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# Brief PAWS

Willamette Humane Society's OFFICIAL MAGAZINE

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*How Willamette  
Humane Society's  
Foster Program  
helps save  
hundreds of lives  
each year.*

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SMILE!**

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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

## *Spring: A Season of Transformation*

Spring is a time of transformation and growth. The warmth of the season transforms people and plants alike, waking up the green in our fields, the color in our gardens, and the smiles on our finally-warm faces. It puts the bounce in the lambs and calves, and brings the birds flocking to our backyards.

And it brings the kittens to the shelters and rescues. As I write this, kitten season has begun. Just recently, eighteen bottle baby kittens arrived in need of immediate care...in one day. Hundreds more are on the horizon. And you, dear community, are the reason they survive and thrive, and then go onto bring love, joy, and better health to forever families across our counties and our state.

For six to nine months of the year, we transform Willamette Humane Society into a halfway home for feline moms and orphaned kittens. Our shelter is both landing pad and launch pad. But you are the ones who make it possible for pets we send your way by providing the loving temporary foster homes and everything that happens there: feeding, weighing, medicating, playing, transporting, and socializing. Your homes become a finishing school for wayward kittens and puppies, and a vocational rehab for dogs and cats.

If you foster, you run our "other shelter." Collectively, you often provide food, love, and housing for more pets than we have in the shelter on Turner Road. If you donate, you provide all supplies to the hundreds of volunteer foster families giving their time and love to the most desperately needy pets.

If you bring us the kittens stranded in the community, you are being the emergency first responders for these tiny beings. If you volunteer or work for WHS, you provide for the daily medical, physical and surgical needs of the pets to make them adoptable. If you adopt from us, you are the last thread in the complex, interdependent web that weaves our community together.

Together, we all are committed to a future that says every pet deserves a home. And today, **WE ARE HERE FOR THIS ONE, AND THIS ONE, AND THIS ONE...**until every pet in need has someone to love, and every person with love to share can experience the extraordinary gift that is the human-animal bond.

With gratitude,



BJ Andersen  
Executive Director



**THIS ONE**



**THIS ONE**



**AND THIS ONE!**



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# SUMMER AT THE SHELTER

*A quick guide to everything coming to WHS next season!*



- 1. WillaMutt Strut on June 10th at Riverfront Park:** Join us for our annual 5K/1K run and walk to benefit shelter pets! This family-friendly, dog-friendly event brings our community together to strut their stuff, enjoy food, brews, and live music, peruse the sponsor and vendor tents, and celebrate the beginning of summer. Each registration includes a t-shirt, goodie bag (while supplies last), and the knowledge that you're helping support dogs and cats in need. Visit [whs4pets.org/strut](http://whs4pets.org/strut) to learn more and sign up.
- 2. Summer Camps for the Kids:** Keep the kids busy this summer at Camp Paw Paw! For children in 1st through 6th grade, camp spots are still available in June, July and August. Camps include educational and fun activities such as learning about animal behavior and training, games and crafts, and animal meet and greets. Registration is \$190 and can be completed online at [whs4pets.org/camps](http://whs4pets.org/camps).
- 3. Kitten Summer Social Hour:** Our first “kittens and beer” event of the season on April 27th packed Santiam Brewing with adults and kids looking for snuggle time. We had such an amazing turnout, we're going to do it again! There will be more kittens coming to Santiam Brewing for smaller meet-and-greets throughout the summer—keep an eye on [whs4pets.org](http://whs4pets.org) for details.
- 4. Caturday Barket on August 11th:** You've been to the Salem Saturday Market....but have you ever been to a Caturday Barket? Join us on August 11 at the shelter for our first “Caturday Barket” to shop local vendors, hand-crafted businesses and more. Keep an eye on [whs4pets.org](http://whs4pets.org) for more details closer to the event date!
- 5. Yoga and Beer on August 22nd at Capitol Subaru:** Join us on Wednesday, August 22 from 5:30-7:30 for yoga, beer, and food at Capital Subaru! There will be one yoga class from 6 to 7 p.m., with a \$5 suggested donation. Thanks to Capital Subaru for their amazing, ongoing support!

