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Direct Line

from Sharon Harmon, President and CEO

As the walls begin to go up on our New Road Ahead expansion project, I've been thinking about the collaboration and partnerships that have gotten us to this point. We were fortunate to consult with behavior experts at the ASPCA when we were designing the Behavior Rehabilitation and Rescue Center. The Harvard Business School Alumni Association worked with us to develop the business plan for the Community Teaching Hospital. And countless hours have been spent with the experts on our own staff to plan and design facilities that will help us write the next chapter in creating a More Humane Society. You can read more about the progress on the New Road Ahead expansion and some of the unique collaborations that have been formed through the process on page 10.

Part of what makes OHS one of the leading animal welfare organizations in the country is our ability to partner and collaborate. There are times when we are the expert sharing advice and other instances where we are soliciting input. Progress and innovation do not happen in a vacuum. There are great ideas and new approaches to old problems everywhere you look.

The field of veterinary social work has emerged in recent years as we've recognized that issues affecting animals are often tightly interwoven with problems affecting people. Over the past year, OHS has been working with a veterinary social work student through her internship and on a contract basis post-graduation. Her expertise has been critical as OHS has helped animals from situations that also involve housing and human health issues. I am excited to officially welcome OHS' first Veterinary Social Worker, Kelly Bremken, MSSW, VSW, to our staff. Read more about Kelly and other OHS efforts to help people and pets on page 8.

The case of Hobbs the cat on page 6 was a significant victory in securing justice for an animal who suffered horrific abuse by a person who was also guilty of crimes against people. By recognizing the intersection of violence against people and the abuse of animals we are making significant progress in creating a More Humane Society.

We also learn valuable lessons from our community. Our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion has pushed us to consider all the ways we interact with pet owners and prospective adopters. At OHSU's Health Equity Fair in October, OHS provided pet food and supplies, and partnered with a mobile grooming service. OHS Board Member Dr. Robert Mack, DVM, was also at the event to assist pet owners with questions and concerns.

I am so proud of this effort as it demonstrates a new way to recognize and strengthen the animal-human bond. Read more on page 8. The OHS website now includes language translation so community members seeking our services or looking to adopt a pet will now feel more welcome. For clients who come to us in person, we have contracted an interpreting service so staff has the tools they need to serve our diverse community.

Valuable lessons come from our adopters every day. Oliver Nacho, the cat, had behavior and medical issues when he came to OHS in 2018. He went home with an adopter who was committed to his care and Oliver Nacho has thrived. Three years later, he was the ring bearer at his adopters wedding. These touching photos are on page 4.

OHS would not be where we are today without the generosity and support of our donors. Your partnership and collaboration have been the foundation and driver of our work to create a More Humane Society. I look forward to continuing on our path together in 2022.

With gratitude,

Sharon M. Harmon
Sharon M. Harmon, CAWA
President and CEO

ON THE COVER: Sweet Peet was adopted from OHS by Audrey Albaugh, a generous donor to the New Road Ahead expansion project and other OHS programs. Read Sweet Peet's Happy Tail on page 18.



OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY NEWS



OHS RECEIVES HENRY BERGH AWARD FROM ASPCA

Each year, the ASPCA's Humane Awards honor animal heroes who have gone above and beyond their traditional roles to help humans, as well as people making significant strides to improve animal welfare.

Following a nationwide public call for nominations, an expert ASPCA committee reviewed hundreds of entries and selected winners in seven categories, including Kid of the Year, Dog of the Year, Cat Advocate of the Year, the Equine Welfare Award, the Corporate Compassion Award, the Public Service Award, and the Henry Bergh Award, named after the ASPCA's founder and given to an individual or institution exhibiting exceptional leadership, compassion and commitment to animal welfare.

Oregon Humane Society was honored with the Henry Bergh Award in recognition for OHS' innovative programs that most effectively meet the needs of vulnerable animals. The depth of OHS programs, including behavior rehabilitation, veterinary education, government relations, animal crime forensics, and free and low-cost services for low-income residents was also noted during the virtual award ceremony.

By conceiving, implementing, and demonstrating groundbreaking programs that respond to contemporary animal welfare challenges, OHS has become a model for the entire animal welfare field.

"Oregon Humane Society and the ASPCA share a long history of compassion for animals and a deep dedication for improving the lives of pets and people in our communities," says Sharon Harmon, OHS President and CEO. "We are thrilled to have our work recognized with this prestigious award."

Read more about this award and watch the 2021 ASPCA Humane Awards at www.oregonhumane.org/aspc-humane-award/



RABBIT VACCINE CLINIC HELPS AVOID DEADLY DISEASE

On Oct. 20, OHS hosted a one-day vaccine clinic to protect owned rabbits in Oregon from Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus, or RHDV. More than 70 rabbits received a vaccine at the event. Services also included a health exam and a microchip along with the vaccine.

RHDV is a highly contagious, often fatal disease that can spread quickly between rabbit and hare species. The disease is rare but has been identified in Central Oregon and in a feral domestic rabbit colony in Milwaukie, Oregon in March.

"RHDV has become more common in other areas around the country, and it could pose a significant threat to rabbits in our community if we don't protect them quickly," says Dr. Stephen Kochis, OHS Chief Medical Officer. "Hosting this clinic and offering a vaccine to rabbit owners is one way we can help mitigate the risk."

