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Saving lives and taking care of animals like "Cupcake" is what we do best.

Don't judge a book by its cover...

That's what you learned as a child, and at SoHumane, we don't judge animals because of how they look (breed, age, medical condition). Instead, we look at what's inside – a shy dog, a scared cat – and help them show that inner beauty to potential adopters.

But sometimes it's hard to look at our facilities and wonder, based on the flaking paint, leaky gutters, and pot-holed parking lot, just how good of care the animals are receiving.

And while we know that our animals receive "five-star treatment in a two-star hotel," that isn't obvious to someone passing by or pulling into our gravel lot for the first time.

That's why we were so ecstatic when we learned that SoHumane had been selected as the community service project for the current Medford Chamber Leadership Class.

It's no secret that our facilities are old and most are past repair. And because our focus on improvements these past four years has been on the animal areas (40% of kennels replaced, warmer environment for the outdoor-only kennels, upgrades to cleaning kitchens and cat habitats, etc.), there has been no money or time for such basic repairs as exterior paint, gutters or cracked sidewalks.

Short of tearing the whole place down and starting over, we compiled a list of basic cosmetic repairs that the leadership class could address to help eke a few more years out of 2910 Table Rock.

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Celebrate

with us at SoHumane's biggest party of the year!

Toast for Tails 2016

Read all about this year's fun festivities with "furry friends" on page 7



"A Warm Embrace"

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Mission Statement

To improve the lives of pets and people
through sustainable programs of
education, adoptions, and spay/neutering.

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In a world full of information and immediacy, there is a tendency to look for the story of the miraculous or the redemptive. But it is often the commonplace, the normal, where the most joy can be found.

In 2015, there were 1,822 moments of joy when someone came up to the front desk and said, "I want to adopt Norman" (or Daisy, or Molly, or Truman, or Cali). Each adoption is a moment for celebration and for gratitude.

We also had 1,162 moments of joy – one for each time we opened the door to a crate on the Saving Train and welcomed a new dog or cat to SoHumane. "You don't know it yet," we would tell them, "but this is the first day of the rest of your life."

There were also 510 bittersweet moments when we held the hands of local families as they surrendered their beloved companions to us. We shed tears with adults who had lost a parent and were unable to provide for the cat or dog left behind. We empathized with families that had to move and could not take their cat with them. And we offered hope, not judgement, to those who realized that their dog would be better off with a family that had more time to give.

There was joy mixed in because each person left with more peace in their hearts than when they walked in – their cat or dog was in a place of love and was guaranteed all the time they needed while waiting for a new home.

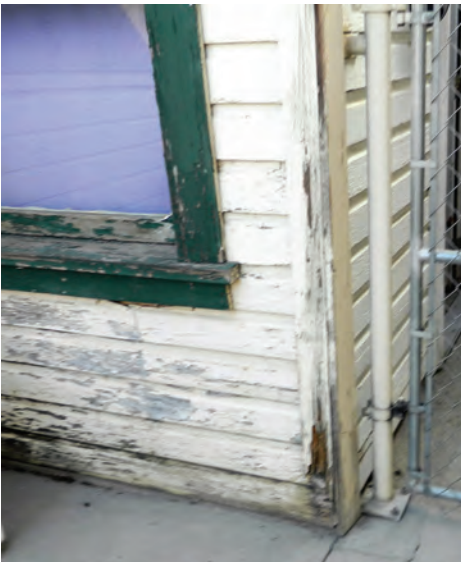
Kenn Altine
Executive Director



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Their plan is to:

- Paint all the buildings: we painted the admin/ clinic building in 2014, but the main adoption center and kennels have not been painted since 1997.
- Regrade and put new gravel in the parking lot: In 2013, United Way's Day of Caring project put down a new layer of decomposed granite, but the underlying bed was too high (water runs toward the buildings instead of away from them) and potholes quickly returned. We currently patch them by hand as they develop, but it is a daily battle.
- Fix rusted and leaking gutters throughout the campus.
- Replace rotten and sagging soffits on the main adoption building to prevent water damage to our best building (a former insurance agency relocated to the property in 1997).
- Put in outward swinging doors on all the buildings to increase safety (many do not have windows in them and collisions happen as a result) and provide better security.
- Build a metal roof over the stray dog hold area: Provides shade in summer and protection from rain and snow in winter for animals awaiting transport to Jackson County shelter.
- Build a metal structure to protect the Saving Train crates from weather: We currently keep them under a tarp that blows off every week or two. Each time we make a run, we have to clean storm debris out of the crates.
- Address cracked walkways by either patching or providing rubber mats to ensure safe passage.
- Clean up the front of the campus with landscaping, a makeover of the memorial garden and even



Buildings will be repaired, patched, and painted



Stray hold kennels will receive a new year-round weatherproof metal roof

some work to the entrance.

