

PAW PRINTS



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THE ANIMALS NEED YOU – CAN YOU BE A PET FOSTER VOLUNTEER?

Kitten and Puppy Season has arrived!

RVHS wants to save more animals but our physical space is limited. Within a single week, RVHS is dealing with numerous animals that need to stay with us before finding their forever homes. Common scenarios include several litters of kittens or puppies brought into our facility, abandoned animals needing assistance, or individuals who can no longer keep their pets wanting to insure that they will be well taken care of. We have risen to this challenge by developing a foster parent program.

Do you want to volunteer but lack the time to come to RVHS? Would you be interested in experiencing the joys of a companion animal but are not quite ready to adopt?

Are you retired and have some extra love to share? By fostering for a short period, you will be creating room at our facility so we can save another life.

We provide all the training and supplies – you provide the care and love. Together, we can make a huge difference in the lives of cats and dogs.

RVHS NEWS

BY MARGARET VARNER, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Hello Friends,

Happy spring! Here's to new life, new love, and new homes. This year Team RVHS is celebrating 52 years of helping our community four paws at a time.

We are pleased to announce that due to your donations and continued support we were able to feed 5,708 pets in our community through our food bank and 57 pets through our Ani-meals program that serves low income or home bound seniors.

We had 348 pre-adoption spay/neuters, 477 community spay/neuters and currently have 11 pets in forever foster homes.

Did you know that we have three different types of foster care programs?

Our Foster to Adopt program allows those who wish to adopt a puppy, kitten, or adult dog or cat to keep them at their home until they are spayed or neutered. This program is only available to individuals who are either known to our staff or have been thoroughly vetted.

Our Forever Foster program is for dogs or cats that may require special foods, medicines, or treatment that many people would not be able to afford. Under this program, the dogs and cats get to live in a home environment and we provide for their needs.

Our Hospice Foster program is available for animals, typically senior pets, to live out the

remainder of their lives in a comfortable home environment. Our facility provides whatever special food, medicines, or treatment they may require to live out the rest of their life in the best way possible.



Even if you can't adopt you can help us make a difference in the community by spreading the word about our adoptable pets, fundraising events, and volunteer opportunities.

Please remember that big or small, every donation makes a difference!



*Helping Our Community . . .
4 Paws at a time!*





RVHS WISH LIST

- 33 Gallon Trash Bags
- 13 Gallon Trash Bags
- Gift Cards
- Park Benches
- Clorox Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- HE Laundry Soap
- Taste of The Wild Dog Food
- Taste of The Wild Puppy Food
- Purina Cat Food
- Purina Kitten Food
- KMR Liquid Kitten Milk
- Esbilac Milk for Puppies
- Advantix Flea meds
- Brother TN-331C, TN391Y, TN-331BK, TN-331M
- Canned Dog Food and Cat Food (Pate')
- Postage Stamps
- L-Lysine Tablets 500 mg
- Mr. Clean Multi-Surface Cleaner, Baking Soda and Clay Cat Litter

Did you know that RVHS runs a donated "pet food bank" to help in emergencies when low-income families can't make ends meet? Food donations are always welcome!

Paws Up!

Thank you to the members of **CAM KINGS CAR CLUB!**

Every year the members donate their hard work, time, and tractor & field equipment to create a fire break to protect the animals and buildings at RVHS. Cam King's dedication and donations to the animals at RVHS is heartfelt and appreciated. **Paws Up!**

Rogue Valley Humane Society's Stats For 2016

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Paws Up!

Dan Buren Construction has donated many hours on repairs at the facility. Thank you so much!





Best Little Thrift Store in Grants Pass!

VISIT OUR THRIFT STORE!

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9-4:00 pm, Saturday from 9-2:00 pm.

Happy Spring . . . the time for rebirth and renewal. Our thrift store is growing and changing just like the landscape around us. We are now posting items for sale on Craigs List. "Like" us on Facebook and you will see our weekly sales, new and interesting items, and general information involving the store.

The needs of our humane society are great and so is our budget. Donating and shopping at our thrift store not only helps support our budget, it helps the planet by keeping clothing and household items out of landfills.

