February is a month for celebrating love... I got me thinking about our dedicated staff and volunteers. Though we were closed, our Snow Team “weathered” this storm and came into the Adoption Center/Shelter to care for and feed all of our animals, as well as make sure our shelter dogs got their time in the snow, too. Every dog was walked every day. I am thankful for their commitment, passion and love for all of our animals. That’s a love we can all celebrate.

Must say, I’m looking forward to spring!

Stacey A. Graham
President/Executive Director

INSIDE DONOR & VOLUNTEER THANK YOU

HSSW Facts

What Happened in 2013?

- For the first time in three years, we have a positive balance sheet!
- 3,505 animals found new families
- 2,088 new people donated to HSSW
- 528 volunteers — 33,701 volunteer hours
- 1,614 animals helped by our Community Fund for low-income families
- 8,438 total animals served
- New strategic partnerships with VCA, Mud Bay, Good Neighbor Vet and more
- New programs working with disadvantaged youth, seniors in need of temporary housing for their companions; incarcerated individuals fostering cats
- New 5-year strategic plan
- More opportunities for training and advancement for HSSW staff
- Revamped Best Friends program (monthly donors), now with benefits

What’s Next?

- Fast track program to help more cats find families
- Outdoor play areas (Freedom Fence Project) for dogs
- Kennel portals to improve shelter life while cats wait for new families
- A new certified animal behaviorist for both cats and dogs
- New locations for ReTails Thrift Stores to improve sales and increase shelter support
- Revamped Kids’ Club and Discover Camp programs for kids of all ages
- Expanded volunteer programs and training
- A new “Adoption Experience” coming this summer
- Revamped outreach programs and monthly adoptions at ReTails
- Growing diversity of size and breeds in dog adoptions
- A new website coming in late spring

What’s Next For Your Humane Society?

2014 Focus

It has been a crazy, amazing year filled with so many changes, challenges, celebrations and milestones. We could never have accomplished so much in so little time without inspired leadership from our board; courageous commitment from our staff – who willingly and regularly jumped into the deep-end with blindfolds on; the incredible generosity from our donors and funders; and the passionate gift of more than 33,000 hours given by our volunteers in 2013. Not to mention the thousands of adopters, friends and supporters who have encouraged us over and over again, taking our animals into their families and cheering us on. HSSW and our thousands of animals are blessed many times over.

It was a lot of fun to walk through my neighborhood during and after our recent snowstorms, watching families, young and old, building snowmen and sledding down streets and hills. Much laughing, happy shouting and a whole lot of love. Plus, I didn’t see any cell phones or iPads or tablets. (Although I have a hunch they were zipped up somewhere in those parkas safe and warm.) It was a holiday of sorts from our busy lives and a chance to spend time reconnecting with friends and family. I observed many dogs running and jumping and playing too....not so many cats.
Adoptions last year -
Our team of more than 500 dedicated volunteers contribute their time, energy and talent to support the animals who need it most. Big hearts and busy hands contributed more than 33,000 hours of service last year - more than we could ever dream to accomplish on our own!
We’re in the business of bringing people and animals... making the best moves. We complete families.
Gifs of $100–499 cont.
Susan Tomoly
Randall & Martina Tangen
Elaine Taukas
David Tailor
Tom & Kathy Taylor
Tami M. Taylor
Kathleen Teare
Martha Tebbenkamp
Charles & Vicki Teurten
David & Linda Tendollen
S. Madeline Ted
David Thatscher
Randy Thomas & Barbara Farren Thomas
Mary Thomas
Roger & Tracy Thomas
David Thomas
Gary & Robyn Thompson
Stephen & Susan Thompson
Jeff, Pamela & Alie Thompson
Stephen & Janice Thorne
Carmen Thorne
Kelly Tice
Toni L. Timberman
Ronald & Ivy Timpe
Donna Triger
Jayson Tipp
Christie Tipton
Joe & Shirley Titone
Rick & Jan Tisup
Michael & Lynda Tonson
Mike & Nikki White
Eric & Lori Whitchurch
Gayle L. West-Grimley
Warren & Betty Weldon
Kathy Weinberg
Marjorie Webben
Stephen Webb
Kevin & Kristy Weaver
Lucretia Wasser
Peter & Barbara Warren
Thomas Warfel
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Lucinda Watson
Steven & Kathleen Watson
Rich & Gail Watson
Neil Watson
Kevin & Kristy Waever
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Mike & Marlene Wedin
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Kathy Weinberg
Warren & Betty Wedel
Elisa Wells
Sally Wells
Lynda Wells
Brenda Leach
Linda Leasure
Keith & Marilyn Westlake
Caroline Westley
Old Wunam & Sheri Erickson
Karen Weyhrich
What If USA, Inc.
Eric & Loni Witschuck
Mike & Nikki Whitehead
Brian & Donna Whitefield
Misty Wick

Value of Volunteer Hours
$46,140.14
"What greater gift
than the love of a cat." —Charles Dickens
2013 VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

