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Willamette Humane is proud of our varied, compassionate services offered to both pets and people. We focus on saving lives, supporting pet families and offering a sustainable, healthy animal shelter to our community.

We open our shelter to those that found a pet but cannot keep it; we celebrate birthdays while teaching young children how to compassionately care for a pet. Do you have a pet and need help? (I’d forgotten what it was like to bring a new pet home, let alone a puppy; thankfully our skilled trainer helped ease our transition and my strong-willed puppy brings immense joy and a bit more exercise into my life.)

We celebrate every adoption and reconnection of a lost pet while we actively promote our professional Spay/Neuter Clinic to reduce local pet overpopulation. We provide compassionate support to both surrendered pets and to their families as they face challenging circumstances. We focus on shelter, training and enrichment, public education and proven prevention for long term solutions.

Have you seen our adoptable pets lately? On any given day, we shelter cats and dogs with varied ages, breeds, temperaments’ and characteristics; including pure-bred canines to specialty felines. Recently we had a pure-bred ‘registered’ German Shepherd and nine golden-doodle puppies; we often have Siamese, Russian Blue, Ragdoll and Maine Coon cats. To ensure a strong match, we now offer a “Happy People, Happy Pets” 100% adoption guarantee (read more on our website) and partner with rescue organizations to ultimately save more pet lives. We serve thousands of households while simultaneously educating our community about responsible pet care. We partner with law enforcement in pet protective custody cases.

Organizations like ours depend upon caring, committed volunteers. Some give a few hours a week, others a few hours a month or per project. We just opened Mary’s Place, a puppy socialization playroom thanks to those in the construction trade who donated their time and materials to enhance our shelter.

As a donation-dependent organization, services depend upon our dedicated supporters, partners and customers who enable us to fulfill our mission of providing “compassionate services to pets and people.”

Join the WHS family! Come visit us and our pets. Shop in our downtown Thrift Store or our Davenport’s Den gift/pet store. Take a tour or visit our website to learn more about our mission as we work toward every pet enjoying a loving home.

Joan Towers, Executive Director
Buster’s World…
We’re all just living in it.

Let’s set something straight. The pillow is MINE! I don’t want anyone touching it, playing with it, twirling it around my head, dragging it across my body or any other “play” move you may have. It’s mine. Just leave it alone, or I’ll getcha!

For those of you who don’t know me already, I’m Buster. I’m the office cat here at Willamette Humane Society. I’m what you may call a Legacy Pet. That is, WHS cares for me at the bequest of my former owner. In return, I look cute, and I will occasionally let someone pet me. For others… watch out, or I’ll getcha!

A lot of people stop by my office throughout the day. And for some reason, everyone wants to touch me. Sure, it feels good sometimes, but let’s face it, if you had someone rubbing your head or scratching your body every time you tried to take a nap, you’d probably get tired of it too. So don’t be too shocked when I take a swipe at you. It’s nothing personal. It’s what I do.

Oh yeah… another thing. I enjoy tearing cardboard boxes to pieces. The way I figure it, if they put them down on my turf… they’re mine, much like my pillow. As far as I am concerned, the UPS guy just brings me new presents every day to help me sharpen my claws… you know, so I can getcha!

I do have to say that living here at WHS has its perks though. There are lots of areas to explore and roam around. There are some cool places to hide, like on bookcases or behind the phone on someone’s desk. I love my cool new cat tree and the wicker basket I was given. And just between you and me, I get plenty to eat, but don’t tell anyone. If I play up the starving cat routine, I get extra treats.

All in all, I’m not a bad cat, but I do have a reputation to uphold. And here’s a clue, sneak me a treat when nobody is looking, and I’ll look the other way when you grab my pillow… maybe. On the other hand, you better watch out, ‘cause I just might getcha!

WHS Thrift Store
Happy 45th Anniversary!

Willamette Humane Society’s thrift store celebrated its 45th Anniversary on Wednesday, February 20th. Large numbers of patrons flocked into the store to help celebrate and take advantage of the one-day-only 45% off sale.

