

# OLD DOG HAVEN

HELPING SENIOR DOGS LIVE THEIR GOLDEN YEARS IN A LOVING HOME

**Final Refuge dog Duke** 

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#### **MEET FINAL REFUGE DOG GOOSE**



Goose is an amazing and very resilient dog who has come a long way in a very short time. Before Goose came to Old Dog Haven, he and 30 other dogs were confiscated for severe neglect. Goose lived his entire life outside, with no vet care and no idea what it was like to be someone's pet. He was partially blind, starved, and left outdoors during an awful cold period at the end of December.

When Goose got to his ODH Final Refuge home, he was very overwhelmed. Never having lived indoors before, absolutely everything was new to him. The first few days, paralyzed by fear, he cowered in the corner. He wouldn't move from his

corner, he had no idea how to walk on a leash, and he had to be carried outside to go to the bathroom. By the second or third day, he slowly explored the house – he was under the couch, behind cabinets, and in the cupboard. Finally, with lots of encouragement and treats, he actually ventured outside on his own. Progress!



**Getting acclimated** 



Goose's ODH family patiently and kindly helped him settle in to his new life. They are excited to give him the love he has never had. Goose has now settled in, and spends his days napping and playing with his new toys. He is a lot like a puppy because everything is new to him. You give him the ball, and it is the same event every day – he takes the ball, throws it around, and plays by himself for 20 minutes. He can't see where the ball lands, so it takes a bit of time to find it!

Goose has also gained all of his weight back and is a very happy, well-adjusted boy. Thank you so much for supporting Old Dog Haven. By donating and even just spreading the word, you help us give dogs like Goose the homes they so truly deserve!



**Entertaining himself with a ball!** 

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# **2022 OLD DOG HAVEN FESTIVAL**

It was a truly wonderful day! Many, many thanks to the ODH Board for their hard work in organizing this amazing event, and to sponsors, vendors, attendees, donors, and volunteers for supporting it! The best way to describe this fun day is in pictures...



# **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

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

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# **MEET FOSTERS CHRIS AND KODIE WAYMAN**

ODH Final Refuge fosters Chris and Kodie Wayman share their fostering journey with us:

"Hello everyone, we're the Waymans! We love dogs and have been saving seniors for the past 7 years.

"We were introduced to Old Dog Haven in 2019 when Chris met Blanche, a tiny pomeranian, while working at All Creatures Animal Hospital. She was brought in as a stray, then Old Dog Haven stepped up for her and we became her forever fosters.



ODH dog Winston

"Being able to work with such a phenomenal organization has made it easy to do what we love the most.
Currently we have 6 ODH Forever Fosters and 3 resident seniors!



Chris and Kodie with ODH dogs Blanche and Edgar

"Old Dog Haven helps us to provide the best life possible for these dogs. Our gratitude for all they do can't be summed up into words. We never have to worry about their medical needs, because ODH cares just as much as we do. They take care of anything life has dealt for these dogs. We will continue to work with ODH seniors for the rest of our lives."

# Chris and Kodie's current pack of seniors (ODH and residents)!





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Howie

Stella

Rose

Sammy

Tulip

Molly

Kody

Chip

Bandit

## THANK YOU TO RECENT FUNDRAISERS

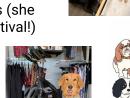
Below are some people and businesses that recently did fundraisers for ODH. Thank you so much!!!







- Gig Harbor Yoga in the Park
- Marin's homemade Lily Sunshine Dog Treats
- Shadow's Forever Friends
- Peabody Johanson's PNW Spaniel Squad t-shirts (she was also an amazing fundraiser for the ODH Festival!)
- Cafe Racers Union
- Fun Fur Paws agility
- CycleBar in South Lake Union
- Jill Czadek's garage sale





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 for a future newsletter!

#### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I have to start this message with a heartfelt "Thank You" to all the amazing volunteers, sponsors and supporters who made our very first Old Dog Haven Festival a resounding success! We have not been able to gather (in person) to celebrate old dogs for two years and our Board wanted to put together something very special to honor our dogs and all our wonderful supporters. They decided to change it up this first year back and have a Festival to celebrate being together and being able to provide homes for senior dogs in need.

The event was a tremendous success! We had nearly 500 people in attendance at Cromwell Park and countless dogs as well. There were a variety of carnival games/events, tasty food trucks, lots of vendors with samples, an amazing silent auction, and a marvelous collection of old (and young) dogs and their humans. And, we exceeded our goal of raising \$50,000 with a preliminary total of over \$100,000! My sincere thanks to all those who made this happen – the ODH Board, staff and volunteers. It was a day I will always remember and I

How it got to be the end of July I cannot tell you. My mom always said that time went by faster the older she got – and each year now I believe her more! It has been a very special year for Old Dog Haven and you, our supporters are the reason. Thank you for loving old dogs and helping us provide loving care for so many of them in their last chapter. – Deeanne Matz, Executive Director

was warmed by all the love for our dogs that folks shared even more than the warm weather!



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# **ODH DOG STATS**

#### Year to date:

- 90 dogs were taken into ODH Final Refuge homes.
- 114 dogs were adopted through ODH's placement services.
- 283 dogs are currently in ODH care.

## **2022 PRIDE**





**ODH booth at Seattle PrideFest!**