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Executive Director Focus

Dear Friends:

2024 is an exciting year for SafeHaven Humane Society! We will be celebrating 50 years of helping animals and the people that love them. What we have accomplished in those 50 years is nothing short of a miracle. Founded in 1974 by a small handful of dedicated and caring volunteers who cared deeply about helping neglected, abandoned, and abused animals in Linn County, SafeHaven has grown into a full-service humane society that not only helps animals in need, but has created programs and services to help people, as well.

I remember the first time I visited SafeHaven. I was a college student attending Oregon State University and I had found a tiny, dirty, sickly kitten in the basement of my apartment complex. I wasn't supposed to have pets, and this little guy was a screamer, so I tried to take him to a few other humane societies and was told due to his terrible upper respiratory infection, he would be euthanized.

When it came to animal welfare, I had lived a very sheltered life up until this point, but I knew that this little guy deserved a chance, so I drove out to the little shelter on Hwy 34 and gave my plea to please help him. The woman smiled, took him from me, and told him everything would be ok. She then took him to show him to another woman who was working her way through what seemed like miles and miles of laundry and dishes and asked her if she would be willing to foster him and help get him better.

Finding this tiny, sickly kitten and these two incredible women, started my journey into animal welfare. I began volunteering. I started to learn about animal abuse, neglect, and how many animals were being euthanized each year in the United States, and I learned about humane societies and the human-animal bond. My path in life was slowly changing. Ten years later, I followed my heart, and made the decision to join SafeHaven Humane Society as a staff member (I was one of three paid staff at the time).

As I look back at all the memories, our history, our challenges and successes, I see the faces of so many people and pets that have shared our past and who have helped shape who we are today. We will continue to do all we can for animals that need us. From rescue to adoption, to community programs and medical care of owned pets, SafeHaven is committed to making a difference each and every day.

This commitment is because of you! Your support, kindness, and caring are truly what our history is all about. Thank you on behalf of all the animals you have saved. Thank you for saving that tiny, sickly kitten many years ago, and thank you for believing in the work we are doing.



Chris Storm, Executive Director

MEET FLOWER & SPROUT

Sprout is a sweet 3-legged boy who will melt your heart. He's playful and his purr motor is strong. When he's not bunny-hopping around, he can often be found curled up on a soft pillow or his favorite donut bed. This cutie will bring you so much joy.

Flower came to SafeHaven completely paralyzed in her rear limbs and with a severe wound to her left abdomen and flank. Her wound is now completely healed. Her rear limb paralysis is due to multiple fractures and dislocation of her thoracic vertebrae. She has had some mild improvement in her rear limb paralysis with acupuncture and herbal treatments, but currently she wears diapers and may have to for the rest of her life.

These two have found an undeniable friendship in each other and we can not wait to see them grow up together! Email Fostercare@safehavenhumane.com or call 541-928-2789 Ext. 106 to meet them!



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Cover Photo



MEET FRANNY

Our cover model, Franny is the beloved pet of Lisa Reckling. Lisa shared a little about the "the queen":

"Franny is a Spoodle, a Springer Spaniel-Poodle mix. She is 5 1/2 years old and I have had her since eight weeks. She is a delightful, sweet, energetic dog when you want and a chill dog when you want one of those. She gets to travel a lot, and does extremely well out on the road and in the car. She is quite social with other dogs, as well as humans. She has a number of my girlfriends that she considers her besties. SafeHaven Board President, Dena Healy is my sister and Franny gets to count her and Jim, as well as their dog, Arlo



among her favorite people and dogs. She hasn't spent a lot of time around cats and so she is not comfortable, but she's improving with that each time she's around one.

*The most awesome thing about her is she's absolutely in love with butterflies, and has been since she was a puppy. We had a huge migration of painted lady butterflies in the desert that winter and spring. She's still chasing them, as well as their shadows, but I don't believe she's ever caught one. I've nicknamed her **La Reina de Mariposa, the Queen of Butterflies!** She was also obviously born with the Springer talent for flushing birds. She was only about four months old when we were on a hike and she stopped, pointed and then flushed her first pair of grouse. It blew me out of the water!"*

Holiday Happy Tails

LILY & LUCY

Lily and Lucy were two of our more long-term doggos here at SafeHaven and we were all so excited when a couple took the two of them home **together** in August! We recently heard from their adopters, and this is what they had to say:

"Despite some tiny little glitches, we think things are going wonderfully with the girls. Because we had no fences when we adopted them, they were not allowed to be off leash. We fenced off a fairly large area as quickly as we could, put a large piece of carpet in it, and it is equipped with heavy rope to hang a tarp for shade.