Kit Prohm, thrift store manager, was pleased with the turnout. “We had record setting sales today, even with the discounts,” she said. “Maybe we should celebrate our anniversary everyday!”

The thrift store is located at 548 High Street NE, near the Cinebarre movie theater, and has many treasures for you to discover. Store hours are Monday through Saturday, 10:30 am – 6:00 pm.
CCTV Donates Video
Thank you to Wendy Brokaw and CCTV for their work on the Mary’s Place video and the coming update of the WHS video brochure. Watch the Mary’s Place video on our website, www.willamettehumane.org, or on the WHS Facebook page.

Retailers & YOU to the Rescue
Thank you so much to Walmart on Turner Road and on Commercial Street and to the Keizer Petco, for their most generous donations to our animals, both in-house and those rescued from the Brooks animal abuse case. Your donations were truly appreciated. And special thanks also goes to the dozens of donor’s who donated food, blankets, toys and so much more for the rehabilitation of the 14 dogs rescued from the Brooks animal abuse case.

Thanks for Shedding the Light
Terri Ruddell and her husband John deserve thanks for their very timely and much needed donation of 10 bright LED headlamps and replacement batteries for the evening dog walkers to use. Home Depot helped with a $25 donation toward the purchase.

Kudos to Tokarski’s Crew
A giant thank you goes to Jim Tokarski, and his many construction associates who donated their time, labor and materials to build “Mary’s Place,” the new puppy and small dog playroom at WHS. Thanks to this donation, puppies have a dedicated place to play and roam to get exercise and training for their vibrant little bodies while keeping their delicate immune systems safe.

Successful Supply Drives & Fundraisers
Where would we be without fundraisers and supply drives, like those organized by Larry Parent and Pudge’s Pub and South Salem High School. The Pub’s benefit concert raised $175 and the Saxon’s supply drive brought in desperately needed items including toys, bones, treats, peanut butter, paper towels, rubber gloves, blankets, towels and much, much more.

Kitty Photo Shoots
We would also like to thank Shelly and Elisha Mackerell, and Amy and Erich McVey for their combined efforts in taking stylish photographs of our adoption cats. Shelly created a special blog dedicated to the cats at WHS. Check out the blog site at: http://oregoncatsforadoption.weebly.com.

Pet Calendar Benefits WHS
Terri Ellen of Nature’s Pet, and Terri Jacobson of Terri Jacobson Photography, worked jointly to produce the 2013 Pets of Salem Calendar. Ellen donated the proceeds of the calendar to Willamette Humane Society, and Jacobson took the photos and donated the sitting fees to the shelter as well. The joint effort raised $1,152 for the shelter.

Annual Report Infographics
April Greer, of GreerGenius.com recently donated her services to produce the very nice infographic charts and posters which were used in the WHS Annual Report. The infographics help break down complicated numbers and statistics and make them easier to comprehend.

Shelter Dogs and Cats Enjoyed a Merry Christmas
100+ donors contributed everything from food to rugs; from beds to litter; from Kongs to paper towels, and so much more in the Christmas spirit. Thanks to all these “Santa’s Helpers,” our dogs and cats had a very merry Christmas, and holiday season this year.
Congratulations to Barb Cash, our new Volunteer of the Quarter! What really stands out when talking with Barb about her volunteer experience is the depth of her compassion for the animals. She cares deeply for dogs and cats alike. Barb’s concern for the well-being of her fellow volunteers and the WHS staff is equally strong. She has walked dogs on Thursdays since August 2003, and contributed over 2,200 hours of service. She is a team captain who keeps her crew wonderfully informed of what’s going on, drives cats to the Cat Adoption Team in Sherwood every week and helps out every year at Bowser’s Boo Bash, among many other things!

Recently, at the end of a two-week quarantine, during which Barb coordinated a fantastic Kennel Buddy system, she was inspired to write about her experience. Here is some of what she wrote to her fellow volunteers:

I usually don’t understand everything the dogs say, but they were so passionate about the subject, that it came through clearly. I was in the adoption dog kennels, and this is what I overheard…

“I hear that more of the humans will be coming around soon.”

“That will be good. But I’ve sort of enjoyed having fewer humans, but the ones who are visiting, spend more time with me.”

