



Humane Society
FOR SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

Summer 2018

“Summertime and the living is...”



Things are hopping (averaging about eight bunnies a week staying in the shelter these days) at your Humane Society. We're working with the Points of Light Foundation on a project to enhance our volunteer program (we're 1,100 strong) - strengthening volunteer and staff interactions and building more effective teams that care for the 8,000+ animals we care for each year.

We have also created a disaster preparedness plan to ensure that whether we can stay onsite or be

forced to leave our building, the cats and dogs and puppies and kittens and rabbits will be safe, have shelter, food and water, access to veterinary care and quality enrichment opportunities in case of disaster. And, that we can accommodate onsite staff needs 24 hours a day.

If that's not enough, we launched a year-long Population Management Initiative in early winter, examining all our processes and procedures to identify opportunities to improve efficiency and effectiveness from the moment an animal arrives at our door through adoption and on to their new families. We're learning a lot and have some great ideas for streamlining our operations.

We continue to adopt animals into families at the highest numbers in our history. And, to meet that demand, we transport animals that are at high risk of euthanasia from overcrowded shelters throughout United States. At the same time, a growing number of strays arrive at our doors with significantly more challenging health and behavioral problems. So, we are beginning to shift some of our focus toward helping families keep their animals at home.

We are expanding our behavioral team to work with special needs dogs, as well as providing greater post-adoption support. We are creating new training and coaching programs for pet owners in general. And, for cats and their owners, too. We are also expanding current partnerships and developing new ones with veterinary practices to ensure that our animals have access to specialty care, and that low-income families have access to basic wellness care. Watch for more to come in these areas.

“Summertime and the livin' is easy” may be a theme for many this year. For HSSW, “the livin' is busy...very, very busy.” Come visit us and we'll show you around and share with you the work we're doing to ensure a bright and happy future for People + Dogs + Cats.

Stacey A. Graham | President



TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK AT HSSW'S FIRST *Fall Luncheon*

Thursday, October 18

Tickets on sale now: \$45 · Tables of 10: \$500

Red Lion Jantzen Beach
909 N Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217

Join us for a romantically, decadent Parisian-styled Walk in the Park with People + Dogs + Cats. The lunch will include a great meal with friends, auction baskets and quilts and, of course, some animals.

PEOPLE + DOGS + CATS



Condos For Cats...What's Next?

If you haven't been to ReTails Thrift Store lately, stop by and check out our bright new shiny red Cat Condominiums! The specially-designed condos are a huge hit with cats and people alike. They not only make great homes, they provide a terrific showcase for our cats. In fact, 70+ cats were adopted in the first four months since the condos arrived.

A CHRISTMAS Tail

Only 125 Days til Christmas

Mark your calendar today because you don't want to miss the ReTails Rewards members-only sneak peek and early shopping spree at the A Christmas Tail opening on November 1st. Join us at 6 p.m. for wine, hors d'oeuvres and sweet treats, plus a first look and chance to purchase before anyone else. The holiday shop will be open to the general public beginning Friday, November 2, at 10 a.m.



Our Volunteers are Amazing...

Kathleen Moyer is one of HSSW's many superstar volunteers. Dedicated to supporting the ReTails cat adoption experience, Kathleen's service is invaluable from beginning to end. From cleaning the "Cat Condos" to transporting cats and their supplies to and from HSSW, Kathleen's friendly smile and demeanor reflects her love for, and commitment to cats - all shapes, sizes, colors and ages. ReTails customers are just naturally drawn to Kathleen and, thanks to her many stories and anecdotes about the cats, they often find themselves taking home a new four-legged family member -- even if they had no intention of adopting! Kathleen is fiercely dedicated to doing good things for HSSW animals, while she also lends her time and talent to many other programs in our community. Thanks Kathleen, you rock!



Create a bond that lasts... Become a Best Friend!

What is a Humane Society for Southwest Washington "Best Friend" you ask? It's a friend who commits to a monthly donation. Monthly gifts mean a lot because they ensure day-to-day support for all the animals at the shelter and guarantee that our animals have the food and medical care they need. In 2017, more than 375 "Best Friends" collectively contributed more than \$90,000! This generosity helped care for more than 8,000 cats, kittens, puppies, dogs, and even the occasional rabbit!

WE TRY TO SPOIL OUR BEST FRIENDS:

Your monthly support deserves our gratitude, please accept the following:

- Discounts on adoptions, pet food and other retail goods at our ReTails Pet Store
- Discounts at ReTails Thrift Store at 5000 NE Fourth Plain in Vancouver.
- A special listing for "Best Friends" in our Annual Report to the Community.
- EXTRA BONUS! A special gift to show off your new status as a HSSW "Best Friends"



Sign up online: hssw.org/best-friends or call 360.213.2619 to make your gift over the phone.

best friends

DONOR Spotlight

Rose Funk

For more than 20 years, Rose Funk has been a steadfast donor and supporter of the HSSW. Her cheerful smile and glorious sense of humor have graced each person that she meets, but her beautiful face never lights up brighter than when she talks about her two “kids,” Kori and Lucy.

I give from my heart and my heart belongs to the animals.

“It is the Humane Society’s dedicated work, love and compassion that impacts all animals that are lucky enough to find them. I chose to give to HSSW in my will because I love these little critters. If my contribution helps save them from abuse, neglect, starvation and more, then I will know I answered the call. My wish is that they will always be safe, warm, fed and cared for.”