# ROUND OF APAWS

*Celebrating Lifesaving Work in Our Community*

## STEPPING IT UP TO HELP CATS AND DOGS

Brennae Huskey, a student at Amity High School, planned a 5k fundraiser for the Willamette Humane Society as her senior project. She brought together students, parents and, of course, dogs on Saturday, April 7, 2018 for a 5k fun run. Despite a rainy and windy day, humans and dogs alike showed up to put their feet to the pavement for shelter pets! Brennae raised over \$400 for the shelter. Thank you!

## IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE COOKIES



A local Girl Scout troop purchased wishlist items for the shelter pets, and dropped them off in person. The generous donation included litter, pet treats, Kitten Milk Replacer, dry dog and cat food, and more. Thank you so much to these young humane heroes for helping to support the dogs and cats of Willamette Humane Society!

## THERE ARE MORE THAN 375 HEARTS OF GOLD

We'd like to give a special Round of Apaws to our Golden Hearts Club members.

The Golden Hearts Club is Willamette Humane Society's monthly giving program. Every single month, over 375 dedicated WHS supporters make a donation to the shelter. Last year, GHC members contributed a whopping 26% of donations from individuals. That means a quarter of the support we get from people comes from this core group of donors. With their support, we have a steady stream of predictable income to help us keep the lights on, doors open, and kennels ready for the animals who need us.

"I like to be able to give every month without even thinking about it. It comes directly out of my credit card. That way it never "hurts" and I am surprised at the end of the year. Giving is as important as any of my

monthly bills (if not more important)." –Anonymous, Current Golden Hearts Club Donor

Golden Hearts Club members joined us on Tuesday, April 17 to celebrate their support and the amazing happy endings that came from it at our annual reception. Members had the chance to meet two WHS alumni, Buddy and Sawyer, who they helped to save over the past year. They ended the evening with playtime with some of this season's kittens, enjoying the new beginnings that start here at the shelter every day.

From the happy endings of Sawyer's wagging tail, to the new beginnings of cute kittens climbing all over each other, Golden Hearts Club members write happy stories every month.

Want to join this shelter cornerstone? Sign up to join the Golden Hearts Club online or by calling 503-585-5900 (ext. 324).





# FOSTERING FUTURES FOR PETS

*How Willamette Humane Society's Foster Program helps save hundreds of lives a year—in more ways than you'd expect.*

By Maryam Shad, Foster and Rescue Manager

The word “foster” comes from the Old English word “fostrian,” which means “to supply with food, nourish, support.” At Willamette Humane Society (WHS), our foster volunteers do all of this and more. They socialize the shy, train the untrained, and help heal the sick animals who need extra care.

Our foster program serves as a second shelter. During “kitten season,” there are frequently more animals in foster homes than in the shelter. We can have 160 animals in foster care at one time, as we did in July 2017, when kitten season was in full swing. It would be impossible for us to care

for all of these animals without our foster families.

But the WHS Foster Program doesn't just provide care for young kittens. In 2016-2017, the program cared for 1,089 pets of all ages with a variety of needs:

### **Bottle Baby Puppies & Kittens**

These are unweaned kittens and puppies who come in without their mothers. While we occasionally see bottle baby puppies, the vast majority of our bottle babies are kittens. At this age, they cannot regulate their own body temperatures and must be kept warm by artificial heat source

such as a microwavable Snuggle Safe disc, rice sock, or heating pad. They must also be fed kitten or puppy milk replacer every two to three hours around the clock and stimulated to urinate and/or defecate after each feeding, making them the most time-intensive foster pets—but incredibly rewarding to watch become wobbly and then confident, healthy animals.

### **Pets Who are Too Young:**

These are weaned kittens and puppies who can eat on their own, but are too small to be spayed/neutered (also referred to as altering), and thus need care until they reach the correct weight or age. We alter kittens after they weigh two pounds, while male puppies are altered at 10 weeks old and female puppies at 12 weeks old.

Foster puppies must also attend puppy classes taught by staff and volunteers each week after they are eight weeks old and have received at least one vaccination. In these classes, they learn polite greetings with people and other puppies, as well as to acclimate to medical handling.

### **Pets Who are Undersocialized:**

Sometimes we get kittens who are old enough for spay/neuter, but haven't been handled enough by humans to be properly socialized. We send them to foster to be loved on by as many different types of people as possible, as well as to get used to common household noises such as the vacuum cleaner, outside traffic, and television.

