Old Dog Haven WALK FOR OLD DOGS July 22, 2018



IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE 7TH ANNUAL WALK FOR OLD DOGS!



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

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.

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.

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 more information and to register: www.odhwalkforolddogs.org

Activities planned for the event include:

Dachshund Race for Rescue
Old Dog Pageant
Food Trucks
Pet-related vendors
Old Dog Haven T-shirts, sweatshirts and more.
Prizes will be awarded for the three top
fundraising teams, the three top individual
fundraisers, newest Old Dog Haven foster
family, and Pageant winners.

Each step of the Walk for Old Dogs, a promenade around a 1/3-mile paved path, 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.

Registration is just \$25 and includes a free tote bag as well as free entry for contestants in the Old Dog Pageant and Dachshund Race for Rescue. Online preregistration is strongly recommended for quicker check-in, which means more

time to visit our sponsor booths, enjoy a tasty treat from our food vendors

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(for both pets and people) and mingle with our many two and four-legged guests!

To learn more about Old Dog Haven and the dogs living happy and comfortable lives in the safety of our loving foster homes, visit: http://olddoghaven.org

FUNDRAISING BENEFITS FOR ODH

We're always very grateful that so many individuals, groups and small businesses take it upon themselves to host benefits for ODH. This kind of unsolicited generosity is a wonderful compliment, as well as a tremendous boost to our financial ability to help old dogs. We'd like to especially thank the following groups and individuals:

A BIG THANK YOU to the Seattle Foundation and all of



our amazing supporters who gave REALLY BIG to Old Dog Haven on May 9! GiveBIG raised over \$120,000, all of which goes to help our senior dogs. An incredible effort by everyone involved!

Thanks to Black Mutt Studio for their month long fundraiser to benefit ODH.



\$1 of each pint sold during Reuben's Brews' Thank You Thursday on March 15 benefitted Old Dog Haven. Our friends at Seattle Veterinary Associates matched every dollar raised up to \$1000!

A beautiful, handmade and one of a kind crochet blanket by Cloady Buckner is being raffled to raise funds for Old Dog Haven and MustLuvBoxers Rescue. Thanks Cloady.

Thanks to Wet Noses Dry Paws in Tacoma for donating a week's worth of bathing proceeds to ODH.

Rainbow Bingo For Charity held a fundraiser at Naked City Brewery & Taphouse and donated a portion of their proceeds to ODH. Thank you.



Peter's passion is dogs and he wanted to do his class project for Snoqualimie Elementary School about ODH and bake healthy dog treats for old dogs. Peter wanted to meet an ODH dog so he met FR Amelia and presented his treats to her FR family as they answered questions about ODH. Peter is seen left with his presentation. Well done Peter! Thank you for supporting ODH and caring about old dogs.





Thank you to the customers of Urban Canine (N &S) and Yuppy Puppy in Spokane for their generous donations to ODH. Thanks to for ODH Foster Lorrie Knoth for making the dog houses used by stores for the donations. Way to go Spokanites! (photos by Patti Kinnison)

Many thanks to the individual fundraisers listed on the ODH Facebook page for your efforts on behalf of our dogs.



Thanks to the Irishmen Pub for once again hosting their Pooches' Pub Pawty to benefit ODH.

PAWS UP TO VOLUNTEER JENNY ALEKSICH





"I came to know about ODH via a Facebook feed from one of my longtime friends who still lives in Washington. I found ODH to be so wonderful in the commitment to give the happiest endings ever to

senior dogs, I had to see about how I could help from Southern California. I was warmly embraced as a thank you card writer, and look forward to getting my email lists each month!

"When I made the commitment to quit smoking a little more than a year ago, I found that the treat/reward system worked as well for me as it does for my dogs! I started a tradition I call Three Dog Thursday. Every other month I select three dogs to sponsor and usually look for some that don't have any, or very few sponsors rooting for them. So far I have sponsored 24 pups, and will continue this tradition as long as I am on the planet —win/win is what I say!



Jenny with Tina, Darling and Augustus at Paddywack

"Last year I was in the area on vacation. It was a big dream to actually meet pups and people in the ODH circle. I met Patty O'Connor and Mavis (RIP) for coffee on the way to Seattle. Then I was blessed by a nice visit and lunch with Tina Nabseth, who brought Darling and Augustus for my cuddling pleasure. We stopped at Paddywack for a little shopping. I love Shane and Adam—they help me support events over the phone to benefit the ODH pups! My next BIG WISH is to attend the picnic this summer. I am saving for the travel fund right now.

