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ON THE COVER: Bella (left) and Piper are featured on the cover because of the efforts of the #1 public fundraising Doggie Dash team: Carol's Canine Companions. As part of a new prize package this year, the captain of the winning team was allowed to choose the dogs to appear on the cover. Captain Carol Christensen wanted team member Twila Coleman to have the honor, and the result was this heart-warming photo taken of Twila's pets. Thanks to Teran Buckner of Phido Photography, www.Phidophotography.com, for capturing the moment.



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I was recently upstaged by a group of Girl Scouts, and I was never so happy! The location was the Oregon House of Representatives, where I was testifying in favor of new laws to protect animals. First up on the list of witnesses was a group of eight-year-olds from Girl Scout Brownie Troop 10037. I was second on the list.

The girls were poised, polished and well prepared when they spoke on behalf of a new bill that would make it easier to rescue animals and children trapped in hot vehicles. I could do little to add to their testimony, and frankly, I really didn't need to say much after their stellar performance (you can see a video of their testimony online at bit.ly/2sUUUV37).

They told committee members about the dangers of being locked inside a car on a hot summer day and how both children and pets suffer. Why, they asked, shouldn't members of the public be able to rescue a child or a pet without worrying about the potential liability of damaging a car in the process? Police already have this "Good Samaritan" protection, and the Girl Scouts (and OHS) wanted the public to have it as well.

I am glad to report that the bill, HB 2732, passed both the Oregon House and Senate and was signed by the Governor. The bill was notable for the fact that it included both children and pets. To me, this approach makes a lot of sense: if a behavior is considered offensive if directed at people (such as locking a defenseless child in a hot car), the same behavior is equally offensive if it is directed toward an animal. Kudos to the legislature for taking this approach.

In Oregon, we've made great headway in enacting laws that ban animal cruelty. But that doesn't mean there's not more to do! This year in Salem, penalties for felony neglect were increased and new authority was granted to seize birds that could be used for cockfighting. Lawmakers also approved the early forfeiture of neglected animals and made animal cruelty defendants responsible for the cost of their crimes. These examples of cutting-edge legislation are just what you would expect from a leader in the field.

At OHS, our Humane Special Agents help hundreds of pets each year. We learn firsthand what needs to be done in the field and in the courtroom to better protect animals. We use that experience to help pass new and improved laws.

But no matter how hard we work, nothing pleases me more than to see a group of children go to Salem and argue for what they believe. It's our obligation to speak up for those who can't speak for themselves. Oregon citizens, young and old, are learning how to do this.

Sharon Harmon
Executive Director

FROM DERELICT HOUSE TO OHS HOSPITAL: 20 CATS RESCUED

An elderly couple in Portland's St. Johns neighborhood breathed a sigh of relief this March when OHS removed 20 cats and kittens from their home and brought them to OHS for medical care and eventual adoption.

What started with just a few cats many years ago turned into a large colony of cats, as the felines reproduced and stray cats came and went through an open window in the basement of the house. The homeowners were facing major issues of their own, as their decaying home's electrical and plumbing problems were forcing them to relocate.

Nearly all of the rescued cats were in need of medical care that the couple could not afford. The OHS Holman Medical Center treated the cats for hair loss, eye infections and dental problems. "Everyone who helped us has been very caring and considerate," said one of the owners of the cats. "Don't be afraid to reach out for help," she advised other people who might be facing a similar situation.

The couple's plight came to the attention of a visitor, who asked OHS to check in on the couple. After a meeting with an OHS investigator, the couple agreed to voluntarily relinquish the pets to OHS. "We're here to help people when a situation gets out of control," said Dr. Kris Otteman, OHS Vice President of Shelter Medicine and Operations. "We urge people to contact OHS if they know of someone who needs help caring for their pets." ©



Inside the house where the cats and the elderly couple were living.



Topaz, one of the 20 rescued (and now adopted) cats.

OHS RESCUES HORSES FROM NEGLECT IN DAMASCUS

A rescue team from OHS seized three horses in February from a woman in Damascus and discovered the body of a deceased horse on the property. The owner was charged with seven counts of animal neglect and faces a criminal trial this summer.



Horses seized by OHS Investigators in Damascus.

The horses had been seen eating wooden fence boards and blackberry vines, signs that no other food was available. An OHS investigator estimated that a colt on the property had a body condition of one or two on a nine-point scale, with a score of one equaling extreme emaciation. The two mares seized were estimated to have a body score of two or three.

The execution of a search warrant stemmed from a report by a member of the public who was concerned about a possible deceased horse on the property, located in the 12000 block of SE Winston Road in Damascus.

OHS executed the search warrant with the assistance of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, animal handlers from Sound Equine Options, and an equine veterinarian. The horses were transported to an undisclosed location where they received medical exams and any needed treatment. The horses are evidence in a criminal case and are not available for adoption or viewing by the public at this time.

To check on the status of horses currently available for adoption, visit the OHS website at oregonhumane.org/adopt. You'll find photographs and up-to-date information about horses available for adoption. ©

RESCUE OF 245 BIRDS ENDS WITH SUCCESSFUL ADOPTIONS

One of the largest rescues in OHS history concluded earlier this year with the adoption of all the available rescued animals.

