



Wallowa County Humane Society Newsletter – Winter 2022

**THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING UP AND WE'RE LOOKING
FORWARD TO SHARING THE JOY WITH OUR FURRY FRIENDS**

TRUE TAILS BACK IN PRINT

The second printing of our book *True Tails: The Human-Animal Partnership of Wallowa County, Oregon*, is here. Compiled by well-known author and photographer, Ellen Morris Bishop, the book is available at the WCHS Information Center & Boutique and at The Bookloft in Enterprise, as well as at Copper Creek Mercantile and The Dog Spot in Joseph. The price is \$17.95 and all profits go to benefit WCHS programs.



SLED DOGS ARE A COMIN' TO TOWN

The **Eagle Cap Extreme** is Oregon's only Iditarod and Yukon Quest qualifying race. The dates this year are from January 19-22. The WC Humane Society will be staffing the information table at Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise.

A **25 teams are signed up** for the 6 dog two-day Junior 22-mile, the 6 dog two-day mid-distance 31-mile, the 100-mile 8 dog race, and the 200-mile 12 dog qualifier race. It's another great example of the volunteer effort in our county as hundreds of hours are donated. If you'd like to be one of those volunteers this year or next, contact Sherry Murphy at 503-621-7352.

COMING EVENTS

PET THERAPY JAN 13 & 19, FEB 10 & 16
EAGLE CAP EXTREME- JANUARY 19-22
RE-TAIL SWEETHEART SALE FEB 10-12

UPCOMING PET THERAPY VISITS

We'll be visiting **Alpine House in Joseph Jan. 13 & Feb. 10 at 1:00 pm**. We also plan to visit **Wallowa Valley Senior Living Jan. 19 & Feb 16 at 1:00 pm**.

Volunteers with dogs and/or cats are always welcome. For more information please contact Sue Barcik – susanbarcik@gmail.com.

BOUTIQUE SWEETHEART SALE

The WCHS Re-Tail Boutique will be having a pre-Valentine's Day **Sweetheart Sale Thursday-Saturday, February 10-12**. All hanging clothing, except purple-tagged items, will be priced "buy one get one free" for same or lesser value.

And for that "Special Lady", beautiful locally made jewelry will be available as well. Many to choose from.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES A BIG SUCCESS

For **Pet Therapy days in December** Santa (Daniel Sticka), and Santa's helpers (Carol Vencill with collies Zack and Mira), made appearances at the Wallowa Valley Senior Living Center in Enterprise and at Alpine House in Joseph. They visited with the residents and handed out treats and good cheer.

The **Silent Auction** took place over two weekends at the Jingle Thru Joseph Holiday Bazaar and brought in over \$850. Over 45 items were donated including beautiful jewelry, pet baskets, Hilton Hotel silver pieces, an Olaf vase, and of course the ever popular conversation piece, the large, wooden, pink pig. A big **thank you** to volunteers who made it possible from start to finish.

Through the community's generosity we collected over **370 pounds of pet food and kitty litter** in our donation barrels over the holidays.



CAROL'S CORNER

Snow and sub-zero temperatures affect all of us two- and four-leggeds. In extreme weather our responsibilities run high for our outdoor animals and those that spend much time outside. Many of us have known for years the importance of fresh water, high value foods, draft free housing, in the winter, but for those first time pet owners, a few tips for maintaining happy, healthy animals may be welcome.

In outdoor shelters fresh straw is a good cold weather choice for bedding for feral cats and dog houses. While blankets and towels seem like an obvious choice, when they get wet from a dog or cat tracking in snow or sleet, the material freezes, transfers the cold and can stick to the animal causing loss of body heat. This may contribute to hypothermia and/or death in freezing temperatures.

Water and food dishes, unless heated, should not be metal. Ever see the movie Christmas Story, where the kid gets his tongue stuck to the ice cold flagpole? Even my horses, llamas and goats use rubber or plastic feed pans for food stuff they may lick to retrieve any morsel left behind.

Dogs feet can be protected from frostbite and tiny snowballs adhering to foot hair, causing discomfort, by using boots made for dogs. Dog coats for short haired pooches are a welcome protection when going outside. Some horses wear blankets in extreme cold, especially the very young, old or unwell. Most horses don't. If you see horses and other

livestock with a blanket of snow on their backs, it actually helps to insulate. But if they get wet and the temperature drops below freezing before they dry, they can get into trouble.

Chickens enjoy scratching for bits of grain in a thick scattering of straw over snow when they have a chance to get outside for sun and fresh air. This is more comfortable for their feet. Ducks too benefit from straw. Unlike chickens, ducks need enough water to submerge their bills to wash food down. They could choke if their water freezes.

This is only a small list of ways to keep some of your critters well and more comfortable during this time of year. If you find just one of these ideas helpful, it was worth saying.



For information on animal adoption, our programs and how you can help out please visit our website at

www.wallowacountyhumanesociety.org

You can also find us on Facebook, and please visit our Re-Tail Boutique in Enterprise.

WCHS Volunteer meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, at 1:30 in the WCHS Center & Re-Tail Boutique, 119 E Main, Enterprise. Anyone welcome.

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