

THE PET PRESS

SUMMER 2026



SafeHaven
HUMANE SOCIETY



Together, 
we make a difference.

A Quarterly Magazine for Rescue Animal Lovers Compliments of SafeHaven Humane Society

PETS ARE FAMILY FUND



SafeHaven Humane Society is committed to working hard to keep families and their pets together. People often struggle financially to afford access to medical care and training services for their pets, leaving them no choice but to surrender their beloved family members to shelters in hopes of giving them access to the care they need. The **Pets Are Family Fund** is here to bridge the gap and keep pets in their loving homes. This grant is intended for those with financial need.

For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit:
safehavenhumane.org/pets-are-family/



Pet Wellness Clinic

First Friday of Every Month

10am - 2pm

We're proud to offer low-cost wellness clinics for dogs and cats on the first Friday of every month to make preventative care more accessible to everyone in our community.

For more information including pricing, visit:
safehavenhumane.org/services/pet-wellness-clinic/

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.

Our Tax ID is 93-0676661



2025 WINNER



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

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Need to call?
Reach us at 541.928.2789.

THE SPIRIT OF TOGETHERNESS

A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As summer arrives, bringing longer days and new beginnings, I find myself reflecting on one simple truth: none of this work happens alone. At SafeHaven Humane Society, every life saved, every frightened animal comforted, and every happy adoption story is possible because of a community that believes we are all in this together.

Each day, we witness incredible acts of compassion from people who choose to make a difference. Our volunteers show up with patience, kindness, and dedication — walking dogs, comforting shy cats, assisting at events, folding laundry, cleaning kennels, and offering love to animals who need hope. Their time and energy create brighter days for the pets in our care.

Our foster care providers open not only their homes, but their hearts. They care for vulnerable puppies and kittens, animals recovering from medical procedures, and pets who simply need a quieter place to heal and gain confidence. Foster families give animals the chance to thrive while helping us save even more lives.

Our adopters remind us why this work matters. Every adoption is more than a happy ending — it is a new beginning built on trust, compassion, and second chances. Watching a once-stressed shelter pet become a beloved family member is one of the greatest rewards we could ever ask for.

And to our donors: thank you for believing in our mission. Your generosity provides food, medical care, enrichment, behavioral support, and safe shelter for thousands of animals each year. Your support allows us to continue growing programs that strengthen the human-animal bond throughout our community.

When challenges arise — and in animal welfare, they always do — this community continues to step forward. Together, we create a safety net for animals who have nowhere else to turn. Together, we celebrate victories big and small. Together, we give hope.

This summer, I encourage all of us to remember the incredible impact we can make when compassion brings people together. Whether you volunteer an hour, foster a pet, adopt a new best friend, donate, or simply share our mission with others, you are part of something truly meaningful.

From all of us at SafeHaven, thank you for standing beside us and for proving every day that we truly are all in this together.

With gratitude,



This bonded duo knows a thing or two about togetherness. Sassy & Boots recently found a home to spend their golden years together!

MEET OUR COVER MODEL HAZEL THE "GUINNESSDOODLE"

Story by the Barton family

Hazel, our Irish Setter/Poodle mix — or as we like to call her, our “GuinnessDoodle” — came to us from SafeHaven about three years ago. We received a phone call from our friend Steph at SafeHaven letting us know she had a special dog for us to meet. The two of us and our daughter went out to meet Hazel, and the decision was made. Supporting SafeHaven was an easy one for us because we truly appreciate both the philosophy behind what they do and the way they operate within the community. It didn’t take long before Hazel became not just a pet, but a true member of our family. These days, it’s rare to find us anywhere without Hazel close by.

Hazel proudly identifies as both a “Shop Dog” and a “Trail Dog.” Every morning she eagerly heads to work with us at No Dinx, where she spends the day greeting customers and making the rounds with her 30-plus work family members. She takes her role very seriously, happily visiting offices, checking in on production, sunbathing in the front window, and always being available for a quick greeting and smile.

After a full day at work, Hazel becomes a bit of a clock watcher around 5:00 PM because she knows what generally comes next: a stop at the park to play ball and hopefully meet up with a few of her dog friends. Nothing makes her happier than sprinting through the grass with a ball in sight.

Outdoors is where Hazel’s personality shines brightest. Whether she’s hiking with her best friend DaisyDoodle or mountain biking with “the guys,” she’s always smiling and full of energy. On the trails she’s affectionately known as “The Trail Dog,” weaving through the trees and hitting every water spot for a quick splash and drink.

