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MEET FINAL REFUGE DOG PHYLLIS



Phyllis is living the life!

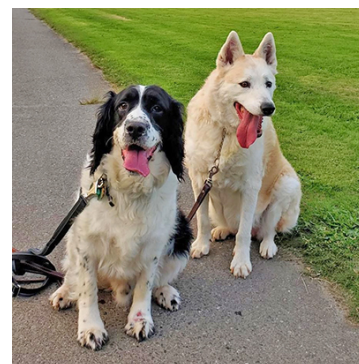
Phyllis – perhaps husky/shepherd – was in at least three shelters before her luck turned around. Phyllis now lives with an Old Dog Haven Final Refuge family, where she will remain, safe and loved, for the rest of her life.

When Phyllis came to Old Dog Haven, she had a large mass on her back. One of our wonderful vets, Dr. Frost, was able to remove all of the mass and get it healed quickly. With love and care from her Final Refuge family, Phyllis's beautiful coat grew in remarkably fast, and her self-confidence blossomed.

Phyllis has a terrific personality and has fans all over the neighborhood who walk her daily. She's happy, playful, and even loves to wrestle with the young dogs at the dog park.

In addition to excellent medical care, Phyllis has a loving home and her own pack. She'll never again have to suffer or be neglected, and her every need will be taken care of. She can tell that she's loved and safe in her Final Refuge home – a really happy ending for a dog who'd surely not been wanted for some time.

Without Old Dog Haven donors and supporters, it would be impossible to save so many sweet old souls. The dogs that ODH helps have some of the highest needs and can be very expensive to care for. Donors make it possible to give these old pups the care and love they need, without cost being an obstacle. So many old dogs become homeless because their owners don't have the ability – financially or emotionally – to give them what they need, and Old Dog Haven is there for them.



Phyllis with her friend Mike

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MEET FOSTERS KAREN CORSINI AND CHARLIE HYMAN



*Karen and Charlie with Final
Refuge fosters Fiona and Geezer*

ODH Final Refuge fosters Karen Corsini and Charlie Hyman share their fostering journey with us:

"When we foster an Old Dog Haven rescue dog, we already know that our time to love it and see it flourish is limited. Sometimes it's only a few months, sometimes a few years, but it's never long enough. Our friends often ask us, 'How do you do it? How do you bring yourselves to endure such heart-wrenching partings so often?'

"Part of the answer is that, by providing a loving Final Refuge home for these needy old dogs, we have a chance to make the ends of their lives just a little bit better. All of the elderly dogs we have fostered through ODH have come to us with severe medical and/or emotional issues, and were deemed unadoptable from the shelters. It breaks our hearts to see the condition of these loving creatures when they arrive, but, with the spectacular vet care authorized by ODH, proper nutrition, grooming, and integration into a loving home, we feel great joy to see them recover and thrive.

"How do we do it? Helping these sweet, unadoptable elderly dogs live out their days with dignity and joy gives us a sense of purpose and belonging to a community of like-minded people who share a commitment to making the world a better place. Also, we can't deny that bringing these old guys into our family makes our lives better, too. We are grateful to ODH for their mission and incredible support."



Final Refuge foster Noni



Final Refuge foster Miles



Final Refuge foster Harley

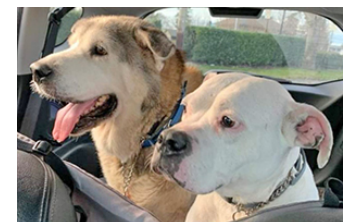
BENEFITS OF ADOPTING A BONDED PAIR

Every so often, you'll see a bonded pair for adoption on our Adoptable Dogs page.

These are dogs who rely on each other and would be depressed or stressed without each other. It's very hard to find adopters for bonded pairs, much less a senior bonded pair. If you see a bonded pair up for adoption, please pause before you move on to the next dog profile! Here are some benefits of bonded pairs:

- **Uniqueness** – Often the two dogs are very different in some way: a big and a little, a mixed breed and a pure breed, an extrovert and an introvert. How did these two end up together? Sometimes we hear their story from the shelter; often we never know. In any case, it's very sweet that these dogs came to love each other so much.
- **Instant pack** – You don't have to feel quite as bad when you go out! They'll still miss you, but they'll keep each other company, too.
- **Kindness** – You will have done an absolutely priceless thing for those two dogs!!

