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Fun and Games

Visit our website or drop in at the shelter to see what fundraisers, raffles, or events we have planned. We hope to organize something fun and new for each month!

Get in on the fun on-line at:

columbiahumane.org

or in person at our shelter lobby.

HELPING EACH OTHER

A BIG BRIGHT FUTURE

Chances are everyone reading this is faced with some kind of financial hardship and it is probable that, in addition, you have others counting on you. When you look at the struggles we all go through our similarities are common. We learn how to ask for help, accept it when it is offered, and pay it forward by helping others.

Even in hard times people of the community have reached out to help one another. The Columbia Humane Society has received that help and we want to express our words of appreciation to you all.

After years of service our animal shelter had built savings, stayed current with our bills, and we were able to make some needed adjustments to the shelter. About two years ago we were hit not only with financial hard times but with an outbreak of a viral infection that took the lives of some of our cats, depleted our savings, and hit the shelter hard emotionally. When things were not looking good and doors were getting ready to swing shut we turned to the community for help, and you gave it.

Now, we are regrouping and looking forward to a bright future. You will notice small changes, new faces, and some more “paws-itive” community assistance available as we pull ourselves back together. We aren’t out of the woods yet. We have outstanding debts and without the continued support of the community we serve, our shelter will not remain in operation. We continue to be dependent on the public for survival. Our expenses are paid with revenue from adoptions, donations, fundraisers, and retail sales.

Please take the time now to find one way to help the shelter. Work with your school, job, or other group to do “just one thing” to benefit the animals. Start a monthly donation group with family and friends. Be a lead dog and start a running group. Our dogs would love a daily run. Organize your boy/girl scout troop to recycle our donated cans for cash for the shelter. Spend time washing dogs at our Saturday dog washes or donate a couple of hours to help our morning cleaning crew. There are many ways to help. If you need an idea, just ask us!

We have a new board that is ready to take this shelter and continue moving it forward. You will get to know each of them in the “Meet a Board Member” section of upcoming newsletters. As we work together to build a strong facility we can continue to improve the lives of animals in and around our great community.



“Be Mine” Sponsorship

For Valentines Day sponsor an animal at our shelter. Visit the cattery or dog kennels any time and let the shelter know which animal you would like to sponsor. Put \$10.00 or more towards that animal and we will advertise their discounted price. This helps garner additional attention to your “Be Mine” sponsored animal, increasing their odds of adoption! Can’t visit the shelter? Visit us online at columbiahumane.org, pick an animal, and send a check (tax deductible) with your “Be Mine” animal name in the memo line.

Just A Couple Of Our Current Residents:



Meet Clatskanie.

This young girl is about 9 months old and full of character. Clats loves to play but also enjoys some good old cuddling time. Clatskanie may possibly have been a dog in a past life. Sometimes you can find her with her tongue hanging out of her mouth panting like a happy dog at your feet!

If you are looking for personality and love Clatskanie is your girl!

Trigger is a sweet boy but is having a hard time finding a new forever home. He is easily passed over due to the fact that he has a skinny physique and no particularly unique markings. But he truly is a one of a kind boy if only given the chance! Within the last 1.5 years he has gone on only two home visits. Both of these “potentials” loved him and his personality but had to return him after a week because of his chasing cats and his digging under fences. Now we know he needs a cement dog run and a home without any small animals.



Dogs are naturally social beings who thrive on interaction with humans and other animals. Spend time with your dog daily. It provides a full life of happiness for him and for you!

Cats are sensitive and smart animals who can respond to their owners' voices and loving commands. They can also play fetch!

Three Reasons To Adopt From CHS

1. We spay and neuter all animals that leave our shelter. This saves our new parents an average of \$65.00!
2. Along with your new furry friend comes a free local vet check within 14 days of adoption, worth an estimated \$25.00.
3. We rely on donations, fundraising, donors, money from adoption fees and retail sales to fund our shelter. Your adoption fee helps keep a roof over the animals we take in, approximately 400 in 2008.

From the bottom of their paws to the tips of their noses, Thank You!

