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his ODH family.

WE LOVE OLD DOGS!

If you're reading this E-newsletter for the first time we'd like you to know that Old Dog Haven publishes two different newsletters: our print Newsletters—published in March, July and November—focus primarily on the people who help our dogs, and our E-newsletters—published in January, May, and September—feature our dogs. The content is different for each newsletter, so don't miss any of them if you'd like to get the full range of news and features about us and the dogs we love.

In this issue you'll read about **Leonard**, a dog who is learning to trust and feel safe, thanks to his Final Refuge parents Tina and Rick Nabseth. Then you'll read about **Kramer** who is lovingly remembered by his Final Refuge mom Alison Wohlust as a dog that had "an amazingly large and joyful presence." Also included is a **report about the Walk for Old Dogs**, **photos of ODH fosters and their dogs by Jane Klonsky**, **Mail Box**, showcasing mail ODH has received from various people and organizations, **Dog Smile** (a cute dog story) and a sneak peak at the cover of the **2017 calendar**. As always, there is information about **dog activity** as well as a **message from Madam Old Dog, Executive Director Judith Piper**.

DOG-CENTRIC EVENTS SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 10 (Saturday) 10-4 Meet & Greet Burlington Haggen 757 Haggen Dr.	Sept. 11 (Sunday) 11-2 Meet & Greet Maple Valley Mud Bay 24107 SE Kent Kangley Rd.
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OCTOBER

Oct. 2 (Sunday), 12-3 pm Wags and Whiskers 2902 164th St., Lynnwood (near Fred Meyer)	Oct. 30 (Sunday), 7:30-9 P.M. Benefit Concert by Joy Shepard Baldrige Ebenezer Lutheran Church 2111 117th Ave. NE Lake Stevens
Oct. 13 (Thursday), 6-8 P.M. Reuben's Brews Fundraiser 5010 14th Ave. NW, Seattle	
Oct. 15 (Saturday), 7:30-9 P.M. Benefit Concert by Joy Shepard Baldrige Stage 7 Pianos, 511 6th St. S Kirkland	

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www.northwestcellars.com/
events/event-sign-up.html](http://www.northwestcellars.com/events/event-sign-up.html)

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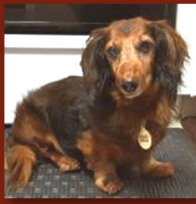


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Refuge
dog Ren
says, "It's
**TRICKS &
TREATS**
for ODH!"

October

22nd is Howl-o-ween for the dogs and their wine-loving people! Join us at Northwest Cellars Winery (11909 124th Ave. NE, Kirkland) in your favorite costumes from 1-5 pm for fun contests, treats from The Seattle Barkery, and tasting of the fabulous Northwest Cellars wines.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.



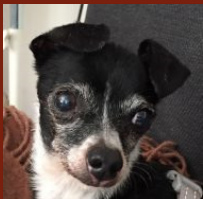
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About Old Dog Haven

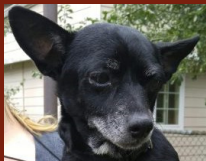
Old Dog Haven provides assisted living and hospice care for senior dogs, as well as help in placing senior dogs in new, loving homes. We serve western Washington, with foster and Final Refuge homes from Blaine to Vancouver. To find out more, see www.olddoghaven.org

How to Help

There are many ways to help! You can do anything from taking a foster or Final Refuge dog into your home, to hanging a poster or two. Click on the Donate/Help us link on the Home page of our website for more information.



TIMMY



RUDY



PRINCESS

ADOPT!

All of the senior dogs you see pictured in the border that runs the length of the newsletter (see left) are available for adoption (as of 9/2) Many dogs are in shelters, living in cages, desperately waiting for a forever home; some are in foster care, and several are posted for individuals and other rescue groups. All of these amazingly resilient dogs are looking for forever homes. Go to our website (www.olddoghaven.org) to find out more about these adoptable dogs.

WELCOME LEONARD!

by Tina Nabseth

Old Dog Haven was asked by a shelter we work with if we had room for a miniature poodle said to be around 14 years old. He was not in great shape and unadoptable through them. This is just the kind of dog Old Dog Haven is here for! He had been known by another name but often times a dog's name is changed to reflect a fresh start in life and it certainly was appropriate in this case.