### **Animals Who Stress:**

Shelter life can get a little hectic. Sometimes dogs will be stressed out in the shelter and respond by shutting down or behaving quite fearfully. We send these dogs to foster to alleviate the stress of the shelter environment. In their foster homes, they can truly blossom, and they tend to get adopted faster than they would in the shelter because adopters can see their true personalities.

### **Medical Cases:**

We send sick or injured animals to foster to recover from their injuries or to have their conditions regulated (for instance, hyperthyroidism and diabetes). In the past year, with foster help, we have been able to regulate two diabetic cats to the point where they could be adopted. Previously we were unable to take in diabetic animals, but with a robust pool of dedicated fosters, we are now able to help these animals.

### **Mom & Babies:**

When we receive a mom with babies and the babies aren't quite old enough to be weaned, we send all of them to foster until the babies are weaned, at which time the mom can return to the

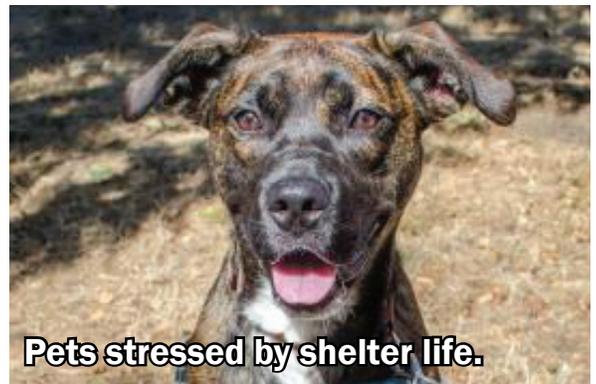
## **WHAT SORT OF PETS GET FOSTER CARE?**



**Pets who are still growing.**



**Mothers and babies.**



**Pets stressed by shelter life.**



**Pets who are in recovery.**

## **AND MANY OTHERS!**

shelter, serve her mammary protocol (allowing her milk to dry up), then be spayed and adopted.

**Pregnant Pets:** When we receive a pregnant animal, our shelter vet examines the animal to assess how advanced the pregnancy is. If the pregnancy is not advanced, we send the animal to be spayed. However, if birth is imminent, we send the mom to foster to have her babies.

### **Hospice Animals:**

Also known as “fospice,” these animals have terminal medical conditions such as cancer or severe renal disease and have a limited prognosis. They can either be adopted from their foster homes or can live out their lives in a loving foster home, receiving all the love and care they deserve.

### **Other Reasons:**

The shelter also relies on our Foster Program when space becomes limited. Fortunately, this foster reason isn’t used often, but when the shelter fills up with animals, we call upon our fosters to house overflow animals while they await adoption.

Fostering can also help evaluate certain behavioral conditions a pet struggles with. For example, we offer short-term fostering opportunities, including in-home evaluations for a week or two to determine how a dog with separation anxiety does in a home environment or how he/she does with other dogs.

## **WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A FOSTER VOLUNTEER**

Opening your home to a foster animal requires compassion, time



*Foster puppies Helios (also pictured on page five), Artemis, and Athena have grown up in their foster home with mom Hera after arriving at Willamette Humane Society at the age of just two weeks.*

and commitment. But the shelter offers as much support to these volunteers as we can. Foster parents are sent home with supplies tailored to the animal(s) they will foster.

For example, bottle babies go home with syringes/Miracle Nipple kits, Snuggle Safe discs to maintain warmth, digital scales, and Kitten/Puppy Milk Replacer. Adult cats and dogs go home with kibble, canned food, and carrier/crate/leash as appropriate, as well as any medications and medication sheets.

WHS expects fosters to bring their foster animals in for routine vaccinations, dewormer, and flea treatment at the scheduled times. We inform fosters at the time of pickup when

the next services are due, and we also send out email reminders for ongoing services. Once they reach one month old or one pound, kittens must be vaccinated every two weeks until they are four months old, while puppies are vaccinated at one month old and then every two weeks until they are five months old.

Foster volunteers also help us get to know adoptable pets better. It’s very helpful to us when foster parents send in photos and biographies of their foster pets, as they know the animals best and can speak to how they do with other animals and children, as well as their favorite toys and activities.

This sets the animals up for success

in their forever homes by guiding potential adopters toward animals that will be the best fit for their home.