While this will not address the overall issue of a worn-out facility, it will help the outside façade better reflect the treatment our animals receive on the inside. Who knows, maybe the place will get an additional star from Michelin!

The Chamber Leadership Program has been in place for 33 years now and has graduated more than 1,000 local business leaders. The goal of the Leadership Project is to get the group working together

on a common goal. Participants learn it does not have to take a lot of time to make a difference. Examples of past projects include the outdoor living space at Hearts with a Mission Teen Homeless Shelter and the Naturescape Playground at Hawthorne Park.



Rotting eaves will be replaced to stabilize the structures

Local companies that participate in the program include Asante, Adroit, Banner Bank, Coquille Economic Development Corporation (CEDCO),

Rogue Disposal & Recycling, Rogue Credit Union, Pacific Power, Providence Medical Center, and United Risk Solutions.

We are so very grateful for all of their work on behalf of the animals at SoHumane!



ARTBARK 2016



In February, SoHumane held ArtBark – a family event designed to teach humane treatment of animals through art. Local schools submitted posters – just a few of the hundreds of entries are shown here – and families came to the Jackson County Expo for a day of arts and crafts with animals. The event was underwritten by Ginger Johnson (gingerjohnson.com) and Central Art Supply.



Rolling, Rolling, Rolling...

The Saving Train Keeps Saving Lives...
one beating heart at a time - every life is precious!



No longer a number,
"Spring" has a new
name at SoHumane...
on this page are the faces
of just a few of the 32
dogs that arrived on one
Saving Train the last week
in February. At press time
all of the dogs had been
adopted into new homes
in the Rogue Valley.

Would you like to help SoHumane Save More Lives?

Would you be willing to help
sponsor a Saving Train Run?
Please help us change "numbers"
with an uncertain future into
names with hope!

For more information please contact:

Saving Train Manager

Hillary Hulen - 779-3215 x 105

Development Director

Karen Evans - 779-3215 x 103

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Ask The Top Dog

Kenn Altine, Executive Director

Q: I saw your post on Facebook about 33 dogs coming in from California on the Saving Train. I know these dogs need homes, but if our county is over run with dogs, why do we bring them in? I am not trying to be negative, I just don't understand.

– Jill S.

Dear Jill:

I get asked this question a lot. The short answer is that our mission is not geographic – we do not restrict our rescue work to Jackson County or Southern Oregon.

Locally, there are two organizations/agencies offering dog adoptions: SoHumane and Jackson County Animal Services.

In 2012, after years of poor communication and cooperation, SoHumane and Jackson County began to work together to address animal overpopulation. That year, 157 dogs and cats were transferred from Jackson County to SoHumane. That same year, SoHumane also brought in 556 animals from outside the area.

Over the ensuing years, Jackson County transfers to SoHumane have dropped. This is chiefly because the county has worked hard to keep animals from entering into the shelter system and has created partnerships with more animal welfare groups around the state (and increased transfers to these organizations).

This has created less of a need for Jackson County to transfer animals to us and has also greatly reduced their euthanasia rate for both dogs and cats.



Joy was transferred to SoHumane from Jackson County Animal Care.

SoHumane remains committed to animals in our home county and to helping reduce the euthanasia rate at the county shelter. We regularly reach out to Jackson County and other local animal welfare groups to offer space. For Jackson County, that has more recently involved more cat transfers than dogs.

However, we recently committed to always having kennel space at our facility for one of Jackson County's pit-bull breeds. We know pit bulls take more time to find a home (up to ten times longer than other breeds), and we recognize the Jackson County has a large population of pits.

By providing dedicated space, SoHumane hopes to help provide a change of venue for these hard-to-place animals and find more homes for them.

Meanwhile, across the country, more than 3 million animals are put to death – many because they simply ran out of time or space.

