

THE PET PRESS



SafeHaven
HUMANE SOCIETY

SPRING 2026

GOING THE
Extra Mile

TO HELP PETS & PEOPLE
IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Dear Friends:

At SafeHaven Humane Society, going the extra mile isn't a slogan — it's our standard. Our focus is simple: do more, reach farther, and say "yes" when others can't.

Every day, we meet animals and families facing complicated circumstances. Some pets arrive sick with parvo, ringworm, upper respiratory infections, or injuries requiring intensive care. Others come frightened or overlooked because they need more time, treatment, or patience. Where some see barriers, we see responsibility. We lean in, mobilize our medical and behavioral resources, and give animals the second chance they deserve. But our work extends beyond shelter walls.

Community Wellness & Spay/Neuter Clinics

Prevention is one of the most powerful tools in animal welfare. Through accessible wellness and spay/neuter clinics, we reduce overpopulation, prevent suffering, and remove financial barriers to care. These clinics are about more than services — they preserve dignity and ensure families can responsibly care for their pets regardless of income.

Pets Are Family Grants

We believe pets are family. Our Pets Are Family grants keep people and their animals together during crisis — whether facing financial hardship, housing instability, or unexpected veterinary expenses. These grants often mean the difference between surrender and stability, strengthening both human and animal well-being while reducing trauma.

Partnerships That Protect

Compassion requires collaboration. We work with local law enforcement and community organizations to support pets and people in need — from neglect cases and emergency response situations to assisting vulnerable individuals who rely on their pets for stability and companionship. These partnerships ensure coordinated, humane solutions.

Saying "Yes"

Many animals we welcome have been turned away elsewhere due to medical costs, behavioral challenges, or limited space. We strive to be the organization that says "yes" — to the senior dog needing dental surgery, the parvo-positive puppies requiring isolation and round-the-clock care, and the cat with ringworm who simply needs treatment and time.

Going the extra mile means investing more resources, more time, and more heart. It means treating every animal as an individual and every family as worthy of support.

At SafeHaven Humane Society, we are not just sheltering animals — we are strengthening families, protecting community health, and building a future where compassion is proactive, accessible, and unwavering.

That is what going the extra mile looks like — every single day.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

When we say at SafeHaven, Pets are Family,
we mean that with all our hearts!

DONOR SPOTLIGHT:

Deon Chapman

Animals have always been a big part of Deon's life, starting with her first rescue, a dog named Laddie, who was thrown out of a moving car along with his mom and brother. Only Laddie survived. Deon convinced her parents that Laddie needed to come home with her and he became an instant part of the family.

Deon has been a volunteer, supporter and champion of SafeHaven for over 15 years - starting out as a cat room volunteer in our old shelter on Hwy 34 and then as a foster hero to animals in need. Her home is filled with "foster fails" like Max, who came on a transport from California to SafeHaven in 2013 with his mom and siblings. They were all a bit sickly, but not as bad as Max (so he got extra attention). He would sit and watch TV with her family and her husband knew that Max wasn't going anywhere.

Even when Deon moved to Pennsylvania in 2016, she found a new community of animal lovers when she started volunteering at a rescue near her home. There she met 3 lifelong friends...and added 2 more cats to her home that came in as fosters and never left - Tigger & Glinda (she loves Disney & Wicked).

After moving back to Oregon in 2019, Deon started helping SafeHaven with Rescue Roundup. Deon donates all types of items to our Rescue Roundup silent auction and attends every year. She doesn't live as close as she would like to SafeHaven anymore, but she still bundles all of her thrift donations (along with those of all of her neighbors) and regularly brings them to the Gift & Thrift store.

When we asked Deon why she supports SafeHaven, her answer was simple and heartfelt: *"You won't find more compassionate, giving, fun, loving, and thankful people than you will find here!"*

We can definitely say the same about you, as well, Deon! Thank you for supporting SafeHaven all these years - we couldn't do our lifesaving work without people like you!



YOU Can Change Their World!

Our work is 100% funded by private donations, and your gift is **guaranteed** to change the life of a homeless animal. Please consider giving today.

Visit safehavenhumane.org or use the enclosed envelope.



