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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

We aren't who we used to be

Willamette Humane Society was born in 1965. If you were born before then, do you remember what kind of phone you used? It probably was attached to the wall or sat on a table. When the phone rang, someone had to run to answer it. When you called your friend, you dialed seven digits and watched a rotary dial spin.

But since then, you have most likely adapted, eagerly or reluctantly, to incredibly rapid advances in communication technology. No more rotary phones. The nineties brought us the Internet, email, and cell phones, and the new millennium transformed technology into smart phones, "FaceTime," and social media.

Willamette Humane Society has evolved, too. Our organization, and the animal welfare field as a whole, is transforming along with the rest of the world. Spay and neuter, the responsible choice for the majority of pet owners, is turning the tide on the flood of excess animals entering shelters.

Animal-centered cable channels showcase the amazing work being done by shelters and rescues, and popular TV shows help pet owners solve cat and dog behavior problems. Shelters are becoming resource centers for pet owners and using every communication and transportation tool available to move at-risk dogs and cats to communities waiting with open hearts and homes.

So many times over the years, you asked me if WHS is a "no kill" shelter. I always gave you the same answer: No individual rescue or shelter can be declared "no kill." But again, it has evolved. An entire

community has to come together to keep healthy and treatable pets safe, and that is what you have done.

In the 1970s, the national euthanasia rate was about 100 dogs and cats per 1,000 people. In our community, because of your commitment to pets in need, the euthanasia rate in 2016 is less than two per 1,000 last year. That is an awesome statistic! But what does a statistic look like?

Like Miss Boo Radley, a senior black cat with kidney issues and lots of love to give, who got all the time she needed to find her fit.

Like Tomato, a young dog who came to us with terrible skin issues, and found both treatment and a new loving home.

Like Noggin, a tiny kitten missing bones in his forepaws, but with no shortage of gumption, who got to grow up and be king of the castle... and my farm!

Like Megatron, a little manx kitten with partial paralysis in her rear legs and a purr to rival diesel engines, who went to foster to grow stronger until she could be adopted by a family who will love her just the way she is.

With enduring gratitude,



BJ Andersen
Executive Director



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THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE *Celebrating Bowser's Boo Bash 2017*

This October, pet lovers like you proved there is truly “no place like home” for our four-legged community members. Bowser’s Boo Bash was hosted on Saturday, October 28, and raised more than \$100,000 with the help of donors and supporters. This means hundreds more animals will receive the love and care they need on their journey down the yellow brick road to a forever home.

Hosted at the Keizer Civic Center, this year’s event was themed after the Wizard of Oz, featuring a yellow brick road and even shelter dog Leia dressed to impress as our not-so-cowardly lion. More than 300 community members attended in costume for dinner, drinks, entertainment, a live auction and more.

The entire Willamette Humane Society team extends a thank you to our amazing sponsors—Capitol Subaru, Statesman Journal, Killers Pest Elimination, Redhawk Vineyard and Winery, Garrett Hemann Robertson, and many more—for making this year’s event such a success.



WHS HAPPY TAILS

At Willamette Humane Society, happy endings happen every day—and it's all thanks to the generous support and love of people like you. Catch up with some of our favorite shelter alumni and see what life really looks like in that perfect forever home.

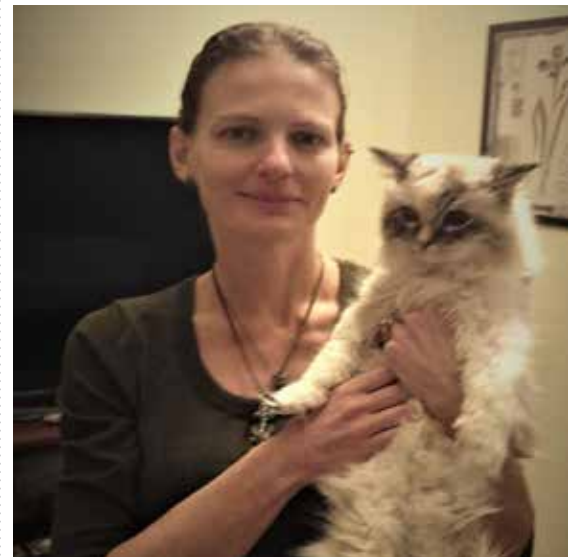
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PY, ADOPTED 2014

