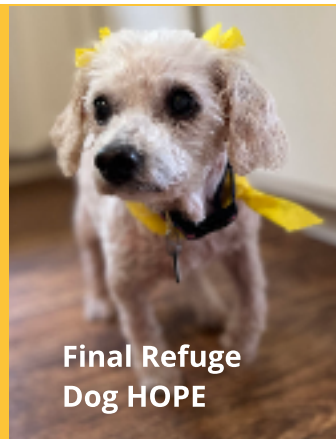


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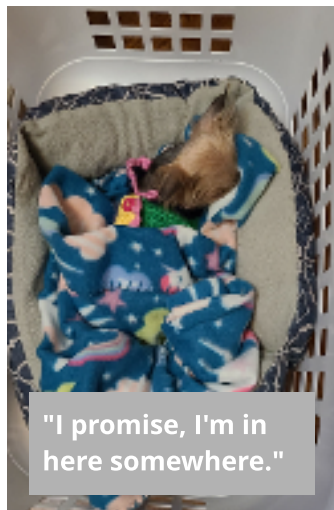
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## 10 QUESTIONS ABOUT LADY MAGGIE MARY MAY

JAN WILDER answers questions about her Final Refuge Dog, Lady Maggie Mary May.

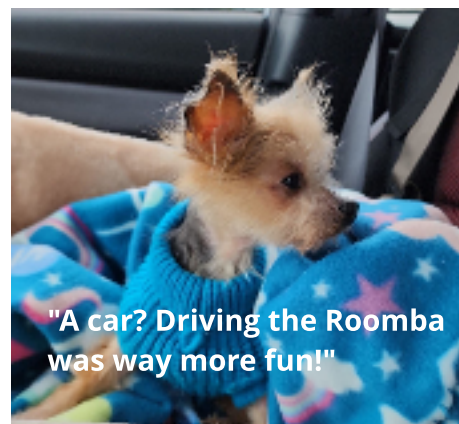


1. **Age?** - A ripe old one.
2. **How she entered ODH?** An angel asked her owners if she could take her to the vet for them. The rest is the stuff of ODH legend.
3. **Health Challenges?** Amazingly healthy, just a tad wobbly.
4. **Most endearing quality?** She is fearless. Plus, she walks like a model -- crossing her feet in front of each other.
5. **Priceless moment?** She once inadvertently took a ride on my Roomba and enjoyed it.











"I promise, I'm in  
here somewhere."

6. **Presidential slogan?** "Don't worry, I'll take charge."
7. **Autobiography name?** "Dora the Explorer."
8. **Least favorite behavior?** Whining in her basket after she's gone out, had water, had a snuggle, and I'm almost asleep.
9. **Least favorite food?** Any with de-wormer in it - "Uh, I don't think so!!!"
10. **The most important lesson you've learned from him/her?** If you run into something, just turn around and head in another direction.



"A car? Driving the Roomba  
was way more fun!"

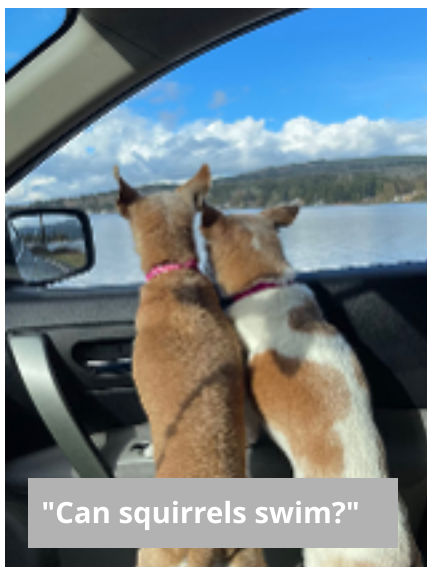
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## MEET FINAL REFUGE DOGS MOCHA AND SELENA



Julie: "Their first time on our nearby Lake - they weren't so crazy about it..."



