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Dear Friends:

You might have noticed on our website when we list a special pair of pets as a “bonded pair” and you might ask yourself, “Why would they do that; wouldn’t it be easier to adopt them out separately?”

The answer is, absolutely, it would be easier, but sometimes just because something is easier, doesn’t make it the right thing to do.

You see, sometimes, the bond is so strong between two pets, a heartwarming connection, that each pet relies on the other for comfort, security, or companionship. They need each other in a way that makes separating them not in their best interest, so we promise them we will find them a home **TOGETHER**.

Freckles and Annika were two of the most frightened and shutdown dogs we have ever dealt with at SafeHaven. They arrived separately, months apart from each other, but everything scared both of them. Normally, we try to find each of them a canine companion that is super friendly and outgoing, but neither of them truly “clicked” with anyone, until one day, we put the two of them out in a yard together --and both wagged their tails and started to play with each other. There was an instant bond that just continued to get stronger and stronger each day until we knew they needed each other through life....so they became a bonded pair.

But...now we needed one special home willing to take on “double” the challenge. We made the promise to them that we would always keep them together....and we did. We’re happy to report they were adopted by a wonderful couple whose love and patience has no end. Here is what they have to say:

"It's been a while since the last update and we're happy to report that Freckles and Annika are doing great! Annika has taken great leaps and strides and is practically inseparable from us. She'll follow us no matter what we're doing. Be it cooking in the kitchen, watching TV on the couch, or laying down on the bed for bedtime; Annika will be there to hang-out and receive her favorite head scratches. She also really



enjoys car rides and sniffing everything on walks. Freckles is doing good, too! He's starting to open to receiving pets and he has a neck scratch he really enjoys. He likes to hang out with us too, but Diem is his favorite human. Freckles and Annika both learned what "couch" and "bedtime" mean. When we call the dogs in for bedtime, Annika jumps onto the bed and curls up in her spot while Freckles keeps us safe by blocking the door with his body. We got them some DNA tests for insights on their breeds, which was a lot of fun. We even got to chat with someone we believe adopted one of Annika's puppies from SafeHaven! The winter storm was a bit of a challenge for Freckles who didn't like the cold. Fortunately, with his sweaters and winter boots, he was able to brave the cold to go for short walks and to potty. Annika seemed thrilled by the snow and was in her element with her thick coat.



All in all, we're so happy we could add Freckles and Annika to our family. They're really the best dogs we could ever ask for. They're so quirky and funny, we can't wait to share what they get up to next! Thanks a ton to the team at SafeHaven for what they do and bringing so many people and animals together."

So, next time you see a “bonded pair” on our website, please know they have a connection so special that SafeHaven is honoring it!

Every life we save begins and ends with you! Thank you!

On behalf of the animals,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chris Storm".

Chris Storm, Executive Director

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Please consider donating items to the shelter from our **Amazon Wishlist** to have them delivered directly to the animals! There is even a Wish List just for Kitten Season with items the shelter and foster parents will be needing in the coming months. Items especially needed right now are canned dog food, kitten chow, and canned pumpkin (for treats). To check out our Amazon Wish List, use the link below and scroll down.

www.safehavenhumane.org/support-us/donate



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FRIDAY APRIL 12th



20% OF THE WHOLE DAY'S PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO SAFEHAVEN HUMANE SOCIETY!

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Pond Pals

MEET OUR COVER DOG, TOOTSIE!

