



Wallowa County Humane Society Newsletter -- June 2021



SUMMER IS HERE AND WE'RE WASHING DOGS!

MONTHLY DOG WASHING DATES

Our first dog wash was held on June 12th in the alley behind the Enterprise Fire Station. Eleven dogs left cleaner than they arrived while one dog showed up and paid \$10 NOT to be washed!

Future wash dates will be the second Saturday of the month:

July 10

Aug 14

Sept 11

October to be decided at a later time.

Warm Water Wash prices: \$10 big dogs, \$5 little dogs. Owner washes or our volunteers wash, the price is the same.

Shampoo and towels provided.

11 am – 3 pm. Call 503-621-7352 for questions.

We can always use volunteer help, so please come down and join the fun!

KINDERGARTENERS MAKE OUR DAY

On June 3rd Enterprise kindergarten teacher Petie Evans, brought her students to visit our Center. Twenty kids quietly filed through the door. One student, a wrapped box in hand, eagerly presented the package, while Mrs. Evans explained that there was a letter inside, and urged the staff to open and read it right away. When the box was opened, the letter was under an assortment of five,



ten, twenty, fifty and one hundred dollar bills. When the letter was read it was overwhelming.

These kids had baked and baked and baked over 800 cookies that they sold for 50¢ apiece. **The Humane Society was presented with over \$1,100!**

There is hope for the future of animals in need with young people like these kids and others who will continue doing the work our wonderful WCHS volunteers are doing now.



HELP NEEDED AT THE BOUTIQUE

Elaine Estabrook, staffing coordinator for the Boutique, is in desperate need of volunteer help. Elaine has done a fantastic job with staffing the front desk over the last year, even when we had COVID staff shortages. **Please lend a hand.** Elaine would LOVE to have a larger pool of volunteers to assist her in running the front sales desk. During your 2-hour shift you'll meet interesting people, watch kittens play, and when someone finds the perfect purchase at our low prices, get a great feeling of having a customer leave happy. Please reach out to Elaine—541-263-1148-- and let her know you're willing to spend a few hours a month helping in the Boutique.

RE-TAIL BOUTIQUE NEWS

Coming soon to the Re-tail Boutique are new **Donation Coordinators Stacey and Josie** who will be managing our boutique donations, and are eager to use their ideas to increase the success of the shop. Plans are to expand the children's section, bring back housewares, add a clearance rack, and focus on making the shop a high-end resale boutique. The goal is to fill a niche of second-hand retail that captures name brand and high quality, and does not plan to compete with the Soroptimists. Josie and Stacey will be focusing their first efforts on sorting through current inventory to meet these goals, storing seasonal items and show-casing summer stock. Let's make sure we welcome them warmly and help them in any way we can.

The WCHS Re-Tail boutique, located at 119 E Main in Enterprise, is open three days a week, Thursday through Saturday, from 11-3.

PET THERAPY OPPORTUNITIES

We are happy to announce summer dates for pet therapy. This is a great opportunity for new volunteers and their pets to brighten the day at local assisted living locations. Training is available for owners and their pets

Alpine House: July 8 & August 12 1:15 pm

Wallowa Valley Senior Living: July 14 & August 18 1:00 pm

Wallowa River House: July 21 & August 25 at 2:00 pm.

Volunteers will meet outside the residence for all venues. **For more information please contact program coordinator Sue Barcik – susanbarcik@gmail.com.**

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.

COMING EVENTS

JULY 10 – DOG WASH

JULY 8, 14 & 21 PET THERAPY

AUGUST 12, 18 & 25 PET THERAPY

AUGUST 14 – DOG WASH

AUGUST 20 & 21 – SHOW AND SHINE CAR SHOW in Enterprise

Come check out the cars and buy a ticket for the 50/50 Raffle. The raffle proceeds will go to WCHS this year thanks to the organizers.

SEPTEMBER 11 – DOG WASH

CAROL'S CORNER by Carol Vencill

The 4th of July and all its activities can be fun for most people, but for our pets, it can be frightening. It's best to plan ahead for your pets before the fireworks began. Be pro-active instead of reactive. You may be able to help your pet by providing a comfortable, safe and secure place to go to, away from windows. Dogs have been known to go through a closed window. Turn on the TV or radio to help cut out the outside noise. This helps many pets. Some dog owners have had good success with using Thunder Jackets. They fit snugly to help a dog feel more secure. If you can be close by, this may be most reassuring to your pet.

Speaking of secure, a dog that is crate trained, often will seek it as a safe haven. A favorite toy to chew on often helps relieve some anxiety and gives them something to help keep their attention away from the scary noises. Pheromone spray or plug ins, for cats or dogs are sometimes quite effective. There isn't a

cure-all for all pets. What works on many, will not work on others. It's finding out what is going to work in your situation.

Keep secure ID on your pet, just in case the worst happens--your pet escapes from home. If this happens, don't assume it may return on its own after the noise is over. Report it immediately to the Sheriff's Department, to the Wallowa County Humane Society. and get a photo and info on social media ASAP. Start searching the area and don't give up.



The WCHS is committed to the well-being of companion animals, working with the community to better the lives of all.

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