



Paw Prints

Animals leave Pawprints on our Hearts!

SHELTER NEWS – SPRING 2011

RVHS IS NOW A part of Best Friends Network, and a Pedigree Foundation recipient.



Rogue Valley Humane Society
Winner of Second Chance Award
for 3 Years!
- Myracle - Truman - Thor -



SPECIAL CASES FILE: ASLAN

What could be more heartbreaking than seeing a lost dog on the highway and feeling helpless to help? Against the odds, Aslan allowed himself to be rescued. We say that because Aslan is a shy boy who appeared to be homeless and on his own for a while.

Maybe in his doggy mind he believed there might be a better life for him – that there could be humans who wouldn't abandon him, people who would remove the terrible foxtails from his ears, give him a safe, warm place to sleep, and help his heart feel better.

Aslan is a handsome Husky mix, 3 or 4 years old and healthy except that he has a bad case of heartworm. His treatment will take months and will cost hundreds of dollars. Can you help us help Aslan? We promise to give him all the extra love and support he needs as he recovers. Together we can

give him the chance that every dog deserves: to be a loved member of a family.

Please make your check payable to RVHS and mail to RVHS, P.O. Box 951, Grants Pass, OR 97528

As always, we thank you for your support that allows us to Help Our Community . . . Four Paws at a Time!

Get Heart-Smart: Be Proactive in your
Four-Legged Family Member's Heart Health



Submitted by Rachel Blackmore

When adopting a new four-legged friend into the family, people always imagine having that new family member living a long and healthy life alongside the two-legged family members. There are definite ways to ensure that your animals stay happy and healthy and to prevent three of the biggest inhibitors of animal health and happiness: Heartworms, Roundworms, and Hookworms.

Many pet owners are unaware of how simple Heartworm/Roundworm/Hookworm prevention is: Heartgard and Iverhart each only need to be administered once a month, and Heartgard even sends out monthly e-mail reminders of when your furry friend is due for their next tablet. Below are some statistics that should convince you to invest in your pet's health:

- Over 250,000 dogs in the US were reported positive for heartworms in 2004
- More than 90% of puppies are born with roundworms or acquire them shortly after birth from their mothers
- Dogs of any age can get roundworms from an environment contaminated by the feces of infected animals
- Roundworms are the most common intestinal parasites in dogs and cats

In dogs, the adult worms can obstruct the various large blood vessels leading from the heart to the lungs. Worms may also enter smaller vessels in the lung and obstruct those vessels, as well . . . Most dogs with heartworm infection do not show signs of disease. Some dogs may show decreased appetite, loss of weight, and listlessness. Often, the first sign of the disease is a cough (www.peteducation.com). Heartworm is a very serious issue, and it's \$800.00-\$1000.00 in treatment alone for a dog and could result in death while being treated. Prevent serious risks to your pet's health and happiness and get heart smart: be proactive in your four-legged family member's heart health.



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Shelter News

MEMBERSHIP . . .

Your ongoing support is very important and very much appreciated. All of your membership dues are judiciously used for the care of the animals.

Everyone who donates \$20 or more a year automatically becomes a member. There are different levels of membership depending on the amount of the donation.

These levels are:

\$20	Individual
\$60	Family
\$100	Keeper
\$250	Steward
\$500	Corporate
\$1,000	Shelter Angel

As always, we strive to improve the way we do things and raising money for the welfare of the animals is an ongoing challenge. Thank you for your continued support.

2011 UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5th **Spring Meadow - Art Faire, Crafts & Wine Tasting Fundraiser for RVHS** 11 to 4 p.m. Call 541-479-1284

June 11th **FUR BALL** - Grants Pass Golf Club 5PM

June 11th **Rogue Gateway Rotary's 3rd Annual Dog Care Fair** 10:00 am to 1:30 pm, Riverside Park – RHVS will be one of the event beneficiaries.

July 23rd **BOWLING FOR BOWSER!**
1 PM at Caveman Bowl

If you have an idea for a fundraising event, please come to a board meeting and let us hear all about it. Or call and leave a message at the shelter . . . A member of the Fundraising Committee will return your call.

We need Volunteers to represent RVHS for our booth at the Growers Market on Saturdays from 8:30 to 1:00 pm. This is a great way to get our message out into the community.

If you are interested, please sign up at the shelter!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Please submit your favorite stories about your pets, or anything newsworthy for this newsletter! You can email it to rvhs@budget.net, mail or take to Margaret at the shelter!

