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What happens when we stop saying “no” and start saying “yes” to the tough choices that confront animal shelters? Here’s an example that happened this summer: we were asked by another shelter to find a home for a stray dog named Eevee, who was severely injured. Eevee had lost the use of her right rear leg and her left front leg was terribly broken and disfigured by an accident. No one knew what caused her injuries, but she was in obvious need of medical help (see story, p. 13).

Ten years ago OHS may have said “no” to Eevee. The OHS Holman Medical Center did not exist then, and we would have been challenged to find a veterinarian to perform the needed surgery at no cost. We also did not have today’s extensive network of foster parents and adopters for special-needs pets. The odds would not have been in Eevee’s favor.

If we go back further in OHS history, to say 25 years ago, the prospects would have been even worse for Eevee. In the 1980s, shelters found homes for only a fraction of the pets who are adopted today. Back then, OHS and other shelters routinely said “no” to many people who wanted to adopt. Adopters were disqualified for a host of reasons, all thought to be in the best interests of pets. For example, if a family had children, they were not to be trusted with puppies and kittens. If both adults in the household worked all day, they might have been disqualified because the pet would have been left alone for too long.

I confess to flunking the OHS adoption application myself. I wanted to adopt a German shepherd puppy who stole my heart. But was I a worthy parent? I was disqualified because my yard did not have a six-foot fence. The puppy, it was feared, would have escaped from my care and become homeless (fortunately, I was eventually able to adopt the puppy).

That moment was a wake-up call for me. I realized that most of our rejected adopters were being turned away for the wrong reasons. Why were we saying “no” to adopters?

At OHS, we vowed to change our attitude. We decided to view potential adopters as heroes and to say “yes” until we had to say “no.” What followed was a huge turnaround in our adoption numbers, to where we now find loving homes for 98 percent of the animals who come to OHS.

This brings me back to Eevee. The easy answer would have been to say, “No, OHS can’t take an injured animal like Eevee and gamble that surgery will be a success and the right person can be found to adopt a two-legged dog.” Our staff didn’t give the easy answer. They looked at a video of a four-and-a-half-pound dog who was determined to walk, run and give love to people who would love her back. They said “yes.”

Our medical team performed the needed surgery and Eevee came through like the survivor she is. While recovering from surgery with a foster family, Eevee’s personality and mobility (yes, this dog can walk and run!) blossomed.

What brought me the most joy was our community’s reaction to Eevee. Her recovery made headlines. Our phones started ringing with people inspired by her story. On the first day Eevee was offered for adoption, she went home to a wonderful family in a matter of hours.

That’s the power of saying “yes.”

Sharon Harmon
Executive Director

NEGLECTED CATS SEIZED FROM LAKE OSWEGO RESIDENCE

Wearing protective suits and respirators, an OHS rescue team last month cleared a path through trash, debris and waste to seize 10 cats from the home of a Lake Oswego resident under investigation for animal neglect. Investigators also removed the bodies of 18 deceased cats found on the property at SW Jean Road.

Many of the seized cats were emaciated, dehydrated, and infested with fleas. Deceased cats were found in four different areas of the residence. The area surrounding the single-family home was almost impassable due to large amounts of rubbish. Once inside, the accumulation of possessions and trash made it extremely difficult to walk through the home.

PROTECTIVE CUSTODY

The cats were transported from Lake Oswego to the OHS Holman Medical Center in Portland. The cats will remain in the protective custody of OHS pending the resolution of the case and are not available for adoption at this time. The day-to-day care of the cats, along with any needed medical treatment, is being provided by OHS.

The case began with a report from a concerned citizen who suspected neglect at the residence. An OHS Humane Special Agent met with the reporting party and learned that there were a number of cats not receiving minimum care. It was also learned that there could be several deceased cats on the property and that the house may have been vacant for several weeks.

An OHS request for a search warrant was approved by Clackamas County Judge Douglas Van Dyk on August 2 and executed the following day with the assistance of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.



OHS investigations team removes 10 cats from Lake Oswego home after discovering the remains of 18 deceased animals.

Under Oregon law, failing to provide food, water, shelter and veterinary care to pets is a crime. OHS cited the owner for animal neglect in the first degree and arraignment was scheduled for September 6 in Clackamas County. First-degree animal neglect can bring felony charges when 10 or more pets are involved.