Happy Tails

When I saw him at SafeHaven, I wasn't looking for a younger dog. I was hoping to find an older one that I could help live the rest of their life in peace, surrounded with love and affection. It's the older ones that usually aren't adopted.

Then I saw Eddie Vedder, a young beautiful lab, in a kennel, in a room that I wasn't able to go into. I asked a helper what his story was. She told me he had been at SafeHaven for around 6 months and a previous shelter for over a year. A one-year-old golden lab was usually one of the most popular pets to be adopted...but Eddie had been in rescues for over 1.5 years?! I asked if I could meet him and I was told he's very skittish around people but I can. They brought him into a room and handed me a big bag of small hot dog pieces, telling me he's more likely to respond and take one of those instead of the usual treats.

Eddie was frozen in place, shaking in fear. There were black scars on his face and on his snout. A "V" shaped piece of his lower eye lid was missing. It was clear he was less expecting me to pet him and more to strike him. They counseled me that it was better to bring my hand towards him from under his chin than over his head. He was so afraid. I reached out a piece of hot dog and he could barely open his mouth enough to take it. This was a dog that was so afraid, even as a young beautiful lab, he wasn't going to have much chance at getting adopted. And the older he got, the harder it was going to be.



SafeHaven Humane Society is an independent 501(c)(3) charitable organization that relies on donor support for its adoption, education & medical programs. We are not affiliated with any other humane organizations and we do not receive any government funding or tax dollars.

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See all the latest news and cuteness online by visiting:
SAFEHAVENHUMANE.ORG

Or come visit us at the shelter:
32220 Old Hwy 34
Tangent, OR 97389
Open daily from 12pm to 5pm.

Need to call?
Reach us at 541.928.2789.

On the 13th of January, 2026, it's been exactly one year since Eddie and I have been together.

I can't say it's the same as getting a less traumatized dog. I frequently say it feels sometimes like I live with a hostage that does their best to not let me get close to him. I'm seeing him do better every month though. Over time, I managed to establish my bed as our "safe zone". I lavish him with belly scratches (which seemed like he had never gotten before) and in the morning before I get up, we routinely rough house. He's afraid of sleeping in my bedroom because of the shadows on the wall when a car goes by. Those still terrify him. But in the morning, when he hears me stir, he runs in, jumps on the bed and starts barking with his tail wagging (Yes! his tail is wagging more and more now!).

Just now, Eddie came up to me while I'm typing this (that's a new thing for him) for some pets.

There is so much more I could share, but I wanted to make the main point that all of this has been totally worth it. He's not the same type of companion my previous dog was. Eddie gives me something different. He gives me a heart full of love and pride in myself every time i see his shell of fear crack a little more. He has always been a playful dog trying to be a normal pup, but a huge shadow of fear and terror holding him back. Seeing him now, I'm proud of him for his bravery to push through and for myself for taking a chance on myself to believe I could make a difference for him.

If you feel you can be the one that can help another lost soul find their way to happiness and love, I know you will feel the same way I do. Good luck!

- Marc Osgood

"He (Eddie) gives me a heart full of love and pride in myself every time I see his shell of fear crack a little more."



We LOVE happy tails! Share your SafeHaven adoption story with us by submitting it online at safehavenhumane.org/submit-a-story/.

BIG DOG BRIGADE GRANT

Thanks to a generous grant from Best Friends Animal Society, SafeHaven has started the Big Dog Brigade in 2026 to help Marion County Dog Shelter close their current dog gap by transporting 10-13 medium/large dogs (like Guava) per month! SafeHaven will also provide mentorship and training on behavior, enrichment and adoption to Marion County Dog Shelter staff and volunteers, allowing for sustainability long term.

What do you mean 'dog gap'?

Marion County Dog Shelter currently has a save rate of 81%. The 'gap' is the number of animals they are unable to save (approximately 140 euthanasias per year). SafeHaven aims to help close that gap!

SafeHaven continues to help Linn County Animal Control as often as possible also. Currently, Linn County Animal Control has a save rate of 95% according to Best Friends. Way to go Linn County! We appreciate all your hard work and we love our partnership with you!



