



Making a Difference



2014
ANNUAL
REPORT



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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.

2014 Year in Review



Cookie's new family was very much in love with the young cocker spaniel they had recently adopted from OHS. They reported back to us that she was eager to please, liked to snuggle, and actually slept "occasionally." They were proud of Cookie's heritage as a Second Chance Dog, meaning that she came to OHS from another shelter where resources and adopters were in short supply.

I often hear adopters brag about their Second Chance pets, and I couldn't be happier. I applaud Cookie's new family for taking her into their hearts. They made life better for Cookie, they enriched their family with a new furry soulmate and they helped ease the burden of a distant shelter faced with too many pets.

This year's annual report contains plenty of facts worth bragging about. Our adoptions exceeded 11,000 pets for the fifth year in a row. That means we found homes for more pets than any other single-shelter facility in Oregon, Washington or California! Give yourself a hand, because your support made this possible.

Adoption numbers, however, only tell a part of our story. OHS educators were hard at work last year teaching the next generation of Oregonians about humane values. OHS animal trainers were helping to strengthen the bond between pets and their owners. OHS law enforcement officers were combating animal cruelty and showing people how to properly care for their pets.

In 2015 OHS will be carefully looking at our community's needs. We can see many changes happening in our work. The types of animals coming to the shelter are changing, with OHS seeing more Second Chance pets as well as more pets in need of medical care. The type of cruelty cases we investigate are becoming more complex and often involve larger numbers of animals. We are faced with a growing stream of pet surrenders for medical reasons.

The temptation to rest on our laurels is strong. But OHS doesn't work that way. We have bedrock values and we don't turn away from problems because they are difficult to solve. Our values tell us that all animals must be treated humanely and with compassion. Our goal is to create a world that lives up to those values, a world that we want our children and grandchildren to inherit.

When Cookie left the OHS shelter and was welcomed by her new family, everyone's world became a better place to live in. The reason for that is simple: when a community believes in second chances, anything is possible.

Sharon M. Harmon
Executive Director

Adoptions Continue at Record-Breaking Pace

OHS made a difference in the lives of thousands of pets and people in 2014. A total of 11,402 pets found homes through OHS last year. More cats were adopted than in any year since the new shelter building opened 14 years ago, and the number of overall adoptions was the second-highest during that period. Our Save Rate* was 98%, among the highest in the nation.

Many of the adopted animals came to OHS from other shelters where their time had literally run out; others came from homes

where they were victims of cruelty; still others were brought to OHS because of a sudden change in a family's circumstances.

Whatever the reason an animal comes to OHS, the pet stays available for adoption for as long as needed. There is never a time limit. For the sixth year in row, we met our goal of finding a home for every healthy pet as well as every pet with medical needs that a reasonable pet owner would consider treatable.

2014 OHS Adoption Rate

11,402 adoptions (98% SAVE RATE)

4,924 dogs

5,757 cats

721 small animals

*In addition to the Adoption Rate, OHS calculates the Save Rate (also known as the Live Release Rate) according to the Asilomar Standard. The Save Rate reflects the many options for pets who come to the shelter besides adoption, such as transfers of animals to breed rescue groups and animals who are returned to their owner.



PHOTO BY LAURA HINRICHS

11,402
total adoptions

“You have given my family the chance to feel the unconditional, enthusiastic love that can only come from a dog.”

– JENNIFER, OHS ADOPTER



» The OHS Save Rate is among the highest in the nation.



11K adoption

Lucy was the 11,000th pet adopted from OHS. She is seen here with her new family, Debbie and Peter Bruns.



PHOTO BY CHERYL SMITH

“We adopted Cosmo, a special needs cat. Cosmo has blossomed since being home with us. He is an amazing, adaptive and inspirational creature. Thank you OHS, for taking care of our baby until we found him.”

– MARQUITA, OHS ADOPTER

Second Chances

“My life and my work are very blessed because of you guys. It feels good to send our pups to OHS as we know their futures are bright! Love you all and thanks for 3,000-plus lives saved.”

– KRISTI CASERI
ANIMAL CONTROL SUPERVISOR,
MERCED COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER,
MERCED, CALIF.

How far does OHS travel to help pets in need? Last year the answer was 89,000 miles. That’s the distance our Second Chance team traveled to help pets in shelters faced with too many pets and too few adopters.

