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PRINCESS

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WE LOVE OLD DOGS!

In this issue you'll read about **Travis Mitchell** who "dances when it's time for a walk," **Patches**, described by her foster mom as "Queen of the House," and **Orion**, working very successfully on being a "Spoiled Pampered House Pet." Also included is a **report about the Walk for Old Dogs, Mail Box**—showcasing mail ODH has received recently, and news about "**Brokers Supporting Pet Rescue**." As always, there is information about **dog activity** as well as a **message from Madam Old Dog, Director of Veterinary Services Judith Piper**.

DOG-CENTRIC EVENTS SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Sept. 8 (Saturday) 9:00 A.M.
Harbor Hounds 2018
Donkey Creek Park
8714 N. Harbor Dr. Gig Harbor

Sept. 8 (Saturday) 11:00 A.M.
Doggistock Music Festival
Tollgate Farm Park
1300 W. North Bend Way
North Bend

Sept. 15 (Saturday) 11:00 A.M.
Pet Pros
2665 North Pearl St., Tacoma

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Sept. 22 (Saturday) 12:00
Reber Ranch Meet & Greet
28606 132nd Ave. SE, Kent

Sept. 29 (Saturday) 10:00 A.M.
Marysville Meet & Greet
Haggen 3711 88th St. NE

Sept. 29 (Saturday) 11:00 A.M.
Wag Pet Market Meet & Greet
2703 N. Proctor St., Tacoma

Oct. 8 (Saturday) 12:00 P.M.
Sumner Bay Meet & Greet
15105 Main St. E. Sumner

Oct. 20 (Saturday) 10:00 A.M.
Burlington Meet & Greet
757 Haggen Dr. Burlington

Oct. 27 (Saturday)



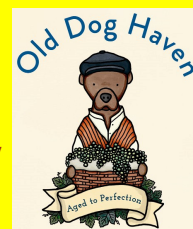
SAVE THIS DATE!

Saturday, October 27 1:00 - 5:00

**Northwest Cellars, 11909 124th Ave NE,
Kirkland, WA 98034**

Old Dog Haven 2019 Calendar Release Party

**The 2nd Annual Old Dog Haven 2019 Calendar Release
Party Is Just Around the Corner.**



We're so excited the 2019 Calendar is almost completed and we will be unveiling this year's edition Saturday, October 27 at Northwest Cellars in Kirkland. It will be a fun filled afternoon sipping great wine and meeting some of this year's Old Dog Haven calendar models. Dogs are invited to attend and we'll also have tasty food and snacks for both you and your furry friend.

Our special Old Dog Haven labeled wine will be available for purchase as well as other awesome Old Dog Haven merchandise. All money raised at the event will be used to help over 300 dogs in permanent foster care. The ticket price is \$35 and includes the 2019 Old Dog Haven calendar. Get your tickets here: <http://www.northwestcellars.com/events/event-sign-up.html>

The 2019 label wine and calendar will be available to ship soon. Watch our website and/or Facebook page for updates.



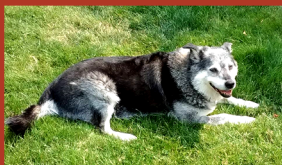
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About Old Dog Haven

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 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 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.



FRED

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 9/2) Many dogs are in shelters, living in cages, desperately waiting for a forever home; some are in foster care, and several are posted for individuals and other rescue groups. 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.

TRAVIS MITCHELL

by Meredith Moses

Wow! Travis Mitchell had a rough start.

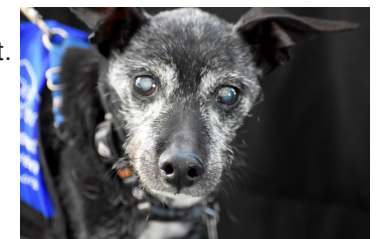


He was picked up as a stray and landed in a shelter, severely malnourished with a big heart murmur and a mouth so full of infected, rotten teeth that his breath would knock you over. And he would not eat. We hoped he wouldn't eat because of his mouth so we started him on antibiotics and pain killers while we got him ready for his dental procedure. He saw the cardiologist and was cleared for anesthesia.



When he had his dental procedure, the veterinarian said his mouth may have been the worst she had ever seen. His teeth actually fell out when she touched them. He also had three fistulas (infected holes between the oral cavity and the nasal cavity) repaired.

