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# Executive Director Focus

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible support that SafeHaven has received from compassionate individuals like you. The holiday season is a time for celebration, but it also provides us with an opportunity to pause and appreciate the positive impact we've made together in the lives of countless animals and families. It is the perfect time for me to say Thank You for being there for the animals!

2024 has been a year of hope and transformation at SafeHaven. Thanks to your generous contributions and unwavering support, **SafeHaven has been able to rescue and rehome over 1,800 animals.** We have provided them the veterinary care they needed, plus we were able to offer **over 350 low cost spay and neuter/wellness services** to community pets in need. We launched our Doggy Day Out Program as a new volunteer opportunity at SafeHaven with **over 250 dogs enjoying time away from the shelter** on outings/adventures/overnight stays (pup cups included), and we are partnering more than ever with other rescues to help more animals every day. Every adoption, every life saved, and every community member reached is a testament to the power of kindness and compassion.

However, the work is far from over. As we approach the new year, I am reminded that there are still many animals waiting for loving homes, many families in

need of resources to help give their pets the best life possible, and many opportunities to make the world a better place for animals and the people who love them. With your help, I know SafeHaven will continue to grow, thrive, and spread kindness today, tomorrow, and into 2025.

This holiday season, I invite you to join me in giving the gift of love and care. Whether it is through a donation, volunteer work, or simply spreading awareness of the incredible work that happens 365 days a year at SafeHaven, your continued support ensures that together we can meet the challenges ahead and bring love and hope to the next animal in need.

From myself, and all of us at SafeHaven Humane Society, we wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season filled with peace, love, and the spirit of giving. Thank you for being part of our mission to make the world a kinder place for animals!

For the animals,  
Chris Storm, Executive Director



## 7 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS TO HELP SAVE HOMELESS PETS

Excerpted from Bissell Pet Foundation

If pets are as dear to your heart as they are to ours, helping more homeless pets may be at the top of your New Year's Resolution list. Fortunately, there are many easy ways to make a difference for homeless pets in your community and beyond!

1. Volunteer at your local animal shelter. (*Volunteer info, pages 11 and 13*)
2. Adopt a pet.
3. Foster a pet.
4. Start a fundraiser. (*Email [communityoutreach@safehavenhumane.com](mailto:communityoutreach@safehavenhumane.com) for ideas!*)
5. Use social media to spread the word.
6. Shop to give back to pets. (*SafeHaven Gift & Thrift info, page 13*)
7. Make a donation.



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## **SPONSOR A PET**

**Want to know what those paws on the photos are?**

For only \$25.00, you can show a homeless animal they're not alone. You may not be able to take them home, but you can still change their world. We encourage you to share your sponsored pet with your friends and family and help us find him or her a home! Once you sponsor a pet, they will receive an **'I'm Sponsored'** paw on their photo and on their kennel so everyone will know they are valued.

***[www.safehavenhumane.org/support-us/donate](http://www.safehavenhumane.org/support-us/donate)***



## *Meet the Team*

We would like to introduce you to our new Director of Development and Community Relations! Meet **Mike Irwin**, who officially joined the team recently.

Mike was born and raised in Southern Ohio in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. He received his undergraduate and graduate education in South Carolina. He currently resides in Albany with his partner Leah. Mike has lived most of his adult life in Oregon and he feels deeply connected to the region.

Mike comes to us with a background in non-profit leadership and business consulting. Mike is honored and excited to be a part of the SafeHaven staff and family. He is eager to utilize his education and experience to help advance our important mission.

In his free time, Mike enjoys fishing, kayaking, and cheering on the Oregon Ducks. He has four adult children and he and Leah share their home with their adopted cat, Emma.