Despite steady adoption rates, financial barriers often prevent potential adopters from bringing a pet into their home. Adoption fees, while necessary to support shelter operations, can discourage families who might otherwise provide excellent, lifelong homes. At the same time, overcrowded shelters across Oregon and neighboring states are facing capacity crises, resulting in difficult euthanasia decisions simply due to lack of space.

SafeHaven's **12 Months of Love** campaign will continue to break down financial barriers that prevent adoptions, ensuring that cost is never a reason an animal remains in the shelter.

The initiative will have a twofold impact:

Locally - by removing financial barriers, SafeHaven will make pet adoption accessible to more community members, creating new opportunities for companionship and love.

Regionally - Increased adoption rates will free valuable shelter space, allowing SafeHaven to continue to accept transfers of at-risk pets facing euthanasia from overcrowded shelters and rescues. Each adoption at SafeHaven creates a ripple effect...saving additional lives across the region.

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**Months
Of Love**

Thanks to a generous grant from the ASPCA, SafeHaven will be offering **WAIVED** adoption fees on the **2nd Saturday of every month in 2026!**



So far in 2026, 86 animals have been adopted on our waived adoption fee days!

2025 IMPACT



FINDING HOMES. OPENING HEARTS. EDUCATING MINDS.

2488 PETS FOUND FOREVER HOMES, INCLUDING **1538** CATS, **947** DOGS, & **3** SMALL ANIMALS

2293 SPAY & NEUTER SURGERIES PERFORMED, INCLUDING **525** COMMUNITY SURGERIES

1755 VOLUNTEERS DONATED **89,390** HOURS OF THEIR TIME TO HELP THE ANIMALS

4230 YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN HUMANE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

700 PETS & PEOPLE HELPED THROUGH COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND PETS ARE FAMILY FUND GRANTS



Not to Mention...

Almost \$465K was raised from Gift & Thrift stores to support the programs and services at SafeHaven!



Plus...

SafeHaven was voted as the Best Pet Rescue AND Best Local Non-Profit/Charitable Cause for 2025!

For full details, visit: safehavenhumane.org

FOSTER CARE SPOTLIGHT:

Bree Raines

One day while waiting at the Toyota dealership for my car to be serviced, I picked up a copy of SafeHaven's Pet Press magazine. A dapper dog in a law office captioned "Attorney at Paw" instantly hooked me, and I read it cover to cover. An article about fostering animals caught my eye, and I loved the idea.

I emailed my husband the fostering application with the subject line "don't peek", hoping I could get us signed up and break the news to him when a foster needed a home. It went about as expected with lots of questions, but he was immediately on board!

Fostering felt like an easy decision. We already had three rescues filling our home with joy, and with a few small tweaks we were ready to welcome fosters, too.

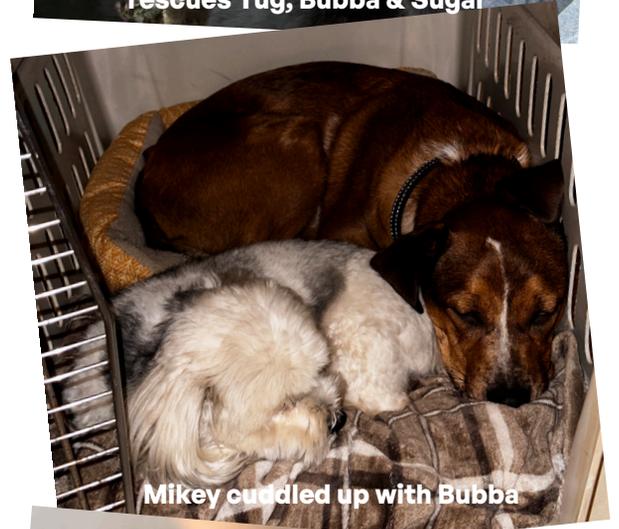
Our most memorable foster has been Mikey. He had been at the shelter for months, doing great with other dogs but wary of people (especially men) and needed a home environment. Around the same time, we learned we were expecting our first child. I thought Mikey would stay a few weeks like our other fosters, but he was with us for six months! We went through lots of cleaning supplies and his chewing knew no bounds, but it was worth it watching him grow from a nervous, sometimes aggressive pup into a sweet confident dog. And as luck would have it, he found the perfect family just days before I went into labor.