In 2014 we brought 5,776 Second Chance pets to OHS, where they remained available for adoption without a time limit. Second Chance pets came from 73 animal welfare agencies located in Oregon, Washington, California, and Hawaii (our island neighbor arranges free airline transport through Alaska Airlines).

Our goal is to help our local community and nearby shelters first, and then reach out to more distant shelters if we have empty kennels to fill.

Smoochie

was a Second Chance dog who came to OHS in need of intensive medical care. She made a remarkable recovery and went on to win Portland’s Next Top Dog Model competition.



“We love our partnership with OHS. Our residents are finding marvelous homes ... Our volunteers this morning were pumped up for the transfer and we are ever so grateful for your help in finding these residents new forever homes.”

– CRIS NAKATA
KENNEL SUPERVISOR,
HAYWARD ANIMAL SHELTER,
HAYWARD, CALIF.

» Jasper
Second Chance Dog

PHOTO BY LAURA HINRICHIS

73 animal agencies
partnered with
OHS

The OHS Second Chance truck

made more than 100 trips to shelters across the West in 2014 thanks to Ellyn Bye and the Dream Envision Foundation.





>> These cats are relaxing at OHS after they (and 38 of their feline friends) were rescued as the result of an OHS investigation.

“Jackson County Animal Services is extremely grateful for the assistance received from OHS Humane Investigators. The OHS team came to help us work a criminal animal neglect case. Together, we helped make a difference in the lives of a number of very sweet animals. The effective way the OHS team came and led the charge in getting the mission accomplished brought credit upon themselves and the animal welfare industry.”

— MIKE SLUSARCZYK
JACKSON COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

Animal Rescues

When animals are trapped or stranded and need human help to survive, the OHS Technical Animal Rescue Team (OHSTAR) is ready to answer the call for help.

19 Deployments
by OHSTAR

19 OHSTAR
Members

This highly trained group of volunteers deployed 19 times in 2014 to save animals in distress, including three separate rescues on the same trail in the Columbia Gorge. In all three cases—including a rescue on Christmas night—an OHSTAR volunteer rappelled more than 100 feet down a sheer cliff to rescue an injured dog who had fallen off the steep trail. All three dogs were brought to safety and survived.

OHSTAR members also assist law enforcement agencies with the safe transport of distressed animals found in hazardous conditions, including hoarding situations.

OHSTAR volunteers are trained to help during natural and man-made disasters, and have been called upon to help during several large-scale national emergency operations. This volunteer group receives no tax dollars for its efforts. OHSTAR relies on donations to OHS to fund all of its lifesaving work.

“It never occurred to me that I would see her alive again. What happened was incredibly bad luck, but then we had incredibly good luck when she was saved (by OHSTAR). They are an amazing, dedicated group of people. I wish I could give them all a big hug.”

— DAVID SCHELSKE, WHOSE DOG WAS RESCUED BY OHSTAR AFTER TUMBLING 150 FEET DOWN A CLIFF IN THE COLUMBIA GORGE

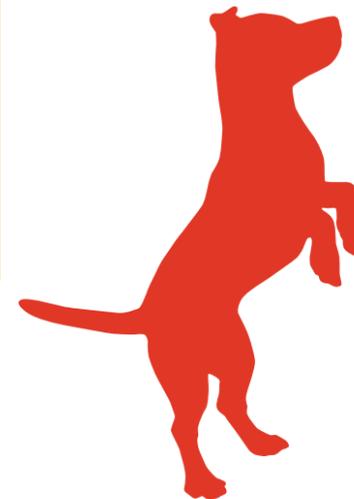
Fighting Animal Cruelty

Protecting animals from neglect and abuse has been at the heart of the OHS mission for nearly 150 years. OHS law enforcement officers, forensically-trained veterinarians and animal care staff helped more than 2,500 at-risk animals in 2014. In many cases, OHS is the only organization with the resources to rescue animals in danger and bring offenders to justice.

OHS Humane Special Agents are commissioned by the Governor of Oregon to investigate animal crimes anywhere in



the state. Last year OHS responded to more than 1,000 reports of cruelty. OHS law enforcement officers gather evidence, write citations, and testify in court. OHS receives no tax dollars for its law enforcement efforts.



