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# Executive Director's Update

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## The Million Cat Challenge

As the warm rays of early summer sun stream through my window, I want to write about hope, love, community, how we are stronger united, and how we can accomplish great things when we come together.

I want to write about these things because that is what I see happening in animal welfare all across our country.

There is a big national movement, the Million Cat Challenge, whose goal is to unite shelters around the country to save more cats by engaging in life-saving initiatives. It will be a stretch, but YOU give us the confidence to push to do more, to save more, to work more creatively to save 328 more cats in our community, our pledge in the **Million Cat Challenge**, which you can read about in the center section on page 8.

There has been enormous progress- the save rate this year is higher than it has ever been, over 80%. Fewer cats enter the shelter thanks to each of you involved in spaying and neutering community stray cats, most of them for free. You open your hearts and homes to the most vulnerable animals, and have grown the foster program to handle record numbers of delicate bottle babies and sick but treatable kittens.

treatable kittens. Every angel among you who adopts a senior pet has my heartfelt respect: you are saving more geriatric cats than ever before. And they are getting diagnostic bloodwork and dentals because so many of you commit to monthly giving in the Golden Hearts Club. Thanks to your enthusiastic support last summer, Kitten-Kaboodle will be back for a second season at Salem Center Mall. Because puppies are now raised by you in foster homes, you funded a makeover of the puppy room into our “Kitten Command Center” and expanded cat housing.

We call it “Project Re-Mew.” Because of all that you make possible, many more cats get a chance to live long, healthy, and happy lives.



Visitors at Kitten-Kaboodle

## The Work Is About Love

Animal welfare has come so far in only one generation. But look around our pet community and you will see the work is not done yet. The work is about love, and love is a verb. Love is an action. Love is what I see in you when I arrive at work every day, sometimes tired and in need of inspiration. I see you at Riverfront Park, making the Willamutt Strut a wonderful festival

# Love is a Verb. Love is an Action



celebrating the human-animal bond. You are here at the shelter, walking dogs, bathing cats, bottle feeding kittens, washing laundry, donating time and money, bringing stray cats in for spay or neuter, comforting a fearful new arrival, or sharing your professional skills to help educate staff, showcase animals or photograph adoptable pets. Love is what I feel from you with every donation you send us—you choose to support us and to love animals that you may never meet. You are healing the world's animals by the love that motivates every action you take, and you are my inspiration.

## What About the Dogs?

And what about the dogs, you may ask? There will always be dogs needing help transitioning to new

homes, but I am thrilled to be able to say there is not an over-population problem with dogs in this community and that WHS does not euthanize any healthy or treatable dogs. Because you adopt most dogs as fast as they arrive, there is enough space now to house dogs needing an extended stay for medical and behavioral support and you are here for them, helping make them more adoptable. There is even enough space to help other communities who still have too many dogs, and that is what this is all about: helping our community animals and then reaching out to give a hand up to animals everywhere.



## Your Love in Action

And thanks to you, this year we hope to reach a national goal I only dreamed of when I started working here more than a decade ago. A million more cats is an audacious goal. So is a 90% save rate for WHS. Each of you has pushed a little harder, reached higher, pitched in and given more, and asked not just "how can I help?" but now ask me "what else can I do?" You move us closer to our goal every day. You are love in action, and because people like you across this amazing country are willing to raise the bar and go all in, we can meet this challenge together. Because of your love, and because of your actions, together we will help save a million cats.

