

Old Dog Haven

May 2018
E-Newsletter

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The dogs
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header are (L-R)
Gabby, Arwen,
Andouille, and
Esther.

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 Jessie, Lleno and Gladys, three dogs that are "long timers" with ODH. Their stories are a testament to what a difference love, good care, and being valued can make in a senior dog's life. We also include mailbox notes and photos, information about this year's Walk for Old Dogs, details about GiveBIG, and Dog Smiles. As always, there is a summary of dog activity as well as a special message from our Placement/Social Media Director Tina Nabseth.

MAY/JUNE EVENTS

MAY

Sat. May 5 7:30 A.M.
SW WA Humane Society Walk/Run
Esther Short Park & Playground
605 Esther St. Vancouver

Sat. May 5 11:00 A.M.
University Place Meet & Greet
Mud Bay 3804 Bridgeport Way

Sat. May 19 10:00 A.M.
Auburn Petpalooza
Game Farm Park, 3030 R St., SE

Sat. May 19 11:00 A.M.
Tacoma Mud Bay Meet & Greet
635 Division

Sun, May 20 12:00 P.M.
Puyallup Pups & Purrs
Sunrise Village PetSmart
10309 156th St. E Puyallup

Sunday May 20 3:00 P.M.
Pooches Pub Pawty
The Irishmen 2923 Colby Ave.
Everett

Sat. May 26 10:00 A.M.
Marysville Haggan Meet & Greet
3711 88th St. NE Marysville

JUNE

Sat. June 2 12:00 P.M.
Sumner Mud Bay Meet & Greet
15105 Main St., E. Sumner

Sunday June 3 11:00 A.M.
Puyallup Mud Bay Meet & Greet
13210 Meridian

Sat. June 9 10:00 A.M.
Mt. Vernon Meet & Greet
Haggen 2601 E. Division St.

Sat. June 9 11:00 A.M.
Gig Harbor Meet & Greet
Lucky Dog Outfitters

Sat. June 16 10:00 A.M.
Stanwood Meet & Greet
Haggen 26603 72nd Ave NW
Stanwood

Sat. June 16 12:00 P.M.
Federal Way Meet & Greet
Mud Bay

Sat. June 23 11:00 A.M.
Tacoma Meet & Greet
1624 Tacoma Ave. S

Sat. June 23 1:00 P.M.
Seattle Pridefest
1425 Broadway
Seattle

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

SAVE THIS DATE!
SUN. JULY 22

7th annual
WALK FOR OLD DOGS
and
Old Dog Pageant
11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
Cromwell Park Shoreline
www.odhwalkforolddogs.org
for more information or to
register.



BASIL & PANCAKE

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 5/1). 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.

JESSIE by Kelly Marlo

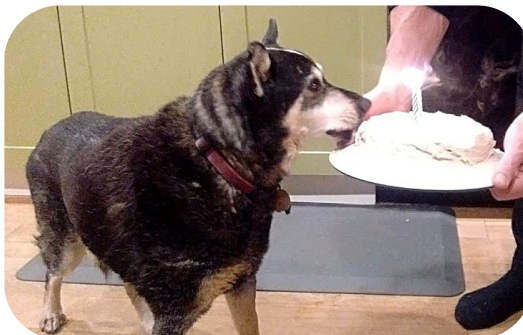
"I received an email in February 2011 about a couple of dogs that needed to find a foster home placement after being rescued from a hording situation in Yelm, Washington. There were about 90 dogs, stacked in wire cages in a yard, and ODH asked if I could take Jessie. I was told she had been kept in a metal crate with no blankets or bedding and could barely walk. Judith said she would be a Final Refuge dog (permanent foster) and we didn't know how long she might last with us. When we got her home, we gave her a bath to get rid of all the dirt and urine stuck in her fur after living in a crate. Half of her left ear had been bitten off at some point and she was very stiff. Despite all of that, she was gentle, sweet, calm and VERY hungry.



"Mammary tumors were discovered at our initial vet appointment and she needed to be spayed. Thanks to ODH, the tumors were removed, she was spayed, and supplements and medications for her stiffness and skin issues were prescribed. Within a month, Jessie (or Jessie Bird as we like to call

her) was running, jumping and sleeping on the couch like she had always been with us.

"Over the years she has had various ailments related to her liver, and ODH's amazing team of veterinarians have been able to fix her up and she continues to thrive. We like to say she is part dog and part pig because she will eat anything and loves to follow you around the kitchen waiting for a crumb to drop or for you to load the dishwasher so she might help clean off and lick a dish. She is a very gentle, little soul and loves everyone. She is always happy and curious and is always making us laugh.



