



## MEET FOSTERS TRUDY AND GEORGE SIGLER



"Our family has always joked that there is a sign on our home visible to animals that says: 'If you fall, we will pick you up. If you are hungry, we will feed you. If you are lost, we will find you. If you are sad, we will love you. If you need a home, apply within.'"

"During our 42 years of marriage, George and I have filled our home with rescues from shelters or rescue organizations and we have adopted many dogs and cats from friends, acquaintances, and elderly relatives who have been unable to care for their own animals any longer. We have loved and lost many senior dogs over the years, and each one gave us every bit as much as we gave them. During my own times with chronic illness and being bedbound, my old dogs have given me steady love and companionship that have kept me going and given me great comfort."

"In January, 2016, we were grieving for our sweet 14-year-old springer lab and the house felt very empty. I was doing better, George was about to retire and it was the right time to submit our application and start checking the ODH website for dogs looking for foster homes. We have always been drawn towards big dogs, especially labs, but we decided that since our present home is extremely small and our bedroom is postage stamp sized, we would look for a small dog this time."



"Somehow we kept being pulled toward the large breeds. That is, until we saw Ms. Murphy. We contacted ODH to see if she was a good match for us and a week later, Ms. Murphy was home."

"Ms. Murphy has gone through a dramatic physical transformation, but becoming a foster for ODH has also been transformative for me."

"Due to illness, I spent several years prior to fostering for ODH where I was practically housebound. I gradually lost contact with some of my friends who I had known through old interests and activities and felt a bit isolated."



"Ms. Murphy and I started helping ODH by going to events at pet stores, fairs, and booths. Her outgoing personality is a natural for these venues. I enjoy sharing the ODH mission and telling people how much Old Dog Haven is doing to transform the lives of old dogs and how people can get involved by fostering, volunteering, or sponsoring. It's so much fun. I wanted to do more to help so I became the North Seattle foster coordinator for Old Dog Haven. I have made many friends through ODH, and the rule has proven true; 'dog

people are the best people!'

"I think people who are seniors or have physical limitations can be good matches for fostering an older dog that also has physical mobility issues."

"George is a great foster dad. Murphy insists on an early breakfast, and he gets up with her every morning. I can't drive now, so he's been our chauffeur to every ODH event, mailing, and vet visit, and he does the heavy lifting for me for events. He takes Ms. Murphy on most of her walks and for car rides when he goes on errands. They adore each other."

"We feel privileged to be a small part of Old Dog Haven and look forward to continuing to foster and volunteer to help homeless old dogs find the loving homes they deserve in the final chapter of their lives."



Thank you Trudy and George for not only welcoming Ms. Murphy into your home and hearts, but for all you do for ODH. We appreciate you!



# FUNDRAISING BENEFITS FOR OLD DOG HAVEN

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 :

**The Honest Kitchen and Sam's Cats and Dogs Naturally (Monroe)** held a fundraiser for Old Dog Haven dogs.



Once again **Alexa Robbins Tarotmancer, Movement-meister Joe Ruiz, and Crescent Moon Yoga** held a Pilates fundraiser for ODH. Between the class and a Facebook online fundraiser, they raised thousands of dollars for our dogs.

**The Cookie Counter** chose ODH to be the beneficiary of their very first Friday Night Ice Cream Social. 15% of sales for the Ice Cream Social were donated to Old Dog Haven. How SWEET!



Thanks to so many we had our best **Giving Tuesday** ever ... raising over \$49,000 for the dogs.



**Pet Pros** included ODH in their holiday giving program, which resulted in a VERY generous check awarded to ODH.



**Lake Forest Bar & Grill** held a fundraiser on behalf of ODH.

Once again **Julie Austin** included ODH in a benefit photo shoot with Santa at Natural Pet Pantry.



**K-9 Korral in Lake Stevens** again "adopted" ODH at their client Christmas party with donations of cash and a sleigh full of supplies. Thanks to the Schlossers and their clients, who have been loyal ODH supporters for years.