OHS Humane Special Agents are commissioned by the Oregon State Police to enforce animal cruelty laws throughout the state. Their work is funded by donations to OHS.

ONLINE: See videos of the rescued cats arriving at OHS and photos of the house in Lake Oswego they were rescued from at: oregonhumane.org/LOcats. 📍



Dr. Lena DeTar, OHS veterinarian and recently graduated Maddie's® Shelter Medicine Resident.

SHELTER RESIDENT GRADUATES

The Oregon Humane Society's Dr. Lena DeTar is one of the first veterinarians in the nation to complete a groundbreaking program that helps skilled veterinarians become shelter experts. After spending three years at OHS, Dr. DeTar recently graduated from the Maddie's® Shelter Medicine Residency Program. Dr. DeTar's next stop is teaching at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine.

CUTTING EDGE PROGRAM

The residency program, jointly operated by OHS and the Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine, is one of only five in the United States approved by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. During her time at OHS, Dr. DeTar treated shelter pets and helped other animal organizations improve their practices through in-depth consultation.

The Holman Medical Center is the nation's first veterinary teaching hospital located inside an animal shelter. The 24-member OHS medical team works side-by-side with veterinary students from Oregon State University. Students complete a three-week primary care rotation at OHS under the supervision of a university faculty member assigned full-time to the medical center. 📍

Inside the building housing 245 birds, investigators found cages filled with feces and waste material.

Largest Bird Rescue in OHS History

OHS RESCUES 245 BIRDS FROM DAMASCUS BREEDER

In one of the largest animal rescues in Oregon history, and by far the largest bird rescue, OHS seized 245 pet birds July 6 from a Damascus resident under investigation for animal neglect.

Many of the birds rescued in July were housed in overcrowded cages filled with feces and waste that was sometimes several inches deep. Cages were often stacked three or four high, with feces and food waste overflowing from the top cages to the cages below. Many of the birds, including numerous exotic species, suffered from severe feather plucking and overgrown nails and beaks, while others appeared to be suffering from chronic stress.

EVERYTHING WAS WRONG

A representative from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife who visited the location with OHS, observed that “everything was wrong: crowded cages, no perches, no fresh drinking water, some with no food, cages haven’t been cleaned ... no evidence of common care.” A veterinarian from the Oregon Zoo, asked to review the conditions, stated that “It is obvious that basic veterinary and husbandry care are not being provided.”

The birds were housed in a metal pole barn located on SE Bel Air Drive in Damascus. OHS was alerted to the condition of the birds by a citizen who was concerned about overcrowded conditions, poor sanitation and poor air circulation inside the building. The owner of the birds identified himself as a long-time breeder. He declined to

surrender the birds voluntarily and said he planned to sell some of the animals.

EMERGENCY SHELTER

OHS Humane Special Agents, with the assistance of the Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office, executed a search warrant the morning of July 6 and seized the 245 birds and one kinkajou (a small mammal). The bird species seized included African grey parrots, macaws, cockatoos, conures, ringneck doves, pigeons, Amazon parrots, finches and parakeets.

The birds were transported to an emergency animal shelter prepared by OHS, where they were examined by a veterinarian and treated for medical issues.

Because the animals are part of an ongoing legal case, they are not available for adoption at this time and cannot be viewed by the public. OHS will continue to care for the birds until their status is resolved in the courts.

ONLINE: To see photos and video of the rescue, visit oregonhumane.org/birdsrescue. 📷

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

A wish list of needed supplies is available online. The public can order from oregonhumane.org/animalswishes and have the items delivered to OHS.

OHS EMERGENCY BIRD SHELTER

Where to house them? That simple question was one of the first to arise when OHS investigators realized they needed to seize 245 birds living in crowded, unsanitary conditions in a Clackamas County barn. Although many birds are adopted each year from the OHS shelter on NE Columbia Blvd., the shelter was not designed to house more than a handful of small birds at any one time.

Drawing on previous OHS experience with large-scale rescues, it was decided to find an offsite location where the birds could be properly cared for. In 2013, for example, OHS converted an unused warehouse into an emergency animal shelter for approximately 100

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The central area of the facility housed larger birds from the rescue. Interior rooms housed small birds.

Live From OHS, the Pets Take Control!

17th Annual Telethon Goes Live on October 6

Sharon Harmon, OHS executive director, will co-host the OHS Telethon: Oct. 6 on KATU, Ch. 2.

