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Fall 2014



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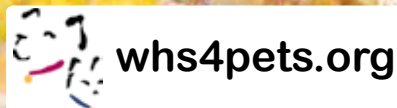
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*Providing Compassionate Services to Pets and People*





# Executive Director's Update

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## My Humane Friends,

September means back to school, new beginnings, the best weather of the year, the first day of autumn, and cool mornings... don't you just love this time of year?



## Playgroup Trainings

Speaking of school, we have great news for you. WHS staff and volunteers went back to school a little early in August so we could enroll our dogs in some upgraded programs in September. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Animal Farm Foundation, who covered all the costs, we hosted Aimee Sadler here for a Playing For Life seminar and a week of hands

on workshops for our staff, volunteers, and shelter dogs. We met colleagues from shelters throughout western Oregon, and saw the magic that can happen when shelter dogs have daily social and physical outlets to burn energy and learn new skills. What she did for our shelter is best described later in this newsletter by Annie Ingersoll on pg. 8, but I loved the chance to learn so much from someone of Aimee's caliber.

What I took away from this intensive week of training- in addition to new skills and knowledge- was even more appreciation for our staff and volunteers, and the incredible dedication we all share for helping our animals.

You'll be pleased to hear that Aimee, who has experience with shelters throughout the country, complimented our staff and volunteers, saying that we have integrated our teams so effectively, there is no evidence of "us and them" hierarchies, but rather everyone pulling together to do what is best for the dogs and respecting each other in the process. Some of you reading this were there, but every one of you who supports WHS made the week possible.

The way we funded Aimee's first training here in 2010- the reason we have had playgroups for the last four years- is in part because of the DIG fund, which comes in a nickel at a time for bottles and cans! Whether you volunteer to run a playgroup, donate monthly to the Golden Hearts Club, bring us your bottles and cans, or give when you're able, I am so proud of what we accomplish here together through our teamwork and mutual concern for the animals.



## Bowser's Boo Bash

October will bring us one of the real highlights of the season, Bowser's Boo Bash, the weekend before Halloween! I remember the first Boo Bash I attended in 2005. I had not previously been much of a costume person, so I was amazed and impressed by the variety of costumes I saw, but it was nothing compared to last year. The variety and creativity and humor just seem to get better every year, and I can't wait to see what and who will show up this year. What will you be?

The real lasting impact Bowser's Boo Bash had on me, however, was the experience I had witnessing the overwhelming generosity of our supporters, some of whom never even come in to the shelter. As a shelter staff person, I am part of a unique group of human beings capable of working with the extreme emotional complexity, the never ending workload, and the relatively low paying but highly rewarding work that is animal rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming. I don't have to tell you that stress levels run high among shelter workers, but what you may not realize is what an impact your giving has on our ability to continue to do our work. **Yes**, your donations fund vaccines, and food, spay and neuter surgeries, and the day to day expenses of operations, but when you publicly raise your hand and pledge your support, you become the moral, ethical and emotional antidote to the stress called compassion fatigue that can overwhelm our staff. **You balance the books for humanity, reminding us that people are more kind than not, more generous than not, and more supportive than we would ever know if it weren't for this event. You are the face of good, no matter what mask you choose to wear that night.**

Don Bourne and his wife Eileea are a couple who have been the icon of that goodness for me since the first year when the auctioneer said, "Who wants to raise their hand and donate \$5,000 dollars for the animals?" Don raised his paddle, and I had tears running down my face with gratitude and amazement that people really could be that GOOD!

## Beyond Ordinary Goodness

This year, Don and Eileea have gone above and beyond ordinary goodness with an extraordinary gift, and they hope to inspire you to do the same. They are supporters of Willamette Humane Society since 1973, but this year they wanted to donate to WHS in a way that would create a sustainable legacy that would keep serving the animals even when they are gone. They have given a \$75,000 dollar gift to our endowment fund, which will help fund spay and neuter surgeries with an annual distribution. They realize that a healthy, well-funded endowment is the key to sustainability for a non-profit organization, and they encourage all of our supporters to consider making a gift to the endowment fund. I cannot, no matter how I keep trying, really convey how deeply the Bourne's gift inspires me to be the best steward of their gift, and to provide outstanding care for homeless pets in our community while working at solving the problem of overpopulation through our spay and neuter programs. You can read more about how we're balancing the cat overpopulation from Buster on page 11.

