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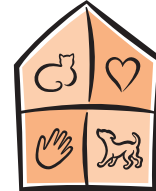
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Since the beginning of this crisis, we have looked at every opportunity to continue to serve the pets and people of our community. Each moment during the past six months has presented an opportunity to be creative and innovative, and try new approaches to old challenges.

There have been times that it's overwhelming. But then, in a moment, I am reminded of the special connection we have with animals. Pets are playing a unique role during this challenging time. They are our therapy, comfort, singular source of joy, and they've given us a new sense of purpose.

During the past six months, I have witnessed some extraordinary moments at OHS.

The joy and happiness that washes over an adopter's face when they meet their pet for the first time.

The moment when an old dog is surrendered because she is unwanted, but is greeted at our shelter with love, kindness and adoration.

The safety a neglected animal feels when they are cradled in the arms of our compassionate staff.

The moment when a cat wakes up from surgery, scared and confused, and a member of our medical team is there to comfort them.

I invite you to read about all the ways we are changing processes to continue to help the people and pets of Oregon on page 6.

Inside the Holman Medical Center at OHS, the team has faced unique challenges as they care for a variety of complex injuries and illnesses. See how they are innovating to get the job done on page 8.

Since February, there have been more than 3,000 life-changing moments when a shelter pet has left OHS for their forever home. I invite you read about some of these special adoptions on page 10.

There are a lot of things we will remember about this moment in our history — bad and good. For today, I invite you to cherish the moments you have with your pets, friends and family.

Sharon M. Harmon, CAWA
President and CEO
Oregon Humane Society

OHS RECEIVES \$300,000 GRANT FROM PETCO FOUNDATION



Dr. Steve Kochis, OHS Chief Medical Officer and Melissa Rabie from Petco.

The Petco Foundation has awarded a \$300,000 grant to OHS to fund critical medical care for pets in need and help preserve the animal-human bond.

The investment will help OHS create a Community Teaching Hospital in Portland, scheduled to open in 2022. The hospital will provide accessible veterinary care for pets and will help treat animals with medical conditions. For low-income or under-resourced pet owners, reduced-cost veterinary care can truly save an animal's life while keeping loving families together. Veterinary services offered at the Community Teaching Hospital will include annual examinations and vaccinations, spay and neuter surgeries, dental procedures and more.

OHS's Community Teaching Hospital is part of the New Road Ahead Initiative which is focused on addressing the most pressing animal welfare needs in our community.

"Every animal deserves access to high-quality medical care, regardless of their circumstances," said Sharon Harmon, OHS President and CEO. "We are very grateful to the Petco Foundation for their support, which will ensure that every pet who comes to us gets the care they need." 🐾

NEW INTERNS JOIN OHS MEDICAL TEAM

In an effort to provide the highest-quality medical care to pets in need during one of the most challenging times in our history, OHS is pleased to welcome two new interns.

Dr. Melissa Christopherson (pictured below) is a recent graduate from Ross School of Veterinary Medicine and is eager to begin her career working in shelter medicine at OHS. She will work alongside OHS staff veterinarians performing surgery, conducting forensic exams, and caring for sick and injured pets.



Kelly Bremken (pictured above) is working toward her Master's of Veterinary Social Work at the University of Tennessee. This new area of specialty is gaining prominence as the powerful bond between animals and humans is more widely understood. Veterinary Social Work focuses on the link between animals and violence, grief and loss, animal-assisted interaction and compassion fatigue management. 🐾

OHS ASSISTS PETS AFFECTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS

From hurricanes to wildfires, natural disasters are affecting many regions of the country and that means pets are also at-risk.

On Sept. 6, OHS assisted with the response to Hurricane Laura. In partnership with ASPCA and Wings of Rescue, 44 pets from Louisiana shelters were transported to OHS. Moving shelter pets out of the region opens up space and resources to help people and pets directly affected by the hurricane.

Closer to home, wildfires have forced many communities to evacuate and burned hundreds of thousands of acres. And OHS answered the call to help.

On Sept. 8, more than 30 cats and kittens were transferred to OHS from Willamette Humane Society in Salem to free up space to help pet owners in Marion County. OHS also set up an emergency animal shelter at OHS if more shelter pets from affected areas need to be moved. OHS also transported supplies and set up kennels at the Salem Fairgrounds.