Hazel also takes her supervisory duties at home seriously. Whether we’re working in the yard, tackling projects, or weeding the garden, she’s always nearby, convinced she’s helping every step of the way.

SafeHaven didn’t just help us adopt a dog — they helped us find Hazel, and our lives are better because of it.



Hazel with her Mom & Dad

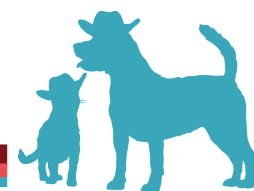


Hazel & her best friend
DaisyDoodle



Hazel's happy place

We're so glad
Hazel found her
perfect family!



Is your pet ready for their model moment?

Don't let your pet miss out on their chance to be a cover model. Take part in the LIVE AUCTION at Rescue Roundup on September 26th and give them a chance to be a star, like Hazel's family did!

**RESCUE
ROUNDUP**

FIX FOR LIFE

THE IMPORTANCE OF SPAY & NEUTER

The impact of spay and neuter programs is undeniable. In the 1970s, animal shelters across the United States were estimated to euthanize between 12 and 20 million cats and dogs every year, with more than 90% of incoming shelter animals euthanized in many facilities due largely to pet overpopulation. Since widespread spay and neuter efforts began gaining traction in the 1970s, euthanasia numbers have declined by more than 90% nationwide, representing one of the most important successes in animal welfare history, according to the ASPCA.

While we've seen tremendous progress, it's also a reminder that the work is not finished. Affordable access to spay and neuter remains one of the most effective tools communities have to reduce shelter intake and save lives. Spay and neuter is one of the most compassionate investments we can make.



Did You Know?

In the month of May, SafeHaven placed 212 cats & kittens in Foster Care? Given the mild winter of 2025, we anticipate an exceptionally long kitten season this year, extending well into November. One unfixed female could have up to 3 litters of kittens during that time.

Our biggest need during this time of year is for Foster Heroes to step in and care for these vulnerable animals until they are ready for adoption!
Can you help?

Visit safehavenhumane.org/become-a-foster to learn more!

At SafeHaven, every life saved begins with prevention — and thanks to the extraordinary generosity of longtime donor **Robert Longo**, even more animals in our community will have the chance for a brighter future. Recently, Robert made a transformational gift to support our spay and neuter efforts, helping us reduce pet overpopulation and prevent future suffering before it begins.

Robert's passion for spay and neuter programs comes from a simple but powerful belief: fewer unwanted litters mean fewer animals entering overcrowded shelters, and ultimately, fewer heartbreaking outcomes.

This incredible donation from Robert will help prevent suffering, reduce homelessness among pets, and keep more animals where they belong — in loving homes. At SafeHaven, donations like this directly support our low-cost spay/neuter clinics. Every procedure performed helps stop the cycle of unwanted litters and gives animals a better chance at a safe, healthy future. Because of Robert's generosity and vision, countless lives will be changed — not just the animals helped today, but generations of pets to come.

**Together, we're not just sheltering animals.
We're creating a future where fewer animals ever need shelter in the first place.**

Learn more about our low-cost Spay & Neuter clinics at:
safehavenhumane.org/spay-neuter-services/.



In Memory...

SAYING GOODBYE TO OLIVER



I adopted Oliver (Velcro) in 2017. I went to visit the dogs at SafeHaven to keep my mind off the recent passing of my childhood dog. While visiting, I came upon Oliver and he was a bit timid from behind the kennel and that's when a staff member asked if I wanted to play with him in the yard. Of course I said yes! When we got to the yard, he was running around and eventually came up to me and showed me his belly for some scratches. The staff said he had never done that for anyone and that's when I knew he was meant to come home with me. This was a BIG day for Oliver as he had been at the shelter for over a year, just waiting for someone to take him home. Oliver could be dog selective and had some reactivity he was working through and just needed a safe space to heal.

Shortly after his adoption, Oliver became a big brother to Charlie the puppy. Those two were thick as thieves and had the best 9 years together. Some things they loved to do were to go on car rides, get a coffee, go on walks, go to the beach, and dig holes in the backyard. Oliver loved to lounge around the house and chew on toys that had "hair". He also loved to sunbathe on the back porch in the warm months.

My favorite thing about Oliver was how spicy he was. Although that didn't come without its challenges. When he would get upset or was unsure about something, he knew he was safe with me and I wasn't going to let anything happen to him. We had a very special bond.



