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Where did the time go? July 31, 1989 was my first day on the job as Operations Director for the Oregon Humane Society. It wasn't my first visit. When I was a child, on many occasions my family wandered through the shelter on rainy days instead of the Portland Zoo or OMSI – our usual weekend excursions. Back then, I was focused on the furry faces but as a new employee in 1989 my attention was concentrated on the state of our aging facilities and our antiquated programs.

I was hired as an agent of change to bring OHS into the modern era of sheltering. It was an opportunity I was eager to take on after eight years working at the Marin Humane Society in the Bay Area — an organization known for progressive programs and great results. I was also handed a tremendous responsibility. The lives of more than 17,000 animals who came to OHS each year depended on the organization's performance.

Now, looking back over the past 30 years, it has definitely been a period of tremendous growth and success. We overhauled our programs and policies to reach a save rate of more than 98 percent. We conduct our life-saving programs in a state-of-the-art, beautiful shelter with full-service medical care on site. Oregon is widely recognized as having some of the toughest animal cruelty laws in the country, and OHS Investigations staff has statewide full police authority to enforce those laws, thanks to the legislative advocacy of OHS. Each year, those laws continue to get stronger. You'll find a summary of the bills that OHS supported in the Oregon Legislature this year on page 7.

I have always been driven by my sense of responsibility to OHS and the animals in our community to explore every opportunity to make a difference. OHS's influence isn't limited by geographical boundaries. Where there is a need, we will be there. One year ago, we partnered with Humane Society International to help a group of dogs who were rescued from a dog-meat farm in South Korea. See how they are doing now on page 6.

Natural and man-made disasters create an opportunity to lend a hand to other communities, learn new skills and teach others how to manage difficult situations. Helping shelters in communities without our resources is a responsibility we eagerly take on. Last year, OHS helped over 80 agencies deal with too many pets and not enough homes. This summer, we partnered with Lincoln County Animal Services while they addressed a dangerous hazard at their facility. On page 5, read how our new Cat and Kitten Intake Center allowed us to bring more than 40 cats and kittens to OHS from Lincoln County at a moment's notice.

For OHS, the future is very much about responsibility and opportunity; responsibility for creating a more humane society and seizing every meaningful opportunity to do right by all members of our society.

Sharon M. Harmon
President and CEO

OHS INVESTIGATES CASE OF ABANDONED, NEGLECTED DOG



In late June, OHS investigators were called to help with a case of an abandoned dog in Clackamas County. The 2-3-year-old male Pomeranian was found inside a filthy crate beside a logging road in the area of South Hillockburn and Resort Road near Goat Mountain in Estacada. He was emaciated, with soiled, matted fur and missing hair on more than half his body.

The dog, named Treasure by OHS staff, was initially found by good Samaritans and taken to DoveLewis where he was stabilized. He was eventually transferred to OHS for continued medical care and investigation into possible abandonment and neglect.

A \$500 reward was offered to the public for tips leading to an arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible.

As Treasure started to recover, his spunky personality started to blossom. He happily greeted all the medical staff who cared for him and enjoyed time in a foster home until he was ready to be available for adoption. Treasure quickly caught the eye of an adopter and is now enjoying life as a beloved pet. 🐾



OHS RECEIVES DISPLACED PETS FROM LINCOLN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

The Oregon Humane Society assisted Lincoln County Animal Shelter after the facility was forced to close indefinitely due to unsafe levels of mold. Forty-two cats and kittens were transferred to the OHS **Cat and Kitten Intake Center** while two dogs from Lincoln County were received at the main shelter.

To help accommodate the busy summer months, large transports of kittens will arrive at OHS at the new Cat and Kitten Intake Center located near the main shelter.



"Using a separate building for our larger transports will allow us to help more kittens and cats and keep them as healthy as possible as they get ready for their forever home," says Sharon Harmon, OHS President and CEO. "Emergency situations like the one in Lincoln County illustrate why we opened our off-site Cat and Kitten Intake Center."

It has been an exceptionally busy "kitten season" at the Oregon Humane Society with nearly 1,600 cats and kittens arriving between June 1 and Aug. 8. 🐾

OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY RESCUES STRANDED DOG IN CANBY

This summer, the Oregon Humane Society's Technical Animal Rescue Team (OHSTAR) rescued a dog who had been stranded on a steep hillside in Canby for approximately six to eight days.

Concerned neighbors in the area contacted OHSTAR after hearing sounds of an animal in distress for about a week. The dog was not visible since the area is steep and thick with blackberries and poison oak.

The OHSTAR team arrived on scene and used a drone to survey the area. After the team created a plan and secured their ropes, Virginia Krakowiak, OHSTAR Training Coordinator and Rescue Leader, descended approximately 75 feet to rescue the stranded dog, an older Australian shepherd mix. "Thankfully, he appeared uninjured — just thirsty and hungry and ready to be back with people," says Virginia.