Our Mission . . . The Rogue Valley Humane Society is dedicated to improving the lives of companion animals in our community and finding permanent and loving adoptive homes for the cats and dogs in our care. We provide a safe haven for animals in transition, serve as advocates for animals and their people, work to end animal overpopulation and educate the public about compassion and responsibility towards all animals. Our shelter is a No-Kill facility where all incoming animals are evaluated, medically treated and rehabilitated when needed. RVHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that does not receive any government funding and relies on the good will and generosity of individuals and corporations.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW ?



SPECIAL FEATURE:

Everyone at RVHS likes to look back and reminisce about the animals that have stopped at the shelter for a while and then gone on to take their place in a family.

No piece of news about them is too small. It's always very heart-warming to be able to follow them in their new lives.

Trooper was brought into the shelter as an

emaciated stray. What we didn't know was that she was going to have seven puppies, immediately!

Volunteer Sandra Wells had a strong "connection" to Trooper and decided that she would foster the whole family. We got updates several times a week: "mother and babies doing fine," "babies growing fast" – all good news but the best was yet to come: Sandra and her husband Jim decided that they wanted to keep Trooper in their family. As the puppies reached adoptable age, Sandra made each of them a colorful little packet that included a small quilt, toys and puppy information. These babies were loved! After all the puppies were adopted, life settled down for Sandra and Jim – Trooper was a good dog who fit into their lives perfectly. But then one morning Trooper couldn't stand up – her back legs had stopped working.

After extensive testing the diagnosis came back that she had suffered a fibrocartilagenous embolism (FCE) – a stroke-like event in her spinal cord that left her back legs paralyzed.

But there is a happy ending: after months of hydro-therapy, Trooper has been able to regain most of her former strength.

No, she can't run as fast as she used to. What she can do is what she's always done best . . . showing Sandra and Jim that they are the center of her life and that she will love them forever.

Meanwhile, we look forward to her next visit to see her friends at RVHS!

SHELTER CHALLENGE STARTS AGAIN ON APRIL 5TH. Be sure to cast your vote every day for RVHS at theanimalrescuesite.com – we took 3rd place for Oregon in the last round!

See all the special event photos at rvhs-or.org

Thank you for supporting RVHS!

The cats and dogs owe their lives to you.

Thank You!

OUR MONTHLY DONORS!

YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE – a lot are anonymous so we can't list the many names!

The Fur Ball

Happening on June 11th!

This year we are holding Fur Ball at the Grants Pass Golf Club, on Espey Road, which will benefit the animals at RVHS. We expect a sell out crowd and tickets will be available for sale in April. Last year's event raised over \$13,000 for the shelter, and we expect this year's event to be a great success too.

The menu for the evening will feature Flat Iron Steak, Chicken Breast Marsala, Baked Vegetarian Ziti, Red Potatoes with Kiev Butter, Rice Pilaf, Fresh Roasted Veggies, Fresh Salad with Field Greens, Gorgonzola Crumbles and Candied Walnuts, Fresh Baked Rolls and Fresh Strawberry Shortcake. YUM! The cost is \$50.00 per person. Join us for this fun-filled evening!

Raffles and a Live Auction will follow dinner, and we have some fantastic items to bid on, as well as door prizes. You may use your credit cards for the raffle and auction.

Music will be provided by the band **Critical Mass** . . . featuring an original blend of jazz, folk, blues and rock.

If you have an article to donate for the auction or raffle, please let Margaret know soon.

We look forward to seeing you there!

On June 5th join us at the 3rd Annual **ART FAIRE & WINE TASTING** Event at Spring Meadow Retirement Community, on Redwood Circle in Grants Pass, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be Fine Art, Crafts, Wine Tasting, Silent Auction, Raffles, Music and Food. Also Carriage Rides by *Silver Ridge Outfitters*.

This event is being held as a benefit for RVHS. If you are an artist - they are calling for artists. For more information, please call Wesley at 541-479-1284.

Kitty Korner

CATS SEEKING THEIR FOREVER HOME



FROSTY is 2 years old now.

When she came in as a stray she was very pregnant and had suffered painful eye damage. She raised her 6 kittens and was always kind and gentle with them and loved to be held by shelter staff. Now she is a one-eyed kitty who really deserves to have a kind home of her own with people who can appreciate her wonderful spirit.



TESS was found as an infant in Riverside Park with her two sisters. They were so small and sick they had to be bottle-fed and slowly nursed back to health. Tess is about 8 months old now, healthy and great looking! She follows everyone around and wants to be picked up and held – she’s still a baby who needs reassurance that she’s loved.