Tootsie is a 6-year-old chocolate lab cared for and spoiled by **Dixie & Alton Sullivan**. Tootsie is living the ultimate Labrador lifestyle! She is surrounded by acres and acres of land where she runs, plays, and explores to her heart's content. Every day between 8:30am and 9:00am, Dixie's sister, Bernice, brings her 10-year-old SafeHaven alum, Tanner, to have a play date with Tootsie. With miles to explore, Dixie and Bernice hop in the Can-am and drive to Tootsie and Tanner's favorite place on the property, the ponds! Running alongside, both dogs get great exercise leading Dixie and Bernice to all the good spots. Tootsie LOVES digging in holes for little critters while Tanner scouts around the bank of the ponds. With geese, egrets, eagles, swans, and lots of waterfowl, there are so many great sounds and smells to keep two dogs very busy. Tootsie used to take out all her favorite stuffies into the ponds, but would leave them. After many rescue attempts to save the stuffy babies, Tootsie now takes out her plastic dog food containers (seen in the cover photo) and carries them everywhere on her adventures – Labs are funny dogs! If she leaves her “toy”, Dixie drives out later with Tootsie and they collect her treasures!

Not only is Tootsie an outdoor enthusiast enjoying life with her wildlife friends, she also picks up litter and recycles. What a dog! After a couple of miles of running and swimming in the ponds, the pup pals come in to dry and get TREATS! While treats are great, Tootsie really enjoys her much deserved nap after Tanner heads home. Can you imagine a more perfect doggy day?

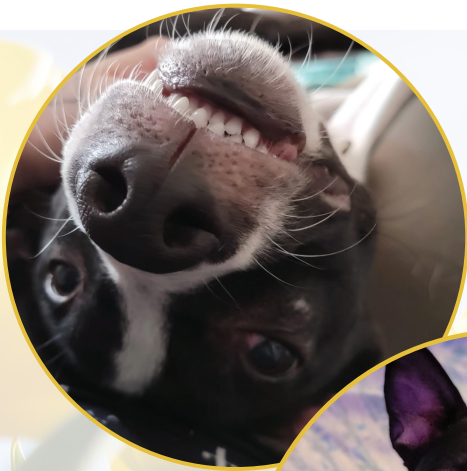
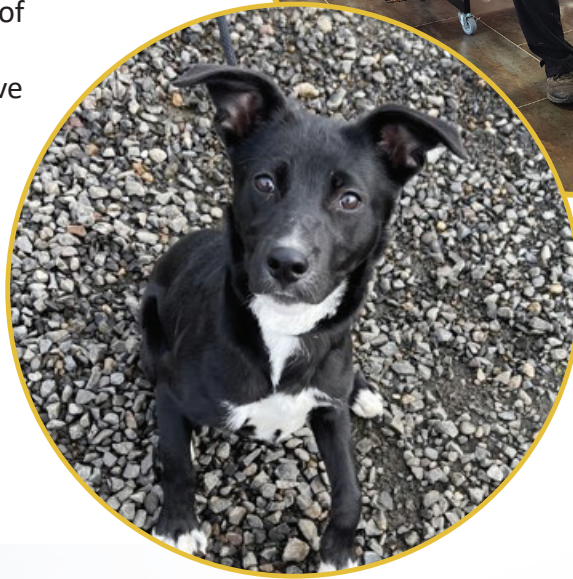
A big thank you to Dixie and Alton for sharing their wonderful Pond Pals with us!



DOZZY

In early February 2024, we were asked to tag a puppy for transport. At only four months old, happy, playful – and sitting on a euthanasia list in Texas – was **Dozzy**. The only reason for being on the euthanasia list was that the puppy had giardia. Giardia is a common illness that causes diarrhea and can be treated in as little as five days.

This adorable boy named Dozzy would have never had the chance to find his forever family without being tagged for transport. Sadly, overpopulated shelters across the nation don't have the space or time to treat common illnesses in animals and as a result many are forced to euthanize to keep up with the high volume of animals being brought in daily. This is one of many reasons we choose to transport animals when we have space. So many happy, friendly, and loving animals never get the chance to find their families and, when given an opportunity, SafeHaven tries to help as many animals as possible no matter their zip code. Like all animals that enter our doors these animals are spayed/neutered, receive vaccines, are given flea control and dewormer before they go to their forever homes. **Dozzy was with us for just 10 days before he was adopted! He is now enjoying life in Oregon with his new family.**



BANDIT

Bandit recently celebrated his one year Gotcha Day with his new family and we heard a very happy update!