"Jessie is now around 15 years old and this February we celebrated her 7th anniversary with us. We had a party for her and she and her foster pack enjoyed a homemade carrot and peanut butter cake for the occasion.





SCRUFFLES



SKOBIAT



"Jessie is officially our family's longest living ODH foster dog. She is partially deaf and doesn't see as well now. She can't jump onto the couch by herself anymore so she needs a lift, but still loves to sleep the day away like an old dog should. Her tongue hangs out because she's missing most of her teeth now. She still gets around but has slowed down in the last couple of years. Every once in a while we will be pleasantly surprised that she has decided to go for a walk in the pasture with us and suddenly she will break out in a full sprint back to the house.

Jessie's having a nap with friend Shorty, who was recently adopted.



"She is such a sweet girl and we have been so lucky to have been able to foster her. "

Jessie briefly shares her couch with her forever family: Kelly, Per and Sam.



Thank you Kelly, Per, and Sam for giving Jessie an opportunity to be a happy well-loved dog.



OTIS



GATOR

BECOME A GOLDEN GUARDIAN TODAY!



If you'd like to help support dogs like Jessie you can 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 \$90,000 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, <https://olddoghaven.org/become-a-golden-guardian-today/> and get started today.

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

LLENO *by Tracy Ginn*



MILO & ZIGGY

"Lleno, approximately 16 years old now, has been with me for six years. He's a tiny bossy guy that came from a hoarder who had 20 Chihuahuas in her house. He came with really bad eyes and ODH has made sure that he regularly sees an eye specialist. One of his eyes had to be removed a few years ago but he does really well. In addition to the eye specialist, Lleno gets regular senior blood panels and exams from my vet, who is also an ODH vet.



"I know that originally ODH placed Lleno with me since he was reported to be very dog friendly but not too fond of people. I have a few dogs, so he was placed for his happiness in being part of a group of dogs. What we all didn't know is that once out of the shelter, healthy and feeling safe again, he is very loving to the people in our house. He became my little shadow.



"He is older and much slower now because he has arthritis but he is kept comfortable and happy. He barks when hungry or he has to potty (He is loud for a three pound dog!). He loves to give little kisses (usually up my nostril), walk in the sunshine (just ambling in our yard) and sleep in his kitty hut.



"I've learned that senior dogs are just as much fun, silly and crazy as younger dogs, but much easier to live with because they also know the benefits of snuggling, slow ambling walks, sunshine and naps.



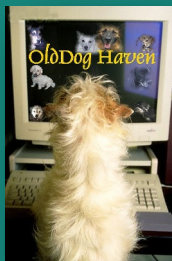
"He is a joy to know and I have so enjoyed fostering him. Fostering with ODH is wonderful. They take excellent care of the seniors. "



Thank you Tracy for giving Lleno such a wonderful home and for making sure that he's having a very happy ending to a story that didn't begin well at all for him.



KANE



Forward to a Friend

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

GLADYS *by Judith Piper*

As is true of so many dogs ODH is asked to take, Gladys had medical issues found by the shelter vet staff making her unadoptable at the shelter. But hers was a little more dramatic than most: she had an extremely low heart rate and a "highly irregular Arrhythmia." She'd come from another shelter, turned in as owner surrender; that shelter didn't listen to her heart and just transferred her to our area. Shelter staff knew we loved schnauzers so pleaded with us to take her despite the big issue, and of course we did.



She settled into our large pack, which included three other schnauzers, and within a week we had her at a specialty center for a cardiology consult. The ECG confirmed the problem —we called her "Our Little Flat liner" after seeing the trace. An atropine challenge showed that she couldn't get to a normal rate/rhythm long enough for safe anesthesia (she had TERRIBLE teeth) or to avoid having fainting episodes that might eventually kill her.



right after surgery

I'd never known that dogs could have pacemakers implanted but in August 2014 she had the surgery and came back good as new! Thanks to the Maranda Fund's donors, that flat line ECG looked far more normal (Before the surgery her heart rate was 38 and her pacemaker is now set at 78 and she's never fainted. Who'd a thunk it?) That's a good thing because she was a real live wire for the next three years! She had her dental too and got through it fine.

