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November 2020

KUDOS TO FOSTERS RENEE & RANDY CANFIELD, JENNIFER SHERRICK & BRENDA CURTIN



Renee, Randy, Kenji & Nicky

Our journey with ODH began with a Jack Russell Terrier I was fostering for our local shelter. He was desperately afraid of everything, and had learned his best defense was offense. He would lash out at anyone who came within striking distance. He had two marks against him: he was an old dog, and he had behavior issues. That's where ODH stepped in, and he became an ODH Final Refuge dog. We discovered he loved walks. As we walked side by side and matched each other's pace we developed a trust and bond like no other. The night he hopped up on our bed, turned around three times, curled up in the crook of my knee and let out a sigh, I knew we had crossed a bridge. That's the moment I was hooked. I knew that ODH valued a dog's emotional and spiritual healing equal to physical healing.

As a volunteer at Humane Society for Southwest Washington and ODH, I witness this partnership from the day a dog enters the shelter to the day he leaves with a transporter. Staff and volunteers are huge advocates for ODH. All too often dogs find themselves alone and abandoned, deemed unadoptable because of age and medical concerns. From the veterinarians to the fosters and transporters, the shelter works with ODH to find this dog a home: a home where they are loved and accepted with all their frailties. These dogs have so many heroes along the way!

Sometimes we lose sight of our progress as we work daily to make life better for the seemingly endless flood of animals that come our way. It's important to focus on projects that create lasting change. Together, my husband and I have served on the board of directors of local shelters. We've worked with community leaders to change policies and develop programs to improve the lives of pets and the people who love them.

We enjoy volunteering at our local shelter. You might find us in the laundry room, driving a van to pick up 45 dogs transported from overcrowded shelters or serving at our clinic for homeless pets. We've been involved in shelters for over 30 years. Working with Old Dog Haven has been a high point of our journey. We've had six ODH Final Refuge dogs, and currently we have three. Whether we are educating the public at an ODH event, transporting a dog or encouraging a new foster, I truly believe we are making lasting change.



Brenda & Obie

Ben was our first. January 24, 2017. We had followed Old Dog Haven on Facebook for over a year, knowing eventually that we'd foster. Jennifer is retired and I have a job that allows me to work from home. Having a "pack" of five beagles of various ages meant we would have to wait for just the right fit. Then we saw the picture of Ben "behind bars," our hearts were lost, and our ODH adventure began.



Jennifer & Gracie

Our granddaughter Frankie was up to our house from Portland two days later, and when she met Ben she announced that he was "her dog." Frankie was only three at the time. Frankie so loved Ben. He was her first dog. She took him to the ODH annual walks and picnics, and had so much love and compassion for him, beyond what most people are capable of. Ben

died in October of 2019. This was the first loss in our granddaughter's young life and one she will always remember. She's six now and remains completely involved in our ODH experience.

After Ben came Obie, who is blind but uses the dog door, roams the fenced property, and loves snuggling on a lap in the evening. Then there was Bella, a sweet girl that learned to trust us after she had given up on life. Ranger became our fourth foster, and he was very much in charge. He walked the fence line twice a day. Next was Louis, who was comfortable with the pack but at first didn't trust people. When he finally did trust us, he loved with his whole heart. Gracie, our newest addition, had skin and ear issues and is deaf, but she's healthy and happy. All beagles. All loved.

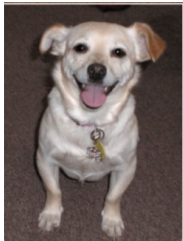
When we think about our fostering experience we feel at times sad, angry, and confused as to how these seniors became homeless, but we're happy and grateful that they have been a part of our lives. I think most of all, this experience has been rewarding and humbling. It is a gift to be able to give a senior dog a final home where it can live in love and peace. The work ODH does is so necessary, and we are honored that we were able to become a part of the ODH family. I think Judith said it best when I spoke with her once about how hard it is to lose these seniors. She told me, "Although each dog takes a little piece of our heart with it when it passes, it makes room for another one in need."