OHS recently broke ground on the New Road Ahead Project which includes a Community Teaching Hospital to help people and their pets. The new facility is scheduled to open in fall 2022 and will provide vaccines and other needed services for underserved pet owners.

OHS RECOGNIZED FOR TRANSPARENCY

Oregon Humane Society has been awarded the 2021 GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency in recognition for building a sustainable and fiscally responsible organization.

GuideStar is a database of over 1.8 million IRS-recognized tax-exempt organizations and thousands of faith-based nonprofits. Along with Charity Navigator and the Better Business Bureau, these three entities provide OHS with an opportunity to be fully transparent with our supporters and the public.

The GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency puts OHS in the highest echelon of philanthropic integrity and demonstrates a commitment to trust and transparency at all levels.

"A commitment to fiscal transparency and responsibility is part of creating a More Humane Society," says Sharon Harmon, OHS President and CEO. "It is because of this commitment that the community continues to trust us, not just with their animals but with their financial resources."

The Purr-fect Ring Bearer

It's not every day that you see a cat playing the role of a ring bearer in a wedding. Oliver Nacho is no ordinary cat. He came to OHS in 2018 and had trouble finding the right match. Many prospective adopters were deterred by his special medical and behavioral needs, but not Tracy. She and her boyfriend, Garry, watched Oliver Nacho on the OHS website for several months and finally decided to come in and meet him. When Tracy and Oliver Nacho finally met, there was an instant connection. "He sat on my lap and licked my elbow. I cried and had to have him." They have been best pals since the day Oliver Nacho was adopted.

When Tracy and Garry were planning their wedding this year, they knew their beloved cat had to be part of the ceremony. They decided that Oliver Nacho would be the ring bearer, so they designed a special basket for him to be carried in down the aisle by the flower girls. Of course, he was also dressed in a kitty tuxedo for the big event. Wedding guests were also treated to a fun moment as the band played "Hail to the Chief" as Oliver Nacho made his debut.



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Justice for Hobbs



Fighting for those who can't speak for themselves

Hobbs was the victim of horrific animal abuse. When he was transferred to OHS, he had a broken leg, lacerations and sustained multiple wounds from a pellet gun. Two other deceased cats were also part of the case and brought to OHS for a forensic exam. Research shows that animal abuse and violence against people are inextricably linked. Decades of research has been done on this topic, including a landmark study in 1997 that found that animal abusers are five times as likely to also harm humans. This was the case with Hobbs' abuser, who was charged with several other crimes.

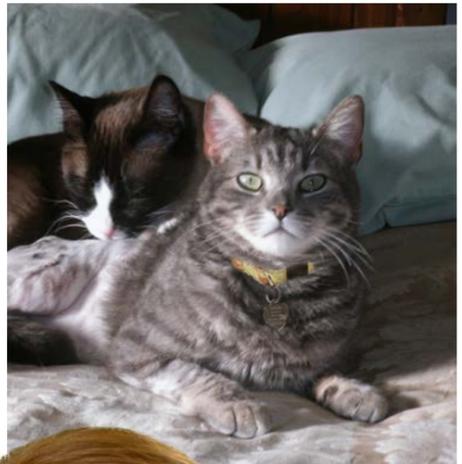
A forensic exam by an OHS veterinarian revealed the details of Hobbs' injuries which helped build a strong case against his abuser. OHS Humane Law Enforcement worked with the Marion County Sheriff's Office as they sought justice for Hobbs and the human victims. In late September, Hobbs' abuser was sentenced for felony animal abuse and a variety of other charges. Notably, the sentence included 30 months in prison and 24 months post-prison supervision for the animal abuse charges. The defendant was also ordered to pay restitution for Hobbs' care and will likely spend several years in jail.

OHS Humane Law Enforcement partners with agencies statewide to hold animal abusers accountable and bring justice to their victims who can't speak for themselves.

A medical exam and forensic analysis revealed that Hobbs and two other cats had been victims of horrific abuse.



Hobbs was adopted by his foster parent and now spends his days lounging in the sun and snuggling with his new furry friend.



Focus on Forensics

Veterinary forensic medicine is an emerging specialty and those with this special training can find animal abuse that may otherwise go undetected. These experts can look at an X-ray of a broken bone and decipher the age or possible source. Their skilled eye can also help debunk false explanations of the source of an animal's injuries.

Testimony and analysis by those trained in veterinary forensic medicine can be key in holding abusers accountable. Because animals can't tell us what happened, this expertise helps put the pieces together.

The comparison to solving a puzzle is what drew OHS veterinarian Dr. Emily Ferrell to pursue a master's degree in veterinary forensic medicine. "I also have an interest in fighting for justice and bettering a community," says Dr. Ferrell. She is the only veterinarian at OHS who holds this advanced degree and has analyzed evidence and testified in court on dozens of animal abuse and neglect cases.

"This specialty is unique because you learn to look at a medical case through more of an investigative lens," she adds. "I will look at an injury and see if there are patterns or further examine if it could have been intentional."

Dr. Ferrell is also clear about the role of veterinary forensic medicine. "Our job is not to prove the crime; it is to collect factual information. Depending how the information lays out, there is the next step of pursuing criminal charges."