Now they can be off leash and play as often as they like. We have enjoyed them knowing a few simple commands such as 'no' and 'sit.' We have concerned ourselves mostly with forming a loving bond with them which means when I take an afternoon nap, Lucy sleeps with me. We are pleased with how alert they are to their environment. We like how they alert us to people who drive by as we're a bit isolated and like to know what's going on in our area. We work on desensitizing some of their fears such as Lily being afraid of the flyswatter. We have flies and flying ants in our area, so she is getting used to hearing the slap of the swatter."



WILLOW & ODIN

An update on Mama Willow and her adorable kitten, Odin:

"Things are going so well! They have put on a healthy weight and are so active and loving. It has been hard to get pictures because they are playing and moving fast or they are asleep. Odin is growing like a weed; I think he's going to be quite a bit bigger than his Mama. She is such a good mother. She watches him closely and cares for him. This morning, Willow and I were in my home office when we heard a crash. We both ran to the living room. Odin was sitting on the floor doing nothing, calm, there's nothing near, nothing broken. She and I are looking around and wondering what happened? Then my husband started yelling from another room, 'Sorry, that was me.' He must have heard us running."



Events

RESCUE ROUNDUP 2023

That's a wrap on our first in-person **RESCUE ROUNDUP** event since 2019! Our supporters gathered on September 30, 2023.

The night raised over **\$182,332** to continue the lifesaving work that we dedicate each day of the year to. We would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to all who supported, attended, and volunteered their time at the event held at the Albany Boys & Girls Club. 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.



Thank you supporting sponsors



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 events@safehavenhumane.com.

BOW WOW BINGO

That's a wrap! Our monthly event, Bow Wow Bingo is officially done for 2023. With the help of Diana Sartin of the Waddell Group, Schmizza Public House of Lebanon, and everyone who came out to support us, **SafeHaven made \$5,845 total for the year.**

Bow Wow Bingo is set to reappear in our lineup of events in 2024. Be sure to watch our website at www.safehavenhumane.org/events for upcoming dates and stop by to support the animals at SafeHaven, and also possibly, WIN!



Holidays at SafeHaven

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. As you can see in the photo to the left, these trees all have ornaments with a photo of one of our shelter animals and items on our Wish List.



- Albany Christian School (Kindergarten class)
- Ankeny Hill Boarding
- Cascade Ridge Apartments in Lebanon
- Coldwell Bankers in Albany
- Heritage Mall in Albany (seen pictured here)
- Holley Elementary in Sweet Home
- Meadow Lark Senior Living in Lebanon
- Regal Cinemas in Albany
- SafeHaven Humane Society (Shelter)
- SafeHaven Gift & Thrift in Tangent
- SafeHaven Gift & Thrift in Lebanon
- Spoleto's Pizzeria and Wine in Sweet Home
- Sully's Stay & Play in Albany
- Vintage Nails in Albany
- Luminous Salon in Corvallis
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Brownsville

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 NINE 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 **Margaret Hovey** of Albany. Congratulations!



Raffle sponsor, Rebecca Swanson and Executive Director, Chris Storm

Home for the Holidays

Every year, SafeHaven chooses long term residents who 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!

Earl

"Hi! My name is Earl and I've been at SafeHaven for 61 days. I'm a sweet one year old boy who loves cuddles. I think the reason why I haven't found my forever home yet is because I was recently diagnosed with FIV. Don't worry, I'm going to live a very long and healthy life! I should probably just be an inside cat (yay!) and I can go home with other FIV+ cats or be your only cat. It's nothing scary. What's scary is staying here at the shelter longer. I'm so lonely! I hope to find my loving family for the Holidays!"

Delicata

"Hello there! My name is Delicata and I've been at SafeHaven for 413 days. I've been living with my foster family since I was a kitten. I have a medical condition called megacolon. I can be a little messy and having a home with carpet is out. I've been keeping up with home design trends and saw that carpet is out anyway; we can pick out laminate together! I'm a cute and entertaining girl that would be a true rescue. My care won't be the easiest, but my love and devotion to you will be! I'm really hoping I find the purrfect family for the Holidays!"