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:



Café Racer's Union held a very successful fundraiser that benefitted ODH.



Jenn and Jason Sonker weren't able to host their usual Hike-A-Thon in memory of their dog Shadow because of COVID, but they held two virtual Couch-A-Thons that were very successful and Shadow's Forever Friends raised thousands of dollars for our dogs.



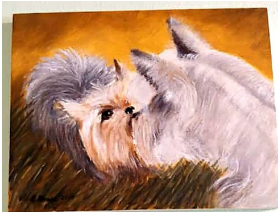
Valerie Gilstrap (Bailey's Beds) made two beautiful blankets which she auctioned off and donated the proceeds to ODH.



Barb makes quilts to raise money for ODH in memory of her senior dog Scottie. Thanks to **We is Cookies** for hosting the raffles.



Violent Delights Tattoo in Tacoma did a huge giveaway to celebrate rebranding their business, and the lucky winner chose ODH as the recipient, which resulted in a large donation for our dogs. Britt and Gio (tattoo artist) love animals, as you can tell from the beautiful tattoo pictured left.



Erin Grace donated proceeds from her paintings to ODH.

Yoshiko Williams (Yoshi's Dog Grooming) made masks, and with the proceeds purchased gift certificates from Crown Hill Pets to be used by ODH fosters.



Peabody Johanson organized her own virtual walk on the day the Walk for Old Dogs would have been held and raised thousands of dollars for ODH.

Also, **friends of Peabody's dog Mickey** made shirts and hoodies with Mickey's logo and donated 100% of the profits to ODH in Mickey's memory.



Our very first **Forever Home T-shirt** campaign was wildly successful and raised a large amount of money for our dogs. Many thanks to all who bought shirts and donated.

Thank you to all of the people who held **Birthday Fundraisers** on Facebook for ODH. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

ODH dogs featured in the header on page 1 are: (L-R) Holly, Ricky, Steve Burke, Zee, and Bill.

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Dog Activity: January-October

319 dogs are in care as of 10/14/20.

319 are in Final Refuge homes.

139 new dogs were taken into care between 1/1 - 10/14:

123 came from shelters
16 came from individuals

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

110 dogs were adopted between 1/1-10/14

265 new dogs were helped 1/1-10/14.

CONGRATS TO PEABODY JOHANSON



Our very own Peabody Johanson—who describes herself as “3rd Place Trophy Wife, CEO Sweet ReciPEAs, spaniel rescuer, senior dog supporter, and hockey fanatic”—has written her first book, *Holy Sweet!*

Peabody says, “the cookbook came about when my editor was introduced to my food

blog of 15 years, *Sweet ReciPEAs*, and she decided she wanted to do a book with me. The book was made to be fun with a dash of nostalgia and the recipes are written for the average home cook.”



The reviews are already in and they all sound like this: “Every decadent dessert in this book is iced, stuffed, frosted, glazed, drizzled, sauced or crumb-topped. I will make it my life’s goal to eat every single thing in this book and you should too!” Andie Mitchell, *New York Times* bestselling author of *It Was Me All Along*.



When Peabody isn’t creating recipes she’s mom to ODH foster Banjo (left) as well as two other English Toy Spaniels Georgia and Tulip, and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels Daisy, Penny and Darcy.

For many years Peabody has raised thousands of dollars for ODH not only through her participation in our Walk for Old Dogs, but she’s held fundraisers of her own to benefit ODH.

Photo by Julie Austin

Holy Sweet! will be released on November 17 and will be available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, BAM, Book Depository, Indie Books and Bookshop. Check Peabody’s blog for links, more information, and how to preorder:

<https://www.sweetrecipeas.com/buy-my-book/>

KUDOS TO VOLUNTEER TARA MASELLA



“My family first heard of Old Dog Haven through Mud Bay where we often picked out donation bags for the rescue. We have been longtime volunteers with other rescues that focus on special needs animals, so we were immediately interested in supporting Old Dog Haven. I started following the Facebook page and when I needed to interview an organization for a fundraising class, I of course thought of ODH! Ardeth and Dee

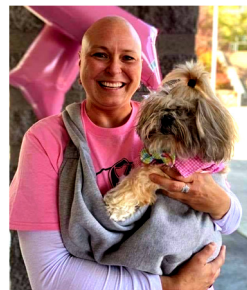
were kind enough to grant my interview request. As I talked with Dee about ODH fundraising she mentioned that they send handwritten thank you notes to anyone that sponsors a dog. I was so impressed!