The New Road Ahead's groundbreaking Animal Crimes Forensic Center will feature state of the art technology and expert staffing to conduct meticulous investigations and collect irrefutable evidence necessary to ensure justice for abused and neglected animals, like Hobbs. For more information visit: oregonhumane.org/newroadahead

Helping People, *Helping Pets*

Helping Pets at the Health Equity Fair

Oregon Humane Society partnered with Oregon Health & Science University for their annual Health Equity Fair at Pioneer Courthouse Square in early October. This event was organized by OHSU students. This was the 13th year OHSU hosted the event for underserved communities, but the first year that Oregon Humane Society participated. About 300 Oregonians received free health and vision screenings, free COVID-19 and flu vaccinations, and other health services.

At the OHS table, board member Dr. Robert Mack helped pet owners with medical questions and brief exams. Collars, leashes, food and treats were also distributed. OHS partnered with a mobile pet grooming service to provide pets with baths, nail trims and brushing.

"We are so grateful to OHSU for the opportunity to participate in this event," says Danielle Works, OHS Outreach Coordinator. "Pets are family, and our goal is to help keep pets in homes where they are cherished and loved. Being able to support so many pet owners who clearly have a special bond with their animal was a real honor."



How Veterinary Social Work Helps Pet Owners in Crisis

When pets are in crisis, there is almost always a human element. The situations can be complex, emotional and challenging. Those who work in animal welfare are skilled at caring for pets, but helping people in crisis requires a different set of skills.

This is where veterinary social work comes in. These specially trained professionals can guide people to social services, connect them with resources or walk them through complex, emotional situations. The cases and situations are as different as the people and pets involved.

In December 2020 when a Lane County resident became overwhelmed with more than 200 guinea pigs in his home and was facing eviction, the OHS Second Chance team stepped in to help the animals. But it was Kelly Bremken, MSSW, VSW, who connected the owner with social services and ensured that he understood that OHS would take great care of the animals and find them new homes. Approaching the situation with kindness and compassion helped the owner move on and begin a new chapter. In some cases, Kelly intervenes and the pet doesn't need to come to OHS. A woman who had been living in her car was going into transitional housing but was not able to take her cat. Kelly learned that the woman had a family member who could take the pet, but they didn't know how to care for a cat or have any supplies. Kelly delivered supplies, educated the family member on proper cat care and provided a list of resources.



OHS Hires its First Veterinary Social Worker

It's been almost 20 years since the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine and College of Social Work established the country's first veterinary social work program. Since that time, the specialty has grown in prominence as the role of pets in the lives of people has become more significant. They are beloved family members and play an important part in our emotional and physical health.

Veterinary social work focuses on four main areas: grief and pet loss, animal-assisted interactions, the link between human and animal violence, and compassion fatigue and conflict management.

Animal shelter staff often fill this role, as caring for pets typically means caring for people too. It's a heavy burden. When Kelly Bremken worked at OHS as Foster Care Coordinator almost 10 years ago, she experienced this first-hand.



"People who work in animal welfare are inherently compassionate, but the work can be emotionally draining. It certainly takes a toll," says Kelly.

Several years after leaving OHS, Kelly decided to attend University of Tennessee and earn her master's degree in veterinary social work. In 2020, she returned to OHS for her internship and provided needed support to staff during the stress of the pandemic.

"It was incredibly rewarding returning to OHS; helping staff navigate the pandemic's changing landscape and supporting pet owners in our community," says Kelly.

Now, Kelly Bremken, MSSW, VSW, has returned to OHS as the full-time Veterinary Social Worker. This is a first for OHS and an important step toward creating a More Humane Society.

"Veterinary social work is the future," says Dr. Stephen Kochis, OHS Chief Medical Officer. "Having someone like Kelly to help our clients with complex issues reduces the amount of social service work that our operations team has to take on. This is particularly important as we prepare to expand our services for the community in 2022." Kelly's expertise has been invaluable in several cases.

She worked with a family who had suffered a tragic loss, leaving them struggling to care for their deaf dog, Gimili. Kelly connected the family with resources and ultimately helped them bring the dog to OHS to find a new home. Read more about Gimili's new home on page 18. She has also traveled to Eastern Oregon and Yamhill County to help overwhelmed pet owners who were also facing issues like eviction and health problems.

"The people we are working with care about their animals, but they are struggling," says Kelly. "The pause on spay/neuter services early in the pandemic has caused some pets owners to become overwhelmed."

In her role, Kelly will also be making connections with other social services agencies so she can connect pet owners with resources. She recently spoke at the Oregon Animal Control Council conference and is scheduled to speak at a national conference hosted by the Humane Society of the United States in 2022.

"There is a growing awareness that Veterinary Social Workers play an important role in animal welfare," adds Kelly. "And that is really gratifying."

MEET THE NEW ROAD AHEAD PROJECT MANAGER



A massive expansion project like the New Road Ahead requires a skilled multi-tasker to keep all the moving parts and pieces running smoothly. In her role, Ashley Evans, OHS Project Manager, works directly with the project's architect, general contractor, and internal stakeholders to ensure the expansion is completed on time and on budget.

What other shelter expansion projects have you been involved with?

Prior to my work on the New Road Ahead project, I managed several shelter improvements for OHS. In 2016 we completed office buildouts to support our growing staff, adding dedicated space for our community outreach, marketing, operations and human resources teams. In 2017 we worked to convert an old warehouse into a temporary emergency animal shelter. While not perfect, this space has supported numerous rescue efforts and has housed many species ranging from cats to exotic birds. Our experiences working in this building have taught us a lot about emergency sheltering and helped to shape the designs in our new Behavior Rehabilitation and Rescue center.

