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On the cover: Buster, OHS alumnus and beloved pet to Angela Roach, enjoys the early morning sun in Forest Park. Angela's other dog, Millie, is pictured above. Photo by Phido Photography.



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So much has been said about 2020 and, quite frankly, not much of it has been good. And yet, you don't have to look far to find good in our circumstances.

Pets are on the receiving end of more time with their two-legged family members than ever before. With this has come more walks, hikes in natural areas, snuggle time and chances to bring a little joy to their human friends. The animal welfare world has had a front-row seat to see some of the positivity that has come from the challenges of 2020. During the wildfires, we saw the public step up to help people and pets in their community. Interest in fostering a pet has surged in 2020, and potential adopters are opening their hearts and homes in record numbers.

Our volunteers pivoted to making hundreds of face masks for staff and protective gowns for our medical team. The cheerful fabric they chose to use for these projects brings a little joy to the day-to-day work. For me, one of the most memorable and positive moments this year was helping our human health care heroes. OHS, through our disaster plans, maintains substantial stores of materials in the event of shortages of critical items. Turns out the N95 masks we use when rescuing animals from hoarding situations were exactly what our human doctors needed to be safe when treating patients. More than 25,000 masks were transferred by OHS to medical providers and first responders in our community.

I'm also appreciative of the efforts of our team to ensure that pets and pet owners have the supplies they need during this time of economic uncertainty. This year, we were able to distribute pet food and supplies to agencies in each of Oregon's 36 counties, a program that continues today.

What is truly amazing? OHS's incredible, resilient staff has risen to every challenge and found creative solutions. Some of these innovations may outlast the pandemic due to their efficiency and customer-focused nuance.

What else is remarkable? OHS will close this year with no layoffs, no furloughs and our most valuable asset in creating A More Humane Society – our talented and dedicated employees standing strong. Our team is highly trained, many are FEMA certified, and several have specific credentials marking their expertise in this field. I'm confident we have the right people to make the best and smartest decisions going forward.

During the historic wildfires, our team demonstrated incredible creativity and dedication as we responded to a natural disaster during a global pandemic. Read about OHS's response on page four. In this issue, you will also find stories of joy and healing from our foster families, and new efforts to help our Second Chance partners around the country.

We continue to support pet owners with training advice and support. On page 11, see how an adorable little dog left her adopter feeling overwhelmed and how OHS trainers helped solidify an unbreakable bond.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the continued, generous support of our donors. While revenue from our events and adoptions is down this year, you stepped up so we can continue to care for animals and enabled OHS be even stronger to fight the challenges of the coming year.

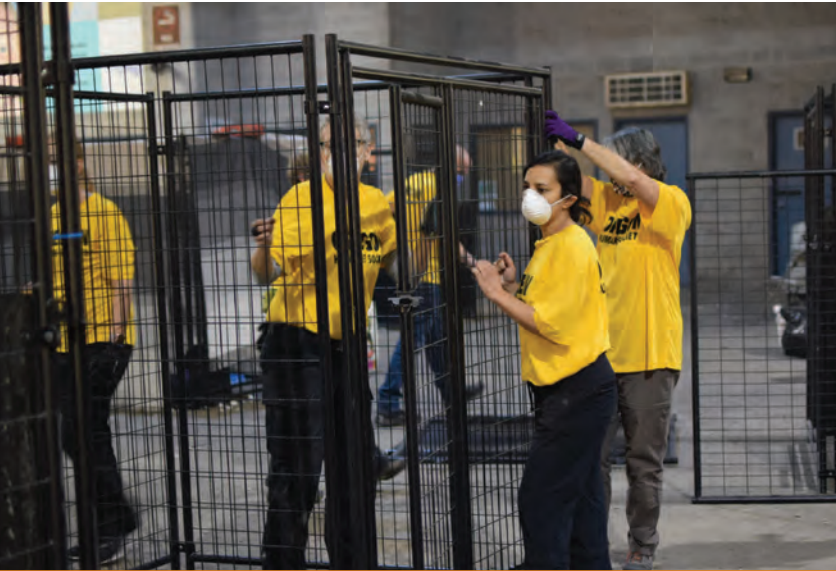
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With gratitude,

Sharon M. Harmon, CAWA  
President and CEO  
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# WILDFIRE RESPONSE

Responding to a disaster...during a disaster



During the wildfires, OHS staff and volunteer responders set up kennels at the Salem Fairgrounds, delivered supplies to evacuation sites and helped care for livestock and injured pets.

Six months into the COVID-19 pandemic, Oregon faced another massive challenge. Wildfires were raging across the state – roaring through the Santiam Canyon, decimating towns in Southern Oregon and the coast range, and creeping dangerously close to some of the most densely populated areas in Oregon.

OHS's Incident Command team, already meeting regularly, shifted their focus to wildfire response.



**PICTURED ABOVE:** As fires burned around the state, OHS worked with partners to transport shelter pets to Portland to free up local space to help pets and people directly impacted by the fires. More than 100 pets were moved to OHS between Sept 8-18.