We hoped he was on the road to recovery but he still would not eat, and he could not afford to lose any weight. I tried everything I could think of—scrambled eggs, poached chicken and rice, baby food, special dog food, and even McDonald's cheeseburgers. Sometimes he would eat a little bit, but the next meal, not at all, so it was back to the vet for fluids and more medications.



A few more days passed and he was getting worse, so off we went to an internist. An ultrasound revealed a mass on his right kidney that probably is cancer and nodules on his liver that may or may not be cancer. At this point both his liver and kidneys seem to be functioning well, so we will just watch and see what develops.

The big news was a small foreign object found in his stomach. We went back to the clinic and they were able to endoscopically remove a small triangular piece of hard plastic, about 1/2 inch on each side. It had been lodged between his stomach and small intestine and was cutting him every time it moved. Once the object was removed, he started eating. Now he's eating and gaining weight and getting stronger.

His personality is emerging and he is a sweetheart. He's not a morning dog, but he dances when it's time for a walk. He grabs the leash in his mouth as if to walk himself. He loves to sunbathe, take sniffy walks and run.

We'll deal with the cancer when the time comes, but for now we're calling it a win.

Thanks for taking such good care of this little guy, Meredith!



MOLLY & ALEX



TIMBO



MEG

PATCHES

by Bonnie Orban

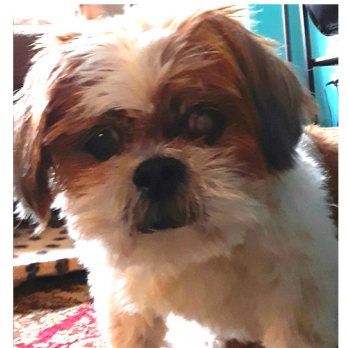
Patches, an 11 year-old Shih Tzu, was surrendered to a shelter when her long-time human companion had to move into an assisted living facility. She had been well cared for and loved by her person, but he could no longer care for himself and Patches was neglected. Old Dog Haven was contacted and worked to find her a foster home. Meanwhile, the shelter staff gave her much needed veterinary care and a beauty makeover. Once I agreed to be her Final Refuge home, a volunteer from the shelter traveled by ferry to Edmonds with her to meet me.



Patches was immediately seen by a vet and was diagnosed with a Grade 2 heart murmur, hearing loss, limited tear production, a cataract in one eye and arthritis in her knees, elbows and back. Bloodwork confirmed kidney disease. X-rays showed that Patches had had a liver shunt as a puppy. Her blood is checked on a regular basis to monitor the progression of her kidney disease.

A trip to an eye specialist diagnosed dry eye in both eyes and no vision in her left eye due to the cataract. She now gets Cyclosporine and Tacrolimus drops several times per day.

Patches has been Queen of the House from the moment she entered. She has multiple beds in the house that are placed for her to lie in the sun. She will not eat any prescription food required for her kidney care so, with guidance from her vet, I make her turkey meatloaf. She loves it and it provides her with what she needs. She is very finicky and smells her food to make sure we are not trying to sneak anything past her. If she is suspicious about what she is given, she will "bury" it and walk away.



Every day she becomes more playful and active. She loves to wrestle on our bed with Robert in the morning. Her bark is loud and deep for such a small dog. She does not run but does a hop/jump thing when coming in from outside and will dive into her bed. We find it amusing and she seems to enjoy herself. Her very favorite thing to do is lie in the grass when the sun is out. She has shown no interest in toys.

We keep her from getting heavy because of her arthritis and she moves around very well. I have taken Patches to two events at Paddywack and she does really well. She gets a lot of attention because she is so calm around crowds. She is happy and we love her. She is our third ODH foster and she is just as wonderful as the others have been.



It's quite possible you may have a line of other dogs at your door waiting for turkey meatloaf, Bonnie! The Queen has you very well trained. Thank you for all you do for Patches.