OHS investigators seized 245 exotic birds last summer who were found living in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions in a barn in Damascus. The owner was convicted in December of animal neglect and barred from owning animals for five years. The exotic birds seized included African grey parrots, macaws, cockatoos, conures and others. Many of the birds were suffering from severe feather plucking and overgrown nails and beaks.

As the case proceeded through the courts, OHS provided food, shelter and medical care at an emergency shelter. After about a month in the care of OHS, the health of the birds was markedly improving thanks to a species-appropriate diet, fresh fruits and vegetables, daily cage cleaning, fresh water and daily baths or showers.

Adoptions of the birds began in December, after the owner voluntarily surrendered ownership of the animals to OHS. Thanks to a huge response from the community, including the submission of online adoption applications by hundreds of interested adopters, OHS was able to place all the available birds in permanent, loving homes.

“OHS staff and volunteers provided excellent care for these birds for nearly six months while they were in our custody,” said OHS President and CEO Sharon Harmon. “I am so happy that the birds will now get a chance to flourish in their new homes.”

OHS receives no tax dollars to support the work of its Humane Special Agents or to offset the costs of caring for neglected and



One of the many birds adopted from the Damascus rescue.

abused animals. OHS spent approximately \$86,000 caring for the 245 birds from Damascus. ☺

PETCO GRANT WILL HELP OHS EMERGENCY SHELTER

OHS has received a \$200,000 grant from the Petco Foundation to enhance an emergency animal shelter used to help pets rescued from abuse and neglect.

“This grant is an important step forward for animals,” said Sharon Harmon, OHS chief executive officer. “Pets who are rescued from neglectful conditions have special needs, and this facility will allow them be safely housed and lovingly cared for as we work to get them adopted into their forever homes.”

The grant will provide for renovations to an existing structure, including the installation of a new HVAC system, improvements in lighting and the remodeling of interior areas to better serve the needs of animals.

Last year, 771 pets were seized or surrendered to OHS as a result of investigations related to animal cruelty. OHS Humane Special Agents



Sharon Harmon and Jane Morrison from OHS (right) accept major grant from Petco.

are the only Oregon law officers devoted to enforcing animal cruelty laws anywhere in the state. Most recently, the OHS emergency animal shelter was used to care for 245 exotic birds rescued from overcrowded and unsanitary conditions (see story, above).

“The Petco Foundation is proud to support the lifesaving efforts of the Oregon Humane Society,” said Susanne Kogut, Petco Foundation executive director. “We hope this investment will enable OHS to continue its impactful and lifesaving efforts, saving and bettering the lives of animals in need.” ☺

OHS Photo Contest Now Open



Staff pick winner from 2016.
Marika Beirma was the
winning photographer.

CONTEST SPONSOR:



Are your pets adorable? Do they deserve to be featured on the cover of the OHS Magazine? Then throw your hat into the ring and submit your pet's photo to the 26th annual OHS Fuzzy, Furry, and Feathered Friends Photo Contest. This year's contest features a People's Choice voting system—the winner is based on who gets the most votes from the public.

Photos can be entered into one of three categories: Best Dog, Best Cat, and Best Other Pet (which includes birds, bunnies and other companion animals). There is also a fourth category—OHS Choice—that will be selected by OHS staff from among all photos submitted. The OHS Choice award will be based on originality, creativity and photographic skills.

Photos can be entered into the contest for \$10, where they will appear on a website that makes it easy to vote. Votes cost \$1 each (five vote minimum) and votes can be awarded to as many or as few photos as the voter desires. Pet owners are encouraged to start their own "get out the vote" campaigns via email and social media. The contest page will update vote totals in real time and display a leader board of the top vote getters.

The winning photo from one of the four categories will grace the cover of the OHS magazine. All winners will be featured inside the magazine, along with runners-up. The winners will also receive a professionally framed copy of their photo from Northwest Framing, plus a \$200 gift certificate.

The contest runs from June 30 to August 13. To learn more and to enter the contest, visit: oregonhumane.org/photo.

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Grand Prize poster by Dylan Mead of Brown Middle School.

THIS YEAR'S POSTER CONTEST OPENING SOON!
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Young Artists Show Their Love of Pets

Dylan Mead, an eighth grade student at Brown Middle School in Hillsboro, has won the Grand Prize for best poster in the Oregon Humane Society's 68th annual Be Kind to Animals Poster and Story Contest. Rachel Clay, a third grader at Chief Joseph Elementary School in Portland, received the Grand Prize in the Story category. Mead is a two-time Grand Prize winner, having won the honor last year as a seventh grader.

OHS announced the results of this year's contest at a special awards presentation, the "A'Cat'Emy Awards," held January 29 at OHS. The ceremony highlighted the creative work of students in grades 1-8 who used art

and words to craft positive messages about their love of pets. Mead illustrated the theme of helping homeless pets, while Clay's essay focused on how pets are part of the family.

The poster runner-up award went to Petra Sorensen, a first grade student at Bridgeport Elementary in Tigard. The runner-up in the story contest was Leni Maus, an eighth grade student at Ockley Green Elementary in Portland.

More than 1,500 entries were received from students at 125 schools in Oregon and Clark County, Washington. Students based their entries on different age-

appropriate humane themes such as: be kind to animals, pets are family members, pets need care and attention, and choose the right pet for you. The grand prize winners received a laptop computer. Runners-ups and first-place winners received gift cards.

Two students won with both their poster and story entries: Petra Sorensen (1st grade) and Leni Maus (8th grade).