I was looking for an older cat to adopt a few weeks after we lost one of our fur babies to cancer. I know that older cats have a harder time finding homes. Py loves to be a grump and have her way, but she also has learned how to show affection and never wants to be left alone. We got her at age 16, almost three years ago this December. We wouldn't give her up for the world.

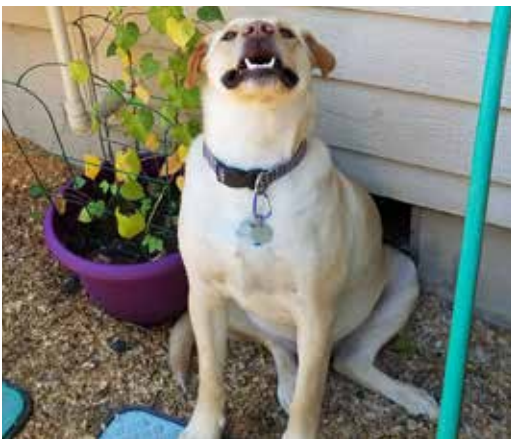
—Rheanna



SIDNEY AND SKYLER, ADOPTED 2017

Sidney and Skyler did a great job with the hour ride home. Skyler was a little scared the first day, but after that he did just fine and is such a sweet dog. He loves to cuddle with anyone who will give him a belly rub. Sidney is definitely very much in charge. For a 10-year-old, she loves to play with her many squeaky toys. She has a basket of toys which she has figured out how to get the toys out, but not put them away. Senior dogs are the best dogs to adopt!

—Anonymous



DAKOTA, ADOPTED 2015

My family had been looking for a dog for some time. About six months before we got Dakota, we had a hold on another shelter dog, but she got adopted. When we got Dakota, our cats hated us, but they eventually warmed to him. Dakota is now a therapy dog for Pet Partners and is in training for agility. He came home to us knowing only like two tricks but now he knows over 30. He is the best thing that ever happened to me.

—Jillian



WHAT “GOOD” DOGS REALLY NEED

An inside look at one trainer’s framework for a happy pooch

By Chelsea Rock, WHS Behavior and Training Manager

GRRRRRRR! Don’t worry, I’m not growling at you! I’m actually here to help you enjoy your dog more and vice versa! Whether I’m working with my own dogs, the shelter’s dogs, or my clients and their dogs, I try to keep the following framework in mind. Each is a piece of the puzzle that creates a happy, healthy dog.

“Good” dogs have their needs met in each of the following areas:

Relationship, Restriction, Removal, Review, Redirection, Rewards, Repetition.

But let’s talk first about those “good” dogs. Good is subjective, too general, and an unfair label to slap on any animal—hence the quotes. We don’t believe in good versus bad dogs. What matters most is that your dog fits into your lifestyle and your lifestyle is appropriate for your dogs,

that your dog does things you like and you do things he likes, and so on. I know my “good” dogs at home aren’t everyone’s ideas of their “good” dogs; I wouldn’t trade them for the world, though! But this framework can help every dog feel as good as possible.

Relationship is what you build with your dog through repeated actions and interactions. And this

relationship is essential to help dogs feel and act “good.” If you’re reading *Brief Paws*, I know you love animals! You probably want the best relationship possible with your dog, and we want that for you, too.

Around the shelter, we only teach rewards-based training which will enhance love, trust, happiness, and confidence in each other, not break it down with painful tools or intimidating, forceful methods. The relationship between dog and owner is also why we spend time in our consults, private lessons, and Dog Smart classes. We teach about enrichment activities that you can do with or provide for your dog to improve his quality of life and meet his physical and mental needs.

