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SafeHaven HUMANE SOCIETY

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#### **Executive Director Focus**

Dear Friends,

For this Pet Press, we celebrate 50 years of saving lives!

What a truly remarkable accomplishment and I am so proud to have been part of it for the last 23 years. As I look back, each pet we helped (and continue to help), every volunteer and donor, the many fundraising events and pleas for help, and the countless hours of dedication and hard work have brought us to this moment of celebration.

Looking back reminds me of my "why". Why do I do the work I do? Animal rescue is hard. There is *nothing easy* about saving lives, raising money, dealing with drama and negative people, and balancing work and family. There are days when my best isn't good enough and my heart breaks into a million pieces; but then there are days when I "remember" when I saved a life, changed a life, or helped bring the unconditional love of a pet into a home.

My "why" will always come back to this quote: "Saving one animal will not change the world. But surely the world will change for that one animal" (Author Unknown). Since I started with SafeHaven 23 years ago, we have saved, rescued, fostered, and adopted out approximately 36,000 animals. Each one took a piece of my heart with them, and they all took my promise with them; a promise that I "see them" and their lives will get better.

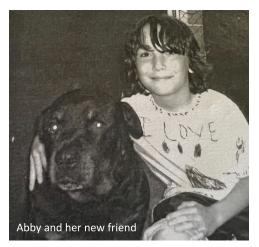
#### "The Promise: Abby's Story"

Excerpted from Spring 2007 Pet Press

The van was full. Six dogs were loaded into crates and ready for their trip to SafeHaven when the animal control officer said, "Chris, will you please take Abby too? She is one of my favorites and is already scheduled for euthanasia on Monday morning due to her age. Can't you please just fit one more?" I looked at the crates stacked in the passenger van and thought: Where?

I went to meet Abby. She was a beautiful 8-year-old Rottweiler with the sweetest brown eyes I had ever seen. She was so depressed that she never even lifted her head to greet me. She just laid on the concrete kennel floor and stared straight ahead. The officer told me her owners had surrendered her and her brother who had been her constant companion for years and he had been adopted without her. To me it seemed she had given up and her spirit was broken. That one look is all it took. Abby needed SafeHaven. I promised her life would get better and I loaded her into the van. During the long drive, Abby began to perk up and look around like she knew better days were ahead. Upon arriving at SafeHaven, Abby immediately won over each and every one of the staff and volunteers. She was so sweet and easy to work with and had a kindness about her that was rare. Unfortunately, soon after she arrived, she developed a horrible case of kennel cough that developed into pneumonia, and then a mammary tumor was discovered. Abby was battling pneumonia and possibly cancer, too. But I had a promise to keep!

With the help of Linn Veterinary Hospital and Dr. Braat, Abby began recovering from pneumonia and a plan was made for the mammary tumor. Once Abby was well enough, x-rays would be taken to see if the cancer had spread. If it had not, Abby would be spayed and the tumor removed at the same time. For two weeks, staff and volunteers helped Abby recover from the pneumonia and we all kept our fingers crossed for this special dog. On July 2, 2007, the tumor was removed and Abby was given a clean bill of health.



Abby is a dog that I will never forget. In fact, just re-reading her story brought me to tears. Abby and so many like her are my "Why". A dog who was so close to being overlooked and euthanized due to her age and breed, was given

a chance at SafeHaven and was adopted by a family who volunteered at SafeHaven at that time.

For 23 years, and for many, many more years to come, I will continue to make that promise to many other animals just like Abby.

That is my "Why". Thank you for celebrating this huge milestone with us!

For the animals

Chris Storm, Executive Director

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Warmer weather means more barbecues and get togethers with family and friends. This means you might find yourself with more cans and bottles. But before you take them to the recycle bin, let us fill you in on an easy way to help out homeless pets! **It's as simple as 1-2-3**. Follow these simple steps to recycle your cans and bottles all while saving animals and helping them find perfect forever homes.

**GET**. Pick up your blue Bottle Drop bag from SafeHaven (the shelter, either Gift & Thrift store, or we can mail one to you)!