The dog was taken to Clackamas County Dog Services. He was not microchipped or wearing any identification. Happily, the dog's owner saw him on the news and was able to bring him home.

"We are so grateful that people in the area were worried about this animal and called us," added Virginia. "We train all year so we are ready to help in tough situations like this."



OHSTAR is the only group in Oregon specifically trained in technical animal rescue. The team is comprised entirely of volunteers and operates solely on donations. They specialize in evacuating injured pets from wilderness areas, cliff sides, river banks and enclosed spaces. OHSTAR members also assist law enforcement agencies with the safe capture, containment and transport of distressed animals found in hazardous conditions, including hoarding situations. They also respond to natural disasters and large-scale national emergency operations. 🌀



MADDIE'S FUND GRANT BRINGS SHELTER MEDICINE INTERN TO HOLMAN MEDICAL CENTER

Dr. Maia Titcomb has joined the OHS Medical Team as a shelter medicine intern thanks to a year-long grant from Maddie's Fund. A recent graduate of Oregon State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Titcomb has a special interest in shelter medicine. "I love the high energy and fast pace in shelter medicine and am passionate about learning how to manage individual needs in a shelter setting," says Dr. Titcomb. "I feel very lucky to work with incredibly resilient animals and compassionate people in an environment that is always full of variety."

In her role, Dr. Titcomb will provide daily medical and surgical services to pets while being a part of a high-volume, high-quality teaching environment. She is the tenth veterinary intern focused on shelter medicine to pass through OHS since the Holman Medical Center opened in 2007. 🌀

ONE YEAR LATER

CHECKING IN ON A GROUP OF DOGS RESCUED FROM A DOG-MEAT FARM IN SOUTH KOREA

It was the first international rescue for the Oregon Humane Society. In October 2018, eight dogs were transferred to OHS through a partnership with Humane Society International (HSI). They were from a group of 200 dogs who were rescued from a dog-meat farm in South Korea as part of an HSI program to help farmers get out of the increasingly controversial business and transition to a more profitable and humane livelihood.

Many of the dogs showed fears that were similar to dogs from hoarding and neglect cases. Yet, they also had some unusual fears. "Many of them were afraid of their food bowls," says Tanya Roberts, OHS Senior Manager of Training and Behavior. "We realized that they had probably never eaten out of a bowl before so we spread their food on the floor of their kennel."

Luba Wagner from the OHS Admissions Team led the day-to-day behavior management of the dogs. She tapped into the dogs' relationship with other dogs to help them progress. "As one dog would become braver – stepping out of their kennel and walking down the hall — the other dogs would watch and gain confidence."

That connection to other dogs proved to be a critical element to helping the dogs from South Korea — especially Zach and Phoebe — find their forever home.

Today, Zach, now named Beans, is settled into his new home with Matt, Colleen and their other dog, Frank. He's still making progress and learning to trust people, but his special bond with Frank has helped him learn to be a family pet. The two dogs love to romp and play and have become inseparable. Even though he has a new life, Zach still has some unusual quirks. He continues to be wary of the food bowl and often prefers to eat his food off the floor. Matt and Colleen celebrate every bit of progress, however small it may seem. "When Beans (Zach) is comfortable going from one room to another or walks all the way across the kitchen floor, we consider that a big step," says Matt. "It's been really fulfilling for us to play a part in his story."

When Phoebe arrived at OHS, she wanted nothing to do with anyone. She hid under a blanket, and growled and barked when dogs or people came close. Progress was slow until one day she turned a corner and started playing with toys, enjoying walks and spending time with people. It was a remarkable transformation that seemed to happen overnight. The timing was perfect as Bobbie saw Phoebe on the OHS website and brought her dog in for a pet meet. The connection was immediate. Today, Phoebe has learned to be a beloved pet – playing with her canine friends, chewing on toys and spinning with excitement for a frozen peanut butter Kong. Although she has found her confidence, anything new or different in her surroundings, like a new piece of furniture or clothes on the floor, solicits a bark and a cautious approach. Bobbie says she is the most loving dog in the home and loves affection and endless pets. "She is very playful, so happy and incredibly brave." 🐾

Read more about the dogs from South Korea and see a video chronicling their progress at:

oregonhumane.org/SouthKoreaDogs2019



ZACH



PHOEBE



June 30 marked the closing of the 2019 regular session. Similar to past years, the Oregon Humane Society was active in proposing improvements to existing laws, supporting bills that promoted the welfare of animals statewide, and opposing bills that would be detrimental to animal welfare.

Over the course of this session, representatives from OHS attended hearings, submitted written testimony, met directly with state representatives, collaborated with various interest groups, and aided in drafting bill language. Each year, we fight to give a voice to animals at the legislative level

and we have a history of success. Influencing change through the law can be a long process that requires patience and compromise. Inevitably, varying interests can result in a piece of legislation taking more than one session to pass.