The Rogue Valley has shown that it has a big heart and a great desire to adopt animals from rescue groups. It is our mission to take animals out of areas where they are not wanted and

get them to the Rogue, where they will be loved.

Q: I tried to give you my son's dog (he left for college and couldn't take it with him) and you turned him away. Why are you bringing in all these dogs when you won't take my son's dog?

– Anon.

This goes to one of the basic differences between SoHumane and Jackson County Animal Services.

SoHumane is a private organization and does not receive any government monies. As such, we are a controlled-admission facility. This means we control the number and types of animals that enter our adoption program. Jackson County Animal Services is funded by taxpayers and dog-fee licenses. They are mandated to accept stray dogs. That makes them an open-admission facility.

When someone needs to surrender an animal to us, we put the animal through an assessment. This includes introducing them to strange people, strange environments and strange dogs. We also attempt to open the dog's mouth, squeeze its paws, touch it all over – the things that our volunteers, vet-care staff and potential adopters will be doing in the future. We also check to see if the animal is possessive of food and/or toys. The temperament assessment for cats is a little less intensive.

If an animal acts aggressive during the assessment, we stop and try to figure out what caused the aggression. If we understand the trigger (the animal was startled,

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It's Time for... Toast for Tails!

Presenting Sponsor



Be part of SoHumane's biggest, most exciting fundraiser of the year, featuring:

- Silent & Live Auction
- Music! Food! Fun!

Special Early Bird Tickets on Sale:
\$80 per person before March 31.
(Regular ticket price: \$100 beginning April 1.)

[Want to donate an item, host a table or buy a ticket?](#)

Contact:

Marcia: (541) 779-3215 x 106
email: marcia@sohumane.org

Purchase your tickets now at:
toastfortails.org

For the past three years we have "sold out" all tickets in advance of the event.

Here are three of our auction items:

Wowie! Maui! Hawaiian vacation rental for seven nights available any time during the month of September 2016. Pacific Shores is a small condo complex on the island of Maui, superbly located across from Kamaole I and Charley Young Beach, a long beautiful beach ideally suited for swimming, snorkeling, sunbathing, toasting the sunset, or building giant sandcastles.

Wine and Wildlife: Bravo Tours will transport a party of eight to Wildlife Images, where they can see how injured and orphaned wildlife are cared for before release back into the wild and meet animals whose permanently disabling injuries have made them unable to live in the wild and who have been integrated into one of Wildlife Images programs. Afterwards, enjoy a gourmet box lunch before visiting the tasting rooms of Del Rio and Ledger David wineries.



Running Y Getaway: One week in August 2016 for eight people at the Running Y Ranch, Klamath County, Oregon. Three-bedroom chalet with king in master, queen in second, bunk beds in third bedroom and a sleeper sofa in living area. Jetted tub in master bathroom! Hot tub on the deck! Arnold Palmer 18-hole championship golf course, indoor swimming pool, spa, tennis court and fitness center are available.

♥ May 21, 2016



"A Warm Embrace"
All proceeds benefit the animals at SoHumane

May 21, 2016

Padgham Pavilion at the Expo
Doors open at 5 pm - Dinner at 6 pm

Information/Ticket sales

Marcia - 541-779-3215 x106

Tickets \$100 *Tickets purchased before Mar 31- \$80

Purchase Your Tickets at:
www.toastfortails.org

Silent & Live Auction
Music, Food, Fun, Furry Friends!

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SoHumane Spring 2016



LETTERS

WE LOVE HEARING FROM OUR ALUMNI!

Please send us your letters and pictures: SoHumane, 2910 Table Rock Rd., Medford, OR 97501

email: hillary@sohumane.org.

You can also post them on our Facebook page!



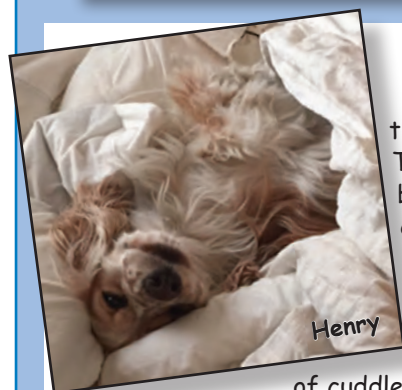
Lexi

Adopting an older cat was the best thing! Lexi (aka Galaxy) is still very playful and runs all around chasing her fuzzy mice and she loves my hair ties. We have grown very fond of each other and I love

coming home to her. She helps provide comfort and companionship and she even wakes me when I have had a migraine in the middle of the night. I'm thinking of getting a service dog and when I am ready, SoHumane will be where I will go to make that choice.

