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Helping Senior Dogs Live their Golden Years in a Loving Home

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July 2016

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL WALK FOR OLD DOGS!



photo by
Mary Allen

Please join us for the 5th Annual Walk for Old Dogs
and Old Dog Pageant
Sunday, July 17, 11:00-3:00
Cromwell Park
18030 Meridian Ave N
Shoreline WA
Registration fee: \$25 (includes a Walk tote bag)
Old Dogs, young dogs, and people of all ages
welcome!

**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL TO RAISE \$80,000 FOR
THE DOGS!**



The Walk for Old Dogs is our biggest annual fundraiser. Our vet bills average about \$80,000 per month and every penny raised at the Walk will be used to care for the senior dogs in our permanent foster homes. What began five years ago as a way to raise money and provide an opportunity for people who love old dogs to spend time together has morphed into the largest gathering of old dogs ever held anywhere in the U.S. You have to be there to believe it!

Last year, in spite of record-breaking heat, over 400 people and their dogs came to not only support Old Dog Haven but to celebrate the value of old dogs in our community. (The dogs cooled off in kiddie pools around the park and we'll have them again this year.) Dogs of every imaginable breed and size walked on four legs, three legs, hauled carts, rode in strollers, wore costumes, socialized, made new friends, smiled their best dog smiles, and loved being celebrated by their families. And ... we raised over \$90,000!

This event is an experience you won't want to miss. The Walk is a fun 1/3 mile promenade to celebrate with our senior dogs. It's a nice stroll on a paved path along lawns and fields. Walk as much (or as little) as you and your dog prefer. Before the walk you can browse the many sponsor booths (many offering samples and goodies) and pet-related vendors. Go to the Walk website: <http://odhwalkforolddogs.org/> to register, make a donation if you're unable to attend (Old Dog Haven is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization—donations are tax-deductible) and find out everything you need to know about the event.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE EVENT INCLUDE:

Old Dog Pageant (Best Costume, Best Decorated Stroller, Best Trick, 30 Yard Lollygag)



Old Dog Haven race car Every time Gene Melange races at Evergreen Speedway he promotes ODH. He'll be at the Walk with his car, and even though you can't drive it you and your dog could have your photo taken with the car to show that ODH is on the fast track!

Pet-related vendors

Old Dog Haven t-shirts and books will also be available for purchase.

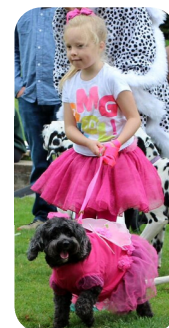
Prizes will be awarded to the top three fundraising teams, the top three individual fundraisers and Pageant winners.

Food trucks, including nationally recognized **The Seattle Barkery**, (the food truck for dogs) will be there with ice-pops from **Six Strawberries**, vegan ice cream sandwiches from **The Cookie Cutter**, and the Legendary Latke Press sandwiches from **Napkin Friends**.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 11:00-12:00 | Registration & Meet Our Sponsors |
| 12:00-12:30 | Welcome & Fundraising awards & prizes |
| 12:30-1:00 | Walk for Old Dogs |
| 1:00-2:30 | Old Dog Pageant & Awards for Pageant Winners |
| 2:30-3:00 | Thank You & Farewells |



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FUNDRAISING BENEFITS FOR ODH

We're always very grateful that so many individuals, groups and small businesses take it upon themselves to host benefits for ODH. This kind of unsolicited generosity is a wonderful compliment, as well as a tremendous boost to our financial ability to help old dogs. We'd like to especially thank the following groups and individuals :



A BIG THANK YOU to the **Seattle Foundation** and **all of our amazing supporters** who gave REALLY BIG to Old Dog Haven on May 3! GiveBIG raised \$120,000, all of which goes to help our senior dogs. An incredible effort by everyone involved!

Our old dogs bark out big thanks to Kristin Johnson and her teams of **Zumba** instructors for a howling success at Dance for Dogs!! Thanks also to Kelly Holderman for donating the space at Volunteers of America Learning Center.