When November comes, and Thanksgiving reminds us all to focus on gratitude, I know my heart will be full to overflowing with every story, every donation, every volunteer hour, every animal saved because of your support and engagement with our mission.

With enduring gratitude,

  
**BJ Andersen**  
Executive Director





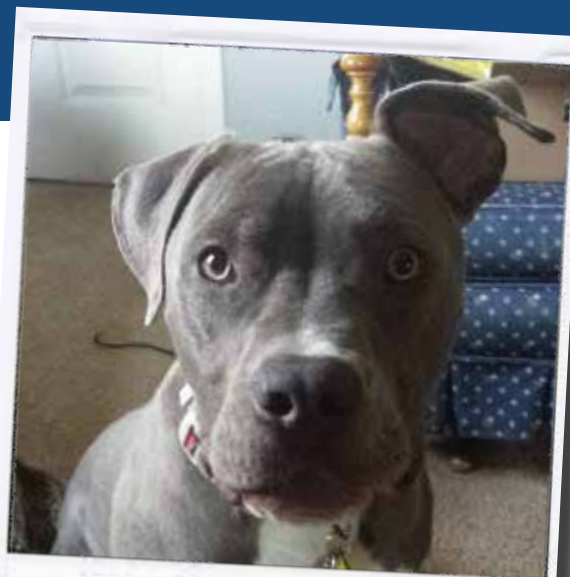


Marley with Ann

### Marley

I got Marley from WHS in July of 2011 as an adult dog and she has been the most wonderful companion ever since! She is the mellowest dog ever and loves when we pet her. I always joke that her quota for love and attention is infinite. She is fast friends with anyone who has a hand to pet her. She loves to go on hikes and explore, but always keeps an eye on me and doesn't wander far. The dog park is a favorite place, especially if she has the opportunity to chase squirrels. Marley is a constant joy and we are lucky we found each other!

-Ann Krier



Sebastian a.k.a. Adam

### Sebastian

Sebastian, aka Adam, has found his forever home. Adopted in January, he will be one in a few short weeks! He gets along great with the other animals in the house, though the cats have put him in his place on more than one occasion! He is trying really hard not to get too excited when meeting new people; he's just not aware of how big he is! Thank You for allowing us to bring him into our home.

-Janile King

### Bella

Bella and I are getting along wonderful. We were made for each other. She is beginning to calm down and seldom howls now. Is eager to follow me everywhere, She sleeps with me and sleeps all night.

I am thankful to Tamia for making the trip to Salem to pick her up and to Maria for working for and with Tamia on the paper work.

Bella is to meet my son and daughter this weekend and I know they will love her. They always had poodles in their lives when growing up.

-Phyllis Holley



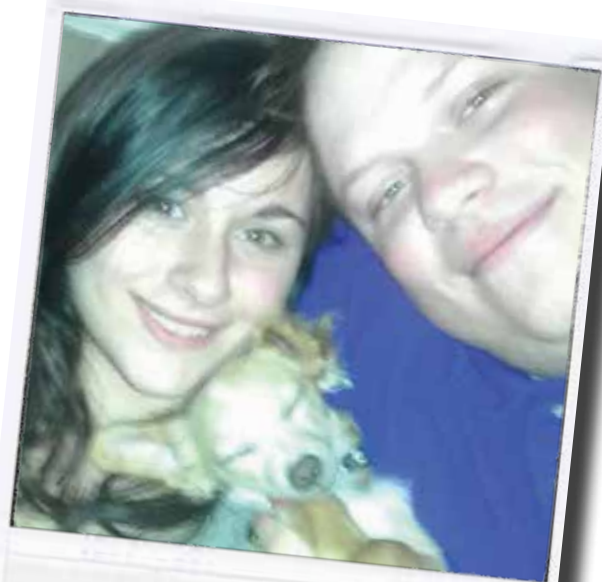
Bella with WHS volunteers

### Attila

My boyfriend and I adopted Attila almost 6 months ago. We couldn't imagine life without him. He is the best puppy we could ever ask for. We love him so much that we call him our child.