**The next time you find yourself at SafeHaven, stop by and say, "Hi" to Mike. He would love to meet you personally!**





# Featured Adoption

## Ford's Happy Tail

This is a Happy Tail you don't want to miss! Ford came to us last year after a good Samaritan found him in a car engine. He was just a small kitten and had a severe upper respiratory infection. He also had to have his tail amputated. Once he was feeling better, he went up for adoption. In November, Ford celebrated one year with his family! His dad, Mason Fischer, sent us this incredible update:

*"I wanted to share with you the incredible year Ford, the wonderful tailless cat, has had since he became part of our family. He's been welcomed with so much love and has had countless adventures along the way! Ford's been quite the traveler, journeying with me between Tennessee and Oregon. He's become best friends with a playful bernedoodle puppy and four other cats back in Tennessee. He also loves the goats on the farm, and the chickens. He takes to the trails and walks with us on many morning trail walks, and loves the different smells in Tennessee. In Oregon, he adores the beach, he loved his past adventures to Newport and Cannon beach, and enjoys every opportunity to explore the outdoors. We often take adventures to Fitton Greene and walk on the trail; he has his very own harness and leash. One of Ford's favorite pastimes is swimming (shockingly), and he absolutely loves water! Whether it's the bathtub, sink, or even the ocean, he's always trying to take a dip wherever he can. He is also obsessed with hairbands. Now, I know cats often swallow them. But let me tell you all, he will find any hairband anywhere, bring it to either the water in the toilet, bathtub, or his own water and food, and drop it there. And he leaves it there. He also plays hairband fetch. And his favorite toy is a hairband on a stick...Super odd. I pay close attention to how many hair bands he has in his food bowl storage location!*

*He also enjoys traveling in his trusty cat backpack, and he's made a friend in Cash, another SafeHaven alum, thanks to his new roommate for the year. Ford's popularity has spread across the Oregon State University athletic department, where he's known to many of the staff and students. Ford also loves to accompany me to Dutch Bros, where he eagerly looks forward to his cat cup treat. Thank you so much for bringing Ford into my life and for the joy he brings to everyone around him. He's thriving in every way, and I'm so grateful to be his mom."*





# Happy Tails



## Shelly

**Diane Gregory** recently celebrated her one year anniversary of adopting Shelly (Little Little). She emailed us with a very happy update:

*"My previous tortie had passed away and we decided to adopt another tortie. They always take a while to warm up and Shelly (Little Little) is no exception. We adopted her to be a companion for our other cat who was driving us crazy and needed a playmate. They quickly bonded and we get hours of entertainment watching them play. I am so glad we adopted an older cat who had an established personality. She fits right into our family. We have never regretted adopting her and she seems very happy here."*

## Colby

**Jordan Copeland** adopted sweet Colby at the end of October. He emailed us with a very sweet update:

*"Colby is doing great and has adjusted really well to her new home. She's been busy with me at work, meeting new people and critters (sheep, cats, a very friendly squirrel), and even joining us for trick-or-treating on Halloween—all of which she handled wonderfully. She's very smart, eager to please, and has fit in perfectly with our household so far. We can't wait to see what the future holds with her as part of the squad!"*

*"We've already had our first vet appointment, and she's recovering well from her skin and ear issues. She's eating well, and we're planning to start some training in the next week or two. I'll definitely check out the GoodPup info you provided—it sounds like a great option for us."*





# Events

## Rescue Roundup 2024

That's a wrap on our largest fundraising event of the year, **RESCUE ROUNDUP!** Our supporters gathered on October 5, 2024 at a new venue, the **Knife River Training Center of Albany**.

**The night raised over \$230,000** to continue the lifesaving work that we dedicate ourselves to each day of the year. We would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to all who supported, attended, and volunteered their time at the event. This event helps make it possible to care for and find homes for more than 2,000 animals each year, as well as helping to support the many important programs SafeHaven offers in our community. **Humane Education, Pet Therapy for Seniors, Meals on Wheels, Pet Food Pantry and other community outreach opportunities** benefit as a result of the generosity shown by our supporters.



We are always looking to work with more businesses as sponsors in our fundraising events each year. If you are interested in becoming an event sponsor or becoming involved with supporting SafeHaven, please email us at [katies@safehavenhumane.com](mailto:katies@safehavenhumane.com).



Merle posing with SafeHaven staff member, Carly Peterson

## A RUN FOR THE REST OF US

The annual .3K Albany Beer "Run" (yup, that's 0.3K) took place this year on September 14th and SafeHaven was chosen as the beneficiary for the event. We had a blast! **Merle** did amazing with all of our two and four legged friends. He has been adopted and found his forever home since this event.

