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November 2019

KUDOS TO FOSTERS RACHEL SALANT, STEVE BERARDI AND SARA & MATT CHANEY (By Rachel & Sara)



"I've been working with animals in a professional capacity since 2008. I've worked with dolphins, sea lions, parrots, guinea pigs and everything in between as a trainer and behaviorist. Everything in the animal kingdom, including humans, learns the same way. Positive

reinforcement techniques work, and it's been a dream come true to be able to work with animals in this way, and to help others see the power of positive reinforcement and the detriments of punishment based techniques so that animals and humans can be better partners. I've trained animals of all kinds for movies and TV work, for research that benefits animals in the wild, and to voluntarily participate in their own stress free healthcare.

"Steve and I moved to Seattle from Los Angeles in 2015 when I was offered a job as an Animal Care Manager at Woodland Park Zoo. I manage the Ambassador Animal Program, in which animals are trained to be comfortable and enjoy doing outreach in the community (schools, libraries, etc.) as well as the programs on zoo grounds like the bird flight show. I'm also in charge of the animal training and enrichment program for all of the animals at the zoo. Steve is an electrical and software engineer, so Seattle was a perfect fit for him as well.

"When we lived in Los Angeles we fostered dogs and parrots for local rescues and loved it. When we moved here, we knew we wanted to continue that work, so when we found out about the unique work Old Dog Haven does, there was no question in our minds that we wanted to be Final Refuge fosters. There is something special about dogs in particular in their golden years, and we believe there is nothing better than giving an unadoptable dog unconditional love for as long as they have left. We are currently on our fourth ODH Final Refuge pup. We have two personal dogs (a seven year-old weimaraner and a 13 year-old border collie who is retired from Hollywood), a 16 year-old cat, and two chickens who give us gorgeous blue and green eggs. We are happily human child free.

"Thank you so much to all of the generous donors and supporters of Old Dog Haven. It is an honor and a privilege to be a Final Refuge foster for this amazing organization!"



"We are happy to have been a part of Old Dog Haven for over seven years, providing a Final Refuge home for many rescued senior dogs.

"Our first experience being permanent fosters for ODH was with Precious who wasn't well, but we saw a glimmer of happy when she was in our home very briefly. Once in ODH's care Precious had an ultrasound and we found that her gall bladder had burst. Although we

only had her a week, we loved her and are glad we were with her, hugging her at the end instead of her remaining in pain and alone.

"We have since had the privilege of loving eight more dogs, and we love everything about doing this. We appreciate the sound advice and words of solace from Judith as well as the support of Sandy and Phil Krutsinger who stop by with supplies we might need.

"We usually have about three or four dogs at any given time, but we have three times that number of dog beds so I had to be put on dog bed restriction. We also have one feral, two semi-feral barn cats, and one not at all feral house cat.

"The compassion we have extends to all animals and people alike, and Matt recently started up *Farm Haven Rescue*, which is home to a cow, three steer and three goats. The dogs like to hang out with the calves, and they form a special bond.

"We've loved each and every ODH dog from the day we brought them home, and we thank ODH for all of them. While it can be heartbreaking to lose them, it comforts us that they leave us knowing they were loved. And nothing is as significant as knowing that. We would not trade the pain of losing them for them not knowing such love. It hits us when they realize they are 'home'—when they are sleeping peacefully in a warm bed, when they see us and endlessly wag their tails and pick up a toy to show us, or just when they look at us with soulful and intelligent eyes saying they love us back.

"Sometimes people ask 'How can you do it knowing they may not have that much time left?' and the answer always is, 'Because they may not have much time left.' They are abandoned at a time when they need you the most, and it's important to make them happy and comfortable for the rest of their lives—no matter if it's years, months or even days."

Thank you Rachel, Steve, Sara and Matt for welcoming our dogs into your homes and hearts.

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:



The Girls on the Run (Bellingham) donated proceeds from their bake sale to ODH.

8 year-old **Lyla Goodrich** held a benefit for our dogs.



Hellbent Brewing Company had a birthday party for Steven (the dog pictured left with ODH board member Forrest and Dani, Steven's publicist.) Part of the proceeds from beer sales went to ODH. Attendees were very generous with the donation box.