THE ANNUAL OHS TELETHON hits the airwaves on Thursday, October 6 with an additional hour of live programming featuring everything you want to know about pets and OHS. Viewers will meet real-life animal heroes, hear stories of joy-filled adoptions, and get up close and personal with dozens of OHS pets looking for forever homes.

This year's hour of live programming airs from 3 to 4 pm on KATU, Ch. 2. The station's all-new Afternoon Live show will be devoted exclusively to the OHS Telethon. The Telethon's first hour of live broadcasting kicks off at 9 am, when the AM Northwest program comes to viewers from the lobby of OHS. Hosted by KATU's Helen Raptis and Sharon Harmon of OHS, the show will feature interviews with OHS experts and countless close-ups of adoptable pets.

But wait, there's more! You'll see segments about OHS pets throughout the day, particularly during morning, evening and late-night KATU newscasts. Pets will also be popping up during commercial breaks in such popular programs such as Good Morning America, Jeopardy, How to Get Away with Murder, and more.

The Telethon phone bank will be staffed by OHS volunteers and their pets throughout the day. They will be ready to take your donation towards the goal of raising \$400,000 for pets.

But you needn't wait until Oct. 6 to lend a helping hand. You can donate to the Telethon now by going online to oregonhumane.org/telethon. ☺

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Training TAILS

OHS Behavior Experts at Work

Babu's Big Adventure

By Megan Willard, Admissions Assistant

OHS found homes for more than 5,500 cats last year, but not all of them had an easy time adjusting to their stay at OHS. Some cats need help overcoming fearful behaviors before being offered for adoption. In 2015, OHS created a special behavior program just for cats. The average training period is 2-3 weeks, but there is no time limit. Megan Willard is our primary staff specialist in this program, which has helped 85 cats to date. We asked her to tell us about Babu, a five-year-old tortoiseshell cat.

—Editor

I met Babu shortly after she arrived at OHS. Her owners had moved into a new home and said Babu was having a hard time adjusting. The new home was too noisy and busy for her. They decided it would be best for Babu to come to OHS in hopes she could find a quieter home more suited to her personality.

When she came to OHS, she struggled to settle in. While OHS has a beautiful facility, our kennels are much smaller and busier than the space Babu was used to. Staff and volunteers frequently moved in and out of the room where Babu was staying: cleaning kennels, taking cats in and out and handing out food, treats and toys. There were unfamiliar sounds, smells and faces.

Babu must have felt scared and insecure in her new environment, so she put up her defenses: swatting, hissing, lunging and loud meowing.

She did anything she could to make sure everyone left her alone.

Many cats who come to the shelter are defensive at first, but after a few days they adjust and begin to relax. Babu did not settle, so I stepped in to help. In a quiet room, Babu and I spent our time together building trust through food and play.

SLOW PROGRESS

My progress with Babu was slow at first; slower than with the other cats I've worked with. For three weeks, I worked on getting her to trust me by sitting quietly outside of her kennel. I would use a long-handled plastic back scratcher to offer her food and treats so she didn't have to get too close to me. I tried to convince her to come out of her kennel using enticing dangly toys.

After a while, I realized that Babu was a princess and expected to be treated like one. She was very regal and liked to make sure her whiskers were perfect before stepping out. She preferred the finest food—only FirstMate's grain-free, wild-caught salmon would do. She turned her nose up at cardboard tubes, which many cats like to play with. Feather toys (with peacock feathers, of course) were more to her liking.

WHAT DOES SHE LIKE?

Once I found out what Babu loved, I was able to use those items as rewards. We progressed to the point where I could pet her as she was

eating and could lure her out of her kennel to chase a feather toy.

It took over a month, but once Babu



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Babu's progress was slow but rewarding.

started to trust me, she made progress quickly. She willingly came out of her kennel to play and even began to seek out affection from me. This was a major accomplishment!

The loud warning meow she did when she first arrived turned into a sweet mew for attention—or to alert me when she spotted a can of food she wanted. Once Babu and I were friends, I began introducing her to other people. We used tasty food and

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toys to help her realize that people can be good. In fact, most people

just want to admire her for the beautiful princess she is.

Finally, after almost eight weeks, we all agreed that Babu was ready to find her new home. She had gone from a swatting, hissing, insecure cat to a confident, playful companion who loved to be petted.