Thank you **Deluxe Brewing** for having us and for always making us feel welcome. And a big thank you to the **Corvallis Lions Club** for putting on such a fun event to help our animals!



# Doggy Day Out

## *A New Year's Resolution to Help Shelter Pets*

**Doggy Day Out**, a SafeHaven program launched in May 2024, has been a huge success and has already provided multiple positive outcomes for our community and dogs. Our Doggy Day Out program is a great way to give our pups a break from the stress of the shelter environment and get them seen by potential adopters! You can take one of our pups to the park, go for a hike or simply relax in your home. If you are looking for a New Year's Resolution, look no further. Check out the stories below about some of our recent outings and visit the link on this page to easily sign up and schedule your first day out!

### PETE'S DAY OUT

**I wanted to send a HUGE thanks for the opportunity to participate in Doggy Day Out!** We had the best day with our pal, Pete! Pete was the sweetest cuddle bug that we'd ever met. He never barked, never chased after any other animal, never jumped and only wanted to explore or sit in our laps. Pete is gentle, funny and loving and I am so glad my son got to experience what it takes to be responsible for a dog for a day. There were a lot of tears when we dropped Pete back off at the shelter, but we're certain that Pete will find his forever home soon. Pete would be the PERFECT pet for a family. Thanks for making Doggy Day Out a great volunteer activity for our community – and give Pete an extra treat for us!

-Ali Casqueiro Duerfeldt



### MOCHA'S DAY OUT

**We had such a great day with Mocha!** We took her on a 3.5 mile hike and then hung out in the shady backyard. I think we wore her out because she was very clearly telling us she was DONE for the last few blocks home by just sitting down and not budging (I ended up carrying her). Our backyard has lots of delicate plants in garden beds and she was very very good at staying to the path, even when she got the zoomies! We were very impressed with her good manners. As a reward, I let her up on the couch for some snuggles before taking her back. She's a very good girl and we hope to take her for another day out soon!

-Maggie Berg



# Holiday (FUN)draising



## Giving Trees

Each year, SafeHaven works with businesses in our community to host Giving Trees that ultimately bring in much needed items for the animals. These trees all have ornaments with a photo of one of our shelter animals and items on our Wish List. You can find Giving Trees at:

- Albany Christian School-Kindergarten Class
- Animal Crackers Pet Supply
- Cascade Ridge Apartments in Lebanon
- Heritage Mall
- Holley Elementary School
- Honey Hole Bar & Grill in Halsey (pictured)
- Regal Cinemas
- SafeHaven Gift and Thrift stores
- SafeHaven Humane Society
- Subaru of Corvallis
- Sully's Stay and Play
- Wilco-Corvallis
- Wilco-Stayton

If you see one of these trees and wish to participate, select your ornament and simply return gifts and ornaments to our shelter or place under the Giving Tree. **Thank you for making this season bright for the animals!**

## And The Winner Is

Our annual **Christmas Tree Raffle** is a wrap and we're happy to report that we sold ALL of the 200 tickets available and raised **\$10,000 for the animals!**

Special thanks and recognition to **Rebecca Swanson** for generously sponsoring this incredible fundraising opportunity TEN years in a row! We are also grateful to **Terrill Winn, Owner of Fort Noel**, for donating a beautiful tree and to the **Twila Boundy Taylor** team for professionally decorating this gorgeous tree.

Our lucky winner of the \$500.00 Visa gift card and the professionally decorated tree is **David Bryla** of Albany. Congratulations!



**Raffle sponsor, Rebecca Swanson, and Director of Development and Community Relations, Mike Irwin**



# Humane Education

## WINTER DAY CAMPS

SafeHaven's Winter Camps are back and we are excited!

We are pleased to offer opportunities for kids to visit the shelter for a day of fun, friends, and fur. Each day will include valuable socialization time spent with our adoptable animals. Camp registration is required. If you would like more details, want to reserve a space, or have any questions, please visit the link at the bottom of the page.