What has been the most rewarding part of the New Road Ahead project?

The most rewarding part of this project has been engaging with and learning from others. To make this project successful, it was important to engage with as many experts as possible, and many of them work within the walls of OHS. The lived experiences of our staff and volunteers informed so many of the decisions we made in this project, and we really couldn't have done this without them. Our friends in the broader animal welfare community have also been of tremendous help. We toured facilities across the country and took note of what

has worked best for other organizations and applied those lessons to our project.

What has been the most challenging part of this project?

We have been lucky in that we have not had to face too many challenges. That said, the COVID-19 pandemic really shook things up for a bit. In 2020 there was a lot of ambiguity around schedules, labor and supply chain. Luckily, we made it through the worst of it, and things have been running smoothly ever since. We are still navigating a tricky market when it comes to procuring materials and equipment but are being proactive and ordering things early to avoid any delays.

What is it like to finally see the walls going up after so many years of planning?

So many emotions! I am so excited to see this project coming to life. Walking into the partially constructed hospital and knowing that I am standing in what will soon be a bustling lobby full of pets and their parents is a great feeling. I have thoroughly enjoyed the planning that has gone into this project and will be sad when it is all over. That said, OHS is always thinking to the future so I am sure I will be busy planning the next big project very soon!

What do you want donors to know about the work that is going into this expansion?

We have an amazing team who bring their best to the project every day to ensure that our vision is realized. One of the first things I ask the folks who start working on this project is, "Do you have any pets?" and I receive an overwhelming number of "yes!" responses. But each "yes" comes with a story about why their pet is so important to them, and it is those feelings that

pour over into our project. Every single person working on this project knows the impact that our new programs will have on pets in our community, and that is what keeps the team motivated every day.

What has surprised you most about this project?

The complexity of this project never ceases to amaze me. So many considerations had to be made to ensure that these facilities would both meet our program needs and withstand the test of time. We worked closely with our architects to carefully map out an animal's experience in each of our facilities and made design choices to ensure that their time with us would be as comfortable and enriching as possible. We paid close attention to things like durability of materials, acoustics, ventilation and access to natural light. The result will be buildings that are both beautiful and durable.

What is your hope for 2022 and beyond?

I cannot wait to see how our new programs help to support our community. The pandemic has brought a new set of challenges to animal shelters and veterinary hospitals, and the need for these new programs is greater than ever. Animal welfare is changing and OHS is leading the way with the New Road Ahead. My hope is that OHS can be a resource and a guide to help other shelters across the country to progress their programs and their facilities to meet the changing needs in their communities. As we have learned from our experience with this project, there is so much power in community, and we can accomplish so much when support each other.



The New Road Ahead Expansion Project

Since the groundbreaking ceremony in June 2021, the site of the New Road Ahead expansion project has transformed from mountains of dirt and rock into buildings with framed walls surrounded by construction of upgraded walkways.

In addition to the two buildings that will house the Behavior Rehabilitation and Rescue Center, Animal Crimes Forensic Center and the Community Teaching Hospital, work is being done on the nearby dog path. The existing path used for walking dogs from the main shelter building is being regraded, and a new walking path is being installed for dogs receiving care in the Behavior Rehabilitation and Rescue Center. Along Columbia Blvd, the sidewalks are being upgraded to improve safety for pedestrians.

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RAISED: \$31.6 M

The time is now to invest in the \$36 million New Road Ahead Project and help the Oregon Humane Society do even more for animals in our community. Your contribution will build a brighter future for thousands of pets and will ensure that all animals are treated with compassion, kindness, and respect. To learn more about the project, or to donate online visit oregonhumane.org/newroadahead. For more information, email newroadahead@oregonhumane.org or call (503) 802-6758.

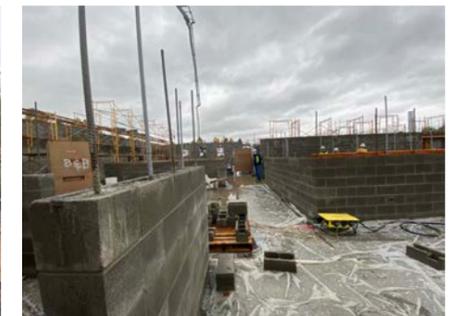
Tune into the live construction cam at oregonhumane.org/newroadahead for real-time updates.



Wood framing and placement of shear walls at the Community Teaching Hospital. The footprint of the building is starting to become more visible.



The existing dog path is being updated to make it safer for walking in weather conditions.



The concrete walls at the Behavior Rehabilitation and Rescue Center, including the borders of the rescue pods and behavior kennels.



DISASTER RESPONSE

TEAMS FROM OHS DEPLOY TO HELP VICTIMS OF HURRICANE IDA AND SHELTER PETS FROM LOUISIANA ARRIVE IN PORTLAND.

Hurricane Ida Response

Since Hurricane Ida pummeled the Gulf Coast on August 29, OHS emergency responders have helped care for hundreds of animals at emergency animal shelters in Louisiana and Tennessee. OHS also welcomed shelter pets from Louisiana on Oct. 13 as part of the ongoing efforts to help the region recover.

OHS has a long history of disaster response and has close to 130 staff and volunteers certified in Emergency Animal Sheltering plus a team that specializes in technical animal rescue called OHSTAR.

Whether a disaster strikes across the country or close to home, OHS stands ready to help.