BOBBY



MOXIE



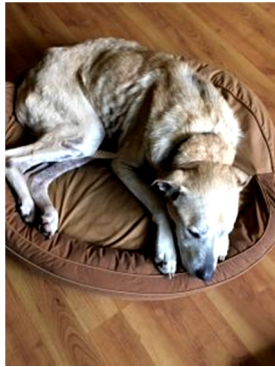
DAISY



POLARIS

ORION

by Judith Piper



Orion is a poster dog for the kind of transformation we love to see in our dogs. Just look at the photos above and compare them to those at the end of the article. Amazing. Here's what his foster mom has to say about him:

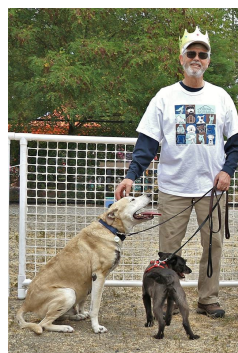
"Orion came into the shelter a pretty sad picture: VERY thin, missing hair everywhere, a red bare belly, angry-red bare throat, infected red ears, and very bent hind legs signaling old ligament tears in his knees that had become arthritic. Nevertheless, this sweetheart gave low tail wags to anyone paying attention and made sure his head was in a good position for stroking.

"Once on a good diet, supplements, antibiotics, medicated baths with topical treatment in between, he started sprouting new hair and his eyes have started glowing. His x-rays show terrible arthritis in many joints and in his back, but with meds on board he delights in prancing around the field and rolling around in the grass. Medication stopped the itching right away and he's eating everything in sight. This big guy may never look like a show dog but he will be a lot more comfortable!

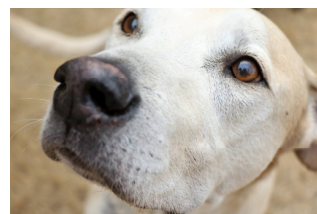
"Meanwhile, he makes sure everyone, including all guests, keeps up the pets. His goal is to be a Spoiled Pampered House Pet and we bet he'll get there.

"What a nice, nice dog. We are thrilled to have him.

"Update: With five months of good food and supplements, Orion has gained 15 pounds. His back and tail are completely covered in healthy hair and he's handsome! Nearly all the other bald spots are at least half covered. We may never get a cover for his bare throat and spot on his belly but he looks great otherwise. This was a very easy "cosmetic fix" and he's a wonderful dog that is enjoying his life. Just what we aim for."



Orion and Lee at Mutt Strut with Anthony



Thank you Judith and Lee for making it possible for Orion to transform into the dog he is today,



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MAGGIE

If you have feedback about this newsletter or ideas for future newsletters, please send them to ardethdv@comcast.net

2018 WALK FOR OLD DOGS A BIG SUCCESS!

Once again they came ... over 300 people and their dogs celebrated at ODH's 7th Annual Walk for Old Dogs held at Cromwell Park in Shoreline on July 22. Thanks to generous donors and sponsors, over \$87,000 was raised to help our dogs. Great effort by all involved. Thank you. Thank you.



The top three individual and team fundraisers were awarded ribbons and prizes for their efforts:

Individual Fundraisers:

3rd Place: Rita Chan

(\$5,675)

2nd Place: Meredith Moses

(\$6,772)

1st Place: Peabody Johanson

(\$8,005)

Team Fundraisers:

3rd Place: Tongues Out Team

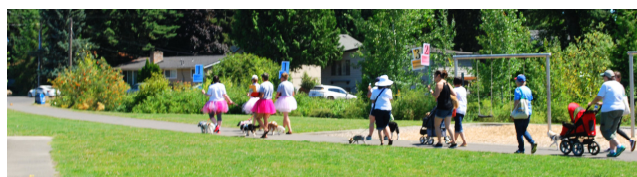
(\$8,821)

2nd Place: Whoville Misfits

(\$8,850)

1st Place: PNW Spaniel Squad

(\$9,370)



Thanks to race organizer Gretchen Howell **The Dachshund Race for Rescue** was a huge hit.

ODH Fosters/Alumni:

1st: DeeDee,

2nd: Ginger,

3rd: Floyd,

4th: Lilly



Novice:

1st: Buddy

2nd: Kosmo

3rd: Slinky

4th: Ruby



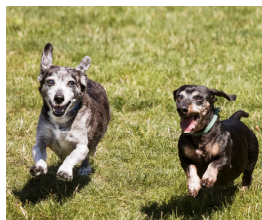
Pro:

1st: Rusty Krab

2nd: Maxx Throttle

3rd: Ben Norman

4th: Ginger



Best Costume

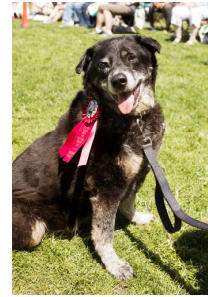
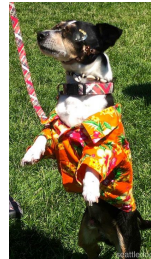
1st- Chancellor
2nd-Stanley and Ms. Murphy
3rd- Rosie and Sally

Best Trick

1st—Mimi
2nd— Poe
3rd— Stella

Best Begging Face

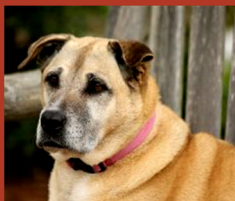
1st— Meeka
2nd—Hank
3rd—Moesley



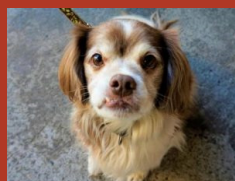
Here come da judges!



Oldest Dog & ODH's
Longest
Resident
KAYCEE



ROSIE



STEVIE

Thank You to:

all of our sponsors for being such dedicated supporters of ODH,
Walk Manager Jennifer Remy and her host of volunteers,
all of the individuals and businesses who donated prizes,
Dawn Ford for contacting donors, collecting and putting together prize baskets,
photographers Julie Austin, Bev Bowe, Elizabeth Florshiem, Robert Pregulman, Lauren Yasuda, Bruce Fleming et al
Pageant Judges: Jeb Mortimer, Robert Pregulman, Shane Somerville and Julie Austin,
Gretchen Howell for organizing the dachshund races,
Greg Olson for providing the sound system,
Karyn Kubo Fleming—Walk Organizer,
everyone who donated, registered and supported the Walk in some way, and
all of the dogs for helping us celebrate your importance in our lives!

Special thanks to vendors and food trucks who either donated money for booth space and/or donated a percentage (or all) of their sales to ODH.

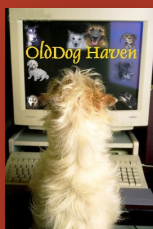
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Know somebody who loves old dogs? The more people who join our network, the more old dogs we can help!

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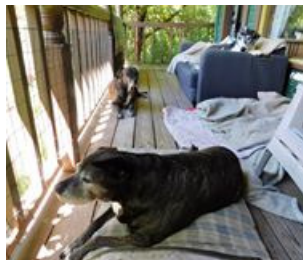
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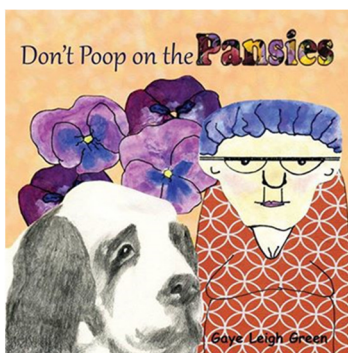
Our friends at Pacific Pug Rescue shared this photo of Jasmine with her adoptive family who have already taken her on a shopping spree.



Gator enjoying his new home with two other rescue dogs. His new name is Argos and he's "fitting right in, mainly on the bed with the rest of us."



Scobie loves his new family and has become the self proclaimed guardian of his sister, now recovering nicely from surgery thanks to the help of her new brother.



Check this out! ***Don't Poop on the Pansies***, by Gaye Leigh Green, was written and dedicated in memory of Tomaso, an Old Dog Haven dog, Tomaso's foster Joy and Old Dog Haven. Tomaso (AKA Sassy pants) had a wonderful foster home with Joy for four months until her body failed because of a large inoperable bladder tumor. Tomaso was a hit at ODH outreach events while she was here and was well loved by her family and friends.



Shaun won \$250 for ODH with the poster he designed and the letter he wrote about ODH. The letter is too long to print in its entirety, but here are a few excerpts:

"Dogs are very important because they love us unconditionally and make people happy. That's why Old Dog Haven is so important.

"I like Old Dog Haven because my dog Bella is 15 years old. If my mom and I couldn't take care of her then I would want her to go to Old Dog Haven where I know they would take good care of her.

"Please donate today or volunteer to become a foster family for Old Dog Haven.

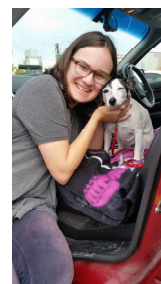
Thank you Shaun for caring so much about our dogs. Paws up to you!



TRANSPORTERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help transport dogs from shelters to ODH foster homes, **especially on weekdays**. If you'd like to be a part of our Dream Team of volunteers who represent the first lap of a dream come true in an old dog's new life, please contact:

office@olddoghaven.org





NEWS BITES:

BROKERS SUPPORTING PET RESCUE



BEBE



CHANCE

**Old Dog Haven has
a new mailing
address and phone
number!**

**P.O. Box 1409
Oak Harbor, WA
98277**

(206) 280-7614



JAKE

Lori Sciacero and Steven Lynn are the co-founders of an organization called "Brokers Supporting Pet Rescue," a network of animal-loving Pacific Northwest Real Estate Brokers working together to help rescue animals. It's their vision to work with

like-minded clients to help maximize support for local pet rescue programs and have a positive impact for animals in need statewide.

The program donates 10% of their commission on every home sale or purchase to rescue animal organizations and Old Dog Haven is honored to have been selected to be part of their program. Donations are made on behalf of their clients and average between \$1,000 and \$3,000.

When they first began in 2017 BSPR worked exclusively with Seattle Humane and Oregon Humane Societies, but at their clients' requests (and the realization that there are so many worthy rescue organizations,) they've decided to partner with a handful of local, highly rated animal rescue organizations to provide their clients with the opportunity to donate to the organization that resonates the most with them. As Old Dog Haven supporters, Lori and Steven were really excited that ODH was on the list of many clients. Lori and Steven say, "BSPR is a proud partner of Old Dog Haven and provides a unique donation program to help support their network of foster homes that provide loving safe homes for abandoned senior dogs in western Washington. It's our mission to help provide these dogs with loving homes while helping our clients find their own."

On behalf of the more than 300 dogs in our care, Old Dog Haven thanks Lori and Steven for their efforts to help our dogs.

For more information about BSPR, you can go to:

<http://brokerssupportingpetrescue.org/WA/old-dog-haven/>



ODH founders Judith and Lee Piper strutted their stuff as Grand Marshalls at the 17th annual Mutt Strut extravaganza at the Everett animal shelter.

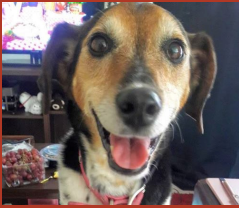
VENDORS NEEDED FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR

The 2019 ODH calendar, created by Joe Myers, will be available soon! If you have a vet clinic, pet store or other local business interested in selling the 2019 calendar, email:

development@olddoghaven.org

**COMING
SOON!**

DOG ACTIVITY NUMBERS JANUARY 1 – AUGUST 31



GINGER



SCOUT



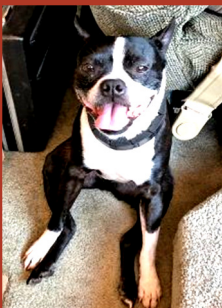
PEACHES



KUNU & TUG



SCOUT



BRUTUS

320 dogs are in care as of 8/31
ALL are permanent fosters

153 new dogs were taken into care
between 1/1-8/31
134 came from shelters
19 came from individuals

250 new dogs were posted for
individuals, shelters and other rescue groups

403 new dogs were helped 1/1-8/31

176 dogs were adopted 1/1-8/31

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
98277

Thank You!

NEWS FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF VETERINARY SERVICES JUDITH PIPER

The most frequent reason ODH is asked to take dogs is that they are old AND they have medical conditions that are too expensive for the owner to diagnose and treat and too expensive for a prospective adopter to find appealing. Perhaps the most frequent is terrible dental disease. Doing regular dentals IS expensive these days, and I can understand that owners who could afford food and normal upkeep can't afford the current cost of a dental procedure. (Perhaps we should all be warning folks to consider that cost before deciding to acquire a dog.)



However, another very common problem we deal with could easily be prevented without huge cost. Dogs who haven't ever been spayed or neutered so often now have mammary or testicular cancer or infection in the uterus (a deadly situation) or prostate. There are many options available to have the surgery done at moderate or low cost. It's terribly important!

I feel like I say this far too often, but All of us who care about dogs should try —tactfully—to nudge any of our family, friends, neighbors or co-workers who are reluctant to alter their pet to PLEASE think about the risk to the dog if he or she is left intact. Maybe that friendly nudge will save a dog from suffering with cancer or dying of a uterine infection.