I always encourage clients to do things with their dogs that will make him all wiggly-happy. Always try to show affection in the way your dog prefers, learn about his body language so you can understand and respect what he is saying to you, and give him back some choice. Last but not least, play!

Review is about being aware and learning as much about your dog as possible. This allows you to identify the potential causes of behavior to steer the training plan to adjust any management. As soon as possible, we recommend having a vet exam completed, especially for sudden changes in behaviors or if troublesome manners suddenly develop.

Emotion, what we feel, ultimately drives behavior, and all behavior has a function. We can learn a lot about how a dog is feeling by watching and understanding what the dog is or is not doing with his body. We can also learn what the function is by watching what happens after a dog does a behavior. Whether the emotion is anxiety, excitement, frustration,



Chelsea Rock (left, above), Willamette Humane Society’s Behavior and Training Manager works with shelter dogs on a daily basis to address behavior concerns.

boredom, etc., we can address those emotions and get creative with the function to humanely solve the resulting behavior.

Physiological needs, such as hunger, can also drive certain behaviors. For example, jumping is one of the most common things our clients ask for help with. You’ve probably experienced this yourself! Not everyone views jumping as a problem (that’s fine!), but for those that do, it can range from just an

annoyance, all the way to a safety issue. But there is most likely something causing the jumping, which review and awareness can help identify.

We also should really appreciate what is normal behavior for dogs as a species. Otherwise, we’re not being fair to our best friends. Did you know it’s normal behavior for dogs to greet faces, especially when they lack confidence and are showing deference or appeasement? Our faces are



Batman, a previous shelter resident, loved his quality time with shelter trainer Marilyn Peterson because it always involved treats and plenty of love.

high! The list of possibilities goes on, from attention seeking to trying to take something from your hands.

Restriction isn't a scary word, but often a requirement of dog ownership. It simply means you are setting your dog's environment up for success, whether that's success to do or not to do a behavior. Also known as management, we can apply a quick bandaid to prevent your dog from practicing jumping. You have lots of options. A leash held short and low to simply restrain the dog in challenging situations is effective; we don't need to be rough n' rude about it either. We can give the dog a reason to want to be low, such as sprinkling food on the ground so he can scavenge instead of ping ponging off of you.

Removing your dog from a situation is sometimes necessary if you know she's likely going to jump. This is when a leash, pet gate, exercise pen,

or crate can be a lifesaver. As your dog successfully learns what you want, you can relax the management.

Real quick... what is not likely to be the causes of behavior? Dominance. Sadly, that term has been overused and misused extensively and is often used to justify harsh training methods and tools. Similarly, dogs aren't trying to be naughty or spiteful. If you don't know why your dog is behaving the way he is, please ask us so that you can do your best by your best friend.

Redirection is teaching our dog to do what we'd like her to do in place of jumping. What's more desirable to humans than jumping? Standing. Laying down. Laying down on a bed away from the front door. Running to an open crate when it's dinner time. Sitting. It really is that simple, and you can do it in fun way so that your dog wants to do what you want her

to do--no force or threats needed.

Redirect your dog, and then **reward** her when she does it. Remember to pay in the currency he values in that moment. Then, think repetition. Your dog needs to practice lots of setups to vary the difficulty and teach your dog that sit can work no matter what. This means you'll be investing time and effort, but your relationship with your dog is worth it.

So GRRRRRRR with us! We offer a variety of group classes, private lessons, and behavior consultations to guide you through teaching your dog. Whether you're starting from the ground up or troubleshoot small habits, our training team can help. You're also welcome to call or email if you have an urgent question! We're here to help!

