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Rogue Valley Humane Society
Sixth Annual
FUR BALL

Buffet Dinner

Raffle,
Silent & Live
Auctions

TICKETS
\$ 70
available at RVHS
541 479 5154

5pm Yappy Hour
6pm Dinner

Saturday, June 13th
Grants Pass Golf Club, 230 Espey Road



Meet the Love of Your Life Right Here!



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
- ❑ HP Ink - #96 and #97
- ❑ 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!



RVHS NEWS

BY MARGARET VARNER, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Hello Friends,

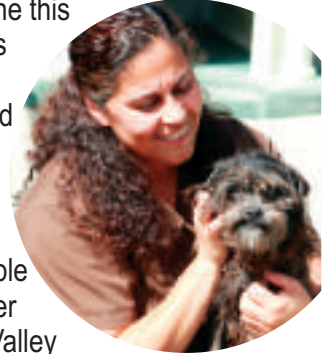
I am very pleased to announce that the Rogue Valley Humane Society is celebrating our 50th year helping our community four paws at a time! Those 50 years have contributed to our growth and success in the valley. The Rogue Valley Humane Society has changed and grown over the years. We have established many different programs such as low cost spay and neuter for community pets, animal food pantry, AniMeals, and humane education just to name a few.

We also assist with a number of animal abuse and neglect cases that occur in the community. Our team springs into action to medically treat, rehabilitate, and re-home these abused animals.

We feel the work we do in the community is very helpful and very necessary . . . your support is needed in order to maintain the standards of care and community programs at RVHS. We are committed to continuing our mission and vision in caring for the animals of our community – four paws at a time. Your donations make this possible.

About a month ago we were called by Valley Animal Hospital and told about an 8 month old female min pin that was brought in. They asked us if we had received any calls about someone looking for a lost pregnant min pin. They told us this very sweet mama dog had

been found running down the Redwood Highway with a deceased puppy hanging out of her. Imagine this poor mama dog's terror as she's running loose and trying to give birth in and out of traffic.



Someone was able to finally catch her and take her to Valley Animal Hospital. This dog was not their dog nor could they afford to pay for her veterinarian costs. Dr. Margaret did the surgery without a second thought, and saved the mother dog at her expense. Four Paws Up to Dr. Margaret and her staff for caring enough to save this frightened stray mama who was in a lot of pain!

Pinny then came to the Rogue Valley Humane Society and we prepared her for adoption while she healed. It didn't take long before someone quickly fell in love with her. I'm happy to report she's now doing great and was recently adopted into a loving forever home. Pinny is now named Nikki for her unique little personality.

Happy Spring to you all and I hope to see you at our facility and our upcoming events. Please remember your support is truly helping us to make a difference.

Save the Date!
2015 Fur Ball
Dinner & Auction
Saturday, June 13th
Grants Pass Golf Club
Tickets on sale now at RVHS,
Oregon Books or thru
Paypal at RVHS-OR.org





GROWERS' MARKET

Visit the RVHS booth at Grower's Market every Saturday to see photos of all of our adoptable animals. Visit with Fred, Kenway and Diane each week!

Best Little Thrift Store in Grants Pass!

VISIT OUR THRIFT STORE!

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10-4:30 pm, Saturday from 10-3 pm.

The YARD SALE IS UP AND RUNNING with a \$3 Bag Sale, and all the rooms are filled with new items and treasures just waiting for someone to find. Come down and visit us on Redwood Avenue, right next door to Gooseberries!

The Thrift Store is a direct source of income that supports RVHS.

If you have an item to donate for sale at the store, please drop it off when the thrift store is open. Furniture donations are welcome, as well as clean household items and clothing, lamps, appliances, camping and fishing equipment, and tools.



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.

Hello from the K9 Kennel's Team here at the Rogue Valley Humane Society! We hope that you are as excited about the upcoming Spring and Summer months . . . this beautiful time of year seems to lighten all moods around here, four paws and two paws alike! Along with the beauty of our changing scenery come some dangers and responsibilities that we would like to remind you of concerning all of our Four Pawed Friends.

As we start to see more sunny, warm days there will also be more HOT CARS. As much as I love to let my Autzen go on a car ride with me and see him hanging his head out the window, catching every scent that blows by him, it is time to start leaving him at home where he is safe from the heat of the day.