"We deployed all of our resources to meet the specific needs in the affected communities," says Jennifer Barta, OHS staff member who led planning through the wildfire incident. "We approached the response in three distinct ways."

First, OHS collaborated with agencies in the Portland-metro area to help pet owners from Clackamas County – sending teams into the field to deliver supplies, set up kennels and care for animals at evacuation sites. Second, OHS worked with partners around the state to transport shelter pets to Portland so space and resources were freed up to help pets and people directly impacted by the fires.

**PICTURED LEFT:** OHS Technical Animal Rescue team worked with local firefighters in Marion County to rescue a critically-injured cat from a level 3 evacuation zone. The cat, named Savage, was treated at Willamette Humane Society and reunited with his owner weeks later.





Third, OHS offered pet food and supplies so evacuees could keep their pets with them. OHS also provided emergency boarding as a last resort for pet owners who were not able to stay with their pet.

In addition, stray cats from Clackamas County were brought to OHS for medical treatment and daily care until their owners could be located.

"But, we couldn't forget that we were still operating during a global health crisis, so we always had to put our plans through that filter," says Brian August, OHS Chief Operating Officer. "For example, if we were sending responders to an evacuation site, we made sure they had masks and could stay six feet apart if they were in the same vehicle, or we planned for separate vehicles."



**PICTURED ABOVE:** Keeping pets and their people together during a disaster is the top priority, so OHS offered supplies like crates and food to help evacuees. Emergency boarding at OHS was also available for pet owners who were not able to stay with their pet.



**PICTURED ABOVE:** The new Dedicated Rescue Center at OHS, breaking ground in 2021 as part of the New Road Ahead Initiative, will be able to house animals during natural and man-made disasters.

"Every aspect of managing operations during the wildfire was a challenge," says Chase Patterson, OHS Operations Director and member of the Incident Command Team. "When we were bringing transports of pets to OHS, we had to make sure our processes kept employees safe from COVID-19 and the smoky air."

To keep the hazardous air out of the OHS main shelter, dog walks were suspended and special indoor areas for potty breaks were set up. The OHS facilities team brought in extra filters and air scrubbers to keep staff, adopters and the animals safe.

"Because this disaster was close to home, we also had employees and volunteers who had to evacuate," adds Jennifer. "We began planning for housing evacuated staff and their pets if needed. But, we needed to consider COVID-19 if we had to activate those plans."

As the smoke cleared and the wildfires were contained, the response enters a new phase. With thousands of homes destroyed in the fires, rebuilding will be a long and difficult process.

"This year has presented challenges that none of us could have imagined a year ago," adds Brian. "But, as we look to the future, OHS's New Road Ahead Initiative will ensure that we will be even better positioned to respond to multiple disasters at one time. The new Dedicated Rescue Center will be an invaluable resource to house displaced pets, and provide emergency boarding or other resources during a crisis. ☺"

**Do you know a hero who helped people and pets during the Oregon wildfires?**  
Nominate them for a Diamond Collar Hero Award at [oregonhumane.org/diamond-collar-awards](https://oregonhumane.org/diamond-collar-awards).

# Second Chance Focus

Each year, more than two-thirds of the animals adopted from OHS come through the Second Chance program. Moving pets from at-capacity shelters in communities with few adopters to places like OHS gives animals a second chance at a loving family.

The challenges of 2020 have meant that many shelters have had to limit services, including pausing adoptions. OHS has been able to continue to do adoptions, but by appointment only. When one pet goes home, it opens up space to help another animal in need. As a result, OHS has been able to help Second Chance partners around the state and across the country during this challenging time.

In October alone, 600 pets from Oregon shelters found their second chance at OHS. In addition to helping local pets, OHS was part of two very special recent transports.

## SAVING PETS FROM OKLAHOMA, TEXAS AND LOUISIANA

OHS has joined forces with the Banfield Foundation, PEDIGREE Foundation and VCA Charities to transport 200 at-risk pets from Oklahoma and Texas to Oregon to find their forever homes by the end of 2020. Transports arrived on Oct. 22 and Nov. 19, with the final transport scheduled for Dec. 10.

The three transports to OHS are part of Banfield Foundation's national effort to move 800 shelter pets from Oklahoma to loving homes in other areas of the country where there is a high demand for adoptable pets.

The pets are coming from Humane Society of Tulsa, which operates a transport hub and works with local municipal shelters around Oklahoma to save lives.

"This has been a difficult year, and many communities and shelters around the country are struggling," says Sharon Harmon, OHS President and CEO. "This partnership with Banfield Foundation is an example of how collaboration in animal welfare truly saves lives." 🐾





## ALOHA! CLOSE TO 600 SHELTER PETS MAKE HISTORIC FLIGHT

On October 29, when the massive Hercules C-130 aircraft touched down at Boeing Field, history was made. This was the largest pet rescue flight in history, known as Paws Across the Pacific. The transport of 600 shelter pets from the Hawaiian Islands was coordinated and funded by Greater Giving Charities and Wings of Rescue.