Gordy

"Hello friends, my name is Gordy and all I want this holiday season is a warm loving lap to nap on. I came to SafeHaven a few weeks ago after my favorite person in the whole wide world passed away. I'm still having trouble understanding where she went and I could really use a friend. I'm 12 years old and still have a lot of love to give. Can you be my family for the holidays and every day after?"

King

"Hi! My name is King. Some good people found me wandering around town and brought me to SafeHaven to find the best home. I heard a lot of stray cats come to SafeHaven to find a home; I hope I can before Santa comes! I'm 5 years old and sweet as can be. Heck, I would be willing to find some mistletoe and give you a smooch if you take me home!"



Western Wilson

"Howdy, my name is Western Wilson and I've grown up here at SafeHaven. I came here as a 2 month-old pup and now I reckon it's been about 146 days. Yikes! I also reckon it's been so darn tootin' long because, well, I have a mighty big fear of you human folks, but you could help me with that. My fellow canine friends are soooo much fun, I could hang with them until the cows come home! Speakin' of homes, I'm really liking my foster home right now, but I sure would love a permanent place to lay my little head down at night. How's about you and I ride off into the sunset this holiday season and live happily ever after?"

Joan

"Hi There! The name is Joan and I'm a spunky husky gal that came here after my family thought I would find a better suited home. Well, no luck so far. I've been counting the days and it's already past 124. I'm sweet and smart; it just takes me a couple of visits to trust you. I wear my heart on my sleeve. Can you blame me? I have the prettiest blue eyes and I get really wiggly when I see the people I love. I sure would love to find my forever family for the holidays!"

Waylon

"Hi! My name is Waylon and I came from my friends over at Albany Animal Control around 175 days ago. I gotta be honest with you; I'm a nervous wreck here. I have a handful of awesome friends that I'm comfortable with, but boy-oh-boy, do strangers make me nervous. You know that whole flight or fight thing... well I'm a Heeler mix and sometimes that fight urge is a little stronger than flight. If you know Heelers, you know where I'm coming from. I need time to get to know my people, but once I do, I'm in it for the long haul. If you stop by today, I bet we would be friends before the New Year and we can ring in 2024 together! Will you give me chance?"

Home for the Holidays Update

A very patient and dog savvy family came in on December 6th to meet **Dane & Daisy**. They really took their time to get to know them, being at the shelter for over two hours to fully understand the pair. Dane, who is very unsure of men, warmed up quickly to his new dad (with the power of hotdogs).

Dane & Daisy, who deserved patience and love, have found the perfect home! They now have an acre fenced in yard to run and play! We are so happy they found their forever home in time for the holidays!

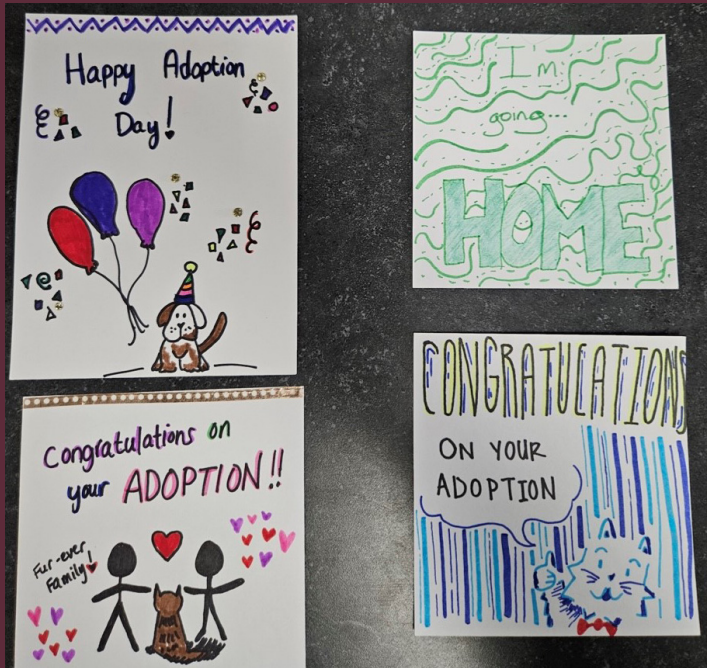


Community



WILCO FARM STORE GROUP VOLUNTEERING

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Wilco Farm Stores and their employees for their continued support of our community! On October 19th, we had a group of wonderful Wilco Pet and Animal Health team members from Oregon, Washington, and California visit SafeHaven for a tour of the facility, as part of their recent training event. Their goal was for team members to better understand the role SafeHaven and other shelters play in the community, and to learn more about pet adoptions and working with new pet owners. We were impressed by their questions, willingness to learn, and obvious passion for their work and the animals in their lives.



CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

A big THANK YOU to our awesome student friends at Oregon State University for making our shelter wonderful bandanas, volunteer aprons, and congratulations cards for our adopters at the students' Fall Craft N' Care service event!





WINTER CAMPS ARE BACK!

SafeHaven's **Winter Animal Adventure Camps** are back and we are excited! This year we are pleased to **offer two separate opportunities** for kids to visit the shelter for a day of fun, friends, and fur. Camps will be full of crafts and activities that center around the animal welfare world. Each day will also include valuable socialization time spent with our adoptable animals. Camp pre-registration is required. Campers will also need to bring a lunch. Snack will be provided. If you would like more details, want to reserve a space, or have any questions, please contact Katie at HumaneEd@safehavenhumane.com or call 541-928-2789. Let's get this holiday season started!

DECEMBER 19th For kids **Kindergarten through 5th grade / 9 am - 4 pm:** The day will be filled with adorable animals, fun games, enjoyable crafts, and exciting activities! [\$65 per child]

DECEMBER 21st For kids **6th through 9th grade / 9 am - 12 pm:** Join SafeHaven for a unique way to have fun, give back, and gain some volunteer experience! Participants will spend the morning working alongside the staff during cleaning activities, participate in shelter enrichment, and learn about the effort that goes into making the shelter function. [\$15 per child]

Please note that registration fees are nonrefundable. Unused registration fees may be applied to other humane education programs during the same calendar year or be considered a donation. To be considered unused fees, you must notify SafeHaven that you cannot attend at least 10 days before the event, so we have time to reopen your space(s).

Register online at www.safehavenhumane.org/programs/humane-education/camps

Volunteer Spotlight

MEET MICHELLE AND AIMEE

Michelle and Aimee, a mother and daughter team, started volunteering with SafeHaven in June 2023 and we are so grateful to have them! We asked a few questions about their time volunteering to support the animals and here is what Michelle had to say:

Tell us a little about yourselves.

Michelle: *Aimee has always had a love for animals and has a gift in working with them. She especially loves big dogs! I on the other hand, had a bad experience with a big dog when I was a child and had been fearful and uneasy around them. Aimee has REALLY helped me in this area and I have come a LONG way! We have a very big dog named Sofie, who is a rescue.*



What prompted you to start volunteering with SafeHaven?

Michelle: *Aimee has wanted to do something like this for awhile. She loves animals and wanted to help take care of them. We visited a couple humane societies and, when we discovered SafeHaven, we knew we found the perfect one! Homeschooling has made this possible and I think its a great way for her to learn life skills.*

What is your favorite part about volunteering?

Michelle: *My favorite part about volunteering is the Pet Therapy! My heart is so full after watching the joy and happiness that the animals bring to those at the various facilities. It's so simple, but yet it has an enormous impact on them. Aimee's favorite part of volunteering is the animals! She could spend all day loving on them.*

What advice do you have for new volunteers?

Michelle: *The staff at SafeHaven is very helpful, so don't hesitate to ask questions!*

PET THERAPY & EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering at SafeHaven Humane Society is a great way to work directly with animals, or indirectly to assure their welfare. If you would like more information about volunteering with us, go to our website, call us today at 541.926.2924, or email volunteer@safehavenhumane.com.

SafeHaven visits 4-6 facilities each month for **Pet Therapy** visits, which is only possible due to the help of our Pet Therapy Volunteers. This dedicated group of people take adoptable animals to visit nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the Linn/Benton area, brightening the days of the residents, staff, and animals.

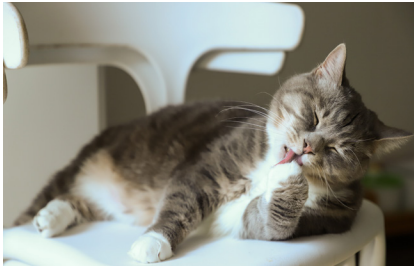
There are many ways to become involved with SafeHaven without committing to a set weekly schedule. Volunteering for our events, joining planning committees, event set up, take down, work during event, and spreading the word of events are all needed and appreciated greatly. With numerous events per year, volunteering for events is a quick, but impactful way to help thousands of shelter pets. If helping SafeHaven animals sounds like a good fit for you, please contact us by emailing events@safehavenhumane.com.