Buddy and Lady are a bonded pair waiting for a forever home together. For details, see Adoptable Dogs on our website: https://olddoghaven.org/dog_category/adoptable-dogs



THANK YOU TO RECENT FUNDRAISERS

Thank you to everyone who sponsored Final Refuge dogs in honor of the amazing Betty White!



Paddywack held their 8th annual "Have a Heart for Old Dog Haven" benefit throughout February. Their customers stepped up big time, sponsoring ODH dogs and purchasing \$1 and \$5 hearts, filling the store windows with love for old dogs. Paddywack's owners matched the first \$1,000 in sponsorships, and **Northwest Naturals** donated \$1 for every \$5 heart donated, plus **Weruva** is donating a can of food for every \$5 heart donated.

Plato Pet Treats did an Instagram giveaway and chose ODH as one of their three recipients! ❤️

Everett Chevrolet and **In-Gear Media** did a #BettyWhiteChallenge social campaign and presented a generous check to ODH.



PetPros wrapped up their Paw-liday Giving Campaign, which raised donations for ODH.



As part of **Mud Bay's** Holiday Tons of Love campaign, **First Mate Pet Foods** made a generous donation to ODH.

Clyde Golden - Email Marketing Agency kindly donated the use of its Seattle office for the ODH Board meeting.

If you recently did a fundraiser for Old Dog Haven and it isn't listed here, we sincerely apologize. Feel free to send a picture to office@olddoghaven.org for a future newsletter!

REMEMBERING CHARLENE ALLEN



ODH mourns the passing of foster mom Charlene Allen.

Charlene was born in Everett, Washington, and never met an animal she didn't love. She loved living on her farm in Arlington for over 30 years with her horse Claudette, numerous dogs and cats and especially her goats. She was a dedicated foster mom to several Old Dog Haven dogs, and was active with the Sarvey Wildlife Care Center.

After giving the priceless gift of a wonderful last home to six ODH dogs over the years, Charlene left an extremely generous bequest to ODH and two other local animal rescue organizations. ODH – and all the dogs we hope to help as we go forward – are so grateful for ALL her gifts to the animals and those who knew her.

HOW YOU CAN HELP



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.

Name _____

Address _____

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

To donate online,
please go to
<https://olddoghaven.org>

THANK YOU!

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Hi all! It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming in 2022 – and now we are well into the year. It has been quite a year so far for Old Dog Haven. Lots of dogs needing new forever homes, and also lots of dogs who needed to leave us. I think learning to say goodbye to one of our dear pups is the most important lesson I've learned through Old Dog Haven. I always want them to stay longer, but being able to see the changes from when a dog comes into care to when they have to leave their bodies – is truly a privilege. The pups have taught me so much about living in the moment and I am very grateful.

Our volunteers and donors have been very busy so far this year. We participated in the Betty White Challenge honoring her birthday and also the month-long Have A Heart Sponsorship event supported by the wonderful folks at Paddywack in Mill Creek. Both of these generated a tremendous response of support from our donors. Also, our dedicated Board of Directors met at the end of January and are focusing on having a summer event again this year! The new name will be the Old Dog Haven Festival, and it will be held at Cromwell Park in Shoreline on July 16th. There will be a variety of entertainment and a silent auction along with some type of pageant for pups of all ages. More information will be out soon!

Thank you all for loving old dogs – and making it possible for Old Dog Haven to continue to provide permanent homes in their golden years. – *Deeanne Matz, Executive Director*



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ODH DOG STATS

Year to date:

- **12** dogs were taken into ODH Final Refuge homes.
- **17** dogs were adopted through ODH's placement services.
- **276** dogs are currently in ODH care.

SAVE THE DATES



MAY 3-4

JULY 16, 2022
★ OLD DOG HAVEN ★
FESTIVAL
★ CROMWELL PARK SHORELINE, WA