OHS will continue to be ready to help as wildfire season continues. ☉



OHS ASSISTS MULTNOMAH COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES



An OHS veterinary forensic team was on site to assist Multnomah County Animal Services (MCAS) during the execution of a search warrant and the seizure of 117 animals on Aug. 11 at Woofin Palooza in Southeast Portland. The seizure followed MCAS receiving numerous complaints alleging possible animal abuse or neglect, and performing an initial investigation to determine the state and condition of animals on site.

Drs. Ferrell and Christopherson from the Medical Team and Samantha Lee from Humane Law Enforcement were on scene to help with forensic work and medical triage.

The animals — which are part of an on-going investigation — were taken into the care of Multnomah County Animal Services. Several animals are being treated by the Multnomah County Animal Services Veterinarian Team.

OHS partners with MCAS in a number of ways through the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland, including Spay & Save, Second Chance and veterinary forensics. In the days leading up to the seizure, OHS received more than 30 pets from MCAS to clear space at their shelter.

OHS will continue to help MCAS in any way needed as this case proceeds. ☉

A lot has changed at OHS in recent months, but the commitment to animals is as strong as ever.

Compassion, creativity, innovation and tenacity. These are the words that define animal welfare during these challenging times. From maintaining social distancing to cleaning protocols to contingency planning, COVID-19 has affected almost every aspect of operations at OHS.

ADOPTIONS

On a busy day at OHS, the shelter would be packed with people. Hopeful adopters would walk through the kennel areas looking for their perfect match; tours and school groups would be gathering; and volunteers would be walking dogs and doing other essential work. In fact, during a typical year, more than 117,000 people walk through the front doors of OHS.

This all changed on March 19 when OHS went to an adoption-by-appointment model and closed the doors for public walk-through. Continuing adoptions is critically important for many reasons. Each time a pet leaves for their forever home, a kennel is freed up to help another animal in need. People are also seeking the comfort of a new pet to help them get through these difficult days. The new process is simple and has helped pets find new, loving homes.

Step 1 – Browse the pets for adoption at oregonhumane.org/ adopt and fill out the questionnaire link in the pet's profile.

Step 2 – Make sure your phone is handy after you submit an application because an OHS Adoption Specialist will be calling within 24 hours to discuss your questionnaire and the specific pet's needs. If the pet has additional medical or behavior needs, discussions with those specialists are set up.

Step 3 – Set up an appointment to come meet your new pet and take them home. All visitors to OHS are asked a number of health screening questions, required to wear a mask and adhere to social distancing. New areas have been set up at the shelter so potential adopters and OHS staff can stay six feet apart. OHS also has a "zero contact" option available for adopters who are higher risk or work in a health care environment.

Check out the video with more details on the adoption process here - oregonhumane.org/adoption-2020-video

ADMISSIONS



Pet owners who are no longer able to care for their pet are still able to turn to OHS for help. The admission process looks very different; staff meets clients at their car and the transfer of animals is done while both parties stay six feet apart. Economic hardship is one of the reasons pets have been coming to OHS over the past few months. Admissions staff have seen an uptick in people surrendering their pets due to the inability to afford veterinary care for a major injury or illness.

The Second Chance program has been focusing on assisting shelters around Oregon since many still have limited services. Kitten season has already been particularly challenging for many areas, particularly Eastern Oregon.





ANIMAL CARE

With the OHS volunteer program on pause, employees are picking up extra work including dog walking, enrichment programs and special activities.

Animal Care Technician Hailey Ritters (pictured above) has been keeping the high-energy dogs on the move by taking them running — an activity typically staffed by volunteers.

TRAINING & BEHAVIOR

In-person training classes and consultations have resumed at OHS, but with limited capacity and strict safety protocols in place. For those who prefer to learn to train their pets from home, virtual options are still available.



FOSTER CARE

OHS foster parents are a lifeline for the shelter's most vulnerable pets. Getting young, injured and sick pets out of the shelter environment and into a comfortable home is still a top priority. Curbside drop off and pickup, and virtual consultations with OHS veterinarians have ensured that the Foster Care program can continue to operate at a high capacity.



