



# CHS CHATTER

Helping Friends Find Each Other Since 1985



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## 25 year Anniversary – CHS history at a Glance

The Columbia Humane Society was **founded in 1985** with the board meetings being held in the council chambers in St. Helens, Oregon. Dr. David Middle spearheaded this venture to help as many animals as possible, and to inspire public awareness of the need for spay and neuter.

In the later 1980s, Dr. Dory Walrod offered her **llama barn as temporary shelter** for the society to be able to house animals until they were moved to Meiffert Kennels on Dike Road in Scappoose. By this time the society was actively adopting dogs and cats to new homes and assisting the public (as much as financially possible) in the **health and welfare of the animals** in Columbia County.

In the early 1990s, Georgie Holsheimer and her husband Phil, built and gifted the current shelter at 2084 Oregon Street, for the Columbia Humane Society and Columbia County Animal Control to share. The building was designed for climate control with its central air conditioning and water heated floors. This was truly a godsend for the animals who moved into the newly christened **Holsheimer-Lamar Memorial Animal Shelter** in January 1993.

Since then, CHS has housed, cared for, and adopted **hundreds of dogs and cats** each year, to new forever homes. The past few years have seen hard financial times, but through the support of the local community and many dedicated volunteers, CHS was able to keep the shelter open and provide temporary housing and care for many cats and dogs whose families fell under hard times, too.



### Who are these people?

If you are in this photo, please send us your story about being involved with CHS.



This year, **CHS celebrates 25 years** of helping friends find each other. Many of you have wonderful companion pets that you met at the Columbia Humane Society. Join us at our celebration dinner and auction, Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>. CHS anticipates continuing to provide the residents of Columbia County with a **quality animal shelter** we all can be proud of for the next 25 years!

Columbia Humane Society  
**Celebrates 25 Years**

*of Helping Friends Find Each Other!*

*Join us to share the magic of pets  
and celebrate forever homes!*

**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30p.m.**  
**Dinner and Auction Benefit**

Buffet-style Dinner ♥ No-host Bar ♥ Live Music

St. Helens Elks Lodge  
350 Belton Road, St. Helens, Oregon

*Purchase dinner tickets before April 24, and SAVE  
PLUS GET 5 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS!*



## Our Featured Pets

**Bagheera** enjoys human attention and being held - on her terms. She is quite calm and enjoys a good window seat with a view and a fresh breeze. She is also a talker. Bagheera doesn't seem to mind other cats. Can you help her out by finding a place in your home for her? She'll repay you with lots of love and purring!



**Sienna** is very sweet and loving. She is about 4 years old. She has high energy and enjoys long walks. She gets along with most dogs but would prefer to be the queen of your loving home. She is also fine with cats but does have a tendency to chase them. Her excitement level and her larger size could be a bit too much for small children, so Sienna would be a better fit for a household with older children. Just give her love and attention, as she deserves, and she will prove to be the best friend ever!

## Help Clean Up the Town, Four Paws at a Time!

Do you have an interest in working with dogs? We are in need of volunteers at our two dog wash locations: at our animal shelter in St. Helens and at All About Pets in Scappoose. We are a non-profit organization that depends on volunteers.

The shifts are anywhere from 2-5 hours in length. We already have two individuals who have dedicated one Saturday each month to wash dogs, and just love it! So far we have had mother and son, mother and daughter, sisters, and teachers wash the dogs. Will you be next? We are in need of Saturdays to be filled on a regular basis for this ongoing fundraiser.



We are looking for ages 14 and up. If you are under 16, you will need an adult with you, but then, hey, the more the merrier! The dogs just love all the attention. Some have gotten to be regulars and really look forward to their baths! Columbia County has many dogs that would love your attention. What a great way to meet new people and get to know the different breeds of dogs.

If this sounds like a way you would like to volunteer for the shelter, please email us at [CHS\\_Volunteers@opusnet.com](mailto:CHS_Volunteers@opusnet.com) or call the shelter at 503-397-4353. We hope you will help not only the shelter, but the dogs of Columbia County. 100% of the proceeds go directly to the shelter to help feed and care for our animals.