Thank you SoHumane, for everything you do!

Heidi



Henry

Dear SoHumane,

We adopted Henry the day before last Thanksgiving. He has been a wonderful companion and has a very loving personality. He keeps me company all day; we go for walks and have lots

of cuddle time; we even let him sleep on our bed... Who could say no to that face? We love him so much! Thank you for bringing him into our lives.

Katherine



I found the best dog in the world at SoHumane and I'm over the moon!

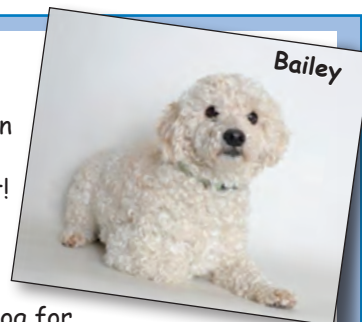
Gwen

Hello there,

We adopted Bailey (2-year-old Poodle mix) on Saturday morning and we feel we totally lucked out! I know she wasn't at the shelter long but thank you for taking care of her. She is the perfect dog for our family, has been so sweet and loving. She loves to snuggle with her boys (my 8 and 10-year-olds) at bedtime. She seems to be adjusting well, getting used to the leash, and meeting new people.

Thank you to Traci and everyone else who helped us find this girl and give her a loving home on that busy puppy crazy morning.

Shannon



Bailey



Daisy Mae

My name is Whitney. My fiancé and I rescued one of your dogs, Daisy Mae about a year and half ago. We just wanted to send you a couple of pictures and let you know how well she is doing! We are so happy she is in our family! She loves going on walks, playing with her brother, and chewing stuffed animals!

Whitney

We adopted Catsy Cline and renamed her Yuki. She's so adorable, sweet and playful. She follows us wherever we go around the house and we've never really had a hard time with her. And she loves licking our heads while we're sleeping. (yuck!) hehehe... And yes, she's very energetic.

Jackie



Yuki



Miss Sundance

Miss Sundance on her pretty purple princess blanket.....we love her so much! Thank you Southern Oregon Humane Society!

Paige



Joanna

Thank you so much for saving our new baby! We adopted Helena, now named Joanna. Took a few names to find one that fits her personality! She is bouncy and adapting to her forever home nicely!

Carl and Reena



Marley

Marley, the marvelous mutt!!

Marley is right at home, and has become fast friends with playmates Cannon the standard

poodle and Lil' Dude, the mini horse. He does not chase the cat and he is the PERFECT guy for our family. Thank you so much for doing such a great job with your adoptions.

Your adoption process and follow up are top notch!

K. C.



Emma

Dear SoHumane,
My mom, Linda, adopted me last May, 2015. Believe me when I tell you, THIS IS THE LIFE!

To my furry friends at SoHumane: Hang in

there, your new forever home is coming!

Love, Emma



Tucker

Tucker is Santa's little helper.

Dolly



Rogue

Thank you for calling to check on your Zane/my Rogue. He is purely delightful - smart, wants to please, and as sweet as he can be. As you can see from the pic, he's also a clown. He's already house trained, sleeps all night w/o a peep, loves to ride in the car, and does well on and off leash.

He's about to go on his first RV trip. We are very impressed and increasingly crazy about him. Thank you for him and for caring.

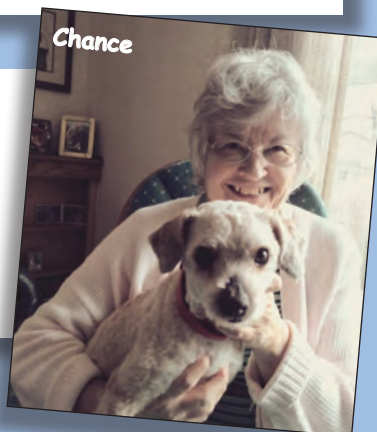
John and Gayle



Cooper

Jace, who now answers to "Cooper" is loving his new home just as much as we are loving him being here!! He fit right in and made himself at home almost immediately. He is so smart and has the biggest loving personality. Fate brought us all together! We couldn't ask for a better match. Thank you.

