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Willamette Humane Society's OFFICIAL MAGAZINE

Sharing the Joy of a Best Friend

How our adoptable dogs are touching the entire Salem community—including OSCI and OSP

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“Do not think that love in order to be genuine has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired. Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.”

—Mother Teresa

How can we help each other wake up more fully to the power that is in us to effect change, to do good work, to save lives, to ensure our children's children will have a good future? Through companionship. Think of the epic journey the hobbits took in *The Lord of the Rings*. It was “the fellowship of the ring.”

You are part of the fellowship advancing the welfare of animals. You are the champions of animals. You know the real magic of the human-animal bond...because you understand that animals are part of the fellowship also.

When we take shelter dogs into the heart of a penitentiary, to visit prisoners who are serving life sentences, the dogs don't judge them by their past, no matter how terrible that past may be. They are present, offering the magic freely to men who only get to see dogs once a year. It is transformative and humbling to witness.

These dogs innately understand the Golden Rule, offering the men affection, playfulness, and the blessing of simple, open-hearted presence.

If you volunteer at the shelter, you have an opportunity to return the blessing. You offer that same affection and presence to animals who have, for a variety of reasons, had a major disruption in their lives and landed with WHS on their way to a new future.

Some will stay with us only a few days, some will stay for months because their needs are greater. But you come and offer them your love and open-hearted presence—and perhaps a cookie or sparkly cat toy, too.

If you are a supporter, donating monthly or annually, or giving items you no longer use to our downtown thrift store, you are a gift from the gods.



No journey or quest can be accomplished without help. At some point, each one of you in the fellowship has been faced with a challenge, a trial, and struggled to keep faith in the goal. When the way seemed dark, the number of animals suffering seemed endless, you did not turn away. You stepped forward and offered to help.

This journey to save every dog and cat in need, and to connect pets and people for the benefit of all beings, is the journey you chose. And Willamette Humane Society is the vehicle you chose to get there. With your support and engagement, together, we are accomplishing great things. I am so honored to be in this fellowship with you!

With gratitude,

BJ Andersen
Executive Director

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STRUTTING INTO SUMMER: *How the 2018 WillaMutt Strut Raised \$36,000 for Shelter Pets—Presented by the Marble Center*

By Erin Weldon
Development Manager

This summer, you proved that you can strut your stuff—rain or shine. Willamette Humane Society's 2018 WillaMutt Strut was hosted on Sunday, June 10, at Riverfront Park in downtown Salem. The annual 5K fun run and walk, which benefits adoptable cats and dogs, brought more than 400 runners, walkers, and their canine companions together for a rainy morning jaunt through Riverfront Park and across the new The Peter Courtney Minto Island Bridge.

The 2018 WillaMutt Strut marked the popular event's seventh year and raised more than \$36,000 to support live-saving shelter programs, including essential medical care and training services. After the walk and run, attendees browsed the vendor village, watched agility and training demonstrations, cheered on shelter dogs during our adoptable dog parade, and helped crown the year's "Muttiest Mutt." Local food trucks

Island Girl's Lunchbox and Chez Alishon were onsite with delicious food offerings, while Santiam Brewing Company served up beer and cider for thirsty runners. The day was proof that a little rain wasn't going to deter local pet lovers from enjoying one of Salem's largest pet-friendly events.

Like every year, WillaMutt Strut would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors and community. The Marble Center, Inc. returned as the presenting sponsor for this year's event. We would also like to recognize our sponsors: Captiol Subaru, Maps Community Foundations, Salem Clinic, Cashmere Construction, Valley Credit Union, and other local pet-loving businesses. Thank you for making it possible!

Interested in strutting your stuff for shelter pets next year? Stay tuned for our official announcement of the 2019 WillaMutt Strut in the coming months at whs4pets.org.

ROUND OF APAWS

Celebrating Lifesaving Work in Our Community



AN EPIC FITNESS GOAL

“Epic” is the perfect word to describe a month-long fundraising campaign that Epic Fitness, a Salem gym, hosted to support shelter animals in July. Together, gym staff and members raised more than \$1,200 for shelter animals. Thanks for all your epic work!