OHS-SUPPORTED BILLS THAT PASSED DURING THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

SENATE BILL 883 - PASSED

SB 883 was the focus of OHS's legislative agenda this year. This bill aimed to streamline the enforcement of the Senate Bill 6 rescue-licensing regulations that were passed in 2013.

The passage of Senate Bill 6 followed a case in which OHS assisted Marion County Sheriff's Office with the execution of a warrant at a warehouse leased by Willamette Animal Rescue. OHS took in over 100 sick and starving dogs and the citizens of Oregon were outraged that an animal rescue could hide and neglect so many dogs as long as they did. In response to this case, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 6 which included an animal-rescue-licensing requirement to be implemented statewide, but enforced at the county level.

Six years later, OHS identified a need for more uniform and consistent enforcement of this law. Senate Bill 883 amends the existing animal licensing statute to move the enforcement authority from the county level to the state level by naming the State Veterinarian as the "enforcing agency." This will make great strides in serving the original purpose of the law — to prevent fraudulent animal rescues from exploiting a vulnerable population of animals.

SENATE BILL 638 - PASSED

OHS supported this bill which was proposed to Senator Steiner Hayward by students from Elmonica Elementary School in Beaverton.

The bill required research facilities to offer cats and dogs for adoption instead of euthanizing them at the conclusion of the research. This law will save the lives of thousands of animals and enrich the lives of the people who open their homes to them.

Senate Bill 638 reflects the success that took place in 2012 when OHS partnered with OSU to transfer and re-home six dogs who were used in a cardiology research study at the university. One of the dogs, Emma, was adopted by a research assistant who bonded with her over the course of the study.

HOUSE BILL 2227

This bill modified existing law regarding the mandatory reports of suspected child abuse to include animal control officers. There is a clear connection between the mistreatment of animals and the abuse and/or neglect of children. It is important for any discipline involved in either field to cross report when there is a concern about the welfare of a vulnerable victim.

It is now the interim time period between the 2019 regular session and the 2020 short session. OHS is always interested in the ideas and suggestions from our supporters about new laws or changes to existing laws as it pertains to animal welfare. Feel free to contact us at oregonhumane.org.



Helping Fearful Cats Find Their Purr-fect Home

How OHS's Behavior Modification Program Is Saving Feline Lives

CAN YOU REALLY TRAIN A CAT?

This is a common question from most people who hear about the Behavior Modification Program, or B-Mod, program for cats. While most cats who come to OHS are able to adjust to shelter life, those who come from challenging circumstances sometimes need extra help to prepare for life in a new home. Some may spend days hiding in the back of their kennel, trying to disappear. Others may lash out, hiss or scratch. In both instances, fear is at the heart of their behavior challenges.



Shasta graduated from the B-Mod program in 2017. Her adopter calls her a "blessing".

OHS's Cat Behavior Modification Program was developed to help rehabilitate fearful cats, teaching them how to trust people and prepare them for life in a home. Cats in the B-Mod program are housed in a quiet room, called Whisker Way, with a dedicated behavior expert who provides daily care, enrichment and training for the cats.

Each cat receives a customized training plan. Cats who have a history of swatting at people may learn how to sit for a treat or touch a target with their nose. Cats who are worried about being picked up might learn how to run into a crate on cue, making trips to the vet easier. Through reward-based training and interactive play therapy, cats in the program move from hiding and hissing to soliciting pets and attention.

Since formalizing OHS's B-Mod program for cats in 2015, 213 cats have been placed in the program and 97% have been adopted. There are up to nine cats in the program at any given time and most are between one and four years of age. While there is no time limit on how long cats can stay in the program, most typically progress within three to eight weeks and find a loving home two to three weeks after "graduating" from the program. ☺

Have a question about your cat's behavior?
The Oregon Humane Society is here to help!
We offer a free pet behavior helpline, a comprehensive online resource library, and one-on-one appointments. Learn more about our cat training services at oregonhumane.org/training/cats.

Strengthen your relationship with your cat and reduce unwanted behavior with these tips from OHS's B-Mod experts.