Now that she was more confident and social, Babu only had to wait in the shelter for two more weeks before she found a loving home. We heard from her adopter recently. He said that he and Babu have already become "... pretty good buds...she seems to be happy and adjusting well to her new home."

I'll admit her adoption was bitter-sweet for me. I still miss spending time with my sassy friend. Sometimes, I think back to our last day together.

As I prepared Babu to go to her new home, she gave me one last sweet meow and a head-butt. I believe she was saying, "Thanks for not giving up on me." ☺

Please Don't Bite the Vet!



CALMER CANINE VET VISITS

Not all dogs love going to see a veterinarian. If your dog gets stressed at the vet's office, this workshop is for you. Join Rachael Davis, Certified Professional Dog Trainer and former vet technician, for a fun presentation about how to help your pup relax during her next check-up. You'll learn how to boost your dog's confidence and Rachael will give you tips and tricks to help your dog be less sensitive to new tools (like nail clippers). Bring your questions with you, but please leave your pets at home.

WHEN: Sunday, October 9, 2016, 11 am-12:30 pm

WHERE: Oregon Humane Society | Manners Hall

PRICE: Free! (donations accepted)

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Training with the OHS Animal Rescue Team

VOLUNTEERS PRACTICE TO SAVE LIVES OF PETS

By Angela Modzelewski, OHSTAR volunteer

On a recent Saturday, I show up at Rocky Butte in Portland at 9 am, coffee in hand. I'm there with my OHS Technical Animal Rescue (OHSTAR) volunteers to practice high-angle rescues. We do this so we're ready in case a dog falls off a cliff while they are hiking with their families—a situation we have encountered more than once.

There are only a handful of agencies in the United States that have their own technical animal rescue team, and I'm proud to say I'm a member of one of them. OHSTAR springs into action any time there is a cat or dog that can't be rescued or retrieved without technical rescue skills like rope work, rigging, and knot tying.



Rescuer prepares to descend cliff while "edge minder" stands by.

Stories about OHSTAR missions, like the past rescues of the dogs Ranger, Sandy, and Kenny, have made international news. Ranger had fallen 200 feet down a cliff in the Santiam Forest, while Sandy and Kenny had plunged down cliffs in the Columbia Gorge. I participated in all of those rescues, and I'm happy to say all three dogs are now doing well.

Without ongoing training, OHSTAR volunteers wouldn't be able to make these rescues happen. Due to the generosity of OHS supporters, the OHSTAR team has very specialized gear. We train every month to keep our skills sharp in case of an animal emergency.



Rescuer makes a high-angle descent during OHSTAR training.

OHSTAR team members must perform one of several roles: incident commander in charge, safety officer, edge minder, multi-purpose device (MPD) operator, MPD assistant who lowers and raises the rescuer, and rescuer.

At the Kenny and Ranger rescues, I was the edge minder. This person stays in contact with the rescuer when they go over the cliff and communicates any needs to the rest of the team—such as when the rescuer needs to be lowered more slowly or when slack has to be taken up in one of the lines.

BUILDING TRUST

It's easy to envision what the rescuer does: they are the one who is lowered down the cliff to scoop up the animal and bring the pet to safety. The other roles on the team are less glamorous, but just as important. When I am practicing to be the rescuer, I literally trust the other seven people on my team with my life. Building that kind of trust takes time and practice.

Back at our Saturday training at Rocky Butte, we rotate through all the roles so that everyone gets plenty of practice setting anchors, threading rope, and using the radios. We currently have seven members who have been on our team for less than six months, so right now we're focusing on the basics.

You don't need any special skills to join the OHSTAR team. We teach our members everything they need to know. Anyone who has completed the regular OHS volunteer orientation can apply.

For more information about OHSTAR training opportunities, or to learn about what we do, visit us online at oregonhumane.org/OHSTAR. ©



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TOP DOG RUNNER-UP

Bobby, by Sallie Cutler

TOP DOG

Meatloaf, by Wendy Smith



TOP CAT

Chet, by Sally Claycomb



STAFF PICK WINNER

Nellie Joe, by Marika Bierma

CONTEST WINNERS

THE RESULTS ARE IN! The OHS Fuzzy, Furry, and Feathered Friends Photo Contest celebrated its 25th anniversary with the most successful contest ever. The new people's choice voting format helped raise a record \$16,808 for pets and drew more than 400 photo submissions.

