



Pepe—now known as Peppy—is a winner. Not only did he win the hearts of his foster mom Elizabeth Woche and her family, but he's also won the hearts of his forever family, Lynda and Seth Thomas. Thank you Elizabeth, Lynda and Seth for making Peppy's happy beginning possible:

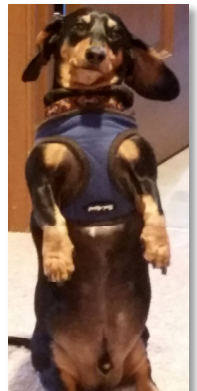


**Elizabeth Woche** and her family started fostering in 2008 after Elizabeth met ODH at their first annual Scrub-A-Mutt (co-founded by Elizabeth) event. After doing Scrub-A-Mutt for eight years Elizabeth decided they would become their own non-profit animal rescue group and the name was changed to Save-A-Mutt. Elizabeth's role in Save-A-Mutt is to help senior dogs, and as part of her mission, she assesses senior dogs at the Everett Animal Shelter. Once they have been evaluated, she contacts ODH about the dogs that might not be adoptable due to their fragile health. Save-A-Mutt and Old Dog Haven work with the shelter to prepare the seniors either for adoption or for an Old Dog Haven Final Refuge home. While the dogs are waiting at the shelter, Elizabeth bathes the seniors so they are more comfortable and, thanks to the generosity of Save-A-Mutt's donors, the seniors at the shelter sleep on big, comfy beds.

Elizabeth met Peppy while she was assessing seniors at the shelter and she felt the only thing that would keep him from being adopted was an enormous mass on his chest so she immediately contacted Old Dog Haven. Judith made arrangements for Peppy to leave the shelter and to see ODH's veterinarian. Elizabeth says, "It was not only Peppy's lucky day when he was accepted into ODH, but it was the Woche's lucky day as well ... we were chosen to foster him!!!!"

"Peppy was with our family for many months while he recuperated from his non-cancerous growth removal and also some major dental work, all paid for by ODH. We knew it was going to be hard to say goodbye but we also knew that there was someone out there who needed Peppy as much as he needed them.

"Peppy and I went together to meet Lynda and Seth Dawson, Peppy's soon to be forever family. The best memory I have of that day...perhaps one of the best memories that I will ever have with my rescues ... is the moment when Peppy posed on his hind legs so that Seth would lift him onto his lap. It was that very moment that I knew, because Peppy turned and looked at me in a way that I could understand, that he was home now.



**Lynda and Seth Dawson** tend to a neighborhood feral cat colony, as well as their own brood of rescued older cats and have hosted two fabulously successful fund raisers for Old Dog Haven "... whose tireless efforts on behalf of our more senior canines we greatly admire and appreciate." Lynda is the sole proprietor of Whiskers & Tails, working as an in-home pet sitter. Seth is a former Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney and Executive Director of Deaconess Children's Services. He currently serves as a human services lobbyist in Olympia, where he takes two of their cats and a dog as his stress-busting associates during the legislative sessions. During the fall he is an assistant cross country coach at his alma mater, Everett High School. (He's trying to get Peppy and Frankie to help put the runners through their paces).

"Peppy is the third, wonderful dog we've adopted from Old Dog Haven following the paw prints of first Teiko and then Elsie into our house and hearts.

"My wife and I have come to especially appreciate older dogs who have known, lost and then regained happy homes. These veterans become even more loving creatures, ever grateful for finding their forever family and the affection they once enjoyed. And they seem to somehow quickly sense that they've arrived at their final destination when they land with us —permanently bonding within just an hour or so.

"Peppy was no different; he accepted the comforts of his new life within an hour or so of his arrival.

"Some of our favorite Peppy moments include his prairie dog stance, seeing him wag his long thin tail, his skill as an escape artist at baseball games, seeing him curl up under the covers, and giving hugs and smooches.

"In return for all this we are particularly grateful to Elizabeth Woche and all the Old Dog Haven staff and volunteers for their selfless love of Peppy and all the other dogs fortunate enough to cross their paths. All of you certainly become personally attached to these creatures as you care for them, and eventually parting with them is clearly a painful aspect of your service. Just know that dogs such as Peppy and people such as the Dawsons appreciate your efforts and sacrifice. You've blessed so many families with these loving critters, ours included. None of our lives would be the same without you!"



## 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 :

It was an evening of good fun and good beer at **Reuben's Brews Thank You Thursday**. Reuben's Brews donated \$1 for every beer sold that night and Seattle Veterinary Associates matched every \$1 raised. Thank You!



Our friends at Seattle Veterinary Associates



Reuben (photo by Erin Lynch)



Wookiee & Karen

**Girl Scout Troop #43663 (Cherry Crest Elementary in Bellevue)** used money from their cookie sales and other fundraising events to support ODH.