DOG WASH FOR A CAUSE

High school senior Turner Lear decided a dog wash was the perfect focus for his senior project—and a way to support local shelter pets. Teaming up with Woodburn Veterinary Hospital, where Turner worked, this generous high school student raised \$750 for Willamette Humane Society during a one-day community dog wash. Turner also collected pet food, treats, and other supplies.

DONOR FEATURE: MEET THE MANKAS



By Sherri Partridge Chief Philanthropy Officer

Have you noticed that when you ask people if they are a dog or a cat person, they usually answer quickly? Even if the response is, “I love them both the same.” And while Paul and Carol Manka are fond of all types of animals, they are definitely known as cat people. They are also known as Willamette Humane Society supporters, donors and former volunteers.

“All of our life we have enjoyed and respected animals,” said Paul. “Animals enrich peoples’ lives, and WHS is such a positive force in our community for those animals needing help.”

When the Mankas moved to Salem in 2005, they began volunteering at the shelter, spending time with adoptable cats. Now Paul and Carol give back to WHS in a different way—through their financial support as annual donors and members of the Guardian Angel Program. Participants in program have

included WHS in their estate plan at a minimum level and/or provided a significant gift while still living. Those enrolled in the program know that should a pet outlive their person and there is no one to care for the pet, WHS will step in.

“Since we don’t have any relatives nearby, the Guardian Angel program gives us such peace of mind that should anything happen to us, our cats will not only be well cared for by WHS, but will be treated how we have specifically outlined,” said Carol.

And while arrangements for their cats have been made for after the Mankas are gone, both Paul and Carol believe in paying it forward. “It’s important for us to see things happen while we’re here, so we continue to financially support the shelter each year,” said Paul.

For more information about the future care of your pet, or including WHS in your estate plan, contact Sherri Partridge at 503-585-5900 ext. 305, or sherri.partridge@whs4pets.org



SHARING THE JOY OF A BEST FRIEND

There's nothing quite like the unconditional love of a pet—here's how we are sharing it with residents of Salem.

By Jean Dion
Digital Content Coordinator

As an organization, we're dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the bond between companion animals and the people who live in Marion and Polk counties. That phrase is plucked right out of our mission statement.

When we think about the people who live in our community, we think of kids who want puppies, families that need help with feral cats, or heart-broken pet lovers who need help to let their pets cross the rainbow bridge with dignity. In short, we think about the people who choose to live here, and who choose to share their

lives with animals.

But what about members of our community who we don't always see? For example, people who live in the Oregon State Correctional Institution (OSCI) and the Oregon State Penitentiary (OSP) are also part of our community.

Here are two stories about how we serve and engage those residents—and how the members of those communities serve us in return—and share the joys that come with a four-legged best friend.

CELEBRATING THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Our relationship with OSCI began with a dog named Doc. This border collie pup had a strong urge to work, and the team at OSCI discovered a job opening when flapping birds kept setting off perimeter alarms. Doc was a master at keeping those ducks at bay, and the residents helped to train this pup so he was calm and collected while inside too.

We celebrated Doc's work with a barbecue in 2015, hosted at the institution. Both staff and volunteers attended, and they brought along dogs to visit. Every year, that gathering has been repeated.

The residents have been generous supporters of the shelter, and get-togethers often end with the presentation of donation checks. In 2017, OSCI donated \$9,000 to fund a waived-fee adoption event that helped more than 100 cats and dogs find homes in the community. The residents have also contributed funds to pay for an expensive surgery for one of our dogs. Before surgery, she couldn't walk well and it kept families from choosing her. Now, she lives in Portland with a loving (and active) family. All told, the residents have raised more than \$12,000 to support the shelter.

The donations are generous and humbling, and receiving those checks is always an honor. But when asked to describe why they represent WHS at these events, shelter staff members often talk about something completely different. To them, seeing the impact of a pet's visit is truly remarkable.