## CATS ABOUT TOWN



Dedicated volunteers are bringing kittens/cats in our foster care program to metro-area pet stores in order to provide more exposure for them. On the second Saturday of the month, they are at Urban Fauna (Everett and Park) in Portland from 1-4. The fourth Saturday of the month finds them at Western Pet Supply (Scholl's Ferry and Beaverton-Hillsdale) in Beaverton, also from 1-4. Please spread the word, and if you are in the area stop in to say "hi"!

### CHS RECYCLING PROGRAM

We accept your used ink cartridges and old cell phones and turn them into cash for the animals! If you or your business would like to participate, please contact [www.fundingfactory.com](http://www.fundingfactory.com), for more information or bring them to the shelter.

See website for actual types accepted.

To register your business, use the CHS ID #128028.

**SPRING CLEANING?** Save your unwanted, useable items to donate to the 10th Annual **CHS Garage Sale**, coming September 24-26. We will have a storage unit at Columbia Self Storage in St. Helens, available from June through September for drop off and storage of garage sale items. Drop-off days and times will be announced later. Columbia Self Storage is generously giving CHS a 50% discount on rental, and we are accepting donations towards the remaining cost.

# DON'T MISS OUR 25 YEAR CELEBRATION - GET YOUR DINNER TICKETS NOW!

To buy tickets, use the form below to pay with cash/check or go to [www.columbiahumane.org](http://www.columbiahumane.org) to buy online.

Please make your check out to **Columbia Humane Society** and mail or bring to:

**2084 Oregon Street, St. Helens, Oregon 97051** ♥ (503) 397-4353

*Your tickets will be held in your name, as provided below, at the door on the night of the event.*

Individual (\$20 each) quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Couples (\$38 pair) quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(\$25 per Person and \$45 per Couple if purchased after April 24)

PAID  CASH  CHECK  ONLINE



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

TICKET(S) #

## A letter from a New Home

We adopted **Tuffy**, a Great Pyrenees, in September 2009. He has been a wonderful addition to the family, and has adapted very well to his new home. He gets along well with our other two dogs, a black lab and a pointer mix. Our cats aren't worried about being near him; when he's lying on the living room floor, they willingly walk past him within inches of his face.

He thoroughly enjoys our daily walks, and meeting new admirers. Any people he encounters are friends, as far as he's concerned. To our pleasure he has been a calming influence on our pointer mix – she's given up her position as defender of the pack, and is much calmer on our walks.



He also enjoys being an indoor dog. He's allowed on the furniture and on the bed. He barks at horses he hears on television. He now knows that the sound of a can opener means dinner, and that the mixer being taken out means cookies will be forthcoming.

*We ask you to please remember CHS in your will. Planned giving is a great way for your generosity to help care for the shelter animals after you have gone.*

## Low-cost Rabies Vaccinations

Clinic from January 31

Administered:

169 Rabies shots

26 DHLPP shots

8 Cat Vaccines (FVRCP & Leukemia)

12 Microchips

*CHS served 176 animals that day!*



## OUR WISH LIST

### Cat carriers

*Medium size is needed*

### 1-gallon metal water buckets

*For big drinkers inside*

### Heavy-duty dog leashes

*4 foot or 6 foot nylon*

**Special thank you to all the businesses that donated to CHS fund raising events!**

***We need your continued support to keep providing for the animals!***

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Please email us your name, contact information, and member status, so we can email you our next newsletter in living color.

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### Become a CHS **MEMBER!**

\$25 Individual *(all ages)*

\$35 Family *(must live in same home)*

\$10 Senior *(must be 55 or older)*

\$100 Business *(recognition in newsletter)*

Membership includes CHS newsletter, event updates, members-only specials, and more!

### Become a CHS **VOLUNTEER!**

Shelter volunteers help provide food, water, brushing, love, and special attention to our cats and dogs.

Volunteers also help with fund raising and public awareness events. Giving time is as important as giving dollars!

### Become a CHS **DONOR!**

Special thanks to those individuals and businesses that reached out and gave their money or services to CHS this year! We could not find forever homes for our animals without your continued love and support!

Yes, I want to help the Columbia Humane Society as a **Member • Volunteer • Donor** *(please circle at least one)*

Name(s):

Membership/Donation Amount Included: \$

Address:

City, State and Zip:

Phone:

E-mail:

**Please email CHS** the above information or mail this completed form to the CHS address on the top of this page.