With enduring gratitude,

BJ Andersen, CAFA  
Executive Director





# Willamette Humane Society WillaMutt Strut 2016

**5k/1k Fun Run & Walk**

## Big Paw Sponsors



## Wagging Tail Sponsors

Blue Pacific Vacation Rentals  
Nature's Pet Market  
Pilgrim's Custom Cabinets  
Salem Veterinary Emergency Clinic  
Salem Pet Supply  
VCA Salem Animal Hospital

## Wet Nose Sponsors

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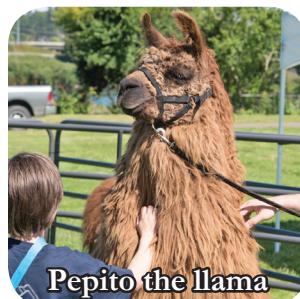
**See event photos at [whs4pets.org/willamutt-strut](http://whs4pets.org/willamutt-strut)**

## This year the strut featured dog shows and activities galore:

- Salem Police Officer Gill and K9 Jake
- Slo Mo Dog Portraits
- Flyball demonstrations by Muddy Paws and Animal House Flyball Clubs
- Pepito the llama
- Dancing dogs from Canine Corral
- My Dog Will Eat That contest, presented by The Dog Bark
- Beer by Santiam Brewing
- Dog bandanas sponsored by Envoy Mortgage
- Door prize by Gallagher Fitness Resources
- Path to Adoption

A big thank you to the other local organizations who work hard to save pets in our community. Other shelters, rescues, and animal welfare groups present at the WillaMutt Strut included:

- Marion County Dog Services
- Operation D.O.G.
- OSCAR – Operation Safe Canine Animal Rescue
- PAL – Prevent a Litter
- CAFA – Coalition Advocating for Animals
- The Heart of Rescue
- Field of Dreams
- Lucky Love Rescue



## Fundraisers

Thank you to the fundraising teams and individuals who supported the pets this year. The Marble Center Mutts raised \$300, Dwayne, in Memory of JoJo raised \$525, and Team Mills, headed by Randy Mills, raised \$1,315.

A big thank you to everyone who raised extra money from their friends and family:

- Dwayne, in Memory of JoJo
- The Marble Center Mutts
- Friends of Halsey
- Ginger's Fwends
- Paint a Pet
- Sinead's Strut
- Team Mills
- Three Labs and You're Out
- Team Jasper



# Petcetera

## News

Thank you for supporting pets at Willamette Humane Society by voting in the Statesman Journal's Best of the Mid-Valley poll.

The animals at the shelter will benefit from the publicity of winning in nine categories, including Gold in the following:

- Animal Nonprofit
- Holiday Event - Bowser's Boo Bash
- Birthday Party Venue
- Consignment/Thrift Store - Willamette Humane Society Thrift Store

## Upcoming Sales

### Willamette Humane Society Thrift Store

- July 1-2: Independence Day Sale
- August 20: International Homeless Animals Day Sale
- September 2-3: Labor Day Sale
- September 9: Halloween Kickoff
- October: Clearance Month

**Willamette Humane Society  
Davenport's Den**  
Pet Supplies & Gifts



- July: 10 percent off dog toys
- August: 10 percent off cat toys
- September: 10 percent off crates & carriers
- October: 10 percent off litter, litter boxes, and scoops

## Annual Sponsors



[capitolsubaru.com](http://capitolsubaru.com)

## Grants

We are pleased to announce the following grant funding from national animal welfare organizations as well as individual foundations in the past quarter.



[www.aspca.org](http://www.aspca.org)

Dr. Kristina Hogg, WHS Shelter Veterinarian, received \$500 support from the ASPCA to attend The ASPCA Cornell Maddie's® Shelter Medicine Conference this July at the University of Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine. This event is specifically designed to provide high quality information to shelter professionals that will enhance the quality of life for shelter animals.



Greater Good works to protect people, pets, and the planet. This organization recently donated 400 doses of Duramune Max 5 vaccine, the combo vaccine that protects dogs against Canine Distemper, Hepatitis, Respiratory Disease, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus. This gift was valued at \$2,100.

### Leslie G. Ehmann Trust

In late March we received \$2,000 from the Leslie G. Ehmann Charitable Trust to purchase blood test panels for senior pets. With the recent addition of blood analysis equipment, we added the capacity to run blood work in house for half the price of using an outside laboratory. This funding will help about 40 animals.

