saved and we are very thankful. Our animals are blessed... thank you!”*

**JOHN & LEEANNA BRINLEE**  
Blue Mountain Humane Association  
La Grande, Ore.

PHOTO BY JOHN VALLS



## Humane Investigations

**1,212**  
new cases  
investigated

OHS Humane Officers investigate reports of animal neglect, abuse and abandonment. Most cases are resolved through education, but officers are empowered to enforce cruelty laws throughout the state. Officers gather evidence, issue citations and testify in court.

OHS seized more than 100 dogs after an investigation into allegations of criminal animal neglect.

2013 saw OHS involved in several large-scale animal cruelty cases. In January, OHS assisted authorities in the seizure of nearly 150 dogs from a warehouse near Salem. In August, an Estacada woman whose emaciated horses were rescued by OHS was sentenced to 16 days in jail. In November,

Although OHS Humane Officers are commissioned by the Governor, the seven-person investigations team receives no tax dollars and is funded by donations.

## Animal Rescues

The OHS Technical Animal Rescue Team (OHSTAR) is ready to help animals trapped or stranded and in need of human assistance to survive. In 2013, members of the all-volunteer team rappelled down the banks of the Sandy River to rescue a stranded Labrador retriever. In the Santiam River, volunteers lowered an OHSTAR rescuer into swirling water to save a pug trapped in a fish ladder. In the Columbia Gorge, the team braved the steep cliffs near Punch Bowl Falls to retrieve the fallen body of a beloved pet.



The unique skills of OHSTAR are frequently called upon by law enforcement agencies. Their rescue work is supported entirely by private donations.

**34**  
deployments  
by OHSTAR

**21**  
OHSTAR  
members

**583**

animals seized or  
removed by  
investigators

**3,387** animals aided by  
the Investigations  
Department in 2013

# Legislation



Gov. John Kitzhaber and OHS Executive Director at the signing of the Omnibus Animal Welfare bill.

In 2013, OHS was instrumental in the passage of new legislation that greatly expanded legal protections for animals in Oregon.

The Omnibus Animal Welfare bill enacts a sweeping set of measures that increase the penalties for animal crimes and give authorities new investigation tools. Among the provisions: grants judges strong new powers to sentence animal offenders to prison; elevates penalties for animal crimes committed in the presence of a minor; bars offenders convicted of neglect from possessing horses and other livestock; and greatly increases the penalties for crimes involving 11 or more animals — a powerful tool for use in cases that involve hoarders and neglectful breeders.

Legislators also approved a new measure that restricts the practice of tethering dogs to a stationary line for more than ten hours a day — a practice that frequently leads to neglect and social isolation.

Animal advocates also cheered the passage of SB 835, which bans equine tripping in rodeos. The practice involves the use of a rope to bring down a moving horse, and is already banned in many states because it is a serious danger to the health of the horse.

## 2013 RESULTS:



harsher penalties for a wide array of offenses



new restrictions on tethering dogs



a ban on equine tripping in rodeos

PHOTO BY JOHN VALLS

# Volunteers Adults

If you are looking for someone with a compassionate, courageous heart, look no further than an OHS volunteer. These dedicated animal lovers perform virtually every task imaginable at OHS, from feeding dogs during a snow storm to showing cats on television news broadcasts. They volunteer their time and talents with no thought of compensation except the love of the animals they care for.

**222,094** »  
total hours of time volunteered by adults

equivalent to **107** full-time employees

**1,968**  
adult volunteers

Longtime volunteer Ken Wells with special friend.



**296** Foster Care volunteers

# Volunteers Youth and Community Group Volunteers

The Youth Volunteer Program provides young people ages 12 to 17 a long-term volunteer opportunity. Community groups are frequent visitors to the shelter, providing animal care and helping to maintain our dog walking paths.

**105** » contributed a total of **3,732** hours  
community group volunteers

**283** » contributed a total of **13,387** hours  
youth volunteers



OHS volunteers on parade.

# Saving Lives OHS Holman Medical Center

The OHS Holman Medical Center is a state-of-the-art animal hospital that has performed more than 60,000 surgeries since it opened in 2007. The hospital, which is attached directly to the OHS shelter, provides life-saving medical care to shelter pets. The care provided by the 19-person medical team is a major reason why OHS has maintained a zero euthanasia rate for pets who arrive at the shelter in need of medical care a typical owner would provide.

The medical center includes three surgical suites, a digital x-ray unit, a laboratory, a pharmacy and treatment recovery rooms for cats and dogs. Every unaltered pet adopted from OHS is spayed or neutered at the hospital. Thousands of additional pets are spayed or neutered for

little or no fee as part of the area-wide Spay & Save program serving low-income families.

The hospital is also a first-of-its-kind teaching facility. In partnership with the Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine, veterinary students complete a three-week primary care rotation at the hospital under the guidance of a full-time OSU faculty member.

In 2013, the hospital once again received top marks from the nation's leading accreditation organization, making it just one of 12 humane societies in the nation to meet the exacting standards of the American Animal Hospital Association.



