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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 in a variety of ways. 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 Marvin, Mopsie and Coco—three blind dogs that give new meaning to being “differently abled.” We also include mailbox notes and photos, information about this year's Walk for Old Dogs, details about GiveBIG and more information about our Golden Guardian donor program. As always, there is a summary of dog activity as well as a message from Madam Old Dog, Executive Director Judith Piper.

DOG-CENTRIC EVENTS MAY/JUNE

MAY

Meet & Greet

Sat. May 13 12:00 P.M.
Reber Ranch, Kent

Skookum Brewery

Sat. May 13 1:00 P.M.
Arlington

Petpalooza

Sat. May 20 10:00 A.M.
Game Farm Park, Auburn

Meet & Greet

Sat. May 20 10:00 A.M.
Haggen, Burlington

JUNE

Meet & Greet

Sat. June 10 9:00 A.M.
Reber Ranch, Kent

Capitol Hill Pride Festival

Sat. June 10
10:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M.

Meet & Greet

Sat. June 24 10:00 A.M.
Haggen, Stanwood

We'll be
attending these
events. Stop by
and see us!

SAVE THIS DATE!

SUN. JULY 23

6th annual WALK FOR OLD DOGS and Old Dog Pageant
10:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
Cromwell Park Shoreline
www.odhwalkforolddogs.org
for more information or to
register.



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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.

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 5/5). Some are in shelters, living in cages, desperately waiting for a forever home; most are in foster care; and many are posted for individuals. 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.

Have you ever thought about what it would be like to be blind? How would you feel if your sight gradually (or suddenly) disappeared? Would you be able to adjust to living productively in your world without the use of your eyes?

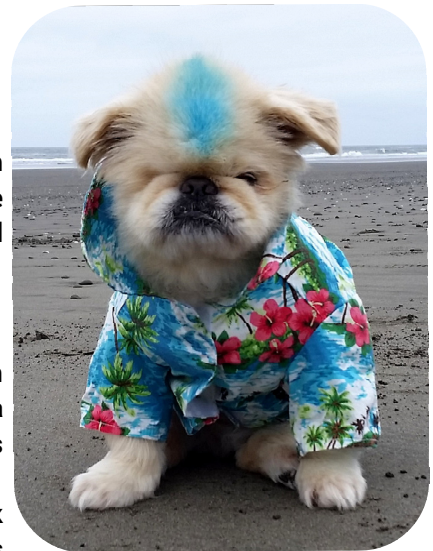
This feature introduces you to three Old Dog Haven dogs that are blind. The lessons they offer in terms of resiliency, adaptability, and strength of character will inspire you to understand that there's more to life than being able to see with your eyes.

MARVIN *by Dawn Ford*

Marvin came to us three years ago, and although we were experienced with senior pekingese pups, we were new to having a blind dog and honestly we weren't sure what to expect.

We picked up 12- year- old Marvin and the learning began! He learned our small floor plan and where the food/water bowls were within a few days. He learned to walk on leash (he loves walks) within a few months and within the year he had conquered our doggie door into the back yard! In the three years we have had him, he has only had two accidents. Two! Marvin is ah-mazing. He is so patient; if I get frustrated for him with certain challenges, he just shrugs it off and tries again.

After Marvin's arrival we started him a bucket list, with goals of going to the beach, camping, eating a Dick's burger, doggie ice cream, entering a costume contest, etc. It was a long list, but it was completed within the year. Marvin loves an adventure, especially if it involves a beach. The smells at the beach are pure heaven to a blind dog!



He can even spell his name!



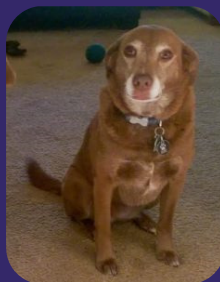
Marvin won first place for his costume as the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man at last year's Walk for Old Dogs.



