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An unprecedented time.

This phrase has been repeated a lot over the past four months and I've been thinking about what it means for our community, the future of animal welfare and the vision of a More Humane Society.

The early days of the COVID-19 crisis put OHS's disaster response capabilities to the test in new and unprecedented ways. We met daily, developed contingency plans and went through every "what if" imaginable. There were days that it felt like a tsunami coming at us, but our team and the entire animal welfare field rose to the occasion. You'll find a timeline of our response on page 6.

Every program and service at OHS is affected and has had to adapt. Adoptions moved to appointment only; Spay & Save was paused and humane education, events and volunteering went virtual. But our focus on helping pets and our community never wavered. There have been some magical moments, including the adoptions of Suzie Q2 and Sancho. I invite you to read these touching stories on pages 7 and 19. And we've found new ways to serve pets and people by delivering pet food to shelters, rescues and food pantries in every corner of the state. Learn more about this effort on page 8.

On a national level, OHS was part of an unprecedented collaborative effort to share processes, protocols, strategies and messaging. It's been incredible to see this type of cooperation, and I am proud to see OHS recognized as a leader during COVID-19.

Now, we are confronting what's next. How do we grow the processes that have been so successful during this crisis, like adoptions by appointment and foster homes for long-term shelter pets? How do we care for more pets and keep our staff safe? How do we prepare for the economic fallout from the pandemic? What will kitten season look like after pausing spay/neuter surgeries for almost two months?

We must also answer the call to confront racism and discrimination in all its insidious forms. We believe that Black Lives Matter and that diversity, equity and inclusion are essential to a More Humane Society.

But I am hopeful. I've seen a new kind of creativity, dedication, kindness and resolve in the last four months. Supporters like you have stepped up in so many ways – becoming monthly donors, donating supplies, fostering or adopting a pet.

We don't know what the future will hold, or what we will be calling "unprecedented" in the months ahead. But we will get through it, united by our compassion for animals, together.

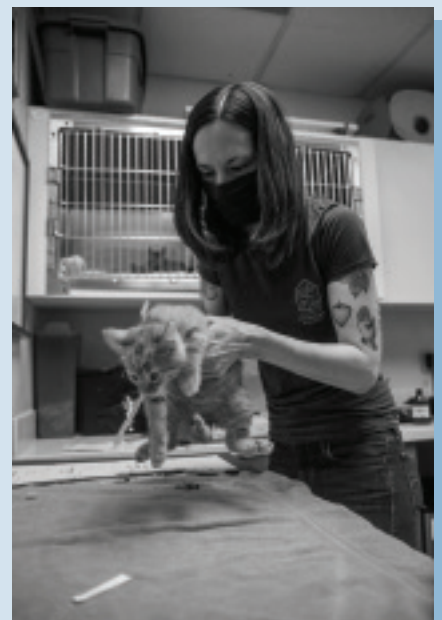
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# Responding to COVID-19

The COVID-19 crisis created an unprecedented set of challenges for the Oregon Humane Society. Nearly every aspect of the shelter's work was affected. Some services were paused, many went virtual, and others required a complete redesign to keep staff and the public safe. One thing didn't change — there were still animals who needed help. While communities around the state were under stay-at-home orders, the limited staff that was on-site at the shelter were busy caring for homeless animals, healing sick and injured pets, investigating animal cruelty and matching adopters with shelter pets.

Our thanks to Jenny Rapinchuk, OHS Animal Care Technician, for capturing these images of life inside the shelter during March, April and May 2020.







# Timeline of OHS's Response to COVID-19

## FEBRUARY 28

First COVID-19 patient in Oregon.

## MARCH 3

OHS emergency management team convenes. The group meets daily for the next two months and continues to meet regularly as the state reopens.

## MARCH 16

Process finalized to begin adoption by appointment. Spaces at OHS reconfigured to accommodate social distancing for adopters meeting pets.

OHS medical staff works with national experts to develop protocols for intake of pets from COVID-19 homes.

## MARCH 19

OHS volunteers begin making masks for OHS staff who are onsite providing care to shelter animals.

## MARCH 20

Adoptions by appointment begin. Majority of interaction with adopters is over the phone and via email.

OHS receives first emergency boarding request from a COVID-19 hospitalized patient. Two cats receive care at OHS and are returned to their owner two weeks later.

## MARCH 21

Close to 100 pets moved to foster homes. On-site staffing reduced to 25 percent. Off-site center prepared for emergency intake of pets from COVID-19 homes.

## MARCH 23

Veterinary students sent home, on-site volunteer programs paused and non-essential surgeries halted.

## MARCH 24

Governor Kate Brown issues Executive Order, "Stay Home, Stay Safe."



## MARCH 25

Virtual pet training consultations and classes launch.

## MARCH 27

OHS donates 18,000 N-95 masks to Providence Health & Services and 5,000 N-95 masks to Clackamas County Emergency Operations Center. The supplies were previously donated to OHS Investigations Department.

## APRIL 4

Out-of-state transfers of pets to OHS through the Second Chance program halted.

## APRIL 21

OHS launches state-wide effort to distribute 50,000 pounds of pet food to counties throughout Oregon.

## MAY 8

OHS resumes spay/neuter and other surgeries with new safety protocols in place to accommodate social distancing.



**MAY 10**

Pets who were adopted during the pause on spay/neuter surgery begin returning to OHS for surgery and then go back to their forever home.

**JUNE 8**

OHS begins helping Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland (ASAP) partners with spay/neuter surgery.

**JUNE 18**

OHS hosts a two-day pet food bank for essential workers and those who have lost jobs due to COVID-19.