VCA hospitals held a huge fundraiser for our dogs and presented a BIG check to ODH.

No Bones Beach Club in Seattle selected ODH as their October nonprofit of the month.

Jessica Vigorito (Boulevard Bark) raised money for us at Dog Days of Summer.



Our friends at the **Hop and Hound in Bellevue** celebrated the life of their beloved friend Charlie by donating \$3 from every beer sold to ODH on a special day honoring Charlie and supporting ODH. (Pictured left is Koda, representing ODH)

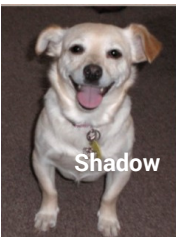
Saywoof Studios donated all of their proceeds from a luau at Dogwood Play Park to ODH.

Bailey's Beds donates all of their proceeds to ODH.



Uncork and Unwind held a very successful fundraiser with all proceeds benefitting ODH.

Rainier Agility made a generous donation to ODH.



Shadow



Jenn and Jason Sonker organized the eighth annual Hike-A-Thon in memory of their dog Shadow. The event, very much like a

Walk-A-Thon, was wildly successful and raised thousands of dollars for our dogs.



Northwest Cellars hosted a Calendar Release/15th Anniversary Party to benefit ODH dogs. Thank you to Bob Delf of NW Cellars for donating a portion of proceeds from ticket and wine purchases to ODH.

The Reef Cannabis, Seattle, continues to feature ODH as one of their charities.

RCV Band (Luke Greenwood, Logan Flaherty, John Wallent and Nick Reeves) did a benefit concert especially for ODH and donated all of the proceeds to our dogs.



Brooke and Vivien (pictured left with ODH dogs Adie and Hazel) and **Emma and Ella** donated proceeds from their lemonade stands to help our dogs.

Shawna Palmer donated to ODH as part of the Jedi Spirit Award presented to the oldest dog competing at the Agility Association of Canada Regional Championships.

Barb's Pet Project donated proceeds from sales to ODH.

Skookum Brewery held a fundraiser benefitting ODH.

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Dog Activity: January-October

341 dogs are in care as of 10/15/19.

341 are in Final Refuge homes.

150 new dogs were taken into care between 1/1 - 10/15:

137 came from shelters
13 came from individuals

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

201 dogs were adopted 1/1-10/15.

228 dogs were adopted between 1/1-10/15

588 new dogs were helped 1/1-10/15.

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JILL CZADEK



"Well, it's meds and treats four times a day. An alarm on the phone reminds me of the mid-day time. What fun! My life is complete and I have found my niche. I was never blessed with children of my own, so they have always been babies of another species.

"It all started when I cut the tip of the cat's tail trying to cut

the poop off when I was barely able to hold a pair of scissors. I've spent over 30 years of my life breeding, training and loving horses. It's been over three years since I had to finally say goodbye to my Tennessee Walker mare, Dusty. She was 45 years old. I've raised a few different critters over the years, including geese, rabbits, silky chickens, runner ducks, desert tortoises, and fallow deer.

"So, fostering for Old Dog Haven is a perfect fit for me. I am recently retired and I am devoted to caring for my loving senior dogs. Without their companionship, unconditional love, and constant entertainment, I would be lost.

"My first bonded pair will always be special because they were ragamuffins running loose in Kitsap County. So, they were appropriately named Rags and Muffin. Both were about 14 years old and suffered from fleas. Rags, a schnauzer/lhasa apso mix, has severe arthritis in his neck and back and takes pain meds three times a day. Muffin, a shih tzu/pom mix, has an enlarged heart and severe dry eyes. She was almost blind and now sees fairly well with eye ointment three times a day. Gabby, a 16-year-old toy poodle, arrived with her sister Mona. Unfortunately Mona became very ill after only three weeks, and we all had to say goodbye. Gabby was very shy, did not want to be held, and was very devoted to her sister. Now, what was she to do? Simple; crawl in the bed with Rags. He grumbled, but decided there was room. That was almost a year ago, and Gabby has really transformed. She loves to cuddle, is now very independent, and has become the "Queen" of the pack. Landen, a 12-year-old lhasa apso/poo, and my most recent arrival, has had to deal with the "Queen" for several months. Seems Gabby wanted Landen to know that he was number four. She seems to be in charge of the "pecking order." He gave her the space she needed and now they cuddle on the couch together.