Photo by Jane Sobel Klonsky



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AMBER

On Marvin's first camping trip to Oregon, there was a large family with kids camping across from us. Needless to say, with three dogs, we had the kids at our campsite a lot! The kids were very curious about all of our dogs but they had a lot of questions about Marvin. I thought I was being a really good advocate for a dog with a disability but one kid commented, "I feel sorry for Marvin." The other kids all chimed in that they felt sorry for Marvin too. I said, "Oh NO! Don't feel sorry for Marvin; feel proud of Marvin! Marvin doesn't feel sorry for himself. Marvin is proud of all he can do without being able to see!" Then the same kid said, "I feel proud of Marvin!" and I said "Yay!" Then the other kids chimed in that they were proud of Marvin too, which felt great!



Marvin is popular in our neighborhood because we go for a lot of walks and I guess it isn't every day that you see a blind dog on a walk! We learned how to walk him with a retractable leash; I would walk backwards in front of him and he'd follow my voice. I'm sure we looked nuts but I don't care. He then learned that route by smells and I could walk behind him guiding him when needed with the leash. I know people are against retractable leashes but it works great for walking a blind dog! We conquered a block, then two blocks and finished last summer doing three miles with some jogging intervals in the mix! He has slowed down more recently and is happier with a shorter walk. I always let him decide the route and we go at his pace, which can be painstakingly slow but it's his adventure and I'm just along for the ride. Not long after we started walking and started going farther and farther, we passed a little girl on the sidewalk. She was staring at Marvin but passed us without saying anything. She got a little farther up the sidewalk and called out, "Is that dog blind-ed?" I replied, "Yes, he is!" and she said, "OH! I've heard about him!" She's heard about him? What! Made me smile the rest of the day thinking of Marvin being the talk of the neighborhood!

We have had people tell us how great we are for taking a dog with challenges like Marvin and my husband and I are always quick to respond that Marvin is the BEST dog we have ever had! Of course we LOVE all of our dogs 110% but Marvin is soo sweet, trusting, silly, confident . . . the list goes on! You just cannot have a bad day with Marvin around. I always whisper in his ear that he is my Best Boy and I truly mean it. I will be devastated when he is no longer with us, but I will know confidently that he had the best life with us and us with him. There will be no regrets.



photo by Jane Sobel Klonsky

Editor's note: Not long ago Dawn had a dream that Marvin had been accepted to a university. She said they were both very excited. I'm thinking that the acceptance was probably a faculty position since Marvin is clearly a very good teacher. Thank you Dawn and Ben for sharing your life with Marvelous Marvin.



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MOPSIE *by Bonnie Urban*

Mopsie was a stray taken to the local Humane Society. Because her eyes and teeth were in such terrible shape Old Dog Haven was contacted and took her into their care. Both of her eyes were damaged, painful and needed to be removed. She was also in need of dental care. As her medical needs were being taken care of, she settled happily into a temporary foster home. When she was fully recovered, Mopsie came to us.



Photo by Erin Lynch

Mopsie carefully learned the first floor of our house. She does not try stairs. She does not run or jump up onto furniture but can slide off of the couch when she wants off and no one is around. She is very careful when she moves and senses where the edges of furniture are. When she needs to go outside, she will go to a door and bark to let us know.

She loves to be outside in the sun and will dance around in a circle and bark. She is a favorite of the neighbors who enjoy coming to visit her. She enjoys wandering around the yard exploring the grass and plants.

Mopsie is so sweet! She loves attention and does a little dance when she is being petted. She also likes it when people talk to her. She likes to give licks and kisses. Faces are her favorite, but she also licks my husband Robert's feet when he is sleeping.



Photo by Erin Lynch

We call Mopsie "Boo Bear" because she looks like a bear when she is playing. Toys are not her thing, but she loves blankets and pillows and digs them into a mound to lie on to 'survey' her kingdom. She is the queen of our house. Her age is estimated at 13 but she often acts like a young dog.

Mopsie has a refined palate and prefers chicken and freeze dried turkey for snacking. Her nose works very well and we have to hide her medicine in peanut butter or she will eat around whatever it is hidden in and spit out her pills. Her stomach tells her the time. She always knows when it is time to eat.

She does not seek out our other dogs, but one or more of them will cuddle with her. I often find two or three of them sleeping together on one bed.