Pet shelters in Hawaii are in a COVID-19 crisis.

Normal operations have been affected by months of shutdown, economic downturn, limited hours, and routine flights to the mainland halted,” said Liz Baker, CEO of Greater Good Charities.



“The Paws Across the Pacific flight is urgently needed to make space in Hawaii’s shelters for at-risk pets who otherwise wouldn’t be able to receive necessary care to survive.”

The pets came from shelters on almost every Hawaiian island, including Kauai Humane Society, Hawaiian Humane Society, Lanai Cat Sanctuary, Hawaii Island Humane Society, Maui Humane Society and Aloha `Ilio Rescue.

OHS was among a dozen receiving shelters in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

“We are proud to partner with these incredible organizations on this historic effort,” says Sharon Harmon, OHS President and CEO. ☺



### MEET RON

Ron was one of the first dogs off the truck from Oklahoma on Oct. 22. It was the end of a long journey and the beginning of a new chapter. Ron and two other dogs were abandoned and left in a crate near Tulsa, without food or water for more than a week before they were rescued.

Ron spent months under the care of the Humane Society of Tulsa. He slowly began to gain weight and his painful skin started to heal. He was a staff favorite and selected to be transferred to OHS to find his forever home.

After the long journey to Oregon, Ron was happy, wiggly and ready to snuggle with every person he met. He was at OHS less than a week before he was adopted into a wonderful, forever home. ☺



Ron, when he was first rescued in Oklahoma.

# Foster Focus

## CARING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE



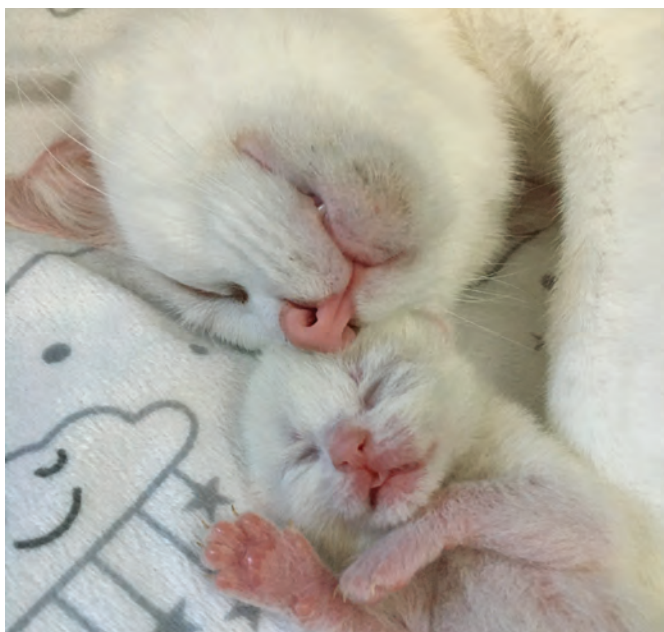
They are tiny, adorable and frequently break the internet with their incredible cuteness. But, young kittens are extremely vulnerable and getting them healthy and ready for adoption takes an army of foster volunteers.

Each year, hundreds of dedicated OHS foster parents care for thousands of tiny felines.

OHS recently expanded services for young kittens in the community, partnering with Washington County and Multnomah County Animal Services to accept stray kittens 12 weeks and under.\*

OHS foster parents are life-saving heroes. But, it's more than the care they provide that makes them special. They bring joy, hope and a sense of camaraderie to the entire process.

When Kalli Smith agreed to foster a pregnant cat named Elsa, she was brimming with excitement. She documented their journey on social media, reminding us of the special place that animals hold in our hearts.



Here are some of her Facebook posts:

**JUNE 30** Welcome Elsa! We have been so busy preparing Elsa's nursery for her birth sometime next week so this is definitely not the final setup. She has been so loving already and I can't wait to see her blossom into a confident mom.

**JULY 7** We are still on baby watch! This past weekend Elsa happily moved into our designated foster room, that I have been busy perfecting. She has 4 different options for nesting/birth and there is a human-sized bed so I can sleep in the room. She is extremely comfortable now and we are 100% ready to meet her wiggly babies!

**JULY 17** Today, my little squirts informed me I was not allowed to go to work. Papaya (kitten) also decided to start opening one of his little eyes today! I couldn't be more proud!

**AUG. 20** There is about to be a lot of tears this weekend, as Elsa is due to return to start her adoption process. I will miss my girl so much and I admire her strength and unconditional love for her babies. I feel so grateful that I was able to put a hold on one of her kittens and get to keep a part of her forever!

Note: Elsa was adopted soon after she came back to OHS and is loved and adored in her new home.

\*This service is available by appointment only. 📍



# Helping Victims of Abuse and Neglect Heal

**OHS foster parents play a critical role for pets who are part of criminal investigations. Often, these animals have special behavioral or medical needs due to the abuse or neglect they've endured in their past.**

For a group of cattle dogs from Klamath Falls, their legal process was long and complex, delayed further by the challenges of COVID-19. Many of the dogs, like Abner, spent time in a foster home.