**12,585**

total number of surgeries in 2013



**88**

veterinary students taught

**5,085**

free/low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for pets owned by low-income families

**1,506**

emergency and other needed surgeries

# An Alliance in Action

**91%**  
combined save rate of ASAP members



The problem of pet overpopulation doesn't stop where the service area of one shelter ends and another begins. That's why six major Portland-area shelters joined hands in 2006 to boost adoptions and provide more medical and behavior care to pets. The results achieved by the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland (ASAP)\* have been astounding.

Last year, Portland was recognized as being unsurpassed when it came to metropolitan areas that saved the lives of shelter pets. Maddie's Fund, a national animal welfare group, honored ASAP members with a \$1 million grant for achieving an 85% save rate in 2012 — a save rate that no other city exceeded.

The latest data are even better: in 2013, ASAP members achieved a 91% save rate, meaning

that 91% of the 32,000 animals who entered ASAP shelters were adopted, reunited with their owners or transferred to other humane groups dedicated to saving their lives (nearly double the national average). In addition, not a single healthy pet was euthanized by an ASAP member.

As the largest member of the organization, OHS has a 98% save rate and spearheads the Spay & Save program, which is supported through a grant from PetSmart Charities and the Fund for Second Nature. The program offers free or low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for cats owned by low-income families. In 2013, 11,920 cats were spayed or neutered through the program, with OHS performing 43% of the surgeries. In just four years, the program has altered more than 41,000 cats and reduced the number of cats entering local shelters by 35%.

## ANIMAL SHELTER ALLIANCE OF PORTLAND RESULTS:\*

**11,920**

number of cats altered in 2013 through the Spay & Save program



**35%**

reduction in number of cats entering shelters since Spay & Save started

\* ASAP shelter members include: Cat Adoption Team, Clackamas County Dog Services, Humane Society for SW Washington, Multnomah County Animal Services, Oregon Humane Society and Washington County Animal Services.

# Behavior and Education

**1,769**  
calls from the public  
to OHS free behavior  
help line

The OHS Behavior and Training Department plays a valuable role for pets inside and outside the shelter. For pets at OHS, the department helps ease the transition to the shelter environment. A group of dedicated volunteers and staff teach dogs the basic manners needed to be a good companion animal. The training team is experienced in helping shy animals adjust to their new environment and, at the other end of the spectrum, helping active pets get the exercise and stimulation they need while waiting for a new home.

The general public can draw on the experience of OHS trainers when they call our help line or bring their pets to one of our many training classes. In addition, OHS is one of the few organizations that offer training for "pet partner" teams seeking to become registered animal-assisted therapy providers. These people-pet teams visit hospital and nursing home patients, offering unconditional love and the benefits of animal-assisted therapy.

**1,291**  
members of the public  
enrolled in OHS training  
classes

**217**  
one-on-one training  
consultations

**102**  
Pet Partner teams evaluated  
for animal-assisted therapy



**113** classroom visits by educators  
to 52 different schools  
**132** in-shelter tours conducted  
by educators  
**196** students who attended  
OHS summer camp sessions



**14,704**  
people reached by  
humane education  
programs

## EDUCATION

OHS educators take their teachings on the road every year, visiting hundreds of classrooms throughout the Portland area. They are almost always accompanied by a four-legged friend. For some students, this dog may be the first animal they have ever played with. Students also visit the shelter to take tours, attend

after-school clubs or enjoy summer day camps. The OHS summer day camp is one of the most popular in the city. It gives students the chance to work hands-on with animals and learn about work done by veterinarians, animal cruelty investigators, animal trainers and more.

*OHS is a strong believer in helping the next generation of Oregonians understand the importance of humane values. When we live by such values as compassion, kindness and responsibility, we make our community a better place for pets and people.*



PHOTO BY SUSAN MCPHIEE

## OHS Gets Top Honors for *Financial Integrity*



### NOVEMBER 2013:

The nation's top charity watchdog has awarded OHS its highest possible ranking for the sixth consecutive year, an honor accorded to only 3% of the nation's nonprofits. Charity Navigator's coveted 4-Star rating is given to nonprofits that demonstrate the highest level of fiscal management and a commitment to accountability and transparency.

"This 'exceptional' designation from Charity Navigator differentiates OHS from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust," said Ken Berger, President of Charity Navigator.

## OHS Wins *Most Admired Company Award*

### JANUARY 2013:

The Oregon Humane Society was named one of the most admired nonprofits in Oregon for 2013. This prestigious honor was bestowed by the Portland Business Journal. The paper surveyed Oregon chief executives to determine the state's Most Admired Companies in several categories, including nonprofits.

"It's no surprise that OHS is one of the Most Admired Nonprofits in Oregon ... They are strategic, passionate about and for the animals and their efforts are truly making a difference," said Rebecca Brown, Comcast Community Relations Manager. "We support OHS because it is visibly well managed," said Janna Brown, Senior VP/Director, Durham & Bates Insurance Brokers and Agents.



**86¢** of every dollar donated goes to help animals

## Give with Confidence

When you donate to OHS, you do so with the knowledge that your dollars are working hard to help animals. We strive to keep administrative and fundraising costs to a minimum, devoting 86 cents of every dollar donated to programs helping animals.