## Events



**Yappy Hour-** Come down to the shelter for summer evenings of great beer from Santiam Brewing, food, and dog playgroups. See the back cover.

- Friday, July 29, 5-7 pm
- Friday, August 26, 5-7 pm
- Friday, September 30, 5-9 pm, featuring food trucks!

**M**utts on the Mile is set for Thursday, September 15th from 5-7 pm. Join us at Capitol Subaru for a fun mile-long walk around the lake! Featuring hydration, wine and beer (with \$5 donation), snacks, and adoptable dogs!



Join us for monthly educational PETtalks: Ideas for Caring on the second Thursday of each month, starting again in September. Learn more on page 12.

**B**owser's Boo Bash, our signature costume dinner and auction presented by



Capitol Subaru, will be held at Keizer Civic Center on October 29. Ask about sponsoring or donating auction items today. Learn more on page 15.

You'll soon have a chance to buy raffle tickets to win a yellow 1974 Super Beetle, presented by Killers Pest Elimination. It's the only bug they don't kill! The vehicle is currently undergoing restoration. Stay tuned for more information on [whs4pets.org](http://whs4pets.org).

# Volunteer of the Quarter

## Caroline Patton Wears Many Volunteer Hats for the Animals

When it comes to the many volunteer opportunities at Willamette Humane Society, Caroline Patton has done it all. You'll see Caroline's smiling face walking dogs, serving as a kennel buddy, helping visitors as an adoption ambassador, coaching her team of volunteers, mentoring for the Open Paw Program, fostering kittens, photographing shelter pets, helping at events, and representing the shelter for outreach opportunities.

"I regret nothing," Caroline says about her time spent serving the animals. She began volunteering in February 2014 when her mother, a philanthropist, encouraged Caroline and her sister to volunteer in the community where their passions led them. Caroline was mentored by experienced volunteers, Linda Crosby and Jolene Jones, and she became a red-tag dog walker by July 2014, a volunteer team captain by June 2015, and is now a blue-tag walker, the top level for the most experienced dog handlers. She volunteers ten to twelve hours a week now, and has volunteered over 1,000 hours so far.

Caroline approaches new opportunities with enthusiasm, which explains her many roles at the shelter. After spending most of her time with dogs at the shelter, Caroline was asked to serve as a kitten foster last year during kitten season when the need was high, as it is now. She fostered a bonded pair named Butch and Sundance. Butch was sent back to the shelter for adoption quickly, but Sundance "had the strugs" as Caroline put it, and

required more time before he was ready. Sundance was renamed Jensen, and became a foster failure, meaning Caroline adopted him. She still hopes to foster again soon.



Caroline's favorite thing is seeing a long-time shelter resident go home to their new family. "You can see the dog is happy, the people are happy, and it's the best thing!" You can relive Caroline's favorite experiences with dogs like Joker, Oscar, and now Jax (pictured) on adopt-an-oregon-dog.com, where they are chronicled by Martha Russell.

As an Adoption Ambassador, Caroline gets to help make these magic matches on a regular basis. Her advice to adopters is to research the breeds that will best meet their resources and lifestyle, and to make sure they're ready to spend the time and do the work with their new family member. If adopters are set on a pet they learn about online, then find out it's not the right pet for them once they come to visit, Caroline and other volunteers can help direct them to a pet that would meet their needs. The volunteers are walking them weekly, visiting with them in the kennel, and they know them like their own pets.

Caroline loves to talk about the many facets of volunteering. Her advice to those interested in volunteering? "Do it! Yes, you WILL want to adopt all the animals at first, but then you'll develop realistic expectations about how you can help, what they need, and you'll see them go to the right families." Please come to orientation, and learn about how you can apply yourself. There's a volunteer opportunity for every interest and skill.

Thank you, Caroline, for all you've done to serve the animals in your many roles. We look forward to seeing your smiling face at the shelter, events, and in photos with adoptable pets for many years to come.