Dillinger's in downtown Olympia had a month-long drink special in March benefitting ODH. Pictured right are foster mom Anna Mumaw (L) with ODH Final Refuge dog Doodle, and Sandy Hall, one of Dillinger's owners.



Vicki Pardee donated money from an estate sale.

VCA Redwood Animal Hospital held a community garage sale to benefit ODH.

Run2BeFit had a benefit on May 21 and donated a portion of the proceeds to ODH.

Thanks to our friends at **Dogwood Play Park** for choosing to benefit Old Dog Haven. All the old dogs appreciate their support!



A **Girl Scout Cadette troop** from Northwest Seattle raised money for Old Dog Haven. ODH Final Refuge dogs Reggie and Duke visited the girls and graciously received their donation.

Martha Faulkner www.homes4petlovers.com donates 10% of her commission to the animal rescue or sanctuary of your choice.

A special thank you to Old Dog Haven's friend **Nathan**, who for his 8th Birthday requested that donations be made to Old Dog Haven in lieu of gifts for himself! We appreciate your kind heart and generosity, Nathan.



Mud Bay hosted photos with the Easter Bunny to benefit ODH.



Final Refuge dog Bogart visited his friend Ferrol at **The Mailbox Ballard** to thank everyone for holding a raffle to benefit Old Dog Haven. The person who won the raffle basket donated it as a prize for the Walk for Old Dogs. How cool is that?

Paddywack's Have a Heart Fundraiser for ODH was a huge success. 92 ODH Final Refuge dogs were sponsored!

Glassbabies held a benefit for ODH at Haley's Cottage.

Resident artists at the **Garden Court Retirement Center** are painting portraits of ODH dogs that we can use for promotional purposes. Their first painting event was a huge success!



MEET FINAL REFUGE MOM JUDY PULLEY

"In 2006 Jim and I adopted a nearly blind little Lhasa named Little Sir Gruntly Bear through ODH. Little Sir is important because he's the reason I fell in love with sight impaired dogs, especially seniors. I also learned about ODH and the wonderful work they do for senior dogs, and I was hooked. I was still working and felt it was not the time to get too involved, but knew that once I retired I would offer our home as a safe place for old dogs to live out the end of their lives, whether it was through adoption or fostering. Since I wasn't ready to foster I decided in early 2007 I would become a sustaining sponsor of a dog (or two) in the care of Old Dog Haven.

"In 2015 I knew it was the right time to offer our home as a foster home. I checked the Old Dog Haven web page for dogs needing Final Refuge homes and there was a picture of a little Chihuahua named Harvey. This little guy spoke to me. Who wouldn't fall for a handsome little gentleman in a bow tie? Harvey came to live with us in July of 2015 and has been such a wonderful addition to our home. He is such a joy to have around. Oh, and did I mention that he is sight impaired? He has no problem navigating the



house or property; he takes us for walks and always leads the way. It's Harvey's route only though. He's very stubborn and conveniently temporarily loses his hearing (I'm sure he really does) until he hears the word "treat" and he is miraculously cured. Sure, I admit it; I bribe him. He has been the perfect little dog; he came potty trained, is quiet, and loves to lounge around while I read. If he gets on the bed or in a chair (he can get on all by himself) he will give a shrill little bark letting me know that he wants down

and to come get him now. Oh, did I mention he can also be bossy? Harvey came with intestinal issues but with the wonderful vet care provided by Old Dog Haven he has been diagnosed with IBD and is now on a special diet, which is controlling his symptoms.

"Recently I got a message about two toy poodles needing a Final Refuge home. I was immediately interested, but I was worried that they might need more specialized vet care than is provided in our local area (We live in a pretty rural area without the benefit of specialists.) and Jim was worried about my taking on too much. We already had two resident senior dogs, ODH foster Harvey and 20+ chickens. We also grow and can all of our own veggies. Could we really take on two more dogs? Well, of course we could and we did. The Poodle Brothers are the sweetest, most loving, calm, no problem dogs. They had terrible teeth when they came, but both dogs just had dentals and now they don't give stinky kisses any more. They have some other medical issues, but as we found out at our first vet visit, there isn't anything that can't be managed by the local vet clinic and we hope to have many years with both of them.