We just wanted to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts. He is the best thing to ever happen us. He is just the sweetest, smartest, most playful puppy ever and he is perfect for us. Thank you!

-Jennifer Wolf



Attila with Jeni and Dylan

### Submit YOUR Happy Tail!

E-mail your adoption experience to [info@whs4pets.org](mailto:info@whs4pets.org), or submit at [whs4pets.org](http://whs4pets.org).



Send a high-resolution photo of you and your pet to be considered for the cover of Brief Paws!

### Thelma

Thelma and her buddy Valor. She is starting to find herself and her place here.

-Mary Ann Rogers



Thelma and valor



Rogue with Olivia

### Rogue

Rogue was adopted right out of her foster home in March of 2014, and still comes to visit her foster parents at Nature's Pet Market!

### Princess

Princess was adopted from the Willamette Humane Society in January 2013. She had a large mast cell tumor on her left side which you removed. The first photo is just after she came home. Her name is now Katie Anne.

I truly want to thank you for taking a chance on this old Staffordshire mix. She is a wonderful dog with a happy temperament.

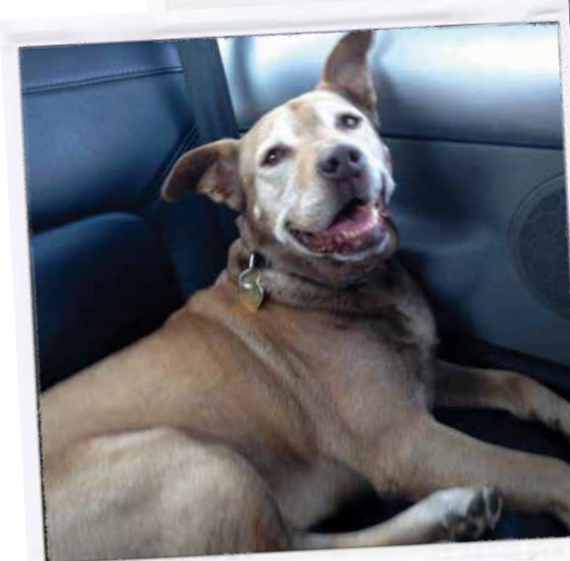
She loves her beds, her food, her cat, her toys, the water hose, walks, car rides, people, and especially balls. She rolls tennis balls with her snout, and moves a soccer ball along with her front legs, and wow can she block!

I'm happy to have her and so grateful for what you've done for her. Thank you!

-Tammy Swank



Princess in recovery



Princess a.k.a. Katie Anne





## Events

**B**owser's Boo Bash returns to the Salem Convention Center on **October 25th!** Please come with your family and friends, don your favorite costumes, and enjoy a served meal, hosted wine and beer, live music, and an on-site professional photographer. You'll have the opportunity to support animals at Willamette Humane Society by bidding on hundreds of vacation packages, pet-themed items, and one-of-a-kind experiences in the silent and live auction. It's the big event of the year, and our goal is to raise over \$130,000 for the animals with your help! You can help in a number of ways- as an attendee, a volunteer, an item donor, or an event sponsor.



**Y**ou're invited to the Mews 'N Brews 5th Monday party, which returns to Santiam Brewing Co. on **Sept. 29th from 4 - 9 pm.** For every pint or growler filled, Santiam Brewing donates \$1 to Willamette Humane Society! Patrons are also encouraged to bring canned cat and dog food to donate.



