

Final Refuge dog Nelly

# OLD DOG HAVEN

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## MEET FINAL REFUGE DOG RAVEN

*Foster Laura Demory tells us about her Old Dog Haven (ODH) Final Refuge dog Raven:*



Raven today

"Raven ended up in the shelter when her owner had to go into care. When the Old Dog Haven transporters arrived with Raven, they brought out a crate with this little ball of fluff, all curled in on herself. It took several minutes for her to emerge from the crate.

"The resident dog, Poppy, a wonderfully calm and confident Lhasa mix, waited to greet Raven. We spent a few minutes outside in the yard before attempting to go in the house. I let her come in on her own terms, which took several minutes as well. Once off her leash, she dashed away and stayed out of reach for the next few days, but always nearby where she could keep an eye on me.

"Eventually Raven got brave enough to allow me to touch her – as long as I was sitting down and it was on her terms. She slowly got brave enough to jump up next to me on the couch, then on the bed, and finally, to let me pick her up. It turned out to be a good thing that her first grooming appointment came almost a month after I got her, so I was able to transport her for grooming. Once the fluff was removed, we discovered a toy poodle underneath! So adorable!

"Raven has continued to make progress and gain confidence. In the meantime, I lost Poppy, who was herself an old dog, and took in another ODH foster, Pepper. ODH thought his quiet, confident, and friendly personality would be a good fit, and of course, they were right.



Out of her shell!

"Today I have a constant companion who keeps a close eye on me and all the comings and goings around the house. Pepper has shown Raven that people don't have to be scary, and Raven is now willing to run up to new people and let them touch her, even if it means they have to bend over to do it. That is huge! She is a ferocious alert dog inside a tiny 7-pound body. Raven spends her time when I am out of the house keeping watch from the back of the couch, where I have begun to find my socks, magically transported from the dirty clothes bin.

"Raven is my first poodle, and has turned out to be a happy and delightful little dog. My heart is filled with so much joy and gratitude that I got to be Raven's person."



Raven before



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# THANK YOU TO RECENT FUNDRAISERS

Below are some people and businesses that recently did fundraisers for ODH. Thank you so much!!!



**Paddywack** held a fundraiser for ODH in honor and memory of their beloved team member, **Melanie**. We are so touched and grateful for Melanie's support of our mission!



**Fun 2 Be Fit and PNW Ladies Running Group** held a Coffee 5k to benefit ODH.



**Elyse Lopez**, the host of the podcast **True Crime Cat Lawyer**, held a raffle at PNW True Crime Fest to support ODH.

**Teresa Griffin and Bryan Baldwin** had their second annual **Enchanted Parlour** haunted house, with donations going to ODH!



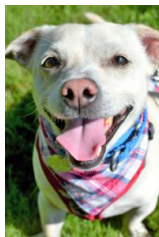
If you recently had a fundraiser for Old Dog Haven and it isn't listed here, we sincerely apologize. Feel free to send a picture to [office@olddoghaven.org](mailto:office@olddoghaven.org) for a future newsletter!

## ADOPT A SENIOR DOG!

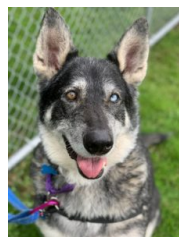
ODH dogs are permanent fosters, but there are MANY more wonderful senior dogs in other organizations and situations waiting for their forever homes! Here are just a few of them. For more information, check out our website: [https://olddoghaven.org/dog\\_category/adoptable-dogs](https://olddoghaven.org/dog_category/adoptable-dogs).



**Alabama**  
Save-a-Mutt Rescue

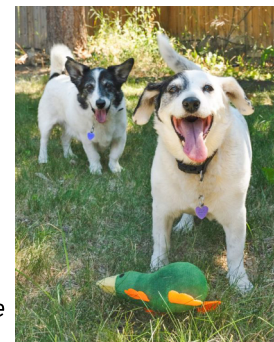


**Tugboat**  
Homeward Pet Adoption Center



**Zoey**  
Washington Malamute Adoption League

**Rascal and Auron**  
Meant to Be Loved Pet Rescue



## HOW YOU CAN HELP



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

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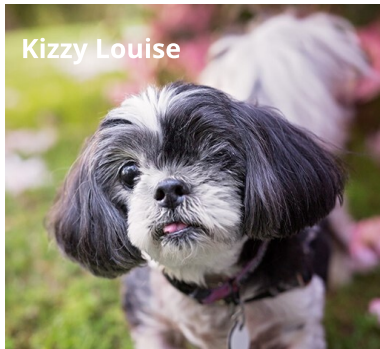
**THANK YOU!**



# MEET FOSTER MEREDITH MOSES

*ODH Final Refuge foster Meredith Moses shares her fostering journey with us:*

"I have been fostering for Old Dog Haven (ODH) for about 13 years. I got started at a tough time in my life – lost my job, had to move, lost two dogs in rapid succession. Without a job I didn't think I could afford another dog – until I found out about the Final Refuge program. Even unemployed, I could budget for food and routine care – and then ODH covered the medical expenses.