Every year we hear of some poor animal that was left in the car while the unsuspecting owner went into the store "real quick" to grab a few things, thinking that cracking the windows would be just fine. Heat stroke can set in faster than you think! When it's 72°F outside, the temperature inside a car can reach 117°F within 60 minutes. That's an increase of 45 degrees, nearly one degree every minute! In the recent past a Veterinarian Doctor decided to sit in his car for 30 minutes on a summer day just to get a feel for what a dog goes through in that very situation. A very moving video it proves to be, you can view it at <https://youtu.be/JbOcCQ-y3OY>. Now you may think that cracking the windows is an easy way to defeat this issue but with every window cracked at 2 inches, his car still elevated in temperature from 94 to 113 degrees in that thirty minutes! So, please leave your pets at home where they can be cool and safe. (BY JIM SAGER)

CAR TEMPERATURE PET SAFETY CHART

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

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

DOGS DIE EVERY SUMMER in minutes your car temps are deadly!



Our Community Pet Low Cost Spay and Neuter programs need your help! Four 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 60-65 pet cats and dogs per month for the community of Grants Pass and surrounding areas. That's nearly 1600 spay and neuters per year.

In November of 2014 we ran out of grant funding and have not yet been able to secure any new grants. Since that time, we have been relying solely on donations and fundraisers to support these programs.

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



**In 2015
15 Puppies and
49 Dogs
Found their
Furever Homes!**



Kanine Kronicles

by Scot Roberts

CHARLIE

You know how when you try to count someone's freckles you have to get real close? Well I have a ton of freckles and I challenge you to find out how many. I can sit quite still--I am a border collie after all--but, at five-years-old I have learned a few tricks along the way. Lean in real close and I will lick you from your ear to your nose. Tickle me--ahem, accidentally--and I might roll over. Stop to scratch your nose and I might, politely, nudge your arm--but not to make you lose count or anything. . . rather, I believe my freckles are born when I make my human smile.



CAESAR

The people, here, sure knew how to make me feel important. I'm just a little guy--a ten-pound chihuahua--and they met me at my lowest point--as a frightened and vulnerable stray. I was accepted with open arms, promptly given a bath, a room to call my own, and a name--Caesar! Oh, what a name--such dignity, such seriousness, so me. Except . . . when I am rolling on my back while playing with my favorite stuffed toy, or chasing tennis balls, or playing hard to get as someone tries to take my picture, or leaping and turning in the air, or arranging my bed just the way I like it, or . . . well, the rest you'll just have to find out for yourself.



ZEPPELIN—

If you are are a certain age--I won't say how old--my name probably evokes slow, majestically floating objects in the sky. It's a good thing I was not alive during their heyday because I might have jumped up and grabbed one. As a one-year-old border collie and pointer blend I am as acrobatic a dog as you are likely to find. Throw something for me and I will get it. Let me get airborne--even better. Let me get my whole body wet in the process--I will love you forever. This summer, watch me fly off a lakeside dock in pursuit of a tennis ball or frisbee and together we will create a new definition of a Zeppelin.





Dog Kennel and Cat Room Sponsorships

The Rogue Valley Humane Society offers Second Chance Kennel and Cat Room Sponsorships for individuals and businesses who want to offer support for the animals in our care. Sponsorships can be made in memory or honor of a beloved pet or person.

Your generous donation will ensure the animals we rescue receive the care and medical attention they need until they are adopted by their new forever family. All of the Sponsorships are for a 12 month period and are available on a first-come basis.

- \$900 Full Kennel Sponsorship – Large Plaque
- \$500 1/2 Kennel Sponsorship – Medium Plaque
- \$300 1/4 Kennel Sponsorship – Small Plaque

Your sponsorship donation will help support EVERY dog and cat who is housed in your sponsored kennel or cat room for one year. Annual renewals are available for continued support of the homeless dogs and cats at RVHS!

We thank everyone who has already become a sponsor!

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!**



Kitty Korner

by Nina Smith

SHADOW came to us with a litter in Dec 2014. He has grown to be a beautiful cat with extra toes. His litter mates have all been adopted and Shadow is looking for his furever home. He is such an entertaining cat who loves other cats, attention and affection. He will also gladly entertain himself, playing with toys for hours. If you want to add some fun in your home, please come meet Shadow, you're sure to fall in love.