### Ask about volunteering

(503) 585-5900 ext. 312

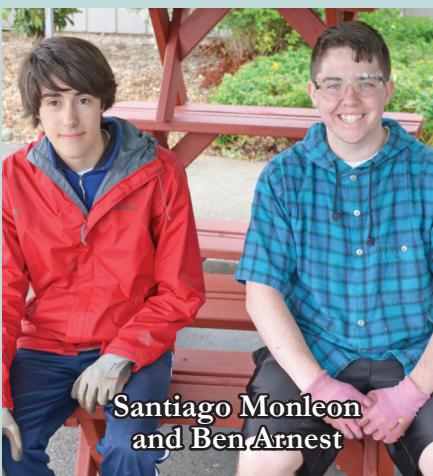
[volunteer@whs4pets.org](mailto:volunteer@whs4pets.org)

[whs4pets.org/volunteer](http://whs4pets.org/volunteer)

# Round of Apaws

## Santiago's Eagle Scout Bench Project

Thank you to Santiago Monleon and the fifteen Boy Scouts of Troop 19 for building ten benches for the outdoor dog turnouts and walking paths at the shelter. Santiago's self-funded Eagle project used the pattern and color of an existing bench as the model for his benches.



Santiago Monleon  
and Ben Arnest



Paint a Pet participants

## Paint a Pet Fundraiser

Thank you to supporters of the Art Adds to Life! group for painting your pets on May 14th, and raising \$215 for the animals at the shelter.

## Walker Middle School Catering Students

Many thanks to students for selling homemade dog treats to staff and students to raise money for pets at WHS. Not only did the dogs love their treats, but they raised \$150 for the animals.



Walker Middle School students holding the treats



## Subaru Share the Love Event

Thank you to all who purchased a Subaru during the Share the Love Event. Subaru donated \$250 to a customer's choice of charities for new vehicles, sold or leased, from November to January 2. Our community's selections generated \$40,000 from Subaru of America for pets at the shelter during this year's campaign.

## Freaky Friday Food Truck Frenzy

Over 1,000 people attended the Food Truck fundraiser on Friday the 13th, raising over \$2,000 in tips, donations, and sponsorships for the animals.



Rachel LeVitre, shelter manager,  
with Dutch Bros. employees

## Dutch Bros Donates \$1,000

Thank you to Dutch Bros. owner, Aaron Eastman and the Mission St. Dutch Bros for selecting pets at the shelter as the recipient of your generous donation.

## St. Joseph's School

Meet Cristian, a student from St. Joseph's school in Salem. He decided to do a community service project and brought in toys and treats for our dogs and a little something for our cats too.



Rachel LeVitre, shelter manager, with Cristian and his brother Joseph



# MILLION CAT CHALLENGE

Willamette Humane Society is joining animal shelters across North America to save the lives of one million more cats in the next five years. It's all part of a joint campaign of the **Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program** at the University of Florida and the **UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program**.

The Million Cat Challenge is based on key initiatives that offer every shelter, in every community, practical choices to reduce euthanasia and increase live outcomes for shelter cats. Willamette Humane Society is applying four initiatives, and has pledged to save 328 more cats in our community this year to do our part.



**Managed Admission** - Schedule intake of cats to match the shelter's ability to assure humane care and safe movement through the shelter system for an appropriate outcome for every cat.



**Alternatives to Intake** - Provide positive alternatives to keep cats in the home or community when admission to a shelter is not the best choice.



**Capacity for Care** - Match the number of cats cared for at any one time with the capacity required to assure the Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare for all cats in the shelter.



**Removing Barriers to Adoption** - Expand the pool of adopters by removing barriers to adoption such as cost, process, or location.

"The shelters who have taken the Challenge are leading the way in finding and implementing new approaches to saving cats' lives," said Dr. Kate Hurley, director of the UC Davis program.