Leonard at the shelter



Leonard now

Leonard had been surrendered to the shelter by his owner with a not-so-nice report about his history and behavior. Leonard's owner claimed he'd never been outside, he didn't know how to walk on a leash and he was incontinent so they kept a wash rag tied around him with half of a

maxi pad pinned inside. His former owners said not one positive thing about their dog, a dog they claimed to have had most all of his life. When asked if he displayed aggressive behavior, they said, "Yes, he will bite and attack."

Thankfully shelter staff never saw that side of Leonard, perhaps because he was with people who treated him kindly and he could feel that they liked him. I believe dogs do pick up on those feelings and react accordingly. Leonard touched the hearts of shelter staff and he was able to spend most of his time in their office, which was really nice of them.

A new foster to Old Dog Haven was found and the trip to that home was a long one. Leonard had four drivers and one overnight stay at our transport coordinator's home before going to his foster home. Each transporter and our transport coordinator told us that Leonard had been a good boy, no problems whatsoever. So it was a really big surprise when Leonard's foster called to say only a few days after he arrived that he had bitten her and he needed to be moved.

It was unfortunate that only the new foster had been given the owner's surrender form with all the negative remarks. In spite of what the shelter had told us about how sweet he had been with them and we had relayed information to our foster, she had a preconceived notion about Leonard. He was crated, which he hated. He couldn't go outside to potty when he needed to so he did have accidents in the house. At his intake vet appointment, the veterinarian reported that Leonard had climbed into her lap and she'd seen no aggressive behavior whatsoever.



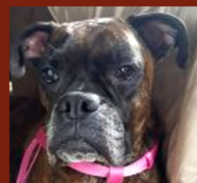
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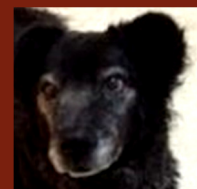
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The vet was surprised by what the foster told her. The decision was made to move Leonard and he needed to go to a home with people who could manage his behavior if he felt threatened so Rick and I offered to take him.

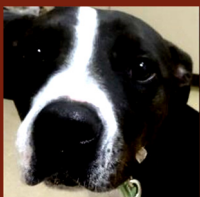
We welcomed Leonard knowing that he had been through quite a lot in a very short time. The first night was rough; he didn't sleep much and was agitated, but that happens sometimes when a new dog comes in. Thankfully he's been just fine since. We gave him his space and just let him figure out where he wanted to be. Leonard gets along fine with the rest of our pack. He LOVES LOVES LOVES his walks; he does just fine walking on leash with a harness. It's really hard to believe that he supposedly had never been outside before. The first few days we put a belly band on him because we didn't know if he'd want to mark or if he truly was incontinent. Leonard never went in the house once! He gets himself outside just fine to relieve himself and then he comes back in. Leonard is gaining the weight he needed to. He can be a picky eater sometimes so we change up his food and sometimes I add some home cooked food or we hand feed him a few bites to get him started, but then he'll gobble up his food. My belief is that he must have been matted before coming to the shelter so his owner shaved him down. His hair has grown a lot since he came to live with us. He probably won't ever grow hair on his ears, but I think that makes him look cute! Leonard had a bit of a cough, so we waited to take care of his teeth, but now that he's had a badly needed dental I think he'll be even more comfortable.

There are times when you can see a look of uncertainty in his eyes, which always makes me a little sad but we are doing our best to help him realize that we will never hurt him. We love to see him wag his little nub of a tail or see him get excited when we bring out his leash and watch him run when we go out for walks. He spends a lot of his day in Rick's office with a few other Old Dog Haven dogs and at night he gets excited when Rick pulls out a special bed for him and sets it on the floor. Leonard actually runs over to it and starts fixing his blankie "just so."



We are happy to give Leonard his Final Refuge home. I'm really grateful to the folks at the shelter who may have been the first people to show him kindness in a very long time. We have learned through years of taking dogs in that you can't always believe what a former owner tells you about their dog. We try to give each dog the benefit of the doubt and to accept them with an open heart and open mind. I believe it takes a lot for a dog to learn to mistrust people and it can take time to earn that back. But once you make that connection and make the dog feel safe and loved, the reward is greater than any material object you could ever have.

Thank you Tina and Rick for giving Leonard an opportunity to be a happy, well-loved dog.



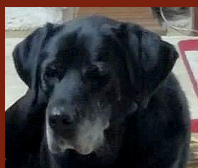
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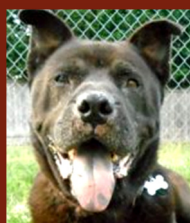
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HARRY TRUMAN



WALLACE

WE REMEMBER KRAMER

By Alison Wohlust

Kramer ended up at the Humane Society in Tacoma after his family was evicted from their living situation. He weighed over 100 pounds and was old and black, so adoption was not a likely option for him. The shelter folks got in touch with ODH, and he moved into a Final Refuge home.