**FILL.** Fill your blue Bottle Drop bag with recyclable bottles and cans.

**DROP.** Bring your full Bottle Drop bag to SafeHaven or to ANY Bottle Drop Center in Oregon. As long as the bag is from Safe-Haven, the funds will be allocated to the animals in our care.

**Our grand total from BottleDrop for 2023 was \$13,932.** This total makes 2023 our biggest year yet. We're hoping to go up from here!



All of these





THANK YOU!



happily ever afters



are made possible



by YOU!

#### **Featured Adoption**

## HAMMIE'S BIG BREAK

We'd like to introduce you to **Hammie Chambers**, this quarter's Pet Press cover pet! Hammie, luckily, found himself at the home of **Dave and Darlene Chambers**, longtime SafeHaven supporters and two people with the patience a cat like Hammie needed. Darlene recalls how Hammie became theirs:

"One morning a year ago April, I woke up to our dog, Shasta "stalking" my nightstand. Figuring she had rolled yet another ball under it, I moved the nightstand only to be startled by a small gray & white creature leaping over the stand and making a run for it to our family room. There I discovered it was a kitten, now hiding behind another piece of furniture. From there he (although we didn't know which gender he was at that time) dashed out to our front room, which is my "chaos" room. Lots of boxes, a floor loom, spinning wheels, LOTS of stuff! It was the perfect room for the kitten to hide! There was no catching him; he was definitely feral and very afraid of us. We set him up with water, food and a litter box and for weeks only caught brief glimpses of him. I guessed him to be barely eight weeks old and he definitely knew nothing about using any of the above. Consequently, he made big messes every time he ate, drank or used the litter box. We made adjustments, and it was better. Thankfully, we have tiled floors.

There is a cartoon character, a little boy, named Hammie, who is always getting into messes, so Dave thought that a good name. Also, he frequently slept in the hammock of my weaving loom.

It took close to three months before he let Dave touch him, with a little scratch on top of his head. Hammie then bonded closely with Dave and began coming out of his room a little at a time. When it came time for immunizations, we popped him into a carrier and he didn't say a word, behaving perfectly. Turns out, he was probably in shock, because when it was time for neutering, he wouldn't let us get him anywhere near a carrier! Eventually, weeks later, we were able to trick him into it. He was definitely not happy about that! Now Hammie is a happy one-year old and obviously here to stay. He gets along well with our dog and older two cats.

How did he get into the house? He had been living in our grass field and probably barn and apparently started coming closer to the house. We think he saw our animals using their doors and followed. He definitely has a "survivor" personality as he was catching mice and voles in the field and is extremely quick. Also meant he was full of round worms. He's had no desire to use those same doors to go out!

Now he explores the yard, garage, shop and barn at times, but always comes back to the people door to be let back in. We've gotta work on that! Also, wish us luck for the next vet visit!"





#### **SHADOWFAX**

"I adopted this handsome guy in March and, boy, am I in love. Shadowfax (previously Sleet) is the most affectionate, cuddly cat ever! He also seems to be a professional baker and kneads ALL THE TIME. He kneads you, the air, the floor, just about anything when he's happy (which is constantly) and, boy, is he chatty, not too mention the loudest purs ever! I'm one happy cat mom now."

Adopted by Viva Schuster



#### **OLE DAN**

"Thank you for our amazing pup. I wanted to send an update to you wonderful people. Originally named Ole Dan, we renamed him Albariño, Alba for short.

He has made fast friends with our family, friends, and their dogs and is an incredible companion. He loves walks and has learned to sit and has developed an amazing recall. Watching soccer games with dad and playing disc golf are his favorite hobbies. Living on the coast, he runs daily with the bay in the background.

Thank you again for everything. He is the best friend we could have asked for."

Adopted by Claire Mattson

#### Have a happy tail to share?

We would love to hear your adoption story and share it with our community! **Happy Tails** help promote more adoptions and funding to continue our mission!