“Me too. I’m not sure why things changed, but I remember being so scared that I didn’t want to come out of my room, but this nice human came in and sat down with me and let me crawl into her lap, and petted me and gave me little treats. That really helped me feel better.”

“Me too. I can’t remember when that happened to me before. Remember I was one of the dogs from a place called Brooks.”

“Ooh, I heard about that place from Hope. She said it was a tough place.”

“Yup, but we all got better after we came here.”

“Well, I didn’t come from there,” piped in Comet. “But I was pretty scared about being here too. But you guys are right. Humans aren’t too bad. Several people came and sat with me and petted me, and it felt so good. I even kissed them and they made me feel so much better.”

“We all feel that way,” Hank said calmly. “I have learned how much humans can love us, and how we can love them. I can’t remember ever experiencing that until now. I think I’m ready to find a home too, with loving humans, where I can bring happiness to their lives like these special humans have done for me.”

“Yes!” “Yes!” “Yes!” Came from all through the kennels.

And that’s when they went back to talking about the toys they had and the games they played. I smiled with a tear in my eye and left the adoption kennels, realizing that we all came away from this experience with a lot of love for them, and them for us. I felt good about what I did, as you all should as well. Thank you on behalf of all the dogs for your goodness, your patience, your flexibility and your love for these wonderful creatures. I feel so privileged to volunteer with people like you and the staff at WHS.

[Editor’s Note] Hank, the voice of wisdom in this article, and Hope, were two of the dogs rescued from Brooks. Both of them, as well as Comet, have since been adopted to new forever homes. We wish them well.
Ten years ago I had the privilege of adopting a little puppy from Willamette Humane Society. We named her Cinnamon Bear and she was a Chow mix. That was one of the greatest gifts I ever gave myself. She was our friend. She loved going to Minto Brown Dog park. Her first Christmas she was six months old and I took her to get her photo taken with Santa. Santa was from the Willamette Humane Society and Santa looked scared holding Bear. Santa asked, “Is she safe and friendly” and I said, “I sure hope so, I got her from you!” LOL And Santa was so proud and told everyone “She’s one of our puppies!” Cinnamon Bear died September 27th. She died of cancer. And our hearts are broken. The grief is hard. But those 10 years were wonderful! —Linda MacIntyre

I’ve been meaning to message you with an update on Nova (formerly known as Be Square). She is now 48.7 lbs and spoiled rotten. She loves going off leash at the park and meeting new people. The only downfall is that she is a couch hog, but we don’t mind; we love her very much. Thank you! —Annie Gates

Aaron and I just wanted to give a special thanks to WHS. Jasmine is truly the light of our lives, and we couldn’t be happier. She loves the dog park and spending time with her cousin, Chipper, my sister’s dog that was also adopted from WHS. —Mandy Guile

I got Larry back in May for Mother’s Day. At the time he was named Abernathy. He has been a wonderful addition to our family, and we love him very much. —Michelle Long

We adopted Cookie (who is now called Paisley) on November 29, 2012. We just wanted to share that she is doing very well and we love her very much! She and our other dog, Leroy, get along very well together. —Lauren Blaco

This is our GSD/Malamute Kenai, adopted August 20, 2009. Spoiled rotten and loved as much as he gives. He’s very outspoken, can carry on quite a conversation and isn’t shy about speaking up if he feels he’s not the center of attention. —Jeff Norwood

Send us your Happy Tails! If you adopted an animal from WHS and would like to share your story, email it to: info@whs4pets.org. Be sure to include a high-resolution digital photo!
Let Quality of Life Be Your Guide

by Hilda Angell

End of life decisions we have to make for our pets can be very difficult. Anyone who owns a pet eventually has to face this difficult and emotional situation. The staff at Willamette Humane Society (WHS) understand this well. You may look into your pet’s eyes and wonder “is it too soon?” or “did I wait too long?” Here are some considerations for you when facing this heart-wrenching time:

• Is your pet in pain?
• Is your pet still eating and drinking?
• Is your pet able to control his/her bodily functions?
• Can your pet get up and move freely without pain?
• Is your pet still grooming his/her self?
• Does your pet have more bad days than good?