A complete list of winners and their submissions can found on the OHS website at oregonhumane.org/poster-story-contest. ©

2017 First Place Essay Winners

STUDENT NAME	GRADE	SCHOOL	CITY
Petra Sorensen	1	Bridgeport Elementary	Tigard
Rachel Clay	3	Chief Joseph Elementary	Portland
Sadie Bernard	5	Seth Lewelling School	Milwaukie
Leni Maus	8	Ockley Green Elementary	Portland

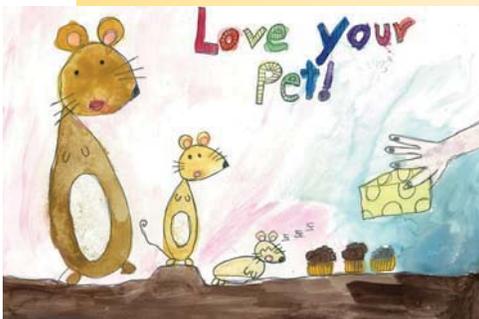
2017 First Place Poster Winners

STUDENT NAME	GRADE	SCHOOL	CITY
Petra Sorensen	1	Bridgeport Elementary	Tigard
Madison Wong	2	Sun Century Art Academy	Portland
Alexis Zou	3	Sun Century Art Academy	Lake Oswego
Sophia You	4	Sun Century Art Academy	Portland
Jaytee Franko	5	Butler Creek Elementary	Gresham
Mayu Garner	6	Arts and Communication Magnet Academy	Portland
Isla Challenor	7	Roseway Heights	Portland
Dylan Mead	8	Brown Middle School	Hillsboro

Poster runner-up by Petra Sorensen of Bridgeport Elementary.

Poster Grand Prize
Poster Runner-Up
Story Grand Prize
Story Runner-Up

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The 80's theme fashion contest for pets and people was a hit as the Dash celebrated its 30th year.

30th Annual Doggie Dash Was Best Ever

Animal lovers by the thousands came to Waterfront Park on May 13 to show their support for shelter animals and raise a record \$683,000 for pets. The 30th annual OHS Doggie Dash may have seen fewer paws on the street than past years due to the rainy weather, but those in attendance had no shortage of enthusiasm when it came to enjoying the day with thousands of their favorite pets and people.

The largest dog walk in the West is usually the biggest fundraiser of the year for OHS, and that held true this year as in the past. A final matching challenge by Wentworth SubaruCity and Subaru of America raised \$28,000, helping this year's Dash surpass the goal of \$675,000 and setting a new record for the event.

Most of the funds raised by Doggie Dash come from individuals asking friends, families and co-workers to "paw it forward" for the animals. In addition to individual fundraising, hundreds of Dashers formed teams to compete for special prizes and lend each other support as they raised funds.

The traditional team standings (as measured by dollars raised) took a dramatic change this year. The JabberWalkies (associated with the Pet Loft retail store in SW Portland) had been the leading public fundraising team for five years running. Last year, they raised \$20,028 for pets.

Even though JabberWalkies raised more funds this year (about \$22,000), three teams eclipsed their efforts. The top team from the public was Carol's Canine Companions,

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Pets were kept warm, snug and pampered at the Dash.

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The top three Doggie Dash fundraisers take a bow at the Dash. Right to left: Mary Slayton (#1 fundraiser), Twila Coleman (#3) and Carol Christensen (#2).

Top Individual Fundraisers

(IN ORDER OF FUNDS RAISED)

1. Mary Slayton
2. Carol Christensen
3. Twila Coleman
4. Cecil Reniche-Smith
5. Ed & Ellen McClaran
6. Karl Keener
7. Nancy Tonkin-Zoucha
8. John Gustavsson
9. Mary Martin
10. Alexis Ingram

Top Public Teams*

(IN ORDER OF FUNDS RAISED)

1. Carol's Canine Companions
2. Highway to Home
3. The Early Thurs
4. JabberWalkies
5. Friends of Mutts
6. Caleb's Canines
7. Oskee-Bow-Wow
8. Kenton Animal Hospital
9. Lexi's Rockin Doggies
10. North Portland Club K-9

*A team of OHS employees, the Canine Crusaders, led all teams with a record \$62,891. They were followed by the Board Bowsers (members of the OHS Board of Trustees), which raised \$49,900.



Dashers defy the rain and show their support for pets.

which raised \$30,043. The team was led by captain Carol Christensen. As a prize accorded to the top fundraising team, the dogs of team member Twila Coleman are featured on the cover of this issue of OHS Magazine.

Following close behind Carol's Canine Companions was an all-new team, Highway to Home. The team was captained by Cecil Reniche-Smith and was comprised of volunteers who work in the OHS Second Chance program. Highway to Home raised \$27,070, followed by The Early Thurs, which raised \$23,821. The Early Thurs team, co-captained by Karl Keener, was formed by OHS volunteers who walk dogs on Thursday mornings.

A new prize this year was offered to individual fundraisers: the top fundraiser would have an illustration of their dog appear on next

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year's official Doggie Dash t-shirt. That honor went to Mary Slayton, who raised \$19,025 to help animals. Slayton's fundraising efforts were followed by Carol Christensen and Twila Coleman, who finished second and third in individual fundraising.