“I never had a pet growing up. It wasn’t until I had a family of my own that these furry creatures came into my life and let me tell you, I am a convert! My friends say, “When I die I want to come back as your dog”...I think you are starting to get the picture. My track record includes two strays, three hand-me-downs, and two from ‘scratch’...all so special. I challenge you to find a better life than the dogs who have lived at my house. My emotions surface just remembering.”

“Animals give so much and ask so little, and, their unconditional love gives us a life we enjoy. I would classify for Special Forces’ if I could get my hands on those who abuse animals. To those who donate food and other assistance, to the army of volunteers who give so freely of their time, and specifically to the Humane Society in general, I thank you.”

“May I always be the person my dogs think I am...”

Learn more about estate planning or schedule a confidential, no cost review of your existing estate plan, please contact **Brittany Gosselin**, Vice President of Development, bgosselin@southwesthumane.org | 360.281.7826

We Love our dogs!



Fall In Love With Peanut

Peanut had a long journey ahead of him when he first arrived at HSSW. After being hit by a car, he had to have his left-front leg amputated. But his medical adventures didn’t stop there...the HSSW veterinarians discovered his right-front leg was also fractured and would require a complicated surgical procedure. Thanks to our wonderful partners at VCA Northwest Veterinary Specialists who performed the surgery and monitored Peanut during the first critical days to make sure his repair held.

Once he was back on his feet, Peanut received tender-loving (and splash-filled) care at Willows Waters. Hydrotherapy allowed him to strengthen his muscles and rehabilitate after the surgery.

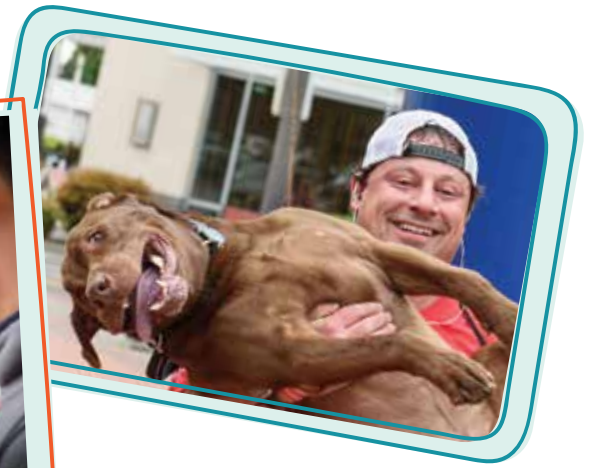
Peanut’s surgery and recovery wouldn’t have been possible without financial support from the Chasin’ For Chopper Fund. Started by Tina and Matt Olson, in honor of their shelter dog Chopper, this community fund provides assistance to HSSW dogs in need of life-saving medical and surgical procedures.

It definitely takes a village. And thanks to the very special village of HSSW donors, partners, staff, volunteers and foster parents, Peanut is now enjoying a happy and loving new life in his new family.

Walk/Run For the Animals

2018 Walk/Run Success!

Saturday, May 5, 2018 Esther Short Park
On the first Saturday in May, each year, dog and cat lovers gather on an early morning at Esther Short Park to help raise money for our favorite companion animals – shelter animals. The Walk/Run for the Animals is a five-month effort to come together to raise money as a community and a celebration of the amazing animals in our own lives. Whether these animals are still with us or if they are gone, we celebrate each of them.



BETTER TOGETHER

TOP FUNDRAISING TEAMS OF 2018

- 1 Big Meowskis -- \$16,405
- 2 Team Jog-A-Dog -- \$10,355
- 3 Mainly Trashed -- \$8,890
- 4 Riverview Rocks! -- \$5,257
- 5 Cats Rule! -- \$4,651

FUN-raising
\$68,488

+ Registration
+ Sponsorships
+ In-Kind

221
TEAMS



WHO IS WALK/RUN?

TOTAL REGISTERED	850	
ADULT RUNNERS	220	
ADULT WALKERS	530	
YOUTH RUNNERS	23	
YOUTH WALKERS	77	

CONTACT OR DONATE:

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

ADOPTION CENTER - SHELTER:

ADOPTION | ANIMAL ADMISSION | LOST & FOUND VIEWING
RETAILS PET STORE
Tuesday – Sunday, 12 noon – 6 pm | 360.693.4746
Closed Mondays

RETAILS THRIFT STORE:

5000 E FOURTH PLAIN BLVD, VANCOUVER, WA 98661
Shopping : 10 am - 7 pm *all days*
Donation : 10 am - 5 pm *all days*
360.984.6060

FIND US:      

MOBILE DONATION TRAILER: 1100 NE 192ND AVENUE, VANCOUVER, WA 98684 (HSSW parking lot)
Donation Hours: 10 am - 5 pm *all days*

UP AND COMING Event

Who Doesn't Love a Great Bloody Mary?

From the Pearl to Clinton-Richmond and beyond, founders of The Bloody Mary Festival have discovered the craftiest and most delicious Bloody Marys around. Join your friends and fellow animal lovers in sampling 10 of Portland's most creative and innovative Bloody Marys, created by some of the region's finest restaurants, bars, and bottled mix companies. Your ticket includes delicious food and drink tastes from local artisans and the opportunity to cast your vote for the People's Choice award for the best Bloody Mary in Portland/Vancouver. This event benefits HSSW and the dogs and cats.



Bloody Mary Festival

Sunday, September 23

10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Tickets available now!

WEB: thebloodymaryfest.com

TICKETS: \$45-55 depending on Session



The Columbian's Best of Clark County

THANK YOU! Clark County residents, for the second year in a row, voted the ReTails the Best Thrift Store in Clark County. AND, the Humane Society for Southwest Washington was selected as Clark County's Best Nonprofit. Thanks to Clark County and The Columbian for these honors.