Outstanding Cat Volunteers
Edgar Tomin
Sandy Schmidt

Outstanding Dog Volunteers
Tamyra Batsch
Dale Scholl

Volunteers of the Year
Shannon Boyd
Gary Middaugh

Foster Volunteers
Dariana Gustafson
Morgan Beck

Adoptions Assistance
Parisa Shekarchian
Eve Runyon

Outstanding Young Volunteers
Samantha Smith
Avery Scott

Admissions
ReTails Thrift Stores
Jena Abbey
Grace Colman

Volunteers with 1,000 Hours of Service
Cathy Allen
Steve DeHart

Volunteers with 500 Hours of Service
Dee Dee Zimmerman
Barbara Ziemer

Archivists
Kim Watterson
Suzanne Warren

Dennis E. Webb
Karen Tidbal

Judy Davis
Deborah DiRienzo

Karyn Tindal
Rebecca Tilton

Linda Juday
Velva Dillow

Linda Reeburgh
Theresa Kim

Melissa Jackson
Allison Toso

Mary Warner
Colleen Ward

Nancy Allen
Geri Wilda

Natalia Hambrook
Melissa Zapp

Ollie Bank
Melanie Zaps

Patricia Heck
Dave Mason

Richard & Marelene Tritt
Doug Thorsen

Kirsten Turner
Bonnie Beery

Kendra Treco
Kathy Cook

Laura Korn
Connie Corvese

Luke Soules
Joyce Libby

Michael Winn
Shannon Boyd

Morris Kulcinski
Russell Masse

Nicole Desjeros
Vichada Boonyapatrakarn

Norah Ann
Dorothy Arndt

Ollie Migliozzi
Bobbi Olson

Pamela Beagles
Julie K. Whittum

Pamela Henry
Cheryl M. Willis

Pamela Popp
Debbie Coughlin

Paul and Jan Urlich
Leaha Bechtoldt

Pauline Witmer
Donna Moll

Patsy Smith
Sharon Leeper

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Samantha Zeiner

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Shawn Cavanaugh

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Patricia Heck

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Diane Fiedler

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Anita Bingham

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Kathy White

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Gail Gigl

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Eve Runyon

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Sarah Deering
Doreen Otto

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Cliff Leeper

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Rana Lanz

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**Events**

**walk** **run**
FOR THE ANIMALS

**fast facts:** It's only three miles of walking and running but think of how much fun you will have with 1,000 other walkers/runners and 600 dogs, a pony and a turtle. It happens on May 3 when this magical assembly of people and pets take to the streets to celebrate the connection we have with dogs and cats. After the walk/run, enjoy Vendor Village with booths after booth of vendors showcasing their business and organization. Enjoy music, performances, agility and fly dog demonstrations.

**when:** SAT, MAY 3, 2014
5K run at 8:45 AM,
3-Mile Walk at 9:00 AM

**where:** ESTHER SHORT PARK
in downtown Vancouver

**register today:**
$25 PER PERSON
WEB: firstgiving.com/hssw/23rd-walk-run-for-the-animals

**HOURS:**
ANIMAL ADOPTION HOURS | ANIMAL ADMISSION | LOST & FOUND VIEWING
Tuesday - Sunday, 12 noon - 6:00 p.m. | 360.693.4746
Closed Mondays

**CONTACT:**
HUMANE SOCIETY FOR SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON
1100 NE 192nd Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98684
360.693.4746 | southwesthumane.org

**DISCOVER CAMP** (formerly Critter Camp) is your child’s behind-the-scenes access to the Humane Society for Southwest Washington! This VIP experience begins every morning with hands-on time meeting our animals, education about our shelter and special guest speakers.

After lunch (included in camp registration), your child will embark on a globe-trotting journey around the world! In these lessons, campers explore a region of the world, learn about the area’s indigenous animals and even meet special animal ambassadors!

**REGISTER TODAY**
$225 PER CHILD
WEB: southwesthumane.org/discover-camp

**ReTails Thrift Stores**

ReTails is on the move, literally. As of February 1, ReTails II (located on 28th Street) has closed. The new ReTails II will reopen in March 10, 2014 at 5000 East Fourth Plain Boulevard, across from Golden Skate. The new store will have a distinct personality in the form of shabby chic. Items selected for this store will include clothing, household goods, books, jewelry and a few additional items. Look for more information about the store selection, promotional information and opening timeline in future communication.

southwesthumane.org

**Discover Camp**

**WHERE:**
ESTHER SHORT PARK
in downtown Vancouver

**WHEN:**
JUNE 23-27
Grades 3-4
JULY 7-11
Grades 3-4
July 21-25
Grades 5-6
*(grade in Fall 2014)*

**WEB:** southwesthumane.org/discover-camp

**Discover Camp**

**RETAILS II, NEW LOCATION**

**March 10, 2014**
5000 E 4th Plain Blvd,
Ste. E102

**WEB:** southwesthumane.org/discover-camp

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