Gladys is definitely a SCHNAUZER: cuddly when she has you to herself, very active, very confrontational. She loved going on hikes up/down hills in the tree farm or on trails near us, and could outlast the big dogs. When she became really obnoxious by barking at dogs and horses even at LONG distances away we stopped taking her. She barked at the neighbor's cows, at the dogs in the vet clinic waiting room (At the specialty center for heart rechecks they finally asked us to wait in a hallway because she was so loud.), sometimes just into the air if she thought there might be something stirring around her. Really embarrassing! One day she slipped out of a gate and ran into a neighbor's yard, charging at three BIG dogs, who of course jumped on her doing a reasonable amount of damage. We ran back to the specialty center so the cardiologist could make sure her pacemaker lead or battery hadn't been damaged but there was no problem.



with Lee

After the third year Gladys started to age. Discs in her neck are bulging; she's slowed down tremendously and now needs a lot of meds to stay comfortable. Maybe it's the meds, but she's started being much quieter too and she can go to the vet without humiliating herself. She wants to sit on dad's lap more now, and sleeps on the bed with the gang. She doesn't run in the pasture often although she continues to go outside and check everything out and she can run short distances. But she doesn't bark at the neighbor's dog now.



She gets lots of trips in the car and all kinds of senior privileges. It's been hard to watch her fade, but glimpses of a younger Gladys are still there when we take her down the road to get the paper and she remembers to bark at the sky ... or is it the horse two fields down?

We can see that the end is coming; the lead on her pacemaker is fraying, but I bet she will be done before a replacement is necessary. She's had such a good run. We've loved having her for nearly four years now. We love her a lot, and are so grateful for the Maranda Fund that allowed us to have this time with her. We think the large investment was well worth it.



Thank you Judith and Lee for
sharing your animal hearts with
Gladys.



ROSIE

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NEWS BITE



Who says you can't teach old dogs new tricks?

Floyd (9 1/2) and his two brothers Maxx and Ben (both 11) all earned their Trick Dog Intermediate and Achiever Dog titles. **Floyd is an ODH alumni** and Maxx and Ben are rescues from other organizations.

You can see all three in action in the Dachshund Race for Rescue at this year's Walk for Old Dogs on July 22. Better yet: Bring your doxie and see if they can beat these boys! Floyd won his division last year!

MAILBOX



"My husband, son, and I adopted Boogee the Yorkie a couple weeks ago, and I finally remembered to look and see if he was marked as adopted. I found the post and was just blown away by the kind things strangers said to us, and had to thank you for every wonderful thing you do for these dogs. **Boogee** is an absolute gem and we adore him so much. We never would have found him without you, so again, thank you SO much from the bottom of our hearts."



Missy's adoptive family say she is a wonderful addition to the family even though her idea of helping with the laundry is to snuggle up and make a bed out of the clean clothes.



Adopted **Hector** is "already a valuable and cherished member of our family."



ODH **Becky** had her portrait painted by Alix Frazier of Picture Perfect Pets.



ODH **Rocky**, Little Rock Star, has made many friends, including Betty who wrote a poem just for him:

*An Ode to Rocky
by Betty J. Sayles*

*There's a little dog named Rocky,
His fur is black as coal.
And it's as soft as angel hair,
A marvel to behold.*



*Now, he's getting on in years,
And can't walk quite as far.
But he's got a man to push him,
In his own motorless car.*

*He's mostly quiet, seldom barks.
But when he wants his own way,
He lets one know and no mistake,
And gets his own way, always.*



After life in a cage and a wonderful rehab stay with an ODH foster family, **Shorty** now has his very own kids and a forever family. (See page 2 for another photo of Shorty while he was still with his ODH foster family.)

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JAKE



DOTTIE

WALK FOR OLD DOGS

Old Dog Haven WALK FOR OLD DOGS July 22, 2018



Join us for the 7th Annual
Walk for Old Dogs
and
Old Dog Pageant
Sunday, July 22, 11:00- 3:00
CROMWELL PARK SHORELINE
18030 Meridian Ave. N
Shoreline, WA



Old dogs, young dogs, and people of all ages welcome!



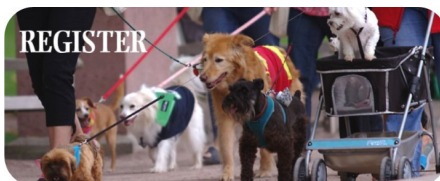
At its heart, the Walk for Old Dogs & Old Dog Pageant is a celebration of all senior dogs.