In December of 2025 we found out Oliver had an aggressive form of bladder cancer and shortly after, he was laid to rest on 1/30/2026. I'm very grateful for the time we had together and the memories I will always remember, such as stealing a rotisserie chicken off the counter.

Oliver had an opportunity of a good life only because of SafeHaven and I'm forever grateful for that. My family and I will continue to rescue and donate when we can so other animals can have the same opportunity to a good life, like my Oliver did.

We're not crying...you're crying. Thank you Monica for sharing your memories of Oliver with us!

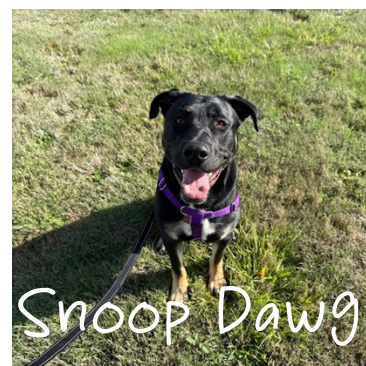
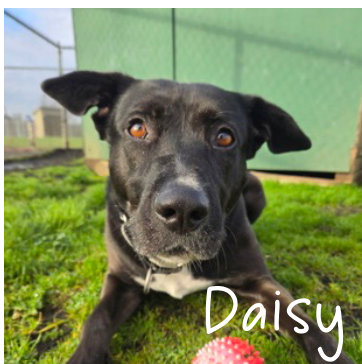
LONG TIME RESIDENTS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Just like Oliver, these dogs have spent WAY too much time at SafeHaven and also need a safe space to thrive and be the dogs they were always meant to be away from the shelter! They've been overlooked, even on waived adoption fee days. Maybe they're older. Maybe they need to be the only pet in the home. Maybe shelter life makes them seem shy, overly energetic, or misunderstood. But behind every kennel door is an animal who still believes someone will choose them.

And that's where we need your help! You may not be in a position to adopt and that's OK. Maybe you love making videos for social media - help be these pets brand ambassador! Maybe you act as their "pet publicist" by taking them out into the community for the day and talking them up to anyone and everyone. Do you have lots of friends, family or co-workers? Maybe one of them is looking for a new pet and you convince them to come take a look at these dogs. Whatever you do, it will help!

Because it only takes that one right person to come along and tell them, "Let's go home!"



Sometimes the pets who wait the longest become the most devoted companions. They don't care if your house is perfect or if your schedule is busy — they just want someone to love and a place to belong.

Read their full profiles at safehavenhumane.org/adopt/dogs/.

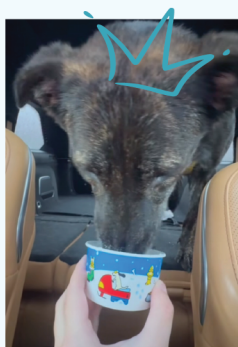
THE IMPORTANCE OF SLEEPOVERS TO REDUCE STRESS IN SHELTER DOGS

While you may already be familiar with our Doggy Day Out program, which gives our shelter dogs a much needed break from the shelter for the day, you might not be aware that our program also extends to NIGHTS away from the shelter as well. Sleepovers help reduce stress in our shelter dogs that lasts even after they've returned.



SLEEPOVER BENEFITS

- + Sleepovers reduce a dog's cortisol levels (often referred to as the "stress hormone").
- + No noisy neighbors: dogs who live in homes sleep approximately 14 hours each day, as compared to dogs in shelters who sleep just under 11 hours each day.
- + Sleepovers let the shelter find out so much more about how a dog behaves in a home, and that knowledge helps us match them to their perfect forever home.



Doggy Day (or Night) Out

Whatever the activity, our dogs love getting away from the shelter for some much needed fun and stress relief.

Our pups are ready for an adventure. Are you?



Learn More & Sign Up!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: *Erin Lee*



After moving from Louisville, Kentucky, to Oregon in 2018, Erin didn't think having another dog in her life was possible. She had recently lost her beloved 18-year-old Chow, Brutus, and because she travels frequently for work and lives alone, adopting another dog didn't seem realistic.

During the pandemic, a coworker introduced her to SafeHaven. She took the volunteer orientation on a Sunday and began fostering on Monday. The first dog she fostered was Betsy, who just needed some extra love and time away from the shelter. After 10 days in foster care, Betsy returned to the shelter while Erin traveled for work. Just a few days later, Betsy was adopted. Several other foster dogs followed, many finding homes shortly after their stays.

