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Get A Spay Voucher!

Interested in some help to get your pet cat or dog spayed or neutered? The CCHS has \$15 vouchers available to assist local pet owners and the vouchers can be picked up from several locations -- see Page 2 of this newsletter.

Fix Fluffy For free!

The CCHS has been the recipient of a grant from the ASPCA meant to help people feeding strays in their backyards or a single cat or two that has taken residence under the porch. The grant is not meant for colonies of cats and we would like to restrict the funds to those in financial need. Call us at 256-3719 to see if you qualify. And do it soon because the grant funds are limited! Thanks, ASPCA!

Patience Is a Virtue

It has been said many times that good things will come to those who wait. After almost six years of wishing and hoping, the dream finally came true. CCHS has a new van. This became possible entirely due to the generosity of T.S. and K.D. Glide and Lowman B. Lyon, two foundations whose grant stipulated the purpose was for the purchase of a new vehicle.

Now that the dream was achieved, the next challenge was to decorate the van in such a way that would not only attract attention but also convey the compassion for animals embraced by all the humane societies. This should be a simple task, right? Well it wasn't. A project by committee (board members) took seven months to complete but worth the time since we think we got it right. Kids really love the animal pictures!

Remember the decision you made before getting your first microwave oven? You were sure you needed it but not really sure in how many ways. This was also our thinking.

At first the van was used to transport animals to shelters in Portland and other locations in order for them to have a better chance for adoption. Soon the opportunities to use the van almost seemed endless. We were taking people with their pets, who did not have transportation, to get veterinary care.

The van became a real attention grabber when used during our visits to public schools in support of our education program. Every month now, a pallet of food is distributed throughout the county to colony managers for them to feed their community cats.



The CCHS van, which has a multitude of uses!

The logistics for transporting equipment in support of our outreach programs were greatly simplified. When participating in community events, the attention the van received often became the focal point for explaining our programs.

When looking back, CCHS has been serving our community animals since 1974 and we now wonder how we got it done without a dedicated vehicle.

by David Mitchell

Membership Renewal

If you haven't done so, now would be an excellent time to renew your humane society membership. We can't carry out our programs --spay/neuter assistance in the form of vouchers, support of our feral colonies, and support of community cats -- without your help. Grants play a part, but it is your dedicated assistance that makes our programs run. So do take a moment to renew your membership -- every little bit helps! There's a form on the back of the newsletter.

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with Savannah

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President's letter

I hope you've had a chance to see the new CCHS van because I sure have loved driving it around our county! We've been delivering cat food to the various community cat colonies we sponsor and both dog and cat food to the food banks in the area. We also delivered a beloved cat to Sherwood, to a disabled gentleman who was missing his feline friend. Once we got approval from the care facility, we were on our way to reunite these two friends. Please see the story inside this newsletter.

We will have our van on display during the Newport Farmers Market on a few Saturdays, so please stop by and say hi when you see us. We've also used the van for some humane education projects we've had. The artwork is amazing and causes much discussion! We owe a great deal to both the Glide Foundation and the Lowman Lyon Foundation for providing the funding that bought us this van and had it decorated!

We have not heard anything further from the county commissioners about transferring management of the Lincoln County Animal Shelter to FOLCAS. We will keep you apprised as we hear any updates. For now, the shelter is in the hands of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and is being managed quite successfully.

For our North County residents, we are working with Beach Bark on the new event this August. A new t-shirt will be designed by, yes, Bruce Walker! So be looking for that when it happens. You'll love the shirt!

We are hoping to develop our calendar for 2012, something that has been in the works for a long time. This calendar will have a bit of a twist to it, though!

Again, the board of CCHS sincerely appreciates all your support and interest in what we do. We couldn't do what we do without you!

*Kathe Stander
President*

The Story Of Samantha: Man's Best Friend

The "call" came in the form of an email from the local animal shelter. They had just received a call from Disability Services. DS had a client who had been moved from Waldport to an assisted-living facility near Portland. The new facility had given him permission to have his kitty, but the kitty was still in Waldport. The staff at Disability Services was not allowed to get personally involved with transporting the cat so they were looking for a volunteer willing to drive the kitty to Sheridan. So CCHS was called. We thought it an ideal trip with our new van!

Upon further investigation, it turned out that Samantha, the cat, was about 6-8 years old, spayed, a healthy 10 lbs, but had all her claws. The care facility said initially that only declawed cats were allowed in such a facility. The man was devastated not having his animal companion with him, and it was thought this would go a long way in his health recovery to have Samantha back with him.

Declawing is a very sensitive subject. CCHS was torn between reuniting these two, meaning having the declaw done – after all, this was not actually our decision to make — or not reuniting them at all and perhaps making Larry's recovery longer and more difficult. Declawing in a cat of Samantha's age and size would mean at least a 2-week recovery in a foster home.