“In the real world I work a full-time job in Human Resources at Providence Health System. I am also a part time student in a Nonprofit Master’s Program at Arizona State University, so my free time is limited, but I wanted to do something more to support ODH. Helping with the thank you cards seemed like a great way for me to give back to the organization even with a busy schedule. It is so fun to read the stories and see the pictures of the precious senior dogs in ODH care as I send out the cards. I love helping in this small way until my family can be more hands on by being a Final Refuge home.”

♥ ODH REMEMBERS MISTY CONNERS ♥



“Everyone in ODH is saddened over the loss —far far too early—of Misty Connors who was the devoted Final Refuge mom for shih tzu Oscar since 2014. Misty made tremendous efforts to help him



through his transition from the shelter and his previous life, and he repaid the love by staying by her side throughout her fight with cancer. He knew she needed him, just as he’d needed her years before. They were a wonderful comfort to each other all along.” *Judith Piper*

Misty is described by her friends as “lighting up a room” and having the “heart of a dog.” Oscar’s vet says Misty’s enthusiasm and joy were absolutely infectious.” ODH thanks Misty for sharing her joy with us.

I would love to help. Enclosed please find a donation in the amount of \$ _____

Please make check payable to: Old Dog Haven.

ODH is a 501(c)3 charitable organization: donations are tax-deductible.

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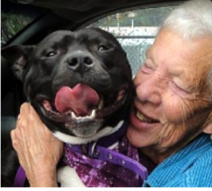
☐ Check if you would like an ODH Calendar (available with donation of \$40 or more)

**THANK
YOU!**

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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.

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



As I think about this past year—especially the last ten months—the words “persistent, dedicated, positive, loyal and compassionate” come to mind about Old Dog Haven. These words describe our donors, veterinarians, fosters, staff and volunteers as they all work tirelessly to help our dogs. We never lose our focus, and our mission is always clear.

Our donors continue to be loyal and committed to helping our dogs. We couldn't possibly do what we do without them.

In spite of social distancing protocols our veterinarians are dedicated to helping our dogs and they always make time for them.

Our fosters are amazing; they give so much and are always up for the challenges of caring for dogs that come to us in need of so much help.

Our staff and volunteers work long hours to keep the organization running smoothly in order to fulfill our mission.

In an uncertain world, we are very certain. We move forward with love and a sense of joy in what we do. Our lives have gone to the dogs, and we wouldn't have it any other way. Thanks to all in our immediate and extended family for being a part of our journey. Special thanks to our dogs that show us every day what it means to be optimistic and loving.



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“Furever” Grateful by Development Director Paula Moreschi

Although 2020 has been difficult time for all of us, we are overwhelmed by the support, love and devotion our dogs received this year. Our hearts go out to you all and we are so appreciative of your support.

Despite having to cancel our annual Walk for Old Dogs and outreach events you have helped keep Old Dog Haven alive. We were awestricken by the amount of gifts made for GiveBIG and our first Furever Home T-shirt fundraiser. Both raised a significant amount of money for our old dogs and it's all thanks to you!

The season of giving is approaching and we would be most grateful for your continued support. You can contribute by making a gift during #GivingTuesday, sponsoring a Final Refuge dog, and shopping at our NEW holiday online store. You can also show your love for old dogs by sharing our Facebook, Instagram and blog posts to assist us in spreading the word about what we do.

Visit www.olddoghaven.org to learn more about how you can help the dogs.

Thank you – we are “furever” grateful.