Deployment dispatches

Team 1 - Knoxville, Tennessee

The first team to assist with the Hurricane Ida recovery was deployed to Knoxville, Tennessee at the request of the ASPCA to care for dogs who were moved from an animal shelter in Jefferson Parish, near New Orleans. Moving shelter pets out of an area directly impacted by a storm helps free up space and resources for emergency needs. OHS is frequently called upon by ASPCA to help with disaster response thanks to the experience and skills of the team. Members of the OHS Technical Animal Rescue, OHSTAR, were also part of this team



in case there was a need to do field rescue in Louisiana.

The team provided daily care for the dogs and helped with basic behavioral assessments and training to prepare them for the transfer to the next shelter and a new home.

Team 2 - Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

OHS was called by the ASPCA to help at another emergency shelter set up closer to the storm's impact zone. This effort was led by American Humane with involvement from Atlanta Humane and daily animal care managed by the ASPCA. The team worked in a large building that was converted to an emergency animal shelter and housed pets from local shelters, and strays who had been picked up or rescued after the storm. Shelby Hollenbeck, OHS Youth Services Coordinator, was part of the two-person team who deployed and reflected on her experience: "While this deployment was challenging at times it was even more rewarding. It was amazing to be surrounded by a team of people who had such a passion for animals. It was easy to work together as everyone worked hard and had a common goal."

Team 3 - Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes

The final team to deploy to Louisiana to help with Hurricane Ida recovery worked at three different shelters. Even though the work was geographically spread out, often requiring 3-4 hours of driving each day, nothing could take away from the care and attention they provided to each animal.



OHS responders during a daily briefing with the ASPCA at the Emergency Animal Shelter in Tennessee.



Shelter pets from Louisiana arrived in Portland on Oct. 13 thanks to a transport funded by the Bissell Pet Foundation. The group included 8-year-old Lola who was found as a stray after Hurricane Ida.

OHS TECHNICAL ANIMAL RESCUE HOISTS BELOVED PET TO SAFETY

Who do you call if your 200-pound dog slips off a steep hillside?

On Oct. 13, OHS Technical Animal Rescue Team (OHSTAR) responded to a call from Columbia County Animal Control about a large dog who was in a tricky situation. The 200-pound mastiff, named Roman, fell about 50-70 feet down an embankment. His owner hiked through the rough terrain to reach Roman and luckily the dog was not seriously injured.

Roman's size made it a challenging rescue, but OHSTAR was ready. They used one of their trucks as an anchor, set up a rope system and sent a rescuer down. The owner was harnessed and guided back up the hill on a safety line while Roman was strapped into a full-sized stokes basket. Roman was safely lifted back up by multiple teammates and given an evaluation by an OHSTAR vet who confirmed that the dog was uninjured.



Event ROUND UP



Day of Giving Inspires Compassion

A Day of Giving turned into a week of generosity, Oct. 4-10, as animal lovers from around the community came together to support Oregon Humane Society's programs and services. Together, more than \$280,000 was raised to support pet adoption programs, medical care, training and behavior, and services to protect animals from cruelty and neglect. The week began with stories being shared on OHS social media and emails about how donor support helps care for abused cats, like Hobbs on page 6, and provides complex surgery for dogs like Houston in the story below. OHS partnered with KOIN 6 to air stories and live interviews throughout the day on Wednesday, Oct. 6. A QR code made it easy for viewers to participate and donate. A remote phone bank was also set up at the shelter where staff and volunteers took calls from donors and shared wonderful conversations about our shared love of pets. Compassion and generosity were the themes of the day as close to 2,000 donors stepped up to help pets in need.

OHS' lifesaving work would not be possible without the support of donors during Day of Giving and throughout the year.



\$282,032 - TOTAL RAISED | 1,929 - TOTAL DONORS

Houston's story

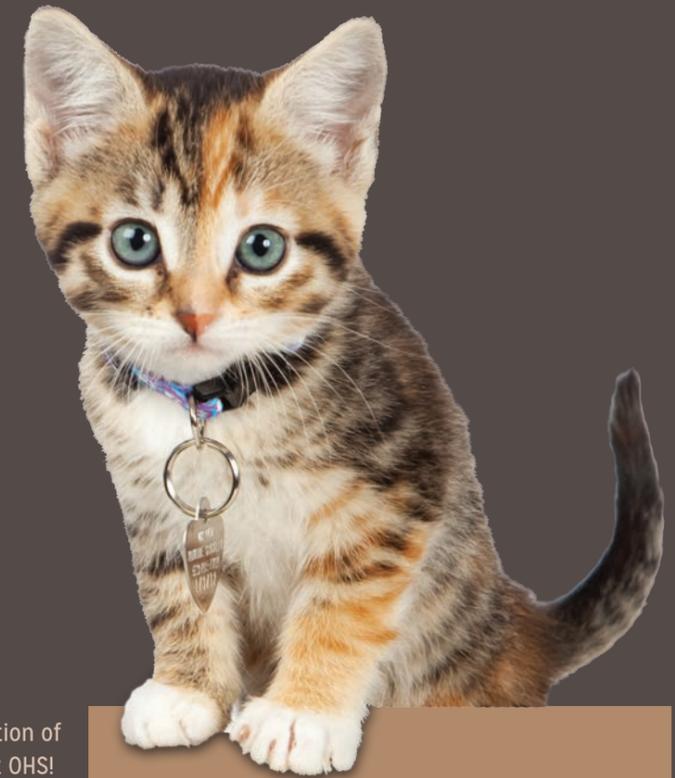
In one moment, Houston's world was turned upside down – he jumped out of a car window and broke both of his legs. His extensive injuries required specialized surgery.