## Grants

**F**rom the Karen M. Schroth Charitable Foundation for Animals, we received \$15,200 to assist us in our strategic goal to Stabilize the Cat Population. This gift will be used toward cat spay and neuter surgeries for both Community Cats, and cats owned by residents receiving government income assistance. Another portion will be used to offset cat adoption fees to entice the community to adopt a "Better than Free" cat, which includes spay & neuter surgery and a full adoption package!

**F**rom the Animal Farm Foundation we received an all week, all expenses paid workshop from nationally recognized dog trainer, Aimee Sadler. WHS staff and volunteers, and guests from regional Oregon shelters attended. Aimee is the founder of the Dogs Playing for Life training program. She updated our playgroup techniques (she brought us training in 2010) and introduced her Fancy Footwork and Monsters on Leash training series to our dog handlers. Learn about what this means for our shelter and the dogs of our community on page 8!



## News

**T**he Willamette Humane Society Behavior & Training program is proud to partner with Chemeketa Community College, and Catherine Steinke, CPDT-KA, to offer a Professional Dog Trainer certification series of classes this fall. Visit [chemeketa.edu](http://chemeketa.edu) and view the Fall Community Education course catalog for details!



**W**ith Willamette Humane Society's upgraded website came a wealth of volunteer bloggers to feature adoptable pets! Not only is Martha Russell's ever-popular Adopt-an-Oregon-Dog.com blog syndicated directly to [whs4pets.org](http://whs4pets.org), but we welcome cat blogger Jean Dion, and returning bloggers Shelly & Elisha Mackerell. Cat photographers Shannon Priem and tag-team Marilyn Scahill & Maryam Shad now provide professional-grade photos of adoptable cats on a weekly basis!



Count Dogula invites you to

# BOWSER'S BOO BASH

Our signature dinner and auction to benefit the animals!

Presented by



Salem Convention Center

Saturday, October 25, 2014, 5 pm

\$60 before Oct. 18, \$70 thereafter

Purchase tickets at [whs4pets.org](http://whs4pets.org)

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# Dogs Playing for Life



*Aimee Sadler teaches attendees from the shade as she observes the dogs interact*

During the last week of August, WHS was granted an amazing opportunity to learn from a nationally-known trainer who created revolutionary, life-saving programs for shelter dogs. With the generous sponsorship of the **Animal Farm Foundation**,

Aimee Sadler and her assistant, Sarah “BB” Thompson, presented a week of seminars, workshops and group handling sessions at Willamette Humane Society.

Aimee Sadler is the founder of the Dogs Playing for Life program, where shelter dogs are given opportunities to mingle, play and romp with one another. With her strong knowledge of behavioral science and natural ability with dogs, Aimee has a special talent for working with shelter dogs with behavioral challenges. One of Aimee’s specialties is developing techniques for helping unsocialized or dog-aggressive dogs learn the social skills needed to enjoy interactions with other dogs.

Over the course of the week, we saw first-hand several dogs that were previously labelled “dog-aggressive” learn to relax, greet and even play with other dogs. Under Aimee’s guidance, one particularly aggressive dog learned that other dogs are not a threat and that he can relax and learn to greet others without fear. When he began to romp and play with another dog—something staff and volunteers never expected to see—there were but a few dry eyes in the audience. Seeing him make a friend and enjoy interacting with another dog was truly moving and captured the essence and purpose of the workshops.

## Life-Saving Training Provided for Regional Shelter Staff & Volunteers

In attendance were 56 staff members and volunteers from WHS. Because the terms of the **Animal Farm Foundation’s** grant required WHS to invite personnel and volunteers from other area shelters, we were pleased to have 39 people from 7 other shelters participate in the workshops. Some came from as far away as Roseburg to participate. Another term of the grant made this educational opportunity possible for so many: there was no cost for any participants to attend. All workshops, seminars and handling sessions were free to all who chose to attend.

What’s the hook to receiving a week-long free workshop from a nationally-renowned shelter trainer? WHS must commit to conducting at least 5 playgroups a week for all eligible shelter dogs. We are proud to say that we have already expanded our playgroup program to meet this minimum goal. It is our hope that in the near future, we’ll be conducting playgroups for the shelter dogs every day.