Donating items that are in good working condition and clothes that are clean and free of stains and tears help ensure that your goods do the most good. There are a few items we can't accept like any item that has been recalled, mattresses, computers, and analog televisions.

If you're not sure about a donation please call the store and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have. As you conduct your spring cleaning over the next few months please remember to reuse and recycle. We always appreciate your donation no matter how big or small.

If you would like to help and be part of our team, please consider volunteering here at the store. We would not be able to do what we do without the dedication of our volunteers.



DO YOU HAVE A POTENTIALLY SILENT KILLER IN YOUR YARD??



Toxic mushrooms grow in areas that are moist, have low light, high humidity, and temperatures between 55 and 60 degrees. To protect your animals, check your yard daily for any signs of mushroom growth when these conditions are present. Avoid over watering at home, as mushrooms can double in size within a 24-hour period. Since it is difficult to differentiate between mushrooms that are safe and those that are toxic, it is best to remove all mushrooms and throw them in the trash. This silent killer can also be along your favorite hiking trail so watch your pet closely during walks in the forest.

If you suspect that your pet has ingested mushrooms, veterinarians recommend seeking medical attention immediately. Do not wait for signs to present themselves, it may be too late. After ingestion, (depending on the mushroom) signs may be present as quickly as 1 – 6 hours. Vomiting, diarrhea and staggering are some symptoms after ingestion depending on the toxin. In some cases you can have a false recovery stage, then followed by severe liver and kidney damage. So prompt supportive care is vital after ingestion.

For more information on toxic mushrooms check out the following sites.

http://aspcapro.org/sites/pro/files/zd-vetm0207f_095-100_.pdf

http://www.merckvetmanual.com/mvm/toxicology/poisonous_mushrooms/overview_of_poisonous_mushrooms.html

<http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/poison/mushrooms/>

ONE SMALL BITE ONE SERIOUS PROBLEM

LEARN HOW HEARTWORM DISEASE IS TRANSMITTED

- 1** A mosquito bites an infected dog and ingests heartworm larvae along with the animal's blood.
- 2** Inside the mosquito, these larvae develop into their infective stage.
- 3** When the same mosquito bites another dog, the larvae infect the healthy animal.
- 4** Without a monthly dose of preventive, the larvae continue to develop inside the dog, eventually reaching the heart.



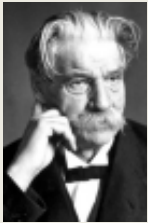


Our Community Pet Low Cost Spay and Neuter programs need your help! Five years ago, our grant writers were able to secure funds to support the programs. And with the support of several of the area veterinarians, our programs provided low cost spay and neuters for approximately 477 dogs and cats in 2016 for the community of Grants Pass and surrounding areas.

We recently received funding from the Albert Schweitzer Foundation so we can continue to provide this vital service to our community.

But we also rely on donations so we may help more pets. Please help us keep these important programs going, as we all work toward ending the local pet overpopulation.

Currently funds are limited. For spay/neuter assistance, call Kitty Quick Fix 541-291-3786 Barking Dogs 541-761-3932



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GROWERS' MARKET

Visit our booth at the Growers Market every Saturday. You can view photos of all of our adoptable animals, see what fund-raising events are coming up, and chat with our volunteers.

Kanine Kronicles

by Scot Roberts

GRIZ

Our guest Griz was surrendered to us at the end of January through no fault of his own.

Days after his arrival he was diagnosed with Heartworm Disease. Fortunately, we test all dogs for Heartworm disease. We are hopeful we have caught it in its early stages and have avoided damage to his heart.

We have had many previous successful outcomes working with a local veterinary hospital and by following the American Heartworm Society guidelines. So let's keep our fingers crossed that his treatment is a success!

Griz is a strikingly handsome 3 year-old, 90 pound Weimaraner/lab mix. We have had many wonderful individuals who wanted to assist us in raising funds for his treatment. Our Community rallied together and raised the much needed financial assistance for his treatment! Many thanks to several private donors and to the members of Riley's Hope, who held a fund-raising auction. Special thanks go out to Grady, Madison and Dolores who donated their beautiful paintings.