## BECOMING A WHS FOSTER VOLUNTEER

It isn't hard to get started! When someone wants to become a foster, they must submit a foster parent application either online or in person and attend a foster interview with a member of the Foster Care Department staff. In these interviews, we get to know prospective fosters and learn about their home setup and pets. Fosters are also WHS volunteers, and because of this, and they must submit the standard WHS volunteer application and attend volunteer orientation.

Next, we add new fosters to our Foster Program mailing list and invite them to join the private WHS Foster Group on Facebook. When we determine that an animal needs a foster home, we send out pleas via email and on Facebook, and if a foster wants to foster that animal, they answer the request and make arrangements to pick up the animal.

The WHS Foster Care Program supports our fosters every step of the way, from sending them home with necessary supplies, to vaccinating and medicating animals, to scheduling their foster pets for spay/neuter surgery to putting fosters in touch with potential adopters. We provide handouts as needed, and foster mentors are available to provide vaccinations and advice. We also have a 24-hour emergency number to provide round-the-clock support.

Fostering is rewarding for the entire family! It's a great activity for kids to do over the summer (with proper supervision). Children learn about animal care and how to socialize

animals so that they will be happier and used to all sorts of people and household activities, as well as develop compassion and appreciation for animals.

It's impossible to count the happy endings (and beginnings!) our fosters have provided for animals who desperately needed help. If you'd like to share your home, time, and love to do the same for an animal in need, please contact [foster@whs4pets.org](mailto:foster@whs4pets.org)

*Mother cat Waffles (below) nurses her babies at Willamette Humane Society before being transferred to their foster family's home in May 2018.*



## Foster Homes Wanted!

Fostering gives pets a healthy start before adoption. We provide the supplies and medical care, you supply the love.

*Get started! Email us at [foster@whs4pets.org](mailto:foster@whs4pets.org).*

# PETCETERA

Happenings Around The Shelter This Spring



## YOU MAKE WHS THE BEST IT CAN BE!



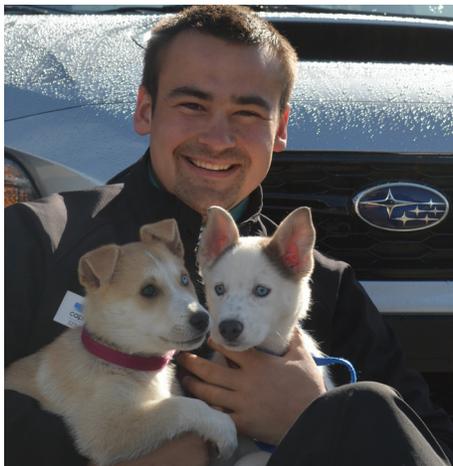
The Statesman Journal's 2018 "Best of the Mid-Valley" results were announced in April and you helped make your local humane society the best it could be. You voted Willamette Humane Society as the top animal nonprofit, pet store, and place to volunteer! The WillaMutt Strut took gold as top annual event AND top fundraising event, while the Willamette Humane Society Thrift Store took gold as the best local thrift store.

Our shelter also took silver for Bower's Boo Bash in the annual event category, as well as bronze for customer service and use of social media. Because you vote, adopt, volunteer, donate, and support, Willamette Humane Society continues to be the best we can be for the cats, dogs, and humans we serve.

## CAPITOL SUBARU AND YOU SHARED THE LOVE

The cats and dogs of Willamette Humane Society felt the love in April during our 2018 Share the Love Reception at Capitol Subaru! Thank you to Capitol Subaru and the local community for raising \$55,000 to support pets in need—all part of the annual Share the Love campaign.

For every new Subaru leased or bought between November 16, 2017 and January 2, 2018, Subaru of America, Inc. donated \$250 to select charities of the new driver's choice. And you chose to help the pets! Each of those generous donations will add up to so many lives saved. We are also thrilled to recognize John Mendrin, Capitol Subaru's top salesman during the Share the Love Campaign. Thank you John and the entire Capitol Subaru team!



## RAISE A PINT FOR THE KITTENS—CHEERS!

What is better than beer? Beer and kitten snuggles! Willamette Humane Society hosted its annual "kitten season" kick-off at two packed events this year—a "kitten happy hour" at Santiam Brewing on April 27, followed by our traditional Kitten Shower at the shelter on April 28. An estimated 400 people came out to meet current WHS foster kittens at both events and helped raise more than \$500 total to purchase essential kitten supplies. And thank you to Santiam for donating \$1 for every pint and growler filled throughout the night.