And then there was Rosie. A tiny kitten with skin issues, too young for anyone to adopt. She was fearless and immediately got along with our animals.

At the same time, we began respite foster care for children and welcomed an 8-year-old named Christopher into our home. He and Rosie became inseparable: playing, cuddling, and sleeping together. Christopher helped care for her, understanding the goal was to get her healthy for adoption. Sure enough, as soon as she weighed enough, Rosie was adopted right away. I believe Christopher AND Rosie gained something very special from their time together.



Bree with her husband Ben, son Trask & rescues Tug, Bubba & Sugar



Mikey cuddled up with Bubba



Christopher and Rosie

*Thank you Bree (and the entire Raines family!) for being foster heroes!
We are so lucky to have you as part of our pack!*

KITTEN SEASON

SafeHaven admits over 800 kittens annually from March - October.

Help Make a Difference!

BEAT THE HEAT Spay/Neuter cats before kitten season!

- SafeHaven is proud to offer low-cost spay & neuter services to community members when space and resources allow. To learn more and/or schedule an appointment, go to: <https://safehavenhumane.org/spay-neuter-services/>

KITTEN SHOWER Donate lifesaving supplies!

- You can help us prepare to care for our tiniest friends!
- Milk replacer (KMR), Miracle Nipples, Bottles, Heating devices, Pate Wet Food, Kitten Chow
- You can purchase items from our Amazon Wish List as well and have them sent directly to the shelter: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2H5ZGNNFGWDK8?ref_=wl_share

FOSTER A LITTER Help kittens grow before adoption!

- Fill out a foster application online or in person
- Email: fostercare@safehavenhumane.com with any questions
- Reply to a foster home plea if you are able to foster at that time

FIND KITTENS? DON'T PANIC!

- This is your yearly reminder to not 'kit-nap' kittens! While it's natural to want to help, the best chance of survival for kittens 0-5 weeks old is to stay with their mom. So take a moment and assess the situation before scooping them up.
- Mom is probably hunting for food or a safer nest.
- Watch the kittens from afar for a few hours to see if mom returns.
- Unsure if you should intervene? Call us! (541) 928-2789!
- Let's all work together to keep these babies safe, healthy, and with their mamas whenever possible.



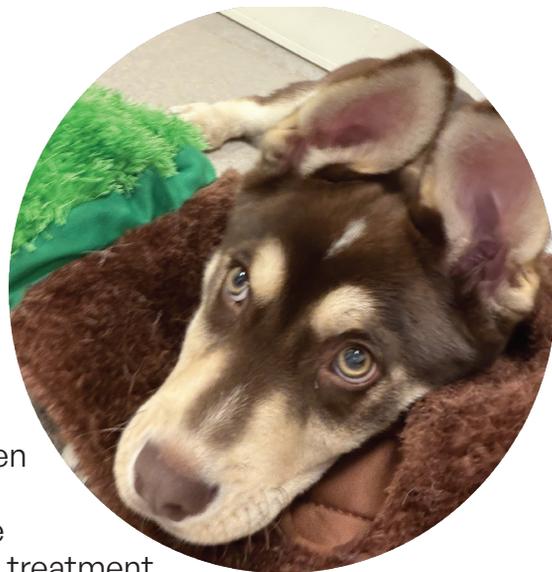
SAFEHAVEN'S NEW ISOLATION WARD SAVES FIRST CRITICALLY ILL PUPPY

Parvovirus can be a death sentence for dogs and puppies, and Mt. Hood's outcome was not looking good when he was brought to SafeHaven's new "Iso" ward. The sweet husky puppy was only 10 weeks old when he tested positive for parvo, and at his young age, the illness was not easy for him to fight. For days he would hardly have the energy to eat (if he could keep his food down at all). He was lethargic and depressed, but our medical staff were determined to save him!

After lots of IV fluids and physical therapy, Mt. Hood started to recover. Once he was fully rested and feeling like himself again, Mt. Hood was adopted in no time.