All proceeds from Doggie Dash go to support the pets at OHS, which rely entirely on donations. "Thousands of people helped us get to our goal this year, and I want to everyone to know how much every gift is valued, large or small. Only when so many people join together can we make such a difference," said Sharon Harmon, CEO of OHS. ☺

RAISE YOUR PAWS FOR PETS!

"I truly believe in the mission of OHS and find PAWS an easy way to connect and help. My kitty, Polly, came from OHS in September of 2012. I love her!"

—Phyllis Reynolds

"I became a PAWS donor because my husband and I volunteer at OHS and we see all of the wonderful things that the money does for the animals."

—Christine Abernathy



Polly is very happy that Phyllis joined PAWS!

"I joined PAWS because I just wanted to give. I increase the amount every year."

—Mildred I. Wright

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Can a reactive rover overcome her fears?
Yes — with the right help.

A Tale of Two Dogs

NUTMEG AND GRACIE:

How Compassionate Training and a Good Home Made a Difference

"Nutmeg needs daily exercise to reduce stress. She can become overstimulated, barky, and difficult to control."

"Gracie is a real joy to have. She knows 'sit', 'down', 'shake' and 'drop'. She will drop a toy on command, even in the middle of a play session."

"Nutmeg had a full-on panic attack—barking, lunging, growling"

"Gracie is real cuddly, almost a lap dog. She makes us laugh every day."

It's hard to believe, based on the comments above, but Gracie and Nutmeg are the same dog. Nutmeg came to OHS on February 7 as a two-year-old black Labrador from another shelter that could no longer care for her. She went home from OHS three months later as a happy member of a family that renamed her Gracie.

When Nutmeg arrived at OHS she was a happy, tail-wagging dog. But issues soon surfaced. Nutmeg would become frightened at the sound of other dogs barking. At the sight of another dog, she would lunge and bark frantically at the dog. One time, she lunged so hard that she slammed her head into a glass door. One trainer from OHS described

her behavior as a "full-on panic attack."

Nutmeg presented the OHS Behavior and Training Department with a problem they had seen many times before: dogs who are friendly toward people, but are fearful and seemingly aggressive at the sight of other dogs. In most cases, these "reactive" dogs are not aggressive. "The barking and lunging is an attempt to tell the other dog to stay away. They don't want to fight the other dog, they are acting out of fear," said Lori Kirby, lead trainer for the OHS Behavior and Training Department. The problem is worse when a dog is on leash and unable to run away from the perceived threat.

For dogs like Nutmeg, OHS trainers practice a technique that introduces the reactive dog to other canines in a slow, measured process. Nutmeg, for example, would be brought into a room with another dog fifty feet away—a distance that did not trigger her reactive behavior. Nutmeg would be given food treats and positive encouragement for remaining calm with the other dog present.

Then, the distance between the dogs would shorten day by day. Over the course of nearly three months, Nutmeg learned that other dogs are not a threat. On leash, Nutmeg

could come as close as six feet to another dog without becoming reactive.

Then came the next step: finding a family that would adopt Nutmeg with the understanding of her special needs. Fortunately for Nutmeg, the Drapela family was there for her with open arms. Nutmeg, now Gracie, is the only dog in their household. They taught her new commands and engaged in daily play sessions to keep the high-energy dog physically and mentally engaged.

What about meeting other dogs? Although she occasionally hears other dogs barking in the distance, she does not get frightened by the sound. Libby Drapela said they are considering a training class to help Gracie socialize with other dogs, but for now are thrilled by what a delightful companion she has become.

"If she is near you, she wants to have her paw on your body or her head in your lap," said Libby. "Gracie is a real joy." 🐾

DO YOU HAVE A REACTIVE DOG?

OHS offers a special class, open to the public, to help overcome your dog's excessive reaction to other canines. Learn more at oregonhumane.org/training.

Top Volunteers of 2016 Honored

DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS DONATE TIME AND TALENT

An Oregon City woman who volunteered more than 400 hours of time in 2016 to help animals rescued from neglect has been named the OHS Volunteer of the Year. René Pizzo received the honor on March 12 at a special awards ceremony that recognized outstanding OHS volunteers.

OHS volunteers walk dogs, find homes for cats, assist shelter veterinarians, rescue stranded dogs, and more. Last year, more than 4,000 people contributed their time and talents to helping animals at OHS.

"We would need 118 full-time employees to equal the amount of time contributed by our volunteers last year," said OHS President and CEO Sharon Harmon.

"The compassion and the commitment of OHS volunteers is truly something to bark about."

Harmon presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to René Pizzo of Oregon City; the Lifetime Achievement Award to Teresa Leap of SE Portland; the Volunteer's Choice Award to Denise Kinstetter of Gresham; and the End Petlessness Award to Carol Christensen of Milwaukie.

OHS awarded special recognition to volunteers and one staff member (chosen by the volunteers) in 23 categories. View all award winners online at oregonhumane.org/ohs-honors-volunteers.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

René Pizzo began volunteering for OHS more than 25 years ago. Most recently, she played a key role in the rescue of 245 exotic birds housed in unsanitary and overcrowded conditions. In total, René volunteered 410 hours to help with the rescue and the subsequent care and

adoption of the animals. A past winner of the Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award, René currently leads the all-volunteer OHS Technical Animal Rescue Team.