Each step of the Walk for Old Dogs, a promenade around a 1/3-mile paved path in Shoreline's Cromwell Park, signifies support for the hundreds of senior dogs now safe in Old Dog Haven's care, and whose medical needs are being addressed. Each dollar raised brings us closer to saving another senior dog that has been surrendered or abandoned in their advanced years.

The goal of this annual fundraising event, now in its seventh year, is to raise enough funds to cover one month of veterinary expenses for the 300+ dogs in our network of private foster homes in Western Washington. The vast majority of dogs taken in by Old Dog Haven are in urgent need of quality veterinary care. Currently, that care averages Old Dog Haven \$90,000 per month.

Registration is just \$25 and includes free entry for contestants in the Old Dog Pageant and Dachshund Race for Rescue. Online pre-registration is strongly recommended for quicker check-in - which means more time to visit our sponsor and vendor booths, enjoy a tasty treat from our food vendors (for both pets and people) and mingle with our many two- and four-legged guests!

The outstanding success of the Walk for Old Dogs & Old Dog Pageant is due to the generosity of our event participants, sponsors, and vendors. Donations are tax-deductible.



For information or to register go to
<http://odhwalkforolddogs.org/>

Check the July newsletter for more detailed information about the Walk.

To learn more about the dogs living comfortable lives in the safety of loving foster homes, visit: http://olddoghaven.org/dog_category/final-refuge-dogs/

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS for the 7th 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.

PLATINUM PAW SPONSORS



"Through careful and thorough assessment, diagnosis, and treatment, Dr. Duclos and his team can make a real difference in your pet's comfort, wellbeing, and happiness."

Dr. Duclos and his staff take very good care of Old Dog Haven dogs that are referred to him and we feel very fortunate to have him in the Seattle area.



animal eye clinic, inc.
"We provide a full range of services to evaluate, diagnose, and treat your pet's ocular concerns."

Dr. Sullivan loves seeing our dogs and says that Old Dog Haven "has a perfect mission and a beautiful concept."



"Puget Systems specializes in high performance custom built computers. Our goal is to provide each client with the best possible computer for their needs and budget."

We welcome Puget Systems as a first time sponsor and are very grateful for their support.



**Frontier Village
VETERINARY CLINIC**

"We provide a warm, compassionate, and friendly experience. We offer the conveniences of a large hospital and the personal care of a small one."

Frontier Village is our "home" vet and we are always grateful for their service to our dogs.

GOLD PAW SPONSORS



"Mud Bay provides people who visit our stores with healthy foods and useful, accurate information so that they can make knowledgeable decisions about what to feed their dogs and cats."



"The Humane Society Tacoma & Pierce County advances the welfare of animals and promotes positive relationships between animals and people."



"Paddywack was founded in 2005 with a mission to bring you the finest quality in pet food, treats, toys, supplies, and gifts."

Today that mission continues as we celebrate ten years of serving Mill Creek and the surrounding community."



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

MEDIA SPONSOR



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



**NORTHWEST
ANIMAL EYE SPECIALISTS**

WE SHARE YOUR VISION.

"We specialize in diagnosis, medical therapy, and surgery for diseases of the eye. Our mission is to save vision, restore vision, and prevent pain from eye problems."



Martha Faulkner, Real Estate Broker donates

10% of her commission to animal rescue, including Old Dog Haven.



care and customer service."

"At Brier Veterinary Hospital our mission is to provide pets and their families with the highest quality medical



MelissaLee DDS

"Dr. Melissa Lee offers a full range of family and cosmetic dentistry, with preventive care and restorative dental services."

SILVER PAW SPONSORS



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Located in Seattle's Wallingford neighborhood



Burien Veterinary Hospital



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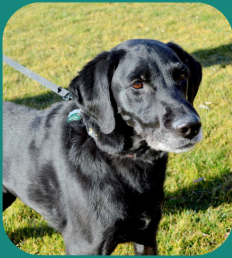
Natural Pet Pantry

Pet Pros

SOUND Veterinary Rehabilitation Center

Splash Dog Canine Well Being Center

Sunset Hill Veterinary & Rehabilitation Center



COLE



SADIE



OSWALD

GiveBIG

Final opportunity to GiveBIG to Old Dog Haven is Wednesday, May 9

This one-day online giving campaign is significant for Old Dog Haven. Last year, the amount raised during this 24 hour event covered more than one month's worth of veterinary expenses for the dogs in our care.