Aimee also presented seminars on working with dogs who are particularly challenging to walk on leash, and dogs that have reactivity issues. Following each of these seminars, group handling sessions allowed participants to practice the techniques and receive feedback from Aimee and her assistant.

We at WHS feel particularly fortunate, as this was the second time Aimee came to teach us about playgroups. In 2010, Aimee presented to WHS staff and volunteers, and the result was the launching of regular playgroup sessions that have become a pivotal part of our enrichment program.



*Dogs interact in playgroup at Willamette Humane Society*

## Making Matches

The benefits of a safe, effective playgroup program are numerous and multi-faceted. When dogs attend playgroups, they-burn excess energy, enjoy social camaraderie, receive lots of mental stimulation, and simply have a good time. Dogs who need social coaching learn important skills that make them better all-around-dogs. Observing the dogs interact with one another allows staff to make informed decisions about what homes would be a good match for the shelter dogs. Like people, many dogs prefer to be with specific personalities and temperaments. And because not all dogs mix well with all canine personalities, learning what temperaments a dog prefers to socialize with is crucial for making appropriate adoption recommendations—especially when the adopter already has a dog of their own. Another important benefit of playgroups is the joy they bring to volunteers and staff. Seeing shelter dogs having the time of their life reminds us all why we devote ourselves to the sometimes difficult job of improving the lives of homeless dogs.

A statement from BJ Andersen, WHS’s Executive Director, sums up the value that Aimee’s playgroups have had on WHS over the last 4 years: “Aimee’s Dogs Playing for Life program has brought WHS the best return on investment of any workshop, training or seminar we have had here, in terms of ongoing benefits to programs. Adoption information and matches are better, dogs’ mental health is better, the volunteer program is enhanced and staff training is better.”

With the knowledge gained from Aimee’s workshops in August, we can continue to grow the program and reap even greater benefits. Thank you Aimee, BB, staff, volunteers and guests for your commitment to enhancing the lives of shelter dogs. And thank you to the **Animal Farm Foundation** for recognizing the need for shelters to have programs like these and for providing this invaluable opportunity.

**-Annie Ingersoll, CPDT  
Behavior & Training Manager**



*WHS staffers Jessi Keller (left) and Sarah Steele (center) direct playgroup while Aimee Sadler (right) and BB Thompson (rear) offer support and guide observers through the process of providing rewards and correction.*



## The Last Chance Club Helps Chewy

Humaneitarian Award recipient Dr. Arlene Brooks of Turner's Homestead Veterinary Clinic Last Chance Club provided over \$1,000 in pro bono services when she extracted 16 teeth from 10 year old Charleston Chew, a Dachshund ailing from periodontal disease. The surgery was supported with a donation by Sylvia & Dale Strand, in memory of Vince Strand, a former Humane Investigator for Willamette Humane Society. WHS volunteer, Lee Nichols, adopted Chewy shortly after the surgery. "Chewy is a wonderful boy who just needed a surgical 'last chance' and now has a future with Lee and his family" said Richard Brooks, Last Chance Club partner.



## Junior Trainers Feature Adoptable Dogs

Lara Halvorsen (left), and sisters Claire (center) and Madelyn (right) Fish scrapbooked adoption profiles to display in the shelter! Lara attended two weeks of Jr. Trainers Camp. "During her time at the camps, she trained 2 different dogs, a young pit bull puppy and a challenging walker hound. Lara's patience, gentle handling, and training skills truly shined at camp where she participated in training sessions, bathed the dogs, and took them for walks" said Annie Ingersoll, Behavior & Training Manager. Her dedication to promote adoptions and serve the animals at WHS is pronounced in her continuing efforts.

## Dear Friend of the Animals,

I'm pleased to report on our spay & neuter progress, and how your support is literally saving lives.

Through the Marion Polk Community Cat Program, we've combined the surgery capacity and organizational resources of Willamette Humane Society and Willamette Valley Animal Hospital with the free-roaming cat trapping expertise, volunteer force, and grassroots strength of the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon, Salem Friends of Felines, and Coalition Advocating for Animals. Together, the whole of our group is greater than the sum of its parts.