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Contact us at 541-479-5154

1 year old TRIGGER also had a rough start in life: when he was a kitten he was rescued from a burning home. All of his friends have been adopted – it’s taken TRIGGER a little longer to get over the trauma but now he is a “people cat” - he loves to follow you around and cuddle. He’s great looking and happy to be around other cats too!



“Go Tom, go!” is the familiar signal that Clever TOM has again managed to open the door of Cat Room #1. He’s very smart!

Once the door is open, some of the other cats get out too, following Tom! We put a latch on the door but that’s only slowed him down a bit. He’s a laid-back kind of guy that really wants human companionship and he’ll try to knock down a door to get it!



Tom is a determined 4 year old and he’s been amusing us for a quite a while – we know there’s someone out there who would benefit from a life-with-Tom!

ADOPTIONS

January 1st thru
March 21, 2011

Kittens - 21

Adult Cats - 33

Puppies - 18

Adult Dogs - 25

More adoptable pets
are available Now.

Come visit us !

KANINE KRONICLES

DOGS PATIENTLY WAITING FOR THEIR FOREVER FAMILY!



One Good Home Found by Star Ball Player!

"FREEDOM" now has a home! Margaret and Tanya say their goodbyes to our precious girl! After being here since November of 2009, when she came to the shelter with her newborn puppies, this happy dog has finally found her "forever home" and went to be with her new family on March 22nd. Lots of tears flowed as the staff sent her on to her new home!

We will miss our star ball player – always with her tennis ball in her mouth! She came to the shelter emaciated, with newborn pups, after being found in a field. Her pups have long since been adopted, but it was discovered quite a while ago that she had a very bad case of heartworm, requiring months of expensive treatment, and lots of quiet time – which was quite difficult for her, since she loves to play!

Another success story is being celebrated, with help from the Truman Fund. Freedom has found her forever family!



Got a job that needs doing?

BAXTER'S your boy! He so much wants to get involved in some meaningful work. Yes, he's a little "green" - he's only a year old but willing to learn . . . on-the-job. Baxter loves the outdoor life: he's got lots of energy and he's extremely smart. So, if you and your family enjoy outdoor exercise, Baxter could be the perfect canine addition to your family. Baxter is a Catahoula – a versatile working breed. He'd make an excellent running or walking partner, play-friend and Best Friend!



When 1 year old PHOENIX was brought in to the shelter a few months ago, everyone was talking about what a sad situation she had come from: she had been tied to a tree in a field and left to die. A Good Samaritan rescued her and brought her in to RVHS. She was just skin and bones and had a noticeable breathing problem.

Fast-forward to today: Phoenix has gained weight and become a friendly, gentle girl. Her air-flow problem is resolving and her mild hip issues are being treated with medication. A kind benefactor is paying for this medical care so that Phoenix can be adopted without any financial worries. If you like Shepherds, please come in to meet Phoenix. After all she's been through, she deserves a chance to live with a loving human friend.

HONEY has been with us a while now.

It seems to be a case of "always the bridesmaid, never the bride" - all her friends have been adopted as Honey waits for the one person who will know at a glance that she has everything they're looking for in a dog: a loving, outgoing nature, physical beauty, intelligence and faithfulness. She's the perfect dog for someone, maybe you?



\$2.00 Off any purchase \$10 or more at RVHS Thrift Store

There's something for everyone at the RVHS Thrift Store!

**Appliances, Books, Clothing, Linens, Glassware, Kitchen Utensils
Furniture, Lamps . . . we've got so many items available!**

If you have an estate sale planned, or know of someone who will have one, we could take clean useable and saleable items when you are finished. Call Billie Jo at the thrift store!

**RVHS THRIFT STORE
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541 955-3367 NEW HOURS: Tues - Sat 10 - 4**

**Volunteers are needed to help
at the Thrift Store. Please call
if you can help us!**

COUPON VALID THRU JUNE 2011

TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!

The rooms are packed full at the Thrift Store, and Billie Jo wants to clear them out! So visit her soon and find those items you just can't live without! If you are gleaning useable items from your home, please consider donating them to the Thrift Store, where much-needed money is raised for the shelter. Please do not donate anything considered to be a weapon – we can not assume the liability for that. Yes, this has happened recently, and we had to dispose of the item donated, to keep the people safe at the thrift store.