Lynn Esser, Abner's foster parent, reflects on the two years he was in her care.



I can still remember first meeting Abner — such a handsome boy. He immediately caught my eye, and then quickly broke my heart with his eyes big as saucers, head hung low, and tail tucked. Although it would mean a year or two while his case wound its way through the courts, I knew I had to foster him and brought him home Aug. 24, 2018.

Then began the long experiment in what our routine would be. The first days were spent with him preferring solitary time in a kennel indoors, in the garage, or racing in circles on the deck. He edged around the house like it was a foreign land filled with things he had never seen before. When night came, he was rarely in the bedroom. Instead, he chose to sleep alone. During walks, he would freeze in a panic for no apparent reason. I would spend time quietly talking on his level, while waiting for him to cope with what was making him anxious, so we could move forward again.

Some things evolved quickly. When Abner began smelling every blade of grass in the neighborhood, walks became fun and relaxing. Running in circles stops when you're given a chance to burn off energy in a different way. Other things we continue to work on. For example, cars are not an appropriate target for herding dogs, and throwing full water dishes up in the air really creates a mess.

Today finds Abner crawling in my lap or fluffing up a favorite bed for a nap, things he's learned from my other dog, Oliver. He's not shy about letting you know it's dinnertime, prancing in circles to get you moving to the kitchen. He'll sit endlessly for chest scratches and equally loves rubbing his head in your hair. He's rejected nearly every treat I have offered, but for some reason loves rotini pasta. I'm certain he'd opt to sleep in a human bed if my other dog had not claimed it as his territory. Instead, Abner settles into his spot just an arm's length away. Each night, he props his head on the edge of the bed to say good-night and get a final pet. Eager to start his day, every morning his front paws are on the bed with tail wagging ready to go.

What makes a dog who's been through so much want to try a new life? No matter what scary new thing was thrown at him, he was still willing to take a leap of faith that he could trust me. Nothing that happened in his previous life has broken his sweet, loyal, loving spirit. Abner is a constant reminder of why I love dogs and find joy in working to make their lives better — because each one of them deserves the very best life offers.

See how the new Behavior Rehabilitation and Rescue Center will be designed to help dogs like Abner in the future at [oregonhumane.org/newroadahead](https://oregonhumane.org/newroadahead).

# GOOD THINGS COME IN 3S

While there is no specific secret formula to helping a new dog adjust after adoption, there are a few guidelines and timelines that are helpful to keep in mind.

The "Rule of Three" is a quick way to think of the different stages of a dog's transition in their new home.

## It takes:

- **3 days** for a dog to decompress
- **3 weeks** for a dog to get into a routine
- **3 months** for a dog to feel at home

What else can you do to make your new dog feel at home? OHS Training and Behavior Manager, Tanya Roberts, offers the following advice.

## TOP 3 THINGS EVERY NEW DOG OWNER SHOULD DO:

- Allow your new dog to adjust to you, your home and your routine slowly and calmly. Walk them into your yard on leash, show them the potty area, be very calm and neutral at first. Give them their own space and confine them when they can't be supervised. Set them up for success.
- Look for things your dog is doing that you like (such as being calm, four paws on the floor, looking at you, lying on the dog bed etc.) and gently and calmly praise. You can also offer a treat too. We want to be very conscious of rewarding the behaviors you like and ignoring and managing the ones you don't.
- Take your dog on short "sniff" walks around your yard or in a quiet area of your neighborhood. Sniffing is very calming and enjoyable for dogs. Allowing your new dog to sniff in one area for as long as they wish is very therapeutic. Keep to a short walk, so you can allow the time it will take for your dog to sniff and relax. Remember to reward calm, relaxed behavior with praise and a small tasty food treat.



## TOP 3 MISTAKES NEW DOG OWNERS MAKE:

- **Doing too much, too soon.** It's exciting to bring a new dog home, but give them time to adjust. Avoid taking your new dog to meet family and friends, attending events or giving them too much freedom during the first few weeks. Proceed in small, controllable, calms steps so your new pup isn't overwhelmed.
- **Too much training, too soon.** Don't put pressure on your new dog by having an immediate training session, expecting them to sit and down and stay for you. Start by looking for behaviors you like, and rewarding those things with treats or praise.
- **Visiting the dog park.** Not all dogs either like or do well at a dog park. Even if your new dog's previous information says they are good at a dog park, you should still wait until you have developed a bond and done some fun training with your new dog and know that they will listen to you.

**Every dog will benefit from a training class or one-on-one training suitable for their age and needs. OHS offers a variety of in-person and virtual options. Visit [oregonhumane.org/training](https://oregonhumane.org/training) for more information. ©**





# DIARY OF A NEW DOG OWNER

Interest in adopting a new pet has surged as more people are spending time at home and looking for companionship and love. Bringing a new dog home is certainly exciting, but elation can quickly turn to being overwhelmed, especially for first-time dog owners.

If you brought a new dog home and found yourself asking, "Am I the right home?" or "Can I do this?", you are not alone.