#### www.safehavenhumane.org/submit-a-story

#### **Happy Tails**

# Help us celebrate **50 years** of saving lives! **OPEN HOUSE** CELEBRATION

FOOD TRUCKS • KID ZONE • CAKE KITTEN SHOWER • COMMUNITY BOOTHS

#### It's a...kitten! (Or hundreds!)

Join us for a **Kitten Shower** where you will have the chance to visit with kittens, learn about fostering opportunities, and what to do if you find kittens! Should you wish to bring a gift to the shower, please see our most needed items via our Amazon Wishlist using the link below. We will have hundreds of kittens come through our door this summer!

www.safehavenhumane.org/support-us/donate

Fifty years ago, SafeHaven was started as a network of foster homes that has now become the organization you know today. Because of your support through five decades, SafeHaven has grown into an 11-member Board of Directors, a 50-member paid staff, and over 400 dedicated volunteers that care for over 2,000 animals every year.

save the date

RESCUE ROUNDUP presented MIKE'S

This FREE family-friendly event includes food trucks, an exciting kid zone, cake, a kitten shower, community booths, and more!

HEATING AND AIR

Each year, our largest fundraising event is made possible by YOU, our community members and supporters. Auction items are needed to raise money to continue our mission of Finding Homes, Opening Hearts, and Educating Minds. If you are interested in donating an auction item to help raise funds for the animals, we are now accepting items.

#### PLEASE EMAIL OUR TEAM FOR MORE INFORMATION: EVENTS@SAFEHAVENHUMANE.COM

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#### Events

## June is National Adopt a Cat Month







Here are our top three reasons (although the list goes on) to adopt a feline friend this month!

#### #1 Adoption saves many lives.

According to the ASPCA, about 3.2 million cats end up in US animal shelters each year. Sadly, about 530,000 are euthanized. Choosing to adopt means saving lives of other feline lives as well. When you adopt from a shelter, it opens space so they can care for another cat until they, too, find their forever home.

#### #2 Adopting is a smart financial choice.

You'll take home a cat that is up to date on vaccines, already spayed or neutered, and even microchipped when you adopt from SafeHaven.

#### **#3 It's good for your overall health.**

Studies show that adopting a cat can positively affect a human's ability to cope with anxiety, loneliness, depression, and stress. Research has shown that:

Pet owners are less likely to suffer from depression than those without pets.

Playing with a cat can elevate serotonin and dopamine levels, which help to calm and relax.

It's good for your physical health too! In addition to helping mental and emotional health, cats can improve physical health as well. Cats make their owners less susceptible to heart trouble and cardiovascular disease by lowering stress levels. The sound of a purring cat can even help heal tendons and bones while enhancing joint mobility after injuries. Plus, kids raised around cats are less likely to develop sensitivities to many common allergens.

Check out the loving cats available for adoption today by visiting *www.safehavenhumane.com/ adopt/cats*. Or stop by the shelter any day between 12 and 5 PM.

## **Anniversary Celebration**

## SafeHaven: A True Community Resource

SafeHaven Humane Society is dedicated to finding permanent, loving homes for all animals entrusted in our care. As a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, our mission is to help residents of our communities be the best humane beings they can be by providing compassionate, temporary shelter care, healthy adoptable animals, information, understanding and education, and spay and neuter program.

SafeHaven is a limited admission shelter that is committed to the philosophy of not using euthanasia to control pet population. Once an animal enters SafeHaven, there is no limit to the amount of time that animal can spend at the facility. Once the shelter is full, however, no new animals can be accepted, thus preventing the current residents from being euthanized to make room for newcomers. It is this policy that differentiates SafeHaven from publicly funded "open admission" facilities. As a full adoption shelter, SafeHaven has pledged to care for the dogs, cats, and small animals in our custody until they find a forever home. With an 11-member Board of Directors, a 50-member paid staff, and over 400 dedicated volunteers, SafeHaven does not receive funding from any governmental agency and relies on our programs, community, and grants to keep our mission going.

#### MISSION

Finding Homes, Opening Hearts, and Educating Minds to strengthen and improve the lives of animals and people.

#### VISION

We envision a community where every adoptable, treatable companion animal has a loving home and where every loving home has the opportunity to care for a companion animal.

