

NEW!

HOLIDAY SHELTER HOURS!

11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Seven days a week

COME IN AND SEE US!!

DECEMBER 2nd

**CHS BENEFIT
DINNER & SILENT
AUCTION**

St. Helens Elks Lodge
350 Belton Road
St. Helens

**5:00 p.m.: Bidding begins, no
host bar**

**5:30 p.m.: Dinner, bidding
continues**

**7:00 p.m.: Show starts
Auction results announced
after the show. Need not be
present to win**

**Tickets: \$30 per person/
\$50 per couple**

Please purchase your tickets at the shelter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CALL THE SHELTER AT 397-4353**

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Board President Becky Frazier presenting Certificates of Appreciation to Kimberly Frye and Tiffany Rice for their efforts during the recent rash of cat illnesses.

The Columbia Humane Society in finding new cages that will better protect our cats in the future. Because of the work they have done, the Board of Directors chose to honor them with an award for their outstanding performance. As difficult as this time has been, both Kimberly and Tiffany have done their best to make it manageable, and their efforts are very much appreciated.

During this time, both office manager Kimberly Frye put in a great deal of time and energy dealing with the situation. Kimberly has separated sick cats from healthy cats as well as providing care for the sick cats. Tiffany has responded to questions from the public and board members. She has also been instrumental

WAY TO GO!



DID YOU KNOW?

A group of kittens is called a kindle. A group of grown cats is called a clowder.
The heaviest dog ever weighed 319 pounds!

FELINE INFECTIOUS PERITONITIS AND WHAT WE ARE DOING ABOUT IT

As mentioned on page one, our shelter has for the last few months been experiencing an outbreak of feline infectious peritonitis (FIP). Since the beginning of this outbreak we have lost well over 40 cats to this disease.

FIP is a fatal viral disease in cats only that usually occurs in multi-cat or shelter environments. Approximately 8-20% of cats exposed to the disease will contract it. FIP is a very difficult disease to definitively diagnose. It can look very different in different cats and often has no symptoms until late in the disease. Symptoms vary but can include lethargy, chronic fever, weight loss, swelling of the abdomen or chest, and inflammation of the gums. The only certainty is that if a cat contracts the disease it will succumb to it. Once positively identified to be in the later stages of the disease a cat is euthanized to spare it the suffering the disease causes.

FIP is passed through feces and droplets from mouth and nose. There is no treatment for FIP. A vaccine has been developed but it is controversial. Many experts feel the vaccine may bring on the disease in susceptible cats due to the strain it puts on the immune system. At this point the vaccine is not widely used.

After the first outbreak a few months ago we instituted measures aimed at stopping this disease. Unfortunately, the cages we had were old and allowed the litter that spills onto the cage floors to fall from one cage to another. All of the cats are now in individual cages and have their own food, water, and litter boxes. Another route of transmission is through droplets produced when a cat sneezes. This allows airborne transmission of the disease. Cats with upper respiratory infections are being isolated.

We have purchased new cages of stainless steel with solid bottoms so the litter cannot pass between cages. Besides containing the litter better these metal cages are easier to clean and sanitize. We are also bringing in an expert from Midway Veterinary Clinic to teach the staff how to clean and sanitize cages and the cattery while avoiding cross contamination between animals.

Midway has now tested all cats remaining at the shelter for the presence of FIP. When the new cages arrived we did a thorough cleaning of the cattery and then placed the healthy cats in the new cages in the clean cattery. Borderline cats are being housed separately for another few weeks until they can be retested. All

highly positive cats have been euthanized.

Since the onset of the FIP outbreak we have not been able to adopt out cats or take in cats that people in the community can no longer care for. We have been affected negatively by this in two ways. First, we have had to withdraw funds from our money market account to purchase the cages and pay for the blood tests, seriously depleting our resources. Secondly, with the cattery closed we have not been able to adopt out or take in any cats for several weeks, thus substantially reducing our principal source of income, adoption fees.

We feel that the crisis has passed and that we have instituted measures that will make any further outbreaks of FIP very unlikely. We are very grateful to Midway Veterinary Hospital for their assistance in this situation. We have applied for a grant to reimburse them for their expenses.

At this time we are looking into fundraising ideas to replenish our depleted financial reserves. If you would like to help please earmark your donation for this purpose. Thank you in advance for your support. We know our Columbia County community is behind us and we appreciate the support.

ATTENTION SENIORS

There are some very exciting opportunities coming up to help out Seniors in Columbia County.

Medical Care for your pet

Do you need help with some of the routine medical expenses for your dog or cat?

Thanks to a generous donation from the Lura Freeman estate, we are able to help offset the costs of routine exams, vaccinations, spay/neuters and other general veterinary care for your beloved pets.

We have teamed up with five local vets (Columbia Veterinary Clinic, Midway Veterinary Hospital, Scappoose Animal Hospital, St. Helens Veterinary Clinic, and Valley

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR RABIES SHOT YET?

