



Heroes of our Heart

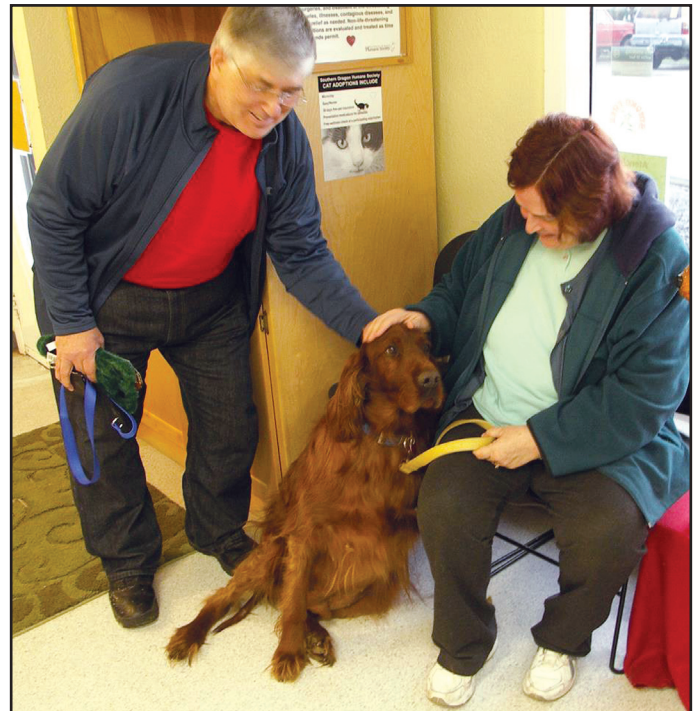


A love note...

YOU ARE OUR HERO because together, we share the heartfelt mission of saving pets. You share our heavy hearts when we take in a senior pet that has just lost their owner and is so very sad. You relate to the heart-sick emotion we face when we learn of pets about to be euthanized because they have run out of time and space at another shelter and you experience our joy when we can open our doors to these darlings. You can imagine the heartbreak of owners having to give up their beloved pets because they can no longer take care of them. For certain, we all agree that saving lives and finding second chances for these precious pets is at the heart of the matter!

We have been so extremely fortunate to feel your love! Please continue that love and support for us now so we can continue to save lives, and find homes for all these little pets. We are looking forward to sharing with you a solid future for saving and helping thousands of homeless pets.

Happy Valentine's Day



2012

- Saved 1398 lives: 434 cats and 964 dogs
- 1,339 homes found for these wonderful pets
- Performed nearly 600 spay and neuter surgeries
- Completely replaced and improved 40% of our dog kennels
- Reached thousands of elementary students through our school programs
- Reduced our operating costs by 7.8%
- Increased cat adoptions by 12%
- Increased rescues from public shelters by 14%
- Transferred 157 cats and dogs from Jackson County's public shelter to our facilities and found them homes

HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN! A wonderful reason to continue your love and support right now is this fantastic news! SoHumane has received a lovely \$10,000 Valentine gift from Dot & Bill Prideaux offered as a Matching Gift with monies directed to expanding and improving our medical facility. This will enable us to do more spay/neuters and other surgeries to help our darling pets on their way to their new forever home. A heartfelt gift right now is a happy investment in saving lives and creating happy homes for our darling homeless pets.



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Senior Dog, Mindy

Left for dead. That term is often used for sick or mortally injured people and animals. But Mindy, a 7-year-old German Shepherd was literally left for dead because the public shelter she was in was closing and the private shelter taking over the county contract didn't want her. With no place to go, she was going to be killed by Dec. 31 – the day the shelter shut down. Why? Because she was 7 and she had a bum knee. She could walk on the leg, but she had blown-out her ACL. This treatable condition marked this sweet, affectionate companion for death.

Thanks to the Saving Train and a grant from the Doris Day Foundation, we were able to get Mindy to Medford, fix her knee and send her into a loving home. When public shelters have animals like Mindy, they know SoHumane is their best, and usually only, option for saving lives. Mindy's surgery cost \$1,300. The Doris Day grant covered the expenses because Mindy is considered a senior dog. But even without the grant, we would have found a way to get Mindy healthy and placed in a home. Looking at her with her new family, we consider it money well spent.

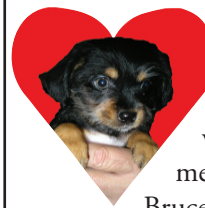


Heidrun Smith

Heidrun Smith has carte blanc at SoHuman.org. As a ??-year-volunteer, she can take any dog out of the kennels and go on long walks with them anywhere she wants. Most of our dog walkers are required to follow a set route, but Heidrun works exclusively with larger dogs who need more attention and who aren't settling in well in the kennels. A two-hour walk with Heidrun at a local park makes a big difference in their daily lives.

Sally Lowell

You'd never know that cat volunteer Sally Lowell is actual a "dog person." A volunteer for ?? years, Sally says it's too heartbreaking to see all the dogs in the kennels – she'd want to take them all home – so she focuses her energy on the cats. She spends two days a week getting to know them, writing down descriptions of their likes and dislikes and helping adopters meet their purr-fect match.



Bruce Mooneyham

Many of our volunteers are deserving of medals, and one who stands out is a true hero and medal recipient – the Purple Heart.

Bruce Mooneyham serves in many roles as a volunteer – dog walker, animal handler, Saving Train driver – but his work as a foster parent to orphaned puppies, some only a day or two old, makes him a hero of the heart. Bruce commits 24/7 to the care of these tiny creatures who need bottle feeding every hour for weeks on end. When he has successfully nursed a litter to the age and weight needed to be adopted, he signs right back up for the next litter.