Houston was transferred to OHS, where the medical team ordered special pins and plates to help rebuild his shattered legs.

After multiple surgeries, Houston is now healing in an experienced OHS foster home. His recovery will take a long time, but this little survivor will get loving care every step of the way. Houston's story was shared during Day of Giving and he was also a special guest during some of the live segments.



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Consider a gift that helps the pets at the Oregon Humane Society. There are so many options to show the person on your list that you care about them and pets in need. Visit www.oregonhumane.org/tribute to get started.

Tribute Cards

Celebrate loved ones with a tribute card. Make a donation honoring a person or pet and a customized e-card or card will be sent to acknowledge your gift. Tribute cards start with a \$25 gift.

Tribute Kennel Dedication

Dedicating a kennel at OHS to honor a loved one or pet is a thoughtful and unique gift. Your tribute donation to help save animal lives will also adorn a dog, cat or small-animal kennel with the name of your loved one and a special message from you. Kennels can be dedicated for three months, six months, or one year, sharing your devotion and providing shelter and care to pets in need.

Tribute Inserts

Tribute Inserts make a great addition to holiday greeting cards you send friends and family. Sized perfectly to fit in most greeting cards, your donation of \$5 or more provides a special gift while helping the pets in our shelter and community.

Host an Online Fundraiser

The pandemic has pushed us to connect online in new and innovative ways. Celebrate the holidays or a special occasion by hosting an online fundraiser. OHS' website has easy-to-use tools to help you set up and personalize your fundraising page and create a custom URL to share with friends and family. Hosting an online fundraiser and sharing your goal is a great way to engage friends and family from all over the country. Your efforts will provide lifesaving care for pets in need.

OHS Merchandise

Show your love for shelter pets by wearing OHS exclusive merchandise. T-shirts, sweatshirts, masks and other gear are available now at www.oregonhumane.org/bonfire. OHS merchandise makes a great gift any time of the year. When you shop, you're also helping shelter pets get the food, medical care and training they need.



Calling all Heroes

This year has been full of challenges. But, the worst of times has prompted unprecedented acts of kindness, generosity and compassion.

Help OHS recognize hero pets and people among us by nominating them for a Diamond Collar Award at www.oregonhumane.org/diamond-collar-awards through Jan. 15.

Winners will be selected and honored in February.



HERO DOG PROTECTS HIS FOSTER FAMILY FROM BURGLARY

Tiger is a bouncy six-month-old puppy who came to OHS when his previous owner was not able to care for him and his endless energy. When he arrived at OHS, his face was swollen due to a scuffle with another dog who was not amused by Tiger's exuberance.

The commotion of the shelter made it difficult to help Tiger learn basic manners, so he was placed in an experienced foster home. In just a few weeks he made incredible progress; mastering sit, stay and lie down and learning to settle in his crate. But it was an act of heroism in his first day in his foster home that really makes Tiger special. Tiger was enjoying a morning snuggle with his foster mom, when he leapt up and started barking at the front door. Minutes later, he raced to the back of the house and started barking again. His foster mom was curious so she checked the front and back porch nest cameras. To her shock, she saw two people stealing a package off the front porch and trying to break in the back door. Tiger's bark scared them away before they were able to get in the house.

Good boy Tiger!

Happy TAILS

Finding homes for animals is one of the most important things we do at the Oregon Humane Society. When adopters keep in touch, their stories and photos inspire us.



♥Sweet Peet!♥

Sweet Peet and his sibling were found as stray puppies in California when they were just 5-weeks-old. No one knows what happened to them, but they were in rough shape. They were transferred to OHS through the Second Chance program and spent time in foster care growing, getting healthy and learning to trust.

Audrey was drawn to Sweet Peet's sensitive personality. She'd worked with neglected pit bulls when she lived in California, so she was ready to give him the special care he needed. In Sweet Peet's new home with Audrey, he is showered with love and gentle guidance.

He also enjoys playtime and learns confidence from his fur sibling - a goofy young lab named Gladys. Today, Sweet Peet is not only a beloved pet, but he is also the cover model of the OHS Winter Magazine!



GLADYS 😊



OZZY

Dear OHS, Ashley and I have nothing but praise for Ozzy, formerly Shusrik. Now that he's demonstrated that he trusts us, we've been slowly introducing some new activities in his routine.

We've started clicker training, and he's been picking it up pretty quickly. Getting his attention consistently when I need it during walks like stopping at a crosswalk or letting another person and their dog walk by has been smooth sailing.

He's also been a very good boy on hikes. Making sure he ignores incoming people and pets has been a priority to us. So far, he's been very good with that.

I got us a waist leash and we've been going on short runs when the weather lets us. They'll get longer once I get a new pair of running shoes. He's a great runner.

-Lukas

Dear OHS,
Gimili, now Porkchop, is doing great!

I'm extremely happy with how well he's made himself at home with me. He still likes to sleep under a desk or chair, depending on which is closer to me. There must be something soothing about having something over him. But when he's awake he's upbeat and wagging his tail and getting the zoomies and following me anytime I get up. It's really great.