Voting for the people's choice winners went down to the wire, with votes being cast up to the final minute of the online contest. When the votes were tallied, more than 750 people had voted for one or more of the 402 photographs submitted. Each \$1 donation earned a vote, and the public could vote as often as they wished.

In addition to the three voting categories (Top Dog, Top Cat and Top Other Pet), OHS employees selected a "Staff Pick" that honors outstanding photographic quality.

Meatloaf, the winning dog entry, received 812 votes, more than any other pet in the contest. Meatloaf is a Bernese/Rottweiler mix who serves as a guardian to over 100 rescued barnyard animals at the Odd Man Inn Animal Refuge in Washougal, Wash.

The winners in each category received a \$250 gift certificate from Pro Photo Supply and a \$200 gift card from Frame Central, plus a professionally printed and framed photograph of their entry courtesy of Pro Photo Supply and Frame Central.

ONLINE: See the photos online at oregonhumane.org/photo-contest.



TOP "OTHER" PET

Ladybug and Peppercorn, by Genna Andron



TOP "OTHER" PET RUNNER-UP

Knuckles, by Amanda Davis



STAFF PICK RUNNER-UP

Jackie, by Dru Martin



TOP CAT RUNNER-UP

Fungi, by Carly Russell



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Loss of Two Legs Doesn't Slow Dog with Huge Heart



Eevee was brought to her local animal shelter with just two functioning legs.



Eevee recovered rapidly from surgery, and enjoyed running in her foster parent's backyard.



OHS veterinarian Dr. Margaret Wixson was Eevee's foster parent while she recovered from surgery.

Life-Saving Surgery Gives Dog a Second Chance

"Miracle dog" is not a term to use lightly, but it just may apply to a tiny Chihuahua named Eevee. If it weren't for a series of unforeseen events, Eevee would probably not be alive today, let alone living with a loving family.

Eevee came to OHS in a very unlikely way: she was found off a dirt road, hiding under the porch of a house. She was brought to Madera County Animal Services in California, the closest shelter, as a stray. The one-year-old dog weighed only four-and-a-half pounds, including the fleas she was covered in. She was in need of urgent medical help.

Eevee's right rear leg was useless—the lower portion was missing below the knee. Her front left leg was in worse condition from another past injury. She had lost her paw, and a stump of bone protruded from what used to be her lower leg. No one knows how she incurred such horrific injuries, or how she survived with no medical treatment. No one knows how she managed to walk with just one front leg and one rear leg, or where she found the strength to survive day-to-day as a stray.

WHO TO CALL?

The staff at Madera County Animal Services wanted to help Eevee, but their shelter could not provide the needed medical care. Who to call? OHS, with a state-of-the-art animal hospital, was the obvious choice. Madera is a partner shelter in the OHS Second Chance program, which receives thousands of pets each year from shelters that lack the resources to help all the pets they receive.

Although OHS occasionally receives—and always finds homes for—three-legged animals, Eevee was the first two-legged dog that OHS had ever been asked to help. OHS Second Chance Coordinator Karen Crone received Madera's request to help Eevee, along with photos and a video of the dog.

VIDEO TELLS THE STORY

"The picture (of Eevee's protruding bone) was horrible, but it was the video that sold me. This dog needed us," said Crone. The video showed Eevee walking on her two remaining legs, determined to move about as if she were a normal dog. After consulting with other staffers in the adoption, animal care, and medical departments, Crone said there was unanimous agreement: OHS could help Eevee medically and find her a loving home.

Eevee was transported to OHS with other Second Chance pets from the Madera shelter and treated at the OHS Holman Medical Center. Her injured front leg was successfully amputated. Her damaged rear leg had healed by itself and did not require further treatment.

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Loss of Two Legs — continued from page 13

What caused the injuries? "I don't think we'll ever know," said Dr. Margaret Wixson, an OHS veterinarian. "These could be two separate injuries or one massive traumatic injury, perhaps being hit by a car."

RAPID RECOVERY

After the surgery, Dr. Wixson provided foster care for Eevee in her own home. Just three days after the surgery, Eevee was moving at a fast walk, attempting to play with Dr. Wixson's much larger Labrador-mix dog, and otherwise thoroughly enjoying her new backyard. Dr. Wixson was even more impressed by her personality. Despite all the injuries she had suffered, Eevee seemed to enjoy being part of the Wixson family and delighted in being held by people.