Second Chance transports from out-of-state resume.

## HARVEY and SUZIE Q2

*A reminder of the incredible power of pets to bring us together and help us heal.*

The global pandemic prompted changes to almost every aspect of shelter operations, including adoptions. The process moved to an "appointment-only" model where the bulk of the interaction with clients could be done online, via email and over the phone. In the midst of the stress and uncertainty of COVID-19, there were many heartwarming moments as pets left for their forever homes.

### *And then there was Harvey.*

Harvey doesn't have a computer or access to internet. So, when Harvey called the shelter looking to adopt a cat, he found a sympathetic ear with OHS team member, Lyndsey Asparro. Lyndsey helped reunite people with their pets during the 2018 Camp Fire in California and has a special gift for connecting with people. She sensed that Harvey was struggling. He became emotional and explained that he really needed a buddy after going through a period of heartbreaking loss.

Harvey's wife of 45 years had recently passed away. His beloved cat Suzie Q helped him cope with his grief, but a short time later, she was also diagnosed with cancer and died. The depths of Harvey's loss were extraordinary and painful.

Then, the stay-at-home order due to the pandemic left Harvey isolated and unable to sleep. He turned to OHS for help. Lyndsey spoke with her colleagues in Admissions and identified a cat who would be a great fit for Harvey — a happy, affectionate young female cat named Genesis. However, Genesis had a slight limp so she would need to be checked out by the medical team to make sure she was okay. Lyndsey alerted OHS veterinarian Dr. Kandace Henry, who examined Genesis right away. Luckily, Genesis was fine.

Lyndsey called Harvey to tell him that she'd found the perfect cat for him. He was ecstatic and immediately made an appointment to come meet the sweet feline.



Harvey arrived 15 minutes early for his appointment, eager to meet his new best friend. Genesis was a bit fussy at first during the meeting, but quickly began purring and melted into Harvey's arms. He assured her that "he's got her and would never let her fall." The pair went home to begin their new life together, and Harvey renamed her Suzie Q2.

Lyndsey called Harvey later that day to check in. He was emotional as he expressed his deep gratitude.

"Thank you again. You don't know what you've done for me. I should be able to get some sleep tonight," he said.

Lyndsey asked Harvey if she could call to check on him again and he said, "Darn right you can! I look forward to those calls."

*Now, she checks on him each week.*

# OHS DRIVES 10,000 MILES TO FEED THOUSANDS OF PETS

**In late April**, the Oregon Humane Society launched a state-wide effort to distribute pet food to shelters, rescues and food pantries in communities in need. The project was initiated in response to the economic hardship brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thirty-eight days later, OHS has driven 10,085 miles, delivering approximately 60,000 pounds of pet food in 39 deliveries to 29 counties around Oregon.

OHS mobilized shelter staff to coordinate logistics and deliver the pet food. Vehicles normally used for transporting pets were transformed to hold the large pallets of food. When the first three vehicles left the shelter on April 21, there was a feeling of excitement in the air – help was getting to people and pets when they needed it most. It had almost been a month since the stay-at-home order was put in place to fight COVID-19 and the number of people losing their jobs was skyrocketing.

Tyler Norby from OHS's Admission Team delivered pet food to numerous shelters and food pantries across the state. He found it rewarding to share resources with communities in need. "This project is a great way to shake hands (from six feet away) with communities that are a great distance from us and let them know that we are all in this together," he says.

Some delivery sites, like Greenhill Humane Society in Eugene, were a distribution point for smaller local rescues and food pantries. Multiple deliveries have been made to Greenhill since there is a huge need for pet food in the surrounding areas.

OHS Second Chance Coordinator Chris Hoffman was particularly touched by some of the stories he heard from the communities where he delivered pet food. "You often hear that those with animals will feed their animals before feeding themselves," says Chris. "But when you hear it from someone on the frontlines of this effort to help feed the hungry, it takes on an entirely different meaning."

One the road to Coos Bay, Tyler was reminded of the love people have for animals when he stopped at a grocery store in Reedsport. "A gentleman walked up and approached the van after noticing the OHS logo on the side and handed me \$20 to help shelter pets. He told me that before his war tour many years ago, he worked at a shelter, so he knows how hard it can be. I honored his wishes and accepted his donation, along with thanking him profusely."

Approximately half of the pet food delivered by OHS was supplied by a donation from GreaterGood.org. The rest came from local suppliers, Phillips Pet Products, Amazon, FedEx and generous individuals.

"We know this has been a challenging time for so many people around our state," says Sharon Harmon, OHS President and CEO. "Our hope is that we have alleviated some of the stress for pet owners and shelters by giving them the food they need to care for their animals." 🍷



OHS employees Liz Bartholomew and Tyler Norby make a delivery of pet-food to Greenhill Humane Society in Eugene.



Cat and kitten food is needed by shelters around the state responding to a very busy kitten season.



The staff at Rogue Valley Humane Society receiving the pet food.

See a video report from the road at [oregonhumane.org/covid-19-pet-food-donation](https://oregonhumane.org/covid-19-pet-food-donation).



# OHS GOES VIRTUAL

## GETTING CREATIVE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY IN TIMES OF CRISIS

### HUMANE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Humane Education is deeply rooted in OHS's history. Programs usually include schools visits and presentations, shelter tours, after-school clubs, recognition projects, and summer camp. However, COVID-19 changed everything.

"While many of our regular Humane Education programs are on hold, we are committed to helping children and parents however we can," says Diana MacKenzie, OHS Humane Education Manager. "Our goal is to celebrate the special connection children have with animals while encouraging them to read, write and practice kindness."