Vocalist **Joy Baldridge** held two benefit concerts for ODH.

Our loyal supporters **Hope for Old Hounds** held a garage sale to benefit ODH and Save-A-Mutt's Senior Dog Program.



Thanks to our friends **Lucky Dog Outfitters** and their customers for their Christmas in July to benefit Old Dog Haven dogs. We are truly grateful for their generosity. We were told there were some calls from out of state to grant ODH dogs' wishes along with Lucky Dog's regular customers who came in and played "Santa"!

(L) Final Refuge dog Cady made quite a haul!

We were grateful to **Fun for Paws Agility in Mt. Vernon, WA**, and Cheri Lavine of the Labrador Retriever Association for inviting Old Dog Haven to their senior dog agility benefit. Foster mom Maryke and her ODH Final Refuge dogs Kane and Cedar attended. Maryke told us, "It was a great day and nice to see how the agility community has embraced Old Dog Haven." Part of each entrance fee for the participants went toward a donation to Old Dog Haven. At the end of the day Cheri and her chocolate lab Ginger presented a check to ODH from the Labrador Retriever Association.



**Anna Mumaw** and her sister put on an exhibition of their late mother's photography and donated all of the proceeds to ODH.

Thanks to **No Bones Beach Club** for donating a portion of their sales in October to ODH.

ODH mom **Misty Conners** and her great friends held a very successful garage sale to benefit ODH.

**Danielle Jaffy** decided she wanted to do a fundraiser for ODH so she and her husband Kris ran a half-marathon, raising a significant amount of money for ODH. And ... Kris's company, **Salesforce**, matched their donation! Danielle, Kris, and their daughter Olivia are seen right crossing the finish line. You can't see it clearly but Danielle's wearing a t-shirt that says "Running for Old Dog Haven." Great effort for the dogs Danielle, Kris and Olivia. Thank you!



**HUGE THANKS** to the kind folks at **VCA Lacey Animal Hospital** for their VERY generous donation to Old Dog Haven! Photographed left is Final Refuge dog

Kaiser with Jodi Bentley and two of the awesome staff at VCA Lacey Animal Hospital.



**Northwest Cellars** hosted a Tricks and Treats fundraiser for ODH to benefit the Maranda Fund. Thank you to Bob Delf of NW Cellars for donating a portion of proceeds from ticket and wine purchases to ODH.

Charlie the Coonhound turned 13 and his family's shop "**The Hop and Hound**" in Bothell celebrated by raising funds for ODH.



### KUDOS TO ODH'S FACEBOOK QUEEN!



The "face" of ODH has become increasingly more visible because of Tina Nabseth's work on the ODH Facebook page. This is a time-consuming job that Tina does with a smile because she knows that every senior dog posted on FB has a better chance of being adopted because of FB exposure, and every post about what ODH is all about helps to let people know who we are and what we do. For Tina to be willing to

take on FB in addition to the many phone calls and emails she deals with every day from people who are hoping ODH can help them place their dogs is truly a labor of love. Thank you Tina. We appreciate you!

## MEET OLD DOG HAVEN'S BOARD of DIRECTORS



**ODH Board (L-R)**  
DeeAnne Matz,  
Laura Milleville  
Dianne Marlow,  
Gabrielle Flanagan,  
Ardeth De Vries

The ODH Board of Directors is a hardworking group of women who lead busy lives, but still find time to volunteer their time, energy and talents to ODH.

**DeeAnne Matz** is the Senior Development Services Manager for Sound Mental Health and is in charge of the agency's website and donor database. She is also the Executive Assistant to the CEO and Board of Directors.

DeeAnne and her husband Francesco have been involved with ODH since 2010, initially as fosters, but now Dee spends between 15-20 hours per week as our web guru adding adoptable, Final Refuge and We Remember dogs and keeping the website current. When we moved to a new platform for the website Dee worked tirelessly with Lee and Gabrielle to get it set up. Dee also posts the blog to the website every week, and as a part of her responsibilities on the Walk for Old Dogs committee she set up and maintained the Walk website. She also proofs the electronic and print newsletters.

Dee and Francesco share their home with three dogs: Milo (9), the resident newbie welcomer, and Final Refuge dogs Penelope (15) and Ophelia (13).

**Dianne Marlow** is a RN Paralegal at a defense firm in Seattle.

Dianne is the Microchip Maven for ODH, which involves registering, transferring chips to ODH, running background on chips to obtain ages and any available medical history, update, profiles and rosters, and providing transfer information to adopters. She is also our Benefits/Outreach Coordinator assisting people holding fundraising benefits for ODH, posting before/after stories on Facebook, coordinating fundraising events, such as the Walk for Old Dogs, Giving Trees, and winery events. Diane also volunteers at various events, staffing the ODH booth and helping to educate the public about senior dog care, ODH, fostering, fundraising. She has also fostered several adoptable dogs and has assisted with transport and dog evaluations.

