



## WALLOWA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2018



### *LOOK WHAT WE DID IN 2017!*

Thanks to the generous support of our donors and the dedication and hard work of our tireless volunteers, our service to our mission in 2017 was impressive:

- Our volunteers logged over 3,500 hours of service to WCHS.
- 47 cats and 10 dogs went to forever homes.
- WCHS \$10 coupons helped spay or neuter 145 pet cats and 92 pet dogs..
- The debut in December of True Tails by Ellen Morris Bishop netted WCHS \$1,957, and is now in its second printing.
- Summer barn sales brought in \$1,351.
- We received total donations in 2017 of \$17,359.
- We received \$11,000 in grant funding to support our spay and neuter programs.
- We began in earnest to plan for our permanent sanctuary.
- 17 dogs and several cats were reunited with their owners through our efforts.
- Our cost to keep our Information Center open on North River Street in Enterprise was \$5,984, which included over 700 hours of volunteer time to maintain regular open hours.



All of us who support WCHS can be proud of the work we did in 2017. There are many indications that our presence is known, appreciated and supported by animal lovers such as you!

**We're Baking for Easter!** Once again we will be displaying real baking talent at Wallowa County Grain Growers on Saturday, March 31 from 10:00 to 3:00. Pick up some delicious baked goods for your Easter table and support WCHS. If you want to contribute items for the bake sale, please contact Mary at (541) 398-2428.

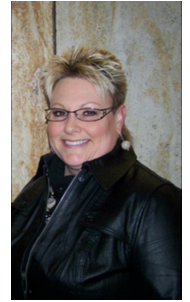
**WCHS Grant Awards Come From Amazing Grant Writing** Thanks to the great work of Denine Rautenstrauch, Enterprise City Librarian, WCHS was awarded two sizeable grants in 2017 in support of our spay/neuter programs. The first for \$8,000 was from the Autzen Foundation, and the second from DJ&T Foundation (an animal welfare charity founded by Bob Barker) was for \$3,000. Our gratitude goes to Denine who volunteers her time and talent on behalf of the animals.

**Pet Therapy Days in March, April & May** We will be visiting Wallowa Valley Senior Living on March 15, April 12 & 19, and May 10 & 17. We will be at Wallowa River House on March 29, April 26 and May 24. All visits are at 2:00 p.m. We are looking for volunteers with well-behaved pets who would like



to participate in this important and much appreciated program. Please contact Sue at 541-432-3907 if you're interested.

**Volunteer Appreciation!** The Wallowa County Humane Society wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to Ronda McLaughlin. Ronda serves on the WCHS Board of Directors and our newly appointed Sanctuary Committee. She moved to town with her husband, John, nearly two years ago and quickly hit the ground running on behalf of WCHS. Ronda was instrumental in 2017 in a dog rescue effort with a shelter in Ontario. In 2018, she is spearheading two key fundraisers, one in March and one in June, the proceeds of which will be earmarked for our permanent sanctuary. Ronda works full time and still has boundless energy to share with us. Thank you, Ronda!



**Neighborhood Trap/Neuter/Release Program Implemented** WCHS has launched a new pilot program working with neighborhoods in our valley towns where an overpopulation of cats, either feral or domesticated, has become a nuisance. We assist volunteers in each neighborhood learn to trap successfully, provide after care for neutered or spayed animals and find safe places for them. WCHS provides all the equipment necessary for a successful trapping program. We currently have programs set up in three neighborhoods and have received a great volunteer response. If you wish to support our TNR project or want to consider trapping in your neighborhood, please contact Denise at (541) 432-0290 or Carol at (541) 263-0336.

**Remember WCHS in Your Estate Plan** It's easy to leave a gift to the Wallowa County Humane Society in your will or living trust. WCHS is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and our tax ID number is 93-077384. You may consider leaving a specific monetary amount (e.g., \$500) or the residual part of your estate that is left after all of your bequest wishes are met (e.g., assets left to your children). Talk with your estate planning professional for expert guidance.

**For the Love of Buddy Fun Run** Buddy is a dog adopted by a loving family. He was diagnosed shortly afterward with heart worm. Thanks to help from Double Arrow Veterinary Clinic, Buddy received a very expensive medication and is recovering, much to the relief of his forever family. WCHS will be commemorating Buddy's journey with a fun run the first weekend in June. Buddy will be in attendance and there will be various run lengths so that everyone can participate. Please stay tuned for the date and time.

**Carol's Corner** Here's what you need to know before you trap feral cats: The WCHS does not accept trapped, feral animals. We can, however, assist you with a trapping plan, the equipment you will need and how to care for the animal afterward. If you're interested in learning to trap, visit our Information Center at 104 N. River Street in Enterprise during our open hours, 11:00 to 2:00 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Or call Carol Vencill at (541) 263-0336.