We just adore her and can't imagine our life or house without her.

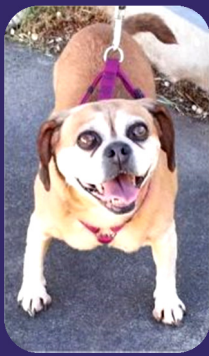


***Mopsie and her family:**
L-R on swing: Rain, Mopsie,
Bonnie, Oliver (ODH Final
Refuge)
Bottom- L-R- Corby, Chloe
and Robert*

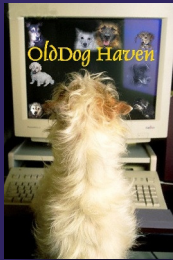
Photo by Erin Lynch

*Thank you Bonnie and Robert for welcoming
Mopsie into your home and hearts.*





GINGER



Forward to a Friend

Know somebody who loves old dogs? The more people who join our network, the more old dogs we can help!

COCO by Sandra Free

Coco, a shih tzu, was left at a shelter at the age of 13. ODH heard about her and thought they could help with her physical problems and find her a forever home. Her problems were severe; she was blind in both eyes, deaf, had skin issues, and had many rotten teeth.



Photo by Erin Lynch

She came to our house in January of 2017 and by April was doing beautifully. She immediately went to see the vet and from there to the ophthalmologist. Her eyes were a mess, and didn't look normal at all. She had severe dry eye in both eyes and glaucoma in one. Because of the pain she was in, the ophthalmologist recommended that both eyes be removed as soon as possible. Coco also had many teeth that were causing pain and also needed removal. The concern was that she might not be able to withstand the anesthesia during surgery but she is so strong in all the inside areas of her little body that she did beautifully and after her ordeal, she seems to be pain free.



Wow! What a difference it has made in her life. Coco has never barked, but now makes wonderful sounds to communicate her happiness. Her tail also wags when she is getting pets and love. She gets lots of loves. A favorite thing for her to do is to be out in the sunshine soaking up the warmth. She raises her head up and you know she's smiling on the inside. Her most favorite thing is to eat her meals and treats. Because there are few straight lines in our house, she nudges walls, cupboards, and furniture, but never hard and she gets better at finding her way as we go along. We've also had some success with her ear infections, and continuous good food is healing her skin.



Sandra, Coco and Mojo

Coco has a younger brother that she is getting closer to with time. We visit grandchildren on a regular basis and she enjoys the car rides as well as the different environment. Her ODH mom loves her dearly and smiles and laughs at her various antics. When she is held now, she can relax and make her great snuffling sounds. She is so cute and gentle it makes one's heart do flip flops. She has found her forever home.

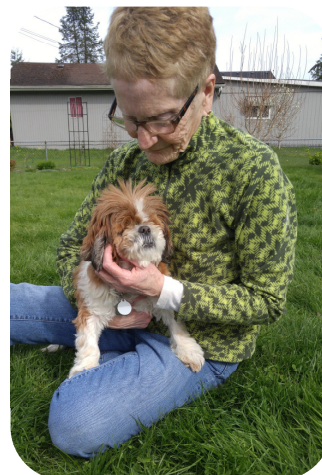


Photo by Erin Lynch

Thank you Sandra for sharing your love with Coco.



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NEWS BITE



Sno-Isle Natural Foods Co-Op in Everett gives a monthly donation to a local nonprofit each month and ODH was voted the #1 choice for March. Nice to know that ODH is a winner with the Co-Op crowd!

MAILBOX



Virginia wrote to let us know that the pet in her home that loves ODH dog Gabby the most is their little green conure parrot, Payapa. "Payapa watches her, calls her by name and at night he says, 'Goodnight Gabby.' Gabby goes near his cage when he calls her."



Zaria, a Treeing Walker Coonhound, celebrates her forever home by taking a selfie with her new dads Joe Pettit and Andrew Fink. Joe says, "Special thanks to ODH Executive Director Judith Piper. Let the baying begin!"



From our friends at Rebecca's Rainbow: "Chloe now lives with a lovely woman whose entire lifestyle is the perfect home for Chloe. She has a home with lots of fenced space and another Mastiff who is her new best friend."