He arrived with stinky and itchy skin as well as some missing fur. Kramer was immediately an agreeable guy, getting along with his two large (but not as large as him!) dog brothers and the four cats. He allowed the cats to rub against his big head without any complaints, probably just shock. He was mellow and gentle and enjoyed going with his foster parents to local microbreweries to socialize with other dogs and people.



Kramer with BFFs Jackson (c) and Murphy

Before too long, some medical issues became apparent. ODH removed his diseased spleen, provided medications for his thyroid and pain due to severe arthritis, and he was fed quality food, including steamed vegetables. He tolerated aquatic therapy, glucosamine injections, massage, and even acupuncture, all with some degree of drama. Although he loved socializing with

the people at the vet's office, he was not a fan of needles. He became crabby when needles were involved in his treatment, making a ruckus with injections. Once the acupuncture needles were placed, he would lie down and relax. He always apologized in his own way after any snarky outbursts at the vet, approaching the vet and placing his big head close for a pet. With all of this care, Kramer thrived. His formerly gimpy gait improved, and his coat became shiny and thick.

Over time, he felt increasingly better, and his wonderfully goofy and loving personality shone through. It was impossible to spend any time with Kramer and not laugh and feel good. He had a huge and huggable head and large brown Rottweiler paws that he frequently crossed when lying down. When he took treats, his gigantic mouth opened and took in everything near it, earning him the nickname "Whale Mouth." He was incredible at following his foster parents' directions and was consistently compliant with things like "lay down" and "leave it." He was sure that all people arriving at the house were there to visit him, and he greeted everyone enthusiastically.





Nothing made him happier than spending time in the backyard, chasing squirrels and rabbits and barking at pesky crows. He absolutely loved going for neighborhood walks with his pack, lumbering along with a sweet pep in his step. To Kramer, walks were always opportunities to find and become completely bonkers at moving things such as leaves, seagulls, crows (of course), cats, street cleaners, garbage trucks, other dogs, rabbits, squirrels, deer, and just about anything. At home, he could often be spotted on the living room couch watching the neighborhood activity through the window. A favorite pastime of his was to bang on the window with his paw and bark when he saw people and dogs walk down the sidewalk. He made the window vibrate but was so proud of himself after the outside activity was gone.

He loved sleeping on thick orthopedic or PVC dog beds which helped him be comfortable with that large arthritic frame. If his people were home, he followed them as they moved from room to room, asking for some attention now and then. He was also a good boy in the car, although he took up more than his fair share of space.



On a quiet afternoon, Kramer suddenly and unexpectedly developed bloat, and he was let go with his foster parents and favorite veterinarian by his side. His family got to enjoy him for 10 months, and Old Dog Haven did so much to improve and support a very good quality of life for him. Kramer had an amazingly large and joyful presence, and his foster family and his friends will remember him with smiles.

Thank you Alison for writing such a beautiful tribute to your friend. What a happy life he had with you!

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2016 WALK FOR OLD DOGS A HOWLING SUCCESS!

It's all over but the shouting and are we ever shouting! Once again they came ... well over 400 people and their dogs celebrated at ODH's 5th Annual Walk for Old Dogs held at Cromwell Park in Shoreline on July 17. Thanks to generous donors and sponsors all over the country we exceeded our goal and \$117,000 was raised to help our dogs. An incredible effort by all involved.



Let's take a little photographic tour of some of the highlights of the day so you have a sense of everything that was happening:



Sandy and Phil Krutsinger were recognized for having fostered 71 dogs for ODH during the past 11 years. They're pictured left in their garden at home with their current foster, Shellie, and Mr. Peacock, presented to them by ODH at the Walk to symbolize how proud of them we are for their dedication and commitment to old dogs. Sandy says, "I receive so much in return from the dogs through their love and devotion, more than anyone can imagine. This is my life and I need them as much as they need me."



The top three individual and team fundraisers were awarded ribbons and prizes for their efforts: 3rd Place Individual Fundraiser (\$1,735) Hai Li Lee is pictured right with her 3rd Place Team (\$2,685) Purple and Gold. 2nd Place Team Fundraiser Crazy Cocker Spaniels (\$6,060) is pictured top left with their team leader Peabody Johanson who was also the 1st Place Individual Fundraiser (\$4,750) Walking behind Peabody in the photo are the 1st Place Team Fundraisers T-Town Dogs who raised \$15,955. 2nd Place Individual Fundraiser (\$3,580) Meredith Moses is pictured center.

