



WALLOWA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2017



WCHS 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Look at all we've done! Thanks to the generous support of our donors and the dedication and hard work of our tireless volunteers, our service to our mission in 2016 was impressive:

- We were able to continue to offer free or discounted spays and neuters for low income families and seniors in our community, as well as the many feral cats trapped by our volunteers and released following surgery.
- We assisted 188 cat owners and 107 dog owners with medical expenses, food and supplies.
- Our foster care homes took in 75 needy cats and dogs awaiting adoption. All expenses were covered by the Humane Society.
- We assisted in finding forever homes for 3 unclaimed dogs, and reunited many lost pets with their owners through our social media network.
- Total pet medical expenses for 2016 were \$23,535.
- Total fundraising including barn sales, Santa Paws, the Mary Edwards photo raffle, the benefit dinner at Lear's Pub & Grill, advanced advertising and sponsorship placements for Amazing Animals of Wallowa County (see below), bake sales and private donations and memorials was \$17,490.



We can all take pride in what we accomplished in 2016. Thank you to all of you who supported us both monetarily and through thousands of volunteers hours. Your caring efforts make our work possible.

Amazing Animals of Wallowa County Ellen Morris Bishop, renowned photographer, author, teacher and geologist has generously volunteered to help the Wallowa County Humane Society publish "*Tall Tails*", stories of the amazing animals of Wallowa County. So great was the response from local animal lovers whose stories will be featured, that publication has been moved to mid-year 2017. WCHS will announce when and where the book is available.

Pet Therapy Day in February & March We will be visiting Alpine House on March 8 and April 12 at 2:00 and Wallowa Valley Senior Living on March 16 and April 20 at 1:30. We are looking for volunteers with well-behaved pets who would like to participate monthly in this important and much appreciated program. Please contact Sue at 541-432-3907 if you're interested.



Volunteer Appreciation! The Humane Society wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to Mary Pillar. Mary has been a volunteer with the Wallowa County Humane Society since the 1980s. She was the Wallowa County Animal Control officer for a number of years, and remains passionate about caring for and finding forever homes for lost, abandoned and surrendered dogs. Mary works closely with the Sheriff's office to help with dogs that have been impounded, and has spent many long hours trapping feral cats. She has served on the WCHS Board of Directors and acted as Secretary for many years. We are indebted to Mary for her many years of service to WCHS and for her dedication to animal welfare in our community.



Bob Ferguson Painting Donated to WCHS WCHS has received a generous and meaningful donation of a Bob Ferguson landscape painting from Corky Kyle. The WCHS Board of Directors will decide at its next meeting how the painting can best benefit the work we do. We'll be announcing a public opportunity to own the painting in the next few weeks.

Share Your Heart To celebrate Share Your Heart this year, our volunteers were at Copper Creek Mercantile in Joseph and Ace Hardware in Enterprise on February 11, handing out treats and raising community awareness about the work we do.

Volunteer Orientation We have three volunteer orientation classes coming up on Saturday, February 25, Saturday, March 25 and Saturday, April 22. All classes are at 10:00 a.m. and will be at our Information Center at 104 N. River Street in Enterprise. If you can spare only a few hours a month, please consider attending one of these classes to learn how you can help.

Carol's Corner Physical and mental health are closely related to your pet's well-being. A change in behavior may signal a physical issue. Listlessness or a change in eating or drinking habits could be signs of illness. A pet who becomes sensitive to a tug on its collar may have an ear infection. Loss of appetite could be a sign of an abscessed tooth. Knowing your pet's daily routines and habits will help you see changes in behavior that warrant a trip to your veterinarian. Ask your vet to show you how to take your pet's temperature. Knowing what's normal will help you decide whether a vet visit is advisable. Early intervention may keep a medical issue from becoming more serious (and expensive), and will ensure that your pet lives a happier and healthier life.

Grant Writing Assistance Denine Rautenstrauch, Wallowa County Librarian, has kindly offered to provide grant writing assistance to WCHS. As many of you know, Denine has written many successful grants for the Library for much-needed improvements. Thank you, Denine, for offering your help. WCHS is well-positioned to seek grant support.