Adopter Sarah Bradham's experience with her new dog Quiggley shows why reaching out for help, remaining calm and being patient are the keys to getting through the transition period with a new dog.



## Quiggley Comes Home by Sarah Bradham

In late August of 2017, I was finishing my volunteer shift at OHS when a pair of adorable little dogs caught my eye. They were part of a group of 35 small dogs who'd just arrived through the Second Chance program from a hoarding situation in Southern Oregon. The pair that I met were Japanese Chin mixes and had the cutest over-sized eyes, smooshed faces, and small stature. I was drawn to the quieter of the two, a seven and a half pound little guy named Quiggley.

I thought about Quiggley every night, and by the time he was ready for adoption, I was first in line. We brought Quiggley home on Sept. 7.

Over the next few weeks I realized I had no idea what I had gotten myself into. I had never had a dog before, no less a four-year-old dog that had no concept of potty training. We were crate training Quiggs, so I would wake up in the morning, take him out of the kennel and immediately head outside. And he wouldn't pee. We "walked" around the block—taking upwards of 45 minutes—and I would finally give up and bring him inside, only to have him immediately pee on the floor.

I threw my hands up in the air. I called a fellow volunteer, "I can't do this," I sobbed. "This was a huge mistake. It's all wrong."

"This is absolutely normal," she assured me.

In addition to the potty training issue, Quiggs wouldn't eat. We gave him a variety of canned foods, kibble, and treats. He turned up his nose at everything. I thought he was going to

starve to death. OHS trainers recommended hand feeding him. I sat on the floor next to his bed, and held out little bits of food. He cautiously approached, sniffed, and started to lick some of the food out of my hand.

I made an appointment with a trainer at OHS. She told me to throw out the rule book I had been given on potty training because it was designed for puppies. "This is an adult dog, the rules are different in that there are no rules," she said. "And he won't starve himself, he'll eventually eat." She reassured me by saying, "relax, this is normal."

And over the next couple of months things started to change. It was gradual. Instead of 10 puppy pads strewn about the house, we whittled it down to 8, then 6, then 2. We put those 2 pads by the doors, and within three months he was fully trained. After getting his kennel cough under control, he suddenly had energy. Our half a block walks turned into a full block, then two, and before I knew it we were able to do a mile. Quiggley can now hike for miles, although we always have a pack to carry him in when he gets tired.

I am so thankful for the guidance of fellow volunteers and OHS staff for helping to calm my nerves in the early days after bringing Quiggs home. Our first few of months together were pretty rough. But, I can't imagine my life without him. He is an absolute joy and brings a smile to my face every day.

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**Quiggs lives in Southeast Portland, with his kitty brother, mom and dad. If you want to see what Quiggs is up to, you can follow him on Instagram at @quiggquigg. ©**

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# TOP VOLUNTEERS HONORED FOR HELPING PETS AT OHS

This year has brought so many unprecedented challenges, but one thing has remained constant: dedicated volunteers have been supporting the animals and working creatively to help OHS continue to fulfill its mission.

When the restriction on large gatherings was put into place in March, the annual OHS volunteer party was postponed. So, the party went virtual and did not disappoint with dozens of videos featuring staff, skits and a heartfelt look back at the incredible work of OHS volunteers in 2019.

In 2019, more than 6,000 volunteers (including corporate and group volunteers) gave their time, talents and love to the pets at OHS resulting in more than 300,000 hours of service. These compassionate individuals worked in every area of the shelter: walking dogs, socializing cats, cleaning kennels, teaching pets good manners, staffing events and helping with administrative tasks.

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**SUSAN DAVIS** began volunteering in January of 2003 and has donated almost 3,000 hours to the animals at OHS. She originally started volunteering years ago with the Training and Behavior Department, volunteering to share her knowledge of the T-Touch (Tellington Touch) technique. The animals quickly began to benefit from the added care and



T-Touch methods were soon incorporated into OHS's Pet Pals program. Susan has also provided invaluable support to the community outreach team over the years. Her commitment to OHS during the past 17 years sets an example to all volunteers of true dedication and the art of giving back.

## VOLUNTEER'S CHOICE AWARD

**LOU CHAPMAN** was selected by her fellow volunteers for the "Volunteer's Choice" Award. She began volunteering in 2001 and was most recently the leader of the Wednesday morning dog-walking team. Fellow volunteers love that she's



good-humored and generous, and provides invaluable training and mentorship to others. She also helps the Development Department with various administrative tasks. Lou is always ready to pitch in wherever needed and frequently takes classes to refresh her skills.



## HUMANE HERO AWARD

**AMANDA FERGUSON** was honored for her 2,400 hours of dedication to shelter animals in 2019. She began volunteering in 2007 and now helps in a variety of areas including Development, Events, Second Chance, Disaster Response and Fostering.

Amanda's expertise in caring for small breed dogs with behavioral issues has been invaluable to OHS's Foster Care Department. She is always willing to take on challenging cases. Under her love and patient guidance, scared dogs transform during their time in her home.