One of the highlights was having **Gene Melang** and his crew bring their race car. They sold t-shirts, hats and held a raffle to support Old Dog Haven, raising \$350! Thank you to everyone who bought gear and raffle tickets. Congratulations to Amanda, who won the raffle basket. She's pictured here with Abby, one her senior rescued pugs.

You can see Gene race in the ODH car at Evergreen Speedway two Saturdays a month. We appreciate their support!



And then there was the **Pageant!**



Photo by Michael Wann



Fiona Fraser handed out ribbons and gift baskets to the Pageant winners.

Pageant Judges (L-R) Laura Coffey (author of *My Old Dog*), Dr. Paul Linvog (Medical Director-Frontier Village Veterinary Clinic- Gold Paw Sponsor), Megan Grady (Tacoma & Pierce County Humane Society- Gold Paw Sponsor), and Martha Faulkner (Real Estate Broker- Gold Paw Sponsor)

Best Costume (all three photos by Jane Klonsky)



1st Place- Marvin the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man



2nd Place- Rico the Pirate



3rd Place- Alice the Queen Bee

Best Decorated Stroller (photos by Jane Klonsky)



1st Place- Meko



2nd Place- Sparrow

Best Trick



Photo by Denise Hazlick

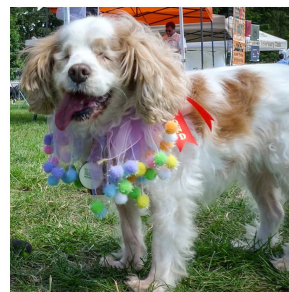
1st Place- Fred (above)
2nd Place- Daisy
3rd Place- Stella

30 Yard Lollygag (photo by Laura Coffey)



1st Place- Otis (left)
2nd Place- Sparrow
3rd Place- Ben and Maxx

Oldest Dogs



Oliver- age 20
(photo by Jane Klonsky)

KayCee- age 18
(photo by Bruce Fleming)

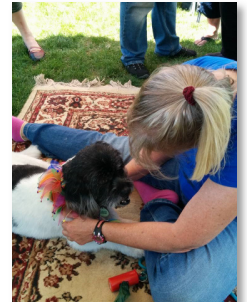


And food! Nationally recognized *Seattle Barkery* was there with all kinds of wonderful homemade treats for both dogs and people as well as ice pops from *Six Strawberries*, vegan ice cream sandwiches from *The Cookie Cutter* and Latke Press sandwiches from *Napkin Friends*.

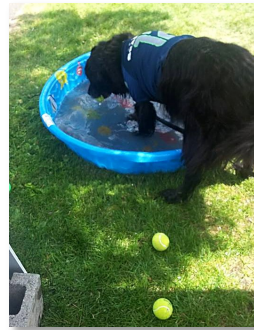
Bridget took advantage of a photo op at the Wag Booth and Ms. Murphy enjoyed a free massage by Karen from *Angel Animal Care Massage*



Wicket diving for hot dogs



This pretty girl got all dressed up in her tutu to go wading while her friend searched for tennis balls.



Special thanks to vendors and food trucks who either donated money for booth space or donated a percentage of their sales (some did both!) to ODH.

Thank You to:

All of our sponsors for being such dedicated supporters of ODH.



Special thanks to Seattle Veterinary Associates (Gold Paw Sponsor) whose name was inadvertently left off of the sponsor list in the July newsletter. Pictured left is Kelly Semple (Client Services) with her ODH foster dog Phoebe.

Thank you to Joe Myers for the original artwork for the logo, totes, and for his graphic assistance.

A **BIG** thank you to Walk Manager Jennifer Remy and her host of volunteers.

Thank you to all of the individuals and businesses who donated prizes, to Dawn Ford for contacting donors, and to Kathy Thurman for arranging gift baskets.

Thank you to board members (L-R) Deeanne Matz, Dianne Marlow, Gabrielle Flanagan and Laura Milleville for choreographing the entire event!



Finally, thank you to all of the dogs for helping us celebrate your importance in our lives!