We have a good routine going - I work from home on an East Coast time schedule so we're up at 5 a.m., early morning walk, breakfast and meds, then when I start work he hangs out under my desk at my feet and sleeps/plays with toys with the occasional break for quick walks. Then at 3 p.m. when I'm off we go on a long walk either here around my neighborhood and the Reed College campus or, if we're up for it, a hike in Forest Park. I really think we're a perfect match for each other, and I'm very grateful to the Oregon Humane Society for rescuing and caring for him and putting us together!

-Tyler



BAXTER M

Dear OHS,
We adopted Carson, now named Baxter, at the end of May. Here is a pic taken recently of him kneading his blanket. We love Baxter so very much! He is doing well, no longer so skinny, plays, runs down our hall, loves our low windows for watching over his back yard which he has thoroughly enjoyed over the summer using a harness and leash.

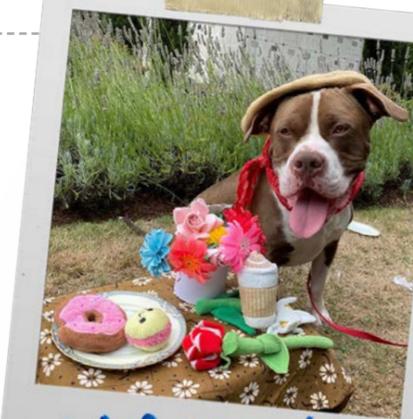
Many, many thanks to everyone involved in his care, including those at Multnomah County Animal Services. Baxter is a treasure.

-Cathryn and Mike

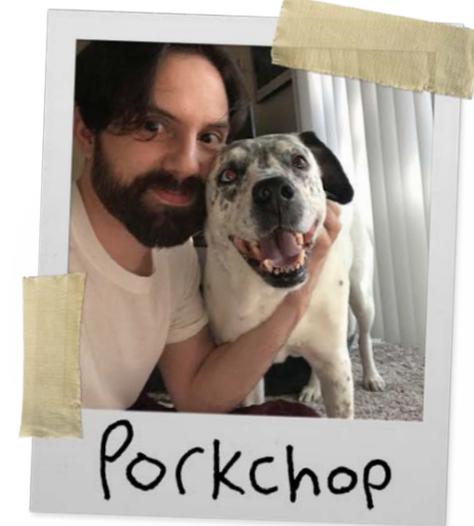
Mason, a staff and volunteer favorite, was one of the long-term residents at OHS when he was adopted in October. This big, slobbery goofball was the star of playgroups, a member of the running team and a media star for being "OHS" most eligible bachelor."

Terry and his fiancé have extensive experience with big, bouncy dogs and were excited to continue Mason's training and provide him with lots of activities and playtime with their other dog.

Before Mason left the building, he picked out a toy from our store to take home with him (a stuffed red devil).



MASON



Porkchop

WANT YOUR PET TO BE FEATURED IN HAPPY TAILS?
SEND YOUR UPDATES, STORIES AND PHOTOS TO ohsinfo@oregonhumane.org
OR MAIL TO: OHS EDITOR, 1067 NE COLUMBIA BLVD., PORTLAND, OR 97211

Lend a Paw TO HELP Pets in need

Monthly giving through **PAWS** (*Planned Account Withdrawal System*) offers a convenient way for you to support the Oregon Humane Society throughout the year. **PAWS** donors provide OHS with a much-needed, dependable stream of income that we use to provide shelter, medical care and adoption services to homeless animals.

You can make your **PAWS** gift by credit card or with your checking account.

For more information, please contact Marsha Chrest at (503) 416-7079 or marshac@oregonhumane.org.

Join **PAWS** today at www.oregonhumane.org/donate.

Marvieta Redding, OHS Board Chair, with Lola who came to OHS after Hurricane Ida.

Estate Gifts

Oregon Humane Society recognizes the individuals who will support animal welfare into the future as they have included OHS as a beneficiary of their estate plan. OHS thanks the following donors who have notified OHS since June 1, 2021 that they have made a provision for OHS in their estate plan.

Anonymous (4)
Deena & Neil Jensen
Joseph Patrick Genna
Sherry Winker
Suzan Wilson
Wanda Wojnowski & David McKinney

Please contact Kathryn Karr, Planned Giving Program Manager, at (503) 802-6743 if you have already included Oregon Humane Society in your estate plan or would like to talk about making such a plan.

Bequests Received

Oregon Humane Society acknowledges the following persons from whom their estate bequests were received since June 1, 2021.

Eckhard Bernardy
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For more information about including OHS in your plan, please contact Gary Kish, Vice President of Legacy Gifts and Strategic Initiatives, at (503) 416-2988.

A gift for you: peace of mind

Show the people and pets you love how much you care. Oregon Humane Society has a gift that can help you make important plans for the future and support the animals served by OHS long into the future.

We've partnered with FreeWill to give you a free, online tool to help you write a will in 20 minutes or less. Give yourself and those you love peace of mind this holiday season. Estate gifts help make OHS services available to all. Visit FreeWill.com/OHS to get started.

OHS recommends that you consult with an attorney for guidance on estate planning.

Two ways to maximize your impact!

Gifting appreciated assets and IRA qualified charitable distributions (QCD) sometimes known as rollover contributions are two ways to maximize your impact, and minimize your tax burden, all while helping to create a More Humane Society. When you donate your appreciated assets, you avoid paying capital gains tax. Additionally, if you itemize deductions, you can also take a charitable deduction for the entire donation amount.