When her work became too busy for fostering, Erin discovered the Doggy Day Out program after meeting someone returning from an outing with a shelter dog. It sounded perfect — a way to spend time with dogs without the long-term commitment. Since then, Erin has taken more than a dozen dogs on overnight adventures.

One of her favorites was Travis, a three-legged pittie with endless energy. During a summer walk at Camp Adair, he escaped her grip and leaped into a fishing pond, happily swimming while Erin and several fishermen spent nearly an hour convincing him to come out (he finally did, but probably only because he was tired of swimming). After a bath and dinner in the park, Travis made himself right at home — on her couch and eventually her bed. A few days after their overnight, he was adopted.

When asked about why she volunteers with the Doggy Day Out program, Erin shared:

"Doggy Day Out is truly a win-win. Dogs get a break from shelter life, a chance to relax, and an opportunity to show their personalities outside the kennel. For people who can't own a dog full-time, it offers connection and companionship. I hope the program continues for the well-being of the dogs — and for people like me who benefit from it, too."

Thank you Erin for giving our pups a much needed break from the shelter!

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.



CANINE ENRICHMENT

DOGS PLAY FOR LIFE



Our goal at SafeHaven is to get each dog out of its kennel and into a play yard a minimum of three times a day in one of our 6 play yards. Given that we average 168 days of rain each year, that's a lot of time spent playing in muddy puddles and a lot of time spent by our volunteers giving them baths afterwards!

This summer, we will be enhancing our canine enrichment experience with functional upgrades to our dog yards thanks to a generous donation from **Rebecca Swanson**. The 'Swanson Sniff & Stroll Dog Park' will be getting new artificial turf! Turf is easier on dogs joints, and of course...no mud!

New Sponsorship Opportunity!

Help us improve our dog yard by adding seating for our volunteers and potential adopters looking to spend time outdoors with our playful pups! For a \$1200 donation, you can sponsor a 'Biscuit Bench', a 6-foot bone-shaped bench that can be customized with up to 2 boards with engraved lettering (up to 26 characters each).

Visit safehavenhumane.org/more-ways-to-give/ to learn more!



FELINE ENRICHMENT

MORE THAN JUST TOYS & TREATS

Enrichment for cats is more than toys and treats—it includes anything that encourages natural feline behaviors like climbing, scratching, exploring, hunting, and relaxing. From cozy hiding spots and climbing areas to bubbles and interactive play, enrichment reduces stress and keeps cats mentally and physically engaged.

Because every cat is different, enrichment is tailored to each individual's personality and needs. Some enjoy active play, while others prefer quiet companionship, soft bedding, or gentle brushing. By understanding each cat, staff and volunteers can create positive experiences that help them feel safe and comfortable.

Enrichment also helps cats show their true personalities to potential adopters. Cats that may appear shy or withdrawn in a kennel often blossom with regular interaction, making it easier for adopters to connect with who they really are.



BECOME A LEGACY LEADER

AUGUST IS NATIONAL 'MAKE A WILL' MONTH

All adults should have a will — it's a powerful document that lets you distribute your property and protect your loved ones after you pass away. And when you take this important step during Make-A-Will Month, you're in good company: Last August, more than 35,000 people made their will using FreeWill's online software, and combined they left \$357 million to charity!



We asked longtime donor **Ken Wells** why he chose to be a Legacy Leader and this is what he shared:

SafeHaven has always held a special place in my heart because every animal in my family was adopted through their organization. Through my business, Greater Purpose Home Inspections LLC, I have chosen to support SafeHaven by providing property inspection services whenever I can, because I deeply believe in the work they do for vulnerable animals in our community. Their dedication to rescue, care, and placement has changed countless lives, including my own. Supporting SafeHaven is not only something I do today, but something I believe in so strongly, that I have also named them as a beneficiary in my will. I am grateful for the compassion and hope they bring to both animals, and the people who love them.

WHAT'S YOUR LEGACY?

You can make a profound difference in the life of animals in our community by including SafeHaven in your will, retirement plan or living trust.

Join SafeHaven experts for a **free** upcoming event focused on estate planning and ensuring your pets get the love and care they deserve after you're gone.

Attorneys will be present to answer any questions you have about creating a will.

Saturday, August 1st 9-10am
SafeHaven Community Education Room

Please RSVP to Mike Irwin (541) 928-2789 ext. 120
or mike@safehavenhumane.com.