Many of you may wonder what spaying & neutering free-roaming community cats and working with other animal welfare organizations has to do with saving lives of animals in the shelter! As an example of how successful this strategy is in our own backyard, the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland (ASAP) has implemented a joint spay & neuter program, and pooled their resources to achieve a 91% community-wide save-rate for cats and dogs. If you're not impressed, please sniff some catnip and read that last sentence again. Our community can and will obtain similarly impressive, life-saving results in the near future by focusing on spay & neuter, and working together.

## Why focus on the combined community-save rate and not the save-rate of individual shelters?

Because we share the same population system of animals. The community save-rate is an indicator of effective population control. When unchecked breeding (supply) exceeds adoptions (demand), the flow of cats will just spill into another shelter like an ice tray, and spill into our backyards and streets where the cycle continues unchecked. We have to curb the breeding cycle by spaying & neutering owned and un-owned cats alike for the strategy to be successful.

I was around when the WHS Spay & Neuter Clinic was in its infancy. Through your support, it has now performed over 22,000 spay & neuter surgeries for cats and dogs. With your help, we can subsidize surgeries to make them affordable and accessible to low-income cat owners. **With each prevented litter of kittens, a kennel is made available in the shelter, and adult cats are saved.**

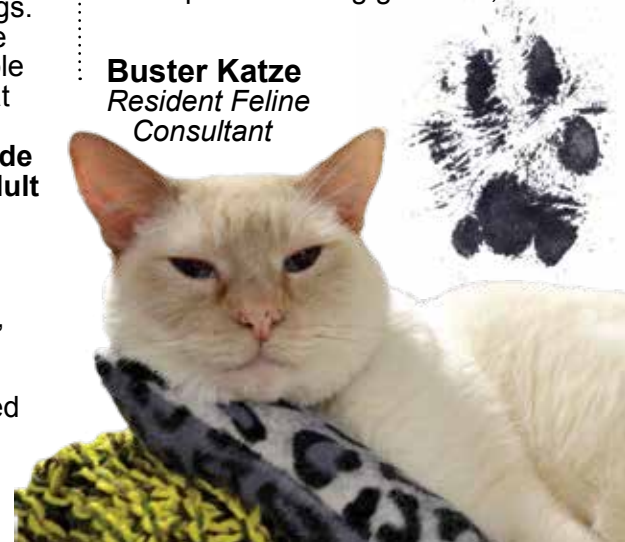
Through foundation grants, individual donors, and volunteer support, we offer free trap rental, and spay & neuter surgeries for community cats. Since January, 522 community cats were trapped and brought to the clinic through our Fix-a-Feral program. They were spayed or neutered,

vaccinated, and received an ear-tip to identify them as "fixed." They were then returned to the location where they were trapped to prevent other "unfixed" cats from moving into their previous space and using their resources to reproduce. We have funding in hand for another 298 of these surgeries, and appreciate your support to keep the balls rolling. (You know what, that should be our new slogan!)

We'll be reaching out to residents in targeted neighborhoods to perform Trap Neuter Return (TNR) on a large scale. We appreciate your support now more than ever. We're in constant need of donations to fund surgeries, and volunteers to help trap, transport, and spread the word!

With paw-kneading gratitude,

**Buster Katze**  
Resident Feline  
Consultant



## McNary Estates Lemonade

Thank you to Shá and the Eppley family for selling lemonade to benefit the animals during the annual McNary Estates Sale. They raised \$55 for the pets!



## Rose Court Events

Thank you to Imperial Sovereign Rose Court royalty, supporters, and Miss Gay Oregon, Sunshine Ray MacPherson, for raising \$1,514.50 for our pets from the recent Gay Oregon Pageant and Fashion Faux Paws events!

## Multifamily NW Miniature Golf

Thank you to Multifamily NW for hosting a MiniGolf Tournament at Best Little Roadhouse benefiting animals at WHS! Association members raised \$1,000 during the second annual event.