*OHS Humane Education programs are free and designed for students in grades 3 through 8.*

**OHS Remarkable Readers Book Club** encourages students to read their favorite book to their pet and send in a photo and brief summary sharing why they chose a certain book. Featured photos will be showcased on the OHS website and Facebook page.

**Dear Miss Repecka** is an advice column that gives children an opportunity to learn about pet behavior and caring for animals. Also known as a "chicken on a mission," Miss Repecka knows that Portland is the perfect place to share her knowledge about cats, dogs, rabbits and guinea pigs. Kids can ask about anything — from wagging tails, to hissing and barking. Miss Repecka is also bilingual so Spanish speakers are encouraged to write in.



Chester the dog loves it when Emma reads his favorite book to him.

### VIRTUAL KITTEN YOGA

It's the purr-fect at-home workout – Virtual Kitten Yoga. Participants are guided through a series of gentle movements by an experienced instructor, while surrounded by a crew of playful felines. The 45-minute class is open to all levels and is the purr-fect way to support shelter pets and treat yourself. For upcoming class dates and times go to [oregonhumane.org/events](https://oregonhumane.org/events).



### VIRTUAL TRAINING CLASSES AND CONSULTATIONS

Interest in adopting a pet surged as people were being directed to stay at home to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. To help pet owners get started on the right "paw" with their new furry friend, OHS introduced virtual training options in early April. Offerings included classes, consultations, webinars and puppy romps with OHS trainers.

While in-person classes at OHS are slowly being introduced, virtual options will still be available so you can continue to train with your pet from the comfort of your home.

OHS also has a wide variety of free offerings to help people strengthen the bond with their pet and get customized advice. An online library has dozens of "how-to" guides, and a free behavior help line is available seven days a week at 503-416-2983. [oregonhumane.org](https://oregonhumane.org)

**More information about OHS's Training & Behavior services can be found at [oregonhumane.org/training](https://oregonhumane.org/training).**

# SMITTEN ~with~ KITTENS

**Kitten season** is upon us and all indications are that it will be very busy. With spay/neuter surgeries paused for nearly two months to preserve PPE, it's fair to assume that un-spayed cats have had more opportunity to reproduce.

As of late June, close to 200 kittens were in an OHS foster home. Many of these kittens have come from shelter partners in the

Portland area and Eastern Oregon. Some are with their moms, some need a little TLC, and others require around-the-clock care.

One thing is certain as we face an unknown number of kittens who will need help this summer — OHS is prepared. Foster homes are mobilized, the off-site Cat and Kitten Intake Center is set-up, and staff are following special protocols while COVID-19 remains a human-health threat.

## We're Not Kitten Around

Tamara DeLine, Supervisor of Outpatient Services and Foster Care, shares some important information our little feline friends.

### What is "kitten season?"

*"Kitten season" refers to the time of the year when most litters of kittens are born. For OHS, this begins in April or May, really ramps up in June and goes through October.*

### At what age can kittens be away from their mom?

*Ideally, kittens are with mom until they are at least six weeks old. Mom teaches them a lot about how to be a cat and sets them up for success.*

### What are "bottle babies" and how do you care for them?

*Very young kittens may be without a mom for a variety of reasons. This could include the mother passing away, the kitten was separated and got lost, or mom abandoned them. Kittens less than four weeks of age need to be fed with a bottle. At four weeks, you can begin the weaning process. However, sometimes you have stubborn kittens that don't want to get off their bottle so it can take a little longer.*

### Are kittens more susceptible to certain illness or diseases?

*They are more susceptible. They don't have their own immune system yet and they are not fully vaccinated from the most common diseases until they are four months old.*

### How many kittens were in foster care in 2019?

*In 2019 we fostered out 1,300 kittens.*





## DR. KIRK MILLER HONORED BY THE OREGON VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Dr. Kirk Miller, OHS Veterinarian and Senior Clinical Instructor, Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine, was recently honored by the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association with the prestigious Animal Welfare Award.

The Award recognizes a veterinarian who has demonstrated outstanding compassion and/or developed programs that have advanced the welfare of animals.

Dr. Miller has been an integral part of OHS's first-of-its-kind partnership with Oregon State University since it began more than 10 years ago. In his role, he oversees veterinary students during their three-week rotation at OHS where they get hands-on learning, while shelter pets get great care. Dr. Miller's inspirational leadership has helped more than 1,000 vet students successfully complete their studies. In addition, Dr. Miller has had a number of published papers on innovative techniques in high volume spay/neuter surgery settings. 🍷



## HUMANE SPECIAL AGENT CHRIS ALLORI JOINS THE OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY



OHS has welcomed a new Lead Humane Special Agent to the Investigations Department. Special Agent Chris Allori was sworn in on April 20 during a video conference commissioning ceremony with Oregon State Police.

"Fighting animal cruelty and neglect is at the heart of our mission and deeply rooted in our history," says Sharon Harmon, OHS President and CEO. "Even as we face the uncertainties of COVID-19, the work of our Humane Special Agents continues.

Special Agent Allori has more than 25 years of experience working for Oregon State Police, with the majority of that time assigned to the Fish and Wildlife Division in Portland. Most recently, he was Sergeant First Class with the Oregon State Police supervising Fish and Wildlife officers from the Portland, McMinnville and North Plains OSP offices. Allori has also been an instructor at Portland Community College since 2009 teaching courses in criminal justice, and fish and wildlife enforcement. 🍷

## OHS RECEIVES RECORD-BREAKING DONATION FROM LITHIA SUBARU



On May 5, the Oregon Humane Society received a record-breaking donation of \$51,560 from Lithia Subaru of Oregon City as part of their Share the Love event.

