

Old Dog Haven 2019



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dogs featured in the
header are
(L-R) Vernon,
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The dogs shown in
the "thank you" are
(L-R) Hazel,
Sweetie, Dewey,
Ellie May Clampett,
Behr, Hawkeye, and
Spike.

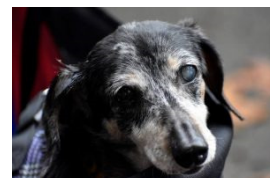
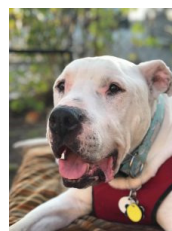
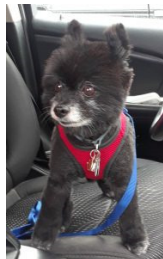
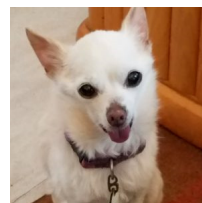
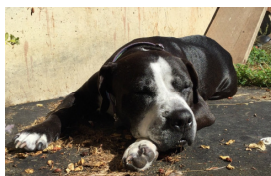
These dogs
represent the over
310 dogs in our care
that are grateful for
your support.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR !

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!



As we start a new year we'd like to offer special thanks to all who make our efforts possible. We'd love to publically acknowledge you by listing your names, but in the interests of respecting your privacy, we won't do that. Many of you have generously and consistently supported ODH since the very beginning and we want to let you know how much we appreciate your loyalty and commitment to our cause. What we do wouldn't be possible without your generous donations. PAWS UP TO ALL OF YOU!

THE PAST 15 YEARS, ODH HAS HELPED 6,469 DOGS!

ADOPT!

All of the senior dogs pictured in the border that runs the length of the newsletter (see left) are available for adoption (as of 1/4) Some are in shelters living in cages, desperately waiting for a forever home; many are in foster care, and some 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.

GO SEAHAWKS!



SAMPSON



OLIVER

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

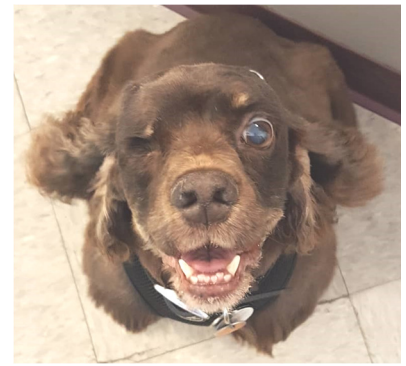


PATCHES

BUG

By Claudia Kulvinskaskas

Hello Everyone! Perhaps some of you might remember Miss Bridgitte (Bug.) She came home in January 2018 and has had quite an exciting year, so I thought I might update everyone on her progress and show how an old dog still has so much life and love to give. With patience, love, and medical care, a scared, hurting "old" dog can blossom into a fun, wiggly little ball of love just raring to take another stab at life! (The key word here is LOVE.)



Thanks to ODH, Bug had her right eye removed, a spay, treatment for arthritis and degenerative disc disease in her spine, and three bad teeth (plus a root hunk!) removed. It took eight months of vet visits, but as of September she is finally 100%!



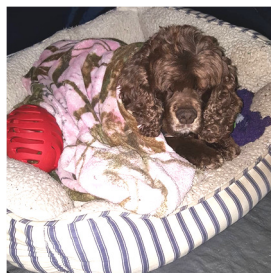
During the summer, Bug went with me on a bucket list trip: a road trip, camping up and down the Pacific Coast Highway. It was perfect for her because Bug just adores spending time outside, and she acclimated to the road/camping life pretty quickly. She made an absolutely wonderful road dog! In fact, she pouted for about two weeks straight once we got home when she realized the trip was over. I had to make it up to her with lots of area hikes during the summer and fall!

Bug has such a calm, sweet personality I realized that she would make a great "therapy" dog. Beginning in November, Bug and I started making weekly trips to a nursing facility on our island. She won everyone's heart on her first trip, and a few folks begged for me to keep bringing her back. How could I refuse? While I certainly don't mind keeping this pup's love all to myself, it would be a shame not to share.

We made an overnight trip for Thanksgiving, but I had her all to myself this Christmas. She had her own stocking, and I prepared Christmas dinner with her in mind, making sure there were plenty of dog-healthy bites to share with her. We even watched *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* together. She slept through most of it, even when I was singing the songs, but I didn't care. Just having her snuggling with me and sharing the spirit of the holidays was the only Christmas gift I needed.