At the ripe old age of fourteen, sisters **MOCHA** and **SELENA**, Chihuahua mixes, are living the good life with their foster **JULIE KERR**, who has lived up to her mantra of giving her foster dogs "a soft place to fall."

The two sisters are Julie's sixth and seventh ODH dogs and fill the void left after Julie's oldest and longest fostered dog, Jack, died last year at the astonishing age of 21.

Mocha and Selena couldn't have found a more experienced and welcoming foster in every way than Julie, as before becoming an ODH foster, Julie was a foster to one hundred children!

Though a long way off from breaking into their 20s like their predecessor, Mocha and Selena have senior health issues: both have a heart condition and Mocha also has bronchitis. However, a few aches and pains here and there don't prevent them living life to the fullest, even if things are a little on the sedentary side these days.

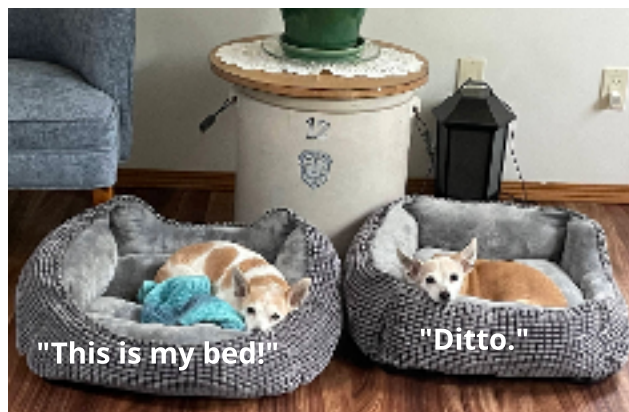
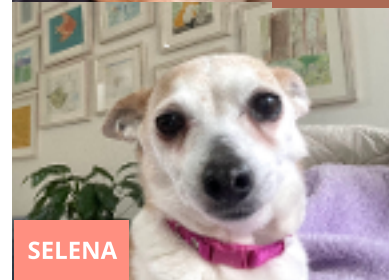
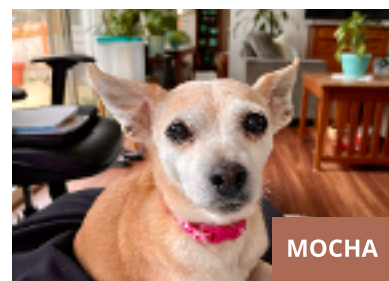
"They're not so crazy about going outside," Julie admits. The solution is for them to see the world from the air-conditioned comfort of Julie's car as they accompany Julie on errands to friends' houses or the park, always watching the world go by with intense focus.

"They both have quite different personalities," says Julie,

"Selena is more shy, reserved, a little bit timid even, which actually is her most endearing quality. It makes me want to try to let her know that much more that she is loved. She is such a sweet girl though and smiles sweetly and has a very expressive face. She's not very playful, but loses her mind when I come home - bouncing and racing around like a pup. Selena's favorite place to be is in one of her dog beds, but they both absolutely refuse to share a bed."

"Mocha has a great personality. She's much more outgoing than Selena," says Julie, "but, unlike Selena, Mocha's face is nearly expressionless. Her most endearing quality is her attachment to me. She loves to be close to me or in my lap at all times. She follows me around the house and will find me or check in with me if I go to a different room and she doesn't notice. I find it cute that Mocha hops a little when I pick her up - it's as if she's helping me. Her favorite spot to be is on me or right next to me."

"Mocha takes a small dose of maintenance prednisone to control the coughing from her bronchitis. It makes her absolutely ravenous, and she loves dog treats like Selena. I've tried to deal with the weight gain, but I've not had much success. So, while Selena is very slight and dainty, Mocha is a solid little sausage, but they're both great characters, and I just love having them around. I hope there will be many more car rides and cuddles to come."