*Left: Top salesman John Mendrin enjoys time with two WHS foster puppies. Below: Shelter executive director BJ Andersen, surrounded by the Capitol Subaru team, received the \$55,000 donation check at a special reception on April 27, 2018 at Capitol Subaru in Salem, Ore.*



# 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.



## CATERPILLAR, ADOPTED 2018

Caterpillar arrived at the shelter after being found living on the streets. Many cats can make a life out of that, but the one-year-old feline suffered from a deformed eye socket, as well as an infected eye. Both conditions left Caterpillar sightless and in constant pain. The decision was made to remove both eyes. Caterpillar came out of surgery and never seemed to stop purring, obviously pain free for the first time in his young life! Caterpillar (now Ray Ray) hit the jackpot when he was adopted by a wonderful and supportive family. He's got a water fountain to help him find his water supply (now used by ALL the cats in the house) and is having a blast navigating his new spaces. He even has his own Instagram: @ray\_ray\_the\_cat!

## COCO & PATTY, ADOPTED 2018

"I adopted Coco (Cocoa) and Patty (Patience) as a bonded pair in late January 2018. They blended in with my two cats and are doing well. One of my older cats is trying to play with them and hopefully will lose a bit of weight in the process. I'm happy that I listened to that little voice in my ear that said to go to the shelter that day when I found them."

—The McCabe Household

## POOKIE BEAR, ADOPTED 2018

Pookie Bear arrived at the shelter in September 2017 after she stopped getting along with a canine sibling. She was scared of new places and new people, but had a wonderful and gentle personality behind the fear. Our Behavior & Training Team worked with her and she was placed with a dedicated foster to help her relax and overcome some of her apprehension. After six months under the care of her foster and the WHS team, Pookie Bear went home with her forever family and is enjoying her new life.



Share your own  
"Happy Tail" at  
[WHS4Pets.org](http://WHS4Pets.org).



# TRIBUTE GIFTS

*Received November 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018*

## HONORARIUMS

CHUCK ACHBERGER  
Phillip Usera

ADONIS  
Jennifer Stewart and Gregory Olson

ALACRITOUS ALTRUISM  
Tim Woodden

DRS. ROBERT & LAURA ARCHER  
AND STAFF  
Connie and Hank DeHaan

DENNIS & SHARON BALL  
Geraldine Ball

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DAVID BAUMAN  
Shannon Priem

THE BEARD FAMILY  
Leslie Kaye

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Garry Pullen

FRANKIE BELL  
Joan Fraser

ANITA BEWLEY AND FAMILY  
Mark and Linda Grenz

BILLY  
Monica Zilkoski

BJ  
Marsha Bodi

BETSY BODE  
Emil (Mic) and Mary Jo Dahlberg

MOUNT AND JANET BRICE  
Lisa and Steve Brice

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OSCAR BURROUGHS  
Amy and Jeremy Burroughs

MARY KAY CALLAGHAN AND  
DEBRA MARTINEZ  
Janette Hall

DARLENE CARDA  
Scott and Gayle Carda

BARB CASH'S BIRTHDAY  
Tom and Barbara Halsey  
Marla and Brian Briggs

TINA CAUSEY  
Joan Fraser

CHERYL AND KATE  
Robyn McCarty

MONA CONVERSE  
Alan Fleischman

COWBOY  
David Burkhart

BARBARA AND BILL CROTHERS  
Robert Woods

BETH AND MATT CUMMINGS  
Jennifer and Thomas Jones

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Jennifer Engberg  
Turning Heads Hair Studio

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SANDY LEE FITCH  
Justina Herman

BARBARA FRASER  
Randy Fraser

JOAN FRASER  
Barbara Fraser  
Randy Fraser

TODD FULLER  
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Lisa and Rodney Dial  
Michael Rhodehamel

DENNIS AND SHARON GAMROTH  
Allie Gamroth

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Larry and Mary Jo Krumdieck

GUS  
Sherri and Anthony Boesen

TOM HALSEY  
Marla and Brian Briggs

BAYLOR HAMPTON'S HANNUKAH  
COLLECTION  
Merri and Patrick Lynch

LEORA & PAUL HEWITT  
Geraldine Ball

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Barbara Hunter

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CHRIS HOY  
Kara Null

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STACY HULLING  
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MERRILEE  
Carol Mitchell