Keeping sick and injured animals out of the general adoption areas is critical to ensuring their survival, but also the well-being of all the other animals in the shelter. SafeHaven's new Iso Ward is a much needed expansion to the shelter and we are so grateful to all the donors who made this ward a reality!

In the first 3 months of opening our new isolation ward: SafeHaven has saved and treated over 35 parvo positive or parvo exposed puppies. SafeHaven is seeing great results when the puppies are given the parvo monoclonal antibodies. Although expensive, this treatment is proving to be a game changer for puppies with parvo. Most puppies, after given the antibodies, bounce back within 24 hours if given right when symptoms start. The most effective defense against parvo is making sure your puppies and dogs are fully vaccinated and keeping all puppies 16 weeks of age or unvaccinated dogs away from public areas where many dogs walk, such as pet stores, trails, or dog parks.



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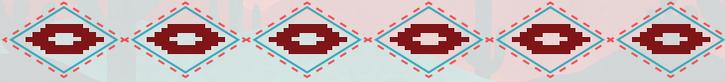
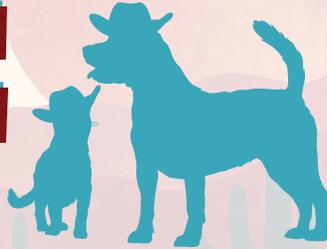
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CELEBRATING OVER 50 years of saving lives

PRESENTED BY:



RESCUE ROUNDUP



SADDLE UP TO SAVE PETS ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER YET! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING AN AUCTION ITEM TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ANIMALS, WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING ITEMS.

WHAT TYPES OF ITEMS DO WELL?

THEMED BASKETS: HOLIDAY, PICNIC, TAILGATE, DATE NIGHT, ETC

EXPERIENCES: HOTEL STAYS, WINE TOURS, SPORTS TICKETS,

ESCAPE ROOMS, SPA DAYS, ETC

SERVICES: PHOTOGRAPHY, HANDY MAN, HOME PAINTING, ETC

PLEASE EMAIL OUR TEAM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

MOLLYJ@SAFEHAVENHUMANE.COM



SPECIAL THANKS TO:



GATHER 'ROUND AT SAFEHAVENHUMANE.ORG/RESCUE-ROUNDUP
FOR MORE INFORMATION!

GOING THE *Extra Mile* TO HELP ANIMALS IN NEED

Overcrowding and a lack of resources often lead to animals being put on a "red list" or "72-hour list" - meaning that if another shelter (like SafeHaven) isn't willing to step in and save these animals, they are at risk of euthanasia. In late January, a plea was sent out for 5 dogs that were all on a red list - not because they had behavioral or temperament issues, but because they had "special" needs. On that day, SafeHaven was able to say "YES!" to helping these wonderful animals.

They were transported over 550 miles from Stockton, CA to SafeHaven for their second chance at a better life. And then it was our job to go the "extra mile" for them to ensure they were healthy and happily thriving with foster parents or in their new homes. Here are their stories...

Jenny's plea indicated that she had suffered a fractured jaw before arriving at the shelter in California. Once Jenny arrived at SafeHaven, the medical team completed X-rays to confirm, but also concluded that it was not causing Jenny much pain. Her prognosis looks good, although if she doesn't lose all of her puppy teeth naturally, she may need to have the retained puppy teeth pulled in order for her adult teeth to come in. Jenny went into foster care while she completed her needed vaccines then was adopted into a family who "loves her greatly"!



Lady Gaga's plea said that she was in need of a FHO (Femoral Head Ostectomy) surgery that entails removing the ball of the hip joint to eliminate pain from severe hip dysplasia, fractures, or arthritis. Upon arrival at SafeHaven, we also found that she has a shattered pelvis and abdominal bruising as well. This sweet girl will need approximately 4 week while her pelvis settles before the FHO can be scheduled. Until then Lady Gaga is resting comfortably in a loving foster home.

Jasper's plea was simple: he had conjunctivitis (better known as 'pink eye'). Even with a commonly treatable illness, Jasper's life was on the line. Upon his arrival at SafeHaven, the veterinary team concluded that the medicine the shelter in Stockton gave him was working and Jasper appeared normal. After being neutered, he was adopted within a day of being available!