"Everything has been great with Nightshade - now named Bandit! He's such a happy pup and it's been heartwarming to watch him go from a timid little puppy to my happy boy that zooms around the living room with his favorite spiky ball toy!"

Not long after I first got him, we had that snowstorm blow through and he absolutely LOVES running around in it! I don't know if he had ever seen snow, so it was so cute watching him play with and discover it for the first time! He was just as happy when it snowed about a month ago as well! Bandit loves going on car rides and playing with other dogs; he's just the absolute sweetest."

-Rylie Horrall

Events

Save the Dates:

We have two exciting events planned in 2024 and hope to see you at both! Mark your calendar and save the dates. Don't have a calendar? ***Cut these out and hang them on your refrigerator!***



JULY 20, 2024

Fifty years ago, SafeHaven was started as a network of foster homes that has now become the organization you know today. Join us on July 20th for a celebration.

Because of your support through five decades, SafeHaven has grown into an 9-member Board of Directors, a 50-member paid staff, and over 400 dedicated volunteers that cares for over 2,000 animals every year.

More details can be found soon on our website at www.safehavenhumane.org/events.



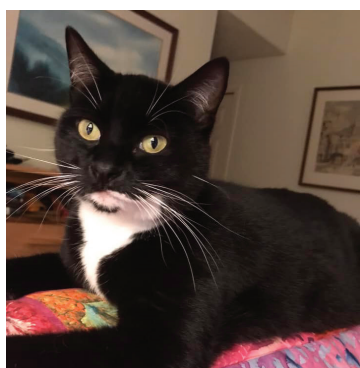
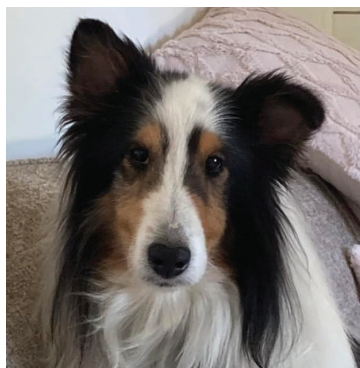
OCTOBER 5, 2024

We're back in the saddle for another **Rescue Roundup**, the biggest fundraiser of the year! This event includes a BBQ dinner, a live and silent auction with hundreds of items for you to bid on, and a honky tonk time!

Looking for a creative way to get involved and help us rescue homeless pets? You can donate a live or silent auction item. Consider donating a fun basket, a handmade item, artwork, and more. If you are interested in helping, please contact us at events@safehavenhumane.com or call 541-926-2924.

More details can be found soon on our website at www.safehavenhumane.org/events.

Pet Drawing Fundraiser



VALENTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISING

We want to send a huge Thank You to everyone who donated and participated in our third annual Valentine's Day Pet Drawing Fundraiser! During the week of Valentine's Day, making a donation of at least \$20 to the animals at SafeHaven meant you would receive a portrait drawing of your pet by a staff member or dedicated volunteer.

We had a pool of willing artists standing by, eager to turn loved pets into a timeless work of art. The best part of this fundraiser is, you might get one of our extremely talented artists, or you'll get someone who can't draw their way out of a paper bag. But every artist puts their heart into their art! We're much better at rescuing pets than drawing them!

A total of **43 photos** were submitted and together you raised **\$1,230** for the animals at SafeHaven while they wait for awesome owners who love them enough to want a custom drawing of their cuteness!

THE TRADITION CONTINUES - keep an eye out next February for your chance at your very own portrait!

Development

LEAVE YOUR legacy

Your legacy is a powerful way to show you care—about your family, your pets, and the causes close to your heart. Take some time soon to secure your intentions and give yourself peace of mind by creating a will so you know your wishes are honored.

Our partnership with FreeWill offers a unique opportunity to use this additional time to plan for your future. This free, user-friendly online tool allows you to create an estate plan in 20 minutes or less!

Learn more about estate planning on our website using the direct link below.

