



Wallowa County Humane Society Newsletter – January 2023



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023 AT WCHS

WCHS SPAY & NEUTER FUNDRAISER

*In Memory of Betty White and all of the other great animal activists who have touched our lives
Jan 1st thru Jan 17th*

Costs for spays and neuters are expensive:

Cat Spay \$116, Cat Neuter \$62, Dog Spay \$177-\$250, Dog Neuter \$143-\$201

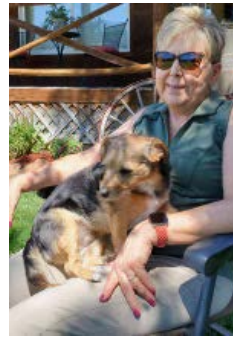
In 2021, the Wallowa County Humane Society spent over \$26,000 in Spay/Neuter costs for rescued and adopted animals, family pets in need of financial assistance, and free-range cats.

Our goal is to continue to offer this support throughout the county but we cannot do it without your help.

Please consider donating the cost of a spay/neuter.

Our local animals will THANK YOU!!

Donations accepted at The Dog Spot in Joseph, WCHS in Enterprise, or online at wallowacountyhumanesociety.org



determined to find the right fit for the dog and new owner. It all comes down to taking whatever steps necessary to be successful – finding a foster home first, vet checks, temperament evaluation, cleaning, medicating, phone calls, interviews and finally the day comes--Adoption Approved! Thank you Kathy! 🐾

LOOKING FOR A DOG GROOMER?

WCHS supporter Anne Farmer would like to make a recommendation for dog grooming. "I have taken my collie to *Petsense* in La Grande for grooming, and am very happy with how he looks and how he is treated there." Anne says appointments are easy to get and finds their rates are reasonable. They are located in LaGrande Town Center.

KIDS' MOVIE NIGHT - PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

The WCHS is holding **monthly movie nights** at the Re-Tail Boutique in Enterprise. The fun begins at 6:30 pm, and will feature *Toy Story* on January 14th, and *The Lion King* on



February 10th. Suitable for ages 5-12. Reservations are recommended by calling (503) 621-7352. A \$5 per child donation is requested. Kids will

be served popcorn and punch, and afterwards, time permitting, they can interact with kittens in the Catty Shack.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This newsletter spotlights another one of our **dedicated, determined and hard-working volunteers, Kathy Reynolds**, our Dog Facilitator. Kathy is dedicated to help canines in need by reconnecting a dog with its lost owner on social media, helping an owner who must give up a dog, and working with a few certified foster homes to take on puppies and dogs that are in need. In an emergency situation finding a foster home can be a challenge. Kathy comes through, sometimes taking on a dog herself. When it's time to place a pup or dog in a new home, Kathy is



GRACIELA SHARES HER PASSION FOR WCHS

Young Graciela Ramirez loves animals and loves WCHS. This winter she set up a table of her crafts to sell at the winter bazaars. She donated 10% of her proceeds to help us care for our furry friends. **Thank you, Graciela!** ❤️

THE ADVENTURES OF RAFA –

Episode 2: Rafa Hangs Out

As a kitten, Rafa always wanted to come with me when I went out to do chores. He was such a little thing then, the sickly runt of the litter, so I wore a big chore coat, stuck



him inside against my chest and put a belt on around my waist so he did not fall through. Away we went. I split firewood, fed the horses, plowed snow, and went for hikes. He just stayed inside my coat for hours on end.

Rafa never really grew big, and as time passed he continued to be very portable. With adulthood he got up to 8 pounds and a new carry method was needed. That's when I began

carrying him around in my "Domke Camera Bag". This is a rough canvas shoulder bag for professional photographers.

Together Rafa and I have crossed rivers, been up mountains, gone shopping, to the beach, fly fishing, watched parades and even went to museums. He just stays in there, quiet like a mouse. If scared he sinks deeper and I put the cover over him.

When it is safe, I let him run around outside and explore near me. As we hike he loves to climb trees, but now I always keep a 6-foot shoelace on his collar to keep him from going too high. That is another story.

CAROL'S CORNER

Winter's here, and a cold one it is. Many of you already know what I'm about to say as I've talked about it before. It bears repeating for new pet owners or those who've moved here from warmer climes. Here are a few **precautions to take to ensure your pet stays happy and healthy during our cold, snowy winters.**

Water is necessary in any weather, and pets can become dehydrated without it, just as easily in the cold months as warm. **Be sure your outside pet has access to fresh water.** And avoid using metal food or water dishes in freezing weather to prevent a tender tongue from being harmed.

Increasing food intake may help with providing extra calories during this time, however if your pet is less active in the winter due to weather, **keep a close watch on weight gain.**

Ice, snow, freezing rain and paw pads are concerns. **Frostbite can occur in extreme conditions.** Keep an eye on your cats' and dogs' feet. Ears and tails can also be affected by frostbite, as there is less blood flow. Be aware

of pale blueish or gray color, blistering, and pain. If you walk your dog on roads or pathways that have been treated with salt, be sure to clean them off when you get home.

Keeping your vehicle running in the winter requires **antifreeze**, a dangerous product. When ingested by a dog or cat it can cause fatal kidney failure. The taste is appealing to them, so extra precautions should be taken to keep your pet safe.

If your pet has outdoor shelter, unless their bed is heated, **straw is the best bedding.** It will not freeze to a pet as a blanket or other material could if it gets wet.

By **banging on the hood of your vehicle** or honking the horn, you might just save a life or two. Cats and kittens like to climb up into a warm engine compartment to warm themselves. Many a feline have lost a leg, tail or life when the engine starts, getting caught up in the fan blades.

Sweaters, coats, boots and heated beds are designed to keep a pet's body warm and more comfortable during the cold weather. Indoors is the most comfortable place and when sharing your home together it also warms the heart. 🐕 ❤️ 🐕



COMING EVENTS

KIDS' MOVIE NIGHT-PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Sat., Jan. 14 and Feb. 10 at Re-tail Boutique 6:30-9 pm

PET THERAPY

Alpine House Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9 1 pm

Wallowa Valley Senior Living Jan. 18, Feb 15, Mar. 15 1 pm

Wallowa Memorial Hospital after Senior Living 1:45 pm

EASTER BAKE SALE

Sat., April 8 Wallowa Co. Grain Growers 9-2

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](https://www.facebook.com/wallowacountyhumanesociety), and please visit our Re-Tail Boutique at 119 E Main St. in Enterprise.

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