## LEGENDARY LEADERSHIP AWARD

**ELLIE MCDONALD** is one of OHS's most dedicated dog-walking volunteers and was most recently the co-anchor of the Thursday morning team. As a team leader, she makes sure to go out of her way to watch over the newer volunteers so that they feel welcome and

safe. Although Ellie loves dogs of all shapes and sizes, she has a soft spot in her heart for the senior canines.



## VOLUNTEER(S) OF THE YEAR AWARD

**DEB MORGAN** and **KRYSTAL RAGSDALE**, two very special and talented volunteers, were selected for the Volunteer of the Year award. They are famous at OHS for their incredible makeovers. The pair can be seen working their magic in the groom room, helping dogs transform into beautiful pets who are ready to catch the eye of potential adopters. The before and after photos of their canine clients are truly amazing!



Watch the OHS Volunteer Awards celebration at  
[oregonhumane.org/volunteer-awards-2019](https://oregonhumane.org/volunteer-awards-2019)



## Young musicians use their talents to help wildfire victims

As the wildfires blazed across Oregon in early September, George and Henri Danzelaud were eager to help. The brothers have a passion for animal welfare and they looked for a way to help people and pets affected by this unprecedented disaster.

These dedicated young men have already been involved in other projects to help animals over the years. They've helped advocate for legislation; volunteered their time at shelters; collected donated pet food; cleaned stalls and pastures; moved hay bales; and built horse pens at a horse and donkey sanctuary.

They decided to raise money for the Oregon Humane Society after they learned that OHS had been deployed all over the state to deliver supplies, move pets from local shelters in fire zones, and care for stray and owned animals.

In addition to their penchant for philanthropy, they have another extraordinary talent. George and Henri are both accomplished musicians. George, age 17, has performed as a solo violinist at Carnegie Hall and wrote/published three songs after teaching himself the guitar. Henri, age 14, a talented cellist, was accepted and performed at NW Quartet Fest and also OMEA All-State Orchestra where he was 2nd cellist. He is also a pianist.



The pair decided to host a virtual fundraising concert for the animals. They set up a donation page and put together a beautiful program of five songs from a variety of genres.

Their inspiring music captured the attention of their animal-loving fans. More than 300 people tuned in for their concert and they raised \$5,500 for the Oregon Humane Society.

**To watch their performance, go to [oregonhumane.org/george-and-henry](https://oregonhumane.org/george-and-henry). ©**



## OHS volunteer honored by Points of Light Foundation

Alanna Lundin was recognized for her amazing work as an OHS foster parent and featured on the George H.W. Bush Points of Light Inspiration Honor Roll. Her story was highlighted during their recent virtual gala. The event was a night of hope and inspiration, celebrating people who are changing the world.

You can go to [pointsoflight.org/inspiration-honor-roll](https://pointsoflight.org/inspiration-honor-roll) to see the full Honor Roll. Just click on Alanna's picture (the second to the last in the first big group of pictures) to read her nomination. Congratulations Alanna! ©



## EVENT ROUND-UP

# DOGGIE DASH



**Doggie Dash, one of Portland's most beloved events, usually draws thousands of pets and their people to Waterfront Park. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the event pivoted to a virtual Dash.**

Doggie Dash is OHS's largest fundraising event of the year, and in 2020 the need has been greater than ever. The historic wildfires in Oregon added to the crisis already created by the pandemic. But OHS was able to respond, thanks to the fundraising efforts of this year's Dashers.

Doggie Dash is well-known for its pancake breakfast, libation station, activities tents, and supporting sponsors in vender booths across Waterfront park. But with a little creativity, these event favorites were brought directly to Dashers' homes.

This year, downloadable Digital Dash Kits included special offers from event sponsors, pancake recipes and special cocktail pairings. Dashers who raised \$750 or more were treated to a box of special goodies including pet toys, pancake mix, and exclusive merchandise.



On Oct. 3, Doggie Dash culminated in a virtual event by inviting Dashers to share photos on social media, and tune in to Facebook for special programming throughout the morning.

The festivities began at 10 a.m. with a special Facebook live Doggie Dash kickoff party/outdoor walk hosted by sponsor LexiDog with top fundraising team, Highway to Home, a group of



dedicated OHS volunteers who managed to raise more than \$32,000 for pets this year.

After the kickoff, participants were invited to share how they were celebrating Doggie Dash by using #DoggieDash on social media. This created a true sense of togetherness as cute photos and videos of participants hiking, walking, and even snoozing to celebrate the day with their pets started flowing in.

Videos on Facebook throughout the day included cooking and cocktail demonstrations (with bloopers), dog treat baking with Ramona, story time with Mitzi and craft demonstration with a special guest cat, Cricket. Also included were informative stories containing car safety tips for pets, sponsored by Subaru of Portland, and content showing exactly why we Dash for pets and communities in need.

Doggie Dash concluded with a special closing ceremony on Facebook featuring shelter pets and a heartfelt "thank you" from OHS staff.

The pet-loving community of Dashers met the challenges of this year head on and came together virtually to raise more than \$524,000 in critical funds to help shelter animals in need!