SPAY & SAVE

When elective surgeries were halted in March, the Spay & Save program had to postpone hundreds of appointments. This meant that pet owners had to wait to have their cat or dog spayed/neutered. The program resumed in June, but OHS is the only site currently serving owned-pets in the community. Limited surgery space and staffing at other shelters continues to be a challenge as communities work to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT

OHS Humane Special Agents are still in the field almost every day, investigating reports of animal abuse and neglect. To keep themselves and the public safe, they are following COVID-19 safety guidelines set by the National Animal Care & Control Association. ©

Take a tour through OHS with Chief Operating Officer Brian August at oregonhumane.org/shelter-tour-covid19



INSIDE THE HOLMAN MEDICAL CENTER AT OHS

Staying six feet apart from other people

is challenging in the best of circumstances. In a busy veterinary hospital, working shoulder-to-shoulder is part of almost every procedure; from intubating and sedating patients; blood draws; surgeries; wound care; and physical exams.

But animals still need care. In fact, the need to help pets with complex medical issues has increased in recent months, presenting an additional challenge to the team in the Holman Medical Center at OHS.

In response, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Steve Kochis deployed a strategy often used in human health care.

"We split the team into two cohorts that each work a different half of the week," says Dr. Kochis. "The benefit of this model is that if we have someone who tests positive for COVID-19, the whole team does not need to quarantine."

To keep up with the demand for medical care, the hospital is operating seven days a week and constantly reevaluating every process to see if there are opportunities for people to spread out.

"Almost everything we do for the animals requires a holder and a treater," adds Dr. Kochis. "Surgery is the toughest. Even though some surgeries, like spay/neuter, only require staff to be in close proximity

for a few minutes, there is a cumulative effect after 30 or more surgeries a day."

Another challenge is related to the specialized skills of the medical center staff. "If our team needs help, it requires staff or volunteers that have experience in veterinary medicine," says Dr. Kochis. "And that can be hard to find quickly."

This is also a challenging time for local vet clinics. They've had to adjust their processes to keep staff and the public safe, which invariably slows things down. At the same time, local vet clinics are seeing an increase in demand. More people are getting pets, driving the need for care.

"As strange as it sounds, the more time we spend with our pets, the more likely they are to need vet care," says Dr. Kochis. "They may get injured while out hiking or at the dog park, get into more things while we are working at home, or perhaps you notice a lump that needs to be checked out."

At the Holman Medical Center at OHS, the team is ready for the challenges of today and preparing for the needs of tomorrow.

"Even before the crisis," Dr. Kochis notes, "the medical team was adept at responding to crisis and managing infectious disease. It's inherent in shelter medicine." 🐾

Patient Files

Meet two pets who recently came to the Holman Medical Center at OHS needing emergency and specialized care.



LUCIEN

The first thing you notice about Lucien is his big, floppy paws. He practically bounces when he walks, exuding puppy joy.

When this four-month old Anatolian Shepard/Great Pyrenees mix arrived at OHS, he was suffering from a devastating injury. His owners brought him to OHS after their other dog got into a fight with Lucien, leaving his jaw shattered and hanging. The injury was complex and required careful planning to determine the best course of treatment.

OHS veterinarians decided to remove part of his jaw since the injury left part of the bone beyond repair. Since Lucien is young, his body will heal quickly and he should be able to easily adapt to eating and drinking.

After surgery, Lucien's new smile with his curled lower lip endeared him to everyone in the medical center. He is currently recovering in a foster home.



BARRY

Barry came to OHS from a hoarding situation where he was living in filthy conditions. This is thought to be the cause of the large, bloody, mushroom-shaped growths dangling from his feet.

The condition, diagnosed as severe pododermatitis, prompted OHS veterinarians to consult with a veterinary dermatologist to plan the best course of action.

Despite all he has been through, Barry is a sweet and loving guy who is often seen "making biscuits" in his kennel. He has quickly become the most popular patient in the Holman Medical Center, purring and rolling each time someone comes to check on him.

Barry is now receiving care in an experienced OHS foster home. ©

ARRI FINALLY FINDS LOVE

For more than nine years, Arri's life was defined by a lack of compassion and kindness.

She was the victim of a quiet form of abuse — ignored, unloved and characterized as annoying and untrainable. So she cried out for attention by barking — a lot. But it only earned her a shock collar and isolation in a kennel in the garage.

When a new puppy came into the home, things only got worse. The crumbs of attention that Arri once received were gone. Arri's owners allowed the puppy in the house because he "listened," so she sunk deeper and deeper into the background.

One day in mid-July, Arri went on an outing. And, although the trip was to the vet, Arri reveled in the attention. Her owners were done with her and requested that she be euthanized because she was "too old." The vet refused, as Arri clearly was not at the end of her life. Her owners called the Oregon Humane Society and requested an



appointment to surrender her. Even though the intake schedule was full, OHS staff sensed that Arri needed immediate help and made an appointment for the next day.