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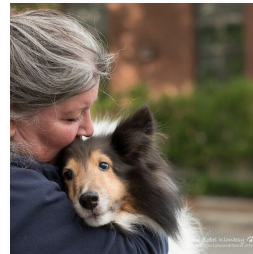
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JANE SOBEL KLONSKY PHOTOS

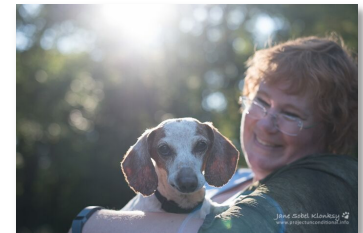
Since 2012, Jane Sobel Klonsky has traveled the country, meeting and photographing old dogs and their people. Her series, **Project Unconditional**, captures these beautiful senior dogs in photographs and celebrates the bonds of unconditional love they share with humans. Jane spent a week in Seattle in July photographing five ODH fosters and their dogs for **Project Unconditional**. She also attended the Walk for Old Dogs and donated a free photo shoot to Peabody Johanson, 1st place Individual Fundraiser. Jane's new book, *Unconditional: Older Dogs, Deeper Love*, published by National Geographic, will be released in October. Below are a few of the photos Jane took of ODH fosters as well as Peabody and her family. Thank you Jane. Welcome to the ODH family! To read more about Jane and her work, go to <http://www.projectunconditional.info>



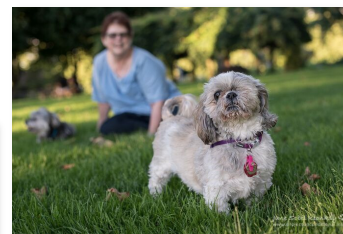
Aaron Davis with
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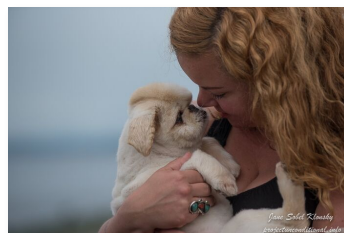
Bev Bowe with Duke



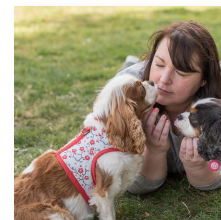
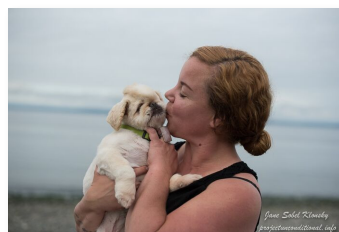
Chris Partman with
Oscar (Top) & Shannie



Meredith Moses with Bridget Rose (L) & Bridget
Rose, Kizzy Louise & Marcia Jean



Dawn Ford with Marvin



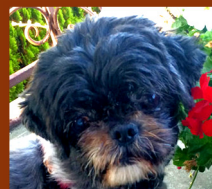
Peabody with (L-R)
Holly and Crissy

Peabody and Jason Johanson with
their rescued Cavalier King Charles
Spaniels- aka the Pacific Northwest
Spaniel Squad (L-R) Holly, Mickey,
Peabody, Crissy, Jason and Daisy
Mae.





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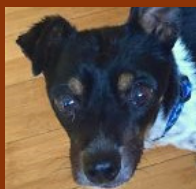
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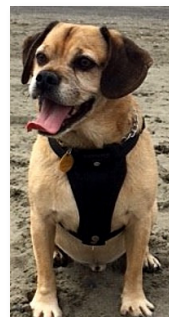


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MAIL BOX

Hello!

I wanted to write and update you about LeeRoy. He is the cutest thing ever! After a short adjustment period, he has adapted well to his new life and new routines. He lives 1/2 miles from the beach and has twice daily romps with his new brother Joe. LeeRoy and Joe are members of the adorable underbite club. When he is not chasing his ball, he is on the lap of his new stay-at-home dad, where he naps away his days, never alone. Thank you ODH!!! It's an amazing thing you do to bring such lovable dogs together with new families!



Thank you!!!

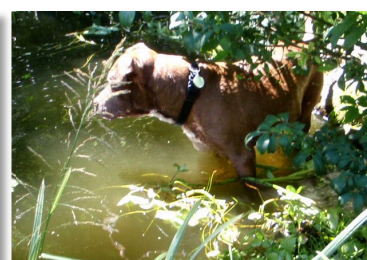
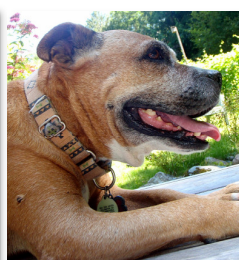
Teresa (match maker between LeeRoy and his new dad Ian)

DOG SMILE

Archie ended up at a shelter after he'd been abandoned. The shelter vet thought he had subcutaneous lymphoma which doesn't seem to be true, but he does have a multitude of mast cell tumors, some of which had abscessed. He has VERY limited mobility and his back end is pretty weak.

