



# Central Coast Humane Society

Serving the Animals of Lincoln County Since 1974



Summer 2015 [centralcoasthumanesociety.com](http://centralcoasthumanesociety.com)

## Fun at Dog Wash!

We held our annual dog-wash fund raiser on May 16. We set up outside Rogue Ale's Brewery during Brewer's Memorial Ale Fest. We had great fun washing, buffing, and hugging dogs. There are more pictures on our website, under "Photos", showing what a wonderful time the dogs--and we humans--had.



We hope you can join us in May, 2016, for our next dog wash

In the meantime, you can support us by purchasing our "Automatic Dog Wash" t-shirt. It was drawn and donated to CCHS by our cartoonist, Bruce Walker, and can only be purchased through CCHS.

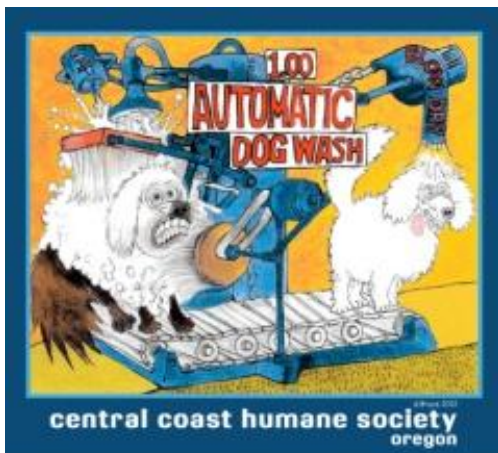
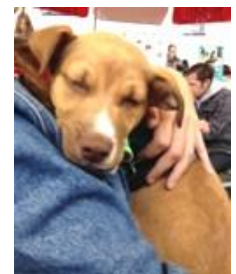
The rescue dog memorialized in the cartoon passed away this spring and her family has already rescued another dog, although they feel more "rescued" than the dog..

## Brewer's Memorial Ale Fest

The 9th annual Brewer's Memorial Ale Fest was held on May 15 & 16, 2015, at Rogue Ale's Brewery, located at the south end of Newport Bridge. This dog-friendly brew festival was created in memory of Rogue Ale's brew master John Maier's faithful dog, Brewer, who passed away on May 20, 2006. Brewer grew up in the brewery and rose to the rank of CEO of Rogue Ale!

The dog-friendly festival was held inside the Brewery. It included 30+ Microbrews, Live Music, Doggy Musical Chairs, Dog Wash, Dog Dancing, and Celebrity dog look-alikes (Rin-Tin-Tin, Lassie, Benji, and, of course, Brewer).

The admission was \$5 and benefited local Oregon Coast Charities.



### Automatic Dog Wash, Dark Blue, T-Shirt

\$25.00 (includes shipping and handling)

sizes: small, medium, large, x-large, 2x-large, 3x-large

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## President's Letter

By Lee Smith

Where has the time gone?? It's June and our fiscal year is nearly over. We are preparing the 2015-16 budget. This task is less stressful thanks to our partnership with Friends of Lincoln County Animals. They will increase their monthly funding for our Max Fund, allowing us to help even more folks with vet emergencies. In addition, FOLCAS will be granting us funds dedicated to altering family pets. The last grant we had for this purpose helped about 250 pets, meaning more than 1000 unwanted puppies and kittens will not be born.

While we are grateful for the help from FOLCAS, it is you, our loyal members, who keep us going into our 41<sup>st</sup> year. We are so grateful for the \$15, \$25, and, yes, the \$100 donations that you faithfully send. I am always excited to pick up the mail after a newsletter goes out, because I know those envelopes with checks inside will be waiting for me.

I was broken hearted when my beloved Humphrey kitty went over the rainbow bridge at only 4 years of age a few months ago. I was still trying to decide whether to get a new companion when I heard that a neighbor two streets over had passed away, leaving 3 older cats homeless. I went over to visit Mama Kitty, Gray Kitty and Shy Kitty, who would not come out of the bedroom. After much debate, I agreed to take the Shy Kitty. At 12 years old, she deserved a nice quiet home. She became Gertrude the Wonder Kitty and came to live with me. Once she came out from under the bed, she gradually began to explore the house, asserting her quirky personality. She opens cupboards and drawers, checking to be sure there are no other cats. She stands just outside the kitchen morning and night to "encourage" me to fix her plate, then herds me into the bedroom so she can eat. After her first two weeks, she agreed to have the litter box moved to the utility room, but she insists on eating in the bedroom. She still spooks easily and often retreats under the bed for a few minutes when my activities get too noisy. But she seems happy, eats well and doesn't have any bad habits. I hope that one day she will decide to accept more affection than the occasional few pats when she lets me approach her. Meanwhile, she will get to live out her life in peace. I really encourage you to consider an older pet.

