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Saving Lives Since 1965... Four Paws At a Time!

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Kitten Nursery Wish List

Fall is coming, and it brings kittens! Kitten season lasts until October. During this time shelters in our area become overwhelmed with kitten placement requests.

This year, we are embarking on our first year of having our Neonatal Kitten Nursery active and running!

Thanks to several grants we've received from the Orphan Kitten Club, we are now able to care for our most vulnerable kittens, aged 0-4 weeks old.

These babies are always in need of supplies to keep them going, especially formula to make sure they grow to become big, strong cats. If you would like to donate towards our nursery supplies, scan the QR code above with your phone's camera app or QR reader app to go directly to the nursery wish list on our site.

Thank you for helping us save lives - four paws at a time!



RVHS News

By Margaret Varner, Executive Director



Dear friends of the animals,

As I sit here surrounded by my furry friends on this hot summer evening, I think about how fortunate I am to have them! Each one of them is a rescue with a story of some sort, but for this newsletter I want to tell you about one in particular, my forever foster cat Thunder, whom I swear must be related to the one and only Mars. Thunder was brought into our facility approximately 9 years ago as a very tiny, flea infested, underweight, dehydrated sickly neonate with infected eyes. At the time, we had no fosters available so I decided to fill in and foster the little guy. The plan was as soon as he was well enough to be neutered, he could be adopted. Unfortunately he had such a rough start prior to him coming to us. He required so much additional medical care, which meant he had to be a fighter to make it! Although he was tiny, he definitely had the will to live. Thunder having some ongoing medical needs and being somewhat temperamental and is known to sometimes bite unprovoked. We knew he'd be a tough one to place. My family and I already fell in love with his grumpy self and decided we would be his forever foster parents that would love him unconditionally!



I'm sharing this experience with you because kitten and puppy season has arrived. RVHS wants to rescue more animals but physical space and staff is limited. We're overwhelmed daily with requests for kitten placement. If you're interested in volunteering, please keep in mind fostering is one of the many wonderful and rewarding opportunities available.

After three years virtually, I'm happy to announce that we celebrated our 14th Annual Fur Ball at the Grants Pass Golf Club in June. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors, private donors, volunteers, board members, and staff. Working together helped to make this a fun and special evening that helped us to raise some much needed funds.

Please join us next year for the 15th annual FurBall at The Lindsay Lodge 15100 HWY 238, Applegate, Oregon 97530 June 22, 2024. Stay tuned for more details to come.....



Sponsorship Programs

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

As 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 and the second on our magnetic display board in our front office that is visible to the public. Your magnet will also be displayed at our Saturday Grower's Market booth.

Your sponsorship visually shows your support for RVHS to the community. 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 our kennels.

You can also sponsor our Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) program by providing a donation. This sponsorship would go straight towards helping to sterilize and ear-tip our local community cats who are otherwise unowned cats, but who contribute significantly to the babies we see in our shelter each kitten season.

We could use ALL the help we can get to fund this initiative and alter as many community cats as we can. A donation of \$500 to sponsor a colony of cats to get spayed/neutered will get your name and/or logo featured in our next print newsletter, as well as a heartfelt thank you on our social media pages.

Thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors for our 2023 Fur Ball!

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Linda Barr

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Richard Thompson
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Michael and Beth Grill



Furry Friend \$250-\$499

Quinn's Pump and Well Service



Spotlight on Stedfast Plumbing

Thanks so much to Stedfast Plumbing for their speedy service any time we have need for their services at our facility and thrift store.

Keep an eye out for their brand new commercial that features the Rogue Valley Humane Society—coming to a TV station near you soon!

541-660-3545
Mon -Fri, 8am-5:30 pm



Need a Voucher to Help Spay and Neuter Your Pet? Let Us Help!

Send an email to vouchers@roguevalleyhumane.society.org and you will receive an automatic response with all of our program information to get a voucher issued to you. If you are the caretaker of a colony of community cats, reach out to us here as well, and we'll provide you with the resources to help.

Thank you in advance for being a part of the solution and choosing to spay and neuter to prevent animal overpopulation in our community.



Spotlight: Emergency Preparedness 1...2...3... Ready, Set, GO!

Fire season is upon us, and with that comes the worry of what to do if YOU and your family, pets, and home are ever impacted by our local wildfires. Below is a handy guide to reference to help prepare you for this unfortunate situation should it ever happen to you.

What To Do If You Have To Evacuate With Your Pets

1. Ask family and friends: They know you and your animal's needs best and may be able to assist with temporary homing in the event of a disaster. If possible, coordinate these plans with them in advance of fire season so you have a plan ahead of time of where to go if you have to escape your home.

2. Contact rescues: Local rescues and animal shelters can help guide you in the right direction and provide resources that may be available to those impacted by local fires.

3. Hotels or rentals: Try reaching out to local hotels as most will allow companion animals to stay for an additional fee. Short-term rentals could also offer you some relief.