## A PRICELESS MEMBER OF OUR TEAM

### Old Dog Haven's Events and Benefits Coordinator, Aaron Davis

It takes a dedicated staff and many volunteers to make Old Dog Haven a successful rescue organization. One of those committed staff members is Aaron Davis, Old Dog Haven's Events and Benefits Coordinator. Aaron started fostering in 2008 and was quickly drawn to Old Dog Haven's mission to transform the lives of unadoptable senior dogs.

As Events and Benefits Coordinator, he is in charge of selecting and organizing all of our community outreach events. One of the most important parts of his job is bringing awareness to the public about the critical work Old Dog Haven does to find permanent foster homes and provide medical care for homeless senior dogs in western Washington.

Through these events and benefits, Aaron and an amazing team of volunteers are able to connect with the community to inspire others to donate, volunteer, and foster senior dogs in need. At each event, you will find volunteers and their final refuge dogs sharing their stories of hope and transformation and a genuine love for what they do.

Aaron admits that he used to be a very shy person when it came to speaking in public, but he and the other volunteers are so passionate about the fostering they have done that they love to share their experience with others.

Aaron and the events team stay especially busy over the summer months representing Old Dog Haven at many events in various locations and are currently gearing up for one of our largest events of the year, Old Dog Haven's Summer Splash on August 5th in Shoreline. One of the challenges Aaron faces in his job is finding enough volunteers to help staff extra events. He says, "Our presence is often requested at venues, but we don't have enough volunteers to staff every request."

The community support Old Dog Haven receives allows us to continue to care for old dogs who need and deserve safe, loving homes at the end of their lives.

We are very grateful to Aaron and all of the dedicated volunteers that share our mission with so many others throughout the year.

If you are interested in being part of the events team or have a few hours to spread the word about Old Dog Haven, reach out to Aaron at [Events@olddoghaven.org](mailto:Events@olddoghaven.org).

To find a list of upcoming Old Dog Haven community events visit our events page at <https://olddoghaven.org/about/odh-calendar/>.



Aaron and ODH foster dog, Nikki

## ODH DOG STATS YEAR TO DATE

**89** Dogs taken in

**128** Dogs posted for adoption

**217** Dogs helped

## MEET FOSTER MOTHER AND DAUGHTER JENNIFER AND STEPHANIE

**ODH Final Refuge Fosters Jennifer Schlenker and daughter Stephanie Conrad share their fostering journey. As told by Stephanie:**

*I've been a foster for six years and my mom has been a foster for five. My mom and have always loved dachshunds, my mom had dachshunds growing up, and she continued the tradition while I was growing up, passing the love for them on to me.*

*In fact, it was shortly after a dachshund of mine died six years ago that I first became an ODH foster. I saw an ODH Facebook post for a senior dachshund, Brandy, and I knew I had to be her foster.*

*After helping me with Brandy, my mom got the bug and became a foster too just a year later, so she's been a foster five years now. Since we started fostering we've both had three ODH dogs each - and all of them have been dachshunds, of course!*



**Jennifer and Stephanie with Charlie and Wolfie**



**Wolfie and Charlie showing impressive focus on begging for treats**

*Right now, we have Wolfie and Charlie. They've gotten along with each other since day one. They're best buddies. When Wolfie does zoomies, Charlie will follow suit.*

*Wolfie is the darker colored one with long hair. He has dental problems and missing teeth and an oranasal fistula. He lives with my mom and her other non-ODH dog, Joy. Wolfie's favorite thing is to hop around when he wants to play – be it with Charlie, Joy or my mom and I. Wolfie loves being petted, he's such a sweetheart, and will come straight to me for a petting if my mom is busy.*