HARLEY AND BLOSSOM

Harley and Blossom came to stay with us after their owner suddenly passed away. Contentment and relaxation gave way to perplexity and anxiety in an instant.

Their life of being inside a house most of the time and outside when they wanted to be, running together on a large property, and even living alongside cats had ended, at least for the time being.

Harley and Blossom are both Border Collie blends — a five year old male and a three year old female, respectively. They have a blast playing together and love to fetch.

Harley likes to go full throttle chasing his toy, whereas Blossom prefers to see how high she can jump.



***Postscript: Please think about your pet's future if something were to happen to you and make a plan for their well-being.*





HEROIC 100 SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Would you be interested in supporting RVHS through a kennel and cattery sponsorship? You can help the animals while also promoting your business or honoring a beloved pet or family member.

As a part of your sponsorship, we will order two magnets that include the name of your business, loved one, or a phrase of your choice. One magnet will be displayed on a kennel or cattery, the second on our metal sandwich board which greets the public at our front door every weekday.

On Saturdays, the board is displayed at the Grower's Market. Your sponsorship visually shows your support for RVHS to the community. Additionally, it helps promote your business (if you so choose) and our Heroic 100 program to thousands of people who visit our facility and the Grower's Market throughout the year.

Sponsorships may be purchased for \$250, \$500, or \$1,000 with the magnets differing in size in relation to the amount of the purchased sponsorship. The magnets will be displayed for one year from the date they are first put up on the sandwich board and kennel/cattery.

HAILEY is Hailey is an adult DSH black female who is very sweet and playful. She greets you the minute you walk up to her and rubs against you to say hello! She likes to talk to you about what she's thinking and she likes to play with mice and toys that she can chase around. She was abandoned by her previous owner, so we do not know much about her history, but it was through no fault of her own. She is a wonderful cat that is sure to steal your heart.



HOLLY is a 5 year old DSH Orange tabby who is an affectionate, but independent girl who would love to be your one and only. She was surrendered to us a few months ago and we knew she was special from the start. We are not sure why her ears were altered as a young cat, but it doesn't affect her at all--it just makes her unique! Another thing that makes her different is her diabetes diagnosis. She is on a special diet and gets insulin shots twice a day. Whether through adoption or fostering by an experienced cat owner, Holly would thrive in a home environment where she can roam

around by herself and soak up some sun in a windowsill or a comfy couch!

IZZY is a 10 year old DLH tuxedo and he is nothing but a love. He loves being brushed and he still loves playing with string toys; he might be old on paper, but he still has the energy to play and follow you around. He is declawed in front, so he would need to be indoor only. He also has a little wobble in his hips when he walks, but it doesn't slow him down. Izzy would love to be adopted so he can receive constant love and attention because he will never get tired of it! It would be best for him to be in a home with no other cats. This is not because he doesn't get along with them, but he occasionally sprays when living with them. Despite this detail, once you meet Izzy, you will fall head over heels for this gorgeous, lovable, and soft-spoken guy.



ROSEMARY is a 5-year old grey DSH who is as sweet as pie. She was brought to our facility by a concerned citizen who noticed her hanging around the neighborhood for a long time, but never seeming to belong to a home nearby. Rosemary is a mellow cat that just wants someone to pet her all day long! She's a bit shy at first, but once you gain her trust, she comes out of her shell and showers you with affection. She mostly keeps to herself but would do well in a home with other calm pets. Rosemary is a petite girl with a loving personality who would be a great addition to any family.

Kitty Korner

by Jaclyn Morris





SUMMER EVENTS WILL BE EXCITING!



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Benefits for the animals . . .