While it is still unclear what the future holds for in-person gatherings, plans for next year's Doggie Dash are already in the works for May 15, 2021. Registration will open in February 2021. OHS will always find a way to celebrate the special bond between the community and shelter pets in need, even in times of crisis. 🐾



# CALLING ALL HEROES

This year has been full of challenges. But, the worst of times has prompted unprecedented acts of kindness, generosity and compassion.

Help OHS recognize the hero pets and people among us by nominating them for a Diamond Collar Award at [oregonhumane.org/diamond-collar-awards](http://oregonhumane.org/diamond-collar-awards) through Jan. 15.

Winners will be honored during an online event on Feb. 24, 2021.



Complete your holiday shopping while giving back!

Visit these participating stores on the dates below and a portion of proceeds from your purchase will be donated to support shelter pets at OHS!

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For more information visit: [www.oregonhumane.org/25-days-of-giving](http://www.oregonhumane.org/25-days-of-giving)

## OHS Receives Record Gift to Help Horses

Oregon Humane Society has received a \$26,000 gift from Friends of the Portland Mounted Patrol to support animal rescue and investigate cases of cruelty and neglect, with a focus on helping horses in need. Dolorosa Margulis, a long-time supporter, board member and leader at OHS, was key to securing this generous gift to help equines.

OHS is frequently called upon by local law enforcement agencies and private citizens to help with horse rescue and neglect cases around the state. Humane Special Agents and other members of the OHS Humane Law Enforcement team collect and manage evidence, and investigate and prepare cases to hold horse owners accountable. OHS also partners with Sound Equine Options to help fund the care and rehabilitation of neglected equines.

In 2017, the Portland Police disbanded their Mounted Patrol Unit after a lack of city funds were allocated to the unit. Since that time, private funds used to support the program have been managed by Friends of Portland's Mounted Patrol.

"There is an increasing need to help rescue horses from neglect," says Sharon Harmon, OHS President and CEO. "This gift will give us the resources to help fight for those who can't speak for themselves."



After a tour of the Ernest C. Swigert Animal Shelter, members of the Friends of the Portland Mounted Patrol pose with President & CEO Sharon Harmon. Board members pictured include: Bob Ball, Charles Conrow, Kevin Freeman, Dolorosa Margulis and Mark New. ©

## A Long History of Rescuing Horses



In 1868, OHS founder Thomas Lamb Eliot was inspired to put compassion into action after witnessing the mistreatment of a horse in downtown Portland. "Must do something for horses here," he noted.

Today, rescuing horses from cruelty and neglect continues to be deeply rooted in OHS's work. For more than 10 years, OHS has partnered with Sound Equine Options to help horses get the care they need to recover from their mistreatment. OHS Humane Law Enforcement team works with agencies around the state to help prosecute animal crimes and fight for justice for these majestic animals.

In 2020 alone, OHS was a part of 106 cases involving horses. In total, 327 horses have been assisted by OHS Humane Law Enforcement.

**Photos:** In Oct. 2019, OHS was part of a rescue of more than 61 neglected horses in Lane County. It was one of the largest horse rescues in OHS history involving multiple agencies and equine rescue groups. OHS Humane Law Enforcement personnel assisted with the processing of evidence and provided other expertise. ©



# *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 is used 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 Chrest for more information at (503) 416-7079 or [marshac@oregonhumane.org](mailto:marshac@oregonhumane.org)

# 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.

## *Hummingbird / Morgana*

Dear OHS,

I wanted to give you an update on Hummingbird. In short, we absolutely love her!

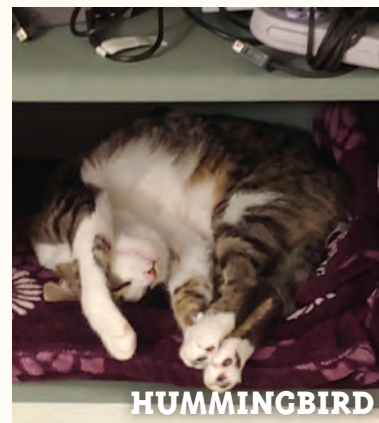
We have renamed her Morgana, to go with our kitty Merlin. Upon bringing her home, she very quickly acclimated and was eating and using the litter box within a day. After a couple of days, we introduced her to Merlin, and they almost immediately became best friends. The two of them play together, eat together, and nap together. Merlin in particular seems to really love having a new sister. If he can't find her, he walks through the house chirping and peering in every one of their favorite hiding spots until he can find her. As I write this email, they are chasing each other around the house and tumbling around in friendly wrestling matches. Despite Morgana being quite a bit smaller than our still-growing-Merlin, she holds her own and is great at communicating boundaries with him. She even has been great at helping us teach Merlin what is appropriate to scratch, as she immediately used the many scratching posts and boards that we purchased for Merlin that he never seemed to care for in favor of our couch.

