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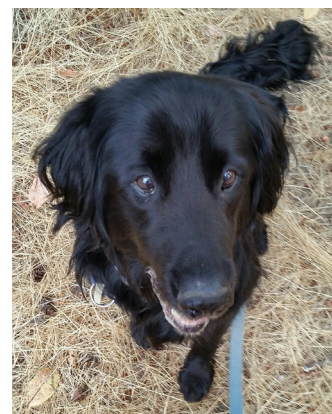
Final Refuge dog Kerry

September 2022

MEET FINAL REFUGE DOG GUS



Gus, a 10-year-old retriever mix, is a gentle soul who came to Old Dog Haven by owner surrender. He was covered in mats, very overweight, had a prior diagnosis of malignant melanoma with surgical removal, and two seizures within the past year. Gus's ODH foster family immediately got to work getting this sweet guy the care he needed. They gave him a bath, worked on his mats, and clipped his nails. Gus's new ODH brother Aldo immediately got to work as well, showing Gus the ropes at his foster home. Already, Gus felt much better!



The next day, Gus's foster family took him to the vet for a thorough exam (thank you, ODH donors!). X-rays showed that Gus had very bad hips, so he is now on medications for mobility. Gus thinks this is great because he LOVES to walk, even if it's just in the



With ODH brother Aldo

yard or to the next house. With the help of his foster family, Gus is now slim and trim at 71 pounds! He grabs the leash and bounds with joy to go for his walks. Previously, he could only go a little way before he had to rest. Now he can run! With distance! Fast! Gus also loves playing in his pool and he knows exactly by his watch (if he had one) that it's time for chow anywhere. Gus's life is good!



Gus's vet says he has end-stage renal disease along with his cancer. If Gus could speak, he would likely tell you not to worry about his "stuff." With ODH's ongoing care and his forever family, he is a handsome cuddle bug who loves his great life. He's lucky that Old Dog Haven and its donors are here to help him, no matter how long or how short. His foster mom says that Gus feels it's his birthday every day!

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Welcome to fall and my heartfelt thanks to all of you who make ODH possible and help us serve so many wonderful old dogs. It has been a very busy end of summer. Once again, the number of old dogs needing homes has increased with calls and emails coming in every day with often tragic stories of dogs in desperate need of new homes and significant medical care.

An amazing number of fosters – old and new – have stepped up to open their homes and hearts to these wonderful pups. Our fosters are the very heart of ODH, and I am grateful every day that we have so many selfless folks willing to do whatever it takes to care for our dogs. And a big part of that is having fosters who are brave enough to love and care for these dogs knowing that the ‘goodbye’ could come much too quickly. That is what makes our fosters extra special.

- Deeanne Matz, Executive Director

2023 CALENDAR RELEASE AND MARANDA FUND DRIVE

As in years past, this October we will be celebrating our **Maranda Fund** and the release of our **2023 Old Dog Haven Calendar**! The Maranda fund provides support for extraordinary medical expenses for our old dogs.

Beginning October 1st and continuing throughout the month, we will send a 2023 ODH Calendar to donors who give \$40 or more to the Maranda Fund.

To donate, you can:

- **Go to our website:**
<https://olddoghaven.org/maranda-fund>.
- **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.

★ Be sure to select the “**Please send me a 2023 ODH Calendar**” box on the donation form or write **Maranda Fund** on your check. Thank you!



ODH DOG STATS YEAR TO DATE

126 new dogs were taken into ODH Final Refuge homes.

152 dogs were adopted through ODH's placement services.

294 dogs are currently in ODH care.

TRANSPORT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We currently need transport volunteers for the **Vancouver to Tacoma** area. If you're able to help, please email office@olddoghaven.org. Lots of good vibes and cute dogs as a reward. Thank you!

MEET FOSTERS KIM AND DREW BAROWICZ

ODH Final Refuge fosters Kim and Drew Barowicz share their ODH fostering journey! As told by Kim:

We first learned about Old Dog Haven through a few different businesses around town who support the organization. If you live in the Seattle area, it doesn't take long to come across a little donation box or a fundraiser for ODH!



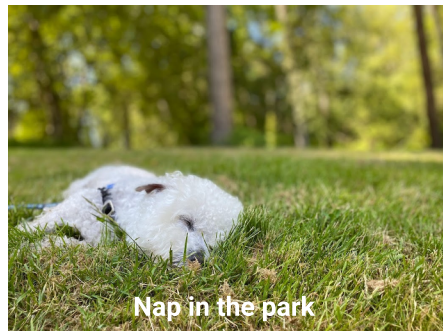
Chilling at the ODH Festival

For years, we were sure we wanted to eventually become a foster home and finally put the pieces in place to make it happen in April 2022. Soon after, we were matched with a very sweet Bichon Frise. Buoy came to us at the end of May 2022 from a home with people who clearly loved him but just couldn't care for him any longer.

He is our very first ODH foster, and it's been an absolute adventure and joy. Buoy was pretty scared the first couple of weeks he was with us, even though he put on a very brave face. Despite that, we knew he had a tender heart and his willingness to give us a shot is paying off. He is a wonderful

companion who enjoys going on car rides, relaxing in the sunshine, and loves spending time with his people.