Visit FreeWill.com/Stocks/OHS to learn more and make a stock gift today.

If you are 70.5 or older, giving from your IRA enables you to make a tax-free contribution to the Oregon Humane Society. And for those who need to fulfill a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), you can avoid a hefty tax penalty and care for animals at the same time. Visit FreeWill.com/QCD/OHS to learn more and make a gift.

TLC Business Partners

The following businesses have made significant financial contributions (\$2,500+) to OHS and/or in-kind donations over the past 12 months. A complete list of TLC Business Partners can be found online at oregonhumane.org/support-our-partners.

New members in bold
* Indicates companies or groups who have held community fundraising events to benefit OHS.

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Congratulations to Subaru of America for being honored with the Corporate Compassion Award from the ASPCA during the 2021 Humane Awards ceremony. Steadfast supporters of OHS, Subaru of America consistently demonstrates the company's dedication to pets through multiple initiatives promoting adoption and championing animal shelters. OHS has participated in numerous Subaru Loves Pets programs, including Make a Dog's Day on Oct. 22, which featured "underdogs" in need of special homes. OHS is proud to partner with Subaru of America and continue our shared commitment to helping pets in need.



Services Directory

OHS is dedicated to making our community a better place. Call (503) 285-7722 for more information or visit us online at oregonhumane.org.

ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

Cats, dogs, birds, rodents and rabbits are available for adoption. oregonhumane.org/adopt

ANIMAL RESCUE

OHS responds to situations where an animal is trapped and needs human help (in case of emergency, call your local police). (503) 802-6707.

ANIMAL SHELTER ASSISTANCE

Food, supplies and training are offered to animal agencies throughout Oregon. (503) 416-2993.

BEHAVIOR HELP-LINE & ONLINE LIBRARY

Consult our online resources, or call the free OHS telephone help-line with questions about problem pet behavior. (503) 416-2983; oregonhumane.org/training.

FIND A HOME FOR YOUR PET

If you are unable to keep your pet, OHS may be able to place your pet in a new home. Call first to schedule an appointment. (503) 285-7722, ext. 211.

HUMANE EDUCATION

OHS offers classroom presentations, after-school clubs, summer camps and more. (503) 416-5034; barbc@oregonhumane.org.

LOST AND FOUND PETS

OHS is not able to accept stray animals, except stray cats from Clackamas County. Please contact your local animal control agency for assistance. More resources available at oregonhumane.org/lostpets.

PET MEMORIALS

OHS maintains an animal cemetery, mausoleum and columbarium and provides private cremation services. Euthanasia services are offered if no other options are available. (503) 285-7722, ext. 217.

PET SUPPLIES

Best Friends Corner inside the shelter offers a variety of supplies. (503) 285-7722, ext. 201.

PET TRAINING

OHS offers classes and consultations. More information at oregonhumane.org/training.

SPAY & NEUTER FINANCIAL AID

OHS offers discount coupons and participates in the Spay & Save program. (800) 345-SPAY; asapmetro.org.

Ways to Help

To learn more about opportunities to help animals, call (503) 802-6793 or visit us online at oregonhumane.org.

AUTOS FOR ANIMALS™

Donate your car, motorcycle or boat to help the animals. Contact Kelly Rey, (503) 802-6766; kellyr@oregonhumane.org.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

Lifetime income plus a tax deduction. Contact Gary Kish, (503) 416-2988; garyk@oregonhumane.org.

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

Sponsor an OHS event or organize a benefit. Contact Sarah Yusavitz, (503) 416-7084; sarahy@oregonhumane.org.

ESTATE GIFTS

Include OHS in your will, trust or with a beneficiary designation. Contact Gary Kish, (503) 416-2988; garyk@oregonhumane.org.

FRIENDS FOREVER™

Ensure the welfare of pets who may outlive you. Contact Kathryn Karr, (503) 802-6743; LegacyTeam@oregonhumane.org.

GIFTS OF STOCK

To make a gift of securities contact Shelah Hanson, (503) 802-6817; shelahh@oregonhumane.org

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See our wish list online at oregonhumane.org/donate/wish-list.

SUPPORT

Your donation includes a 10% discount at the OHS retail store, subscription to the OHS magazine and more. Call (503) 802-6793 or oregonhumane.org/donate.

ONE COOL THING

Donate fine art, jewelry, popular electronics or memorabilia. Contact Kelly Rey, (503) 802-6766; kellyr@oregonhumane.org.

PAWS

Monthly gifts through the Planned Account Withdrawal System (PAWS) support OHS throughout the year. Contact Marsha Chrest, (503) 416-7079; marshac@oregonhumane.org.

TLC

The Thomas Lamb Eliot Circle (TLC) honors donors contributing \$1,000 or more annually. Contact Kelly Jo McCaughey, (503) 278-9110; kellym@oregonhumane.org.

TRIBUTE GIFTS

Tribute gifts can be made in memory of, or in honor of, a pet or loved one. A card will be sent to your loved one. Contact Kelly Rey, (503) 802-6766; kellyr@oregonhumane.org.

VOLUNTEER

OHS volunteer programs are available for youths, adults, groups and companies. Contact Kim Hudson, (503) 285-7722, ext. 204; volunteer@oregonhumane.org.

WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGNS

To learn more about workplace giving campaigns, contact Nicole Lutton, (503) 416-5027; nicolel@oregonhumane.org.



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