RABIES ON THE RISE IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY

*Submitted by
Elaine Wood*

Josephine County Public Health officials are asking residents to remain vigilant during an ongoing effort to reduce local rabies infections. In mid-March, a fox in Cave Junction became the 11th animal in the county to test positive for rabies in the past year. Seven foxes and a goat have all died from the disease in the same area. A Merlin fox was another victim. Rabies is an infectious viral disease that causes acute encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) in warm-blooded animals. It affects the nervous system and is transmitted by a bite from a rabid wild or domestic animal. If not caught and treated quickly, rabies is usually fatal.

Worldwide, an estimated 55,000 humans die annually from the disease but since the 1990's in the United States, human rabies deaths are only one or two per year. According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, "Despite evidence that control of dog rabies through programs of animal vaccination and elimination of stray dogs can reduce the incidence of human rabies, exposure to rabid dogs is still the cause of over 90% of human exposures to rabies and of over 99% of human deaths worldwide."

Most cases stem from a "pet boom", an increase in strays and the lack of rabies vaccinations due to poverty. Spaying and neutering is always a responsible preventative to reducing the number of potential strays and resulting diseases. Josephine County Officials are very concerned about the dramatic increase in rabies cases and that different species are being affected. The incident involving the goat has health officials advising goat and horse owners to consider vaccinations for their animals. Vaccinating pets against rabies protects them and provides a "buffer zone" between you and rabid wild animals.

Oregon law requires all dogs to be vaccinated against rabies as early as three months of age. Veterinarians recommend that all pets in the area, including cats, be vaccinated.

Please leave wildlife to their habitats, and report sick, oddly behaving or dead wild animals to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife office. To help keep your family safe, vaccinate your pets and feed them indoors; spay or neuter pets; watch wildlife from a distance; don't approach or attempt to handle wild animals; do not feed wild animals; keep garbage in secure containers and away from wildlife; seal openings in attics, basements, porches, sheds, barns and screen chimneys that might provide access to bats and other wildlife. We don't have to be terrified of the outdoors or our pets being outdoors, but it's our responsibility to protect them, our neighbors, ourselves and the public. Please vaccinate your pets against rabies.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – Saving the Whole Family!

*Nature and life have fury days . . . Tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, blizzards, terrorism . . . Devastating natural and man-made disasters can ravage our lives. No one is exempt from the possibility of being affected personally. You need to prepare for yourself and for your animals in case of disaster. **This is being underscored by the recent tragedies in Japan!***

Do Not Wait Until It Is Too Late

Countless times people have been told to leave their homes for a “short time,” only to find that they cannot return for days or weeks. Even disasters like gas leaks and minor flooding can keep you from tending to your animals for extended periods of time. To prevent situations such as these, plan to take your animals with you. It is best to be overly cautious during a disaster warning. Preparing ahead of time and acting quickly is the best way to keep you and your family, including your animals, out of danger.

- Familiarize yourself with each type of disaster that could affect your area, not forgetting a hazardous materials spill.
- Be prepared for the possible disruption of services for extended periods of time, including electric, phone, and local food and water.
- Having a plan in place and practicing the plan prior to a disaster will help you accomplish a successful evacuation and animal safety.

Prepare a Disaster Plan (For further information please visit this website: avma.org/disaster)

Setup an appointment to talk to your veterinarian about disaster planning.

- Assemble an animal evacuation kit, as well as for family members! Include meds for everyone in your family, before you evacuate.
- Develop an evacuation plan for all of your animals and practice the plan.
- If you live in an apartment, make sure your animals are on record with management and are able to evacuate via the stairwell. Dogs should be taught to go up and down stairs to better assist rescue personnel.
- Keep written directions near your telephone. This will help others explain to emergency responders exactly how to get to your home.
- Identify alternate sources of food and water.
- Keep all vehicles well maintained and full of gas . . . and keep emergency cash on hand
- If you have horses or livestock, good barn and field maintenance can reduce danger. Decide on the safest housing location if evacuation is impossible, realizing that the situation is still life threatening. Assess the stability and safety of barns and other structures, promptly remove dead trees, and minimize debris in the fields and immediate environment around your home and outbuildings.