Old dogs are the best dogs!

Happy New Year to everyone and every dog with Old Dog Haven!



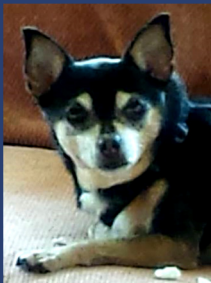
Thank you for welcoming Bug into your life, Claudia. You two make a great team!



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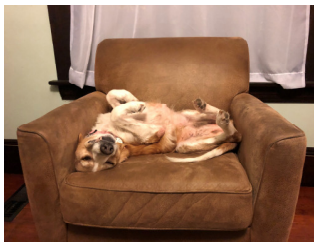
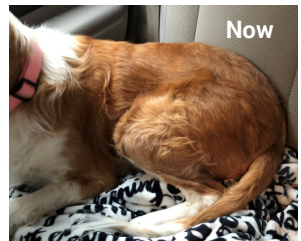
GINGER

By Julie Kerr

Ginger came to us on September 1, 2018. Her severe skin problems affected the back half of her body. Her back half was bald and her skin looked so cranky. She had one fist-sized tumor and another smaller one hanging from her belly. The vet had her taking antibiotics and an antifungal medication. Weekly baths with a medicated shampoo helped too. Her skin healed quickly and her hair was as good as new in no time.

She had the tumors surgically removed (both were benign), she was spayed, and she had a pretty big dental, which involved removing several teeth, including her incisors.

She is a sweet dog who is tolerant of kids, cats and other dogs. She loves to be outside. She's happy to sit on the back deck even if the weather isn't great. She always loses her mind when she sees somebody riding a bicycle, but is otherwise a good traveler.

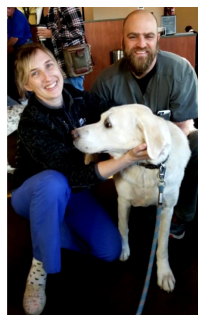


My family had a Destination Thanksgiving in Freeland Washington and Ginger enjoyed it as much as we did; she slept on the comfy chair and happily explored the beach.



Thank you, Julie, for welcoming Ginger into the loving arms of your family. What a wonderful happy ending for Ginger! Not only does she feel better but she also has a family of her own.

OOPS!



In our November newsletter we did a feature on fosters Tracy and Chris Kim, and those of you who know them probably wondered why the caption in the photo on the left identified the two people with Phoenix as Tracy and Chris when the smiling faces in that photo actually belong to Phoenix's surgeon and a vet tech at the clinic. The real Tracy and Chris are shown in the photo above right with Phoenix.



Update on Phoenix: After recovering from the removal of a large tumor while he was living with Tracy and Chris, this beautiful boy has been adopted and is now living happily with his forever family.



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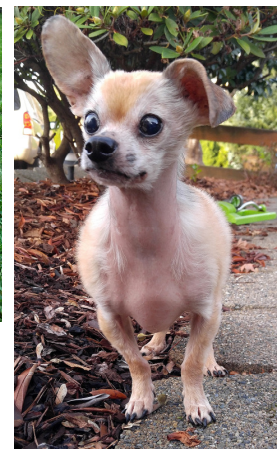
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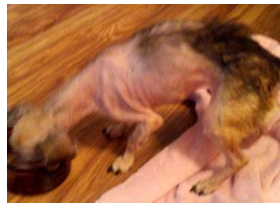
MONTE

by Michele Belcher

I went back and forth over two days deciding if my heart could take the risk of this guy coming to me and then not being able to be brought back from his horrifying condition. But I decided if I wanted to be involved with Old dog Haven, I must take the good with the bad. So I decided to bring him home, love him, feed him and do exactly what Judith and the vet told me to do.