BE A CONSTANT COMPANION FOR ANIMALS

Abused, neglected and homeless animals face a lot of uncertainty, but there's one thing they can count on — you.

Giving monthly includes you in a remarkable group of people we refer to as the **Inner Circle**. As a SafeHaven Humane Society Inner Circle member, your monthly donation will provide critical assistance to change the lives of animals in our communities. You have the power to help animals find new families. We hope you'll join us!

If you have any questions about becoming an Inner Circle Caregiver's Club member, please call us at 541-928-2789.



WHAT CAN \$20 EACH MONTH DO?

Provides nourishing meals for shelter animals and enrichment toys to help them pass their time waiting for a forever family to say "Yes!"

WHAT CAN \$30 EACH MONTH DO?

Provides foster parents with adequate supplies to bottle feed kittens, keep puppies warm and safe, and much more.



WHAT CAN \$50 EACH MONTH DO?

Provides our medical staff the equipment and time to perform a spay or neuter surgery.

WHAT CAN \$100 EACH MONTH DO?

Provides lifesaving medical care to pets in SafeHaven's care and allows for each pet to receive the treatment it needs.



SafeHaven is hoping to sign up 100 new Inner Circle members in 2024 to be able to keep saying "Yes" to so many homeless animals in need of a second chance. For less than a dollar a day, you can help provide lifesaving care to pets who are in need of an advocate. Please visit our website to sign up online or get more information.

Business Spotlight

DELUXE BREWING & DOGTOBERFEST



We want to send a HUGE Thank you to Deluxe Brewing for everything they've done for us through the years. From hosting adoption events, to calendar fundraisers, sponsoring the beer at our annual **Stars and Stripes Golf Tournament** and even spreading the word about our events and ways to help the animals!

Recently, they hosted Dogtoberfest, an annual event at the brewery celebrating customers and their canine pets. The day included raffle prizes, a dog costume contest, themed food and drinks, a doggie pie-eating contest, and of course, adoptable dogs from our shelter! Check out a few of the dogs thanking **Steph Lesire, our Shelter Manager**, for a day out on the town.



Bark-a-rific Calendars

In our summer issue, you read about **Ginger Harter**, owner of **Out West Original Photography**, who hosted the Bark-a-rific calendar contest for SafeHaven this spring and was able to **donate over \$5,000** to the animals. Over the last few months, Ginger has photographed the top 12 entrants from the contest and put together a wonderful 2024 calendar. The calendars are now available to purchase online and the proceeds from the sales will be donated back to the animals at SafeHaven. They will make great gifts, too!



Purchase yours now!

On your phone or tablet, open the built-in camera app. Point the camera at the QR code. Tap the banner that appears.

Giving Tuesday Recap

THANK YOU *for* GIVING

What is Giving Tuesday? Giving Tuesday refers to the Tuesday after Thanksgiving in the United States. It is a movement fueled by community and kindness to create an international day of charitable giving at the beginning of the Christmas and holiday season. To celebrate Giving Tuesday this year, SafeHaven shared with the community some of the stories that warm our hearts and make every effort worthwhile. On social media and through emails, we told you about **Page (pictured right) and Lily and Lucy (featured page 4)**.

This year, we also had a generous anonymous match of \$10,000. On Giving Tuesday this year, YOU helped raise \$42,780.00! This is the most you have ever helped us raise on a Giving Tuesday and we are still smiling ear to ear!



Gift & Thrift

Did you know that SafeHaven's Gift & Thrift stores, located in Tangent and Lebanon, carry something for everyone in your family, not just your pets? Through generous donations from the community, we are able to offer a wonderful assortment of products at incredible prices.

As you stroll through the stores, you will notice home décor, clothing, kitchen items, jewelry, furniture, electronics, books and so much more. The stores are constantly restocked, and our customers are thrilled with our **Daily Deals** that offer a discount on certain items each day. If you are looking to refresh your home, help your college student furnish their first apartment, or need a new collar and leash for your dog, make SafeHaven Gift & Thrift your first stop. Thrift store shopping is a great way to save money, help the environment and, best of all, proceeds from SafeHaven Gift & Thrift stores benefit the animals at SafeHaven Humane Society. In addition to shopping and donating, the Gift & Thrift stores rely on dedicated volunteers to keep the stores running smoothly. If you are interested in volunteering at either the Tangent or Lebanon location, please email jodi@safehavenhumane.com for more information.



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