#### VALUES

We are guided by the belief that no adoptable or treatable companion animal should be unnecessarily euthanized due to space, time, appearance or treatable conditions. We are committed to:

- Giving a new chance to companion animals who would otherwise be discarded.
- Strengthening the human-animal bond through education.
- Helping people and their companion animals stay together through the support of programs and services.
- · Leading responsibly with compassion.





## **Anniversary Celebration**

## **How SafeHaven Grew**

**1974** – A network of animal lovers came together to create **Linn Humane Society.** They rescued abandoned and abused dogs and fostered them in their homes.

**1985** – A small estate left to SafeHaven allowed them to put a down payment for the one-acre parcel of land on Hwy 34.

**1986** – A modular home is added and becomes the original site you may remember.

**1993** – Linn Humane Society expands to begin helping felines as well.

**1994** – Linn Humane Society was being mistaken for Linn County Animal Control. After seeking the community's suggestions for a new name, they agreed on SafeHaven Humane Society.

**2001** – Chris Storm joined the SafeHaven staff.

**2007** – Our first low-cost spay and neuter program, Cat's Count, began.

**2009** – SafeHaven creates the Rescue Me transport program.

**2011** – A generous bequest gives SafeHaven the opportunity to purchase a building to renovate as their new home. Fundraising continues for construction costs over the next few years.

**2012** – SafeHaven opens a Pet Boutique & Home Décor store in downtown Albany. This will later become SafeHaven Gift & Thrift.

May 2014 – After outgrowing the small pet boutique, SafeHaven Gift & Thrift is opened in Tangent, OR.

**July 2014** - SafeHaven's operations move from their original building to the new location we are in now!

**2018** – The second Gift & Thrift location is opened in Lebanon, OR.

**2019** – SafeHaven adds a medical suite to their location.

**2021** – SafeHaven begins wellness clinic for community owned pets.

**2023** – SafeHaven opens on-site low-cost spay and neuter program for the community

**2024** – New quiet rooms for higher needs dogs are built and added to shelter.

2024 – Doggy Day Out program begins (see next page).

2024 – Celebrating 50 years of changing lives!

## Doggy Day Out

## **ADVENTURES OUTSIDE SAFEHAVEN**

Here at SafeHaven, we strive to make the animals as comfortable as possible while they wait for their forever home. However, the shelter environment, by design, can be stressful and create anxiety in even the most even-tempered dogs. We saw an opportunity to get our community involved and get some of our dogs out of the shelter for enriching breaks and fun. In April, we launched our **Doggy Day Out program**, not knowing how many community members would be interested or just how many days out would be scheduled. To our pleasant surprise, we had over 60 days out scheduled in the first weekend the new program was announced! **To date, our supporters have scheduled over 250 Doggy Days Out!** 

As an added benefit, we have also been able to get extra information about each dog after their day out, which ultimately helps them find their perfect humans! If you are interested in participating, you can easily sign up and schedule your day and time on our website at the URL below.



## Learn more at www.safehavenhumane.org/doggy-day-out

#### **Humane Education**



FUN & FUR CAMPS Monday-Thursday camps

Get ready for an adventure at our **Fun and Fur camps!** Campers will have a blast playing fun games, getting creative with animal-themed crafts, and learning all about how they can help animals in need.

Campers will get to **interact with and care for our furry friends, from playful puppies to cuddly kittens.** They'll also get to learn about animal behavior, pet care, and the importance of adoption.

Whether it's helping clean cages, creating cat toys, or socializing with dogs, campers will make a difference in the lives of our animals and learn the value of kindness and compassion.

K-2nd grade: <u>August 5th-8th</u> 3rd-5th grade: <u>July 15th-18th</u>

> \$180 per child 9 AM- 3 PM

#### ANIMAL ADVENTURE CAMPS SINGLE DAY CAMPS

Join us for a fun-filled day at our Animal Adventure Camps at the animal shelter! These one-day camps are perfect for animal loving kids who want to spend time with amazing adoptable animals and learn more about how to care for them.