Once you take the time to really examine the answers to these questions, you will know in your heart the next move to make for your beloved pet. The process for euthanasia at our shelter is very gentle and not taken lightly. We provide your pet with a quiet room with a wonderful wall mural of blue skies and rolling hills. Two certified staff members are with your pet at all times. Pets go directly from your arms to those of the friendly staff who will perform the euthanasia. With one injection, your beloved friend is freed from all pain and discomfort. We recommend you contact your veterinarian if you want to be present during the euthanasia. Please know that we are honored to be trusted with easing your pet’s suffering, and it will be done with love and compassion. WHS offers both general and private cremations. Feel free to call our customer service line to ask any questions and/or set your appointment.

The Grieving Process

The inevitable consequence of euthanasia is the grieving process. People are not always able to emotionally prepare for the end of a pets life. Some need help processing their feelings, and those of their family. There are many resources available to you. There are three books for sale at our shelter. *My Personal Pet Remembrance Journal*, is a journal for you to make notes about your pet’s favorite toys, funniest tricks, cutest photos and so on. The journaling process helps you and your family come to terms with the joy your pet added to your life and the process of letting go. We also have books appropriate for children called *For Every Cat an Angel*, and *For Every Dog an Angel*. Additionally, there are resources available on the internet and even pet grieving support groups in our area. With time, your sadness will evolve into gratitude for the time you and your pet had together.

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The WHS Spay & Neuter Clinic offers high-quality, low-cost spay and neuter services for cats and dogs. As a nonprofit organization, we offer rates that will sustain our clinic and offer the lowest spay and neuter surgery prices in the community. Low-cost services are available to everyone, regardless of income or geography.

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At Willamette Humane, we use positive, rewards-based training methods to help owners build healthy relationships with their dogs. From basic obedience courses to agility and trick training, we offer a variety of classes and seminars year round. All classes are taught by a certified pet dog trainer, and class sizes are kept small to ensure personalized attention.

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Applause For Paws: These Jokes Have Gone To The Dogs

Q: What do you get if you cross a cocker spaniel, a poodle and a rooster?
A: Cockerpoodledoo!

No?... Okay, how about...

Q: What happens when it rains cats and dogs?
A: You can step in a poodle!

Okay, so comedy is not so easy. That’s why we are leaving it to the professionals with “Applause for Paws,” a comedy benefit for Willamette Humane Society, in the historic Elsinore Theater. For as little as $25 ($15 for students and seniors), you can tickle your funny bone, and give a dog a bone at the same time. Applause for Paws brings a solid line-up of the Northwest’s top comedians to the Elsinore Theatre on Friday, May 10, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. We searched high and low but mostly high to find the comedians who will put a giant smile on your face. Many of our comedians are avid pet lovers, and jumped at the opportunity to perform at a benefit for the animals.

Why comedy? Because you shouldn’t have to get your laughs watching the same old cat videos on YouTube. The one thing we all have in common is that pets are a major source of the joy and humor in our daily lives. This is the perfect event to attend with your friends and family! It’s affordable, universally appealing and the best activity on a Friday night in Salem. Our lineup of comedy all-stars will convert those “petless” souls, into the “living-and-breathing-for-the-welfare-of-animals” category... RESISTANCE IS FUTILE!

Applause for Paws will include, but is not limited to, pet humor. That goes without... never mind. We would say the show will be clean, but it’s all relative. Are we talking spay & neuter operating room clean, or cat tongue-bath clean? Suffice it to say that all ages are welcome, but we advise that comedians will be off-leash, and content may include mild adult themes and references. That’s broad, yet specific enough to make our pet-loving lawyers happy, so be-ye warned.

Applause for Paws features the talents of:

Tom Hewitt, Emcee Pentacle Theatre actor, board member, and retired teacher.

Susan Rice Featured in HBO’s Comedy Festival & Showtime Comedy All Star.

Stacey Hallal Co-founder of Portland’s Curious Comedy Theater, and she has appeared in over 25 comedy festivals nationwide.