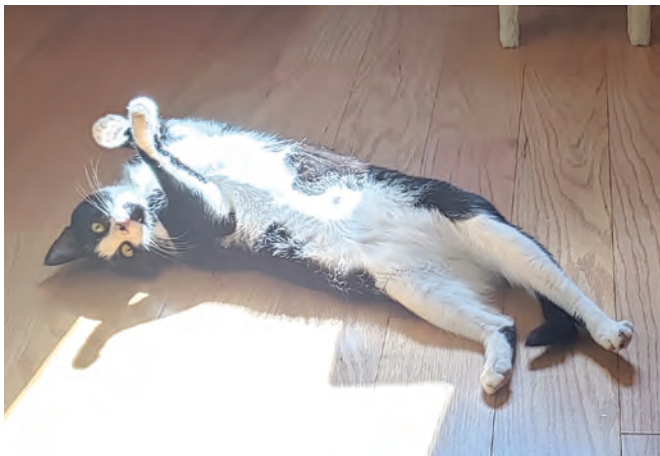
- 1 Don't underestimate the power of play. Use wand toys to encourage your cat to play with you. Daily interactive playtime can boost your shy cat's confidence, keep your older cat in shape, and prevent unwanted behaviors that stem from boredom.
- 2 Rotate your cat's toys weekly by making only four or five toys available at a time. Your cat will be excited to play with "new" toys each week. Keep a variety of types easily accessible. If your cat has a huge favorite, like a soft "baby" that she loves to cuddle with, leave that one out all the time.
- 3 Encourage your cat to "forage" for her food. Treat dispensing puzzle toys can help keep your cat entertained while you're at work, and encourage her to slow down while she eats. Start off easy — try putting some of her kibble in a muffin tin or empty egg carton so she has to work to get her dinner.

- 4 Bring the outside In: Put a cat tree in front of a window and place a bird feeder outside. Grow kitty grass and catnip inside for your cat to feast on. Catios are also a fun solution to allow "outside" time but in a protected, fenced-in environment.
- 5 Multiple cats need multiple resources. Cats find comfort in knowing that resources are abundant and accessible. Make sure each cat in your household has plenty of options to hide, perch, scratch, play and potty. Your cat doesn't want to wait their turn to use the litter box. Have one box per cat, plus one extra.
- 6 Don't hide the crate: Leave your cat's carrier out at all times with a comfy bed inside. Either remove the crate door, or securely prop it open. When it's time for a vet visit, your cat may feel more comfortable if she's already used to spending time in her crate.

B-MOD GRADUATES

Chad

Chad was transferred to OHS from a shelter in Alabama after a tornado ripped through the state. Chad was very scared when he arrived at OHS, but after a few weeks of working with OHS cat behavior expert, Megan Willard, he transformed into a loving cat who enjoyed pets and playtime. He was adopted in June 2019.



After working with OHS cat behavior expert, Megan Willard, Chad and Booker were ready for their purr-fect home.



Booker

Booker was brought to OHS after his previous owner passed away. Booker was very scared when he arrived and would hide whenever staff approached. He spent seven weeks under behavior modification before he was ready to find a new home. Booker was adopted in March 2019. His adopter reports that he is "one of the most loving and cuddly cats I have ever known and has become very attached to my hip."

OHS Photo Contest *The Votes Are In!*

Pets of all shapes and sizes competed to earn the most votes in this year's OHS Photo Contest. Adorable photos of furry and feathered friends were submitted by 226 people, which raised \$18,852 to help shelter pets. The contest used a people's choice voting system. Votes were purchased for \$1 each, and the public could vote as often as they wished. Pets were honored in three categories: Top Dog, Top Cat, and Top Other Pet. In addition, OHS employees selected the OHS Choice Award based on eye-catching photography. Each photographer was also able to share their pet's story.

The winning photographers in each category received a professionally printed and framed photograph of their entry and a \$200 gift card from Frame Central, as well as a special gift basket of pet treats and toys donated by local businesses.

The grand prize winner received an Astoria package including a two-night stay at Hotel Elliott, two tickets to the Columbian Theater and a gift card to the Columbian Café.

See all the entries at oregonhumane.org/2019-photo-contest-winners



TOP DOG

Apache, by Kelsi Morris | 2,700 votes

A former heartworm-positive stray from the Midwest is now out in the Pacific Northwest living up his second chance at life. At almost eight years old, Apache is still down for whatever the day may hold. He loves the thrill of sniffing all the things on a new hike or snuggling up and napping a rainy day away. Despite his past he has yet to meet a stranger and is always appreciative of a good head rub.



TOP CAT

Clyde, by Katherine Ellingsen | 1,824 votes

Clyde was adopted 10 years ago, and he's never lost his playful kitten spirit!

TOP DOG RUNNER UP

Jelly, by Vikram Srinivasan | 2,000 votes

Jelly came into my life barely seven months ago but he's brought more light than anyone I've known. His mission is to share infinite love with everyone I've known. He adores people, kids, dogs, and cats, and his manners are gentlemanly. Every day, he explores the streets of Portland with me, bringing joy and drawing squeals from faces familiar and new. He's an 80 lb lap dog, part Boxer, part American Bulldog, and 100% a saint of compassion.