MOLLY'S BIRTHDAY  
Susan Hoff

CAROLE OMANS  
Mary Whitlock and Wayne Earnshaw

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Libby and Gary Drapela

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Barbara Heuberger

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LLOYD RHOADES  
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ROBBY  
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
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Becky Prickett

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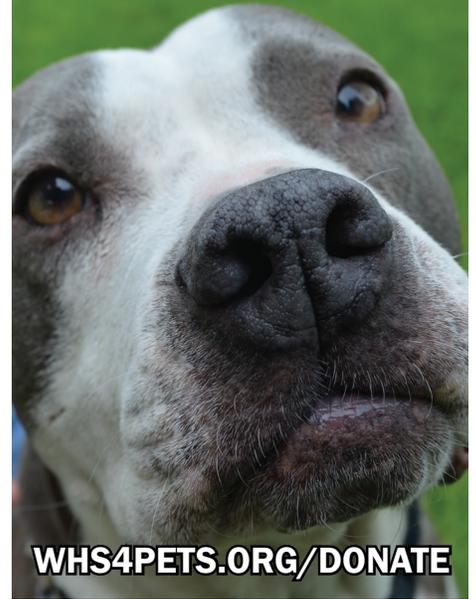
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Pat and Craig Anderson

TIM BARTOSZ  
Charlotte and Verner Bartosz

RUTH BEIRNE  
Daniel and Kathleen Cook

HELEN BIBELHEIMER  
Colleen Breuer

**A shelter pet "nose"  
you care—thank you  
for supporting WHS!**



DANA J BIRCH  
Willow Gallaway

JOSEPH E. BUBIER  
Linda Williams

RUBY BUNTJER  
Debra Tracy

DAVE CALVERT  
Dianna Calvert

ROSS CARSTENSEN  
Yvonne Carstensen

RICHARD D. CASTLEMAN  
Dorith Brooks and Jacqueline Sanborn

MARIAN CHRISTENSEN  
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RICHARD CLAUS  
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Ben and Jane Gillespie

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Winifred Sangirardi

PAT DAVIDSON  
Mary Curry

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Shannon Priem

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E.J. King  
Marilyn and Kevin Webb

DR. CHRIS ERION

Ed and Wray Lipton  
Lucia and Paul Norris  
Larry and Mary Jo Krumdieck

RAELENE EVANS

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# Diary of a Foster Cat

By Evelyn the WHS Foster Cat

(With Help from Human Janine Catalino, Volunteer Manager)

***What is life really like as a foster cat? In February 2018, a skinny, elderly stray cat arrived at the shelter. We named her Evelyn. In her initial medical exam, our shelter veterinarian discovered Evelyn had diabetes, which requires long-term care and regular treatments. The search began for a foster, but it was a big ask: regulated food, insulin shots, and weekly trips to the shelter for exams. But veteran shelter foster volunteer Michele Cox stepped forward to help Evelyn on her road to recovery. This is Evelyn's story, told in her "own words."***

**January 20, 2018:** I'm not sure how much longer I can live like this. The wind is blowing so hard and my fur has gotten so thin that it doesn't keep me warm. Last night I dreamt I was curled up in a cozy bed with the little girl I loved so many years ago. I woke up purring, but it was just a dream.

**January 31, 2018:** I haven't written in a few days. All my energy has gone towards finding food. Today, I found a can near the garbage with some stinky, crusted on fish. It was delicious.

**February 5, 2018:** Today, the most wonderful thing happened. I was sitting slumped near the sidewalk when a Lady stopped and asked me my name. The next thing I knew, she had gathered me in her arms. Normally, I'm frightened by those large metal beasts that growl and

breathe smoke, but I was so grateful for a kind human touch that I didn't even mind.

**February 9, 2018:** I've been living with The Lady for almost a week. She is telling me that we are going somewhere. I don't understand. I like living with The Lady. I try to tell her I want to stay with her forever, but I can't seem to make her understand. The Lady says she is taking me to The Shelter. She says they will help me there.

**February 10, 2018:** It is very noisy here. People are looking at me, feeling my tummy, looking at my teeth and ears. They say I am very skinny. One of them has drops of water running down her cheek. I think that's what humans call crying. I think it means they are sad.