Dwight Slade Featured on HBO’s “Best of the US Comedy Arts Festival” and the Tonight Show.

Dave Anderson Emmy award winning co-host of AM Northwest, and star of the Dave and Tom Show.

Net proceeds benefit the dogs and cats of Willamette Humane Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving Marion & Polk Counties, Oregon. Purchase tickets at the Elsinore Theatre Box Office, or at Ticketswest.com. Business sponsorships are available and offer thousands of marketing touches for your products or service. Contact development@whs4pets.org for more information.

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WHS Summer Camps Offer 
Fun in the Sun for the Young

Ahhh… Summer camp! I remember it well. I remember roasting marshmallows, learning to swim, catching perch in Lake Ogopokee… Oh yeah… and getting wedgies from Doug Savage and his little brother Donnie if I didn’t give him my S’mores. Fortunately, WHS camps are NOTHING like that!

We believe in raising children with a humane and compassionate view of animals, and summer day camps are one way that WHS is targeting youth to teach and instill humane principles at an early age.

**Little Paws Camp  $85**  
**June 17-20, July 22-25, August 5-8**

“Wow mommy! I got to be a veterinarian today!”

Hands-on with animals, kids practice safety rules and learn about humane animal care and treatment. Children can play in the Animal Learning Center, where they pretend to walk dogs, care for cats, feed and groom pets, play veterinarian and even make pet-related crafts. Little Paws Camp is for 1st and 2nd graders.

**Camp Paw Paw  $115**  
**July 8-11, July 22-25, August 5-8**

“Dad! I held a lizard today! It was sooo cool!”

Kids interact with a wide variety of animals in this fun and educational setting. Campers learn humane treatment of animals, proper animal care and safety. Dogs and cats are frequent visitors to Camp Paw Paw, but over the years animal visitors also included bunnies, snakes, llamas, horses, goats, lizards, fish and rats! Campers keep a animal notebook and enjoy animal-related craft projects. Camp Paw Paw is for 3rd - 5th graders.

**Junior Dog Trainers Camp  $175**  
**June 24-27, July 15-18, July 29-August 1, August 12-15**

“I'm so responsible, I get my own dog to take care of.”

This is a popular choice for pre-teens. Campers are assigned their own shelter dog to work with and train during the week. The goal of the camp is to increase the adoptability of the camp dogs while teaching youth gentle, reward-based techniques for handling and training such as Look, Sit, Down, Settle, Come and Leave-it. Jr. Trainers maintain a logbook about their camp dog, which provides adopters with important information about the dog’s personality, favorite toys and treats, commands the dog knows, as well as areas where the dog still needs improvement. Junior Trainers also work to make sure their camp dog is noticed and promoted. Activities like bathing and grooming their camp dogs, making posters highlighting their dog and even teaching their dog a trick or two all help to make the camp dogs stand out and garner adopter interest. Junior Dog Trainers Camp is for 5th-8th graders.

Visit our website at [www.willamettehumanesociety.org](http://www.willamettehumanesociety.org), and click the “Education” tab for more information and registration forms.
S.T.A.R.T. Transporting Pets to New Beginnings

Shelter Transport Animal Rescue Team (START) was born from a desire to rescue the over-populated dogs in Southern California animal shelters. Steve Spiro and his wife, Suzanna Urszuly wanted to help, but more than just one at a time. After meeting like-minded friends, Rene Ruston and Adam Tarshiss, the group founded START.

START has a small, loyal group of compassionate volunteers and donors who work tirelessly to pull the dogs out of the shelters, network them, provide basic medical treatments so the animals can travel across state lines, and transport them to life saving shelters.

One thing that makes START different from other transport groups is their post-transport follow up stories and photos. START emails post-adoption stories and photos of rescued dogs to their donors who in turn, tend to stay involved. Each monthly transport costs between $2500 and $3500, which dedicated animal welfare donors fund.

Every day thousands of pets are euthanized in Southern California shelters. START was formed to address the overpopulation by providing two important components:

- **Transports:** Rescue animals from high kill shelters in central and southern California and transport them to 10-15 rescue partners.

- **Spay/Neuter:** Funding of veterinary clinics in their local communities for free spay and neuter services for low incoming families.