Vivi's plea said that she had a broken leg that would not be able to heal on its own. When Vivi arrived at SafeHaven, she could not put any weight on her left leg. Two days later, Vivi went in for leg amputation surgery (along with getting spayed). After a brief recovery period, Vivi was feeling MUCH better and was able to meet with potential adopters. With that cute face, and her sweet personality, she was adopted very quickly!

Winston's plea was a bit of a medical mystery. The California shelter said Winston was having neurological signs similar to if he had gotten into alcohol. They also said that he struggled to walk as well. But upon arrival at SafeHaven, Winston was a normal, playful puppy. He was neutered and went into foster care while he completed his needed vaccinations. Once given the all clear, he found his forever home 1 day later!



One Month, Two Hoarding Cases, Dozens of Lives Changed

On February 17th, we received a call from the Albany Police Department requesting assistance with the second hoarding case in just one month. Only a few weeks earlier, we had helped take in 17 cats from another hoarding situation. This time, the homeowner had passed away, and sometime between their passing and law enforcement being contacted, windows at the residence had been left open. When our team arrived, cats were jumping from open windows, hiding inside the unlivable home, and sheltering underneath the house or on neighboring properties.

We were able to safely capture six cats on the first day. Over the following week, a nearby neighbor helped bring in an additional 23 cats. All of the cats have now been spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and brought up-to-date on preventative care with several already finding their forever homes.

Because of the quick response of our team, the support of law enforcement, and the compassion of a caring neighbor, 46 cats now have a second chance at safe, healthy lives. This is what community looks like — stepping in when animals have nowhere else to turn.



EVERYDAY HEROES GOING THE *Extra Mile* TO HELP THE ANIMALS AT SAFEHAVEN!

Donations to SafeHaven come in all shapes and sizes. We're lucky to have such a dedicated community of animal lovers who support our mission on a daily basis. We wanted to share just a few examples of everyday animal heroes, going the extra mile to ensure the animals at SafeHaven are loved and cared for until they find their forever families.

Here's a letter we recently received:

Dear SafeHaven Humane Society,

December 7, 2025

On July 5, 2024, I adopted 2 kittens from you, two sisters, a calico and an orange tabby. I had lost my sweet Rose in April of that year and was finally ready to adopt again. I renamed them, the calico is Jasmine (previously Violet), and the orange tabby is Poppy (previously Rhiannon). These sweet girls got me through a difficult time. They are a joy, and I wanted to thank you for what you do to help animals.

This past summer, I had a garage sale and dedicated all proceeds to Safe Haven Humane Society. In fall, I had some family issues, so I am just now getting the funds sent to you. I hope this will be useful in helping other animals like my two girls and other families that want to adopt.

Again thank you for what you do to make the world a better place.

Gratefully,

Karon

P.S. Poppy loves to play fetch. I throw her mouse toy, she chases it and brings it back to me to throw again.



And a special birthday surprise:



This year for Clementine's birthday, she requested donations for SafeHaven in lieu of gifts from her family and friends. Such a selfless thing to do, and a great honor for SafeHaven!

Thank you Clementine, and thank you to Clementine's family for raising such a caring animal advocate. Moments like these remind us that there is no age requirement or limit to giving or making a difference.

You are both heroes to us! Thank you!



SUMMER CAMPS



It's going to be a PAW-SOME summer!

A more humane world starts at Summer Camp! SafeHaven is pleased to offer 8 weeks of fun & educational camps all designed to spark compassion and curiosity about animals. Single and multi-day camps are available for ages ranging from 4-6 year olds all the way up to 6th-9th Grade!

LEARN MORE AT: SAFEHAVENHUMANE.ORG/SUMMER-CAMPS/



Earth Week 2026

FILL THE VAN with CANS

Join us for a Fill the Van with Cans fundraising event! We will have the SafeHaven van ready to load up your donations of recyclable bottles and cans as a gift to the animals. Help save animals in your community while also helping to save the planet.

When:
April 18th from 11am-2pm

Where:
Lebanon Gift & Thrift

This event will be in honor of Earth Day and go towards BottleDrop's Earth Week matching period, where we can get up to a **20% match of funds** raised!



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