OHS Humane Special Agent Allen Zaugg talks to news media after an animal rescue in Newberg.

OHSTAR

member John Thoeni (right) begins a 150-foot rope descent to save a dog on Christmas night in the Columbia Gorge.



442

Animals seized/removed

1,026

Reports of cruelty investigated

2,626

Animals helped by OHS Investigations Department



>> Volunteer Lori McDonough welcomes Second Chance dog to OHS.

Volunteers

Nearly 2,000 OHS adult volunteers contributed their time and compassion last year to making the world a better place for pets in need. The work of OHS volunteers makes a difference in every aspect of the shelter's operations. Volunteers walk dogs, groom cats, create videos, staff outreach events, maintain databases, and so much more. Foster care volunteers take animals who are not yet ready for the shelter into their own homes, feeding and caring for them until they are ready to return to OHS for adoption.

112

Full-time employees would be needed to replace the work of OHS volunteers

385

Foster Care volunteer families

1,554

Animals fostered

"I started volunteering at OHS about eight years ago. I have learned so much in that time about dog behavior, and it has enriched my life in so many ways. Working with dogs has taught me patience, respect and compassion."

— TANYA, OHS VOLUNTEER

Behavior & Training

1,081 People attended OHS training classes

2,515 Calls to the OHS Behavior Help Line

15 OHS Pet Partner teams provided animal-assisted therapy

The OHS Behavior & Training Department believes strongly in training by positive reinforcement. When pets learn basic manners taught by the OHS training team, their ability to make a good first impression on potential adopters increases tremendously.

For the general public, OHS offers training classes, one-on-one consultations, and a free telephone help line. OHS also offers a unique "Pet Partner" training class for people and pets who want to become

animal-assisted therapy providers. Once registered, Pet Partner teams can visit hospitals and care facilities, bringing joy and health benefits to patients.



Pet owners learn hands-on skills at OHS classes.

Education

16,928

People reached by OHS education programs

145

Shelter tours hosted

193

Youths at OHS summer camp

Educating the next generation of Oregonians about values such as compassion, empathy and respect is an important part of the OHS mission. That's why our Education Department reached out to more than 14,000 youths last year. OHS educators visited classrooms, conducted tours of the OHS shelter and hosted after-school clubs and summer camps. Because of OHS education programs, the lives of dogs are happier, the lives of cats are healthier, and the lives of children are enriched beyond measure.



OHS educators make "fur-friendly" visits to local classrooms.

Youth and Group Volunteers



The OHS Youth Volunteer program offers youth ages 12-17 a unique opportunity to work with animals and learn values that will last a lifetime. Students exercise animals, groom them, bathe them and help with countless other shelter projects. In the process, youths learn how a caring community can make a difference in the lives of pets and people.

Youths give this dog a needed bath.

When a school, community or corporate group desires to help animals, the OHS Group Volunteer program offers projects tailored to their needs. Groups help socialize animals, maintain dog walking paths and staff special events.

381

Youth volunteers

100

Number of groups that volunteered at OHS

"After a few months of being a youth volunteer, it became apparent to me that spending my days working with and helping animals was something I wanted to do forever. I learned how to be a calm, compassionate advocate for animals. Recently I was hired as an Animal Care Technician at OHS. When the time comes, I plan to make a transition to the veterinary field, continuing to dedicate my time towards animals. Being a part of the youth volunteer program made me not only appreciate animals but made me want to make a difference."