1ST ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Saturday May 13, 2017
3 to -5 p.m. at the Bear Hotel
2101 NE Spaulding Ave.
Grants Pass \$25.00 per person

BOATNIK PARADE May 27

8TH ANNUAL FUR BALL

Saturday June 24, 2017
Grants Pass Golf Club
230 Espey Rd. Grants Pass
\$75.00 per ticket or 2 for \$135.00
5 p.m. Yappy Hour

GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Saturday May 20, 2017 8:30 a.m.
Laurel Hills Golf Course
9450 Old Stage Rd. Central Point
\$35.00 per person – also on
June 17, 2017 at Illinois Valley
Golf Club also \$35.00

3RD ANNUAL BLUES, BREWS AND BBQ

Saturday August 26, 2017
2 to 7 p.m. Tom Pearce Park
3700 Pearce Park Road
Grants Pass



Fur Ball Sponsors:

**Cat's Meow
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All Care Health.

Big Dog Sponsorship Level

Mini Pet Mart,
Wayne Blunk





DID YOU KNOW?



Oregon's new dog tethering law took effect January 1, 2014. This new law is designed to better protect humans and animals from the risks associated with keeping dogs on chains:

- Dogs are sometimes hurt or strangled by chains
- Dogs can't reach their food, water, or shelter when chains catch on obstacles
- Chained dogs are as much as 8 times more likely to bite
- Neighborhood disputes over barking or aggressive dogs often involve chained dogs
- At least ¼ of fatal dog attacks in the US involve chained dogs
- Because dogs are naturally social animals, chaining and isolation cause health and behavior problems

Under the new law:

- A dog cannot be tethered to a stationary object for more than 10 hours in a 24-hour period
- A dog cannot be tethered to a running line, "zip line" or trolley for more than 15 out of 24 hours
- A dog cannot be tethered with a choke or pinch/prong collar

The new law is meant to end chaining as the main way of housing and keeping a dog. The limits don't apply when dogs are visiting campgrounds and recreation areas or engaged in hunting or herding. The law also sets out clearer requirements for protecting animals from the elements. Outside dogs must have a dog house or other shelter with dry bedding and a solid roof, floor and walls.

OREGON HORSES

by Teri Skaggs

My topic for the Spring issue of Oregon Horses is dental care. Some of you may ask, "Really? A dentist for my horse?" Actually, yes! Similar to humans, a horse gets two sets of teeth in a lifetime. As the baby teeth come out the permanent teeth come in. An adult horse can have 36 to 44 permanent teeth.

Unlike humans, a horse's permanent teeth continue to grow by small margins throughout their life. This can contribute to the formation of "points" on the upper and lower cheek teeth resulting in unevenness and sharp edges. A horse who doesn't get enough forage may have more of an issue than a horse who is able to free graze most of the time. The reason for this is horses chew with a side to side grinding motion. The front teeth act as scissors which cut the grass and the cheek/hind molars act as grinders. This grinding motion helps to keep the molars flat and even. These are just a couple of many possible factors that may cause sharp edges or roughness.

A horse who is unable to properly grind their feed won't be able to efficiently digest and absorb all the necessary nutrients. Sharp teeth edges can also cut into the cheeks and tongue, resulting in painful sores. Some common indicators of a dental problem may include (but not limited to), dropping food while chewing, showing difficulty chewing, undigested food in the manure and resisting the bridle. Other more severe indicators may include (but not limited to), mouth odor, face swelling, nasal discharge and weight loss.

An annual dental appointment with your veterinarian or an Equine Dental Professional is recommended for horses of all ages. These professionals use a method called "Floating." Generally, the horse is given a mild sedative and a special rasp or file is used to file away sharp and rough edges from the teeth. The procedure is relatively painless and can be done in a timely manner. During the exam and floating process, it can also be determined if there are any broken or infected teeth in need of removal.

Please be advised, this is not a "do-it-yourself" procedure. Consult with a veterinarian or a professional dental technician to have your horse's teeth properly examined and floated. Until next time, Happy Trails!

Paas Up!

Thank you to **Baldini's Restaurant** in Merlin for hosting the Spayghetti Dinner to raise funds for the spay/neuter assistance programs at RVHS. The community really appreciates the financial help, and we would not be able to help as many people without fundraising and donations!

