



# Wallowa County Humane Society Newsletter – Spring 2023

**SPRING HAS SPRUNG, FINALLY!  
IT'S TIME TO TAKE YOUR DOG FOR A WALK!**



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

**Cathy Fish** has been volunteering with the WCHS since 2018. Beginning at the WCHS Information Center on River St. where she put in many hours helping to keep it running smoothly. Her friendly smile is always welcoming wherever she is at. The bi-annual Bake Sales at Wallowa County Grain Growers are a favorite spot to find her helping folks choose just the right tasty treat to take home.



You may see her selling raffle tickets or you may not see some of the volunteering she does, behind the scenes. But she is there. Because of her qualifications, Cathy was offered a position on the WCHS Board of Directors as secretary. She graciously stepped into the role and has been a delight to work with. 🐾

## EASTER BAKE SALE A BIG \$UCCE\$\$

**Our spring bake sale achieved our goal**—to make \$1000 in five hours—within the first hour when a very generous community member handed the society a check for that amount. So, we raised the goal to \$2000, and we exceeded that goal! The Bake Sale made \$2280 and sold out shortly before 2 pm.



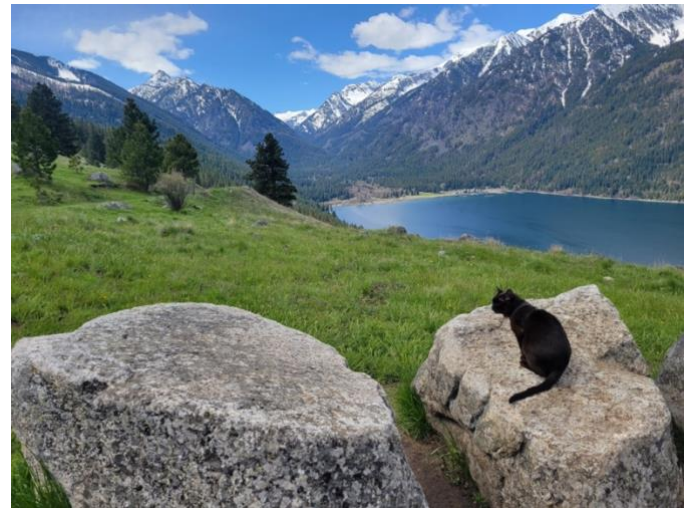
**The bakers really made the magic happen.** The line-up of baked goods was diverse and festive. We had great response to our posters, flyers and social media promotion.

And, finally, we were fortunate to have volunteers Sherry Murphy and Cathy Fish bring their talented experience to the sale. **A huge "Thank You" to everyone!**

## THE ADVENTURES OF RAFA – Episode 3: Rafa Rocks On

Jaszu has some just plain wonderful news about Rafa which will be of keen interest to all cat lovers. Some months back Rafa was basically given a death sentence diagnosis with **kidney disease**. His blood work showed the grim details. He was put on a standard “kidney friendly diet” and his weight dropped from his high of 8.3 pounds, he is a small cat, down to 5.8 pounds. Skin and bones.

Jaszu read how the Japanese treat kidney disease in people via changes in diet and brought up this topic with his vet. The vet referred him to his ever-so-dedicated animal nutritionist who’d been doing research. Seems that



kidney disease in cats is now viewed as secondary to GI issues. They then put Rafa on a very controlled diet with progressive series of foods to calm down GI concerns. Rafa began gaining weight right away.

After three months they checked his kidney function via blood work and **the results were just AMAZING**. His kidneys were working within the normal range again.

Rafa is now back up to his eight-plus pounds, and since Jaszu and Rafa do things together, Jaszu changed his diet as well and eliminated most all inflammatory foods.

**Rafa rocks on!**

**PSA: TICK SEASON IS HERE – BE SURE TO PROTECT YOUR OUTDOOR PETS. SEE YOUR VET FOR OPTIONS.**

## CAROL'S CORNER

It's the middle of the night. You hear something bouncing across the floor. Things are being flung against the wall. Suddenly, it lands on your head. **Yes, your cat is awake and having fun.** Some of us are familiar with this scenario. It may not happen often, but interrupting sleep with rude awakenings is never good.

While you are trying to sleep, Tabby wants to play. **Cats are nocturnal creatures and love the night life.**



They sleep as much as 18 hours a day and their choice for prowling is from evening to early morning.

While not all cat owners have this issue, for those that do, you can help by changing their

daytime routine. Active play time during the day and early evening can help tire them out with physical and mental activities. Offer climbing posts, paper bags, boxes, and assorted toys—especially toys with catnip. Rotate toys to provide variety. Keep favorites out all the time.

**Interactive playthings, like a treat ball, are great while you are not home.** And here's a modern option: cat videos. Yes, there are videos specifically for cats to watch. Many feature birds, bugs, fish in an aquarium, etc. I've had a few cats over the years that loved to watch football. (*Go find those little people who ran off the screen.*) Use your imagination. Play with a toy you can pull or toss and try to keep away as they chase it. Use a laser meant for pets, for them to stalk. (keep out of their eyes)

Not all cats are toy-oriented or like catnip. **Find out what gets your cat motivated.** You may also offer your cat part of his dinner or a light snack later in the evening to see if this might get him more settled for the night. Having quiet time in the evening, before bedtime, helps Tabby to unwind and relax.

So, best advice: keep your cat's daytime filled with activities so you get uninterrupted sleep through the night. **And if this fails, shut the door.** 🐱

## DOG WALKER'S ALERT

*Editor's note:* Last month I found a very sick fox kit along the trail at Iwetemlaykin State Park outside Joseph. I moved the kit away from the trail and alerted ODF&W. One of their biologists and I went back and removed the kit. There are now signs posted at the park alerting dog owners to a potential health issue. This is yet another



reason to vaccinate your pets and keep dogs leashed in wildlife areas.

## SUMMER DOG WASH IS BACK

Have a dirty pooch? Come to Dog Wash Alley behind the Enterprise Fire Department on the second Saturday of every month this summer starting June 10th from 11am to 3pm. We supply shampoo, or bring your own. There will be warm water and clean towels for each dog. Volunteers are welcome to join the fun. Snacks for helpers and dogs too.

### COMING EVENTS

**KIDS' MOVIE NIGHT-PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**  
Saturday May 13 & June 9 at Re-tail Boutique 6:30-9 pm  
**PET THERAPY**  
Alpine House June 8 1 pm  
Wallowa Valley Senior Living May 17, June 14 1 pm  
Wallowa Memorial Hospital after Senior Living 1:45 pm  
**DOG WASH**  
June 10, July 8, August 12 11 am-3 pm

## TRAVELING WITH YOUR PET THIS SUMMER?

If your travels involve crossing international borders you may need a "pet passport". Different countries require your pet to have certain vaccinations and/or health certificates. Your veterinarian should be able to provide you with the documents you need. And you may also consult the [USDA-APHIS website](http://www.usda-aphis.gov) for more information.



Thanks to Cathryn Paterson for this tip. If you're reading this newsletter and have anything you think would be good to share with our readers, please feel free to [contact our newsletter editor](#).

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