"Willamette Humane Society is thinking outside the kennel to save lives by implementing programs such as **intake by appointment**, expanding off-site adoptions through **Kitten-Kaboodle**, offering our free **Barn Cat Adoption** program for working cats, improving cat housing in the shelter through **Project Re-Mew**, and continuing to offer our free **Spay-a-Stray** Trap Neuter Return program," said BJ Andersen, Executive Director of Willamette Humane Society.



## Willamette Humane Society Kitten-Kaboodle Adoption Center



Willamette Humane Society's foster network is growing, saving more lives, and more adoption outlets are needed in the community to find homes for the animals.



Kitten-Kaboodle adoption outlet reopened June 29th thanks to donated store space from **Jones Lang LaSalle** and **Salem Center**, and is open for adoptions on Wednesdays from 10 am - 2 pm (right by the Wednesday market), and Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12 - 6 pm.

Kitten-Kaboodle is located at **Salem Center** on the ground level by the Liberty and Chemeketa Street Entrance (by Chico's and Baskin-Robbins).

- Play with Kittens in the "kitten library" nook
- Adopt kittens right at **Salem Center** Mall
- Purchase toys, treats, and kitten starter packages



**Everyone is welcome to visit the store, whether they plan to adopt or not.**

## Programs to Save Cats

Willamette Humane Society

# Barn Cat Adoption Special

If our barn cats could type, the description to the right might be the kind of classified ad they would place. As we work to increase our save rate for cats, we are trying to eliminate the euthanasia of otherwise healthy felines that just aren't suitable in a home. That's where the Barn Cat Adoption Special for working cats comes in.

Sometimes cats have litter box issues. They may be easily overstimulated and like to bite. Perhaps they are not social with humans, having little exposure to people. Or, as is the case with the majority of our barn/working cats, they have lived outside and enjoy that lifestyle.

**Position wanted: Working cat available to provide pesticide-free rodent control in exchange for a place to sleep and fresh food and water daily.**

Barn cats must be provided with fresh food and water daily, a place to sleep, shelter (an outdoor shelter, but not necessarily a barn), and care. From our experience, these cats typically have a really good life. They may be on a farm where there are other animals to interact with and a sunny hayloft to sleep in. Some are indoor/outdoor, providing rodent control both in and outside of the home. Warehouses and industrial shops provide an excellent environment for a working cat. And others, as was the case with our most recent working cat placement, are in a local business; in this case, a church. (Church mice may be quiet but they are still destructive!)

Cats placed through our working cat program are spayed or neutered, given vaccines, and are tested for Feline Leukemia and FIV. **There is no adoption fee.** They are not suited for,

nor do they appreciate, the average home environment. Working cats are looking for a second chance. If you are able to provide this for one (or more) of our working cats, please contact WHS at [adoptions@whs4pets.org](mailto:adoptions@whs4pets.org) or (503) 585-5900, ext. 314.

## Project Re-Mew Provides “Townhome” Living for Cats at the Shelter

Project Re-Mew is the latest addition to shelter improvements. The former small dog room is being transformed into the Foster Command Center for the kittens and will be townhome living for adult cats come winter. All this thanks in no small part to **Richard Wasserman**, a WHS volunteer since March 2008. Richard researched kennel options, made a recommendation for the room design, made the first leadership gift for the

project, and used his talents as a flower photographer to create an incentive for others to donate at the \$1,000 leadership level. Our thanks also to **Richard Wasserman & Ann Coskey-Wasserman, Shannon Priem, Susie and Wayne Kunzman, Margaret Bagley, Diane Crawford, Nancy Graf, and Paul and Carol Manka** for the gifts that made this project possible.

## Eligibility

- Any cat trapped by a community member who is willing to return the cat where it was trapped.
- First Responders who trap and return feral cats for others.
- Community members or rescue organizations taking responsibility for a feral cat colony or feeding station.