Flicka no longer lives in a garage. Her new family says she's "very loving and a great family member."



"We welcomed Lala into our home a few weeks ago. We fell in love with her after seeing her on your site. Here we all are at Easter. She is settling into her new home wonderfully and we are so happy to have a new fur baby. Thanks to you all for all you do for these precious senior dogs."

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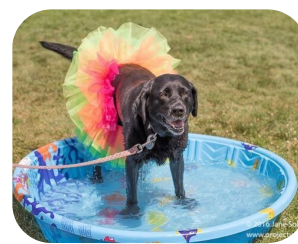
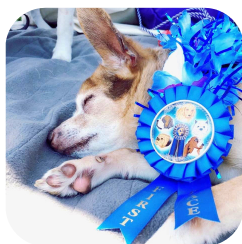
REMINGTON

WALK FOR OLD DOGS



Join us for the 6th Annual Walk for Old Dogs and Old Dog Pageant

Sunday, July 23, 10:30 - 3:00
CROMWELL PARK SHORELINE
18030 Meridian Ave. N
Shoreline WA
Old Dogs, young dogs, and
people of all ages welcome!



The Walk for Old Dogs is our biggest fundraiser and main event of the year. Every penny raised will be used to care for the over 300 senior dogs in our permanent foster homes. This year the event will again be held at Cromwell Park in Shoreline with a paved walk path and a natural amphitheater.

The Walk is not a race but a fun third mile promenade to celebrate with our senior dogs! You'll stroll on a paved path along lawns and fields. Walk as much (or as little) as you and your dog prefer. With every step you take you will be helping over 300 senior dogs spend their golden years in a safe and loving home.

Before the Walk browse the many sponsor booths (many offering samples and goodies) and watch or participate in the **new Dachshund Race for the Rescue**. There will also be vendors with a variety of treats and other great items for dogs and humans. After the Walk gather around the amphitheater and enjoy the Old Dog Pageant with competitions for Best Costume, Best Trick and Best Dancer.

All donations are tax deductible. Old Dog Haven is a 501(c)(3) charity.



REGISTER

[http://
odhwalkforolddogs.org/](http://odhwalkforolddogs.org/)
for more information or
to register

Support our Walkers and help us reach our goal to raise \$80,000 for the dogs!

Currently Old Dog Haven's vet bills average \$80,000 per month. All money raised at the Walk will be used to care for our senior dogs who might not otherwise have a home. To read about the wonderful senior dogs in our permanent foster care go to:
http://olddoghaven.org/dog_category/final-refuge-dogs/

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS for the 6th Annual Walk for Old Dogs. Because of their generous support all money raised at the walk can be used to care for our senior dogs.

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In memory of Sweet Loki, who will always be remembered by our staff.



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"Our goal is to practice the highest quality medicine and surgery with compassion and an emphasis on client education."



Seattle Veterinary Associates "passionately treats pets while caring for their owners too."



"We work hard to deliver the best medical care for your pets, as well as the best experience for you, the pet owner."

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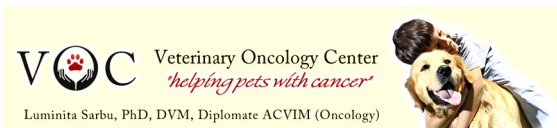


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Deborah and Mario Ehlers

pet connection
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GiveBIG

**GiveBIG to Old Dog Haven
Wednesday, May 10.**

Now more than ever you can make an impact. Thanks to the Seattle Foundation, GiveBIG is a day when people come together to support the community and causes they love.

GiveBIG is Old Dog Haven's largest fundraiser of the year, an invaluable source of income for the dogs. Currently, Old Dog Haven has over 300 dogs in permanent foster care and vet bills are approximately \$80,000 per month. Help us reach our goal of raising \$80,000 during GiveBIG so we can cover one month of veterinary care.

We'd like to thank a generous donor for their matching gift of \$5,000 for GiveBIG. The first \$5,000 in donations during GiveBIG will be matched by this generous donor.