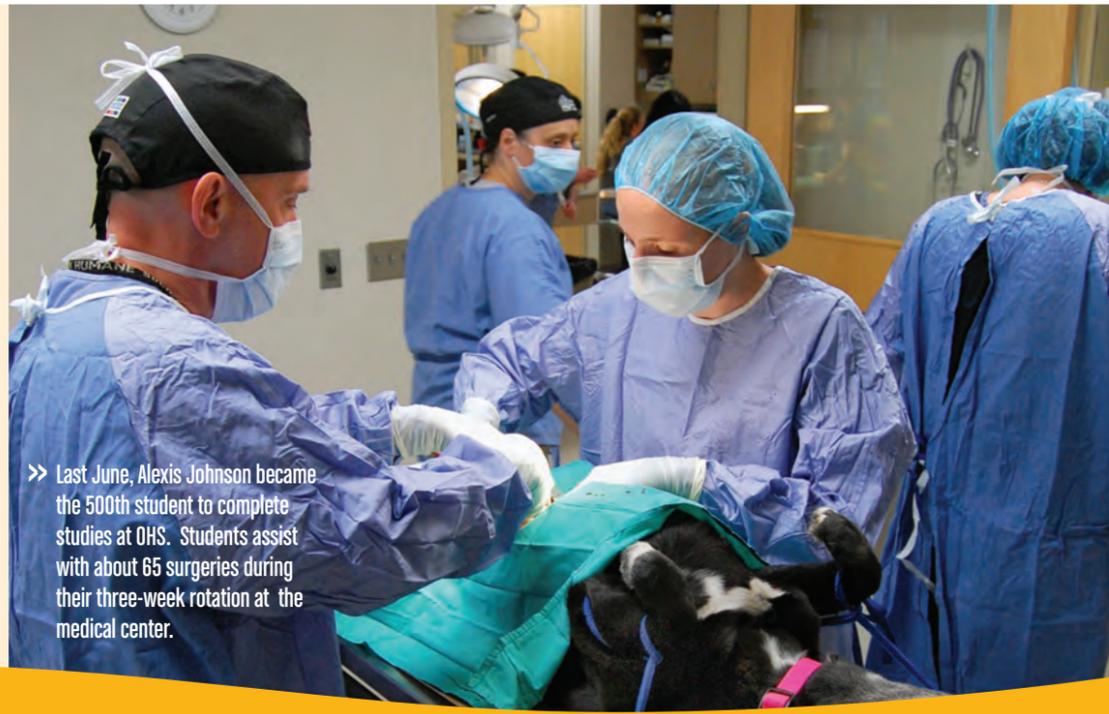
— MITCHELL
OHS YOUTH VOLUNTEER (NOW OHS EMPLOYEE)

1,502

Emergency and other needed surgeries

5,322

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



» Last June, Alexis Johnson became the 500th student to complete studies at OHS. Students assist with about 65 surgeries during their three-week rotation at the medical center.

74 Veterinary students completed studies at OHS

Medical Team Saves Lives

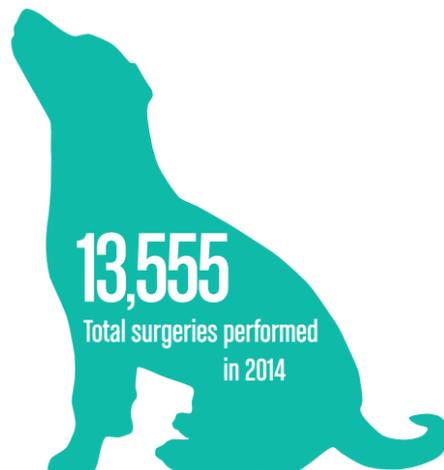
Providing medical care for pets in our own home is a responsibility many of us take for granted—but what if more than 11,000 pets a year came through your “home”?

To care for such a huge number of pets, OHS launched the nation’s first Animal Medical Learning Center in 2007. The state-of-the-art facility provides a full range of medical care for thousands of shelter pets. Thanks to a first-of-its-kind partnership with Oregon State University, the center is also a teaching hospital for the next generation of veterinarians.

The OHS Holman Medical Center, which is attached directly to the OHS shelter, performed more than 13,500 surgeries last year. The hospital’s 24-person team is a major reason OHS has a near-zero euthanasia

rate for pets arriving at the shelter in need of medical care.

The medical center is also the lead partner in a community-wide effort to provide affordable spay/neuter surgery for the pets of area residents. As part of the Spay & Save initiative for cats owned by low-income families, OHS veterinarians performed more than 5,300 free or low-cost surgeries last year.



Pearl came to OHS with major fractures in two legs. After being successfully treated at OHS, she was cared for by a foster family during her recovery and was soon adopted.

Working Together to Save Lives: Five Years Bring Major Change



In 2010, **Soma** became the first cat spayed at OHS as part of the Spay & Save program.

When the Portland area’s six major shelters banded together five years ago to address the issue of feline overpopulation, the problem was clear: the cat population was rising rapidly, resulting in overcrowded shelters and too many cats being euthanized.