Call 503-480-SPAY to confirm eligibility, ask questions, and make an appointment. No appointment deposit is required for this promotion, only the trap deposit. Allow three days of feeding out of the trap before setting your trap the night before your appointment date. **Please spread the word.**

## Willamette Humane Society Spay-a-Stray

This program offers FREE trap rental and spay or neuter surgery for free-roaming cats in Marion & Polk Counties.

The Spay-a-Stray program is made possible through generous grants from **Bernice Barbour Foundation, Karen M. Schroth Charitable Foundation for Animals, PetSmart Charities**, and individual donors.

# Happy Tails...

## Stephanie's Broken Heart Healed by Sadie



Sadie

In October of 2015, I lost my baby, Clyde. He was 14 and had been failing for awhile. I was broken. I knew someday we would get another cat, but didn't know when the time would be right. A dear friend invited me to come with her family to look at kittens at a foster home. They were adopting one and hoped I would consider the other one. This was February. In the foster home was a beautiful momma kitty and her two, 8-day-old babies. I went over to see them, and Momma, aka Mary, reached out to me and meowed. That did it. I knew I had found my cat! She needed to stay in foster care until her boys were old enough and she could be spayed. It was the longest wait ever once I had convinced my husband she was the one. On April 21st she joined our other two girls, one older dog, and three boys.

Introductions have been slow, but good and she acts like she's been here all along. Yes, I could've chosen a cute, spunky kitten, but I'm SO happy we adopted Sadie. She makes the fifth cat I've adopted from WHS, three of which were one or older. Kittens are adorable, but older fully-grown cats are just as wonderful and loving. My heart is finally healing. Thank you Sadie for being purr-fectly amazing, Kim (super awesome foster mom), and everyone involved at WHS. You truly have the best fur kids!

- Stephanie F.

## Winnie and Diane

I adopted Winnie, aka Paris,, one year ago. She is becoming a great kayak companion. Such a funny and opinionated girl.

- Diane H.

## Submit YOUR Happy Tail

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



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



Louis with Tobin

## Louis and Tobin

Louis is settling in nicely. I think he has found his human.

- Tobin S.



Winnie with Diane

## Isis and Zachary

I recently adopted Isis, aka Breeze.

- Zachary V.



# Pet-to-People Connections Forged With Your Support

## Moses and Teryl

I cannot thank Willamette Humane Society enough for all they have done to help me adopt my new furbaby, Moses. Moses is a ten-year-old cat with lots of love left to give. When I first met him a couple of weeks ago, I knew at that moment that he was meant to be with me, and I with him. He was so stressed, anxious, and frightened. He was trying to make himself invisible in his cage. I fell in love. He and his story reminded me so much of the story of Moses that I named him Moses. The staff and volunteers at the shelter were so supportive of the time I spent with him over the next week or so as he waited for a dental procedure and they did everything they could to make each visit a positive and loving one for Moses and for me.

These wonderful people are totally devoted to these animals and do everything they can to make them comfortable. The smiles on their faces when you come in to look or visit show their devotion and desire to see these babies adopted to homes where they will be wanted and loved.

-Teryl D.



Moses with Teryl

## Henri and Erin

Henri just had a visit from Oregon Mobile Veterinary Services, and it went wonderfully. They remarked on what a wonderful cat he was, how well he'd been taken care of at WHS, and that he seems very happy and healthy in his new home. They couldn't even get his heart rate because he was purring too loudly.

- Erin E.



## Sammy and Susan

I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Eight years ago we rescued a dog named Angel whom we renamed Sammy. She was eight years old when we got her. Today is a very sad day in our house, as we had to lay her to rest. She was a huge part of our lives and was a true family member. I am thankful for the day we walked into your establishment and found her. She was such a blessing in our lives. She was part pit, part lab, and loved our cats and kids. Really, all she wanted was a pet, a walk, and of course a car ride. Hopefully one day we can find another rescue like her, she will be hard to replace. Again, thank you for what you do, and thank you for giving us our Sammy!

- Susan M.