This year, contributions to Old Dog Haven will go even further thanks to a generous donor who has offered to match the first \$10,000 donated through GiveBIG. The Seattle Foundation will again allow donors the option to pay processing fees to help Old Dog Haven avoid this added expense.

GiveEARLY, too! Beginning April 26, donors can schedule an online donation that will be processed May 9 and count toward the matching gift.



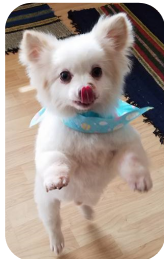
Photo of Keno by Julie Austin

As this will be the final year GiveBIG will be presented by the Seattle Foundation, we hope it will be our GiveBIGgest and most successful!

We appreciate your support of Old Dog Haven during GiveBIG on May 9
<https://www.givebigseattle.org/old-dog-haven>

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN AN OLD DOG'S LIFE BY GIVING BIG!

DOG SMILES

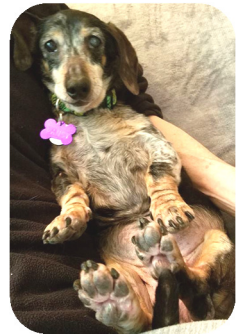


FR Chico is offering free dance lessons to all ODH dogs. No experience necessary. Free with donation of dog cookies to the instructor.

Jen, owner of Lucky Dog Outfitters, suggested we make a T-shirt that reads: "I gave to Old Dog Haven and all I got was this awesome feeling."



Gina's foster mom *Susie* says this about Gina: "Who needs a train under their Christmas tree? We have one at each meal! At mealtime Gina trots in a circle around her brothers like a train until food is ready. She really ramps it up when she hears me start distributing the pills because that means I'm almost ready!!"



Paws Up Pansy!



"FR Gidget (in the red sweater) LOVES to lie on top of senior resident dog Dutch. Poor little guy is extremely tolerant and lets her, but he definitely gives me a side eye whenever he can. And all three of us were in the children's Christmas pageant this last Christmas—I was the cow and both dogs

played ... themselves? They go to church and choir rehearsal with me every week and are beloved by all." *Caroline*



"Ozzie & Quigley guard the bathroom door for me whenever I go in to take a shower." *Megan*

NEWS FROM OUR PLACEMENT/SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR

In this issue we bring you a special message from our Placement/Social Media Director Tina Nabseth about a service we provide to help senior dogs in need.

One of the ways Old Dog Haven helps old dogs is to courtesy and cross post senior dogs in need. We get the word out through our website, Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter accounts. Hundreds and hundreds of senior dogs have found homes because our posts have been shared by supporters and followers. The power of social media has really boosted our reach.



Cross posting for other rescues and shelters as well as courtesy posting for owners of adoptable senior dogs began on the Old Dog Haven website, created in 2004 by Ron Kerrigan (before social media was universal). Because it's impossible for Old Dog Haven to take EVERY senior dog in need of a home, we thought, 'What better way to try to help as many old dogs as we can by listing them for others?'

Here's how our cross posting and courtesy posting works:

We **cross post** altered (spayed/neutered) dogs age 8 and over. Local shelters and rescues send us a profile and photo of the senior dog in need, which we post to help give the dog more exposure. Interested parties contact the shelter or rescue directly for more information and adoption. There are many great shelters and rescues in Washington state that will take seniors into their care and adopt them out, and we're very happy to help! Chocolate is a current example of a cross post:



"Chocolate is an 8 year old Chihuahua mix who weighs 6 pounds. He is looking for a calm, predictable home that won't bring too many surprises into his life. He may seem shy at first but once he gets to know you there is no better buddy. He is a small guy so a home without children would be best. He is loyal and he adores his people... especially if he can be carried. He has lived with and done well with other dogs and should do fine with cats.

Chocolate is posted for the Everett Animal Shelter located at 333 Smith Island Rd, Everett WA. 425-257-6000. Chocolate is available to meet 11-5 daily except holidays. *This is not an ODH dog; we urge prospective adopters to do their own evaluation.*"

Courtesy posting for owners takes a little bit more time. We are contacted every day by owners of senior dogs that need to be re-homed. We get as much information about the dog as we can to determine if the dog is adoptable and is a dog we can courtesy post. We do this at no charge. We ask for good, recent digital photos of the dog. Since it's not possible for us to meet and evaluate every dog we post, we take the owner's word. If we have any questions or worries that the dog may not be adoptable, we'll ask for vet records and we may also send someone to evaluate the dog in person. If the dog is very old and/or has health concerns that lead us to believe the dog is not adoptable and the dog meet our criteria for one of our Final Refuge homes, we'll add the dog to our wait list. There are times when a dog shouldn't be re-homed at all and the owner needs end-of-life counseling. Often we hear "I just wanted to be sure I had tried everything." Many times these owners will thank us for our honest, experienced advice. Lucy is a current example of a courtesy post:



"Lucy has spent the last 8 years with her family as a loving and loyal companion. They have enjoyed watching her grow into the very spirited, fun loving dog she is now. However, she is no longer doing well with the family's children. At age 9 Lucy is energetic and eager to learn new tricks. She thoroughly enjoys a good hike, jog around the block or a few throws of the tennis ball. When she is not on the move, she loves being by her people's sides and is happiest when she can cozy up next to them on the couch. Lucy is quick to remind you if she is not getting enough attention by gently nudging your hand with her nose. Because Lucy loves being the center of attention and has displayed some aggression toward other dogs, she would be best suited with an active person/family without young children or other animals, preferably someone who has experience with strong willed dogs. Beautiful Lucy weighs 46 pounds and is fully vetted; she is in Snohomish, WA.

This is not an ODH dog; we urge prospective adopters to do their own evaluation."



GORDY



ENZO



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STEVIE

WE'VE ALL BEEN ADOPTED!



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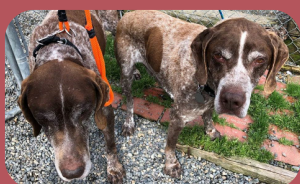
PIXIE



BONNIE



BIGGS



ROMULUS & REMUS

Thanks for sharing
us!

When we determine through our screening process that a dog is adoptable, we write a profile for the dog and then post the dog on our website and Facebook page. Since we don't want to put an owner's personal contact information out to the public, interested parties contact our volunteer Lahni Allen at the adoptions@olddoghaven.org email. Lahni connects potential adopters with the owners of the dogs so the owner can screen potential adopters and decide who will give their dog the very best home. We see this as a "win-win" because a dog can stay in his or her home until another home is found, and the dog's owner (who knows their dog better than anyone), can choose and feel as good as possible about the adopter and the dog's new home. This spares a senior dog a stressful, scary intake at a shelter.

The need for Final Refuge homes is ongoing. There is always a wait list of dogs needing our help. When we have particular dogs in need and we can't find a foster home for them, or their **need is urgent**, we will post the dog as "Needing an Old Dog Haven home." We've been told quite a few times that a new foster saw the post about a particular dog needing a home and that prompted them to contact us and apply to become a foster home. Here's an example of an **Urgent Need** post:



"He's still waiting at the shelter for us to pull him. We need a home for him in either W. Washington state or the Portland, Oregon area.

****URGENT NEED**** - Old Dog Haven PERMANENT FOSTER HOME: Tall long lab mix, 13 years old, 75 pounds.

Coming from a tragic situation, this big guy is really anxious in the shelter and needs a committed home ASAP. He is likely to guard food/toys for a while because of his recent experience so best as only pet (or very careful supervision). He is mobile but pretty wobbly still, underlying health seems OK for his age.

Sweetheart! We're looking for a home in either W. Washington state or the Portland, Oregon area. Want to learn more about how to join our network of foster homes? Please read the link below and then email our office: <https://olddoghaven.org/how-to-help/fostering>

Sharing the dogs we post in need of homes really helps. You may not be able to adopt or foster but you can share and make a difference. It doesn't matter where you live! It's exciting to think that YOUR SHARE might be the one that found a forever home for a dog. If you have a Facebook, Instagram or Twitter account, we hope you're following us and if not, please do!

We often hear from people who have adopted multiple dogs over time through our posts. Hearing this kind of news makes us really very happy. If you've adopted a dog we've shared, we'd LOVE to hear from you! Please email placement@olddoghaven.org to share your story with us. The happy endings are truly the best reward!

*Editor's Note: **All of the dogs shown in the yellow border on this page have been adopted recently because of our courtesy/cross posts.** The other dogs featured in the border on the left side of the rest of the newsletter are courtesy or cross posts available for adoption. See our website (www.olddoghaven.org) for details.*

DOG ACTIVITY NUMBERS JANUARY 1 – APRIL 30

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

82 new dogs were taken into care between 1/1-4/30
73 came from shelters
9 came from individuals

132 new dogs were posted to help owners find homes

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

100 dogs were adopted 1/1-4/30

Even nonprofits 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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