RVHS is a part of the Best Friends Network and a recipient of Pedigree Foundation, PETCO Foundation, Albert Schweitzer Foundation and Blue Buffalo



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Mission Statement:

The Rogue Valley Humane Society provides compassionate care for stray, unwanted, displaced, and abandoned animals and works toward ending pet overpopulation so that there will be no more homeless pets. We are committed to placing every healthy, adoptable animal in a loving lifetime home, teaching responsible pet guardianship, and maintaining our community spay-neuter programs.



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Vision Statement:

The Rogue Valley Humane Society envisions a community where every healthy adoptable companion animal has a lifetime, loving home and all homeless animals receive the care and compassion they deserve until they are adopted by their forever family.

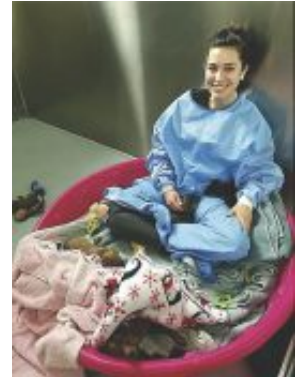
Core Values:

- We believe that every animal's life has value and is worthy of respect and protection.
- We believe that euthanizing healthy, adoptable animals is not acceptable.
- We believe that animals contribute to the health, happiness and quality of human life.
- We believe that we must manage our resources to assure the long-term future of our organization.
- We believe in providing quality medical and shelter care by following evidence-based animal welfare practices.
- We believe that through humane education we can help foster compassion, protection and guardianship for companion animals.
- We believe that we should treat everyone with dignity and respect. Community members, staff, and volunteers are partners in improving the welfare of animals and helping us fulfill our Mission.
- We believe that we can end pet overpopulation by adhering to our commitment to spay/neuter all of our animals before adoption and by providing community-assistance spay-neuter programs.
- We believe that we best serve our community by placing healthy companion animals in responsible, loving homes.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

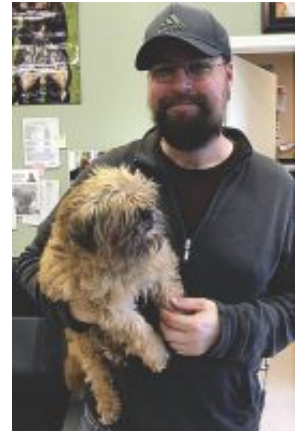
There is no way that RVHS could function without the love and attention of our volunteers. This month we acknowledge and celebrate two volunteers of the month. The first name is ...

Ashley Bacon. Ashley went through Volunteer Orientation in February of this year. Since that time, she has been a regular face around the Humane Society. Whether she's cuddling puppies, walking dogs, transporting animals to surgery, or working to train some of our tenants in manners, Ashley can be counted on to come through with a smile. Thank you, Ashley.



Our second Volunteer of the Month is ... **Scot Roberts.**

While Ashley is relatively new to RVHS, our Scot Roberts has been around for a while. Some folks think of Scot as a permanent employee because he knows every aspect of the facility, and can fill in for any need at any time. Scot is considered by many to be a dog whisperer, because of his calming affect with our animals. If a critter likes Scot, you'll probably see that critter resting on his lap or in his arms with a contented smile.



Or, in the case of our Mr. Christmas, you'll find him living at Scot's house as a permanent foster. We couldn't get by without you, Scot, and our animals wouldn't let us. Thank you for all you do for the animals and the community!

CAR TEMPERATURE PET SAFETY CHART

How long does it take for a car to get HOT?

| Outside Temp (F) | Inside Temp (F) | |
|------------------|-----------------|--------|
| | 10mins | 30mins |
| 70° | 89° | 104° |
| 75° | 94° | 109° |
| 80° | 99° | 114° |
| 85° | 104° | 119° |
| 90° | 109° | 124° |
| 95° | 114° | 129° |

Does DIE EVERY SUMMER
In minutes your car temps are deadly!

Vetspan/Cslio.com

Need help to spay/neuter your cat or dog? Call the RVHS Hotline number:

Dogs: 541-761-3932

Cats: 541-291-3786