TOP CAT RUNNER UP

Leo, by Sadie Ross | 720 votes

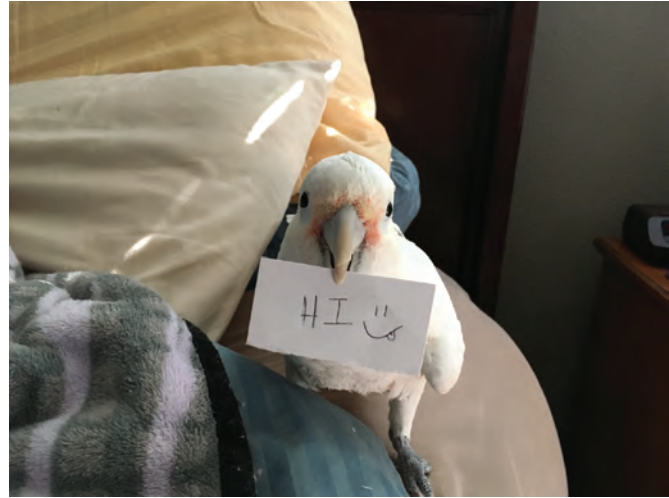
We adopted Leo from OHS during September of 2018. His loving, playful attitude made him a perfect addition to our family. He has two bunny siblings who he enjoys snuggling and playing with. One of his favorite pastimes is playing fetch! However, most of the time you will find him sunbathing in the garden window!



TOP "OTHER" PET RUNNER UP

Spike Godzilla, by Katherine Haynes

Spike has been in our family for over a year now. A bearded dragon is all our daughter wanted for her 11th birthday. She researched and gave presentations on how to care for a bearded dragon. After months of pleading, we finally got him for her 11th birthday. She was so happy. He is amazing. He has so much character, including being super sassy. He fits right in with our family and helped our daughter during the loss of our 15-year-old dog. He truly is an emotional support animal.



TOP "OTHER" PET

Petey, by Bob Weippert

Petey came home from OHS over two years ago from the huge bird seizure out in Sandy. He was one of over 200 birds saved. He has a broken wing and is missing several toes from the horrible conditions he was trapped in. He has shined up like a pretty new penny. He is such a personality. He loves to sing and dance. He is quite the head-banger. Thank you Rene' and Lindsey for introducing me to Petey and for giving him the opportunity to find his forever home.

OHS CHOICE AWARD

Wolfgang, by Sofia Aiello

Wolfgang the kitten was adopted from OHS May of 2019. I was originally going to foster Wolfie for two months, but we ended up falling in love with him and his litter mate (Luna) and we couldn't let them go! Now, he and his sister live happily in our loving family. They are constantly showered with treats and cuddles and have adjusted into their new home amazingly well. These kittens have had such a positive impact on our family. I can't imagine my life without them!



Lessons that Last a Lifetime

Humane Education is deeply rooted in the Oregon Humane Society's history. In fact, in 1888 OHS Founder and President Dr. Thomas Lamb Eliot recognized the importance of teaching children about humane treatment of animals. He proclaimed, "I may say to the children of the schools and city that we count upon you as our chief allies in cultivating a spirit of kindness to all dumb creatures."

While the specific programs have changed over the years, the goal of Humane Education remains the same. By teaching children the importance of kindness and compassion, they will thrive, grow and reach their full potential.

HUMANE EDUCATION 101

A variety of programs for children and adults help bring the mission of OHS to life.

OHS After-School Program

Children gather at OHS after school to connect with others, learn about animals and participate in projects to help homeless pets. The after-school program also gives kids a safe space to celebrate their love of animals. By recognizing their kindness and compassion, young people increase their self-esteem and grow as leaders.

Classroom Visits

Classroom visits engage the students while they learn about animal behavior, careers with pets and how to respectfully interact with animals.

Summer Camp

Camp is one of the most popular programs at OHS. Each year, hundreds of children have the chance to spend a week at OHS learning about animal care, interacting with the animals and forming lasting friendships.

Shelter Tours

Adults and young people can get a tour of the shelter and a unique look into what it takes to care for pets in need. Each tour is conducted by a Humane Educator and includes a presentation, walk about and time for questions.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR HUMANE EDUCATION?

Be More Humane Youth Kindness Award

On Nov. 13, World Kindness Day, OHS is launching a new program to recognize young people in our community who represent the next generation of compassionate leaders. Visit oregonhumane.org for more information.

Teacher Training

We all know that educators play a critical role in creating a kinder, more compassionate community. Inspired by the idea that we are more effective when we work together, OHS Humane Education is excited to offer Teacher Workshops that focus on how teachers can integrate Humane Education into an already full curriculum, and discussions on how OHS can collaborate with teachers to reach more youth with the message of compassion for all. ☺

ONPOINT COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION DONATES \$10,000 TO SUPPORT HUMANE EDUCATION

Recognizing the importance of teaching young people the values of kindness and compassion, OnPoint Community Credit Union is supporting OHS's Humane Education Program with a \$10,000 donation.

"Oregon Humane Society has been a longtime favorite organization of both OnPoint employees and our members," said OnPoint President and CEO Rob Stuart. "We are pleased to support them in a way that marries our passion for animals with our commitment to supporting educators and students."

