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MEET OLD DOG HAVEN AMBASSADORS BOB BODKIN & DUKE, AND FRED FUELBERG & SADIE SUNSHINE

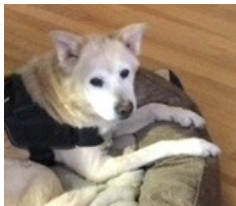
I have been transporting and fostering ODH dogs for years. I have had my own rescue Toby, and I'm blessed with the fifth ODH pack-member, Duke.

As all of us do getting older, Duke has some issues—dry eye and arthritis—but these are both eminently treatable. Duke followed Wyatt, who introduced Dave the Cat to living with large, old black dogs. Duke and Dave the Cat peacefully coexist, and this small pack is a joy to live with.



Duke came to us house-trained, and seldom raises his voice. He has a somewhat selective-hearing preference, and doesn't see as well as he once did. He is happy to be in the same room as I'm working in, and he has two bed/pad combinations to facilitate this. He still climbs the stairs to

our upstairs bedroom, barking just a bit to let me know he wishes this was a rambler, rather than an old, two-story house. Duke is remarkably healthy, and there have, thankfully, been no midnight runs to the emergency vet. Duke likes to take short to medium-length walks several times a day, and is unfailingly good about reserving these times as comfort stops.

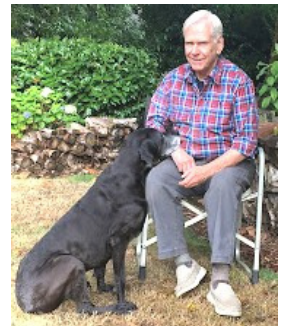


Duke and his predecessors have taught me a lot about the value of ODH and the loving service they perform. As an old dog with health issues, Duke was rejected twice by his last "owner." He would have remained in the shelter for much too long, and then would have faced the inevitable. My

experience with him, and all the ODH dogs I've taken in, is that he is a wonderful companion, and just happy to be here with me. I couldn't ask for more. This experience has also prepared me to be a credible ambassador for ODH, as meeting other dogs on walks gives me a chance to broadcast what ODH does, and stands for. About half the time, people have heard about ODH, and I never lose an opportunity to encourage them to go on line and learn more. Duke shows my friends, neighbors, and total strangers to me—Duke has never met a stranger—how good an old dog can be. My life is significantly richer because of him, his predecessors, and ODH.

I have been with ODH since 2011, and Sadie Sunshine is my fourth Final Refuge dog.

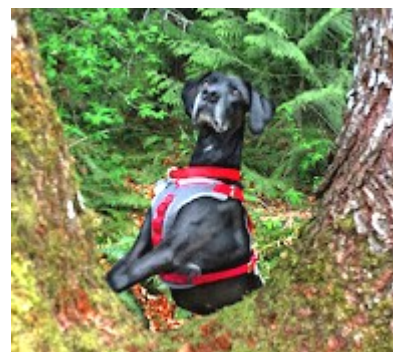
Sadie came into ODH because her owner had medical problems, and couldn't care for her. She had been in three temporary homes, was 28 pounds under weight, and was very sad. It took a week for her to settle into her new home.



Sadie is 14 years old, and is now back to a healthy weight. It is amazing how the vet care provided by ODH, good food, and attention will improve a dog's life.



Sadie makes sure I get my daily exercise; her daily routine includes three daily walks at the park, except on rainy days when she prefers to sleep in. At her park she has lots of people and dog friends. Puppies love Sadie, and she is good at helping with puppy socialization.



There is great satisfaction watching a Final Refuge dog transition from depression into a dog with something to live for.

At the end of this year Ardeth De Vries will be retiring as Executive Director and newsletter editor. Please welcome Deanne Matz, the soon-to-be ED, and Wendy Giberson the new newsletter editor.



Deanne Matz

Old Dog Haven has been in my heart ever since my husband Francesco and I adopted our 'gateway' dog Midge from Judith and Lee in 2010. We moved on to being a Final Refuge family when Benny came to live with us in 2013. Since then, I've lost count, but our current lovely pack

includes Anna and Malorie (old toy poodle girls) and Ivy (a terrier of some sort with a schnauzer voice). I began volunteering for ODH in 2013 doing website maintenance, and then began working for ODH in 2017 as Administrative Coordinator.