*Charlie is a lighter red, short haired with one brown eye and one blue eye, and he lives with me. I've had him three years now. His owner had gone to hospital and sadly knew she wasn't coming back out. She didn't want him stuck in a shelter, so that's how he ended up with ODH, and then with me. He's not always super affectionate with everyone else, but he's very attached to me. He's very smart, and definitely very active - twirling in circles for snacks and walks, and his walking style is to prance like a pony. He also has a great sense of smell and really enjoys our game of finding hidden treats.*

*When I'm at work, my mom watches Charlie, which is perfect because Charlie loves to see Wolfie and his buddy, Joy. We don't find it too difficult to look after our ODH dogs, because we don't go out of town on vacation, and if we go to the store, then the dogs keep each other company.*

*I'd say the skills you need as a foster are compassion, time, love and it helps to have some knowledge of senior dogs. At the end of their lives, the goodbye is hard, but it's still satisfying because you're giving the dog a wonderful last chapter.*

# 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!



In May, **Richmond Beach Animal Hospital** in Shoreline threw a huge yard sale to raise money for Old Dog Haven.



## **Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association**

raised money for ODH through the Old Dog Agility Run Benefit at their AKC Summer Agility Run trial. Cheri Levine and Julie Germano co-chaired the event.



**Urban Family Brewing** invited us to their brewery where we set up an onsite booth with several ODH dogs and received donations. Also the brewery donated \$1 to us from every pint sold.

**The 3rd Annual ODH Garage Sale** was held on June 3rd. This sale was made possible by the Fosters, Volunteers, and Friends of Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish and Island Counties. Next year's ODH Garage Sale will be on June 1st. Mark your calendars!

*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](mailto:office@olddoghaven.org) for a future newsletter!*



# SUMMER SPLASH!



We look forward to seeing old friends and making new friends on **August 5th 10am-3pm at Cromwell Park, Shoreline.**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

The **silent auction** is back! Bid on a wide range of fantastic items, including several *amazing* vacation packages. Find out about these getaways and more on the Splash website <https://www.odhsummersplash.org/>

Proudly show your support for Old Dog Haven with one (or both) of two new shirt designs, which are also available from our Bonfire store in early August if you aren't able to attend in person.

Create art with your pup or try out some agility fun. Visit our pet-related vendors and get your pooch some new bling and/or treats, and explore supplements, training and more.

Take a break at a table in our dining area and enjoy delicious eats from the food trucks – Breakfast All Day, Home Bites, Two Bumz Shaved Ice, and Legacy Treats (ice cream!).

Meet some Old Dog Haven Final Refuge dogs, hear their stories, and learn about the mission and history of Old Dog Haven. Sponsor an Old Dog Haven dog as a gift for a dog-loving family member or friend, or in honor of a special dog.

Area shelters are full right now and ODH is being asked to help more dogs than ever. Many come to us in poor physical condition and need extensive veterinary care to live comfortably and pain-free.

Even if you can't attend, you can help by donating at **Splash for Old Dogs**  
<https://teams.odhsummersplash.org/campaigns/27015-splash-for-old-dogs-2023>.

Create your own Splash Team and rally your friends, join an existing team, fundraise as an individual, or make a one-time donation.

Every dollar helps transform the lives of abandoned, unadoptable senior dogs. Thanks to our donors, over 8000 senior dogs have been rescued from homelessness and spent their final months and years in loving homes.

**A huge thank you to our event sponsors who made Summer Splash possible. Their generous support allows 100% of event proceeds to go towards care for senior dogs in need:**

Mudbay, All Dog Kind, PetPros, Seattle Veterinary Associates, Just Food For Dogs, Big Hearts Little Paws, Northeast Veterinary Hospital, Metro Dog, Frontier Village Veterinary Clinic, Sound Veterinary Rehabilitation Center, Veterinary Oncology Center, Reber Ranch, Woodhaven Veterinary Clinic, Animal Dermatology Clinic, Cascade Pet Hospital

**And heartfelt thanks to all of YOU – we truly could not help so many dogs without the support of those who value senior dogs and support Old Dog Haven.**

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