Sammy

# Behavior & Training



Join us the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6 - 8pm.

Suggested donation is only \$5



Lauren Thielke

## September 8 Assessing In-Kennel Interactions in Relation to Sociability in Shelter Dogs

Explore how to interact with dogs at the shelter in ways that will improve their chances of adoption. Increased sociability may lead to interactions that are more appealing to potential adopters, and could improve adoption success.

Presented by Lauren Thielke, M.S./Ph.D. student in the Human-Animal Interaction Lab at Oregon State University Animal Interaction Lab at Oregon State University.

**Learn more at  
[whs4pets.org/pet-talks](http://whs4pets.org/pet-talks)**

*Are you a total dog nerd? Love dogs and can't get enough information and hands-on skills with them? We've got some exciting opportunities coming up this fall! We've got PETtalk lectures resuming in September (see left) and dog training classes as usual, but beyond that, look what's coming:*

## Professional Dog Trainer Certification Preparation Course

The Chemeketa Professional Dog Trainer Certification Preparation course has been running for the past 2 years, each spring and fall at WHS. Students rave about this 10-week, 50-hour course that provides an intensive education on canine learning, training equipment, ethology, body language, health, aggression, and a client skills workshop that will help you take your dreams to reality and learn to instruct others. Pet owners and future professional dog trainers alike can attend one or all of the series:

- **Every Dog a Genius (9 hours) \$189**
- **Canine Body Language and Aggression (6 hours) \$129**
- **Canine Behavior and Health (6 hours) \$129**
- **Canine Behavior Coaching (9 hours) \$189**
- **Entire lecture bundle (all of the above) \$599**

Fully enrolled students may participate in the practicum, a 20-hour hands-on course working with shelter dogs to bring the lecture topics to life. Tuition for the complete course, lectures and practicum: \$869.

I love teaching this class and invite you to meet me in person at a Meet and Greet in the Educational Hall at WHS on Saturday, September 17 at 3pm. I'll have a slide show and curriculum samples for you to browse. There is no fee for the meet and greet, but please bring a bag of treats for the shelter dogs.

Registration for this fantastic series is available in the fall Chemeketa Community Education catalog available online or by contacting Chemeketa Community College.

Phone: 503.399.4949 - e-mail: [CEInfo@chemeketa.edu](mailto:CEInfo@chemeketa.edu)



# *Learning Abounds in Upcoming Courses*

## **Spend a Week Studying Pro Training with Shelter Dogs and Personal Coaching**



Get hands-on this fall! New this year, we're partnering with CATCH Canine Trainers Academy to bring their one-week Professional Dog Training Skills Workshop to the west coast. The last 3 workshops on the east coast have sold out, so we're excited to bring this unique learning opportunity to you here at Willamette Humane Society.

A group of only 12 lucky students will get to train shelter dogs with the coaching and support of a fantastic instructor team including Catherine Comden, CPDT-KA (Behavior Program Manager at WHS, adjunct faculty with Chemeketa Community College teaching the Professional Dog Trainer Certification Prep course, and with more than 20 years' experience as a professional in canine behavior and training) and Chelsea Rock, JD (WHS Canine Training Coordinator). You'll be thrilled with course content and instruction.

### **Highlights and Topics:**

- Earn a certificate to showcase your skills
- One week in-person, working dogs every day
- On-site at our beautiful, modern training facility and shelter
- Totally immersive hands-on training where we provide many different dogs for you to practice with
- Topics include: dog handling skills and training mechanics, how to come up with the steps to teach any behavior, getting results around distractions, fading out food, reliable responses in real life situations, and much more
- You will be coached and evaluated by expert trainers to build your skills in a fun, supportive setting



Catherine Comden, CPDT-KA  
Behavior Program Manager

### **Want to learn more?**

The CATCH Student Support Team is super friendly and available 7 days a week by phone or email to answer all your questions or get you enrolled.

Just ask about the one-week workshop at  
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