4. Boarding facilities: Boarding facilities may also be a good resource if you cannot find anywhere to stay while keeping your pets with you.

5. Veterinarians: Some veterinary clinics offer boarding services and might be able to accommodate your pet.

Did you know?

RVHS is trained through FEMA and the Humane Society of the United States for emergency management and preparedness. We have worked with Josephine County Emergency Management for years to help set up at the fairgrounds to help people and their animals when they are evacuated from their homes. We provide care and safety for people and their pets in times of need.

We're a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that depends on your donations, grants, thrift store sales, and events to sustain all of our programming in order for us to help the animals in our community.





Bottle Drop Program

As many of you may know, in 2020 we started up the RVHS Bottle Drop program in hope of increasing funds for us. What started out as a small change to help us increase our funding has grown to become a very successful program—all thanks to you!

\$13,200 was made in 2022 just from collecting bottles and cans from supporters like you. This has helped fund so many necessary things for us like pet food, medical supplies, and more!

This year, think of us after your summer family barbecues, tailgate parties, or events where you may have redeemable cans and bottles to collect for us. The animals thank you so much!



Paws Up!

We would like to extend a special thank you to Crystal Fresh Bottled Water for donating bottled water to the facility and thrift store for many years. This donation is so generous and allows staff and volunteers to have fresh, clean water all year!

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Grants Pass, OR
Phone: 541-474-0801



Announcing Our 2023 Animal Hero Award Recipient!

Linda Barr is our 2023 Rogue Valley Humane Society's Animal Hero. She has been a loyal supporter of us for many years and her heart has always gone out to the animals—especially our smallest kittens, who have always been her favorite. She is pictured here with Jellybean, our first neonate we took into our neonatal kitten nursery this year. We are happy to announce that Jellybean (now Walter) was adopted by Linda and will be her faithful companion for the rest of his days. Thank you to Linda for always sticking by our side and being a partner with us to help achieve our goals for the animals. You are paw-some!



Paws Up to the Orphan Kitten Club!

We are excited to announce that we have been the recipient of a grant from the Orphan Kitten Club to revamp our flooring up in our Neonatal Kitten Nursery! Our nursery has been built in the original 1940's era farmhouse that is on our facility property and thus has the original flooring. As pretty as that flooring is, it is not the best for sanitizing and keeping the area clean for our messy kittens that we have up there. In an effort to protect the integrity of the original materials and to make for easier clean up, we will be installing vinyl flooring in our nursery, all thanks to the support we have received from OKC! To learn more about their efforts to help kittens and shelters throughout the United States with their kitten programs, visit <https://orphankittenclub.org>



Amazing Treasures Await

The Rogue Valley Humane Society Thrift Store has amazing treasures just waiting for you to seek them out! Our inventory is constantly changing and we have something for everyone, so stop by and check us out!

Do you have items to donate to us? We would greatly appreciate your generous donations. We do have limited space, so calling ahead is appreciated.

Please consider reaching out to us during your estate planning; we would be happy to provide a home for your well-loved furniture and items that need to find a new home.

Not only do we accept donations, but we will accept your cans and bottles to be redeemed through the RVHS BottleDrop program and we will bring it to RVHS for you!

Keep an eye out on the Thrift Store's social media pages for our famous Christmas Boutique to open this fall!

RVHS Thrift Store
1169 Redwood Ave
Open Tue-Fri 9-4, Sat 9-2 PM
541-955-3367

Follow us on social media!
www.facebook.com/rvhsthtrift
www.instagram.com/rvhs_thrift_store

Introducing the First Graduates of our Neonatal Kitten Nursery!

We are so glad to have opened up our nursery in 2023 to serve the population of cats that often get overlooked in animal shelters: neonatal kittens! Our first set of babies started with a singleton kitten (Jellybean, pictured on the opposite page) and our Batman Litter (Nightwing, Graycin, Robin, and Damian).

Unfortunately, the first week we opened our nursery, we had someone dump 9 kittens on us at our front gate. Six of those were old enough to go to our main facility, but luckily for the other three, we had our nursery running so we could provide them with the 24/7 care they needed at that age. Now, the Chili Pepper Litter (Serrano, Jalapeño, and Habanero) have graduated our nursery into their loving forever homes and are part of our first graduating class of 2023 of our kitten nursery!

From the bottom of our hearts, we are thankful for all the support we have received to keep this nursery going. Our dedicated staff has spent many hours and have stayed busy making sure these babies are thriving and healthy enough to go to their forever homes.





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Duke Is Ready For his Forever Home

Duke is a 4-year-old male Sheepdog/Poodle blend. Duke loves to be around people and is always up for a game of tug-of-war! Duke's favorite activities are playing fetch, rolling around in the grass, and taking a dip in the pool. Duke has a very silly and exuberant personality, and will keep you laughing with his puppy-like antics!