Dianne lives with four dogs and one cat: ODH dogs Squirrel (12), Eugenie (16), and Arwen (13) share her home along with her personal dog Keller (12) and Mr. Kitters the cat (8).

**Laura Milleville** become involved with Old Dog Haven in 2012, when "I took in my first Final Refuge dog, Littlefoot, a charming and feisty shar pei mix. In addition to fostering, I assist with social media, evaluate dogs coming into foster care, staff events, and coordinate fundraisers. I am also a resource for the local fosters in my area and help connect potential adopters with owners who need to re-home their senior dogs. There are currently four Final Refuge dogs that have taken over my heart and home: Japhy, Wicket, Babar, and Lightnin' Hopkins. I also have a resident dog and cat who help welcome new fosters."

**Gabrielle Flanagan** is a Litigation Paralegal who began fostering for ODH in 2006. "Generally I've had three ODH dogs plus my own dog (who died May 2015) and three or four cats. At this time I have two Final Refuge dogs: Pepper, a blue heeler, and Dahlia, a mystery mutt; both have medical issues but are still relatively sprightly.

"Fostering is the best part of volunteering for ODH, but I wanted to do more to help this unique organization. Initially I helped a few times a month with back office tasks, then began helping with events, and eventually took on the role of Events Coordinator. As Events Coordinator, I respond to requests for ODH to attend outdoor and indoor events throughout the year, coordinate staffing, update the event calendar on the website, order and distribute t-shirts and other ODH swag, and attend most of the events in Snohomish County. In addition to coordinating events, I've taken on other tasks as needed: assisting with the new website that launched last year, coordinating the ODH Volunteer Appreciation Picnic for several years, helping plan this year's Walk for Old Dogs, and for the past year coordinating the donation can program."

**Ardeth De Vries** is a retired teacher/author who has been involved with ODH since 2005. Her contributions to ODH include: editor of ODH's electronic and print newsletters, ODH Blog Mistress, articles for the website, and she is the author of *Old Dog Haven: Every Old Dog Has a Story to Tell*. Ardeth also counsels people about end-of-life decisions, grieving, and senior dog issues.

Ardeth lives with four senior dogs: ODH dogs Jack (10), Cassie (14) and ODH website adoptees Lacey (13) and Johnny (10)

Ardeth operates her own nonprofit organization created to assist residents of Whidbey Island (particularly senior citizens) with vet expenses for their companion animals and she walks dogs at the WAIF shelter in Coupeville.

All of the board members are totally committed to ODH on every level of their involvement. Whether they're performing any of the tasks outlined above or just enjoying the company of their own dogs, the bottom line is the same: it's all about helping the dogs.

Executive Director Judith Piper says this about the Board: "Obviously these are all very busy women who manage to put a huge amount of time into ODH on top of all they are doing otherwise. We admire what they are accomplishing (and their stamina) and are greatly in their debt."

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

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☐ Check if you would like an ODH Calendar. (available with donation of \$40 or more)

**THANK  
YOU!**

If you would like to help by fostering or providing a Final Refuge home, please contact us!  
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November 2016



## A MESSAGE FROM ODH'S FOUNDING DAD AND CHIEF FACTOTUM



What is Old Dog Haven?

A community supporting foster families.

Old Dog Haven provides extensive medical care for homeless senior dogs, allowing caregivers to share their homes.

The foster provides the dog care effort and emotional strength for their declining time.

A network of volunteers provides the logistics and assistance for the foster families and fund raising.

A caring community provides all funding for a very large and expensive rescue.

Our Thanksgiving gratefully goes to this supportive ODH community.

*Happy Thanksgiving*    *Lee Piper*



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### Dog Activity: January-October 2016

305 dogs in care as of 10/20/16  
302 are in Final Refuge homes  
3 are in foster homes awaiting adoption

162 new dogs were taken into care between 1/1 - 10/20  
150 came from shelters  
12 came from individuals

377 new dogs were posted for individuals, shelters and other rescue groups

539 new dogs were helped 1/1-10/20

330 dogs were adopted 1/1-10/20

Congratulations to Jan Schwenger who was honored by the Tacoma/Pierce County Humane Society for eight years of dedicated volunteer work at the shelter.

**DOG SPONSORSHIPS MAKE GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS!**  
Check our website for details.

Congratulations to ODH foster parents Rachel Salant and Steve Brabant on their wedding in October. We wish them many happy years together!

Newsletter Editor: Ardeth De Vries

ODH dogs featured in the header on page 1 are: (L-R) Tucker, Oliver, Mopsie, Ms. Murphy, Harvey, Holly, Kizzy, Precious, Gigi, Willow & Christine

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