When Arri arrived at OHS, it was clear that this sweet old girl was nothing like her owners described. She was showered with attention by OHS staff who loved her happy, silly personality. Her kennel was always wet since she wagged her tail so much that it frequently dipped into her bowl of water and whirled around like a sprinkler.

It is rare that a dog enjoys being at a shelter as much as Arri. OHS staff would often set up a small pool and watch her play with unbridled enthusiasm. Arri was so good with other dogs that she became a "helper dog" to the admissions team and would meet incoming dogs during behavior assessments. Her favorite dog was Forest, a senior Chihuahua with a droopy tongue.

Arri quickly became a staff favorite and inspiring example of resilience and joy. She just wanted to be loved and was sure someone out there would love her back.

About a week after she arrived at OHS, Arri met her perfect match. Michael was retired, lived alone and had recently lost his beloved dog. He was looking for a companion who would encourage him to go for walks. When Michael arrived for his adoption appointment, he was instantly delighted by Arri's happy demeanor.

When Arri was ready to leave the shelter, there were photos and well wishes to send her off. Michael set up a ramp to help Arri get into his truck. Without hesitation she trotted up the ramp and settled down in the back seat, knowing her days as an afterthought were behind her. Only love and kindness would define her next chapter.

Arri, now named Annie, has settled nicely into her new home. Michael reports that she is a wonderful companion and loves meeting all his friends. "I can't believe anyone would give up on her." 🐾



Helping Pets Find their Forever Home

Matching clients with pets who need a loving home is a responsibility that OHS staff takes to heart. In many ways, adoptions-by-appointment is giving staff the chance to have longer, more meaningful conversations

with potential adopters. For some clients, the risk of COVID-19 and technology barriers can be challenging. But, the creative and compassionate team at OHS is always looking for ways to help.

Joel Finds His Purr-fect Kitten

When OHS adoptions specialist Tara DeVita received an adoption application for a kitten from Joel, she noticed a note at the bottom. He asked if they could communicate over email or text, rather than a phone call, since he was deaf.

Tara wanted to make sure the experience was more personal for Joel, so she worked with the OHS IT team to set up a Webex meeting with Joel. This way, they could see each other's faces and use the chat feature to communicate.

Tara discovered that Joel has never had a kitten before so she made sure the one he was coming in to meet would be a good match.

Before Joel came in to meet his new kitten and bring her home, Tara again wanted to make sure the experience was special. Even though OHS adopts thousands of pets each year, each adoption is special and life-changing for pets and people.

Tara downloaded an app that would allow her to translate into sign language. This gesture of respect is one of the many ways that OHS staff strives to create an environment of inclusiveness for clients. ☺



Joel's new kitten was smitten from the moment she met him and the feeling was mutual. As they left Joel noted that he was "excited to shower his new kitten with attention and love."



COVID-19 and Zero Contact Adoptions

For our health care heroes who are working with COVID-19 patients, OHS has a "zero contact" option. The entire adoption is done over the phone and online, and the pet is delivered curbside to the client. This option is also available to elderly clients or those who may be at higher risk.

Erica Tuff (Pictured left) works in Diagnostic Imaging at Providence Portland Medical Center and cares for COVID-19 patients, so OHS worked with her to do everything possible to keep her healthy and safe.

She noted that "the past few months have been stressful, but having a cat at home provides love and joy even after a rough day." ☺

HONORING KINDNESS

Fostering kindness in young people is the foundation of creating a More Humane Society. Being kind and compassionate toward animals doesn't have a minimum age. In our community, there are exceptional young people dedicating their time and talents to helping pets in need. They are innovative, creative and they represent the future of animal welfare.

To recognize young people who have a track record of kindness toward animals, OHS has awarded two exceptional young people with a Be More Humane Youth Kindness Award.

The Award recognizes young people, age 5-17, who have given their time, talents and kind hearts for the betterment of animals in our community.



Grand Prize Winner **LILY RAGAN**



Lily has been helping animals since 5th grade when she started her own fundraising drive for OHS. Over the next four years, Lily's efforts resulted in close to \$5,000 raised and hundreds of items donated for shelter pets.

Lily has been an OHS Youth Volunteer since 7th grade and was recently promoted to Youth Volunteer Lead. She is now a junior at Jesuit High School and plans to continue virtual volunteering for OHS until volunteers are permitted back in the shelter.