### Animal Adventure Day Camp

December 31st - 9am-4pm

K-5th graders

\$75 per participant

### Youth Volunteer Session

January 3rd - 9am-12pm

6th-9th graders

\$15 per participant



## *Don't Miss Pets & Pajamas*

**Pets and Pajamas** is a fun and easy way to get your kids involved with SafeHaven Humane Society, and have a little time for yourselves, too. Each night includes pizza, popcorn, a little soda, time spent with our wonderful adoptable animals, and an age appropriate movie. Check out our website to see upcoming show times and to easily register your kids!

[www.safehavenhumane.org/petspajamas](http://www.safehavenhumane.org/petspajamas)



[www.safehavenhumane.org/programs/humane-education](http://www.safehavenhumane.org/programs/humane-education)



# Home for the Holidays

Every year, SafeHaven chooses long term residents who truly deserve a Home for the Holidays and give them the extra push they need to get noticed. For this adoption campaign, all cats selected go home for a \$25 adoption fee and all dogs go home for a \$50 adoption fee. Check out the pets included in this special here. Let's get them home for the holidays!

## Aries

"Hi, my name is Aries! I am a big boy with a heart of gold, but it does take me a minute to see if we should be friends...I choose my friends wisely. I was left tied to a door at SafeHaven and, after working with Linn County Animal Control, SafeHaven said I could stay and they would help me find a new home. I was very excited to stay as, boy, it sure has been a scary time for me. I keep thinking my family will come back for me. I just need a person or family to love."

## Luka

**Meet Luka!** Luka is a sweet and energetic boy ready to find a home of his own. This cuddle bug will do anything to stay on the couch and lay next to his person. He will do best in a home with adults, no children and no other animals. It takes time for Luka to get to know people, so he will do best in an environment where it's quiet and someone can be home for majority of the time to be with him as he does have separation anxiety. Luka is a very loyal boy and we are sure you would love him!

## Missy

**Meet Missy,** a remarkable adult dog with a youthful spirit that radiates boundless energy! Don't let her age deceive you. This delightful girl embodies the joy and enthusiasm of a playful puppy, eager to share her love with everyone she encounters. Whether it's embarking on a long walk, exploring scenic hikes, or engaging in spirited games, Missy is always ready for an adventure that will fill your days with laughter and joy. Our dedicated staff has discovered her love for food puzzles and her treat motivated personality, showcasing her playful intelligence.

## Juliet Jane

"Hi, my name is Juliet Jane. I am looking for my forever home! Staff say that I am timid and it can take a little while for me to warm up to new people. Once you win my trust, I'm the sweetest girl in the world. I can't wait to meet you!"





## Winnie the Pooh

This gentle soul arrived at SafeHaven, accompanied by his eight siblings, after narrowly escaping the heart-wrenching fate of a high-kill shelter in California. **Winnie** is a sweet and sensitive boy, yearning for connection and belonging in a world that has thrown him many challenges. His journey has been filled with change, and he requires a patient and understanding home where he can gradually reveal his true personality.

## Starsky, Hutch & Sheba

**Meet Starsky, Hutch and Sheba.** These sweet oldies are ready to find their new fur-ever home after sadly losing their owner. After being together for over 12 years, these three are bonded and need to go to their new home together. If you are looking for gentle, affectionate, and loyal cats, you've found them! Come and meet this amazing trio today!

## Ave

"Hi! My name is **Ave**. I am a sweet and playful cat looking for a loving home. Come meet me today at SafeHaven!"

## Lion's Mane

"Hi there! My name is **Lion's Mane**. I'm here at SafeHaven with my fellow siblings trying to find our forever homes. Staff say I will grow to be one handsome boy. If you are looking for a fun, loving and snuggly kitten, come meet my siblings and me today!"

## Yarrow

**Meet Yarrow!** This sweetie is a little nervous at first but is sure to flourish in his forever home. He may do best in a mellow home where he doesn't get over stimulated too quickly. Stop by to fall in love today!