PICTURED RIGHT Representatives from OnPoint Community Credit Union stopped by OHS to present their generous donation. From left, Sarah Yusavitz, OHS Corporate Relations Manager, Liz Martin, OnPoint Director of Marketing, Veronica Ervin, OnPoint Senior Vice President/Chief Compliance Officer, Rachel Gene, OHS Humane Education Manager, and Abigail, retired canine educator.



Meet the Young Leaders Creating a More Humane Society



Lauren Eber is a senior at Western Oregon University studying Early Childhood Education.



Olivia Bozarth is a senior at Southern Oregon University studying Elementary Education.

LAUREN EBER and **OLIVIA BOZARTH** started their journey with the Oregon Humane Society many years ago, as campers with the summer camp program. As they developed friendships, learned new skills, found a community and a home away from home, they returned each year. They became camp counselors, youth volunteers, senior aids and are now staff leaders for the summer camp program. As education majors, both agree that leading the summer camp provides a unique opportunity.

Working at the OHS summer camp gives Lauren and Olivia a chance to teach and work with kids instead of observing from the back of a classroom. Being hands-on has even helped shape them into better future teachers — whether it's been realizing that everything doesn't have to be perfect to be fun or adjusting a lesson because your class is more shy than outgoing. Olivia and Lauren love being there for the campers as well. "Camp is an important experience for kids," says Olivia. "You can be here for kids in a way that school or even sometimes home can't be."

One of the most rewarding things for both Lauren and Olivia has been watching the returning campers grow up, build relationships and become young adults. They know

they're reaching more than just the camp kids, when the campers come in talking about how they've taught their neighbor or a younger sibling something they've learned. "We're really reaching more kids and people than we realize," says Olivia. Lauren agrees, "People who come here [to OHS] are already passionate about animals, helping animals and making a difference, so it's nice to be able to encourage that to continue".

Working at OHS has also helped these young leaders find their voice. "I wouldn't have been considered a public speaker before my time here, because I was shy," says Lauren. "Because of the community here, I want to give back and speak up more." Her new confidence sparked a career path. "I decided to teach in part because of my time here."

Olivia and Lauren will take the lessons they've learned through leading at OHS into their future classrooms, but they'll also bring something deeper. By helping children understand that kindness matters, every creature deserves compassion, we're all doing our best and everyone needs a little help sometimes, Lauren and Olivia are creating a more humane society for generations to come. ☺

CORGIS CONVERGE FOR A COASTAL TRADITION

After a brief morning shower, the sun was shining as corgis converged on Cannon Beach for one of the largest corgi gatherings on the West Coast. It was a sea of cuteness as corgis romped in the water, played with other dogs and chased after balls.

This popular annual event draws corgis and corgi-fans from all over. "Super Corgi Jojo," the surfing corgi, traveled all the way from San Diego (with his people) for the event. He was dressed in his finest shark costume and had many Insta-worthy moments as he mingled with his low-rider friends.



Dozens of corgis in costume competed for prizes and the always-popular corgi races drew a huge crowd of onlookers. The day's festivities also included a silent auction and raffle. ©

More than 1,300 people, 550 corgis and 68 non-corgi dogs were in attendance.

This day of fun is a fundraiser for the Oregon Humane Society and raised more than \$12,000 for shelter pets.

Corgi Day at the Beach 2020 is scheduled for July 25.

Mt. Hood Meadows Goes to the Dogs

Oregon's tallest peak was the gathering point for hundreds of people and their dogs for the third annual **Mutts on the Mountain** event at Mt. Hood Meadows.

Best known for winter sports, Mt. Hood Meadows was the perfect backdrop for a great day of summer fun. Miles of hikes gave attendees the chance to get some exercise with their four-legged friends. On the patio at Mt. Hood Meadows lodge, a festival for people and pets included doggie snow cones, canine massage, raffle prizes, food and local vendors.

The majestic mountain and blue skies made the day picture-perfect and ideal for photo opportunities. ©



More than 250 people attended Mutts on the Mountain, raising close to \$10,000 to help shelter pets.



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RAISE 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 members 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. Get started at oregonhumane.org/donate.

Please contact Marsha Chrest for more information at (503) 416-7079 or marshac@oregonhumane.org.

YOU CAN BE A HERO FOR ANIMALS IN NEED

There are a variety of creative ways to help animals. The lifesaving work of OHS is only possible because of donors like you.

MAKE A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

Are you age 70½ and have a tax-deferred retirement account? Consider using your required minimum distribution (RMD) to make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**. QCDs are tax free and can reduce the financial impact of RMD income while helping animals in need.

Contact Kathryn Karr at (503) 802-6743

CONTRIBUTE THROUGH YOUR DONOR-ADVISED FUND (DAF)

DAFs allow donors to donate cash, stock, and other assets to receive an immediate tax deduction and then give grants from the fund to charities of their choice over time. Give a gift through your DAF and help OHS address the most pressing needs for pets in our community.

