



Final Refuge dog Martha Anne

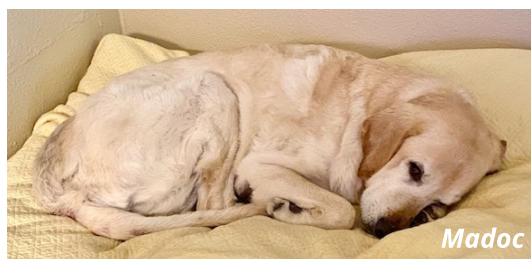
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MEET FINAL REFUGE DOG MADOC



Madoc

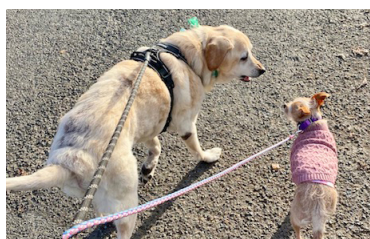
Madoc found himself at a local shelter as a stray in very rough condition. With severe untreated hip dysplasia and chronic dermatitis, no one can blame him for being withdrawn. Due to Madoc's age (estimated to be about 10 years old) and his medical issues, he was not a candidate for adoption. The shelter referred him to Old Dog Haven so that he could get much-needed medical care and be comfortable and happy in a home with people who love him.

Old Dog Haven found him a home with another Final Refuge pup, where he is having the time of his life. His new foster mom is as head over heels in love with him as he is with her. His foster mom named him Madoc because it is Welsh for "fortunate," and Madoc is very fortunate to have made his way to Old Dog Haven.

Madoc made fast friends with the other Old Dog Haven dog and the two resident cats. His best friend is a young female pug who lives in the neighborhood and comes over for play dates. Madoc also loves his daily walks! He can only walk one block due to his hip dysplasia and muscle wasting, but he clearly enjoys the stroll.



Madoc with Final Refuge sister MaddieMae



Enjoying a walk with
MaddieMae

Madoc loves baths at the groomers and of course the nonstop pets and cuddles from his foster mom. Madoc also enjoys sleeping on his big bed! He is very hard of hearing, so he sleeps very soundly and is not bothered by the rest of the household when he wants his daily naps.

Thanks to our wonderful donors, Madoc is a totally different dog than when he walked into the shelter!

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As we progress into Spring, those of us at Old Dog Haven are particularly thankful for our wonderful donors. GiveBIG on May 3 and 4 was an amazing success this year - and was our best yet with more donors and more money raised for the old dogs in our care. All of them send a special 'thank you' to all our supporters. You make such a huge difference in the lives of these special pups.

We are also really excited because after a two-year absence from Cromwell Park, Old Dog Haven is returning in 2022 with a Celebration of Old Dogs in the form of the Old Dog Festival on July 16th. This event is open to ALL and we invite you to come join us for a day of fun and all things dogs. There will be yummy food trucks, lots of games, a costume contest, and a broad range of terrific auction items available for bidding at our silent auction.

Proceeds will go to caring for old dogs who are living in Old Dog Haven's permanent foster network.

You can register to attend here: <https://www.odhfestival.org>. See you there!

Deeanne Matz

HOW YOU CAN HELP

DONATE: Old Dog Haven is entirely donation-driven! If you'd like to donate, you can:

- Go to our website: <https://olddoghaven.org/support-us>
- Pay by mail: Please make a check out to **Old Dog Haven** and mail it to: Old Dog Haven, P.O. Box 1409, Oak Harbor, WA 98277-1409

We are an IRS-approved 501(c)(3) charitable organization (TIN 65-1249528). Contributions are tax-deductible.

VOLUNTEER: We need Final Refuge homes, transport volunteers, event volunteers, fundraisers, and more! For details, see <https://olddoghaven.org/how-to-help/volunteering>

ADOPT: We post adoptable senior dogs for shelters, owners, and rescue groups. For a list of dogs currently available, see https://olddoghaven.org/dog_category/adoptable-dogs

SPREAD THE WORD: Please tell people about us! Feel free to send them to our website, <https://olddoghaven.org>, so they can see what we do. Thank you!

ODH DOG STATS

Year to date:

- **59** new dogs were taken into ODH Final Refuge homes.
- **71** dogs were adopted through ODH's placement services.
- **289** dogs are currently in ODH care.



Final Refuge dog Nikita settles in to her ODH foster home.

MEET FOSTERS MELISSA AND MAXX FANUCCI

ODH Final Refuge fosters Melissa and Maxx Fanucci share their ODH fostering journey! As told by Melissa:

Old Dog Haven has always been on our radar as one of those great organizations with fosters who do the impossible. I figured there'd be no way we could handle it – each dog death is like a scar on the soul, each dog takes a piece of you when they go.



Melissa with Mimmo

But when we got down to one dog left from our years of Italian Greyhound fostering (and failing), we thought we'd give ODH fostering a try. JUST ONCE. That was two years ago. Since then, we've loved and lost Pepper and Gimli, two amazing dogs that we miss every day. And now we have our happy hobo Zayde, a 17 year old Shih Tzu who was found as a stray in Everett; and our newest "stray" best friend, Mimmo – he's a teacup Maltese and is the toughest 4lbs. you'll ever meet!

The way we see it, every day they're in ODH care is a "bonus round." They'd been given up, or left on the streets, or come from homes that couldn't care for them any longer. They come with emotional baggage, some serious health issues, and a lot of wariness or fear – and within a short amount of time, their personalities shine, and they burst with silliness and love.