Eevee was soon strong enough to be offered for adoption, and went home just hours after being made available. The adopters, Maggie and Troy from Northeast Portland, heard the dog's story on the news and rushed to the shelter to see if Eevee would be a good fit for their household. The couple and their dog, Molly, were all won over by Eevee's personality.



Adopters Maggie and Troy with Eevee and their current dog, Molly.

Did the thought of having a dog with only two legs make them think twice about adopting? Not a bit, said Maggie, especially seeing how well Eevee got along with pets and people. Troy easily summed up the couple's reasoning: "We thought we had more love to give."

ONLINE: see videos and photos of Eevee before and after her surgery at oregonhumane.org/eevee. 

Emergency Bird Shelter — continued from page 5



The rescued birds seem to enjoy their new perches and toys, which are important for their mental and physical health.



These two Macaws were among the many exotic breeds rescued from the breeder in Damascus.

dogs rescued from a breeder in Rainier. The emergency facility was staffed by OHS employees and volunteers who were able to provide the special care the animals needed.

For this, the largest bird rescue in Oregon history, OHS located an unused industrial building that was transformed into a secure shelter. The OHS team members that created the bird shelter had all completed training through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Many also had prior experience working at emergency shelters that were built in the wake of such disasters as Superstorm Sandy and the recent rescue of more than 600 cats and dogs in North Carolina.

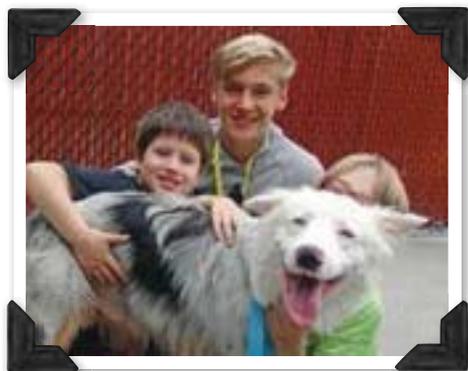
Thanks to this experience, the birds were given new lodgings in a facility well-equipped to provide them with needed food, water and medical care. A top priority was providing both physical and mental enrichment for the birds, which meant, in part, giving them a variety of special toys.

A local wholesale food company, United Salad Company, became an invaluable partner for the rescue by generously donating and delivering boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables as needed. The fresh food is supplemented by bird seed mixes tailored to the needs of the various breeds.

If you'd like to donate items to help the birds, you can order from the OHS Amazon.com wish list and at oregonhumane.org/animalswishes.

ONLINE: To learn more about the rescue and see video that includes footage of the emergency animal shelter, visit oregonhumane.org/birdsrescue. 

CAMP OHS



SUMMERTIME AT THE SHELTER

OHS summer camps are a hit with campers, as well as with OHS staff and the pets themselves. This summer at OHS, youth campers enjoyed activities ranging from walking dogs to reading to pets to crafting toys for rescued animals. All activities took place on the six-acre OHS campus, a perfect setting for youth to get hands-on experience working with pets.

The five-day long summer day camps, which are among the most popular in the Portland area, were attended by nearly 200 campers in grades 3-7. Helping the younger campers and OHS educators were 48 trained camp counselors in grades 8-12. These youth volunteers contributed

4,000 hours of their own time to help make camp a success for pets and people.

OHS employees helped youths learn about shelter operations and animal care, while also giving practical guidance on such topics as walking dogs and feeding pets. Daily camp activities included visits from an array of special guests—both animals and the humans who work with them. Those visits covered topics such as shelter medicine, pig care, facts about reptiles, sled dogs, canine body language, and more.

Look for 2017 camp information in January, online at oregonhumane.org/summertimecamp. ☺



TLC Business Partners

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

New members in bold

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

DIAMOND

Goggle Ad Grants
iHeart Media-Portland
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PLATINUM

Blue Buffalo Company
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Wentworth ChevyTown
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Willamette Week

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Nike, Inc.
Northwest EMC, Inc.
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Defteling Design
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Inc.
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ResQ Animal Massage
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the Chimes/Cool Dog
Nights*
Tanasbourne Veterinary
LLC
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Thrive Acupuncture
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Oregon**
**Windemere Community
Realty**

TLC BUSINESS SUPPORTER

Shannon Ward

Accounting Manager, Rothert Insurance



Shannon Ward, Ron Rothert Insurance, with Marlowe (left) and Callie.