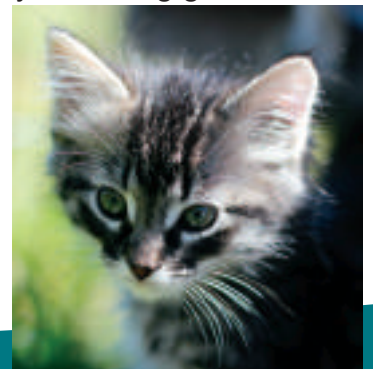
BREE came to us as a stray. She's a gorgeous cat with a bit of sass who will strut around with a touch of class. She loves her people and thrives on attention. You can usually find her dancing for affection. Come look into Bree's beautiful green eyes we're sure you cannot resist her.



TULIP came to us with her two sisters. They were a bit feral but are all warming up to us very quickly. She and her sisters will all be available at about three months.

JAN is one of six kittens we call the Brady Bunch. They came to us at a month of age with no mama, now they are sooo sweet and love people. It has been quite a challenge keeping them eating but they are doing great.

**In 2015
65 Cats
and 26 Kittens
Found their
Furever Homes!**





AUGUST WILL BE EXCITING!

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

Kitten and Puppy Season is here!

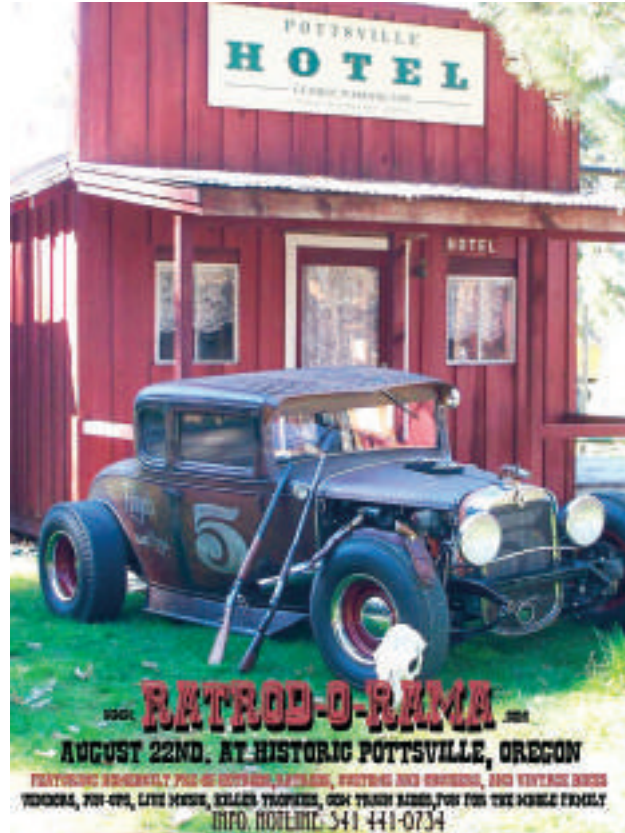
RVHS wants to save more animals but you know that our physical space is limited. Most of the time we have people waiting to bring in a pet that they can no longer keep, or maybe a dog that was hit by a car and left on the side of the road, or a surprise litter of puppies or a found box of kittens. How other humane societies have risen to this challenge is by developing a robust foster parent program. Want to volunteer but don't have the time to come to RVHS?

Want to experience the joys of a companion animal but not ready for adoption? Retired and have some extra love to share? By fostering for a short period of time you will be helping other orphan animals by opening up room so that together we can save another life.

Tiny, motherless kittens will be arriving soon. We provide all the training and supplies – you provide the care and love. Please call us and also spread the word because it takes a community to make a difference.



RATROD-O-RAMA AUGUST 22ND



RAMBO'S STORY

Rambo came to the Humane Society and was adopted by Ratrod Ray and Angie and has become one of the family and part of the West Merlin Crew. He often visits the Humane Society to tell them of the fun stories of his travels.

"The folks that run the Rogue Valley Humane society are a great bunch of people. They are helping insure the safety and placement of animals in the Rogue Valley. They are a non profit agency that is a "no kill" shelter. They do such a good job and do so much for the community that the Rat Staff decided to choose them as our beneficiary for the 2015 Ratrod-O-Rama." **RAMBO**



NEW EVENT FOR 2015

A benefit for the animals . . .

BLUES, BREWS AND BARBECUE

Tom Pearce Park

August 29, 2015

Saturday From 2 - 7 pm

There will be Blues Band Music, Local Craft Beers and Barbecue, Vendors and FUN!



DID YOU KNOW?