"This generous donation is critical as we work to care for animals during these challenging times," said Sharon Harmon, OHS President and CEO. "We are so grateful to Lithia Subaru of Oregon City for their ongoing support. They recognize the special connection people have with animals and have been a valued partner for more than a decade." 🍷

## OHS Photo Contest Winners

After a month of fierce competition between 225 adorable entries, the votes are finally in! Sweet pictures flooded in for the OHS Photo Contest and resulted in \$24,119 raised to help shelter pets.

Pets went head-to-head in the Best Dog, Best Cat, Best Other Pet and even Best Self-Quarantining Pet categories as supporters and fans cast as many \$1 votes for their favorite pets as they wished.

The winning entries received a \$100 Gift Certificate from Frame Central, a special gift basket with OHS goodies and items donated by local businesses. An Editor's Choice winner was also chosen and will be featured on the cover of an OHS Magazine.

The grand prize winner received a PNW package featuring gifts donated by local West Coast companies, including a Furbo Pet Cam, a \$50 Migration Brewing Gift Certificate & prizes, and Coffee from our local affiliate, Fetch! Coffee Roasters.

This year's special category for the Best Self-Quarantining Pet offered prizes which included an Avocado Green Mattress, HelloTushy Bidet and activities from Portland's own DIY Bar.

All entries can be found online at [oregonhumane.org/photo-contest-2020](https://oregonhumane.org/photo-contest-2020).

### TOP DOG

**Pippa, by Anne Connell • 4623 votes**

A 2019 OHS alumna, Pippa (a harp seal/koala mix) was dubbed "the Marilyn Monroe of dogs" by best-selling novelist Ann Patchett. The space between her ears forms an almost perfect square, and she really likes water.



### TOP DOG RUNNER-UP

**Dogmatix, by Carey Fiock • 4552 votes**

Dogmatix is an intelligent, friendly and sometimes stubborn 8-year-old wheaten-colored Scottish Terrier. He can be seen enjoying all kinds of outdoor adventures alongside his human in the Destination America original TV series 'On Location'. He resides in Portland with his human parents and feline sibling Styrrkat.

### TOP CAT

**Machi, by Nadine Nakagawa • 2610 votes**

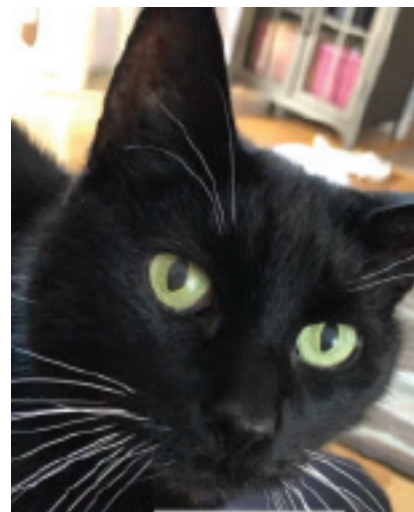
At 15 years of age, I've earned my white stripes. My favorite places to chill is a warm lap, a heat register or on a patio chair in the sun. I share my home with two youngsters, Sacajawea Peak and Vera who came from OHS in August 2017.



### TOP CAT RUNNER-UP

**Mr. Bubs, by Emily Wexler • 2285 votes**

Mr. Bubs was adopted from OHS in October 2018. He came to OHS through the Second Chance Program. He quickly became his owner's best friend. His all-time favorite toys are a mouse on a stick and a laser pointer.







## TOP "OTHER" PET (Chicken)

**Beyonce, by Melissa Whitcomb • 2035 votes**

My name is Beyonce. My two sisters and I were hatched on Valentine's Day 2018 and raised by my family since we were two-day-old chicks. I am a beautiful Araucana hen and I lay blue eggs. My favorite foods are dried meal worms, apples and bananas.

## TOP "OTHER" PET RUNNER-UP (Rat)

**Remy, by Alison Beanblossom • 720 votes**

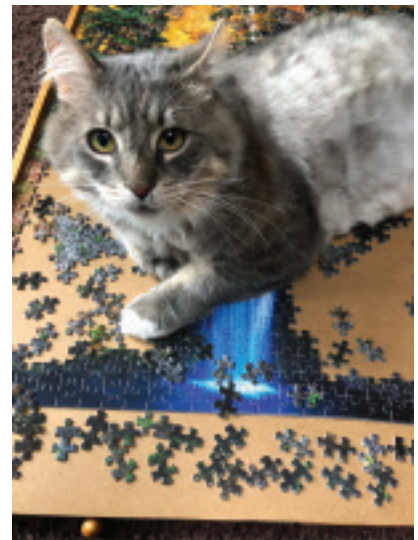
Remy Beanblossom the Fifty-Fourth is from a long line of honorable kings and queens who have ruled over us for generations. This is her favorite hat, which she received last week from the royal hat-maker, Schonya. She insisted on a photoshoot, and this is the spectacular result. Enjoy.



## TOP SELF-QUARANTINING PET

**Gracie, by Caity McCarthy • 1055 votes**

Gracie loves her new work-from-home set up! Although sometimes distracted by squirrels outside, she is a very productive nap taker and top performing eater of treats. When it comes to getting the job done, Gracie says there's no room for kitten around! Gracie's "work from home" title: Our Pawsome Employee



## TOP SELF-QUARANTINING PET RUNNER-UP

**Mobitz, by Emily Meister • 930 votes**

Mobitz (Mo) was adopted from OHS in 2019. Since Mo is FIV positive, he has become a professional in social distancing and has been able to show his humans how to best utilize the extra time at home: birdwatching, naps, puzzles and taking it easy. Mobitz's "work from home" title: Supervisor



## EDITOR'S CHOICE AWARD

**Atticus, by G. Espenel • 100 votes**

I'm Attie! My people chose me from OHS's Second Chance Program 10 years ago and we're all so grateful to have found each other. Mom still remembers me hugging the shelter volunteer on our way out to the car on adoption day. Thanks again, OHS!