Your animals, that is. The Columbia Humane Society will hold another low-cost Rabies Clinic on January 13 at the shelter from 12-3 p.m. A team from Midway Veterinary Hospital will provide rabies inoculations at a reduced price. Routine immunizations for dogs and cats

Veterinary Clinic) to provide this service. Anyone over 55 can request assistance with payment for spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, and possibly other requested services for their pets by calling the shelter at 503-397-4353. A certificate will be issued detailing the assistance to be provided and this will be presented to the participating vet for all or part of the fee for service.



Spay/neuter surgeries will be covered, as will vaccinations. Other requested procedures may be covered or subsidized. For each senior requesting assistance there will be a maximum benefit of \$100.

will also be offered at the regular price and county dog licenses will be available. For fun, Krispy Kreme donuts will be on sale for 75 cents each or \$7.00 per dozen while they last. This will be the last low-cost clinic held before county dog licenses are due January 31.



Financial Care for You

The other exciting opportunity is for those of you who are required to take distributions from your IRAs (over 70 1/2 years of age). Thanks to the Pension Protection Act of 2006 you may direct this distribution to the charitable organization of your choice. The benefit of this is that the distribution is tax free, unlike regular distributions that you must pay taxes on. The custodian of your IRA (your bank, credit union or financial planner) will have the forms necessary to direct your contributions. This option is only permitted for tax years 2006 and 2007 at this time so act now to lower your taxes and help out the Shelter.



FUNDING NEWS

Columbia Humane Society's spay/neuter fund grew by \$10,000 so far this year due to grants from the Handsel Foundation and the Autzen Foundation.

We also applied for revenue sharing money from the City of St. Helens. The grant was intended to offset costs incurred by Midway Veterinary Hospital for FIP blood tests and staff training in cleaning and sanitation techniques. Cross your fingers!

Thanks to Dr. Lew Fowler and Jennifer of Midway Veterinary Hospital for providing and administering vaccines at our November 11 rabies clinic!!

GARAGE SALE A SUCCESS!

In September CHS held its annual garage sale. Thanks to the generous support of Georgie Holsheimer we were able to use her storage building for the event. CHS netted \$2236.23. To those of you who contributed to and patronized this event THANK YOU! We really could not do it without you.



PLEASE BRING US YOUR EMPTY POP CANS.



DID YOU KNOW?

The nose pad of a cat is ridged in a pattern that is unique, just like the fingerprint of a human.

Be aware; these items are poisonous to your pets.

acetaminophen (Tylenol)	fungicides	paint
antifreeze	furniture polish	paint remover
aspirin	gasoline	permanent-wave lotion
bleach	hair coloring	photographic developers
boric acid	herbicides	pine-oil disinfectants
brake fluid	insecticides	rubbing alcohol
carburetor cleaner	kerosene	de-icers for melting snow
dandruff shampoo	laxatives	shoe polish
deodorizers	lye	snail or bug bait
diet pills	matches	suntan lotion with cocoa butter
disinfectants	metal polish	turpentine
drain cleaner	mineral sprits	windshield-washer fluid
dry-cleaning fluid	mothballs	wood preservatives
dye	nail polish	
fire-extinguisher foam	nail-polish remover	

KIDS' CORNER

Our puppy has opened up your Christmas present!

He would like you to color him!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



WISH LIST

These are items the shelter is in need of on a continuing basis:

- Bleach, bleach, bleach
- Mop heads
- Paper towels
- Spray disinfectant
- Dish soap
- Laundry soap (any kind)
- Black ink cartridges #96
- Color ink cartridges #97
- Stamps
- White copy paper
- AA batteries
- Duct tape
- Ready-Mix concrete
- Cat toys
- Dog toys

These are one-time purchase items that the shelter is in need of at this time:

- Small stainless steel garbage can with foot pedal
- Large stainless steel garbage can with foot pedal
- Stainless steel buffet trays
- Disposable medical gowns and shoe covers
- Digital camera

THANK YOU!



DID YOU KNOW?



The British bred Basset hounds to have short legs so hunters could keep up with them.

I N M E M O R I A M

Shaggy - Our Beloved Cat

We lost our cat back on June 25, 2006 in a tragic altercation between our 120 lb. dog Kasha and the cat and to our broken hearts, the cat lost. I've never known the pain of putting an animal "to sleep" before but we can tell you, for us, the pain was almost too much to bear.

We adopted Shaggy (and his brother Scooby) back in April of 1998 from a rescue and from the get-go they were an absolute joy. Shaggy had the cutest little meow and used to stretch upward on his back feet if you snapped your fingers about 3 feet over his head. His absolute favorite food was the last of my milkshakes and the gravy part of any canned cat food. He also had a Bill Clinton shaped toy that was stuffed with catnip. He actually licked the markings right off the doll because of the catnip inside.

We miss Shaggy every day. His brother Scooby meows much more often and much louder now. I think he still looks for his brother around the house. It's amazing to me how such a little presence such as our cat could and did make such a difference in our lives.

Shaggy, if you're looking down on us now from the Rainbow Bridge, Mom and Dad miss you so very much and you are never out of our thoughts.



P.S. - Kasha says he's really sorry and wishes he could turn back time and have you back in our lives.

Several friends lost this year...

Linda Landreth would like to remember the friends she has lost in the last year, all originally from the shelter.