"People constantly ask me how Jim and I can continue to take in seniors dogs that we know will only be with us for what might be a short time and I can't help but think back on all the truly special seniors that have graced our lives with their presence. Each one has been so different from the other, and we have learned something from each one, even teaching us how to cope with loss and when it's time to say goodbye. We will continue to foster for as long as we are able and we hope that will be a very long time. It is such a rewarding experience."

KUDOS TO VOLUNTEER MARY ALLEN!



"I've always loved dogs but my interest in dog rescue really started after retiring over 10 years ago. I was looking for volunteer opportunities and heard about Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue. I signed up to be a SPDR volunteer and posted a brief bio about my availability. From there I was contacted by the Washington Alaskan Malamute Adoption League, and became involved with that breed rescue for many years, serving on the board for eight years.

"In the early days of volunteering with WAMAL, there was a dog in the Eastgate shelter they wanted to pull but didn't have any place for him to go. He was estimated to be about eight years old. Someone on the board brought him to my attention and I went to meet Smokey and fell in love with him! I agreed to foster him for a short time until other arrangements could be made. I was able to do some detective work from information in his paperwork and found out he was actually 12 years old! He was the most amazingly gentle and sweet dog I had ever met and I couldn't part with him so I ended up adopting him. I was fortunate to have Smokey live with me three and a half years before he died at the age of 16. My love for old dogs really began with him.

"I decided to start volunteering with other dog rescues when I was no longer able to physically handle the young, strong 100 pound dogs. I was at one of the many summer festivals in our area when I visited the Old Dog Haven booth. The booth volunteers were so enthusiastic about the organization I took their card and went home to apply to be a volunteer that day. I began doing transports for ODH in 2013. I have found out that there are a lot of dedicated transport volunteers! I can't believe how fast most volunteer opportunities get snapped up when they are posted! You have to act fast if you want to be the lucky volunteer for that transport because it is so gratifying to meet the old dogs who are getting a new lease on life. As a volunteer driver you have some general information about the dog but it's fun to actually meet them and see what they look like. Most seem to be a bit confused about their current situation so I try and comfort them and let them know that as an ODH dog they have just hit the jackpot and the best is yet to come! I also like getting to meet the foster families who will be taking care of these oldsters, in most cases for the rest of their lives. It's a great feeling to be a small part of their happily ever after.

"In addition to volunteering with ODH I have done transports for other area dog rescues. I am also in my 12th year of driving for Sound Generations, formerly Senior Services of King County, taking senior citizens to Dr appointments."

"I've attended the annual Walk for Old Dogs in July of each year and thoroughly enjoyed that event. It's incredible to see so many old dogs that ODH has helped all in one place! I enjoy taking photos of them all and some of my photos have made their way into ODH publications. I have really wanted to foster for ODH ever since I joined the organization. However, I have a cranky almost nine year old Terrier/Aussie mix that is possessive of me and will have something to say about that. I haven't given up hope that maybe one day I will be able to foster."

ODH WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBER SHIRLEY STALLINGS

"I am a semi-retired psychiatrist and have worked in community mental health in Snohomish County for 25 years.

"We have been pug people for 24 years: ever since our son decided he wanted a pug when he was ten years old. We got involved with rescue in 2008, and have adopted six pugs (primarily special needs) over the years from Pacific Pug Rescue in Portland. Our most recent is Bijou; we rescued her from an Oregon shelter through PPR. Bijou was thought to be 15 when she came in as a stray and was about to be euthanized. Two years later she is still 15. Bijou functions as an Honorary ODH Ambassador at outreach events.