Contact Nicole Lutton at (503) 416-5027

DONATE STOCK

Giving a gift of publicly-traded securities to the Oregon Humane Society will not only save lives but potentially save income tax and capital gains tax too. If you own publicly-traded securities that have increased in value since you bought them and your securities provide you with little or no income, this kind of gift may be right for you.

Contact Shelah Hanson at (503) 802-6776

CONSIDER A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

If you're 60 or older and want to help animals while enjoying the security of fixed, dependable payments for life, a **Charitable Gift Annuity** may be right for you. Gift annuities are easy to set up and the payments you receive are backed by the general resources of the Oregon Humane Society.

Contact Kathryn Karr at (503) 802-6743

Young Donor Uses Allowance to Sponsor Cats



Eleven-year-old Adrien was saving his allowance money for a very special purpose. They money wasn't meant for a video game or toy. His allowance was used to sponsor four cats at OHS who were waiting for a loving home. Each cat caught Adrien's eye for a different reason — one looked like she was in need while the other cats were selected for their cute looks. Adrien was inspired by his cat Tolstoy, who was adopted from OHS a few years ago and is now a beloved companion. Learn more about sponsoring a pet at oregonhumane.org/adopt.

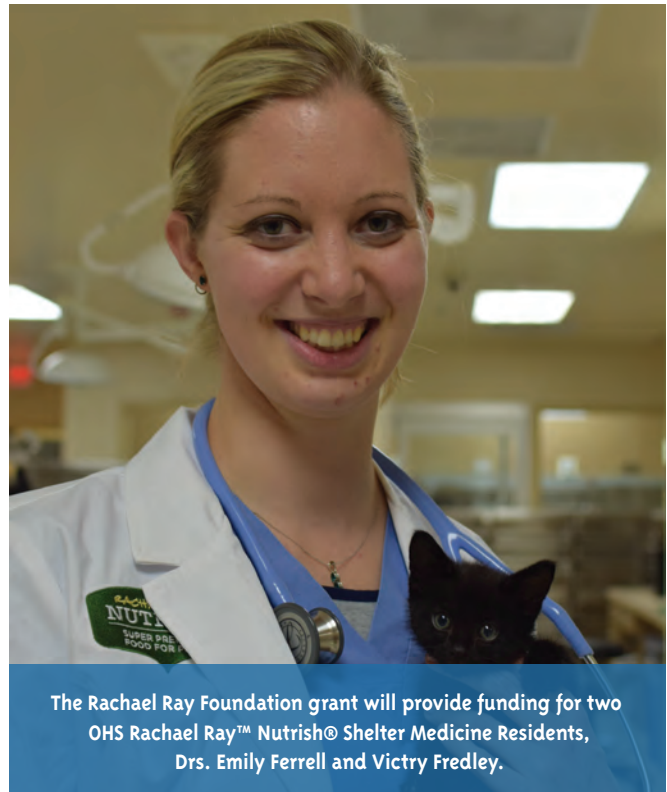
GRANT FROM THE RACHAEL RAY FOUNDATION™ SUPPORTS SHELTER MEDICINE AT OHS

The Holman Medical Center at the Oregon Humane Society is a very busy place. Thousands of shelter pets receive care ranging from in-depth exams to complex surgeries. Additionally, the medical center is the primary surgery site for Spay & Save, a low or no cost spay/neuter program for pets in the community. It takes a dedicated, highly-skilled group of veterinarians, techs and assistants to care for more than 12,000 pets each year.

Pets who come to OHS for medical care got a big boost recently when The Rachael Ray Foundation™ awarded a \$150,000 grant to support the establishment of two Rachael Ray™ Nutrish® Shelter Medicine Residents. OHS offers the only animal shelter-based veterinary residency in the United States—a three year program providing veterinary students with the opportunity and environment to hone their skills in a high-volume, high-quality surgical and medical clinical practice within a shelter. In addition to their clinical work, residents also deliver shelter consults across the county to educate others on veterinary medicine and shelter operations, get their research published, and give presentations at local, state, and national meetings. Upon graduation, they're prepared to be community leaders in veterinary medicine, as well as animal welfare advocates.

This is the first time OHS has received a grant from The Rachael Ray Foundation™, which is funded by a portion of the proceeds from each sale of Rachael's pet food, Nutrish®. Through March 2019, more than \$35 million has been donated to animal charities and other organizations that do good for animals through The Rachael Ray Foundation™.

"We are very grateful to The Rachael Ray Foundation™ for supporting pets in need," says Sharon Harmon, OHS President and CEO. "This grant will provide critical medical care for thousands of shelter pets and pets in our community." 🐾



The Rachael Ray Foundation grant will provide funding for two OHS Rachael Ray™ Nutrish® Shelter Medicine Residents, Drs. Emily Ferrell and Victry Fredley.