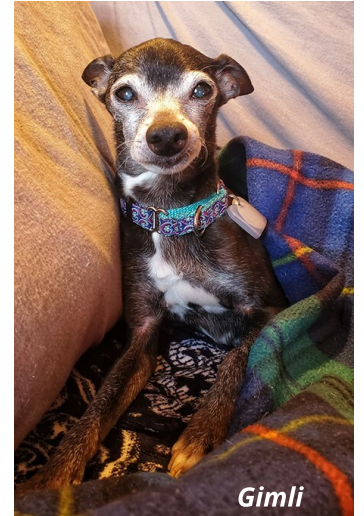


Maxx with Zayde

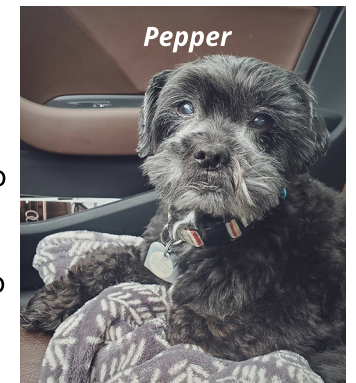
Losing them hurts like hell, but they've taught us how to endure it, and let go. Watching them blossom into the happy, loving dogs they are meant to be makes the pain worth it. We don't feel like we've lost when we say good-bye. We've gained the memory of someone unique, funny, and full of affection.

Plus, it's been so fun making so MANY new friends. Every dog is so special, and through fostering we get to know a variety of personalities, opinions, and skillsets.

We thought fostering would be our gift to the dogs who needed help. But the dogs are the gifts to **us**.



Gimli



Pepper

REMEMBERING PATTI PETTIT



ODH remembers Patti Pettit (Kinnison), who provided a wonderful Final Refuge home for several of our dogs and was co-Area Foster Coordinator for our Spokane group.

In addition to her animal rescue work, Patti was a third-generation Navy veteran and was a Spokane Valley Fire Department civil servant working in the SVFD IT Department.

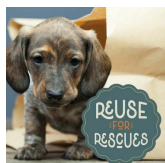
Patti touched the lives of so many and made this world a better place. Patti's friends, co-workers, ex-husband, and dogs miss her greatly.

THANK YOU TO RECENT FUNDRAISERS!



A giant THANK YOU to everyone who donated to Old Dog Haven for GiveBIG! We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the incredible early donors and every person who donated over the course of GiveBIG. We know that there are a lot of great causes to support, and you chose to help old dogs. We can't thank you enough!!

The following businesses also held events to benefit Old Dog Haven. Thank you for choosing to spend your time and expertise to benefit old dogs!



All the Best Pet Care held a "Reuse for Rescues" campaign and raised generous donations for ODH.

For the fourth time, **Brouwer's Cafe** hosted a Beerlesque show to benefit Old Dog Haven! The performances were excellent and a good time was had by all.



Tito's Handmade Vodka made a large donation to ODH as part of a fundraiser they held at Central Saloon in Seattle.



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

REGISTER FOR THE OLD DOG HAVEN FESTIVAL!

WHO | This event is open to ALL!

WHAT

A new summer event called the Old Dog Haven Festival. There will be vendors, games, a silent auction, music, food trucks, and a costume contest. This event promises to be a fun-filled day for the whole family!

WHEN

Saturday July 16th, 10 AM - 5 PM

WHERE

Cromwell Park, 18030 Meridian Ave N, Shoreline, WA 98133

WHY

Proceeds from this event help us continue to care for old dogs who are living in ODH's network of foster homes.

HOW

You can register now at <https://www.odhfestival.org>



10 QUESTIONS ABOUT FINAL REFUGE DOG SADIE

Kriscinda Hansen answers questions about Final Refuge dog Sadie! Thanks to Old Dog Haven, Sadie will remain with Kriscinda and Rik, safe and loved, for the rest of her life.

Age? 9-ish.

How did Sadie enter ODH? Sadie came to ODH through a shelter.

Biggest health challenge? Cancer (mast cell tumors).

Most endearing quality? The squooshy "please pet me" face!

Most priceless moment? The first time she had a pup cup from Dutch Bros – I don't think she knew what whipped cream was before that!

Most surprising thing about Sadie? She has been with us since the beginning of March and she has yet to make a peep.

Favorite packmate? It's a toss up between fellow FR Happy (a boxer mix) and our resident Gizmo (chihuahua/papillon) .

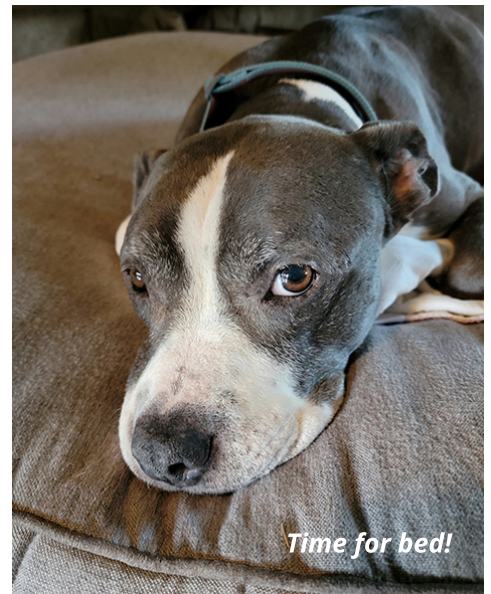
Favorite activity? She loves car rides and meeting EVERYONE.

Squirrels: friend or foe? Squirrels are THE enemy.

What is the most important lesson you've learned from Sadie? Every day is the bestest day!



Sadie's "please pet me" face!



Time for bed!



Walking with friends



With ODH Final Refuge packmate Happy



With packmate Gizmo

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