When Ardeth announced she planned to retire as Executive Director, I was honored to be asked by the Board to step into the position. I've learned a great deal from working with Ardeth, which will really help me going forward. I am devoted to ODH and look forward to doing all that I can to continue to support our mission to provide safe, loving homes for unadoptable senior dogs.



Wendy Giberson

My husband and I have been ODH fosters for about 13 years, and we deeply believe in the people and mission of ODH. The newsletter is an important way to keep folks informed about the wonderful people and dogs that make ODH such a unique organization. I know I speak for everyone when I say that we will sure miss Ardeth's knack for

colorful themes and graphics. Please be easy on me as I try to carry the torch, perhaps with a bit of a different look. See you next year!

Volunteer extraordinaire Bonnie Orban and her husband Robert are in the process of moving to another state.



Bonnie Orban

Bonnie has been a member of the ODH family for many years. During this time she's fostered dogs, helped with and organized events, coordinated the transport of prescription food, and much more. The word "no" doesn't seem to exist in Bonnie's vocabulary; instead she says, "I'll

do it. I can help. I'll take care of it." We appreciate everything she has done for ODH over the years, and we'll miss her positive attitude, generosity, sense of humor, and unfailing willingness to help. Sending love and thanks to you on your new adventure, Bonnie and Robert.

Joe Myers takes the baton of Development Director from his wife, Paula Moreschi, who is retiring December 31.



For the past 11 years ODH has been very fortunate to have had the talent, dedication and commitment of Paula Moreschi as our Development

Director. We appreciate everything she has done in her fundraising campaigns to help our dogs. Now that Paula is retiring, Joe will channel Paula as he adds development to his job as marketing and art director, which includes the ODH calendar. Thank you Paula; carry on Joe!

Leslie Mc Clean has joined the ODH Board of Directors.



For the last 20 years, Leslie has been an active volunteer in her Phinney Ridge community, and she has worked for national environmental nonprofit groups from Massachusetts to Hawaii. In Seattle, she helped coordinate and grow a volunteer trail-building program with Washington Trails Association. Leslie also serves on the board of a small family foundation which provides major funding for education

at Gonzaga University as well as educational and heritage support for a small community in NE Washington.

She has also fundraised and assisted a number of animal rescue organizations including Old Dog Haven. Leslie's a longtime ODH Final Refuge Foster, Area Foster Coordinator, Donation Can Coordinator, and Calendar Sales Coordinator. She also helps support ODH with WordPress wrangling, writing and editing.

Leslie says she's never had a dog that hadn't been rejected by someone (usually multiple someones) and they've all been the "BEST DOGS IN THE WORLD. Each and every one." As an Old Dog Haven board member, she's "keen to spread that message and help ODH fully utilize our supporters' commitment to senior dog rescue, expand that mission to a younger generation of dog advocates, and to help bring our operations and funding into the future with appropriate technology and communications."

Dog Activity: January-October 2021

292 dogs are in care as of 10/15/21

292 are in Final Refuge homes.

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

100 came from shelters
24 came from individuals

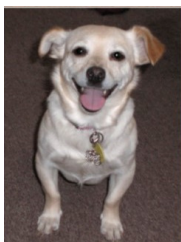
142 new dogs were posted for individuals, shelters and other rescue groups.

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

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

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:



Once again, **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.



Chevrolet of Everett made a VERY significant donation to ODH based on the fundraiser they held in August.



Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association made a generous donation on behalf of the old agility dogs that can't do agility any longer but still can do a short run.

The **Hop and Hound** in Bothell held a fundraiser for ODH.

Tina P and Joanne held a **garage sale** that benefitted ODH and WAIF.

Participants of the **Oregon Airstream Club** 2021 Kite Rally in Longview raised money for ODH.



At Large Brewing Company held a benefit for ODH in which a dollar from every pint of *New Dog in Town*, a special release blonde ale, was donated to ODH.