Overall, she is a lovely kitten and has so much personality. I am so glad that we were able to give her a forever home and absolutely love the bond between her and Merlin. I know now that when I do start going back to work during the day, they will keep each other company while I am gone. Morgana still has some work to do, but she feels safe, secure, and happy here, and that is all that matters.

Thank you so much again for connecting us with this sweet baby girl.

Best, Aryn

*Hummingbird was part of OHS's Behavior Modification program for cats. Trainers worked with her to overcome her fears and get her ready for adoption. ☺*



## *Scarlett / Waffles*

Dear OHS,

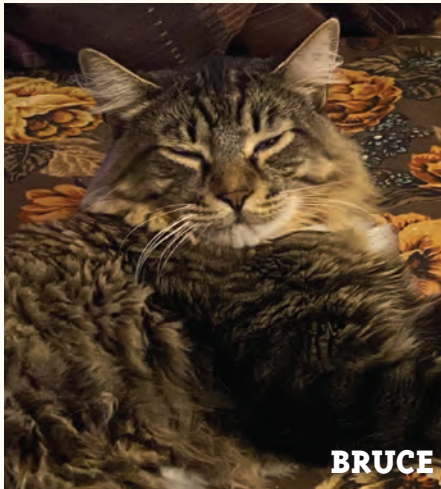
Scarlett is doing great and settling in well to her new home. We now call her Waffles, and she is just the sweetest cat. She was a little nervous at first so we started her out in the bathroom when she got home. She loved the sink and napped there for a while when she felt comfortable. She now has full reign of the apartment, including her cat stairs!

She greets me every day when I come home from work and loves to snuggle up next to me in the evenings. She is very playful and we make sure to have dedicated playtime several times a day.

Thank you all so much for all you do and for helping Waffles find her happy place!

Best, Triona ☺





### Bruce

Dear OHS,

Hello! We've had Bruce for four months now and he's adjusting really well.

He and Mulder play daily — they're getting along great for the most part. They haven't fought but Mulder does like to boss him around.

Bruce loves yarn and it's almost impossible for me to crochet. He's also a talker — we have full conversations! He's a really gorgeous cat with the funniest personality.

He also sleeps in the funniest positions; he really likes to sleep on his back all spread out. He's almost like a puppy — I call him a puppy cat.

Thank you! Ariel ☺

## BRIAR'S JOURNEY

How a road trip, a yellow lab and OHS's Second Chance program brought a special dog home.

When Portland residents Kelly and Charae hit the road for a trip to California in late June, they had no idea that a chance encounter would result in a new family member.

It would be a long trip to their destination, so they decided to stop for the night at a rest stop in Siskiyou County. The next morning, they were packing up their car when they noticed a frightened border collie wandering around the parking lot. Kelly and Charae solicited the help of other good Samaritans to help them catch the scared pup — but it only sent him running into traffic.

The only one the pup connected with was Kelly and Charae's yellow lab, Paddy Murphy. "If it wasn't for Paddy, we probably would not have been able to catch him," says Charae. "Paddy usually doesn't like to play with other dogs, but the two seemed to bond immediately."

They called numerous shelters and rescue groups looking for a place to take the stray dog. But it was Sunday morning and most places were closed. "We thought, surely this was someone's dog," says Kelly. "And we wanted to make sure he found his people."

After several hours of trying to find help, the couple found a rescue group who was able to take the dog and work with the local animal services agency to find his owners. So, they dropped the dog off and continued on their road trip. But, they couldn't stop thinking about this wandering pup.

Kelly and Charae kept in contact with the shelter in Siskiyou County where the dog, now named Briar, was held. His owners never came looking for him, so he was transferred to the local humane society for adoption. In an ironic twist, Briar was selected as a candidate for OHS's Second Chance program and was transferred to Portland. When Kelly and Charae were notified that Briar was being sent to Portland, they were in shock. "If that wasn't a sign that he was meant to be our dog, I don't know what is," says Kelly. ☺



**PADDY, KELLY, BRIAR AND CHARAE  
ON ADOPTION DAY**

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On your Oregon tax forms, you can designate all or part of your refund to help shelter pets. Your donation will help feed, care for, and find homes for thousands of animals.

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Want to learn more?

Contact [nicolel@oregonhumane.org](mailto:nicolel@oregonhumane.org)

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Sancho, adopted June 2020



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# 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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## BUSINESS PARTNER PROFILE Subaru of Portland — Going the Extra Mile for Shelter Pets

Subaru of Portland truly loves helping pets in need. Longtime Presenting Sponsor of Doggie Dash, the dealership went above and beyond this year by volunteering to help with maintenance work on the OHS dog walking path. A small group of Subaru staff spent a few hours spreading fresh mulch and got to meet a few grateful furry friends in the process.

The dealership will soon be equipped with its own dog washing station, so stop by and say hello with your pup!

Visit their showroom at  
107 SE Grand Ave. in Portland.





# 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 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. More information at [oregonhumane.org/training](http://oregonhumane.org/training).

## SPAY & NEUTER FINANCIAL AID

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

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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).

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

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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

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## 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).

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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).

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

## WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGNS

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