## Dog House Suggestions

Of course it is wonderful if your dog could reside inside the house with you. They are, after all, a family member. But in the event they can't, provide safe and effective housing.

Here are suggestions for a comfortable dog house:

- Make it large enough for your dog to stand and turn around
- Raise it at least 2 inches to prevent flooding and wooden floors from rotting
- To protect your dog from cold wind, the door should be covered by a flexible plastic flap such as a floor runner (without spikes). Carpets get wet and freeze
- Use clean dry bedding such as hay, straw, or cedar shavings. Change weekly to prevent mold
- In warmer months a dog house in direct sun becomes an oven. Provide shade
- Provide fresh water and food daily in a covered space in tip-proof bowls or water in a large bucket.

For tons of ideas on dog houses (and some free house plans), look at Google Images. You'll love the ingenuity!

If you are thinking about building a fence, contact [fencesfordido.org](http://fencesfordido.org). They will work with you.



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Don Elmore is known as our “go to” person when it comes to managing and controlling community cat colonies. Below he describes a successful colony.

## Successful Community/ Neighborhood Cat Colonies

by Don Elmore  
C.C.H.S. Board Member

I have worked with cat colonies and their managers in Lincoln County for five years. I also manage four colonies myself. I want to share what works for both the cats and the neighborhoods.

When I took over my colonies in the Taft area (south end of Lincoln City), they had over 100 stray cats (often referred to as ferals). And the colonies were growing rapidly. Female cats have two to three litters per year, producing up to 80 kittens in five years. Although there were four separate colonies, they did intermingle. Driving down 51<sup>st</sup> street towards Mo's Restaurant, cats were everywhere, darting back and forth across the street. The colony cats and the mobile home park residents and managers were not on the best of terms.

In 2010, a T.N.R. (Trap Neuter Return) policy started. Using grants from C.C.H.S., most of the cats have been neutered or spayed. And C.C.H.S. also helped provide food for the colonies. Due to their natural life cycle (about 5 years for stray cats) and the decrease in birth rates, these colonies are now manageable.

Park managers, residents, and the cats in the colonies are now co-existing. Some folks even enjoy seeing the remaining cats sunning themselves rather than battling for territory. Everyone says that the cats appear much healthier and more content.

When I first started managing these four colonies we were feeding them 200 lbs. of food per month. Now it has decreased to about 50 lbs. per month. There are 30 to 35 cats, and very few kittens.

T.N.R is a tremendous program which works. My colonies are not an exception. I get feedback from other area managers with the same typical results. Trap Neuter Return is the best alternative there is.

I will share more statistics in upcoming newsletters.

## Summer on the Oregon Coast by Bruce Walker



## New Law Protects Pets in Hot Vehicles

SB 614 relates to animals in motor vehicles. This bill will provide "peace officers the ability to enter motor vehicles and impound the animal when the peace officer is authorized by law and has probable cause to believe the animal is being subjected to certain criminal offenses". "Criminal offenses" include the possibility of heat stroke.

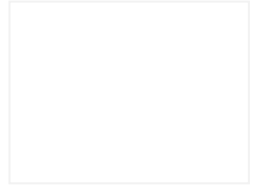
A few years ago, two small dogs were left in a vehicle on the bay front in Newport. The young, honeymooning couple, cracked the windows but by the time the animal service deputy arrived, one dog was deceased and the other died later at the vet's office. The couple was devastated. They thought they were being responsible by cracking the windows. Unfortunately, this often happens. Even when it feels cool outside, the temperature inside a vehicle can rise to deadly levels in a matter of minutes.

Try it yourself. Sit in your car for 10 minutes with the window cracked. If you are too hot, then your animal will be, too. And parking in the shade with the windows cracked also is not enough to save your pet.

If you cannot keep your pet(s) outside the vehicle--with water so they can stay hydrated--then be safe and leave them at home, or in the motel room, or with friends.

SB 614 takes effect January 1, 2016

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