"I have had dogs all my life and have been fortunate to take them from puppy to old ages of 14,15,16,17. I recently had to say good bye to my Miss Brooks on Easter Sunday this year. I am dogless for the first time in nearly 17 years. I am moving soon, so will go get a senior rescue once I have a couple weeks vacation to dedicate to their homecoming. In the meanwhile, I will love on, and root for, all the ODH pups. I am one of your biggest fans."

Welcome to the ODH family Jenny! Thank you for your commitment and enthusiasm. We'll look forward to seeing you at the picnic in September.

ODH WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER



Jennifer Remy and Ginger

"I learned about ODH in 2013 and like most all of us, was inspired and immediately fell in love with the mission of ODH! Shortly after that, my husband Kelly and I put our application in for a FR dog.

"We've had five ODH FR Dogs thus far; Ginger (black doxie w/ white muzzle) is our 5th and only ODH dog at the moment. All of our ODH

dogs have all been amazing dogs in their own special way and have left us grateful for the time we've had with each of them.

"I've volunteered at the local ODH outreach booths/tables in the Olympia area since March 2014; for the past three years I've been the 'manager' on the day of the Walk for Old Dogs; I've attended the Foster/Volunteer picnic and for the past two years have become more involved with the food and menu; I make sports and dog themed door wreaths that I then sell at ODH functions for \$50 (with 100% of the money going straight to ODH).

"I'm honored and happy to accept the invitation to become a member of the Board. I'm excited about the new areas of ODH that I'll be exposed to and be able to help with."

Thanks for joining the Board Jennifer, and for all of your efforts on behalf of our dogs!

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

All of our volunteers are so important to us and we'd like to give a special shout-out to the following:

Thanks to Sharon Perkins, our new Thank-You Note Coordinator.

Three cheers to Chris Partman who will be coordinating the donation can volunteers.

We're grateful to Lahni Allen who works so hard to help dogs that are courtesy posted on our website and on Facebook find their way to a new home.

Paws up to Jennifer Remy for agreeing to be our new **Volunteer Coordinator.**

Thank you to our weekend ambassadors who enthusiastically give up their free time to represent ODH at outreach events.

Please mail your donation to: P.O. Box 1409, Oak Harbor WA 98277-1409

Special thanks to our Area Foster Coordinators who are always available to fosters in their area for advice, support and helpful ideas.

MEET FOSTER JEN STREIT



"I have heard about ODH for years and love the work that is done by all the volunteers. Years ago I did massages at All The Best and part of the proceeds went to ODH. I've also massaged dogs from ODH. All that being said, one of my co-workers saw that Cooper, a big yellow lab mix, needed a home. That was when I met Erica Stewart (volunteer rescue

coordinator at the Tacoma shelter) and began my journey fostering. Cooper has passed on and Pansy has joined the pack. Pansy is a ten pound dapple dachshund. She is 15 and has a little of this and a little of that, but in spite of it all is doing well.

"A little about me: my previous career was as a therapist. After inheriting a partially paralyzed dog I became an animal massage therapist and Reiki practitioner. My specialty is working with old animals, and animals near death. I also work at Pet Elements in West Seattle two days a week."

Thank you Jen for not only providing a loving home for Pansy, but for all you do to help old dogs with your massage work.

DOG ACTIVITY JAN. 1-JUNE 10

321 dogs in care as of 6/10/18 321 are in Final Refuge homes 0 are in foster homes awaiting adoption

107 new dogs were taken into care between 1/1-6/10 92 came from shelters 15 came from individuals

169 new dogs were posted for adoption to help others

276 new dogs were helped between 1/1-6/10 125 dogs were adopted 1/1-6/10

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WE REMEMBER JOANNA COLUSSY











Dogs. Horses. Animal Rescue. Motorcycles. Family. Hiking. The list of Joanna Colussy's passions in life are endless, and she is remembered by her family, friends, husband Ernie, FR dog Rosie, resident dog Harley and her ODH family with love and respect. "She was such a vital woman with a powerful life force." (Trudy Sigler) "Her love for her dogs and her resilience was astounding to witness." (Rita Chan) The stories her friends and family tell about her would fill a large book, but for now, all of us at ODH are grateful for her dedication and commitment to our dogs and we wish her well as she moves on to her next expression of spirit. She's left a very large paw print, not only in the ODH community, but everywhere she went the people and animals she met will always remember her. Thank you Joanna for sharing a part of your life with ODH. We'll miss you.



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