Lily's love of animals has been evident since her youngest years, and her knowledge and passion are inspiring.

Runner up **GUTHRIE BROWN**



Guthrie's compassion for animals inspired him to create the "Friends of Animals" project when he was only in kindergarten. He saw all the toys that his own dog had, and thought that shelter pets deserved the same thing. He visited OHS to find out the types of toys that would be needed most.

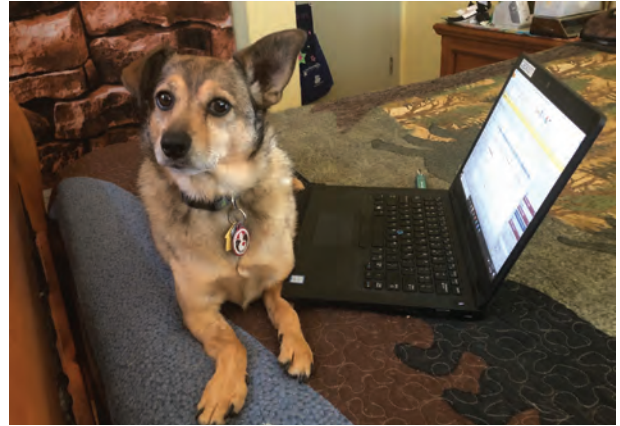
With his determination and red wagon in tow, he began canvassing his neighborhood, collecting toys and educating people about pet adoption. He has also set up a booth at his local pet supply store to collect toys and pet food for animals in need. 🐾

BACK TO SCHOOL GOES VIRTUAL!

The COVID-19 pandemic has created challenges in almost every aspect of our day-to-day life, and the obstacles that are facing our educators and children are massive.

The Humane Education department at the Oregon Humane Society has responded by launching four programs that focus on reading, writing and kindness.

- **Dear Miss Repecka** is a pet advice column for kids from a very knowledgeable chicken.
- **Pet Pals**, a special pen-pal program, giving kids the opportunity to write and receive letters from a shelter animal.
- **Remarkable Readers** encourages kids to read to their pets and send a picture to be entered to win a spot on the OHS website.
- **Virtual Activities** Get up close with OHS veterinarians while they perform surgery or learn about the work of our Humane Special Agents.
- **Google Classroom Meetings** OHS Canine Educators love visiting classrooms and teaching children about animal care, training and behavior. Even though school will be different this year, Maddie and Vader will still be making virtual visits.



Throughout the school year, the OHS Humane Education team will continue to support teachers and parents with activities and presentations that can be used in any virtual classroom.

Humane Education activities and tools can be used by anyone and are listed on the OHS website at oregonhumane.org/services/student-programs

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UNCORKED ~and~ UNPLUGGED

CANINES UNCORKED gives pet-lovers a chance to spend time with their furry best friend while discovering the beauty of wine country.

After months of isolation, many OHS supporters were longing for a change of scenery — a time to come together, just a little bit, while still maintaining just the right distance. On Aug. 1, OHS held the first in-person event since March, masks on and tails wagging. Canines Uncorked was completely redesigned this year to keep participants safe, but the event still featured great wine, perfect weather and fun activities.

Canines Uncorked brought together wine lovers and dog enthusiasts in thoughtfully scheduled waves of small groups

across the Willamette Valley on pre-determined Northern and Southern routes. For many, it was a welcome return to some semblance of normalcy. While many precautions were taken to ensure the health of all who attended, spirits were high and pups were happy. Local wineries hosted complimentary wine tastings, and pets got to enjoy an array of special activities.

While the humans spent the day enjoying local wine and sake, pets were pampered. They enjoyed treats, toys, games, photo sessions and a relaxing massage. Pets also got to tell their parents what they truly thought of the current state of events through pet communication sessions by Shawna Fischer of Nature's Keeper.

This event proved that despite having to adjust to a new normal, some things will never change — our love of wine and, of course, dogs! ☺

Ever wanted to make TINY LEDERHOSEN for your pug or pug-mix pooch?

Join us for Pugtoberfest, this year's Pug Crawl celebration,
Aug. 31 — Oct. 18.

Enjoy beer, pint glasses and other goodies for sale in an online vendor village and enter your pup's one-of-a-kind costumes or float in the parade to see them live on Sunday, Oct. 18 at noon.