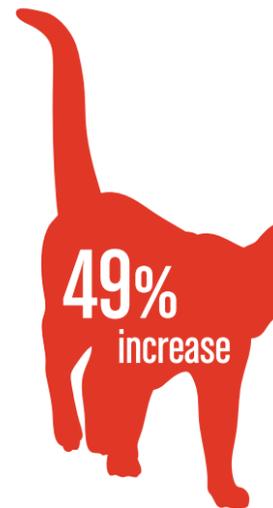
With OHS leading the way, this coalition of local shelters launched an innovative “Spay & Save” program that reached out to low-income families in the Portland metro area who could not afford to alter their pets. Last year, 12,100 pets benefited from free or low-cost surgery, bringing the total number of pets helped by Spay & Save to 52,104 since the program started in 2010. About 40% of the surgeries were performed at OHS.

This sustained effort to reduce feline overpopulation has made a remarkable

difference in save rates. The six shelters belonging to the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland (ASAP)* saved 91% of the cats who came through their doors last year, compared to just 61% in 2009, the year before Spay & Save was launched. The effectiveness of the program is also credited with a 39% drop in the number of cats brought to local shelters.

At OHS, the largest ASAP member shelter, the cat save rate is 98%, one of the highest in the nation. The national average is about 50%.

“We recognize that no single shelter can solve the problem of pet overpopulation on its own,” said OHS Executive Director Sharon Harmon. “But when we share resources and work together on campaigns such as Spay & Save, we can save thousands of lives.”



in the Save Rate for cats since Spay & Save began in 2010

12,100 Spay/Neuter surgeries performed by the Spay & Save Program



*ASAP members include: the Alliance for Contraception in Cats and Dogs; Cat Adoption Team; Clackamas County Dog Services; Feral Cat Coalition; Humane Society for SW Washington; Multnomah County Animal Services; Oregon Humane Society; Portland Veterinary Medical Association; SW Washington Veterinary Association; and Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter/Washington County Animal Services.

OHS Director Honored for 25 Years of Leadership

OHS Executive Director Sharon Harmon was honored in 2014 for outstanding leadership in philanthropic fundraising.

“Through 25 years of visionary leadership, Harmon has transformed the hometown animal shelter with a budget of \$500,000 and a staff of 35 into a nationally recognized \$11 million organization that has one of the highest save rates in the country,” said the Willamette Valley Development Officers (WVDO).

The group of fundraising professionals presented Harmon with the Executive Leadership Award at the Portland Business Journal Corporate Philanthropy Awards.

Among Harmon’s achievements:

- Took an active role in securing \$8.4 million to build the current state-of-the-art OHS shelter, which opened its doors in 2000.
- Personally led a \$6.4 million campaign for the OHS Animal Medical Learning Center

(AMLC), which features a unique partnership with Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine. The AMLC began operation in 2007.

- Helped form the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland (ASAP), a coalition that brings together the major public and private shelters in the Portland metro area. Harmon’s leadership helped secure a \$400,000 grant from PetSmart Charities to help ASAP fight pet overpopulation and a \$1 million gift from Maddie’s Fund that was shared among members of the coalition.

“These award winners have risen to the top of their field,” said Agnes Zach, executive director of WVDO. “They have been diligent, brilliant and creative in securing the necessary funding for their organizations to continue their mission and their efforts are felt by thousands in our community. They are truly an inspiration to their peers.”



>> OHS Director Sharon Harmon with furry friend.

OHS Ranked Among Nation’s Top Charities Honored for Fiscal Integrity

The nation’s top charity watchdog awarded OHS its highest possible ranking for the seventh consecutive year in 2014, an honor accorded to only a handful of the nation’s nonprofits.

Of the more than 7,500 charities evaluated by Charity Navigator, only 2% have received 4-Star rankings for seven years in a row. The ranking demonstrates that OHS “outperforms most other charities in America,” said Charity Navigator President Ken Berger.

The watchdog group’s 4-Star rating is given to nonprofits that demonstrate the highest levels of sound fiscal management along with 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 Berger.

The group evaluates the nation’s charities based on factors such as good governance, ethical practices and operating in a fiscally responsible manner.

OHS is also proud to meet the Better Business Bureau’s 20 Standards of Charitable Accountability. The standards assure the public that a charity provides the highest levels of transparency, fiscal integrity and program management.