# CELEBRATING GRADS

Oregon Humane Society's youth volunteer program offers opportunities for ages 12-17. We are incredibly grateful for our youth volunteers and honor those graduating during these challenging times. Meet the Class of 2020 as they prepare to embark on their future endeavors.



**DEE ANNA BRICKER**  
Westside Christian High School  
400 hours volunteered since July 2014

Dee Anna has dreamt about being in the youth volunteer program ever since she attended a second grade class field trip to OHS. She is both a

Team Lead and the Junior Pet Pals teacher, responsible for educating other youth volunteers on training and enrichment for the more challenging shelter dogs.

Next fall, she will attend Wheaton College in Illinois. Dee Anna wants to be a pedagogical psychologist and dreams of making education easier for students with different learning styles. She hopes to eventually return to OHS as an adult volunteer!



**ANIKA BECKER**  
Cleveland High School  
247 hours volunteered since December 2014

For the past three years, Anika has been a Team Lead on Sunday mornings — training countless new youth volunteers, helping with orientations and serving as a mentor. Despite

being mildly allergic, she loves spending time in the shelter's cat colony rooms, especially during kitten season.

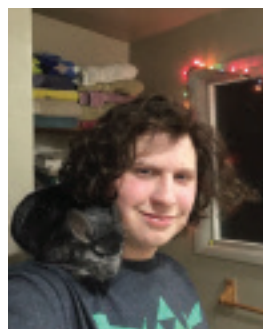
When she is not volunteering, Anika spends most of her time on social advocacy and is part of several nonprofit social justice organizations. Next fall, Anika will attend the University of San Francisco. She hopes to work in a school district supporting students of color.



**JADA JACKSON**  
Benson Polytechnic High School  
225 hours volunteered since November 2015

Jada became a youth volunteer to give back to her community and the animals. When at the shelter, Jada can usually be found sitting with the dogs — winning over the shy ones with her calm and kind demeanor.

Jada dreams of one day becoming a veterinarian and has job shadowed OHS vets to gain insight into the profession. Next fall, Jada will attend Portland Community College and transition into OHS' adult volunteer program!



**AUSTIN FONTENOT**  
Gresham High School  
210 hours volunteered since April 2016

Austin has a special way with the animals at OHS. He has taken every class to develop his animal handling skills, and has a particular knack for comforting shy dogs. He is patient, kind and committed to helping the animals at OHS — often spending an entire shift comforting one shelter pet in need.



**SIMONE SHAPIRO**  
Grant High School  
195 hours volunteered since January 2016

After visiting OHS as a child, Simone fell in love with the mission, and attended OHS summer camp twice before becoming a youth volunteer. She loves bonding with the dogs during her shift — taking them out to play, sitting with them and giving them baths.

In the fall, Simone will attend the University of San Francisco. She dreams of moving to Italy and starting a restaurant for people and animals (like Ratatouille)!

**Read more about the Class of 2020 at**  
[oregonhumane.org/classof2020](https://oregonhumane.org/classof2020).



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# CARES Act Expands Tax Deductions for Charitable Giving

## WHAT COULD THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

If you do not itemize your deductions in 2020, you can still reduce your taxable income by up to \$300 for contributions of cash to public charities, including the Oregon Humane Society, using an "above the line" adjustment to reduce your taxable income.

For those who itemize their taxes, you can now deduct up to 100 percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI) for charitable donations made in 2020. Generally, deductions for charitable donations are limited to 60% of your AGI.

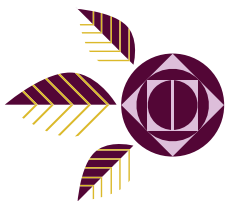
If you donate through your business, your corporation can deduct up to 25% of its taxable income for charitable donations made during 2020. This is an increase from the usual corporate donation limit of 10% of taxable income for the year.

This summary is for information and should not be construed as professional advice. As always, it is best for you to consult with your tax advisor to gain a full understanding of the effect of these provisions on your individual tax situation. ☉

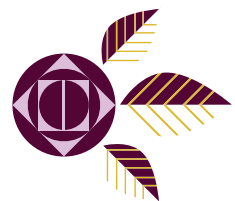
For information on making a charitable gift to OHS, please visit [oregonhumane.org/donate](https://oregonhumane.org/donate).



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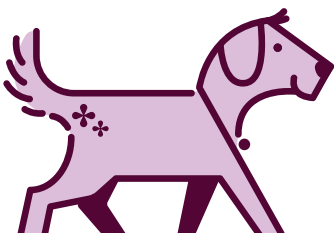
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# HAPPY tails

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.

## ***Melvin***

Dear OHS,

He is adjusting perfectly! He has seemed super relaxed from moment one. I set his carrier down in my bedroom, opened the door, and we sat back to let him explore.

He walked right out and immediately began exploring without any trepidation.

He is the best cat. He follows us around, and when I stop to do something he just sits and watches me. There is a touch of 'dogginess' to his personality.

Thank you,

Theresa



**MELVIN**

## ***Pandora***

Dear OHS,

So far all is going well. She wandered around the house the first day for a couple of hours, then we went for a walk. She is really lovely and likes to be pampered.