# Volunteer Spotlight



## Meet Doni

### Longtime volunteer and supporter of the animals

Doni Manning-Cyrus has been faithfully volunteering with the animals at SafeHaven since 2008! Hear what she has to say about her experience:

*"The greatest gift I receive from being a weekly volunteer at SafeHaven is the knowledge that I am regularly contributing to the greater good in a simple, tangible way, by providing a clean and comfortable environment and some affectionate interaction for pets at a stressful time in their lives."*

*"I began volunteering at SafeHaven in 2008, at a time when I was really struggling. I began back in the old shelter working with dogs, then eventually cats, and I also love handling and caring for the rabbits and guinea pigs. My primary tasks are cleaning and preparing the kennels for the cats, (less often, the dogs) sweeping and mopping the floors and washing litter scoops. It's extremely satisfying."*

*"Another activity I enjoy is Pet Therapy. I have found the honored elders with whom we have shared kittens have been delighted to tell us stories of their childhood pets, play with the kitties and discuss their love of 'Little House on the Prairie.'"*

*"When not at SafeHaven, I am a teacher, ukulele player, camper and pet mom. I am blessed with a close family and life-long friends."*

*"I am grateful for all the hard work, genuine caring and warmth of the SH staff and the goodwill of fellow volunteers. We really are a family!"*

Make volunteering at SafeHaven part of your holiday season and New Year's Resolution. It's easy to sign up and get more information using the link below!

[www.safehavenhumane.org/support-us/volunteering](http://www.safehavenhumane.org/support-us/volunteering)





## Join the Inner Circle

Become a monthly partner through regular giving:

At SafeHaven Humane Society, we are deeply committed to saving lives, providing shelter, and caring for countless animals in need. But we can't do it alone – we need compassionate, dedicated people like you to make it possible. By joining our Inner Circle as a monthly giver, you become an essential part of the SafeHaven family, directly contributing to the rescue and care of vulnerable animals in our community.

Please email our **Director of Development, Mike Irwin**, at [Mike@safehavenhumane.com](mailto:Mike@safehavenhumane.com) to learn more and sign up!

## Your monthly support as a monthly donor provides:

- Reliable, ongoing resources to cover vaccinations, medical treatments, and daily care for our animals.
- Rescue missions and emergency responses to ensure that animals facing urgent situations receive the help they need.
- Programs and services that make a lasting impact, from pet adoption to community education, giving our pets and the people who love them a brighter future.

Being part of our Inner Circle means you're not just donating – you're making a continuous, meaningful difference in the lives of animals who deserve a chance at love and safety.

Already a monthly donor? Consider increasing your gift to expand your impact even further. Every dollar you give ensures that we can keep our promise to the animals who depend on us so much.

Join us today and be part of something extraordinary. Together, we can save lives, one paw at a time. Thank you for being a friend to animals and for believing in the ongoing mission of SafeHaven.



Winnie the Pooh, current longest term resident. Your support gives him as much time as he needs!





# Community

## GROUP VOLUNTEERING

OSU's Delta Delta Delta sorority visited the shelter in October to lend a helping hand with our adoptable friends. They assisted with our *Caring with Cans* program while visiting with a staff member's foster kitten, helped clean the cat room and, of course, got some snuggle time with the pups. They even left us with a big bag of handmade rope toys to give out to adopters!

Want your group or team to get involved too? Learn more about group volunteering opportunities on our website at [www.safehavenhumane.org/support-us/volunteering](http://www.safehavenhumane.org/support-us/volunteering).



## CHASE BAR & GRILL AND TITO'S

Thank you Chase Bar & Grill of Independence for hosting an adoption event in October that resulted in TWO happy tails going home and over **\$600 in donations** to the animals still in our care! And thanks to Chase Bar & Grill, **Tito's Handmade Vodka** will be donating an additional \$500 through their *Love, Tito's* program.





# Gift and Thrift

## Shop to Save Lives! Two locations to shop great bargains!

From clothing and household items to jewelry and more, our two SafeHaven Gift and Thrift stores are loaded with great deals for every bargain hound!

## Donate! Donate Your New and Gently Used Items

If you're moving or downsizing, consider donating to SafeHaven's Gift and Thrift Stores. We request donated items be in good condition and gently used.

Damaged items actually take funds away from caring for the animals, due to costs of disposing of unusable items.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to our community for voting the SafeHaven Gift & Thrift for Favorite Thrift and Consignment Store! **You have to see it to believe it - check us out at the locations below!**

**AND BE SURE TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK TO  
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