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Financials

EXPENSES

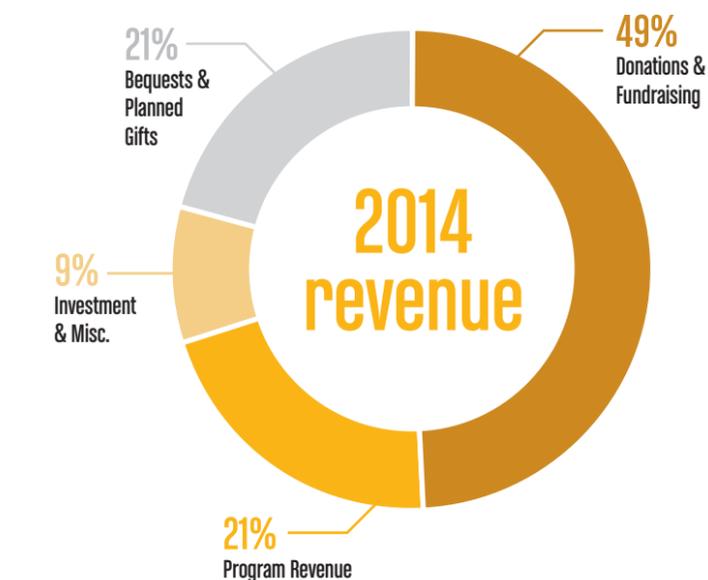
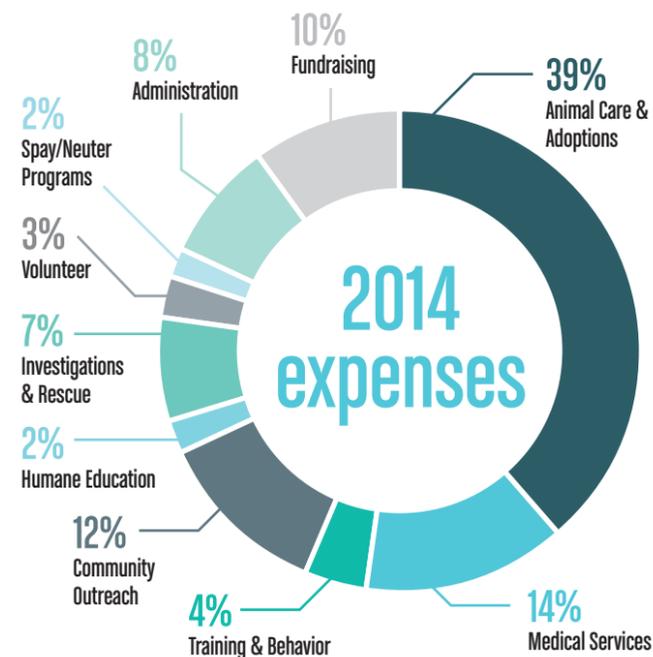
Animal Care & Adoptions.....	\$4,496,237 39%
Medical Services.....	\$1,618,770 14%
Training & Behavior.....	\$428,258	..... 4%
Community Outreach.....	\$1,349,534	..... 12%
Humane Education.....	\$245,007	..... 2%
Investigations & Rescue.....	\$834,679	..... 7%
Volunteer.....	\$300,868	..... 3%
Spay/Neuter Programs.....	\$264,006	..... 2%
Administration.....	\$874,014	..... 8%
Fundraising.....	\$1,218,067	..... 10%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,629,441	..... 100%

REVENUE

Bequests & Planned Gifts.....	\$2,513,389	..... 21%
Donations & Fundraising.....	\$5,994,995	..... 49%
Program Revenue.....	\$2,570,388	..... 21%
Investment & Misc.....	\$1,084,418	..... 9%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$12,163,190	..... 100%

NET ASSETS AT 12/31/13\$41,275,996
 INCREASE IN NET ASSETS 2014 ...\$533,749
 NET ASSETS AT 12/31/2014..... \$41,809,745

These are preliminary figures pending an independent audit of fiscal year 2014. Detailed audited financial statements are available at www.oregonhumane.org. The OHS fiscal year is January 1 to December 31. OHS receives no tax dollars and is not affiliated with any national or regional organization.



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