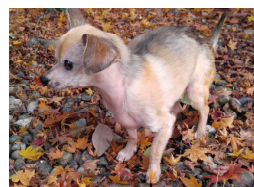
I picked him up myself on August 31th, and had to drive home with the window down because his smell was so bad. I will always remember that day when my husband came in the door from work and asked, "What is that smell?" *Uh honey, that's our new dog. LOL*



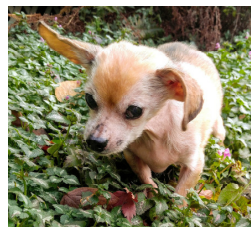
He was covered in yellow, nasty, yeasty scabs. He had almost no hair, there was green pus in both his ear canals, he had goopy infected eyes, luxating patellas, bent elbows, a swollen snout from the infection in his mouth, and black teeth. He was also very emaciated (5.2 lbs). *Oh no. Is he gonna make it?*

He had five vet appointments in September with the best vet ever. I was given a bag full of meds and shampoos and lots of instructions. I was very lucky because Monte is a great eater, so there were four small meals a day for my little prince. He started gaining weight right away and thankfully did not fight me on any of the meds he had to be given several times a day, including eye drops.

We had a setback when Monte decided to eat his own poop. He got really sick but thankfully responded quickly to the meds prescribed. Monte had fewer visits in October and his ears finally cleared up after three bottles of antibiotics. His hair started to grow a little peach fuzz and his legs were better because some muscles were building up. His little eye ulcers, after three bottles of medication, still were not getting any better so he'll be seeing an eye specialist. Dangit. He was cleared for his dental and that will happen in January, and he'll probably lose all of his remaining teeth.

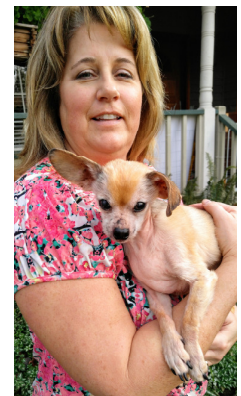


Today, after 11 weeks, Monte is hardly recognizable from his intake pics. He is 7.4 lbs (his goal weight), his ears are cleared up, he's walking and running with no obvious pain, and he has hair everywhere except on his neck and chest (maybe a Chihuahua thing).



He is such a joy to this family; I have not regretted getting him for one second. Over the last few weeks he is starting to play with me and will chase me around outside. He is the perfect example of a dog's forgiving nature because he had a horrible thing happen to him but he is still wanting love and gives love back to his people. I hope to have him around for years but if it's only months, I will never forget this funny little man. Thank you Old Dog Haven, Judith, and the vets for all the help and advice to get him healthy.

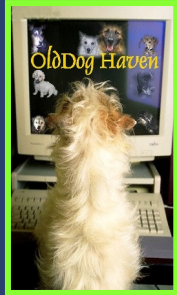
P.S. His name is actually Monte Bones. My three-year-old granddaughter took one look at him and started calling him Bones. The nickname stuck, so it's Monte Bones. It's funny and cute, but actually really sad that a small child could recognize what terrible condition he was in.



Thank you, Michele, for taking such good care of Monte!



MAX



Forward to a Friend

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



TITA



BELLA & HONEY



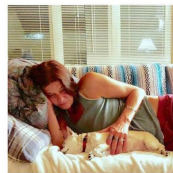
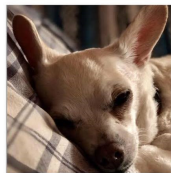
GOLDIE & JOE

MAILBOX

We're always happy to hear that our courtesy posts on the ODH website, Facebook and Instagram are so successful. Thanks to everyone for sharing them and spreading the word. Here are a few happy endings that happened because of those posts:



"Hi everyone! I'm Megan and I adopted a pup from the Animal Protection Society of Friday Harbor four years ago because I saw her picture on your website. Her name was Dixie but I changed it to Ruby Rae! She is the best thing that has ever happened to me. She was my first dog and she is so special to me. She has been living the best life with some sisters and a brother we have accrued since. I wanted to say thank you for all you do for those dogs. You helped me find my dog soul mate and you've helped so many others too! Keep up the great work. You are all amazing people doing what you do for these pups. This is us 11/1/18 at our family dog photo shoot and I wanted to share how great her life has been since you brought us together. Thank you so much!"



This about Suzi, posted for a vet clinic:

"We went out to meet Suzi yesterday and we are thrilled! We adopted her on the spot and she is the best little girl ever! She instantly bonded with us as did we with her! She cradled in my lap sleepily on the ride home and wiggled her cute butt joyfully when she entered her new house and yard! It's as if she has always been part of our family! We love her SO much! She is just so happy and relaxed here! Thank you for posting her! We look forward to many more years of love, silliness, and a life with her as part of our very special family! Happy woofs. *Sandra and Ron.*"



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Jazzy was cross-posted for Smidget Rescue and she now lives happily with her forever family.