We would also be glad to discuss a planned gift with you without obligation by contacting:

Chris Storm, Executive Director
541.926.2924
chris@safehavenhumane.com



www.safehavenhumane.org/support-us/donate/legacy-leaders



DONATE A KURANDA BED

A great way to spread the love to our pets is by donating a Kuranda bed! We currently need 10 new beds for our dog kennels.

1. Kuranda Beds are the superior choice in shelters and rescues due to their durability and the added protection of a 1-Year Chew Proof Warranty.
2. Shelters prefer Kuranda beds since they are easy to clean and sanitize, minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.
3. The elevated sleep surface helps regulate body temperature, both in warmer and cooler months.
4. The orthopedic design alleviates pressure points on joints.
5. Quality sleep reduces stress which keeps animals healthy and feeling good while they await their forever homes.

Donate a bed using the link below!

www.shelterbeds.org/donate/354285

Helpful Resources

TIPS FOR CHEWING

Our natural reaction to the sight of our dog or puppy with a dangerous or valuable item in his mouth is to react strongly and yell or chase them, but these are both counter-productive choices.

Puppies use their mouths to explore their worlds. This means that your puppy may trot into the room with something in her mouth that you don't want her to have. Maybe it's valuable, like your brand new AirPods. Maybe it's precious, like your son's favorite stuffed bear. Whatever it is, how should you get your puppy to drop it?

Try This!

It's counter-intuitive, but if you have not yet taught your dog to "trade" or "drop it," the best way to get the item back immediately is to give it zero attention. If there's anything more enticing to a dog than a new thing, it's a new thing that somebody else wants really badly! (Don't believe us? Watch a dog suddenly care about that stupid old bone they've never ever chewed until the neighbor's dog comes over and picks it up.) The second you see a forbidden item in your puppy's mouth, spring into action . . . elsewhere! Make your puppy suddenly think that the item is worthless because 1) you aren't paying attention to it, and 2) you seem to be doing something else that's really exciting.

Offering up a special tug toy might do the trick for your tug-obsessed dog. Or, if your dog is in love with a neighbor's dog, it might work to announce a trip next door for a play session. Your knowledge of your dog will help you figure out what will create the fear of missing out elsewhere that will make him drop the item.

-Excerpted from Whole Dog Journal



Maybe the approach strikes you as silly, when you are inclined to choose a more direct or even stern approach. Before you do that, be aware that the strategy you use might spell the difference between a dog who constantly looks for "bad" things to pick up in her mouth, and one who never develops that habit. The wrong response to a dog who loves to pick up stuff could very well promote the development of resource-guarding behaviors – a bigger problem than losing a few items to chewing. Serious resource guarding calls for help from an experienced force-free trainer.

Many people instinctively try the yell-and-grab method, chasing down the pup and physically extracting the item from the puppy's mouth. After all, every second counts when it comes to either damage inflicted to the item or danger to the pup from ingestion. But is the yell-and-grab really the fastest, safest way to retrieve the item?

GOODPUP VIRTUAL TRAINING

Did you say FREE dog training? We're partnered with GoodPup! Anyone who adopts from us will receive 1 FREE week of dog training, + 20% off for life on future trainings, + GoodPup will donate \$50 to SafeHaven for every paying client. More info can be found at www.safehavenhumane.org/behavior-training-resources.



Foster Care

BELLA & BACON'S STORY

Bella and Bacon entered SafeHaven as an owner surrender case after their owner passed away and a family relative could not care for them. Prior to the intake, we were told Bella was between five and six years old. However, we quickly noticed she appeared much older. A veterinarian at the shelter estimated her to be 12 years old.

Bella also showed signs of having health problems as she could not put on weight despite eating. We sent out blood work and had an amazing foster parent, Marge, willing to take the bonded pair home until we knew more. Bella was diagnosed with hyperthyroidism and a heart murmur.

Bella and Bacon were so loved in their foster home while Bella tried out some medication and we waited for a blood work recheck. Bella and Bacon spent lots of time lounging in a home, getting special treats and attention. However, Bella's appetite was slowly decreasing.