Stephanie



Chance

Happy new home with my mom for little Vincent who has a new name of "Chance" ...yay for rescues with Southern Oregon Humane Society.

Kim



Rocky

Rocky, formerly Tamari

We brought home this sweet little man today and we couldn't be happier. He's been bathed, combed, fed, given a new squeaky toy, walked, cuddled, and he already feels like he's

always been part of our family. Thank you so much Southern Oregon Humane Society for giving us the chance to meet and fall in love with our Rocky!!

Erin

The Gift of Giving

By Nagel & Padilla, LLC -

Mike Seifert, and Cassandra Dexter, LTP



In this edition we will focus on two ways to make donations to charitable organizations you support, while creating a tax benefit for yourself. Every individual's tax situation is different, so we recommend that you consult with your tax professional before proceeding with any of these options.

Charitable IRA Distribution

The Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015 made Qualified Charitable Distributions "permanent." Qualified charitable distributions (QCD) allow taxpayers to take the required minimum distributions (RMD) from their IRA and donate it to a charitable organization of their choice, without claiming it as income on their tax return. Essentially, allowing taxpayers to gift tax-free!

Who qualifies?

Taxpayers who are over the age of 70 1/2 at the time of the transfer may transfer up to \$100,000 per year.

What type of accounts can I make a transfer from?

Transfers must come directly from your IRA account to the charity. Only IRA accounts are eligible for this tax provision. However, you can roll money over from other retirement accounts, including 401(k)s and 403(b)s, to an IRA and then make a contribution directly to a charity.

To what charities can I make gifts?

Eligible tax exempt charitable organizations including the Southern Oregon Humane Society.

What are the tax implications?

A direct transfer to a charitable organization is not recognized as income on your Federal tax return. This lowers your adjusted gross income, potentially putting you in a lower tax bracket and reducing the amount of your taxable Social Security. However, because the distribution is excluded from income you cannot take a charitable deduction for the donation. The distribution is also tax-free for Oregon!

Does this transfer qualify as my required minimum distribution?

Yes. Once you have reached age 70 1/2, you are required to take an annual minimum distribution from your IRA. Charitable IRA distributions will fulfill this requirement, but it is capped at \$100,000.

How do I know if a charitable distribution from my IRA is right for me?

If you meet the previously stated requirements and 1) you do not need the income making up the charitable distribution, or 2) your charitable gifts for the year already total 50% of your adjusted gross income. We suggest you consult with your tax advisor before making a decision.

When do I need to make this donation?

The distribution from your IRA to the qualified charity needs to be made prior to December 31 of the year.

How do I make the transfer?

You will need to contact your plan provider for details as each has a different protocol. In general however, the distribution needs to be made directly to the organization and be done before the end of the year.

Contribution of Appreciated Stocks

The second way to make a charitable donation while creating a tax benefit for the taxpayer is to make a gift to the charitable organization of stocks that have appreciated in value. Recent market turbulence may have reduced your "unrealized gains," but it makes sense to periodically review your investment

for opportunities for tax savings.

What is appreciated stock?

Stock that is worth more today if you were to sell it than what you paid for it originally.

What kind of stock is eligible?

Any stock you have owned for more than one year.

What is the benefit?

1. You will be exempt from paying capital gains taxes on the increase in value, which you would have had to pay with the sale of the stocks.
2. You are entitled to a federal tax deduction based on the current fair market value of the securities, up to 30% of the donor's adjusted gross income, regardless of original cost.

How do I know if the donation of appreciated stock is right for me?

Each person has a different tax situation, so the best answer will come from your tax advisor. However, in general this option works best for those who: are in the 15% or higher marginal tax bracket, and who itemize deductions on their tax returns.

Nagel & Padilla publishes a complimentary monthly newsletter featuring helpful tax and financial planning tips. Our website also offers a wide variety of resource guides on topics such as how to maximize the charitable deduction.

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Twitter (@NagelPadillaLLC) or like us on Facebook (Nagel & Padilla, LLC).