She still pulls a lot at the leash when we encounter other dogs, but that is what our dog used to do as well, so no surprise. We have really bonded a relationship, and she is just wonderful, following me everywhere and pretends to sit up front in the car. She now has very regular habits and routines. I can't believe it's been one month we've been together!

Thank you,

Davide



**PANDORA**

## ***Pippin***

Dear OHS,

Pippin is doing very well! He and the resident cat are learning each other's boundaries and body language and getting along better each day. They like playing together, and have even slept side-by-side at the foot of my bed a couple nights! He spends most of the day sleeping on my bed, and comes out to explore and play a few times a day. He loves looking out the sliding glass doors to the outside, and napping in my lap. I want to extend a huge thank you to the staff at OHS for doing such a good job with him.

Thank you for Pippin.

Rachel



**PIPPIN**

# SANCHO'S BIG DAY

One bright spot in the COVID-19 pandemic has been the huge interest in pet adoption and fostering. As people began to shelter in place, they were looking for ways to make a difference in their community. When OHS put the call out for emergency foster homes, Jason was ready.

He'd been thinking about adopting a dog for a while and would often check out the pets needing homes on the OHS website. When the two restaurants he owns, Life of Pie, were forced to temporarily close, Jason knew the timing was right and he was willing to help.

Sancho had been in the shelter for more than six months and, sadly, it was his third time back at OHS. Life in a shelter was very tough for him — being around other dogs was stressful, his skin was raw and irritated, and he spent his days pacing in his kennel and barking. Everyone had a soft spot for Sancho and he became a staff and volunteer favorite. He went on multiple walks per day, played fetch every morning in Manners Hall, was part of the OHS running team and got lots of TLC. Sancho needed a break and, oddly, he got one when COVID-19 hit. As adoptions moved to appointment only and efforts were made to reduce animals on-site, Sancho was selected to go to foster care. But it would take a special person to care for his unique needs. Sancho needed lots of training, consistency and special food to help his skin allergies.

"I was nervous to foster him at first," says Jason. But in late March, Sancho went to this temporary home with Jason. Virtual consultations with OHS trainers helped Jason understand and manage Sancho's stress around other dogs.

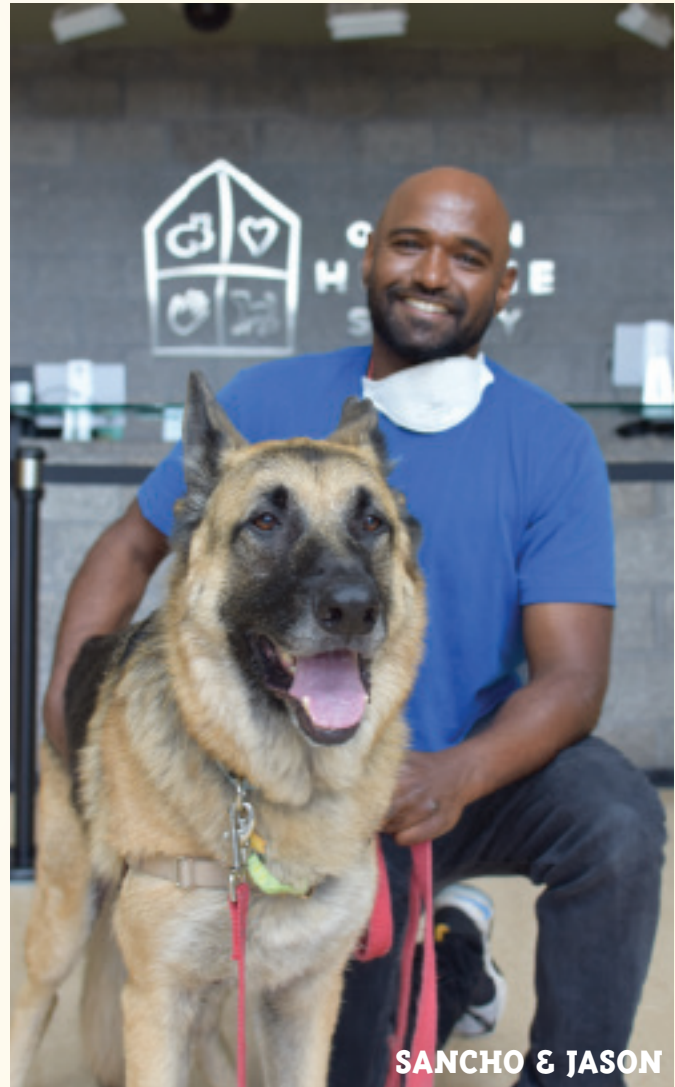
**"I had no idea OHS provided so much support."**

OHS Training and Behavior Manager Tanya Roberts worked with Jason and Sancho and was impressed with how quickly the two fell into a rhythm. "Jason was so open to learning and that really helped him understand what Sancho needed to be successful."

"It's been really rewarding to train him," says Jason. "We've developed a strong bond over the last few months."

On June 10, Jason made it official and adopted Sancho. The adoption was livestreamed on OHS's Facebook page and employees in masks applauded from six feet away as the pair left the shelter.

When Jason was asked what surprised him the most about Sancho, he replied, "He's really intimidating looking, but he's a big baby." 🐾



**SANCHO & JASON**

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# ESTATE PLANNING

## LESSONS FROM CELEBRITIES

By Michelle-Shari Kruss, Attorney at Law and OHS supporter.