**Seattle Barkery** always donates money from their tip jar to ODH.

**Donna Adams and Genese Harney** continue to raise funds for ODH through their outreach Meet & Greets.

**Evergreen State Shetland Sheepdog Club, Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association, and Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club** all donated money to ODH from their competition events.

**Casita International** donates proceeds from sales to ODH



Our wonderful long-time supporters at **Paddywack** held their annual ODH sponsorship drive in February. Not only did they match the first \$1,000 in sponsorships, this year they added the option for people to donate \$1 or \$5 for a heart, and Nutrisource/ Purevita will donate an extra \$1 for every \$5 heart. *Pictured left: Shane and Adam, owners of Paddywack, with their dog Georgie.*

Thanks to the following businesses that hosted photos with Santa to benefit ODH:

**Wally Pets**  
**Crown Hill Pets (3rd year)**  
**Ravenna Animal Hospital**  
**Seattle Veterinary Associates** (SVA matched donations up to \$1,000)



ODH was a guest at **Cascade Kennels** thanks to **Bee Murphy Team Real Estate**. Santa Paws was there for photos to benefit Old Dog Haven.

Special thanks to the many vendors who sold our calendars in their shops. We appreciate your support!



**Microsoft Millennium Campus** held a poker event that benefited ODH.



**Rescue Chocolates** has chosen ODH to be their beneficiary for 2018

**No Bones Beach Club** in Portland selected ODH for one month's "We Give Wednesdays" donations.

Clients of **Gabrielle Family Vision Care (Kirkland)** sent a wonderful card with a donation.

**Frontier Village Veterinary Clinic (Lake Stevens)** had a Giving Tree to benefit ODH. They continue to be a tremendous help to ODH dogs and fosters.

**Rainier Agility Team** continues its generosity toward ODH by donating in lieu of providing ribbons at their trials.

**Northwest K9 Sniffers** benefited ODH with proceeds from their holiday party and silent auction.

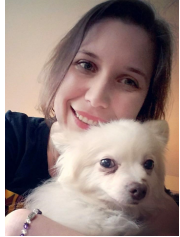
## ODH WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS



**Amanda Van Kleeck**

"I'm currently doing two internships at PAWS—the Companion Animal Services Programs internship and the Donor and Community Relations internship. I'm also a member of the

PAWS transport team, picking up transfers from overcrowded shelters in the South or areas struck by natural disasters and ferrying them from various airports back to PAWS. I also work with Hearts United for Animals, National Mill Dog Rescue, and I volunteer for the San Francisco SPCA's Holiday Windows event."



**Bilyana Yakova**

"I currently work for Pet Partners as program manager for the Therapy Animal Program, which has 15,000 therapy teams nationwide. I also help raise funds and awareness for animals rescued from the streets of Romania and Bulgaria."



**Christie Lo**

"I'm the practice manager for Woodhaven Veterinary Clinic. Working in the vet industry has given me invaluable insight into the care of others as well as skills to handle constant change. I'm passionate about senior dogs and hope that as I learn more about the inner workings of ODH,

I would have skills that could add to the great job already being done."



**Jim Perkins**

Writer and independent author, currently working on a documentary film about ODH.

"At various points in time, every old dog is a great deal of challenge and a lot of reward, but at every point in time, they are complete beings with the care and

respect their place in our world demands."

## SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

We'd like to recognize the following long-time volunteers for their service as they move on to other activities in their lives. Thank you! Thank you!



**MARIA FAGEN** wrote sponsor thank-you notes for years, even after she moved to Oregon. Now we thank her for her dedication and commitment to ODH.



**GABRIELLE FLANAGAN** not only served on the Board of Directors for many years but she was also the ODH events coordinator, which is a huge time commitment. Gabrielle still fosters for ODH and you'll see her at events now and then.