VOLUNTEER'S CHOICE AWARD

DENISE KINSTETTER was selected by a vote of her volunteer peers. Kinstetter created a mentoring program to train volunteers interested in showing cats to potential adopters. Kinstetter herself became the first Showing a Cat mentor. She has also been a

tremendous help to the Spay & Save program, where she has staffed phones, put in long hours during major spay/neuter events at OHS, and canvassed neighborhoods.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

TERESA LEAP began volunteering for OHS in May of 2000. She is a quiet force in the volunteer program who has come in almost every Saturday morning for 17 years to take shelter dogs for walks. She loves all the dogs, but has a special place in her heart for seniors and petite pooches.



END PETLESSNESS AWARD

CAROL CHRISTENSEN worked the most volunteer hours in 2016. Christensen donated 805 in-shelter hours last year and more than 2,500 hours as a volunteer foster parent. Last year, Carol worked long hours at the OHS emergency bird shelter, was active in trans-

porting pets for the OHS Outreach program and helped with the Spay & Save program.

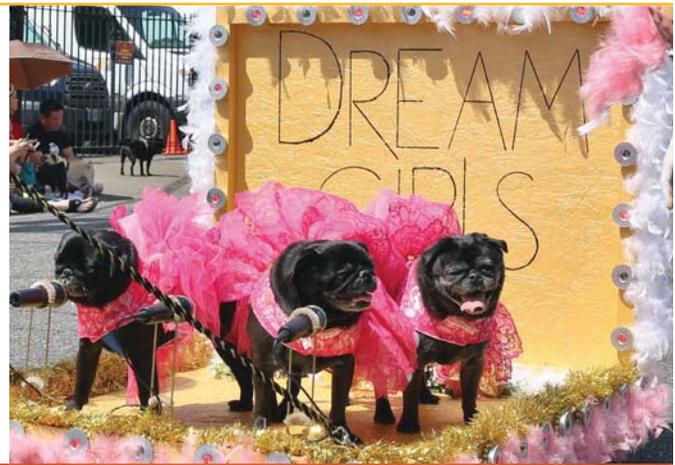
Annual Pug Crawl Goes to Broadway

PUGS PUT ON A SHOW

In a spectacle that would have made Andrew Lloyd Webber and Lin-Manuel Miranda proud, hundreds of pugs—and their human companions—flocked to Portland on May 21 to participate in the OHS Pug Crawl, the nation's largest gathering of pugs.

The theme of this year's event was Pugs on Broadway, highlighted by a parade of pugs dressed in their finest theatrical attire. The 17th annual event, sponsored by Portland Brewing Company, drew more than 500 pugs and raised more than \$17,000 to help shelter pets at OHS.

In what has become a tradition, Pacific Pug Rescue kicked off the parade outside the taproom in Northwest Portland. The rescue group had their own take on the musical "Willy Wonka and the



These dreamy pugs took first place in the costume competition, beating out the Puglight Express, Puttin' on the Ritz, and other entries.

PHOTO BY BEN KOEGER

Chocolate Factory," complete with a small army of pugs dressed as Oompa Loompas and other characters.

The judging panel awarded first prize in the costume contest to Julie Brigham and her pugs Luna, Leeloo, and Piper, who starred as Dreamgirls and appeared on their own mobile stage. Second place went to Terra Worel and Polly the pug, who were dressed as characters from Fred Astaire's "Puttin' on the Ritz," complete with matching tuxedos.

Rounding out the top finalists were a float depicting "Starlight Express" (aptly changed to Puglight Express), and homages to "The Sound of Music" and "Little Shop of Horrors."

Photos from the event and the photo booth are available to view and purchase online at oregonhumane.org/pugcrawl. ☉

PUPS & PINOT: *Canines Uncorked*



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Wine & Woofs on August 5

It's every dog lover's favorite wine tasting event: the annual Canines Uncorked tour of wineries in Oregon's beautiful North Willamette Valley wine region. While humans sample some of Oregon's finest wines, canine guests can enjoy free activities such as doggie massages, gourmet treats, canine fashion displays, and more.

The Canines Uncorked License to Taste Passport offers tastings and dog-friendly romps at 15 participating wineries, with all proceeds going to help shelter pets at OHS.

The participating wineries are located in one of Oregon's premier wine-growing regions, conveniently located just outside Portland in the towns of Beaverton, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Gaston, Helvetia, Hillsboro, North Plains and Tigard. A Canines Uncorked map makes it easy to plot an afternoon of leisurely tasting and canine activities through one of the most scenic parts of the Willamette Valley.

The License to Taste passport is \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door and includes tastings at all 15 wineries. If you can't make it to all the wineries on August 5, the passport includes two tasting cards that can be used at any participating winery during the month of August. Discounts are available for groups of ten or more.

To purchase your passport in advance online and learn about group discounts, visit oregonhumane.org/caninesuncorked. Online sales close August 2. ☉

Love Finds Love



In the OHS medical center, Love benefits from lifesaving surgery.

Wounded Dog Receives Lifesaving Help at OHS

The big yellow Labrador named Love came to OHS with life-threatening wounds: a 10-inch open gash on her neck, an advanced infection, and cuts all over her body. Love had likely spent most of her life in terrible conditions, living outside chained to a tree. Her wounds were probably inflicted by another animal, as she lived with about 40 other dogs on a rural property in Stevens County, Washington.

By some miracle, no veins or arteries in Love's neck had been torn open in the attack. But by the time Love was taken off the property by rescuers, her condition was dire.