#### July 8th, K-2nd grade, Active Animals

<u>July 25th</u>, K-5th grade Responsible Pet Parents

<u>July 30th</u>, K-5th grade Animals are Everywhere

<u>August 1st</u>, 6th-9th grade Volunteering and Training

<u>August 13th</u>, 3rd-5th Homes and Habitats

August 30th, K-5th grade, Vet Camp

\$70 per child 9 AM- 4 PM YOUTH VOLUNTEERING SINGLE DAY SESSIONS

Is your child an animal lover who wants to make a difference in the lives of shelter pets? Join us at SafeHaven for a **unique volunteer opportunity tailored for kids entering 6th-9th grade!** 

As a volunteer, you will get to help with shelter cleaning and projects to create a safe and welcoming environment for our furry friends. You will also have the opportunity to spend time socializing and playing with our adoptable animals, providing them with much-needed love and attention. This is a great opportunity for kids who have a passion for animals!

6th-9th grade: <u>July 13th</u> 6th-9th grade: <u>August 22nd</u>

\$15 per child 9 AM- 12 PM

Camp pre-registration is required. Reserve your space on our website at www.safehavenhumane.org/programs/humane-education/camps

If you would like more details or have any questions, please contact Katie at HumaneEd@safehavenhumane.com or call 541-928-2789. Let's get this party started!

#### Volunteer

## **Celebrating Volunteer Appreciation Week**

While we choose to honor and celebrate our volunteers every day, we officially celebrated **Volunteer Appreciation Week** this year April 21st-27th. SafeHaven is so grateful to all of our amazing volunteers for their continuous dedication and commitment to making shelter animals' lives better, one clean floor, one treat-filled Kong toy, one spay/neuter surgery, and one thrift store sale at a time! This year alone, our incredible volunteers have donated **over 12,000** hours of their personal time to support the animals!

During the week, we hosted a doggy enrichment walk on Friday, a volunteer mixer on Saturday, and drew winners for raffle baskets on Monday! There were also extra treats in the shelter as an added Thank You. Everyone who participated had a great time and we really loved getting the chance to celebrate all of these incredible people!

Volunteer positions at SafeHaven are truly and literally all over the place. If you want to help us caring for the animals and working directly with cats and dogs, that is wonderful! However, we've created many volunteer positions for people who want to contribute elsewhere. Check out the positions below to see if it sounds like something you would be interested in and, as always, feel free to email us at **volunteer@safehavenhumane.com** with any questions.



## Front Desk/Reception Positions

Are you interested in getting some customer service experience under your belt while getting volunteer hours at the same time? Or maybe you just have a knack for more people-oriented volunteering positions. We would love to have you give front desk volunteering a shot! Front desk volunteering includes:

- Greeting & directing potential adopters to the animal floors
- Answering general questions about processes & policies
- Sorting/Stocking retail items
- Sanitizing & cleaning as needed

## Event/Community Outreach Positions

We strive to offer our support for many community programs and endeavors all across Linn County. Volunteers are always needed to assist with this by attending events in the community. Volunteers in this position frequently staff information tables, escort adoptable animals, assist with donation drives, and perform other activities depending on the event. Some past events SafeHaven has attended are OSU Pet Day, The Lebanon Strawberry Parade, Pet Therapy in Assisted Living Facilities, Adoption Events, and Fill the Van donation drives at various stores.

## Learn more at www.safehavenhumane.org/support-us/volunteering

#### **Helpful Resources**

#### Warm Weather Pet Safety

You might know that cold weather poses health risks to your pets, but so does warm weather – even on days that don't seem that hot to you. Knowing the risks and being prepared can help keep your pet safe. Here are some helpful hints to keep in mind as the weather continues to warm up:

1. Talk to your veterinarian about warm weather risks for pets (and travel safety if you plan to travel with a pet).

2. Make sure your pets have unlimited access to fresh water, and access to shade when outside.

3. Keep your pet free of parasites that are more common during warm weather, such as fleas, ticks and heartworm.

4. Never leave a pet in the car, even in the shade or with windows cracked. Cars can overheat quickly to deadly temperatures, even when the weather isn't severe.