START recently celebrated saving their 3000th animal on February 20th. They are currently funding 30 dogs a month for free spay or neuter service and hope to double that soon.

WHS began a partnership with START officially in May of 2012, but worked with one of their volunteers through another group since 2009. From May to December of 2012, WHS took in over 260 dogs that would have been euthanized in CA. WHS is able to choose breeds, sizes and gender, to ensure the best match with adopters in our community and increase diversity of breeds in our area.

START has a 96% placement rate for dogs transferred up to our area. Of the 262 dogs that were transferred in, only 11 had to be returned, and were ultimately placed in alternative care for behavioral training. WHS will begin more transfers with START in April.

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Cooking Up Funding for WHS

by Becky Willhite, reprinted with permission by whodidgoodtoday.com

Frances Wertz was a long-time volunteer of the Willamette Humane Society and a fantastic baker. She was known for her cakes that were sold during the Thrift Store’s Annual Holiday Bazaar. I met Frances when I became the volunteer coordinator for Willamette Humane Society (then Humane Society of the Willamette Valley) in 1996. She had driven the Alcan (Alaska-Canadian Highway) as a young woman, traveling only with a German Shepherd. At the time, I was the proud “mother” to two German Shepherds and a frequent traveler of the Alcan.

She manually added all the volunteer hours for me for the next two years. Frances was without a doubt amazing. Frances passed away in 2007. Her friends poured through her famous recipes and created a cookbook, “Frances’ Favorites: A Memorable Collection of Recipes from the Kitchen of Frances Wertz.” They are $15 and all proceeds benefit Willamette Humane Society. I discovered the book at their Thrift Store located at 548 High Street NE.

[Editor’s note: This fantastic book is also sold in Davenport’s Den, the gift/supply shop inside the WHS shelter on Turner Rd.]
WHS Receives Grants to Help Build on Mission

In an effort to better meet their mission of “Providing Compassionate Services to Pets and People,” WHS regularly applies for grants which help fund some key functions and improvements around the shelter. This quarter, WHS was fortunate to receive four such grants which will help with medical expenses, shelter improvements and offset the cost of promotions.

PetSmart Charities: Received $3,000 for the medical expenses of the 14 dogs removed from the Brooks warehouse.

Gus Hawthorne Foundation: Received $1,500 in February toward our medical care budget to eliminate parasites (fleas, worms, mites) in our shelter animals.

Bernice Barbour Foundation: Received $3,500 in January to double the size of each kennel by merging adjoining kennels either vertically or horizontally. The merged kennels provide the cats with greater physical mobility, particularly for our larger cats or litters. Studies have identified ideal kennel accommodations for reduced stress in the cats and our merged kennels will bring us closer to this ideal.

Louis M. Plansoen Foundation: Received $6,000 in November to enable WHS to have a year of “Breakthrough Adoptions” by offering more adoption promotions, providing more medical care to animals in need, and expanding our foster program.

Celebrate Your Birthday at WHS

Ages pre-K through 5th grade
8-15 guests (each additional guest $5.00)
2-hour party $125.00

Each two-hour party includes:
• Welcome sign and pet banner decoration
• Birthday child receives a Party Animal autograph dog
• Craft projects (make dog or cat party ears or prize ribbons to hang on kennels)
• Tour of the shelter with mini safety lesson
• Meet a dog. Pet a cat. Treats and bones provided
• Learning Center play time in Clifford’s dog house, the adoption kennel, pet store and vet clinic
• All children receive a Party Gift Bag (contains stickers, temporary tattoos, pencil, soft pet toy, and more)
• Bring your own cake, snacks, drinks, table service

For more info, or to schedule a birthday party at WHS, call (503) 585-5900, ext. 310.
Gifts from Friends of the Animals

WHS gratefully acknowledges these financial gifts received in honor or memory of special animals and people (November 16, 2012 — February 12, 2013). If you’d like to recognize or remember a special person or pet in *Brief Paws*, fill out the return envelope found in the center of this newsletter or use the online form by clicking on the Donate Now button on our website, www.whs4pets.org.

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