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Calling All Artists!!

We are seeking artists/craftsmen interested in selling goods at our Animal Care Fair. If you would like to help the shelter and get your name out there, please call the shelter and leave your name/number for a call back on space reservations. All profits to be donated to the shelter.

PARTNERSHIP CREATES SAFE HAVEN FOR ANIMALS PROGRAM

April is Animal and Human Violence Awareness Month. In recognition of this, the Columbia Humane Society has teamed up with Columbia County Women's Resource Center (CCWRC) to create Safe Haven for Animals.

Safe Haven for Animals will be a network of foster homes available for the animals of families who take refuge at the CCWRC in St. Helens. Fear for the safety of an animal should never be a reason to avoid seeking help from a domestic violence shelter such as CCWRC.

In a violent family everyone could be a victim, including the family pet. Safe Haven for Animals will consist of citizens who have the home and the heart to care for animals for up to 60 days. Length of the stay will vary and the animals fostered will be a wide variety of family pets, from dogs and horses to lizards and cats. The foster family will always have a choice of what animal(s) are taken in. These animals will need food and shelter in a safe and loving environment.

There is no excuse for abuse. When someone or something is in need of assistance it is our role as neighbors, community members, and human beings to help in any way we can. *We will join forces as a community to stand up against the "dirty little secret" of domestic violence against humans and animals.*

If you can participate or have any questions regarding Safe Haven for Animals, contact chs_safehaven@yahoo.com or call Tamara at 503-936-3389. If you are aware of any animals that are in need of help or being abused please contact your local Animal Control office; if you are aware of any people in danger please contact your local police department.

ANIMAL CARE FAIR

This fun-filled idea started as a volunteer awareness event for St. Helens High School student Ashley Osborn's Senior Project. While brainstorming ways that Ashley's volunteers could spend the day helping around the shelter we quickly realized that not only were many things going to get done, but that we were also going to have a lot of fun while doing it. And as we all know...everything is much more fun when it's shared! With that, the Animal Care Fair was born!

When: Saturday, April 25th, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Rain or shine ~ Everyone is welcome ~ No entry fee

Where: At the shelter, of course! All activities will take place in our parking lot

Why: 1. To raise awareness of the power created when good people do things to help others
2. To gain awareness of animal and human rights/needs

How: By gathering as a community to raise funds for the shelter with low-cost games, raffles, arts and crafts, snacks, animal adoptions, and other things for the whole family to enjoy.

****All adoptions at the Fair will be 15% off****

"All for fun and fun for all!"

Just A Couple Of Our Current Residents:



Varuna has gorgeous long hair, big beautiful eyes, and a playful, loving heart. He came to us many months ago when his people moved into a home that didn't allow cats. All he wants is a family to call his own.

Sketch is full of character. Her ability to climb a fence is amazing. If left alone outdoors she MUST be in a covered dog run or this little Houdini will escape! Sadly this makes it hard for her to find a family. Since we only have one covered run, and it is only built for one dog she spends most of her time alone. This makes her extra hyper when she gets any attention! Who can blame her for that?



****UPDATE: TRIGGER AND CLATSKANIE FEATURED IN THIS SECTION LAST ISSUE WERE BOTH ADOPTED!!****

Foster Parent Roll Call

As we enter kitten/puppy season, we have a dozen families willing to take in our pregnant mothers and their offspring until adoptable. However, we are still in need of foster parents that are willing to take in animals with health issues such as colds, eye infections, ring worm, or other medical issues. A home to heal in often provides a much quicker and healthier recovery for the sweet little sick ones. If you are willing to foster even our not-so-cute-and-cuddly cases, please contact CHS and specify your availability.

We are asking all foster parents, new and existing, to join us at the shelter for foster parent training on Sunday, May 3rd, from 1 – 3 p.m. It will be a great opportunity for voicing any questions and concerns you may have about fostering, as well as for learning about basic care and health needs.

Fun and Games

****All raffle tickets are purchased at CHS for \$2 each. You do not need to be present to win ****

April's Home Run Raffle

Start your season swinging a new bat! (1) Demarini Vexxum Little League Baseball Bat. 13.5/16.5oz/30inch – Retail Value : \$160
(1) 2009 Demarini F2 Slow Pitch Softball Bat 28oz/34 in - Retail Value: \$220
Ticket Sales Start: April 1st – Drawing: April 30th

April Showers Trip Raffle

The Mill Casino in Coos Bay; one-night stay Deluxe Bay-Side Room
And two \$10 Dinner Certificates – Retail Value: \$160

**** Sunday – Thursday Only, Excludes Events & holidays, Expires 11/8/09 ****

Ticket Sales Start: April 1st – Drawing: May 2nd 8pm at CHS Moose Lodge Spaghetti Feed.