5. If it's hot outside for you, it's even hotter for your pet. Remember, they are wearing a fur coat!

6. Take walks, hikes or runs during the cooler hours of the day.

7. Avoid hot surfaces, such as asphalt, that can burn your pet's paws.

8. Ask your veterinarian if your pet would benefit from a warm-weather haircut or other protection.

#### SIGNS OF HEAT STRESS

Seek emergency veterinary care if you observe any of these signs:

Anxiousness Excessive panting Excessive drooling Abnormal gum and tongue color Collapse

#### Community

Bentley's



#### **Pet Therapy**

On May 15th, SafeHaven volunteers visited **Timberwood Court Memory Care Community** in Albany. Aladdin, the dog pictured here, loved getting out of the shelter to get sweet pets and treats made by some of the residents. Aladdin has since been adopted and is enjoying his forever home!

It is proven that pet companions can expand the human life expectancy and improve the mood of individuals. Many seniors living in nursing homes or retirement communities are unable to have a pet companion so to ensure seniors get regular interactions with pets, SafeHaven visits senior communities each month with adoptable animals.

For more information on these programs, please call 541.928.2789 or email *communityoutreach@safehavenhumane.com.* 

## When Your Daily Cup of Joe Saves Lives

In April, we had the pleasure of working with not one, but TWO, local coffee shops to raise funds for SafeHaven. On April 1st, **Bentley's Coffee** hosted their Peach Ring drink giveaway with a donation of at least \$1, split between SafeHaven and Oregon Humane Society Salem Campus. Check out Grover and TJ, shelter pups



posing with **Taryn Kemper**, our Community Outreach Coordinator, the day of the fundraiser. **This fundraiser brought in \$1,345**. Thank you, Bentley's!

**Spirit Espresso**, located off Geary Street, has hosted the same fundraiser 6 years in a row for SafeHaven! Check out the photo here to see the lovely baristas posing with shelter pup, Grover, who has since found his forever home.

This year on April 12, Spirit Espresso and the generous customers who stopped in that day raised \$1,400 which **Kelly Robbins**, owner and SafeHaven Board Member, rounded up to **\$1,500** to help the animals at SafeHaven. Thank you to everyone who stopped by and thank you, Kelly, for your support!

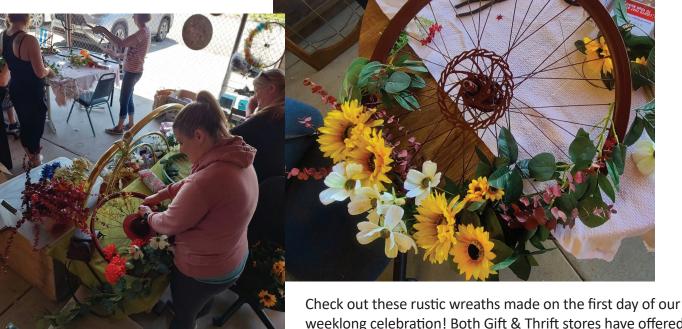
#### **Gift and Thrift**

## **Cheers to TEN YEARS!**

In May, our **Tangent Gift & Thrift** store celebrated TEN years since opening their doors. Since 2014, this location has brought in necessary funds to support the shelter and SafeHaven's mission. Led by store manager, Jodi Javage and staffed by a team of generous volunteers, the store is an asset to not only SafeHaven, but to shoppers as well. Thrifted goods can be found at a fraction of the cost of your average store and treasures are found daily.

To celebrate this milestone, we hosted a weeklong celebration event that included craft classes, making wreaths from thrifted goods, giveaways, treats, and drawings. We ended the week with a huge storewide sale to thank our customers for the years of support. If you haven't stopped in lately, we urge you to check out what could be waiting for you at either Gift & Thrift store and remember, it's a win-win! You win and, of course, our animals win by getting as much time as they need to find a perfect home.





Check out these rustic wreaths made on the first day of our weeklong celebration! Both Gift & Thrift stores have offered craft classes just like this in the past. To stay up to date about upcoming events, be sure to find the SafeHaven Gift & Thrift Facebook page.

#### VISIT US TODAY!

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