VOLUNTEERING

One of the most important ways that people can assist the Columbia Humane Society is by getting involved as a volunteer. There are many ways that volunteers assist at the shelter and help us keep the doors open as well as assure that the animals are healthy and happy and that visitors keep coming back. To become a volunteer drop by and visit us or give us a call.

503-397-4353

Community Outreach

In order to continue our mission to be there for you and your animals, we provide:

Low-Cost Dog/ Cat Food

Visit our lobby for mixed-brand Dog Food in 15# bags and Cat Food in 10# bags, along with low-cost treats and supplies.

Rabies Clinic 12:00 -3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2009

Rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats only \$7.50

Microchips \$20.00

Saturday Dog Baths and Nail Trims

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Two Locations!!

Columbia Humane Society Shelter and All About Pets in Scappoose

Short Hair \$5.00

Long Hair \$10.00

Nails: \$3.00

Please call ahead to make an appointment

WISH I MAY, WISH I MIGHT.....

Don't have time to volunteer but wish you could help in other ways?

1. CASH DONATIONS:

Overhead, Medical/Preventive Care, Feeding/Cleaning are all costly. Every donation is appreciated and put to good use!

2. STAMPS:

Ah, the power of the mighty pen. But without a stamp we can't get our word out! Your donation of stamps provides us limitless opportunities. Want to help us afford to continue our newsletter mailings? Send a check to the shelter and put "NEWSLETTER FUND" in the memo line.

3. LEASHES/COLLARS:

We need donations of about 15 of each in all sizes. Think sturdy, as most of our dogs are medium-large breeds. Also feel free to donate used ones for our resale lobby.

4. RAISED DOG BEDS:

If we had it our way each dog would have a pal to walk/play with them every day. Since this isn't possible, they spend much of their day in their kennels. They need a comfortable place to sit and sleep until their forever home is found. We could use 12 large and 5 medium beds.

Kuranda.com sells the type of beds we need. Visit their site, click on "Donate A Bed" heading, and find our Shelter: Columbia Humane Society, St. Helens. They walk you through ordering of the beds and have them shipped directly to us in your name.

5. LAUNDRY DETERGENT:

Laundry is truly a neverending chore! We don't need any specific brand; we just need lots of it!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Dry/Wet Kitten Food, Dog/Cat food, bleach, spray disinfectant, wipes, and used pet supplies in good condition for resale in our lobby.

🐾 WE DO NOT NEED EMPTY FOOD BAGS AT THIS TIME 🐾

We Say Thank You!

To all of you who donated to the Columbia Humane Society over the holidays we say Thank you!

To the following businesses who let us put a up giving tree, we are so thankful!

ALL ABOUT PETS

STARBUCKS

RED APPLE

HOULTON BAKERY

To the foster parents and volunteers who have spent time helping with cleaning, fundraising, walking dogs, playing with the animals, doing laundry, organizing the shelter and so many other acts you do for our animals,

YOU ARE AWESOME AND SO IMPORTANT TO US!

THANK YOU!



4Paws Up For Red Apple

In this issue we would like to take a moment to thank Red Apple for their long-term support of our shelter. Not only have they allowed us to utilize them for fundraising events, but they also donate 1% of the value of all the receipts we turn in to them.

To Red Apple we give 4Paws up for their support! We ask everyone to keep shopping locally at Red Apple and keep donating your receipts to the Columbia Humane Society.

Spay Day USA

Every year 3-4 MILLION animals are put down in shelters across the nation. The reason for this is simple and sad. There are too many animals and not enough good homes for them. Spaying and neutering is part of our continued effort to see that some day every dog and cat has a parent all their own.

Spay Day takes place the last Tuesday of February. We are asking for help in our spay and neuter commitment by donating in honor of this cause. Either in person, online or by mail please donate any amount to the shelter and let us know you are donating for a future where all animals have a forever home. We will put aside all Spay Day money to go strictly towards continuing our promise to spay and neuter every animal that comes through our doors. If you have an animal at home we urge you to please make sure it is spayed/neutered. You have the ability to help save lives.

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret Mead