May Getaway Raffle

Wildhorse Resort and Casino; one-night stay Standard Room
And two 18-hole rounds of Golf – Retail Value: \$200

Ticket Sales Start: May 1st – Drawing: May 30th

**** Excludes special events. Expires 11/08/09 ****

SO THANKFUL WE ARE!

For everything you do, in every way, no matter how small you think it is, we thank you! Each \$5 donation adds up, every hour spent with our animals is noticed, and every time you help spread awareness of the CHS mission it is so valuable and important. The dogs and cats at Columbia Humane Society send you each a big ol' slobbery "thank you" kiss!

To those businesses out there that help us even when your own small businesses may be feeling the economic crunch we are eternally grateful.

We'd like to point out a few of you now:

Bemis Printing – Not only do you provide quality printing, but your helpfulness and customer service are outstanding as well!

All About Pets – For sponsoring this newsletter we are truly grateful. You also help with food and pet supplies on many occasions and we appreciate it greatly!

Eaton's – The way that you have assisted us with a vehicle we couldn't get running without you will always be remembered and appreciated.

Our Local Vet Clinics – We bring you our sick, our wounded, and our fertile and you fix them up with loving care. Thank you so much for your continued support. We count on you for so many things and you don't let us down. An extra "thank you" goes out to Midway's Dr. Fowler for using your personal time to participate in our rabies clinics. You make it possible for us to assist the community with low-cost vaccinations.

WISH I MAY, WISH I MIGHT...

Wishes do come true. In our last newsletter we highlighted the top items on our wish list. Now we have all the raised beds, leashes and collars we asked for. We are also currently in good shape with Q-tips, cotton balls, and laundry detergent and we have plenty of towels and blankets. Once again, THANK YOU to all of you that stepped in and made our wishes come true!

1. CASH DONATIONS

Of course, this will always be our number one need. All our overhead, wages, insurance, etc., are paid for with money from donations, fundraisers, adoption fees, and lobby sales. No tax dollars come to our shelter.

2. KITTEN AND PUPPY FOOD

We are entering kitten and puppy season and that means we will need help feeding those cute little things. This tops the list of product need for our shelter this quarter.

3. OFFICE PRINTER & INK

The good life would include a printer that prints when you ask it to!

When our last one bit the dust our little hearts sank. We print around 150 pages per day and are borrowing a home printer that isn't equipped to handle our needs. We hope one of our readers has a printer contact that could donate a cost-efficient Office Printer. Do you know someone, who knows someone who...? You get where we're going. We are all ears and smiles if you do have a lead!!

WHAT DOES "NO-KILL SHELTER" MEAN?

Have you ever wondered what we are talking about when we call ourselves a no-kill shelter? It means we keep animals for as long as it takes to find them homes. We don't just take the cute and easy ones. This limits our ability for "quick turn around" and often entails higher costs. However, it also means we can be sure the animals in our shelter have the very best chance to find a home and will never be put down because there are just "too many" animals in the world or because the shelter is too crowded.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT
NO-KILL SHELTERS

Mark Your Calendars

**** Shelter Events: April, May, and June 2009 ****

April 18th • 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**There's No Place Like Home: At the shelter. Protect your dogs/cats from being lost by having them microchipped.
\$25 includes Chip + Registration**



April 19th • 9 a.m.

Bike-A-Thon: St. Helens to Trojan, 26.6 miles. Meet at the bike shop on Hwy 30 in St. Helens at 9 a.m. \$10 entry fee, sign up by April 17th.



April 25th • 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Animal Care Fair: At the shelter. Rain/shine, all ages, public welcome. No entry fee.



April 26th • 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

**Alley Cat Bowling: Join us at Oregon Trail Lanes in St. Helens. \$11/person will get you two hours of open bowling, shoe rental, and one free soft drink. There will be prizes and raffles as well as complimentary snacks.
Purchase your tickets at Oregon Trail Lanes.**



May 2nd • 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Spaghetti Feed: Meet us at the Moose for a \$5 dinner and raffle prizes that include a one-night stay at The Mill Casino in Oregon! Buy your Spaghetti Dinner tickets ahead of time at the shelter to be sure you have a seat.



May 3rd • 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Foster Training: At the shelter for new and existing foster families.



May 16th

Poker Tournament: Location to be announced – Stay tuned for more details.



June 13th • 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

CHS Breakfast: Meet us at the Moose for a \$5 breakfast feast. Buy your tickets ahead of time at the shelter. Bring the family and some good luck as we have raffles and prizes planned!

If you have any questions about an event, please call us at 503.397.4353. We hope to see you all there!