Tell us about your pet:

We always had pets growing up. In addition to dogs and many cats, my siblings had pet rats and mice! My husband and I have adopted dogs from OHS and other shelters, including our current dogs, a Catahoula named Marlowe and a German shepherd mix named Callie.

Why does your company support OHS?

Because OHS is near and dear to my heart.

How did you get involved with OHS?

The first dog we adopted from OHS was a Catahoula named Kalla. When we first met her, she'd been at OHS for a long time, and she barked and barked at us when we approached her. She had "issues." She turned out to be the most amazing dog! About three and a half years ago, I started to volunteer at OHS. I'd been telling myself for many years that I should volunteer and finally did it. Today, I am one of the team leaders of the Saturday morning dog walking group.

If another business asks your advice about supporting OHS, what would you say?

We have seen first-hand how the funds are used and how OHS helps the animals. The humane education program, for example, helps youths build empathy for pets at an early age, which is very important.

Tribute Gifts

OHS is grateful to have received tribute gifts totaling \$500 or more honoring the following people and pets from May 1, 2016 to August 1, 2016. Tribute gifts in honor or in memory of a loved one can be made online at oregonhumane.org/memorial-celebration-gifts.

Bill Dickey
Jim & Ann Ruscigno
Ernie Palmrose

Mary Palmrose
Marianne Sauer
Blazer

Figaro
Kayla
Klaus & Keller



SUPPORTER PROFILE

By Kristin Anderson

Beth Siegel's house is a jewel: a light-filled bower overlooking the forest and filled with the conquests of a fascinating life—photographs, pottery, sculptures, memories. But it is hardly a museum. Riley, her springer spaniel, ambles around eagerly wagging his stumpy tail, and Blue, her cat, lays claim to the furniture by striding across pieces one by one. Both were rescue animals, but the rescuing works both ways, Beth says: their companionship is essential to her, all the more so since her husband died a decade ago of early-onset Alzheimer's.

"When my husband became ill, Riley really became my best friend—he was always in the back seat of my car as we drove to the care home. As for Blue, I love female cats—they rule, and they're fascinating: independent, yet not," Beth says. Having Riley and Blue means "not walking into an empty house. And especially with a dog, once you cross the threshold, if you've had a bad day, they're so ecstatic to see you that you can't stay downhearted. I adore my animals—they've given me so much."

To return the favor, Beth has joined the OHS Friends Forever program to ensure that, if she can no longer care for her pets, OHS will step in. "As I age, it allows me to have pets and not worry about if something happens to me. I know the pets will be taken care of," Beth says with a smile. "Plus I've updated their care plans, so that OHS will know their whole regimen of Chinese herbs and homeopathic instructions!"

In addition to leaving provisions in her will for Riley and Blue's care, Beth has started donating to and volunteering with OHS. Beth's high-profile business career—she traveled all over the country as an interim marketing director for Federated Department Stores before settling in Oregon and joining Morgan Stanley—has made her an invaluable volunteer. She has been asked to help with the New Road Ahead initiative, a process to establish the organization's future strategies by assessing changing needs.

Ever the business strategist, Beth admires the rigor OHS applies to planning for the future. "They're doing a planning process that's not just token. It's always surprised me how many organizations don't have a plan, and/or don't follow it," she explains. "I am an ardent planner, and I can see why OHS has been very successful: they've had that planning mentality. They can adapt to needs very quickly, but they don't throw the core beliefs out in solving a crisis because they've already built that flexibility into their planning."



Beth Siegel with her dog Riley and Blue the cat.

In addition to giving her time and expertise to the New Road Ahead, Beth has been generous to OHS financially and has joined the Thomas Lamb Eliot Circle. She donates to OHS for two primary reasons. First, she admires the organization's work, especially in addressing animal abuse (which she recognizes as "an early warning signal of those who inflict cruelty on humans, too,") and in caring for elderly animals. "More older pets are being turned in because people can't afford the care, or because they have to sell their homes and rent."

She also donates to OHS because she has done her homework. "I research my giving, because personally, I want to donate to a charity that's really well-run," Beth says. "You have to work hard to have the outstanding ratings that OHS does, and their leadership is excellent at all levels." Giving to such an effective organization is fulfilling, she says. "I've been lucky in life. I've had a good career, I'm financially secure, and I think that organizations that do outstanding work should be supported. OHS has transitioned with the times beautifully, and always has a foot in the future."

