



Wallowa County Humane Society Newsletter – October 2022

**AUTUMN HAS ARRIVED AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO
HAPPY HOLIDAYS WITH OUR FURRY FRIENDS**

OPEN HOUSE AND KITTEN PALOOZA

WCHS is celebrating its fourth year at the Re-tail Boutique & Information Center with an **Open House and kitten adoption event** on Saturday, October 29th from 10:00 to 4:00. There will be refreshments and door prizes--and a special bonus if you are adopting a feline friend. The recently rescued "Trash to Treasure" kitties will be there and available for adoption!



This will also be a chance to say a big **THANK YOU** to our amazing volunteers for the work they do. Everyone's welcome. Bring a friend and help us celebrate!

COMING EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE AND KITTEN PALOOZA

Saturday, Oct. 29 10-4 at Re-tail Boutique

PET THERAPY

Thursday, Nov. 10 & Dec. 8, 1 pm Alpine House - Joseph

Wednesday, Nov. 16 & Dec. 21, 1 pm Wallowa Valley Senior Living & Wallowa Memorial Hospital, Enterprise

Wednesday, Nov. 30 & Dec. 28, 10:45 am Wallowa River House – Wallowa

THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE

Wednesday, Nov. 23 – Location TBA

UPCOMING PET THERAPY VISITS

We'll be visiting **Alpine House in Joseph Thursday, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8 at 1:00 pm**. We also plan to visit **Wallowa Valley Senior Living Wednesday Nov. 16 and Dec. 21 at 1:00 pm**. Right after our WV Senior Living visits we'll amble over to Wallowa Memorial Hospital for more visiting. We'll be visiting **Wallowa River House in Wallowa on Wednesday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 28 at 10:45 am**.

We will be celebrating Christmas during our December visits with our furry friends all decked out, and with Santa to give a "HO HO HO" and candy canes to all our residents.

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

THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE NEXT MONTH

Please save the date – **Wednesday, November 23rd**, for our annual bake sale fundraiser. Denise Michnik is in charge of organizing the event. So dust off your favorite holiday recipes and contact Denise at 206-307-4240 or denise.michnick@gmail.com if interested in helping out. Location will be announced in the near future.

THE ADVENTURES OF RAFA – Episode 1: Rafa Goes Hiking

Thirteen years ago Rafa was rescued as a kitten from an unscrupulous animal actors farm in California. Rafa and his loving human, Yashu, now share their country home outside Joseph. Learn and see more about Rafa's adventures in the coming newsletters.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Mary Gassett is the WCHS ultimate Cat Lady. Mary oversees the Catty Shack at the WCHS Center and assists with the feline foster homes, where rescued cats and kittens are cared for while awaiting their forever homes. Some cats and kittens are healthy when we take them in, others are less so, but with the care and love they receive, they can make a strong recovery. Whether trapping, transporting, feeding, medicating, bathing, cleaning up, shopping for,



adopting out, picture taking, or record keeping, Mary has done it all. In return she gets love and attention from her feline friends. Mary is always willing to set up an appointment for a meet and greet to find the best home for a best furry friend.

CAROL'S CORNER

Halloween is creeping up on us. For many, Halloween is a festive, fun time, but not for a lot of pets. For them it is truly a scary and confusing time. It's an event of strange sounds and unrecognizable shapes knocking at the door. If your pet fits into this category, find a quiet place in your home away from the area where trick or treaters abound. Maybe with a nature program on TV. There are videos just for dogs and cats to be somewhat entertained by. Soft music may help some pets. Special toys that provide interaction, like one that dispenses treats as they roll it across the floor, may be a good distraction.

Keeping your pet safe and happy should be a priority. That also means keeping the night's haul of sweets out of reach of your dog or cat. An abundance of sugar and other foods like raisins, and especially chocolate, can be very toxic to pets. [The Humane Society online](#) has an extensive list of foods that should not be given to your cat or dog.

One last note... if you have a black outdoor kitty, especially a friendly one, best to keep him safe inside during this time.

Have a Happy Halloween. And if you don't celebrate Halloween, take some special time to be with your furry friends.

Editor's pet's note: Scotty wanted me to let you know that some pets don't find their holiday costumes near as cute and fun as you do. 🐾

MORE "TRUE TAILS" ON TAP IN 2023

Ellen Morris Bishop will be working on a new *True Tails* book in 2023. We are looking for great stories about great animals of Wallowa County. They can be emailed to Carol Vencill at 14carolann@gmail.com and she will send them on to Ellen. Ellen will read the stories and call the individuals for interviews and photos.

Interested in submitting a story? Contact Carol via email (above) or call 541-263-0336.

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 Retail Boutique at 119 E Main St. in Enterprise.

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