"Her wounds were terrible," said Dr. Wendi Rekers, the OHS veterinarian who performed surgery on Love. "If left untreated, the infection would have killed her." Dr. Rekers carefully cleaned and closed all of Love's wounds, using over seven feet of suture thread during the operation.

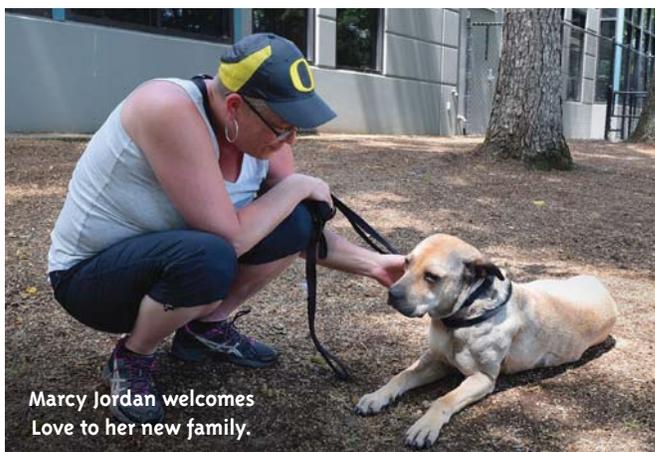
Love and her fellow canines were rescued from their plight by Rescue4All and Spokane's Humane Evacuation Rescue Team, local nonprofits that were assisted by the Stevens County Sheriff's office. The rescue groups reached out to shelters around the region to help the dogs, as Stevens County lacked the resources to care for so many animals at once. The owners of the dogs are facing multiple animal cruelty charges in Washington.

Of the six dogs who came to OHS, Love went into medical care, another went to foster care (and gave birth to five puppies) and four received help from the OHS Behavior and Training Department to overcome their fear of people. All of the dogs appeared to have had little contact with humans, and Love was no exception.

"When we first met Love she had a nice disposition but cowered in the back of the kennel and did not want a human to touch her," said Dr. Rekers. "After a few weeks

with the help of the Behavior Department, she had changed a lot and would walk up to greet us."

After becoming available for adoption on June 1, it took just a few days before Love found her match. Kelley Carlson and Marcy Jordan of Vancouver, Washington, saw her photo on the OHS website and knew they had to meet her. "I think it was the look in her eyes. She wanted to be loved so bad," said Jordan.



Marcy Jordan welcomes Love to her new family.

They came to meet Love at OHS and found that another interested party was already meeting with her. That family decided it was not the right match, so Love got to meet Carlson and Jordan. They did not know at first about Love's history as a part of the Stevens County rescue.

Her background of injuries and neglect did not deter their desire to adopt Love. If anything, it made them feel even more strongly about wanting to make her part of their family. "Once we knew she had been suffering, it made us want to love her more," said Jordan. ☺



OHS Fights for Laws Against Cruelty

BILLS BACKED BY OHS WIN APPROVAL

Oregon legislators recently approved a host of bills backed by OHS that will strengthen the state's efforts to fight animal cruelty. The bills would increase penalties for animal cruelty, crack down on cockfighting, streamline the process of forfeiting pets who have been victims of cruelty, and give "Good Samaritan" protections to individuals who rescue children and animals left unattended in vehicles.

"The passage of these measures sends a strong signal that animal cruelty will not be tolerated in Oregon," said OHS President and CEO Sharon Harmon. "Our Humane Special Agents and the courts will have stronger tools than ever to protect those least able to protect themselves."

OHS worked hard for the passage of the four bills, particularly HB 3283, which increases the length of time a person convicted of felony animal neglect is barred from possessing an animal of the same species that they neglected. The current restriction is five years; the new measure extends the prohibition to 15 years. "Five years does not seem long enough in cases when a felony is committed. These crimes involve the serious injury or death of an animal," said Harmon.

HB 2625, also approved by the Oregon House and Senate, helps resolve situations, often involving large rescues, when animal victims are stuck in legal limbo. In a case where 100 or more animals are seized, for example, prosecutors may choose to only file charges related to a dozen animals. The animals not listed in the court indictment fall into a gray area.

The new law would remedy this by allowing counties and animal agencies to file forfeiture petitions for all animals seized, not just those listed in the charging documents. Courts could then order forfeiture of these animals based on evidence of cruelty and if the defendant is unable to post a bond to care for the animals during the court proceedings.

In cockfighting cases, HB 3177 would strengthen the ability of law enforcement agencies to put illegal operations out of business. Currently, someone convicted of cockfighting must forfeit their fighting birds. The new bill would expand forfeiture to include "source birds," meaning hens and chicks that could be used to produce the next generation of fighting birds.

HB 2732, also backed by OHS, would expand protections for children and animals left alone in parked vehicles and at risk of heat-related health issues. Oregon gave law enforcement officers the power to rescue at-risk pets locked in hot cars, and the new bill helps empower public citizens to do the same.

"We should be doing everything we can to protect our most vulnerable, and that includes animals and children," said Sen. James Manning (D-Eugene), who sponsored the bill in the Senate. "I don't care if somebody has to rip the door off a car if that's the only way they can rescue a child or animal from potentially deadly harm." Under the new law, members of the public would not be liable for damages resulting from entering a vehicle if they believed that an animal or child was in imminent danger of suffering serious harm.