What Duke wants most in the world though is a family to call his own. He thrives on affection and just wants to make a deep connection with someone who will love him forever. He gets along well with other dogs his size, but doesn't quite understand how big he is and may be too much for smaller dogs and children under 12 years old. If you're looking for a big curly-haired goofball to add to your life's adventure, look no further!



Critter Camp Update

Thank you so much to the Carpenter Foundation and the LB Foundation for their financial support of this year's Critter Camp sessions for kids! We had a blast this summer teaching kids about companion animals, disease prevention, pet overpopulation, empathy, and the proper daily care for the animals we all call family. All of our campers had a wonderful time; if you missed this year's summer sessions, mark your calendar for next year!



Interested in Volunteering to Help Make a Difference?

RVHS is continually in need of volunteers to help us at our facility or thrift store so that we can continue to positively affect the lives of animals in our community. Whether you are a volunteer dog walker or kitty snuggler; kitten foster or thrift store associate; event planner or graphic designer; we need YOU and the skills you bring to the table to help us accomplish our goals. RVHS will provide all the training and supplies you need.

Want to join our dedicated and animal loving team? Go to our website and fill out a volunteer application here:

www.roguevalleyhumaneociety.org/volunteers

Need Food Assistance?

RVHS offers a community food bank to assist folks who need help during the month to feed their pets. Our program supplements the food you already purchase for your pets. It is supplied by other generous members of our community who donate these goods to us.

There are no restrictions on who may access this program, although we do ask you to utilize it once per month to allow other families in our area to benefit from this program too! Our pet food bank is available any time during business hours.

We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

We want to thank a special few volunteers who have made such a huge difference at RVHS!

Our receptionist volunteers, Kathy and Linda, volunteer their time to make sure we have coverage for any phone calls that come in every day that we are open. This is an absolutely **huge** help, as it allows our staff to provide more care for the animals on a daily basis.

Our facility volunteer, Addison, is always up for any project we have for her on the one day a week she comes in to volunteer. She helps us keep up on laundry and dishes, stocks our community food bank, and we even convinced her to volunteer as Simon the Cat for our Critter Camp sessions this year!



Kathy Thompson
Volunteer since 2016

Favorite thing about volunteering at RVHS: "Helping people and trying to help all the animals get the best homes possible."



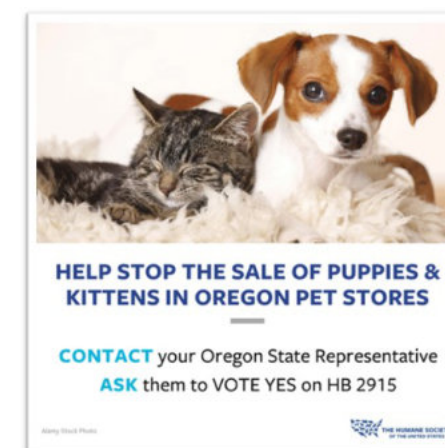
Linda Young
Volunteer since 2016

Favorite thing about volunteering at RVHS: "First of all, the staff is wonderful. Secondly, I love the animals and enjoy being able to try and help them."



Addison Cox
Volunteer since 2023

Favorite thing about volunteering at RVHS: "Honestly everything. I love everybody here. I like how you're doing a lot of stuff every day and there is a wide variety of things to do. I like everyone here because they are willing to help and are super nice and everyone seems to enjoy what they do. Plus working with animals and being able to spend time with them and help them out is one of my favorite parts."



Update on HB 2915

The law which will prohibit the sale of puppies and kittens in Oregon pet stores passed the Oregon Senate by a 21 – 3 vote! In an exciting update, an amendment was adopted in the Senate that further strengthened the bill by creating a five-year phase out for the six small stores allowed to sell puppies and kittens. And, just moments ago, the Oregon House voted to approve that change.



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 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.
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- 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.



COMING SOON

**A SUSPENSEFUL EVENT FOR
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH 2023
MORE DETAILS TO COME!**

**2024 EVENTS:
BOWLING FOR BOWSER
MOTHER'S DAY TEA
15TH ANNUAL FUR BALL
CRITTER CAMP
PEDDLER'S FAIRE**



For an up to date event list, check out our Events page on our website:

www.roguevalleyhumanesociety.org

Class Tours

Sponsorships are available for class tours! Elementary, middle and high school classes who wish to learn more about the animal field please contact vcoordinator@roguevalleyhumanesociety.org for more information.

Save the Date!

Save Friday the 13th of October for a mystery event. More details to come! We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our 15th annual Fur Ball next June at the Lindsay Lodge in the Applegate, the site of our first Fur Ball. We are looking forward to this change of scenery at their beautiful lodge and restaurant. Limited rooms will be available for booking for this event. Check back on our website for more details closer to the event!

Tell Your Friends!

Please help the Rogue Valley Humane Society continue its mission by telling the friends, family or businesses you frequent about us, or our adoptable pets and events. With your continued generosity and support, we're happy to be celebrating 58 years of service in Grants Pass.