### LESSON #1 Every person over the age of 18 needs a plan.

*Examples:* James Dean, Sonny Bono and Pablo Picasso all died without a will in place. The results were years of litigation, family disagreements and costs.

### LESSON #2 Watch out for unexpected heirs.

*Example:* Without a will in place, singer/songwriter Prince's estate was distributed to his half-siblings with whom he had previous legal conflicts.

### LESSON #3 Proper planning can help avoid unnecessary taxes.

*Example:* Warner Burger, a former Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court had a handwritten, one page, 66-word will with no tax planning. Not having proper documentation drawn cost his heirs more than \$450,000 in avoidable taxes.

### LESSON #4 Coordinating beneficiary designations with your estate plan is extremely important — especially if you are a blended family.

*Example:* When NFL star Steve McNair was killed, he didn't have a will. It was assumed his entire estate would go to his wife, but a judge had to step in to determine his rightful heirs.

### LESSON #5 Incapacity planning should not be ignored. Every adult over the age of 18 should complete medical and financial powers of attorney.

*Example:* Groucho Marx's companion of seven years and his children fought for years over control of his medical decisions before he died in 1977.

### LESSON #6 A laissez-faire attitude. "I'll let my family work it out." often leads to costly and lengthy post-mortem litigation.

*Example:* Heiress Huguette Clark changed her will multiple times before her death leading to extended litigation among fighting family members.

### LESSON #7 In the absence of documentation, your family decides what happens with your body.

*Example:* Gene Roddenberry and Ted Williams had very unusual requests, which were fulfilled, for the disposition of their remains. Can you guess what they were?

### LESSON #8 If you would like certain personal items like jewelry, photos or cars to be given to family/friends, make sure to correctly reference that list in your estate plan.

*Example:* Princess Diana handwrote a "letter of wishes" that directed her executors to give a number of personal effects to her godchildren. Those executors, her mother and her sister, went to court and had it ruled unenforceable.

### LESSON #9 Make sure everyone knows where your estate planning documents are located, how to access them and when they might be required.

*Example:* When Olympic sprinter Florence Griffith-Joyner died, her will could not be located. As a result, her estate remained open for more than four years, incurring unnecessary expenses and delays.

### LESSON #10 Pets, minor children and special-need family members need help managing their inheritance. Appointing a reliable trustee can help.

*Examples:* Real estate mogul Leona Helmsey cut her grandchildren out of her will and left \$12 million to her dog. The result was years of litigation.



Michelle-Shari Kruss, Attorney at Law, Krusslaw P.C., specializes in estate planning, wills and trusts. More information at [krusslaw.com](http://krusslaw.com) or call 503-490-4020.

If you have questions about including OHS in your estate plan please contact [LegacyTeam@oregonhumane.org](mailto:LegacyTeam@oregonhumane.org), or call Kathryn Karr, Planned Giving Program Manager at 503-802-6743.

# TLC Business Partners

The following businesses have made significant financial contributions (\$2,500+) to OHS and/or in-kind donations over the past 12 months. A complete list of TLC Business Partners can be found online at [oregonhumane.org/support-our-partners](http://oregonhumane.org/support-our-partners).

## New members in bold

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

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Young's Market Company of Oregon

## OnPoint Community Credit Union Business Partner Profile

Founded more than 85 years ago by 13 school teachers, OnPoint Community Credit Union has a rich history of supporting educational initiatives. While supporting educators in the community remains at the core of the company's philanthropic work, OnPoint employees and members are animal lovers who greatly value the work of OHS and helping pets in need. In 2019, OnPoint commemorated its dedication to both causes — education and animals — by making a gift of \$10,000 in support of OHS Humane Education programs.

"Oregon Humane Society has been a longtime favorite organization of both OnPoint employees and our members," said OnPoint President and CEO Rob Stuart.

"We are pleased to support them in a way that marries our passion for animals with our commitment to supporting educators and students."

OnPoint recently renewed its support with another \$10,000 gift to OHS after learning about OHS Humane Education programs going virtual during COVID-19.

"This gift is a true testament to the company's understanding of the importance of promoting kindness and compassion to children during times of uncertainty," says OHS President and CEO, Sharon Harmon.

**OnPoint**  
COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION



# 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](http://oregonhumane.org).

## ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

Cats, dogs, birds, rodents and rabbits are available for adoption.  
[oregonhumane.org/adopt](http://oregonhumane.org/adopt)

## ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY TRAINING

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

## ANIMAL RESCUE

OHS responds to situations where an animal is trapped and needs human help (in case of emergency, call your local police). (503) 802-6707.

## ANIMAL SHELTER ASSISTANCE

Food, supplies and training are offered to animal agencies throughout Oregon. (503) 416-2993.

## BEHAVIOR HELP-LINE & ONLINE LIBRARY

Consult our online resources, or call the free OHS telephone help-line with questions about problem pet behavior. (503) 416-2983; [oregonhumane.org/training](http://oregonhumane.org/training).

## FIND A HOME FOR YOUR PET

If you are unable to keep your pet, OHS may be able to place your pet in a new home. Call first to schedule an appointment. (503) 285-7722, ext. 211.

## HUMANE EDUCATION

OHS offers classroom presentations, after-school clubs, summer camps and more. (503) 416-5034; [barbc@oregonhumane.org](mailto:barbc@oregonhumane.org).

## LOST AND FOUND PETS

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](http://oregonhumane.org/lostpets).

## PET MEMORIALS

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

## PET SUPPLIES

Best Friends Corner inside the shelter offers a variety of supplies. (503) 285-7722, ext. 201.