THE SNIP THAT SPEAKS

EAR TIPS ON FERAL CATS

Do you ever wonder "What happened to that cat's ear?"

If you spot a community cat with the tip of their ear missing, you're looking at a real badge of honor. That small "ear tip" is the universal sign a feral cat has been through a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. Cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and returned to their outdoor home. While safely under anesthesia, a tiny portion of the tip of their ear is removed. It heals quickly and doesn't affect their health.

Why ear tip? Because that little notch speaks volumes.

It lets caregivers know - at a glance - which cats have already been altered, preventing unnecessary trapping and reducing stress. Neutered cats also continue to live in and protect their territory, helping keep unaltered cats from moving in - without adding more kittens to strain the population. It may look small, but that tiny tip on the ear represents compassion, responsible population control, and a healthier community for cats and people alike.



Have you found a feral cat? The Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon is a great resource! Visit feralcats.com for more information.



BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOR AN AMAZING CAUSE!

Thank you to all the businesses and organizations that supported SafeHaven the past 3 months with all manner of creative fundraisers and pet supply drives. Your support means the world to the animals in our care!

North Albany IGA
The Corvallis Clinic
Burgerville
Healing Motion PT
Oak Grove Elementary
Alpha Epsilon Pi
Spirit Espresso

Do you have an idea for a fundraiser? We'd love to hear about it!

A HOME FOR THEIR FINAL DAYS

ADOPTING A HOSPICE COMPANION

Unfortunately we hear this phrase all too often: "Oh, they're too old to adopt". Finding homes for animals in their final days takes people opening their hearts, even if only for a short while. It will be hard to say goodbye, but we also know it can be a profoundly meaningful experience. Just like it was for Taylor who spent a wonderful month with Spice before she passed away in May.

Thank you Taylor for loving Spice so deeply and sharing your story with us!

I wasn't supposed to adopt her... but then she grabbed my finger and wouldn't let go.

The plan was to adopt a kitty for my husband. While browsing SafeHaven's website the night before, I saw Spice and couldn't stop thinking about her, but I reminded myself we were there for him, not me.

When we arrived on March 31st, my husband found his baby girl right away. While waiting, I wandered through the cat wing and spotted Spice. She was staring right at me with her cute one-eyed face, and for some reason I just felt like crying.

A sweet staff member let me pet her, and the moment we opened the door, Spice climbed right onto me and started loving on me. I looked at my husband, and he just said, "Get her."

Later, as a staff member carried Spice to another room, she reached out her paw, wrapped it around my finger, and would not let go. No claws, she was just holding onto me. The worker started laughing in disbelief, and I started tearing up again.

So the three of us walked down the hall like that. Almost two hours later, we left with two amazing, sweet girls that I'm so incredibly thankful to have as part of our family.

I will forever be thankful for SafeHaven and their staff. Without them, I wouldn't have gotten to spend time with my 16-year-old, one-eyed, diaper-wearing, water-loving, goofy, wild, snack-stealing, kid loving, blanket/bed-stealing best friend. I'm so thankful and I cherished every day I got to spend with her.



Jenna was diagnosed with bone cancer when she arrived from Linn County Animal Control in May. Her left hind leg had to be amputated, but that hasn't dampened her spirit! Jenna's cancer (osteosarcoma) is known to be an aggressive disease. Based on veterinary estimations, Jenna's expected prognosis is approximately six months to two years. Jenna may not have the longest journey remaining, but she has plenty of love left to give. **Can you open your heart and home to this sweet girl?**

SAVE THE DATE!



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RESCUE ROUNDUP



SEPTEMBER 26, 2026



TICKETS GO ON SALE IN JULY!



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

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A FUN DAY FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG!

THE ALBANY OPTIMIST CLUB PRESENTS:

Dog Tails In Parade

DOG PARADE

5K FUN RUN / WALK

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OBSTACLE COURSE AND MORE!

Saturday, September 5th
Registration: 9am Events Start: 10am
Bryant Park | 801 Bryant Way SW
Albany, OR 97321

Visit www.dogtails.us for complete information.





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/](https://safehavenhumane.org/summer-camps/)

FILL THE VAN with CANS

When:
August 15th from 11am-2pm

Where:
Lebanon Gift & Thrift

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.



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📍 Eola Hills Legacy Estates

📅 Saturday, July 18, 2026

🕒 3:00 to 7:00 PM



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