Honor the Love of Animals



Your gift to SoHumane is a meaningful way to honor or remember cherished pets, friends and family, or to celebrate a significant occasion, milestone, or lifelong achievement. It is also a way to honor the love of animals through a tribute gift in their name. If you would like to see a loved one represented here, please send your contributions to: SoHumane, 2910 Table Rock Road, Medford, OR 97501. Be sure to include the name of the person or animal being honored or memorialized, as well as an address so that we can send a personalized card acknowledging your very special gift.

Your tribute gift helps save the lives of adoptable pets!

In Honor Of

6 dogs & 3 cats

Sharon Barker

A & E Kaplan Foundation

Jo Ann & Lee Weisel

A cat

William Jencks

Edgar & Karen Hee

Susan Dodd

A dog

Diane Trent

Aeris, Tiffa & Yuffie adopted cats

Alena & Bradley Ruggerio

All my kitties

Diana Ianora

All of our cats & dogs

Robin & Joan Williamson

All of our four-footed family members

Jean Fraser Pierson & Jeff Hubbell

All of the animals

Rebecca & Dave Womack

All the cats I've loved before

Deborah Ware

All the dogs and cats

Michael & Bethanny Elms

All the wonderful pets

James & Laurie Grigsby

Amber

Diane Coash

Anakin

Rupinder Kaur

Angus the dog

Glenda Thompson

Animals everywhere

Carole & Leigh Paquin

Annee Seaborne

Trophy Club Bar & Grill

Annie the cat

Shirley Draper

Annie, a wonderful rescue dog

Lyle & Brenda Hill

Ash the dog

Victoria & Eric Smith

Audi Boy

Dan Wolber

Bandit (Forest) the dog

Loren & Mary Le Cher

Barb & Eddie, Jack Russell Terrier

Sonia Gray

Barbara Garrity & dogs everywhere

Cathy & James Theen

Barbie the dog

Sandra Rippie

Bartholo (Jack) the dog

Sunny Miscione

BeBe & Pixie

Terry & Russell Noble

Birdie the cat

Kathryn Smoot

Bo Peep the cat

Lenda & Randy Eek

Boo the cat

Jon & JoAnn Harbaugh

Brandy - Sheba

Mary Kincaid

Bridget the dog

James R & Gwynn

Sullivan

Brodi

Rick Moore

Buster

Julia Newell

Caliente (Teagan) the dog

Andrew & Kathy Blatz

Carly the dog

Dana & Scott Rayburn

Cats Tiffany, Monkey,

Nipper, Guinness, Shadow & Mischief

Robert & Ellen Juka

Cats Maverick & Bandit

Diane Bolien

Chase on his 8th birthday

Anonymous

Cheryl White - Happy Birthday!

Wendy Robertson

Connie & Marvin Proehl

Cleo

Jennifer Eufusia

Thomas & Marcia Price

Coco the dog adopted 2003

P.M. & Julie Moran

Codder

Kelly Bryant

Dave & Gina Hartzheim - Merry Christmas

Lisa & Mathew McEntire

Dogs Bandit & Cheyenne

Kathy & Ken Donnelly

Dogs Boone, Max, Glenn & Sugar

William & Susan Orr

Dogs Buddy, Darcy & Chelsea

Kenneth & Kristine

Hower

Dogs Dave & Miley

Sandra & John Walper

Dogs Iggy & Binkii

Thomas & Catherine

Serpa

Dogs Kekata & Scooter

Mary Nelson

Dogs Regis & Cookie

Kevin & Lorie Dupee

Dogs Thumper, Sneakers

& Shang-hai

Yvonne & Charles

Chilcoat

Dogs Turbo & Tootsie

Kenneth & Sandra Scales

Dogs Ziggy & Megan

Scott Rogers

Domino the dog

Mark Ostermeier

Eddie (Dominic) the dog

Lynette Rossman

& Charles Anderson

Evelyn Howard Mayersky

Christine Carrade

First Student drivers, monitors & staff

First Student Inc.

Fisher the dog

Joann & Bruce

Repchinuck

Gabby

Judy Luker

Gilly the dog

Suzanne Smith

Glenn Cunningham & SoHumane

Ashland Rotary

Foundation

Gracie, Calvin & Hobbes

Rebecca & Taylor

Williams

Grandma Anna - Happy Birthday!