Shirley with pug friends (L-R) Jazzy, Bijou, & Benny

"We have had two ODH fosters (not counting the hospice dog that was only with us two weeks). Both fosters were adopted and placed in great homes. We can't take another foster until the current remodel on our house is finished (if ever!).



"I am a professional artist in my 'spare time,' primarily doing pet portraits these days. Most of those have been contributions as custom portraits for fundraisers (mostly pug rescue organizations). I won a national award for a couple of my pug portraits.

Editor's note: *Ready Yet?* (above) a portrait of Shirley's pug Jazzy, has been featured in the Northlight book *Strokes of Genius 3* and received an Award of Outstanding Achievement at the 21st Annual CPSA International Exhibition.

Shirley's work has hung in national and international exhibitions throughout the U.S. She has twice been a finalist in the annual *Artist Magazine* competition and her colored pencil paintings have been featured in five books. She has received many First Place and Best of Show awards in juried shows in the Pacific Northwest and hangs in many public and private collections in the area.

"What I do for ODH: respond to all the inquiries about becoming a foster, communicate with vet clinics about setting up files for new fosters or those that are transferring, participate with the team in matching 'the right dog with the right home' and thus getting dogs out of shelters, and various other random requests from Judith: 'Could you take care of this?'—I guess that is 'Other Duties As Assigned.' The job is still evolving. I'll be taking over the donation container program at some point this summer when I feel like I can give it attention."

I would like to help. Enclosed please find a donation in the amount of \$ _____

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ODH is a 501(c)3 charitable organization: donations are tax-deductible.

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**THANK
YOU!**

July 2016

If you would like to help by fostering or providing a Final Refuge home, please contact us! (360) 653-0311



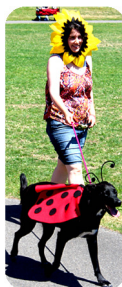
A MESSAGE FROM "MADAM OLD DOG" (aka Executive Director, Judith Piper)

The good thing about ODH events for me is meeting supporters and foster families, but the very best part of the outdoor events is meeting all the dogs! (My apologies to the great people with those dogs.) Please do join us at the Walk for Old Dogs on July 17, and remember the location in **SHORELINE**. Last year the parade of dogs and people was heartwarming and almost unbelievable, particularly given the heat wave, and the number of dogs in strollers was truly impressive. We met dogs of pretty much every breed and mix; too many to pet them all but some of us tried anyway. If you'd like to meet many of the ODH dogs and their families, this is your chance – introduce yourself and your dog and hear our stories. Come with or without your dog, make a statement about how much we value senior dogs, and have a good time to boot.



What could be more fun than to spend time with a whole lot of well-loved dogs and the people who care about them?

Hope to see you there!



297 dogs in care as of 6/1/16
296 are in Final Refuge homes
1 is in a foster home awaiting adoption

January-June 1, 2016

72 new dogs were taken into care

71 came from shelters

1 came from an individual

177 new dogs were posted for adoption to help others

10 ODH dogs were adopted

146 dogs were adopted through our referrals



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Dog-Centric Events: July and August

JULY

10th Annual Poochapalooza
 Sat. July 9
 10-4
 Asbery Field, Marysville

Mill Creek Festival
 Sun. July 10
 11-5
 Mill Creek Town Center

WALK FOR OLD DOGS
SUN. JULY 17
11-3
CROMWELL PARK
SHORELINE

AUGUST

Everett Aquasox Bark in the Park
 Tues. Aug. 16
 7 P.M.
 3802 Broadway, Everett

Meet & Greet
 Sat. Aug. 20
 11-3
 Reber Ranch, Kent

Dog Days of Summer
 Sun. Aug. 21
 10:30-3
 Lake Padden Park, Bellingham

WAIF Wag'n'Walk
 Sun. Aug. 21
 11-3
 Greenbank Farm
 Whidbey Island

Paddywack Pet Festival
 Sat. Aug. 27
 10-3
 Mill Creek Town Center

Barkfest
 Sat. Aug. 27
 9-1:30
 Roehner Park, Auburn

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