More information at oregonhumane.org/PugCrawl



Lend a **PAW TO HELP** *Pets in need*



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

Please contact Marsha Crest for more information at 503.416.7079 or marshac@oregonhumane.org

Planning for the Future

Q&A with Sharon Harmon, OHS President and CEO

The New Road Ahead represents the next chapter in animal welfare — confronting suffering in all its insidious forms.

How has COVID-19 affected OHS's plans for the future?

Our community and the world feels like a very different place than it did six months ago — and animal welfare is changing as a result. Even before this crisis, housing, transportation, and human and pet healthcare costs were rising, making it increasingly difficult for families in our community to provide medical care to their pets. The pandemic has only worsened this problem, and the latest numbers compiled by property management software RealPage show a worrying decline in the percentage of Oregonians paying their rent on time.

Still, in a world of uncertainty, there is one thing that is clear to me: this pandemic has made the need for our New Road Ahead Initiative even greater. The future of animal welfare is about ensuring compassion and preventing suffering for all animals. OHS will confront suffering in all its insidious forms, by preventing and prosecuting animal cruelty, caring for rescued animals, and keeping pets and loving families together.

Slated to open in 2022, the Community Teaching Hospital will be essential in providing accessible veterinary care and in helping keep pets in their homes.

Can you expand on what services the future Community Teaching Hospital will offer and why it is so important to the community?

Under-resourced pet owners currently have few — if any — options for reduced-cost veterinary care in our community. Pets are our cherished family members, but traditional social services aren't available to them. During the pandemic, pet owners have reached out to OHS asking for access to affordable veterinary care. OHS currently doesn't have the capacity to offer veterinary services to all those who have been impacted by the pandemic and are struggling to provide their pets with basic veterinary care.

As we see more animals surrendered because their owners can't afford care, we know that by offering affordable veterinary care to those who need it, pets will get the care they need and stay in their loving homes; that is the ultimate goal of the Community Teaching Hospital.

The Community Teaching Hospital will be the first full-service clinic in Oregon that will focus on providing subsidized care for pets of disadvantaged families. There are four main areas of service that the new hospital will provide; spay and neuter, preventative care, dental, and urgent care. Featuring two surgical suites, a dental suite, digital radiology, ultrasound and treatment, OHS will offer a wide range of veterinary care, from annual exams to more advanced procedures like dental extractions. Veterinary services will be offered on a sliding scale basis that meet the individual needs of each client to ensure all pet owners are able to afford care.

Within five years of operation we anticipate more than 66,000 patient visits annually, providing much needed services to more than 25,000 animals.



Outside of the future Community Teaching Hospital expected to open 2022.

\$1 Million Matching Gift Challenge Offered through 2020

Dedicated OHS donor and lifelong animal lover, Marci Ann Walsh is offering a challenge match to inspire others to invest early and generously in the New Road Ahead. All new gifts and multi-year pledges of \$10,000 or more, committed by December 31, 2020, will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$1 million. To learn more about the New Road Ahead and the Walsh challenge match, visit oregonhumane.org/newroadahead or contact Jennifer Baumann at (503) 802-6780 or jennifer@oregonhumane.org. ©

Rene' Pizzo

PROFILES IN COMPASSION

Rene' Pizzo has always loved animals. She put her passion into action when she began volunteering at OHS in 1991. More recently, she has become an important supporter of the New Road Ahead Initiative.

Through the years, Rene' has made a significant impact on the programs and the pets at OHS. She was on the ground rescuing animals after Hurricane Katrina and is one of the founding members of the OHSTAR technical animal rescue program. Rene' has also assisted in many animal neglect rescues. These experiences drive her passion for being part of OHS's future.

"I support the New Road Ahead because of the animals I've seen through the investigations and OHSTAR programs that come from bad situations," says Rene'. "This project will expand the forensics program to get justice for them, and the behavior program to heal them."

Rene's support for the future of OHS is complimented by her commitment to caring for the animals who need care right now.

"You have animals in the shelter now that need to be taken care of by the operational fund and the animals in the future who need to be taken care of through the New Road Ahead," adds Rene'. "I have been a monthly PAWS donor since the beginning so that my gift can go where the greatest need is."

Rene' also recently made her third multi-year pledge to the New Road Ahead Initiative — inspired by the Marci Ann Walsh match.

"The impact OHS has on animals in our community, the state, and the country is really important. The funds are so well used to make a real difference and I want people to know that it is important to give so we can maintain and expand these programs." 🐾



Rene' Pizzo has received numerous volunteer awards during her time at OHS.