"And," Beth adds, glancing at Blue and Riley, "there are a lot of animals that need their help." ☺



Friends Forever™

Ensures the care of pets who survive their people

By Gary Kish, OHS Director of Development

Tuxedo Cat, Shaggy, Finds a New Home After Owner's Passing

In December 2013, loyal OHS supporter Susan Powers* was being treated for cancer. Although she was optimistic about her prognosis, she contacted OHS to make a plan for her two cats. Susan had read about the OHS Friends Forever™ program, which guarantees the care of pets who survive their owners. Susan included OHS in her will, enrolled the cats in Friends Forever and informed her son Steve of the program. In turn, her family is proud to acknowledge Susan's support of OHS and participation in Friends Forever.

Sadly, Susan passed away during the summer of 2015. Sharing his mother's love of animals, Steve brought her pets to his home. Unfortunately, the beloved black

and white cat named Shaggy was not able to adjust to Steve's home. Shaggy was easily agitated and tormented the other resident cats.

Remembering that his mother had enrolled Shaggy in Friends Forever, Steve called OHS and was invited to bring the cat to the shelter right away. Shaggy would be cared for and re-homed, staying at OHS for as long as it took to find the right family.

During the initial health exam, the OHS medical team found a lump on Shaggy's head. His head was shaved and the lump was removed at OHS Holman Medical Center. The lab results indicated the lump was a benign tumor and he was cleared for adoption.

Shaggy is a handsome cat and received a fair amount of attention from potential adopters. But his shaved head distracted from his dapper looks. One visitor, Dennis W., saw Shaggy's pre-surgery photograph and was confident the cat would be just as handsome when his fur grew back. He also felt that Shaggy would be a good match for his family.

Shaggy went home with Dennis and his girlfriend Megan, and was soon renamed Uncle Leo, after the eccentric Seinfeld character. "Uncle Leo," said Dennis, "follows us everywhere ... he has an expressive meow and loves to



Thanks to Friends Forever, Shaggy found a new home and received the medical care he needed.

tell us when he wants to drink from the faucet. He is the first cat we've adopted from OHS and it was a great experience. Oh, and he loves to have the scar on his head scratched."

The OHS Friends Forever program was founded in 1994 and has helped hundreds of OHS supporters plan for their pets. "Those pets have a lot of joy to bring to their new families, and the program creates peace of mind for pet owners," said Gary Kish, OHS Director of Development.

To learn more about Friends Forever and ensure the future care of your pets, visit the OHS website at oregonhumane.org. You can also contact Gary Kish at (503) 416-2988, devdir@oregonhumane.org, for more information or to schedule a 30-minute presentation suitable for individuals and small groups.

**Susan's family is proud to acknowledge her support of OHS and requested we publish her full name.*



Shaggy with his adopter, Dennis.

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.



Saber



Hello OHS,

Robbie, now named Saber, is doing very well. He is starting to love walks, isn't afraid of friends coming up to pet him and he loves his new canine sister, Bella! Saber likes to cuddle in between us every night. He's still adjusting to his new life, but is getting used to things. He is a wonderful dog, and it's a joy having him!

Thank you! —Lucy



Benjamin

Dear OHS,

We have waited so long to bring a dog into our family and we are so excited about Benjamin. It was absolutely worth Travis driving from Corvallis to see Benjamin at OHS. Benjamin has become fast friends with our girls. Our eight-year-old, Emme, is so excited about him.

Thank you, Kara & Travis



Detective Munch

Hi OHS,

Munich, now Detective Munch, is settling in great! She seems super comfortable and has been very cuddly. We got her to start eating by the second day at home and we are looking forward to our family's future together.

Sincerely, Alison, Peter, and Detective Munch



WE LOVE TO HEAR 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@oregonhumane.org.

Did you know...

- » There is never a time limit on how long animals remain available for adoption at OHS.
- » You can see every animal available for adoption on our website at oregonhumane.org.
- » OHS save rates are among the highest in the nation: 99% for dogs; 98% for cats.
- » Adoptions include an ID microchip, initial vaccines, a courtesy veterinary exam, one month of free pet health insurance and plenty of post-adoption support. Every animal is also spayed or neutered before being adopted.



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