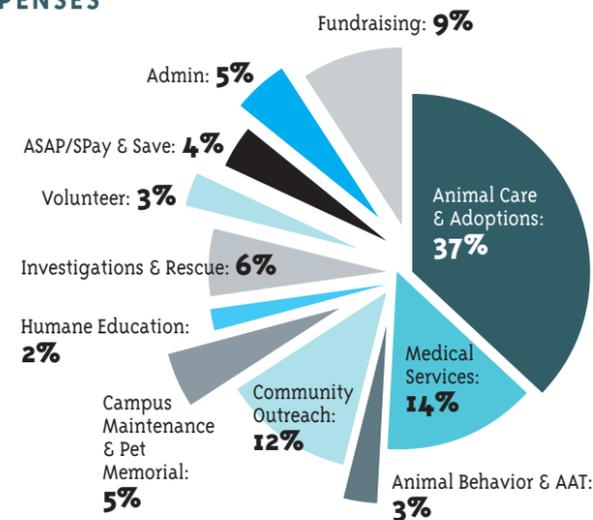
We consistently earn the highest possible ranking from Charity Navigator, the nation's premier charity watchdog. We are also proud to meet



the Better Business Bureau's Twenty Standards of Charitable Accountability, your assurance of the highest level of financial stewardship for your donation.

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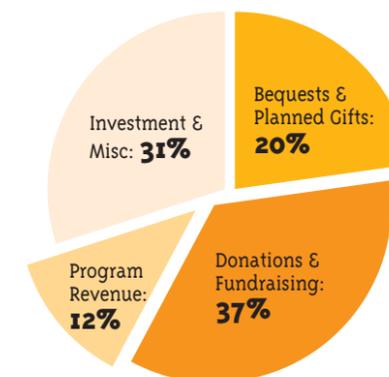
### EXPENSES



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Animal Care & Adoptions	\$3,938,554	37%
Medical Services	\$1,509,798	14%
Animal Behavior & AAT	\$329,647	3%
Community Outreach	\$1,298,720	12%
Campus Maintenance & Pet Memorial	\$571,520	5%
Humane Education	\$172,776	2%
Investigations & Rescue	\$611,215	6%
Volunteer	\$263,374	3%
ASAP/Spay & Save	\$377,336	4%
Admin	\$580,596	5%
Fundraising	\$934,246	9%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$10,587,781</b>	<b>100%</b>

### REVENUE



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Bequests & Planned Gifts	\$3,617,347	20%
Donations & Fundraising	\$6,550,688	37%
Program Revenue	\$2,172,497	12%
Investment & Misc	\$5,620,077	31%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$17,960,608</b>	<b>100%</b>

NET ASSETS AT 12/31/12 ..... \$33,874,984  
 INCREASE IN NET ASSETS 2013 ..... \$7,372,828  
 NET ASSETS AT 12/31/2013 ..... \$41,247,812

*These are preliminary figures pending an independent audit of fiscal year 2013. Detailed audited financial statements are available at [www.oregonhumane.org](http://www.oregonhumane.org). The OHS fiscal year is January 1 to December 31.*

# The Challenges Ahead

Without a doubt, 2013 was one for the record books. Our community reached a huge milestone last year: we achieved a strategic goal set in 2010 of not euthanizing a single healthy or treatable pet at a shelter in the Portland metro area.

Despite this accomplishment, thousands of pets still become homeless every year in our community. Why? The reasons are varied. The first is simple arithmetic: more cats are being born than there are homes. But a more tragic reason is when a loving pet owner is no longer able to care for an animal.

Nothing is sadder than witnessing someone giving up a pet because they lack the funds for veterinary expenses. What's needed is a safety net to prevent medically fragile pets from becoming homeless. What does that safety net look like? How would it work? During 2014, we will craft a strategic plan to address this vital issue.

In 2013, we conducted two large-scale rescues that brought hundreds of neglected animals to OHS. We learned that these large rescues directly impacted another lifesaving effort: the OHS Second Chance program. We were forced to delay the scheduled arrival of Second Chance pets because the rescued dogs absorbed all of our kennel capacity. We need to do better, and not allow one lifesaving program to adversely affect another lifesaving program. In 2014, we'll be exploring every option so that we won't be faced with this dilemma again.

While pet overpopulation becomes less of a concern for our organization, complaints of animal cruelty continue to rise. Cruelty cases themselves have become more complex and costly to investigate. There is a need for more sophisticated evidence gathering and documentation. Judges, juries and defense attorneys demand the same attention to detail in an animal cruelty case as they demand in a human homicide case. Without better tools for our investigations team, we face the prospect that some of the worst offenders may be able to commit animal cruelty with impunity. Developing a plan to give cruelty investigators the best possible tools to bring criminals to justice will be a major part of our strategic planning this year.

It might seem tempting to relax now that we've achieved so much. But we wouldn't be OHS if we let needs go unmet and animals suffer. With your help, we can solve these problems and get to a world where every life is cherished, respected and treated with compassion.

— Sharon Harmon, Executive Director, Oregon Humane Society

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