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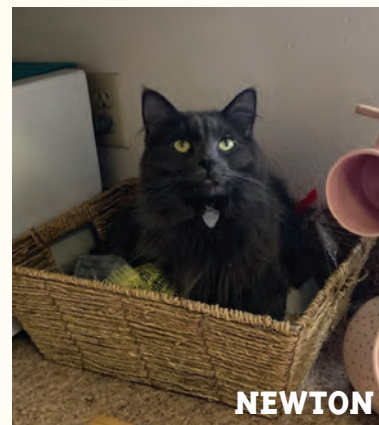
Dear OHS,

I adopted Newton in 2019 after he had been rehomed multiple times. It's now been a year and a half and Newton is the happiest kitty ever! He's got so much energy, loves to play, and has become great partners in crime with our other cat, Kieffer!

I'm forever grateful to all of you for helping us bring Newton into his forever family!! We love him with all our hearts, and we're so glad he found his way into our lives.

Thanks for helping us bring Newton home!!

Lauren ☺



NEWTON



THUMBELINA

Thumbelina

Dear OHS,

We are absolutely in love! She is such an amazing dog, so sweet and silly, and I think she's going to fit in perfectly with us since she seems especially inclined towards Emma and baby Eleanor.

Thank you so much for helping us find her!

Kelly ☺

Babe

I'm so happy that I got to give Babe another loving home. So far she has been an absolute love bug and purr machine. She seems to be settling in very well and sleeps with me every night. She is my first pet besides childhood pets and I'm so happy to welcome her to my little family. Thank you for bringing so much joy to my life!

My warmest regards,

Haley ☺

Babe was enrolled in the Friends Forever program. Her person Tom knew he did not have much time left and was comforted knowing that OHS would be there to care for Babe when he no longer could. For more information on the Friends Forever program, contact LegacyTeam@oregonhumane.org



BABE

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DAISY'S PLACE IN HISTORY

As Daisy lounges in the afternoon sun, she is blissfully unaware of her significant place in OHS history. She is likely the last surviving dog from one of OHS's largest rescues. In March 2009, more than one hundred dogs were living on a remote property in Malheur County. They lived outside, chained to old rusty appliances and eating rotting carcasses to survive. Their rescue required a massive effort to bring them to Portland, and help them recover from their neglect and trauma.

Two months later, Ian Shelley and Jenny Bornstein came to OHS looking to adopt one of the rescued dogs. They'd seen the story on the news and wanted to help. Plus, they had been thinking about getting a dog for a while and were drawn to dogs that resembled the Shiba Inu breed. They made multiple trips to OHS before connecting with Daisy — bringing her home on Jenny's birthday.

"At first, she was afraid of everything — grass, furniture, walking," says Jenny. "She'd never been in a house, so it was all new."

It took about a year for Daisy to come out of her shell, but with Ian and Jenny's love and patience she blossomed. "Something just flipped and she changed," says Jenny. "It was amazing."

Daisy became an ambassador in her neighborhood and wanted to meet everyone she crossed paths with. She even became a role model to other dogs. "We started fostering about eight years ago and she is the best foster sister ever," adds Jenny. "It's like she found her purpose."

Ian describes Daisy as "the most gentle, calmest, sweetest dog ever."

Jenny often reflects on Daisy's legacy and what she can teach others. "When people meet Daisy, it changes their perception of a rescue dog. She's a miracle really. That she came out of that horrible situation so perfect is just incredible." 🍷



DAISY IN IAN'S ARMS SOAKS UP THE SUN WITH JENNY AND THEIR OTHER DOG ZINIA.

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Business Partner Profile Doing Good is Good for Business — Migration Brewing

The official beer sponsor of the Oregon Humane Society for 2020, Migration Brewing loves supporting the pets and people of OHS. While their business, like so many others, has had to drastically adapt operations during the Covid-19 pandemic, the brewery never lost focus of their partnership and was always happy to help the animals at OHS.

"We're unapologetically local and prioritize helping those who help our shared community," said Migration's Brand Manager, Avery Harris. "We know first-hand the joy that pets bring to people's lives."

In addition to providing support at Tail Wag and Doggie Dash, Migration will be the Presenting Sponsor of this year's Pug Crawl, Pugtoberfest.



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.
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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;
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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.

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

PET MEMORIALS

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

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