Radar-Lab/boxer/Akita mix; born January 3, 1990 at CHS. Adopted 1994. Died September 2005 of pancreatic cancer.

Sparky-Pomeranian adopted 1996. Died November 2005 at the age of 16.

Lexi-Basset/beagle adopted in 1994 at 8 months of age. Died February 2006 of heart complications.

PeeWee-Tuxedo cat brought to the shelter in a box with six siblings and a mom who had been killed by the owner approximately three days earlier. The only survivor, adopted 1994. Died 2005.

DECEASED PETS REMEMBERED

Bandit Nelson
Rocky Monte
Icky McMullen
Tilly Johnston
Custer Jauron

Ginger Bush
Felix Penney
J.D. Bronson
MacAurthor Spooner
Ollie Waterman
Colby Hollowell
Sammy Blanchard
Mixie Frazier
Butch Fisher
Dakota Fijak
Maddie Vance
Bell Pierce
Monica Pierce
Hooter Robbins
Tia Robbins
Tigger Lammers
Bud Wenrigh
Allie Krauter
Amie Dibble
Shaggy Malek
Mickey Goodnight
Jett Lane
Missy Saguine
Morgan Hopkins
Angel Klepel
Mowgili Erwin
Cindy Ridenour
Ellie Hernandez
Carman Philips
Susie Fisher
Darcy Sevigny
Freedom Stroup
Jack Dibble
Buddy Bernardi
Kit Cowles
Roscoe Hummel
Lucy Walls
Kitty Lillebo
Missy Moo Big Eagle
Charlie Camel
Bear Sherlock
Sophie Thorton
Walter Brookes
Gusty Lewis
Candy Joseph
Bridget Corbus
Fuzzy Crawford
Snowball Long
Cinder Demeire
Shadow MacKenzie
Tanka Holsheimer
Wolvie Wolf-Priessnitz
Daisy May Phelps

Volunteer Application and Agreement

Your contact Information

Today's Date _____
 Your name _____
 Address _____
 Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Work phone _____ May we contact you at work? _____
 E-mail _____

Employer, if any _____
 Physical limitations _____
 Allergies _____

You are: _____ an adult _____ 16 or younger _____ 17-21
 When are you available for volunteer work?
 _____ Monday _____ Thursday
 _____ Tuesday _____ Friday
 _____ Wednesday _____ Saturday

Your Skills

Volunteer experience _____
 Experience with animals _____
 Means of transportation _____
 Do you have any special skills?
 _____ Vet tech/vet assistant _____ Grant writing
 _____ Graphic arts/photography _____ Computer
 Other _____

Your Interests

Why do you want to volunteer for Columbia Humane Society?

**-- AREAS OF INTEREST --
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**

- _____ MAINTENANCE
- _____ LANDSCAPE/WEEDING
- _____ CLEANING
- _____ PHONE CALLS
- _____ FOLLOW-UP HOME VISIT
- _____ FOLLOWUP OF ADOPTION
- _____ VERIFY SPAY/NEUTER
- _____ GRANT WRITING
- _____ UNLOADING TRUCK
- _____ DESIGNING FLYERS
- _____ CAN/BOTTLE RETURN
- _____ ANIMAL CARE
- _____ DOG WALKING
- _____ DOG TRAINING
- _____ DOG SOCIALIZING
- _____ CAT PETTING/GROOMING
- _____ CAT EAR CLEANING
- _____ CAT FOSTER CARE
- _____ DOG FOSTER CARE
- _____ FUNDRAISING
- _____ PLANNING EVENTS
- _____ STAFFING EVENTS
- _____ GARAGE SALE
- _____ SOLICITING DONATIONS
- _____ ESCORTING ANIMALS

Please read the list of volunteer areas to the right and check those that interest you.

All volunteers must attend a training session.
 You will be contacted concerning when this training will be given.

YES, I WANT TO HELP AS A MEMBER — DONOR — VOLUNTEER

MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____
 STATE/ZIP _____
 PHONE _____
 E-MAIL _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

\$10.00 _____ SENIOR
 \$25.00 _____ INDIVIDUAL
 \$35.00 _____ FAMILY
 \$100.00 _____ BUSINESS
 OTHER DONATION _____ AMOUNT

I'LL VOLUNTEER MY TIME. PLEASE CONTACT ME BY: Phone E-mail

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:
 Columbia Humane Society
 2084 Oregon St
 St Helens OR 97051

OUR HOURS ARE:
 11:00 AM—5:00 PM MONDAY—SATURDAY
 Phone: 503 397-4353
 E-mail: chs_director@opusnet.com

WOULD YOU PREFER TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL? Y N E-mail address _____

DONORS

Donations were made to CHS in memory of the following people:

Willard Crippin
Delinda Gagnier
William "Stub" Johnson
Lois McCallum

Donations were made to CHS in memory of the following pets:

Tanka Holsheimer
Daisy Mae Phelps
Wolvie Wolf-Priessnitz

ACE Hardware	Denise Herrle	Kim Seufert	Phil & Magdalena & Joslyn Gagnier
Alice Gordon	Diane Garske	Kirsten Bailey	Phyllis Gagnier
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