When Bella's second blood work results came back, it was discovered that she was anemic and the severity in such a short period of time indicated she likely had a larger problem such as kidney failure or cancer. Sadly at her age, condition, and severity, it was unlikely there would be a treatment that would work. The vet recommended hospice care and provided medication to make her more comfortable. Our amazing foster parent, Marge welcomed Bella and Bacon into her home for another several weeks helping Bella feel comfortable and helping adjust Bacon to a life without Bella.

Bella passed peacefully in her sleep **knowing she was loved and that her best friend was taken care of**. Bacon is adjusting well and was adopted by his forever family on Valentine's Day this year! Check out the photo above of him and Jesse, one of our Animal Care Technicians, right before he went to his forever home. We cannot thank hospice care foster parents enough. Hospice care is one of the hardest things to open your home to, knowing you will get attached and have to say goodbye, but these animals get the love that they so desperately need and someone to lean on in their time of need. Thank you to anyone who has opened your home and your heart to a hospice animal!



FOSTER CARE PARENTS *Wanted*

Volunteer foster caregivers provide temporary, in-home care for homeless pets. **The foster program is one of the most important aspects of our life-saving impact** as it allows us to help animals who are not yet available for adoption, such as underage kittens and puppies, pregnant or nursing mothers with babies, ill or injured animals, or shy/under socialized animals. If you have any questions and are interested in becoming a part of our network of foster families, please email fostercare@safehavenhumane.com or visit www.safehavenhumane.org/adopt/foster.

Join us for SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Humane Education

SafeHaven's Spring Break 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. Each day will include valuable socialization time spent with our adoptable animals. Camp pre-registration is required. Campers will also need to bring a lunch. Snacks 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.

MARCH 26TH

9 AM – 4 PM | \$70 PER CHILD

Camp for Kindergarten – 5th grade. Activities include crafts, games, play time with animals, animal safety practice, and more!

MARCH 28TH

9 AM – 12 PM | \$15 PER CHILD

Camps for 6th – 9th grade. Youth Volunteer Session: Activities include working alongside staff for cleaning and shelter enrichment projects and socialization time with adoptable animals. Volunteer time meets most school-required volunteer requirements.



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, 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 at www.safehavenhumane.org/programs/humane-education/camps

UPCOMING 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 (once a month) includes pizza, popcorn, a little soda, time spent with our wonderful adoptable animals, and a movie. Learn more and register online at:

www.safehavenhumane.org/petspajamas

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2023 Year In Review

Finding Homes

2,019 ANIMALS GOT A SECOND CHANCE LAST YEAR

One person's unwanted animal becomes another person's beloved family member. And that is the mission at SafeHaven Humane Society. You can hear it through the halls and around the shelter... "as long as it takes." That's because each animal that comes through our doors gets to stay until they find their forever home, no matter how long it takes.

These adoptions don't just happen, however. They happen because our supporters choose to tell their friends and family about SafeHaven and the wonderful animals available for adoption. They happen because our followers on social media engage and share the animals available. They happen because we have an incredible network of volunteers, foster parents, and donors who choose to give support to those who have no voice of their own. For so many reasons, SafeHaven is able to find a home for thousands of animals each year and, for each reason, we are thankful.

So, from the 2,019 animals adopted in 2023 that are now resting happily in their new lives, Thank You! Thank you to everyone who donated their time, dollars, or supplies to keep the animals well cared for. Thank you to anyone who has attended a third party fundraiser at one of the many establishments in our community that generously give back. Thank you for sharing our posts on Facebook and tagging your friends in our stories. We can keep going but, instead, let us say **Thank You for thinking of the animals who needed us!**