FIND THE PURRFECT HOWL-IDAY GIFTS WHILE HELPING PETS

The days are getting shorter, the leaves are turning, and the dog sweaters are coming out of storage. It's the perfect time to start planning for holiday giving to friends and family!

The OHS Tribute Program offers several ways to celebrate loved ones, while providing funding to care for animals in need.

Visit oregonhumane.org/donate/memorial-celebration-gifts or call Erin at 503-802-6766 to order your holiday cheer.



Louie, beloved dog of Steve and Jackie Gish, is ready for the holidays. Credit: Phido Photography.

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.

Dear OHS,

We changed his name to Paddington as he's a big teddy bear like the kid's character. Thank you for having the patience to help him get to the point where he was ready to be adopted. Both my husband and I are delighted that we decided to make the leap of faith and bring him home. He's such a sweet and playful boy.

He's doing great! He's now fully integrated with our household. He's becoming great friends with our younger cat Garnet. They love playing together! We also see them grooming each other and they seem to enjoy vocalizing together. It's adorable!



PADDINGTON

We want others to know that adopting a graduate of your behavior program may sound a bit daunting, but it's a wonderful idea! Paddington is such a joy, and has quickly become a beloved member of our family.

Thank you so much!

Jessica

Dear OHS,

Buddy is doing great! We are working with a dermatologist to figure out his allergies and his personality has been coming through more and more. He delights us every day.

All the best,

Ryan, Victoria, and Buddy



BUDDY & RYAN

Read more about Buddy Boy's new life on the Oregon Coast at oregonhumane.org/buddyboy.

Dear OHS,

Our lives changed when we adopted Duke five months ago. Ever since he started snoring on our laps on the way home, he stole our hearts. He loves laying in the sun, going for walks and playing with his friends at puppy play time. He loves kissing people and other dogs. He had a lot of fun at the beach, even though he does not quite appreciate the cool water. We feel so blessed to have such a smart, energetic and loving dog in Duke.

Thank you,

Tessa



DUKE

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**

JACK AND LANA FIND A FOREVER HOME

The day was full of surprises for Jack. It was a cool Saturday morning in July and many of the volunteers and Animal Care Technicians who had worked with Jack over the last year gathered around Jack's kennel. A few happy/sad tears were shed as the group carefully bundled Jack into his travel crate. Jack was going home to his new family, after spending over a year at OHS in the Behavior Modification (B-Mod) program. Jack came to OHS with a group of four other dogs (Lana, TJ, Lena and Minnie) who the care team dubbed "the smalls." All the dogs had lived together in the same home and were either anxious or unsocialized. Jack was the last to be adopted out of the group.



Another big surprise awaited Jack upon his arrival at home. The family that adopted Jack had also adopted Lana. Before Jack could get out of his travel crate Lana dashed right in with him! Lana's sensitive nose and memories of traveling to and from the play yard in a large crate with all the other smalls, helped her recognize Jack immediately. It was a heart-warming reunion for two dogs that had once been so frightened of the world. Joyful play ensued. Jack and Lana join a family with two other dogs and the new group is gradually bonding. ☺

WHAT'S YOUR LEGACY?

YOU CAN MAKE A PROFOUND DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF ANIMALS IN OUR COMMUNITY BY INCLUDING OHS IN YOUR WILL, RETIREMENT PLAN OR LIVING TRUST.

Join OHS experts for an upcoming event focused on estate planning and ensuring your pets get the love and care they deserve after you're gone.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
10 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Oregon Humane Society
1067 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR**

**Please RSVP to Kathryn Karr
(503) 802-6743 or
kathrynk@oregonhumane.org**



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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.

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* Indicates companies or groups who have held community fundraising events to benefit OHS.

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Applications open in early October at
oregonhumane.org.



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-ASSISTED THERAPY TRAINING

OHS prepares people and pets for the national evaluation exam. (503) 285-7722, ext. 296; lorik@oregonhumane.org.

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; 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

Our retail stores inside the shelter offer a variety of supplies. (503) 285-7722, ext. 201.

PET TRAINING

OHS offers classes and consultations. (503) 285-7722, ext. 486; deborahf@oregonhumane.org.

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 Erin Luther, (503) 802-6766; erinl@oregonhumane.org.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

Lifetime income plus a tax deduction. Contact Gary Kish, (503) 416-2988; LegacyTeam@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; LegacyTeam@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) 802-6776; shelahh@oregonhumane.org.

IN-KIND SUPPLIES, MATERIAL

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 donate online.

ONE COOL THING

Donate fine art, jewelry, popular electronics, or memorabilia. Contact Erin Luther, (503) 802-6766; erinl@oregonhumane.org.

PAWS

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TLC

The Thomas Lamb Eliot Circle (TLC) honors donors contributing \$1,000 or more annually. Contact Margaret Clement, (503) 416-7083; margaretc@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 Erin Luther, (503) 802-6766; erinl@oregonhumane.org.

VOLUNTEER

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