Laura Hartt

Hobie, our beloved dog

Zorah Krueger-Alper &

Wayne Alper

Hudson & Jake Eiler on their birthdays

Jill Eiler

Kristi & Stephen Seus

Troy & Elizabeth Petersen

April & Graham Case

John Malleis

Itsy the dog

Patricia Schulten

Jake the dog

Jim & Nancy Freeman

Jeiter, beloved pooch

Robert Cowling

Jesse the dog

Richard & Debbie Stroup

June Rich - Merry Christmas

Peggy & Robert Bierer

Kacy the dog

David Russ McDougall

Kaysee, now Kelsey

Jody & Scott Traina

Khloe Kitty age 6

Beverly Vance

Kidden the cat

Terry Scheffler

Kindness

Michelle Gury

Kiwi & Lola

Derek Shetterly

Lady the dog

Margaret Davis

Lance the dog

Catie Dutcher

Laurie Hymas

Nanette Marvin

Libby

Barbara & Bruce Burnett

Linda M.

Patricia Daws

Lizzie

Carl Spencer

Lizzy & Max

Wynema Faye Garland

Louie

Kristin Daniels

Lucy the dog

Lucy Zack

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Mr. Berry the dog

Gerda Case

MS Muffet

Judy Balfour

Muffy & Foxie

Colleen Eatherton

Murphy the dog

Kandee & Mike McClain

My 5 Doxies

Gordon Peterson

My rescued Brandy

Gladys Quinn

Nala the dog

Estate of James Davis

Nana at Christmas

Loretta & Herbert Hymas

Neeka the dog

Bruce & Kathy Atcheson

Nero, Rowena, Ewellyn &

Angus

Samantha McQuiston

Neva the kitten

Diane & Glenn Dombras

Nikko the dog

Mary Ann Price

Norma Mollie Iler	Richard Brad Thomas & Linda Mathews	Squeaky Sandra Crews	Sandra & Gerald Anderson	Gilley Carl Pontell Estate
Opie the dog Maureen & Ted Schroeder	Ruthie the dog Connie Van Zant	Sweetie the cat Patricia Snow	Glenn & Arlene Gray	Southern Oregon Subaru
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		The Squeaky Sandra Crews	Harriet Ross	Delores Dimmock
		The Squeaky Sandra Crews	Betty Huck	Rogue Valley Pet LLC
		The Squeaky Sandra Crews	Triple A R.V.Center Inc.	Estate of Mary Ellen Bell
		The Squeaky Sandra Crews	Rogue Canine Agility	R & R Pet Resort
		The Squeaky Sandra Crews	Dorothy Roach & Laureate Pi	Just Scream
		The Squeaky Sandra Crews	The SoHumane dogs & cats Elyse Ziegler	First Student staff
		The Squeaky Sandra Crews	JoAnn & Ronald Chapman	Susan & Curt Haines
		The Squeaky Sandra Crews	Lucille H. Edgerton Estate	Andrew & Kathy Blatz
		The Squeaky Sandra Crews	Robert & De Ette Marlow	Estate of Karen & Albert Myers
		The Squeaky Sandra Crews	Michael & S. Lysann	Crater HS CAHPS freshmen
		The Squeaky Sandra Crews		Barbara Tall