726 DOGS
1,274 CATS
19 SMALL ANIMALS



ASPEN, ADOPTED JUNE 2023



DOMINO, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 2023



EDMUND, ADOPTED MARCH 2023

2023 Year In Review

Educating Minds

3760

Youth participated in
Humane Education programs

Opening Hearts

721

VOLUNTEERS
CONTRIBUTED

83,925

HOURS OF
SUPPORT

464 Community Low-Cost
Spay and Neuter Surgeries

50 Pet Therapy visits to
11 local facilities

189 Households utilized
Pet Food Pantry



Exciting Additions

REST & RELAXATION

Dogs like Apollo gave us the inspiration for our newest change to the shelter! After sitting in a kennel for 10 months waiting for his forever home, we are finally able to make him feel more comfortable in a room just for him. You might have seen the construction going on at the shelter recently and wondered what was up.

We have spent the last nine months building **12 quiet rooms** where dogs who don't thrive in a traditional kennel can stay until their family finds them. We're so thrilled to announce its completion and it brings tears to our eyes to see this sweet boy much happier!



Doggy Day Out

NEW



BARKING NEWS!

Our **NEW Doggy Day Out program** is a great way to give our pups a break from 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. The potential for fun is endless!

This program is set to begin soon! Check out our website using the link below to stay up to date and sign up. We are also asking for your help to kick start this exciting opportunity. If you want to help, check out our Wish List to the right and donate to the shelter. See our Amazon list using the link below:

www.safehavenhumane.org/doggys-day-out

Wish List

Adopt Me Leashes
Harnesses
(All Sizes, front and back clips)
Adopt Me Vests and Bandanas
Martingale Collars (All Sizes)
Collapsible Water Bowls
Car Seat Belts for dogs
Poop Bags
Treats (soft, more high value treats)
Ziplock bags – to put treats in
Drawstring Bags (Reuseable, washable)
Water Bottles

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Shelter life can be rough for many dogs, especially now, when medium to large dog adoptions have slowed tremendously across the U.S. Last year, SafeHaven invited **Dogs Playing For Life** to spend two days at SafeHaven training our staff and volunteers on how to successfully run playgroups, allowing dogs to get the exercise and socialization they needed each day. The impact of what we learned has guided us to make sure that SafeHaven dogs get involved in two playgroups a day. Every dog, Every day! It truly is the best part of the day at SafeHaven.

If you would like to become a playgroup volunteer, please reach out to our volunteer department and let them know you want more information on volunteering for playgroups and helping shelter dogs succeed. Email volunteer@safehavenhumane.com.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the **OSU Circle K Group** who volunteered their time in February at SafeHaven! As you can see, Scruff (dog) had a wonderful time. These amazing people helped us sort and organize cat litter, cleaned the Pet Food Pantry totes, and swept and mopped the main shelter hallway. We are so grateful for their hard work and, of course, for loving on the animals afterwards, too!



SAFEHAVEN GIFT & THRIFT works double duty by bringing shoppers new treasures and bargains while helping the animals of SafeHaven Humane Society. Thrift store shopping can be a great way to find a large variety of items all in one place for an extremely discounted rate. Here are just 4 of the many reasons to shop at SafeHaven Gift & Thrift, located in Tangent and Lebanon.

1. SAVE MONEY

Often times we need items around the house and while most people find what they need at their local Target or department store, you can save money and the environment by first checking the Gift & Thrift!

2. KEEP ITEMS FROM SITTING IN A LANDFILL

The whole idea behind a thrift store is eco-friendly. You know the saying, "one man's trash is another man's treasure." Well, it is so often true! You never know what you are going to find at a thrift store and it just may be something you've been searching for!

3. BE TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER TIME

Have you ever wondered if that one company still makes that one perfect item? Well, they probably don't. Retail stores these days turn over products so quickly that it's hard to fall in love with a certain style or design. Sometimes you'll be able to find it at a thrift store and, even better, at a discounted price!

4. HELP COUNTLESS ANIMALS FIND HOMES

When you shop at SafeHaven Gift & Thrift, 100% of the proceeds go directly towards the animals at SafeHaven. It is a great way to give back to the community while shopping for your own wants and needs!

VISIT US TODAY!

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