"In 2016, we also took kittens to OSCI," says Janine Catalino, Volunteer Manager. "It was heartwarming to see inmates as they gently held tiny, purring kittens. One inmate



Above: Willamette Humane Society staff, volunteers, and adoptable dogs visited OSCI for the annual "Dog Days of Summer" event on August 29, 2016.



told us he hadn't held a kitten in 18 years. What a perfect reminder of the joy and healing that kittens can provide."

We don't require our volunteers to attend these events, but many of them choose to do so. In fact, we have a waiting list for volunteers to attend this event. The volunteers that attend must go through a background check, they must follow very tight rules about clothing, and they must agree to screening when they arrive. In short, it's a very coordinated effort that can be a little intimidating. But the volunteers who attend have nothing but good things to say about the experience.

"Participating in this event as a 'volunteer' was a new experience for me as I was previously a DOC employee prior to retiring," says volunteer Nancy Howton. "While I've always recognized the value of

outside programming and events as a way to provide an opportunity for inmates to engage in pro-social activities, this time rather than supervise an event I was able to actually participate in the interaction between inmates, families, and the dogs and cats the shelter brought.

"It was fun socializing the pets with others and helping to educate about their care and needs. Watching some of these big burly tough guys melt when they held a kitten for the first time or pet/play with a dog in years is pretty transformational. I believe that the event allows for a relaxed, but structured opportunity for this to happen, and I felt fortunate to be able to participate."

SHARING THE JOYS OF A CANINE BEST FRIEND

Our relationship with the Oregon State Penitentiary puts us in touch

Above: Willamette Humane Society staff, volunteers, and adoptable dogs visited OSCJ for the annual "Dog Days of Summer" event on August 29, 2016.

with residents serving out life sentences. For the past several years, we've connected residents with shelter dogs through an annual visit.

Last year, Erin Weldon, Development Manager at WHS, attended the event for the first time. She brought a pup with her, and together, they visited with dozens of residents. Each one expressed such gratitude at the visit, and for some, it was the first time in years that they had touched a furry friend.

"I had a dog with me that wasn't known for his calm demeanor," Erin says. "And there was a moment when he made a new friend and fell

asleep on his lap. I'd never seen the dog that calm. I turned to the staff to point that out, and they told me they'd never seen that resident so calm, either. It just reinforced the strong connections humans and animals share."

OSP residents have also been remarkable donors. They have made dog collars in the leatherworking shop, they've created exceptional pet paintings in art class, and last year, the residents made a gorgeous table and chairs. All of these items have been included in the auction portion of Bowser's Boo Bash, and they've raised thousands of dollars for the dogs and cats in the shelter.

"We really appreciate the generosity of this community, and we're honored that they would give back through their hard work and donations," Erin says. "We hope to keep this connection strong in the future."

THE WORK CONTINUES

Serving our community, and enhancing the bond between residents and animals, is what we do best as an organization. Fostering engagement between pets and people, as well as sharing the joys a four-legged best friend, are two of the best experiences Willamette Humane Society gets to offer our community. We will continue to work with both OSP and OSCI to keep those connections alive. It's part of our mission.



SIT, STAY, GOOD DOG!

Updates from Willamette Humane Society's Behavior and Training Team

By Chelsea Rock
Behavior & Training Manager

OUR GROWING CANINE TRAINING TEAM

We are excited to announce that we have a new instructor! Marilyn, previously solely serving our shelter pets, has joined a team of three other certified trainers to bring you skilled, patient, and kind lessons, whether you are taking one of our many group classes or private sessions here.

NEW GROUP CLASSES

Speaking of group classes, be sure to check out our current schedule online! We have introduced a number of fun, new courses for you and your dog, ranging from Dog Games Galore to Tiny Treasures! Have you adopted a dog from WHS within the last six months?! RescuedU is just for you!

Small class sizes ensure that you can get the most from our instructors while you and your best friend learn valuable life skills. Our instructors are committed to compassionate, effective training that will enhance your dog's bond and trust with you and be enjoyable for both ends of the leash!