Archie is receiving hospice care from fosters Jen and Mike Seigny, who have been fostering ODH dogs for 10 years. Jen tells this story about Archie:

"He really loves the pond. He is 'Arch Cousteau'—conqueror of the inky deeps. He will swim and stare at the water for hours if he can. At some point while in the water, his nasty dewclaw fell off and it is nicely healed. The ulcerated tumor on his back has healed up too. Mike says if the pond cures his cancer we are selling the water by the ounce."

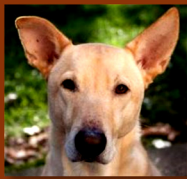


VENDORS NEEDED FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR

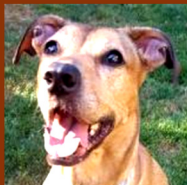
The 2017 ODH calendar, created by Joe Myers, will be available soon! If you have a vet clinic, pet store or other local business interested in selling the 2017 calendar, email:

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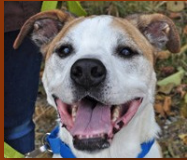




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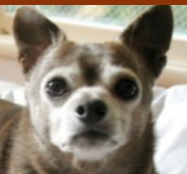
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DOG ACTIVITY NUMBERS JANUARY 1- AUGUST 31

303 dogs are in care as of 8/31
300 are in final refuge
3 are in foster homes awaiting adoption

135 new dogs were taken into care between 1/1-8/31
124 came from shelters
11 came from individuals

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

445 new dogs were helped 1/1-8/31

275 dogs were adopted 1/1-8/31

Even non-profits are affected by the economy. Because our responsibilities, expenses, and dogs in care are increasing, your donations are more important than ever. If you can help, please send your tax-deductible donation to:

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Thank You!

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ODH has had a very busy summer, taking in 57 dogs in three months. The Maranda Fund (for special one-time medical procedures) has been VERY busy since so many of these dogs have been very sick and needed hospitalization or major surgery or emergency care. These 57 dogs have included:



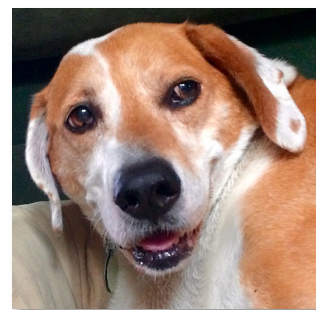
Andrew, an old schnauzer probably hit by a car, had multiple fractures in a leg repaired (the rib fractures healed on their own) by a surgical specialist.



Charm, a lovely old border collie, developed pneumonia as he arrived in his ODH home, requiring several days of intensive care in an emergency hospital.



Squirrel, an adorable aussie mix, had to be spayed while in season due to major pain issues and then went into shock, requiring emergency transfusion, surgery, and removal of her spleen at a specialty center.



Bones, a sweet gentle lab mix, broke with kennel cough on arrival which turned into aspiration pneumonia, requiring several days' intensive care in a specialty center. He infected his "sibling" who also developed pneumonia and required treatment.

Each of these dogs' care cost several thousand dollars in just a few days. All the dogs have survived so far and are so happy to be home, with people who care, on their way to recovery. The Maranda Fund covered all of them.

In addition, several other dogs came with less life-threatening issues that required surgery or specialist care, such as Sundance, a shepherd mix with a wonderful temperament, who needed a mast cell tumor removed immediately.

Many of the "summer additions" have had cardiology workups, spays with mammary mass removal, major dentals, ophthalmologist visits, allergist consultations, etc. and three others arrived with pneumonia, which was treated aggressively by the local vet without hospitalization.

The local shelters are now more able (often with ODH help) to place the healthy seniors, but so many come into the shelter with serious medical problems and are then sent to us. An additional challenge this summer has been the prevalence of "kennel cough" or some related respiratory infection that is leading to pneumonia in too many of the already compromised old dogs. Our great foster families have had their hands full.

All of this has been very expensive! The Maranda Fund has been a true blessing for many of our dogs and this summer has been very well used. Please consider a donation to refill its coffers. The need, sadly, isn't likely to suddenly disappear. Many really nice old dogs will extend their undying gratitude to you and so will all of us at ODH.



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