ODH dog Augustus Mayor of Whoville

This year you can opt to pay your credit card fee. If everyone who "Gives Big" covers their fees we can raise thousands of dollars more for the dogs.

You can schedule your GiveBIG donation now. Just click here <https://www.givebigseattle.org/old-dog-haven> and your donation will be processed on Wednesday, May 10.

Click here <https://youtu.be/L2jGZQJROdo> to watch a touching slide show and video about Old Dog Haven and some of the dogs you'll be helping by donating.

NOW MORE THAN EVER ... YOU CAN HELP OLD DOGS!

BECOME A GOLDEN GUARDIAN TODAY!

**OLD
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GOLD**

Join the circle and become a Golden Guardian Monthly Donor. Golden Guardians help ensure that we have the funds to care for the over 300 dogs in permanent foster care. Our vet bills are approximately \$80,000 per month and we would love to have more caring and devoted Golden Guardians.

Please help us reach our year end goal of \$10,000 per month in donations from our Golden Guardians. Just sign up once and you'll help the dogs over and over again. Visit our web site, www.olddoghaven.org and get started today.

A BIG ARF OF THANKS to the Golden Guardians who are already signed up for a monthly donation



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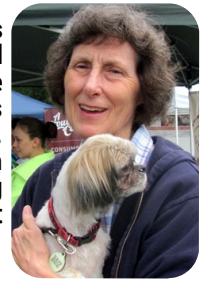
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NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we close April and I tally up the number of dogs that came to us this month, I notice how many of them were in need of immediate and very serious medical care. This is frequently the case now: dogs come onto our waiting list **BECAUSE** they have expensive medical problems that the owners can't or won't handle and that preclude adoption. Who wants to take on a dog that will cost a lot of money to fix or even treat for a while? Here are examples of dogs coming to ODH during the last two weeks and what has been done for them in just a short time.



Lorenzo is an adorable little westie that has chronic ear allergies that have now closed off his ear canals, preventing effective treatment of the constant infection. He is scheduled to see an animal allergist with special equipment for ears, and treatment will be an ongoing project. In his intake exam, an unusual heart arrhythmia was heard so he had a thorough workup by a cardiologist. Lorenzo was diagnosed with Sick Sinus Syndrome, which perhaps can be managed medically with compounded drugs. Despite all this, he's a **VERY** happy, charismatic little guy!



Schnitzel is a darling mini dachshund (How did you guess?) that came to us because the shelter vets found two mast cell tumors. On our vet's exam, unfortunately, **MANY** tumors were found all over his body— too many to remove all of them. We've removed a few for histopathology and the oncologist will use that to determine how advanced the cancer is and whether electrochemotherapy or some other treatment might be effective. He is otherwise healthy so we will do our best for him.

Evan (Sorry— no photo available) is an old and wobbly little shih tzu that came to us because of some very concerning values in his shelter labwork. A radiologist performed an abdominal ultrasound the morning after arriving in his ODH home; results indicated severe gastroenteritis or Inflammatory Bowel Disease, so he went home to recover from kennel cough and start dietary management. If that doesn't do enough he will need an endoscopy done by a specialist. He's a cheery little fellow whose personality is showing as he feels better; we are relieved that his prognosis is good.

These dogs are all worth the effort and the expense! We at ODH are so grateful to those who donate so we can give the dogs a chance for a comfortable, happy last part of their lives, after they lost all of their world and landed in a shelter. No matter how kind the shelter staff and volunteers are, being in a shelter is terrifying. We are glad to give them a family for as long as they are happy. And we are tremendously grateful to the ODH foster families who take in these dogs, get them to unending vet appointments and do all the treatment. The ODH community is simply remarkable.

DOG ACTIVITY NUMBERS JANUARY 1 – APRIL 30

307 dogs are in care as of 4/30
306 are in final refuge
1 is in a foster home awaiting adoption

62 new dogs were taken into care between 1/1-4/30

58 came from shelters
4 came from individuals

152 new dogs were posted to help owners find homes

214 new dogs were helped 1/1-4/30

117 dogs were adopted 1/1-4/30

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!