"I saw some beautiful pictures of darling and happy dogs posted on Facebook of late and even after 30+ years of working at shelters, plus volunteering and fostering, it never ceases to amaze me the wonderful dogs that are lost, abandoned, or turned in.

"For years, the mantra was, "we can't save them all," in a feeble attempt to quiet the often overwhelming sadness (and unspoken guilt) borne by shelter workers and ACOs.

"But today my heart is gladdened and comforted that there are rescue groups such as ODH and so many volunteers who open their arms, hearts, homes, and pocketbooks to the many homeless animals in our community.

"AND we know these are not perfect, healthy pets and we STILL take them in! I am grateful to you all. Thank you for turning nightmares (mine and theirs) into hope.

"You and the broken, sickly, hairless, disheveled, pill poppin', transport needing, funny looking, piddle pad poopin', snuggling, curmudgeonly old dogs are the loves of my life." *Lori Trask*

REMEMBERING LESLIE JENSEN



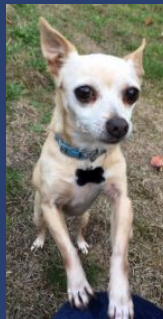
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LEXI

ODH mourns the passing of Leslie Jensen, an enthusiastic foster mom and dedicated transport volunteer. She and her partner, Bob Bodkin, made countless transports from their home in Bremerton to destinations in the Olympia area and other locations. Leslie always rode shotgun so she could cuddle and reassure the dog they were transporting.



Leslie didn't see herself as just someone who transported dogs: she thought of herself as part of a welcoming committee of two that made their passengers understand that they were being chauffeured to a new life of love, safety and good health.

Thank you Leslie. We're absolutely sure you had a welcoming committee too as you moved on to your next expression of spirit.

Leslie's partner, Bob, writes the following. What he says will make you smile and perhaps look at the word a bit differently.

"I hope you ALL have a little red heart on your driver's license, beside which is the word "Donor." Leslie did, as do I. The fruit of that commitment was that even being a cancer survivor, with health problems serious enough to cause her untimely demise, Leslie was able to donate her corneas. Within hours of her death on November 2nd, 2018, her corneas were removed for ultimate reuse.



"Fast forward to a few days later. Leslie loved plants and flowers, and our dining room is a virtual hot house of beautiful indoor specimens, many of which bloom from time to time. Specifically, Leslie was nurturing along several Christmas Cactus starts, which adamantly refused to bloom under her care, for years. However, shortly after her passing, I noticed the most remarkable change. Blooms on these same reluctant cactus plants were abundant, and I was happy to see them, but sad that Leslie had missed this touching tribute to her care.



"It then occurred to me that a marvelous opportunity had been created. I wrote to the folks who had overseen the donation and reuse of Leslie's corneas, asking them to share several pictures I took of these beautiful, delicate flowers, as well as some pictures of Leslie with shelter-pull rescue dogs we transported on behalf of Old Dog Haven. This transport role was a joy to Leslie, and we always were happy to be so involved. My idea was that the people (two successful transplant recipients) who now could see, were seeing through Leslie's eyes! If they were able to see my photos, it would be—at least to me—just as if Leslie herself were seeing this floral tribute to her love.



"Yesterday evening, I got a voice mail from Rebecca Grossman, at SightLife, who wanted to share the result of my effort. We spoke this morning, and the most awesome story emerged. It seems that both Leslie's corneas were sent to Syria, and Dr. Tarek, who had done the surgeries, was able to show my photos to one of the recipients. Not only did he confirm this "sighting," but he made a short video of this lady, and I was able once again to look into Leslie's eyes!

"Just as I love to return, again and again, to Truk Lagoon, Leslie remembered with great fondness her sojourn to Africa, and would have gone back there again, had time and circumstance allowed. She was truly adventurous, having worked on Alaska's North Slope for several years, and would be very happy and excited to be looking out at Syria through the eyes of a survivor in that sad, dangerous, once beautiful country. The spoken words are not in English, but I swear I heard "Leslie" in the sound track...