PETCETERA

Happenings Around The Shelter This Season



TEAMING UP FOR HEALTHY DOGS

When it comes to helping local animals, the old saying “teamwork makes the dream work” continues to prove true. Willamette Humane Society teamed up with Marion County Dog Shelter on Saturday, July 28, to host our first low-cost vaccine and licensing clinic for owned canines. During the three-hour clinic, we saw a total of 94 dogs and puppies for vaccines and licensing, as well as microchipping and nail trims.

Below: Shelter veterinarian Dr. Kristina Hogg (left) and Brianna Garber examine a dog during the shelter's vaccine clinic.



MEET OUR COVER CAT

Did you catch that handsome orange Maine Coon on the cover? Meet Farallon Fur Missile von Shtubby Butt, our “cover cat” for the summer issue of *Brief Paws*. More commonly known as Farallon, this regal feline resides in Silverton, Ore., with his humans (and WHS shelter volunteers) Kimberlee and Robert McDermott, as well as his two four-legged siblings Firefly and Samson.

SUMMER CAMPS AT THE SHELTER

Where can you find the next generation of animal lovers? They were right here with us at Willamette Humane Society all summer! From June to August, the shelter was bustling with Camp Paw Paw, a week-long summer camp for students in grades first through sixth. Campers spent the week learning about responsible animal care and how humane societies help animals in need through lessons, crafts, and hands-on activities.

Students also got a chance to meet currently adoptable cats, kittens, dogs, and puppies, as well as hear from animal experts in the community, learning about other pets such as fish and ferrets. More than 88 students attended Camp Paw Paw this year. Each camp session

concluded with a pajama day and animal-themed movie and snacks. Interested in learning more about Willamette Humane Society's youth programs and student programs? Visit us at whs4pets.org or email us at education@whs4pets.org.



Above: Camp Paw Paw campers enjoy time during Willamette Humane Society's annual summer camps.

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.

DEXTER, ADOPTED 2018



There is such a thing as love at first sight. We saw Dexter and he gave us that pitiful look and whine. We interviewed him in the room and we absolutely fell in love with him. Since he's been home, he is the happiest puppy alive! An absolute delight and you can tell he's is genuinely happy. We love our new fur baby! Thank you Willamette Humane Society!
—Toby B.

CINCH (NOW FERN), ADOPTED 2018



I had been wanting a dog for a while and had been checking in at shelters off and on. When I saw this little boy's face, I knew he was the one. I showed the photo to my husband and we went to meet him as soon as we could. He was a stray that had been at the Humane Society for a month. We were also warned about him being dog reactive. His story also melted my heart!

I can't believe how far he has come. He still can't go to the dog park anytime soon, but he has some dog friends that he plays with. He is so cuddly and such a goofball. We go on hikes almost every day and he now gets along with our cat, chickens, and goats! He even helps "put away" the goats. I am so glad that we get to have this dog in our life! I can't believe anyone could ever give him up!

—Heather

POPPY, ADOPTED 2018



Poppy was brought to Willamette Humane Society with exposure damage to her ears, which had to be clipped. After waiting over a month, we were able to bring her home. Poppy requests snuggles daily at 2 p.m. and 2 a.m. minimum. My chronic pain requests the same. This tenderhearted cat exchanges 'catherapy' with me and we comfort each other. Her ears are healing nicely and she will never have to be exposed to the elements again. Now the only element this small, gentle kitty will be exposed to is love!

**Share your own
"Happy Tail" at
WHS4Pets.org.**

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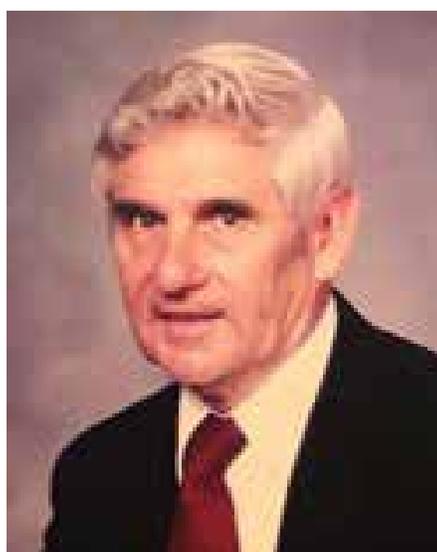
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