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## Forest Ridge H.O.P.E. Group

A big thank you to Forest Ridge students who raised \$400 from lemonade and Kettle chip sales! The students are part of a service group that stands for "Helping Out Planet Earth."

## Girl Scout Cookies

Many thanks to local Girl Scout Troops who donated to the animals at Willamette Humane Society!

Turner Troop #10121 donated \$350, and Salem Troop #10088 donated \$500 from recent cookie sales.



## Stella Arnesen Supports the Pets

Thank you to Stella and family for donating food and supplies!



## Endowment Fund Grows for the Animals

With great pleasure, we announce the new **Don A. and Eileea J. Bourne Endowment Fund**. This named fund of \$75,000 will benefit spay and neuter services with an annual distribution into perpetuity. This ongoing income means that Willamette Humane has a guaranteed annual gift to subsidize the sterilization surgery costs for cats and dogs of citizens in financial need. Decades from now, if sterilization services are not the critical need they are today, the fund will support the greatest need at the time.

Endowment gifts lower the cost of fundraising, allowing more gifts to go directly to the work you so passionately support. If you'd like to learn more, contact Susan Carey at 503-585-5900 ext. 305 or [susan.carey@whs4pets.org](mailto:susan.carey@whs4pets.org).





## Kristen Klay Embraces the Pets and People of Willamette Humane Society

After a busy week of teaching first-year German students at Willamette University, Kristen is amazed at how calming and revitalizing her Friday evening shift as a cat hospitality volunteer can be! She knows that a calm handler makes a calm cat, and they need us to take things slow when first interacting.

Kristen began volunteering with her 12 year old son, Alexander, in 2012. It started as a way for Kristen to teach him about service in the community and a positive work ethic, but quickly became a therapeutic passion for her as well once she connected with the cats.

Kristen remarked on the mission of WHS- providing compassionate services to pets and people- and how before volunteering, it was all about the animals, and she didn't realize how strong and important the connection to people can be.

Many visitors to the cattery have recently experienced the loss of a pet, and are searching for them as a stray, or searching for a new companion to fill the void. Many others perceive and react to the expressed emotions of the cats in the kennels, ranging from fear and insecurity to an intense desire to interact with their visitors- a longing for home.

As a volunteer, Kristen values the experiences and connection she shares with visitors and potential adopters.



*Kristen Klay holds Bubbles, who was brought in as a stray.*

Kristen knows that her work not only focuses on helping the cats to feel comfortable, but the people visiting as well. Adoptions often hinge on the mutual comfort of pets and the people they're with. She wants all visitors to feel welcome, trusted, and at ease on the adoption floor. You'll find Kristen greeting guests, inviting them in, and being helpful but not overwhelming.

Kristen's daughter, Isabelle, recently turned 12, and was anxious to begin volunteering. Kristen and her children even picked up an additional volunteer shift helping to maintain kennels and socialize cats available for adoption at Petco!

"Kristen is consistent, reliable, and great at communicating. She is eager to learn, eager to help, and not afraid of a challenge. She sets a great example to the other volunteers" said Kim Berg, Volunteer Manager.

Kristen will soon train new volunteers on the cat hospitality team. Her advice to new volunteers is to take time to learn the ropes, to not be afraid to ask staff members or other volunteers questions, and to focus on reading the needs and moods of the animals. Being a new volunteer is just like having a new job- comfort and knowledge will come over time.

**Kristen, thank you for your service to the pets and people of our community!**

### Adopt a Pet

[whs4pets.org/adopt-a-pet](http://whs4pets.org/adopt-a-pet)  
503-585-5900 ext. 322

Adoptable cats also available at partner locations:



### Become a Volunteer

[whs4pets.org/volunteer](http://whs4pets.org/volunteer)  
503-585-5900 ext. 312

Attend a volunteer orientation on the first Monday and third Thursday of the month, at 5:30, in the WHS Education Hall.

## Community Education

### Capital Canine Club

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