Kizzy Louise



Kevin Leonard

compare. Zeke arrived with extreme physical issues, Chuy arrived heartbroken and depressed. And they blossomed.

"Of course, the hard times always come. Illness, both mental and physical, are part of the process. One of the gifts of ODH is the ongoing advice and support. As a foster, I'm never alone when it comes to making the hard decisions.

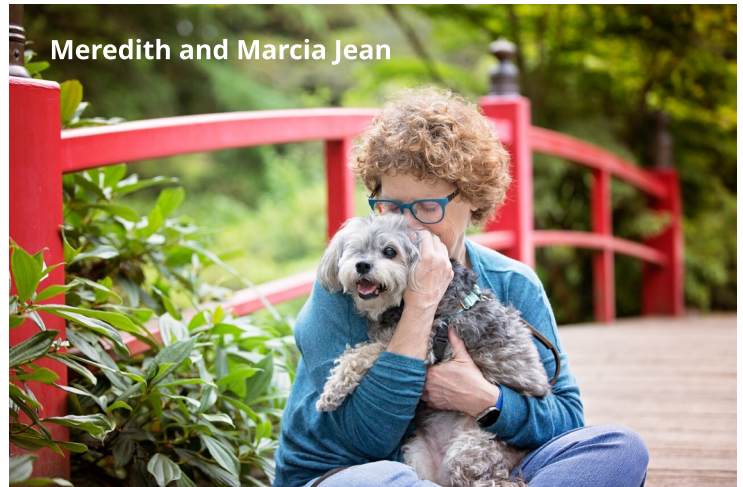


Chuy Guillermo

There is always support from the ODH medical team as well as care and compassion from the extended family of staff and Final Refuge fosters.

"And when it's time to let them go, I find a sense of peace and gratitude that I could be there with them, and whatever they faced, they never faced it alone.

"Each one takes a bit of my heart, and leaves me a bit of theirs."



Meredith and Marcia Jean

So I got started with Alfie, a wirehaired something or other. Alfie was a godsend in a tough time. We needed each other. After that there was no turning back. I currently have four – Jack Boudreau, Chuy Guillermo, Martha Anne and Kevin Leonard.

"Over the years, I've been blessed with 24 fosters. Some only lasted a short time. Jeffery was with me for 6 weeks. Others quite a bit longer. Kizzy Louise ruled the roost in our home for over 5 years.

"Each one had their own unique personality. Leroy was a clown, Kizzy Louise was a diva. Reggie Garth Brooks was an eternal optimist. Marcia Jean loved children. Bridget Rose was just a little love bug. Martha Anne has opinions about everything. Jack Boudreau is my little mama's boy.

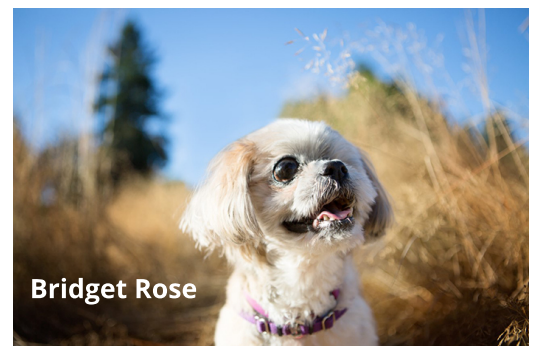
"They generally arrived depressed and confused, usually with significant physical issues. To watch them grow into their true selves is a gift beyond



Zeke Denton upon arrival



Zeke happy and healthy



Bridget Rose

# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Greetings, and I hope you are all doing well. Thank you for loving old dogs and for helping Old Dog Haven continue its mission. Our requests for assistance have continued to increase, and fortunately so has support from all of you. We have been able to add to our number of dedicated Final Refuge foster homes which has enabled us to provide loving homes to more old dogs in need. As we move into November, we are approaching one of our largest fundraising campaigns of the year, Giving Tuesday which is on November 29th this year.

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement that was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Old Dog Haven is pleased to be able to again participate in this event. It helps us continue to provide loving homes and much needed veterinary care for homeless, unadoptable senior dogs in Western Washington. Watch for our emails with links for giving. Our long-time and very generous donors, Russ and Linda Young, are kicking off this year's event with a challenge gift to encourage others to support Old Dog Haven. We'll be sending out a special message from them as we get closer to November 29th.

Take care and thank you for all you do.

– Deeanne Matz, Executive Director



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## ODH DOG STATS

Year to date:

- **157** dogs were taken into ODH Final Refuge homes.
- **134** dogs were adopted through ODH's placement services.
- **296** dogs are currently in ODH care.

## SUPPORT ODH ON GIVING TUESDAY!

**GIVING  
TUESDAY**

**November 29th, 2022**

Watch for an email or go to the  
ODH website ([olddoghaven.org](http://olddoghaven.org))!



ODH Final Refuge dog Rango