**DIANNE MARLOW** also served on the Board of Directors as well as being in charge of the microchip program for ODH. She has also staffed many event booths, as well as fostering ODH dogs. Dianne will continue to foster and, like Gabrielle, you'll see her at events and at the Everett shelter walking dogs.



**JOE MYERS** has been the ODH "graphics guy" for many years. He designed the ODH calendars, created the website headers, designed the back cover of the book about ODH, and was always available to help with any graphics challenge, including art work for the Walk for Old Dogs and any other event that required his special touch.

Yes! I would love to help Old Dog Haven. Enclosed please find a donation in the amount of : \_\_\_\_\_

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Want to donate Online? You can choose to give a one-time gift or become a Golden Guardian monthly donor. [www.olddoghaven.org](http://www.olddoghaven.org)

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Did you know many employers match charitable donations? Your gift could have twice the impact for Old Dog Haven. Visit your human resource department to see if they offer employee giving.

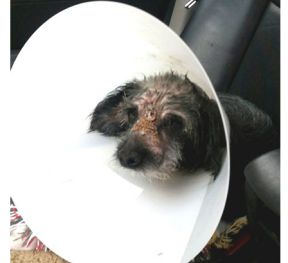




## A MESSAGE FROM "MADAM OLD DOG" (aka Executive Director Judith Piper)

First, with the thanks to outgoing volunteers I want to add the deep gratitude Lee and I, and all of ODH, feel toward Ardeth De Vries, our outgoing Board President (and the editor of this newsletter, ODH Blog Mistress, author of the book about ODH, etc. etc.). She served as president for way more years than she ever intended and put way more hours, efforts and tears in than intended. She finally stepped down after shepherding us through a major transition period. Good work and much appreciation Ardeth! We wouldn't be where we are today without you.

My other heartfelt subject today is the importance of spay and neuter for our dogs. Some folks believe that spay/neuter is only to prevent unwanted litters, so isn't needed if their dog isn't allowed to breed, but ODH far too often sees the results of skipping it: Mammary cancer, uterine infection, testicular cancer, prostate infection and cancer. Last month Lee and I took in a little dog who made us cry once again for the needless suffering that this decision can cause. Myrna arrived at the shelter in horrifyingly bad shape. We could have treated her fleas and skin damage, except she was covered in mammary tumors. Four of them were huge and already necrotic. Removing all would have been an incredibly painful and extensive surgery and not likely to get all the cancer cells. We would have to heal her skin first and there simply wasn't time. We made the agonizing decision to let her go rather than allow her to continue suffering. Everyone involved cried: this was just so needless, such unnecessary suffering for a friendly, sweet, loving little dog who expected to sit on the sofa and share your dinner. Grandpa loved her but doomed her by not spaying her.



Please remember Myrna and gently urge your friends and neighbors to alter their dog.



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## MAILING WARRIORS HARD AT WORK AGAIN



Thanks to our intrepid mailing warriors (L-R) Maryke Burgess (holding Stellen Kienholz), Bev Bowe, Valerie Gilstrap, Trudy Sigler, Jane Sims Rotunno, Elizabeth Woche (holding Coast Kienholz), Donna Smith, Michele Rotuno and Genese Harney, (seated.) for their time spent mailing out tax statements. We appreciate you!

The dogs featured in the header on the front page are (L-R) Pugsley, Ms. Murphy, Brandy, Frank, and Princess Bella.

Newsletter Editor  
Ardeth De Vries

## DOG ACTIVITY 2017

309 DOGS IN CARE AT YEAR END, 222 ACTIVE FOSTER HOMES (MORE NEEDED!!) 605 NEW DOGS HELPED, 200 PLACED IN ODH FOSTER HOMES, 94% OF THOSE FROM SHELTERS AND RESCUE GROUPS, 6% OF THOSE FROM INDIVIDUALS, 306 DOGS ADOPTED (18 ODH & 288 REFERRALS)

## OLD DOG HAVEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF

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