"Life is good!"

Thank you Jill for always being there to provide a loving home for ODH dogs.

"I fell in love with ODH's mission and volunteer opportunities." JESSICA LOTHROP



Jessica makes a new friend at the wolf sanctuary

"I started volunteering with Old Dog Haven about one and a half years ago. I wanted to volunteer with an organization that works with older dogs, and I fell in love with ODH's mission and volunteer opportunities.



"I started out doing the general thank you cards and provided some transportation assistance for dogs moving between the shelter and their new foster homes. I was then offered the opportunity to make the cards for those that sponsor individual dogs. My goal with the cards is to take an already cute dog picture, try to make it even cuter on a card, and then add a note of appreciation. This initially required quite a bit of trial and error, but now

the most difficult part is keeping my cats off my desk while I'm working on them.

"When I'm not making sponsorship cards, I work as a mental health professional in a jail. I've been working in the mental health field for over 20 years and I really enjoy working with this population. I moved to eastern WA about a year ago and recently bought a house, so I've been keeping busy with the never-ending stream of projects that apparently comes with home ownership.



"I have two cats, Porkchop (pictured left) and Chitlins, who like to try to help with making the sponsorship cards, but who are ridiculously unhelpful. In the near future, I hope to start fostering kittens and am looking for ways to get involved with older dogs on this side of the state."

Thank you Jessica! You've chosen a BIG job and we appreciate your volunteer efforts on behalf of our dogs.

If you would like to make a donation online, please visit our website (www.olddoghaven.org) and click on WAYS TO GIVE at the top of the home page.

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**THANK
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A MESSAGE FROM ODH'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: ARDETH DE VRIES



As we approach the end of our 15th anniversary year and celebrate a season of giving thanks, the words "thank you" somehow seem inadequate for the feelings of joy, accomplishment, dedication, pride, and commitment that characterize everyone's efforts to help us care for unadoptable senior dogs in need. When I say "everyone" I'm talking about all of you who are members of the ODH family: donors, fosters, volunteers, veterinarians, the business community, media, fundraisers, and anyone who supports our efforts and believes in our mission. And then there are the dogs

Every day we learn valuable life lessons from the dogs in our care: resilience, gratitude, positive thinking, living in the moment, understanding what a second chance at happiness really means, emotional fortitude, determination, endless devotion, a contagious "I can do this" attitude, love, and so much more. These aren't just words for our dogs; they walk their talk and live every moment with an energy that helps us be better humans. They care for us as much as we care for them, and they teach us to be true to ourselves and to recognize what's important in life.

As you look back on this year our hope is that you will have found joy in your connection to Old Dog Haven ... regardless of your role in our family. And when you think about this joy, please offer a big paw up to yourself for what you do to celebrate the haven we provide for old dogs. Thank you.

Ardeth

ODH dogs featured in the header on page 1 are: (L-R) Abigail, Brody, Ellie Mae, Lily, Ch. Ma Petite Choux Choux, and Banjo.

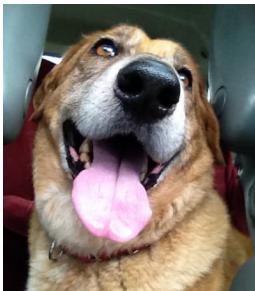


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15 Years of Love and Counting...

By Paula Moreschi



This is the happy face of Barley, on his way to his forever ODH home from the shelter. (photo by Sean O'Dell)

This year Old Dog Haven celebrated its 15th anniversary year, and because of your continued investment in our mission THOUSANDS of senior dogs have been helped. Your support is truly amazing and we send our heartfelt thanks.

As the season of giving approaches we would deeply appreciate your continued support. You can help by sponsoring a Final Refuge dog, making a gift to the special Maranda Fund, donating a vehicle and even shopping! You can also help by sharing our Facebook and Instagram posts and telling friends and family about Old Dog Haven.

To learn more about how you can help our senior dogs visit www.olddoghaven.org or follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

From all of us at Old Dog Haven, thank you and here's to 15 more years of loving and helping old dogs!

SAVE THE DATE



#GIVINGTUESDAY



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