Oregon's new dog tethering law took effect January 1, 2014. Oregon's 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

Here in Southern Oregon we go through many weather changes. The wet seasons are dreaded by most people who own and/or care for horses. Why? With rain comes mud. Mud is a nasty word when we are trying to care for our Equine friends and other livestock.

Unfortunately there are some who believe and have stated, "Oh, they are Oregon Horses. They can handle it. They are used to standing in the rain and mud." These people may not understand the many health issues caused from prolonged exposure to these elements.

Here are a few of these conditions I would like to address:

#1 RAIN ROT: This condition affects the coat and skin. Generally located on the horse's top line (or back and rump area) the hair becomes matted down with dirt and moisture working into the skin. Bacteria accumulates causing small crusty sores and hair loss.

#2 MUD FEVER: This condition affects the horse's legs. Prolonged exposure from standing in mud causes the legs to become swollen and irritated. If left in their muddy areas, the horse may experience hair loss, open sores and lameness. Infection can set in, leading to expensive medical care as well as being very painful to the horse.

#3 THRUSH: There is an old saying that states, "No hoof, no horse." How true this is! As a flight animal, a horse can be reduced to nothing if their hooves are unhealthy. Standing in mud or water for long periods causes the hooves to soften. Bacteria works deep into the hoof, eating away healthy material. This allows for infection and abscesses. This is very painful to a horse and if not treated they may become permanently crippled.

#4 IMPACTION COLIC: This is a serious and potentially fatal condition. Impaction Colic can occur when horses are fed in the mud. As they are eating they ingest mud along with their feed. The buildup that is created can lead to intestinal blockage. Some cases can be so severe they require surgery. For the unfortunate ones it is fatal.

How can we as horse owners and/or caretakers prevent these health problems? We need to provide adequate shelters and mud free areas for our Equine friends. That does not mean you have to have a big fancy barn. A simple shed, for example can make a big difference to the quality of life for your horse. Every horse should be provided with a place to stand or lie down and a place to be fed that is dry and mud free.

With that being said, let's stand together as a community to help these magnificent steeds. If you or anyone you know needs assistance to improve a horse's living conditions, please contact Rogue Valley Humane Society or a shelter in your area. Help us to take pride in our "Oregon Horses".

Editor's Note: As always, we hope you enjoy reading about the animals of RVHS. Before we changed the look of this newsletter we made sure that it would not cost us any more money and we're happy to say that it actually was less than printing in black and white.

RVHS is a part of the Best Friends Network and a recipient of Pedigree Foundation, PETCO Foundation, and PetSmart Charities Grants



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.



AniMeals . . . New for 2015

This spring after nearly two years of dreaming and planning, RVHS launched its **AniMeals** program. "What is **AniMeals**?" Well, think of it as a 'Meals On Wheels' program for dogs and cats. Initially RVHS contacted Food & Friends, the regional senior meals and Meals On Wheels coordinator, to identify clients in need of assistance with feeding their personal pets.

The Food & Friends drivers delivered an informational packet announcing the availability of **AniMeals** to the clients on their routes and directed any questions to RVHS. Once enrolled in **AniMeals**, RVHS volunteers deliver a weekly food parcel at no cost to the client. Each parcel is tailored to the needs of the client's pets and filled from donations to the RVHS food bank. Generally each **AniMeals** parcel will contain a portion of dry food, some canned food and if available some treats for the pet.



AniMeals was modeled on a similar program being run in the San Diego area by the Helen G. Woodward Foundation. Unlike the program in San Diego, our own volunteer drivers deliver the **AniMeals** food parcels. For some of our **AniMeals** clients, our volunteers are their only regular visitors. While our main focus is on the well being of the pets, some of the drivers go above and beyond by checking on the well being of the household as a whole and helping to connect the client with services offered by other organizations as needed.

We view **AniMeals** as an important part of our community outreach programs. It is also an opportunity for education of our clients. But it doesn't work without donations from the community at large. That is why there are currently donation bins at the Grange Co-op and South Mini-Pet Mart in Grants Pass. We are working to get additional bins placed at businesses that sell pet food in our area, so the list of drop off locations will likely expand in the future.

If you would like to become part of the **AniMeals** team, we can always use drivers, help in preparing the food parcels, and someone to check the donation sites and transporting the donations to RVHS.

This is an easy way for all of us to help our homebound community members take care of their pets. It's also a way you can help to make a difference in someone's life!