**February 13, 2018:** I have been

living in a metal kennel. All around me, there are other cats. Someone comes every day to take my poop away. I'm not sure where they are taking it, or why. No one has ever liked my poop that much.

**February 28, 2018:** I get food and water every day. It is amazing. I have been visiting The Veterinarian Lady a lot. She is nice, but she does not respect my boundaries. She is always poking at me.

**March 8, 2018:** Everyone seems very excited today. They say I am going to a Foster Home. I do not know what a Foster is, but I know what Home is.

**March 9, 2018:** A Lady is taking care of me. That is her job. She is a Foster Lady and I am living in a Foster Home.

**March 10, 2018:** Foster Lady is very strict. She only gives me a small can of food every four hours. She says I have something called Diabetes and that it needs to be regulated. I try to tell her my tummy is what needs to be regulated, but she does not listen.

**March 12, 2018:** Today I made an amazing discovery! There is a large metal treat jar in the kitchen. If I stand on my back feet and push on it, it tips over. My tummy is very happy!

**March 13, 2018:** I am frantic. I cannot find the metal treat jar ANYWHERE. I am convinced Foster Lady has taken it for herself.

**March 21, 2018:** I am not the only cat here. Other cats are here, hiding their food from me in a secret location. But I am very smart. Tonight, I heard the door of the secret room open and I ran as fast as I could towards it. I managed to gobble a few mouthfuls before Foster Lady caught me.

**March 23, 2018:** Foster Lady gives me something called Insulin. It is supposed to help my Diabetes. She pokes me with a sharp shiny stick. It does not hurt. Foster Lady is very gentle. The shiny stick visits me every time I eat.

**March 25, 2018:** Foster Lady forgot to hide the metal treat jar. I ran as fast as I could from her lap to the treat jar and I JUMPED right in! Foster Lady caught me. She tried to get my bread crust treat away from me, but I gobbled it really, really fast. Foster Lady seemed worried about my treat, but I was happy.

**March 29, 2018:** Today, Foster Lady is taking me to The Shelter. We go once a week. The Veterinarian Lady pokes me with a shiny stick too. She tells me they are checking something

*Before (Right): Evelyn arrived at WHS in early February 2018. After (Below): After several months of treatment, medication, and love, Evelyn looks and feels like a new cat, ready to find her perfect family.*



*That's me!*

called Blood Glucose. I get poked with the shiny stick ALL DAY LONG. My talks with The Veterinarian Lady about boundaries are not working.

**March 30, 2018:** Foster Lady is very happy. She says that my insulin levels are regulating. I hope this means I get more food. I REALLY love food.

**April 2, 2018:** Today, Foster Lady told me that I have gained a pound! When I groom myself, I notice that my fur is getting prettier, too.

**April 4, 2018:** Today, I am going to write about all the things I am grateful for. The Lady who found me. The Nice People at The Shelter. Foster Lady because she feeds me and brushes me and talks to me and takes care of me all day long and drives me back and forth to the shelter every week. The Veterinarian Lady because she is helping me feel

better. My Foster Home because here I am safe and warm and loved.

**April 5, 2018:** I am back at the shelter again and the shiny stick is visiting me ALL DAY LONG. The Veterinarian Lady is happy. She tells me that soon I will be well enough to be ADOPTED.

**April 20, 2018:** Foster Lady is acting strange. I can't tell if she's happy or sad. Maybe both. She says my Diabetes is almost regulated and soon I can be adopted. The funny drops of water are running down her cheeks. She tells me that her job as a Foster Lady is almost done. She tells me soon there will be another cat who needs her help. And then there will be another, and another. I have decided that Foster Ladies and Foster Men are the most beautiful people in the whole world. I have decided that Foster really means LOVE.

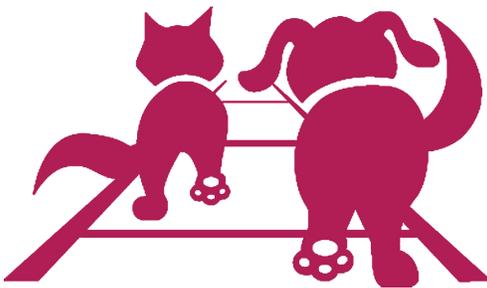
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