HB 2732, which expands protections for pets and children left alone in cars, was signed into law by the Governor on June 22. The remaining bills were expected to be signed by the Governor in July. ☺



Diamond Collar Heroes

THE OHS DIAMOND COLLAR AWARDS honor people and pets who have demonstrated courage and compassion for animals. This year's awards highlighted the broad range of heroes in our community—from dogs large and small to people of all ages. In addition, a special lifetime achievement award was presented to longtime animal supporter Barbara Coit Yeager.

"The OHS Diamond Collar Awards are a chance to celebrate the heroic stories that exemplify how important pets are in our lives," said Sharon Harmon, OHS President and CEO, who hosted the Feb. 22 awards with KGW chief meteorologist Matt Zaffino.



Bear with owner Roger Goldingay

BEAR

This ninety-pound Labrador retriever is a remarkable therapy animal, frequently visiting Randall Children's Hospital in Portland. Bear brings smiles and joy to children coping with chemotherapy and other cancer treatments. Bear is part of a national study on animal therapy.



Evie with owners Maggie Renaud and Troy Hall

EVIE

This tiny Chihuahua survived horrific injuries: the loss of both a front leg and a hind leg. Despite the injuries, Evie's spirit and strength never diminished. She now runs and plays and is an inspiring example of a big-hearted animal who wants to love and be loved.



Suzanne Hein and Fiona

SUZANNE HEIN

The owner of Portland's LexiDog Boutique and Social Club, Suzanne Hein was honored for more than a decade of work to improve the lives of animals. In partnership with OHS, LexiDog has found homes for 4,298 pets. In 2014, she started Rescue Faerie, which has found homes for 300 pets.



Terrance Cheyne with his mother, Jessica Cheyne

TERRANCE CHEYNE

This 12-year-old was honored for his unselfish dedication to animals. Terrance began helping pets when he was just six years old. He sells items for dogs and cats at holiday bazaars. Terrance raises about \$1,000 per year for pets and has donated thousands of toys to shelters.



 The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to **Barbara Coit Yeager**, who has been one of the

Portland area's strongest voices on behalf of animals for more than three decades. She is a charter member of the OHS Thomas Lamb Eliot Circle and provided a major gift for the Coit Family Surgical Suite at the OHS medical center, where more than 100,000 pets have been helped in the last decade.

In addition to the Lifetime Achievement Award, Diamond Collar Awards were presented to the following pets and people:

Generous support from presenting sponsors Wentworth SubaruCity and Subaru of America helped make the awards possible. Learn more about the winners online by watching their Diamond Collar videos at (oregonhumane.org/diamond).

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TLC Business Partners

The following business have made significant financial contributions (\$2,500 +) to OHS and/or in-kind donations from May 1, 2016 through May 1, 2017. A complete list of TLC Business Partners can be found online at oregonhumane.org/get-involved/support-our-partners.

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

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A little planning today can make a tremendous difference for tomorrow's pets.

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An Unusual Gift of Three Pigs



Joe Justice, Beauregard, the pigs and Marsha Chrest of OHS on NW Lovejoy St.

By Martha Germany

IF YOU'VE EVER been to NW Portland and walked down 23rd Avenue you may have noticed the three pigs outside Nob Hill Tavern on the corner of NW Lovejoy Street. You may have thought that "Nobbys" (as it is fondly referred to by the locals) had put them out front to attract customers. Not so.

As it turns out, the pigs have their own story, which begins with a merchant seaman named Jon "Joe" Justice and continues to this day with OHS. Joe, after working at sea for most of his adult life, returned to his hometown of Portland with a pig sculpture that he had bought on the streets of Seattle. Joe commissioned the making of two more pigs in Portland, and eventually found a home

for all three animals on the street in front of Nobbys (his favorite establishment).

Joe was always delighted to see kids climbing over the animals, so he decided to put out a box for donations next to the pigs with a sign saying "If you're enjoying the piggies, please make a donation to the Oregon Humane Society." For the past few years, Joe has been retrieving the donations from the "piggy bank" and delivering the funds to OHS. Each year, the piggy bank brought in about \$1,000 in donations to help the pets.

Although retired, Joe continued to travel. He did so with his traveling partner, Beauregard—a big black and tan dog who was his roommate, companion, and soulmate for over 15 years. Beauregard

crossed the rainbow bridge last year and Joe, after a long illness, went to meet Beau last fall.

In the last few weeks of his life, Joe arranged a gift to OHS: the piggies. He wanted them to be treasured and looked after, and what a wonderfully thoughtful, generous and unusual gift it is. The piggy bank and piggies will remain in front of Nobbys and will keep on giving to the animals. ☺

OHS is grateful to all of Joe Justice's friends and family who donated to OHS on his behalf. If you would like to honor a loved one, consider making an OHS tribute gift on their behalf for the animals. Learn more at oregonhumane.org/tribute.



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Friends Forever™

Two Senior Felines Find Loving Homes

By Gary Kish, OHS Vice President of Development

Stephen Swearingen's cats were the reason he decided to enroll in the OHS Friends Forever program. Stephen was only 60 years old, but he knew that the diabetes he was battling would soon bring his life to an end. Stephen's closest companions were his cats Cali and Chelula.