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3 dogs

Jerry & Jackie Scheid

A cat

Nancy Cagle

David Reed

A dog

JoAnn Bennett

Deborah & Michael

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All the cats I've had

Ione Kohn

Amelia, Joy's cat

Ted Laufer

Angus the cat

Barbara Dallas

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Carole Tiberio

Archie & Violet

Anna Hinkle

Auggie bo doggie Crider

Tawny Whalley

Avis Delane Tomes

Joseph & Rosary Brooks

Baby Dylan McTevia

Kari & Jason McTevia

Bailey

Robert Crow

Bandit

Sharon Weagel

Barnaby the dog

Marlyn Barrick

Baron

Garrett Johnson

Baron the dog

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Thomas Upton

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Bonnie Boxer

Nancy Clark

Booey 2

Sarah Geise

Bud

Berna Florida

Buddy

Dave & Barbara Barnes

Buddy Maddux the dog

Christi & Richard

Karchmer

Cathy & James Theen

Buffy the dog

Carlene Newhall

Barbara & Bill Steele

Buffy the yellow lab

Helen Wooten

Cache the dog

Geraldine Orchard

Cara

Jean Bieraugel &

Jay Hansen

Casey the dog

Vista Building Services

Cash the dog

James & Linda Maddux

Castlebar Yorkies

Doris Battye

Catnip the cat

Cheryl Young

Cats Lucy & Sophia

Stacy Kostenbauer

Cats Manny & Moe

Sherry & Steve Schroeder

Cats Mocha & Casey**Groth**

Keri Groth

Cats Muff, Panda, Baby &**Sassy**

Eugene & Ava Hart

Cats Too Willy, Claude &**Depussy**

Anne Novina

Champion Milo, German**Shepherd**

Florence Mariska

Chance the dog

John Crisci

Charlotte "Charlie" the dog

Material Girls of

Shady Cove

Cheyenne the dog

Kathleen & Paul Rowland

Chipper

Frank Mania

Chuey the pug, we miss our darling

Karyle & Bob Pasley

Cisco a great dog Jeanne & Gerald Taylor	Evelyn "Evie" Howard Mayersky Bill & Patricia Hardy Susan & Albert McMurray	Koko the cat Shirley Draper	Nancy C. Badger Darrell Badger	Sarah a dog Christine Sears
Cleo Susie Beckham	Fargo the cat Sandra Quinton	Kola the German Shepherd Alan & Diana Potts	Nelson the dog Sandra Cavell	Sasha the dog Gerald & Rose Mary Butler
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Crinkle Tail Jay & Eileen Cranston	Gladys F. Cox Linda Messal	Macy the dog Carol Hamlin	Patches a dog Cindy & Jack O'Brien	Sierra, best dog ever Tonya Sanchez
Critter, Charlie & Shakespeare Material Girls of Shady Cove	Gleason the dog Susan Furubotten & James Barrett	Maddie the dog Charles & Cari Brotherton	Pepper the dog Andrew & Kathy Blatz	Sister dog Anonymous John Semple
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there was some joint pain we were not aware of), we factor that into the overall assessment. In cases of extreme aggression (attempt to bite, growling lunge, etc.), we stop the assessment and return the animal to the owner.

We do not accept aggressive animals into our program. Pronounced aggression towards strangers is a no-go because we depend on volunteers to walk and socialize the animals. Because of our limited facilities, we often have two or more dogs in a kennel, so dog-aggressive dogs may be turned away because we don't have any solo kennels for them at the time or we may have a current population of dog-aggressive dogs. The same

goes for food-aggressive dogs. If we have solo kennels available, we can accommodate food-aggressive dogs (and inform potential adopters about the behavior), but we cannot have a food-aggressive dog share a kennel with another dog because of the danger it poses to staff and animals at feeding time.

Without knowing the particulars of your son's dog, I would anticipate that it fell into one of the categories I have described. It is our practice to help people

who have not been able to surrender their pets to find alternatives. The staff is trained to offer advice on home-to-home placement, online resources, breed-specific rescue groups and other options.



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Happy Endings

Isabo and Padme returned from the groomer this morning bright, white and regal. They are both proud dogs with amazing personalities. Isabo is our care taker, she’s our comfort. She’ll lie next to the kids’ beds if one of my small humans isn’t feeling well. She will cuddle with the guys when they return from work, pushing her gigantic head under your arms to be petted. In-home training is going slower with her, as she is also incredibly stubborn, although she has started listening to non-treated commands. She knows out, back, sit down, lay down, and she’ll “stand” which is really more of a bounce, and has really taken to her leash training. We make frequent trips to Home Depot as she has made fast friends with a few of the employees. She is slightly excitable



Isabo and Padme – adopted together Jan. 13, 2016

but is easily calmed down, quickly returns to her easy demeanor.

Padme is our child-like entertainer. She is playful but never mouthy. She is careful of her surroundings and

all of the kids she is playing with. While she will tug the older kids to slide in their socks around the living room, she never overpowers them. With our 4- and 2-(twins) year-olds, she’ll lie on the floor and play keep-away. She greets everyone as they come home from work with a smile and a happy wagging tail. She will sleep on her back which is hilarious-looking for such a big girl. Her training is going well. She can do most commands now without a treat. She is not as good on the leash – harder to gain control over once she has gotten too excited, so we avoid Petco with her. We have since started doing once a week groomer visits with baths every six weeks, as our couches had started looking like taxidermy dogs!

—Meghan C.