"She loved hummingbirds, and our water feature in the back yard is a bathing/drinking spot for all manner of birds. I saw a hummingbird there yesterday, and hope that Leslie saw her (drab green color indicated a female) too, through my eyes. I never see hummingbirds but what I think of her..." Bob

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IN APPRECIATION

To all of our supporters:

Thanks to you, we were able to take in over 210 Final Refuge dogs in 2018, and since Old Dog Haven was founded in 2004, well over 6,000 senior dogs have been helped. Through our placement services, over 570 dogs were posted in 2018 for other rescues, shelters, and individuals and found homes.

To everyone who donated to the **Maranda Fund**: In 2018 twenty-one dogs received the extensive veterinary care they needed thanks to you.

To our **Golden Guardian** monthly donors: Your sustaining gift helps ensure a reliable source of income to care for the dogs.

To everyone who sponsored a **Final Refuge** dog: The dogs thank you for your friendship.

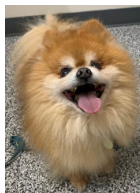
To those who donated through your workplace: Many of your gifts to the dogs were doubled or even tripled. Thank you!

To everyone who follows us on **Facebook** and **Instagram**: Your shares help us find homes for the dogs posted and help spread the word about Old Dog Haven.

To all our foster families and volunteers: Thank you for all you do.

To everyone reading this newsletter: Thank you for being here!

From all of us at Old Dog Haven, we thank you over and over and over again!



Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, from Brody, CeCe, Henry, and the rest of the ODH gang!

DOG ACTIVITY NUMBERS: 2018 WRAP UP

2018

313 DOGS IN CARE AT YEAR END

221 ACTIVE FOSTER HOMES (MORE NEEDED!!)

601 NEW DOGS HELPED

220 PLACED IN ODH FOSTER HOMES

88% OF THOSE FROM SHELTERS AND RESCUE GROUPS

12% OF THOSE FROM INDIVIDUALS

293 DOGS ADOPTED (16 ODH & 277 referrals)

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:

Old Dog Haven
P.O. Box 1409
Oak Harbor WA
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MESSAGE FROM DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR PAULA MORESCHI

Hi everyone,

I love the new year, don't you? It's a time when we can all get a fresh start by setting our new year's resolutions and goals and wishing the best for our families and friends. As development director, for me the new year means planning and organizing all the fun events and fundraising for the upcoming year.

When people hear the word fundraising they are often filled with dread and loathing. But for me it means connecting with everyone who cares about our senior dogs. One of my favorite things is hearing from our supporters. I love receiving stories about their dogs, past and present, and sharing tears of both happiness and sorrow when we recall our stories and memories about all the wonderful dogs that have come into our lives.

This holiday season I was especially blessed to meet several Old Dog Haven supporters at my small retail store in Seattle. Every year many people make a special trip to the store to get the new Old Dog Haven calendar and are so excited to see this year's calendar "models." I met a woman who held a Facebook birthday fundraiser for Old Dog Haven. Her face lit up as she told me about reaching her fundraising goal and how much she loves Old Dog Haven. And on Christmas Eve a woman who visits her family every holiday season came in and made a donation. She told me every year she looks forward to stopping in and making a gift and is so thankful that so many senior dogs have been helped.

Maya Angelou once said, "When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed." The love, support and happiness you give our dogs overwhelms me and I feel grateful to you every day. I know all of us at Old Dog Haven feel the same. Thank you for your kindness and I'd love to hear from you in the New Year!

Best,
Paula



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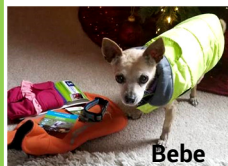
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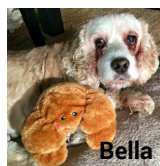
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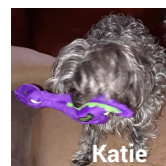
Many stores had Giving Trees for our dogs over the holidays and I thought you might like to see a few of our dogs enjoying their gifts. Thank you to all who participated in the Giving Tree project.



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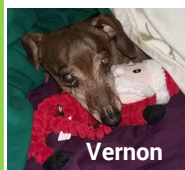
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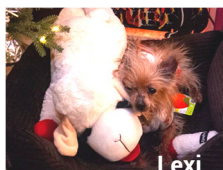
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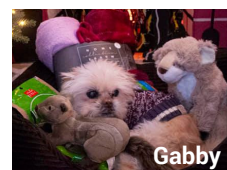
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