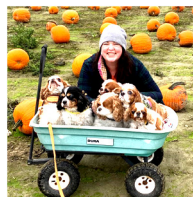
All entry fees for a charity event held at **Dogwood Play Park** went to ODH.



Hellbent Brewing held an 11th birthday party for bar dog Steven, and donated a portion of their sales that day to ODH. Also, many people who attended the event made separate donations to ODH.

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

Tito's Vodka held a fundraiser that benefitted ODH and the Spokane Humane Society.



Once again in honor of the Walk for Old Dogs, **Peabody Johanson** organized a special fundraiser and raised thousands of dollars for ODH.



Also, friends of Peabody's ODH dog **Banjo** had shirts made with Banjo's picture and donated 100% of the sale profits to ODH. And... **The Seattle Barkery** created a "Banjo Box" with a portion of the proceeds going to ODH.



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

Paws With Cause held a fundraiser to benefit ODH, the Everett animal shelter, and the cats at Purrfect Pals.

ODH foster **Jill Czadek**, as well as other fosters and neighbors, held a wildly successful yard sale to benefit ODH.



ODH was featured in the October/November issue of **Dogster Magazine** in an article about organizations that help senior dogs. *Pictured left is a photo that appeared in the article. (ODH dogs Albert and Kizzy held by their friend Christian.)*

ODH dogs featured in the header on page 1 are: (L-R) Sela, Marybel, Allyson Felix, Magnus, and Onion.

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

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

**THANK
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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



Some of the most important things I'm learning in this life have come from Old Dog Haven dogs. There's something selfless and inspiring about the teachings of an old dog that strike a chord in my heart, which is where all of those learned lessons live.

You know what I'm talking about. If you're reading this you're a part of the Old Dog Haven family, whether you're a donor, foster, volunteer, fundraiser, veterinarian, or staff member. You care, and you show that caring by doing what you do to support our heart work. That support creates a ripple effect, and others join the family. Yes, it's a big family, but we have many dogs that need what you have to offer: money to pay the vet bills, loving homes, and the list goes on... and on. Because of you, every dog that comes to us is given an opportunity to be healthy and happy. We all live in the moment with our dogs (that's one of those important lessons.) We celebrate the steps they take to enjoy a good quality of life, and we love sharing our lives with them.

The waiting list of dogs that need us is very long right now, so this is the time to think about joining the family by providing a permanent foster home for an old dog. ODH pays for medical care, you provide love and nurturing. Check our website for details about how you can become a foster home. (www.olddoghaven.org)

A final personal note: As you read on page three, I'm retiring as newsletter editor. I can't even begin to tell you what a pleasure it's been to have helped tell the stories of our dogs and the people who love them. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the newsletters over the past 12 years. Have fun, Wendy!



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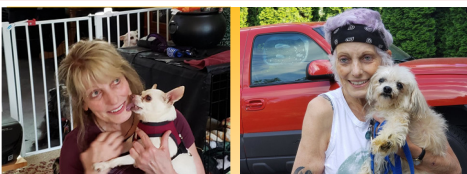
Thank You For Loving Old Dogs *by Development Director Paula Moreschi*

The last two years have been difficult. In-person outreach and fundraising events have been cancelled, for a brief time the shelters were closed, and the veterinary clinics are overflowing with patients, and are short staffed.

But despite the challenges, you've stood by us and Old Dog Haven has continued to thrive. You've given us hope for a bright future, and you've opened up your heart to the old dogs. Thank you!

Year-end giving is just around the corner, and we would be grateful for your support. You can help by making a gift during **Giving Tuesday**, shopping in our holiday store, and sponsoring a Final Refuge dog. Visit our website to see more ways you can help. www.olddoghaven.org

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ODH mourns the passing of longtime volunteer transporter, Penny Schwab. For many years Penny drove long distances to deliver new dogs to their foster families. Penny loved dogs, and for her to be the one who gave the "freedom ride" to a dog leaving a shelter was a wonderful opportunity for the dog to immediately feel safe and welcomed on the journey home. We'll miss Penny and we are thankful for her dedication to ODH.