PETCETERA

Happenings Around The Shelter



READY, SET, GO GET ORGANIZED

Most people who come to the shelter don't get a chance to see the behind-the-scenes areas like exam, isolation and administration. And if they took a peek, they'd notice a lot of cramped spaces, as WHS has been steadily outgrowing its facility. Staff had been struggling with organizing a number of areas throughout the shelter, including inefficient traffic and work flow issues. And not only did staff run out of ideas, but they ran out of time in their daily schedules.

So in September, WHS called in the experts. Restoring Order, a professional organizing company, came in and worked with the entire shelter team for two full days, helping transform space and functionality, as well as personal productivity.

Although the before and after photos are amazing, what's truly exciting is that the team learned valuable tools that will help not only the animals at WHS, but the staff, for years to come.

ALL THE "KUTENESS" OF KITTEN-KABOODLE

Downtown Salem was a whole lot "kuter" this summer. The shelter's annual Kitten-Kaboodle adoption center was open from July to October 2017 in the Salem Center Mall. The seasonal adoption space was open each weekend, making more than 275 adoptions possible during four months. Kitten-Kaboodle first opened in 2015 to increase adoptions and capacity during the height of "kitten season," helping cats and kittens from WHS find a forever home.

This year's Kitten-Kaboodle Adoption Center was made possible by VCA Salem Animal Hospital. Also thanks

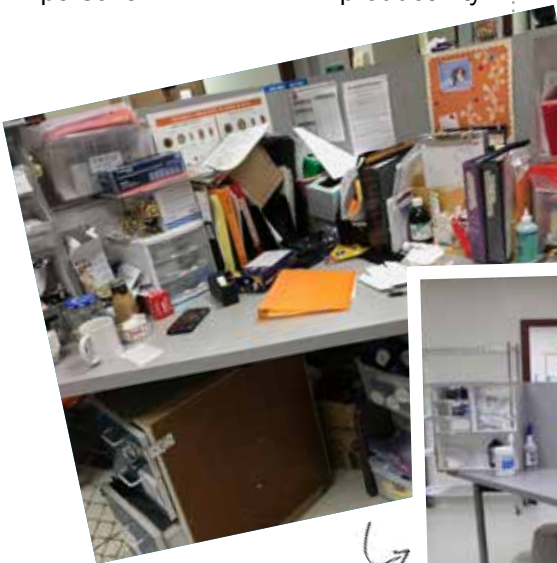
to Salem Center for generously providing the space in the downtown mall, as well as the dozens of volunteers and foster families who dedicated so many weekends to the shelter's smallest residents.

Kitten-Kaboodle will reopen in summer 2018—stay tuned for additional information on whs4pets.org in the coming months.

THRIFTED TREASURES IN DOWNTOWN

Have you stopped by the Willamette Humane Society Thrift Store recently? Believe it or not, there are some shelter patrons who didn't even know the store exists, but in fact, it is celebrating its 45th anniversary in 2018! The store features a wide selection of clothing, home goods, books, movies, furniture, and more. Each purchase goes to support the life saving programs and services at the shelter.

The store also welcomes Nicole Mason as the new store manager in May 2017. Be sure to stop in and say hello! The WHS Thrift Store, located at 548 High Street in downtown Salem, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.



The shelter's exam area went from unorganized to optimized, allowing the team to better serve both pets and people.



ROUND OF APAWS

Celebrating Lifesaving Work in Our Community

CONTINUING KINDNESS

Whiteaker Middle School students are still making a difference in our community by supporting the pets of Willamette Humane Society with their generosity and creativity.

Last spring students donated a number of items and money for the cats and dogs. This fall they focused their efforts on hand making cat enrichment toys for the shelter's adoptable cats, as well as fun posters on why adoption is the best option.

"We even watched a video on how to make the toys," said seventh grade teacher James Decker, whose class pioneered the project.

After touring the shelter and learning about WHS services, the group went to work cleaning kennel card holders, sanitizing doorknobs, folding laundry, pulling weeds and organizing outreach materials. The day was complete after a meeting with shelter alum Ginger the dog and some kitten time.