We both have worked with and cared for many animals for years, fostered cats, had dogs of our own, but so much of this has been a new experience! One of the reasons we held off was because we are currently in an apartment and thought it wouldn't be possible, but Judith, Leslie (our Area Foster Coordinator) and the team are amazing matchmakers and found a

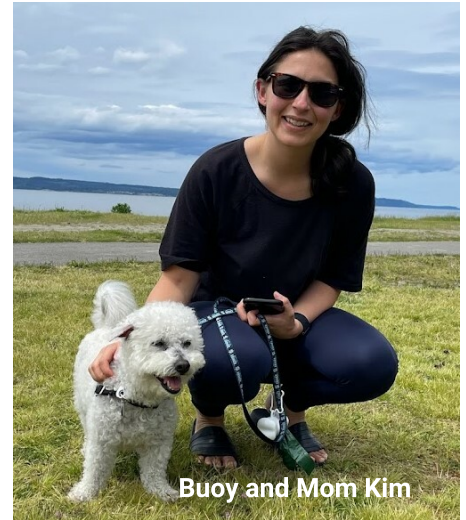


Nap in the park

great fit for us.

The most important thing is to have an open heart and home. If becoming a Final Refuge foster has ever crossed your mind, we would highly recommend taking the plunge. It has been a truly fantastic experience and the support from everyone along the way has been incredible. We always feel like we can have our questions answered and the resources needed to provide the absolute best care for Buoy.

Although he's our first ODH match, we know he won't be our last. The cherry on top of it all is that we are headed to Portland in October and were thrilled to find out we can remain connected to the organization and Buoy can still be an ODH dog. Of course, this speaks to the incredible network built by this impactful organization, and we are honored to play a part. We would be glad to share our experiences with anyone curious about the process but most of all, we look forward to a future full of love for old dogs!



Buoy and Mom Kim



Paddleboarding!



Buoy and Dad Drew

10 QUESTIONS ABOUT FINAL REFUGE DOG FRANKLIN

Jen Streit answers questions about Final Refuge dog Franklin! Thanks to Old Dog Haven, Franklin will remain with Jen, safe and loved, for the rest of his life.

Age? 13.

How did Franklin enter ODH? His human mother died, and her best friend contacted ODH.

Biggest health challenges? Diabetes and hind-end arthritis.

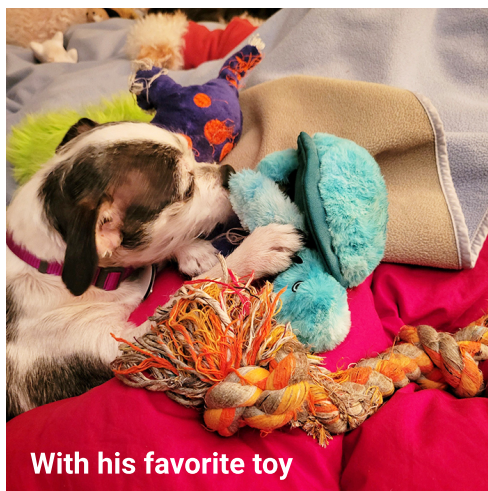
Most endearing quality? He is very playful and gallops through the house in the morning for his breakfast!

Favorite toy? He came with a worn stuffed dinosaur. It is his go-to toy. He loves it, throws it up in the air. I bought a new one in case the original dies.

Favorite place? In front of the fireplace. He would like it turned on year-round!



Franklin



With his favorite toy



His favorite place!



Cruising the neighborhood

Favorite place to sleep?

Curled up beside me.

Nickname? Frankie, Frankster.

Celebrity look-alike?

Looking at him from the back, he walks like John Wayne, with his holster on.

What is the most important lesson you've learned from Franklin? How resilient these Beings are. They are willing to begin a whole new life, and they do it with grace and enthusiasm.



His favorite place AND favorite toy!

THANK YOU TO RECENT FUNDRAISERS!

The following businesses and individuals held events to benefit Old Dog Haven. Thank you so much for choosing to help old dogs!

Tina Perovich, Chris Cook and friends held a combination garage sale to benefit ODH and Washington Alaskan Malamute Adoption League (WAMAL).

Hellbent Brewery threw a 12th birthday bash for Steven (the dog!), with proceeds going to ODH.



Wags and Wine, a fundraiser to benefit ODH, was held at **Uncork & Unwind**.

Correction: The previous newsletter stated that Jill Czadek held a garage sale to benefit ODH. The garage sale was in fact supported by donations and volunteers from the **North Snohomish County fosters**. ❤️

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!

ODH CONTACT INFORMATION

Website	www.olddoghaven.org
Phone	(206) 280-7614
Mailing address	P.O. Box 1409, Oak Harbor WA 98277-1409
General issues and volunteer opportunities	office@olddoghaven.org
Inquiries about fostering	applications@olddoghaven.org
Help with placing your dog and social media	placement@olddoghaven.org
ODH Instagram	instagram@olddoghaven.org
Corporate giving, fundraisers, PR inquiries, art, and marketing	development@olddoghaven.org
ODH participation at your event and benefits	events@olddoghaven.org
End-of-life decisions and grief counseling	ardethdv@comcast.net
Address changes and donor inquiries	donations@olddoghaven.org
Website questions or issues	ODHWeb@olddoghaven.org
Donation cans and calendar vendors	outreach@olddoghaven.org

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