Having identification on your animals, including rabies and license tags, if applicable, may help reunite you with your animal(s) in the event that you are separated. Identification should provide your name, home address, a phone number where you can be reached, and an out-of-state phone number of someone with whom you will be in contact during or soon after the disaster/evacuation. If possible, include your veterinarian’s name, location, and phone number. If you use microchips, be sure your information is up to date. For further information please visit this website: avma.org/disaster

OUR VOLUNTEER PAW STARS! *Paws Up!*

Shelter and thrift store volunteers are on the job, every day, working alongside our staff to create a positive public impression: floors swept and washed? Check. Litter boxes washed and re-filled? Check. Kennels washed out with bleach? Check. Individual cat enclosures thoroughly emptied and cleaned? Check. There’s a long, daily “to-do” list that our volunteers get done with hard work and a smile. THE MIRACLE IS THIS – THE MORE WE SHARE, THE MORE WE HAVE (LEONARD NIMOY)



JEANNIE STEED (aka “Birdie”) is our “Jill of all trades” . . . she can wash floors with the best of them, put up the laundry, answer phones, act as our Haunted Barn Witch, and show animals to the public. She’s been trained by our Dog Coordinator, Tanya Allen, to go out and do Home Inspections – an incredibly important skill that allows Tanya to catch up on paperwork and have more time with the dogs. “Birdie” and her husband Rich retired to Grants Pass about a year ago. On one of their scouting trips, Jeannie spotted RVHS from the freeway. She knew right then what she wanted to do with her time. After adopting a shelter dog, a Yellow Lab named Bird to keep their dog Bogie company, the nickname “Birdie” was born. And now Rich is volunteering too! They did a terrific job at the recent Pancake Breakfast, greeting our guests, serving coffee and making everyone feel welcome.

JIM MORGAN is our “Jack of all trades” - when the field needs mowing, Jim is out there pushing the lawnmower. When the litter boxes need washing in 30 degree weather, Jim is out there until the job is done. From making repairs to socializing dogs, Jim has put in so much quality time – 2 years, 4 times a week! Sitting down and having a cup of coffee with him is a real treat – he’s such a good-natured guy and we really get a kick out of watching him and his pal, Jerry, kid each other! When he did need to take time off to have a hip replacement the staff and other volunteers missed him a lot – being around Jim is always fun and makes the work easier. Like many of our volunteers, Jim also gives his time and energy to other area non-profit groups. RVHS is so lucky to have Jim’s skills and dedication to help us make the shelter a welcoming place for the dogs, cats and humans too! ***Thank you Jim, for all you do at RVHS!***



Please – Help us cut down our monthly expenses by donating the items below!

For Our Shelter Guests

- ❖ Nylabones – all sizes and shapes are welcome
- ❖ Dog and cat toys – no soft toys please – plastic that can be sanitized is a must
- ❖ Leashes (strong ones), prong collars for dogs
- ❖ Brushes and combs
- ❖ Cotton Towels
- ❖ Pet Shampoo
- ❖ Pedigree kitten and puppy food
- ❖ KMR liquid kitten milk replacer, bottles, nipples
- ❖ Esbilac (Milk Replacer) for puppies
- ❖ Revolution for cats and dogs
- ❖ Pet Vitamins

Cleaning Supplies

- ❖ Paper towels
- ❖ Wood stove pellets used instead of cat litter
- ❖ CLOROX Bleach
- ❖ Dishwasher liquid
- ❖ Laundry detergent
- ❖ Trash bags
- ❖ Disposable gloves
- ❖ Hand sanitizer

Office Supplies

- ❖ White 8 ½ 11 paper
- ❖ Stamps
- ❖ Pens, pencils, yellow and black markers
- ❖ #10 size envelopes
- ❖ Post-It Notes
- ❖ Scotch tape
- ❖ Staples & Paper Clips

SPECIAL NEEDS

- ❖ Pet Temp Instant Ear Thermometers
- ❖ Garage Door Opener
- ❖ Woods lamp and black bulb
- ❖ Agility Equipment
- ❖ Solar Tubes for Cat Rooms
- ❖ Pooper Scoopers
- ❖ Humidifiers
- ❖ Park Benches for Walking Trails
- ❖ Hoses & Gardening Tools
- ❖ Gas Weedeater and Lawnmower
- ❖ Tools Set and Electric Drill
- ❖ Dog Tornado at happydogsplay.com
- ❖ Plastic Swimming Pools

Crossbow and Round Up is needed for berry abatement and spraying for weeds - need supplies quickly!

FOR CURRENT NEWS ABOUT RVHS – VISIT
www.roguevalleyhumanesociety.org or www.RVHS-OR.org

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." QUOTE BY GANDHI

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dollar we receive feeds and cares for our wonderful animal friends.

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