To make sure the two cats, who were 21 and 22 years of age, received the care they needed and would be adopted into a good home, Stephen enrolled in the OHS Friends Forever program. His plan was to include an OHS gift in his will in exchange for the peace of mind of knowing that his pets would be well cared for and adopted into loving homes.

Stephen's hospice social worker called on February 10 to let OHS know that Cali and Chelula, along with two of Stephen's dogs, should be transferred to OHS. Stephen was in good spirits when he chatted with an OHS staffer for about 90 minutes about his four pets. Aphrodite and Apollo were his bonded Chihuahua mixes who were originally adopted from OHS. The dogs were healthy and Stephen knew they would quickly find a new person to love them.

He was, however, very concerned about his elderly cats finding homes. Stephen said that even though the cats had lived together for over two decades, they mainly tolerated each other and were not a bonded pair.

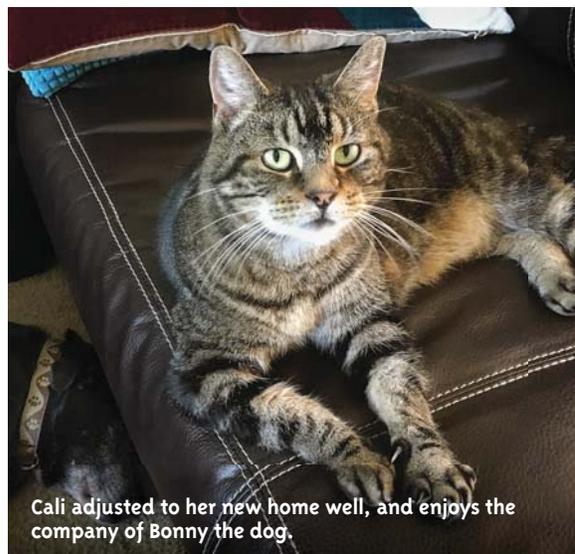
What they did share in common, however, was their love for Stephen. They always stayed close and he was grateful for their companionship and loyalty.

Stephen died on February 14. Chelula was adopted three days after Stephen's death; Cali found her new home eight days later.

Chelula's adopter was Kristen Bury, who had been looking for a senior pet since she lost her elderly dog last summer. "I wanted to give my home to an animal who really needed a loving place to retire," said Kristen. Chelula has turned out to be everything Kristin hoped for. "She's just the right amount of curmudgeon and the sweetest granny combined."

Mandara Nott and her roommates were looking for kittens when they came across Cali. The older cat's story was particularly touching for Mandara because her mother, like Stephen Swearingen, suffered from ill health and always had cats close by to keep her spirits up. "My roommates and I were glad to give Cali a home, since she had been there for her human through all of his tough times," said Mandara.

The OHS Friends Forever program was founded in 1994 and has helped hundreds of OHS supporters make a plan for their pets. To learn more about Friends Forever or to enroll your pets in the program, visit the OHS website at



Cali adjusted to her new home well, and enjoys the company of Bonny the dog.



"She makes the sweetest cooing sounds when I get close," reports Chelula's new adopter.

oregonhumane.org or contact Kathryn Karr at (503) 802-6743, kathryn@oregonhumane.org. A 30-minute presentation on Friends Forever, suitable for individuals and small groups, is also available.

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.



Volnay & Savigny



Dear OHS,
These two are my grand-kittens, adopted from OHS in the summer of 2012. They are not littermates, but instead have perfectly complementary personalities. They are the perfect Yin and Yang! Volnay, the Siamese

male, is rather special: slow, clumsy, fearful, with a tendency to gain weight. Savigny, the black female, is quick, agile, fearless, ready to take on the world. She helps her adopted brother get more exercise, and comforts him when he is stressed. In return, he keeps her centered and calms her down—at least a little. They couldn't be more different in every way. And they couldn't be a better pair!

Thank you, Carolyn

Pearl

Dear OHS,

I wanted to give you an update on Pearl the cat (known at OHS as Julie). When I adopted Pearl, she had been passed up by families because she had some special needs and needed a lot of patience. Born on the streets and bounced around, she had no trust for humans (although she had grown to trust her OHS caretaker, Jill). After spending a few hours with Pearl and Jill, I decided to give Pearl a home. The first 24 hours were rough! She growled, hissed, scratched, and growled some more. I really didn't know what I had done! And then I introduced her to Russell, her new fur brother (another cat). It was love at first sight! Pearl started to learn from her mentor about being a cat, and from there she learned to trust humans. It took her some time, but after eight months she has settled into her home. I absolutely adore her and want to thank OHS for all you do for the "tough to place" fur babies.

Thank you, Amy



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how animals adopted from OHS are doing. Send your letters, stories, emails and photos to: Editor, OHS, 1067 NE Columbia Blvd. Portland OR 97211; OHS@oregon-humane.org.

Duke

Hello OHS,

This is Duke, formerly known as Chewey. He's a chocolate Lab I adopted back in late February from OHS. He loves the outdoors and all the adventures we've gone on. He has brought so much love and fun to us, thank you again.

Best, Clint



Bella

Hello,

Bella, my one-year-old Chihuahua mix I adopted in April this year, has adjusted so well. She plays, is potty trained and loves her new home. Attached is a picture of Bella and my brother's dog Buddy chewing bones in the sun. They love each other. This was my first experience with OHS and it was the best thing I've done. Thank you for my sweet princess.

Sincerely, Kylie

Did you know...

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