## PET TRAINING

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

## SPAY & NEUTER FINANCIAL AID

OHS offers discount coupons and participates in the Spay & Save program, (800) 345-SPAY; [asapmetro.org](http://asapmetro.org).

# Ways to Help

To learn more about opportunities to help animals, call **(503) 802-6793** or visit us online at [oregonhumane.org](http://oregonhumane.org).

## AUTOS FOR ANIMALS™

Donate your car, motorcycle or boat to help the animals. Contact Erin Luther, (503) 802-6766; [erinl@oregonhumane.org](mailto:erinl@oregonhumane.org).

## CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

Lifetime income plus a tax deduction. Contact Gary Kish, (503) 416-2988; [LegacyTeam@oregonhumane.org](mailto:LegacyTeam@oregonhumane.org).

## CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

Sponsor an OHS event or organize a benefit. Contact Sarah Yusavitz, (503) 416-7084; [sarahy@oregonhumane.org](mailto:sarahy@oregonhumane.org).

## ESTATE GIFTS

Include OHS in your will, trust or with a beneficiary designation. Contact Gary Kish, (503) 416-2988; [LegacyTeam@oregonhumane.org](mailto:LegacyTeam@oregonhumane.org).

## FRIENDS FOREVER™

Ensure the welfare of pets who may outlive you. Contact Kathryn Karr, (503) 802-6743; [LegacyTeam@oregonhumane.org](mailto:LegacyTeam@oregonhumane.org).

## GIFTS OF STOCK

To make a gift of securities contact Shelah Hanson, (503) 802-6776; [shelahh@oregonhumane.org](mailto:shelahh@oregonhumane.org).

## IN-KIND SUPPLIES, MATERIAL

See our wish list online at [oregonhumane.org/donate/wish-list](http://oregonhumane.org/donate/wish-list).

## SUPPORT

Your donation includes a 10% discount at the OHS retail store, subscription to the OHS magazine and more. Call (503) 802-6793 or [oregonhumane.org/donate](http://oregonhumane.org/donate).

## ONE COOL THING

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

## PAWS

Monthly gifts through the Planned Account Withdrawal System (PAWS) support OHS throughout the year. Contact Marsha Chrest, (503) 416-7079; [marshac@oregonhumane.org](mailto:marshac@oregonhumane.org).

## TLC

The Thomas Lamb Eliot Circle (TLC) honors donors contributing \$1,000 or more annually. Contact Margaret Clement, (503) 416-7083; [margaretc@oregonhumane.org](mailto:margaretc@oregonhumane.org).

## TRIBUTE GIFTS

Tribute gifts can be made in memory of, or in honor of, a pet or loved one. A card will be sent to your loved one. Contact Erin Luther, (503) 802-6766; [erinl@oregonhumane.org](mailto:erinl@oregonhumane.org).

## VOLUNTEER

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

## WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGNS

To learn more about workplace giving campaigns, contact Nicole Lutton, (503) 416-5027; [nicolel@oregonhumane.org](mailto:nicolel@oregonhumane.org).

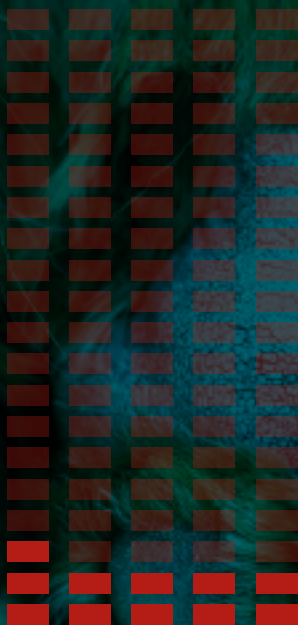


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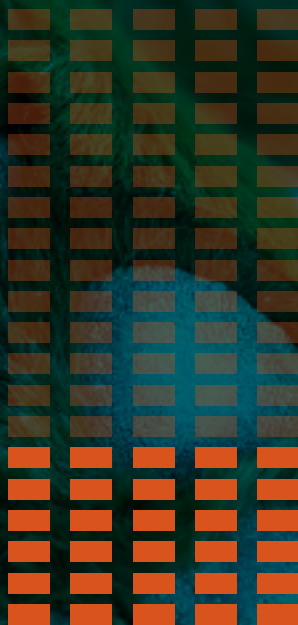
As a monthly donor, you are ensuring that OHS can help animals when, where, and how they need it most.  
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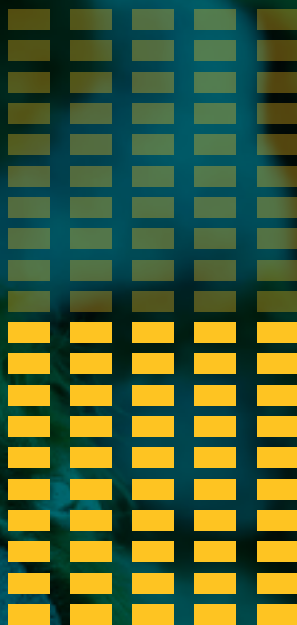
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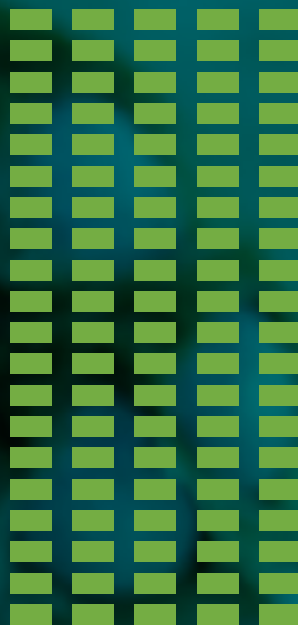
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