The State of Oregon's Department of Payment Accuracy and Recovery team love pets, too!

SOMETHING'S FISHY

While new additions are always coming and going here at Willamette Humane Society, they usually have paws and claws, not gills. But thanks to Premium Aquarium, located here in Salem, the Education Hall now has some new permanent residents who swim.

Premium Aquarium donated an aquarium filled with colorful fish. In addition to providing a little relaxation for staff and community members using the hall, we'll help people learn a few fish fun facts.

GIVING BACK DOESN'T HAVE AN AGE LIMIT

Adults from RTR Services came and worked on a number of projects around the shelter, while the kids made some very creative posters for adoptable animals. Of course they ended their day with animal time.



Thank you to Mr. Decker's class at Whiteaker M.S.

A VOLUNTEERING STATE OF MIND

Staff from the State of Oregon's Department of Payment Accuracy and Recovery visited the shelter this fall to prove that volunteering can indeed be a true "state" of mind. They stopped by to not only do some volunteer work, but also bring in donations of dog and cat food, treats, toys and towels.

A SEPTEMBER FRENZY FOR FOOD TRUCKS

Paula Fordham and Ryan Fordham of RE/MAX generously gave of their time and financial support to help sponsor our fall version of The Original Food Truck Frenzy. The photo booth was a big hit with pets and their people. Also a thank you to Santiam Brewing, and all the food trucks that donated their tips. The event raised over \$1,300 to support local pets.



The Original Food Truck Frenzy is a favorite, whether you have two legs or four. Photo by Joni Loraine.



Salem Health's Neurotrauma nurses worked on their smallest, fuzziest patients yet during the shelter's first Kitten Health Fair earlier this year.



EVEN KITTENS GO TO HEALTH FAIRS

Nurses from Salem Health's Neurotrauma unit put their medical skills to use at Willamette Humane Society recently. But this group of medical care professionals didn't work on people however, but spent their time caring for kittens. The first-ever WHS kitten health fair was a huge success, with nurses giving vaccines and medications—in addition to lots of cuddles—to dozens of kittens brought in by their foster families for this special event.

The tiny, furry friends made stops at various stations including "Vaccination Village," "Wiggle Butt Weigh-in" and "Fleas be Fleain'." Nurse Alex, who was leading the Salem Health staff, said they had to exercise a lot of self-control to not take all their "patients" home. The group also made a \$500 donation.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Thanks to team members from Regence Blue Cross and Wells Fargo who turned on their super powers to weed, clean out kennels, scrub

and fill dog pools, spiff up dog runs, remove moss in the Lila Kay Memorial garden, and finally a little office work stuffing invitations for the shelter's biggest fundraising event, Bowser's Boo Bash.

SEEING RED—TARGET RED, THAT IS

There was a lot of red at the shelter when Target employees came out to sort through our mounds and mounds of towels and blankets. As you might imagine, while we appreciate these donations, they can quickly pile up. Thanks to the Target employees for going through the stacks and stacks of towels and blankets and tossing the ones that needed to be thrown away, and organizing the rest. They ended their day with kitten cuddles.

AN INTERNATIONAL LOVE LANGUAGE

A group of Japanese exchange students were excited to visit the shelter to volunteer and learn more about how WHS serves the community. They were fascinated by the kittens, as none of the students

had cats at home. The group assembled food and litter for foster families, as well as put together crates in record time. They also wanted to practice their English skills, so wrote notes to foster families.



Visiting Japanese exchange students got an adorable thank you from our foster kittens after their hard work bagging food and building crates.

TRIBUTE GIFTS

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McKenna Eppley

BJ AND TERESA'S WEDDING
Tracy and Jeff Crandall
Jane Thielsen

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Karen and Bill Horner

OUR BARN CATS
Mindy Fenwick

SUSAN CAREY
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Marlene Haugland

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