Laura, manager at the Lincoln County Animal Shelter, came through again by checking the regulations (she's an attorney with her field being animal law!) and notifying the facility that she could find no such regulation in effect. Once Sheridan Care checked on the regulations, their corporate office told them that regulation was no longer in effect and Samantha was welcome to join Larry at the Care Center. Declawing was NOT necessary! Even the cat's owner, Larry, did not want her to go through that kind of surgery. Larry's nurse did share that the idea of either having his cat with him declawed or not having her at all really weighed on his mind; he said it was becoming the most difficult decision because he really wanted Sammy back with him. (An interesting note -- Sammy had been adopted from the local animal shelter!)

That solved, the facility was then happy to reunite Larry with Samantha. So logistics of the trip began, starting with retrieving Samantha, still living in Waldport and being cared for by the neighbor. I scheduled the pickup and met up with David Mitchell in Newport for the transport in the new CCHS van. Very exciting! In David's words:

Samantha cont'd

"Today Kathe and I had one of those really 'feel good' days. We had a very warm reception when we arrived and when we took Samantha to Larry's room, there were several staff members who joined us. Samantha seemed to be a little uneasy at first but within 10 to 15 minutes was getting used to her new surroundings and really warming up to Larry. As we were leaving, I looked at the pictures I took and decided to get a couple more. I went back to Larry's room, took the pictures, shook Larry's hand again and he said to me: "Samantha is the most important thing in my life." I could not tell you how many times he thanked Kathe and me and several times he was very close to tears. What a day!"

Shortly after the transfer, the care facility gave us an update:

"Samantha is still keeping to her room for now. Larry wants her to get used to that room as being home before she's introduced to the rest of Sheridan Care Center. We anticipate letting her explore outside of her room next week some time if Larry is comfortable with that. I'll keep you posted on her progress."

Larry and Samantha are both so happy to be back together. Larry told me that Samantha loves to sit in the window and that she snores loudly as she naps away the day... sounds like a contented kitty to me! Thanks again for bringing Samantha and Larry back together. It means the world to both of them and makes the rest of us so happy to see them so happy."

Samantha is a Snowshoe Siamese, which Larry did not know -- a rare and beautiful cat! She made the trip well, talked to us a couple of times, purred several times, and is a beautiful, loving cat. And she now has a new home with her human. CCHS was very honored to have helped!

by Kathe Stander

LATEST NEWS from Katherine Lewis, Social Services Director at the care facility, June 1:

"It's so wonderful to hear from you! Larry recovered and went back home to his own home in Waldport with Samantha. We miss them both a lot here, but last report was they were doing fine. I do wish they could have stayed forever, but we are in the business of making people better after all. Thank you again for all the work you do, for people and animals alike."

Tales from The Foster Roster

Fran DuPrae takes care of a group of community cats in Lincoln City. When the 1 female she hadn't been able to catch had kittens on her front porch, I agreed to foster them. CCHS Board member Barb Perry picked them up and delivered them when the kittens were 3 days old. I was told that the tabby Mom was about 6-7 months old and that there were 4 babies.

Over the next few days, I began to think I was hallucinating. I'd go out and peer in the crate and see two orange and two black kittens. The next time I'd look, I'd see 3 orange and 1 black. Yep, you guessed it – there were actually FIVE kittens!! Three are orange and two are black and white tabbies. My current guess on sexes is 4 female and 1 male, but it will be another week or two before I can tell for sure. They have their eyes open and are starting to explore the foster room. Maylee, the Mom is quite feral. She hisses if I go near and watches wide eyed when I move about the room or just sit to visit. But she is an excellent Mom, and the kittens are fat, healthy and clean as a whistle. Once they learn to eat cat food, I will take Maylee to be spayed and return her to Fran, who will continue to feed her and to provide protection from the weather. Once the kittens are big enough to be altered, they will go in to the Lincoln County Animal Shelter, where they will be available for adoption.

by Lee Smith



Maylee's beautiful kittens

Who We Are: Our Board



Board Secretary Mary Lou Starker with Rascal (cat) and Cricket (dog).

"My husband, Clark, and I retired to Depoe Bay from Portland in June of 2000, realizing a dream that started back in 1974. I had spent 40 years working in corporate America in administrative and executive secretarial positions so I decided to putter for the next few years.

In 2004, I met Lee Smith and she recruited me as a volunteer at the Lincoln County Animal Shelter. Several months later, she invited me to attend a board meeting of CCHS. Lo and behold, before I knew what was happening, I was elected secretary with the monumental task of trying to fill the shoes of Sheila Sammons. My duties include processing all of our bills for payment, depositing our donations and sending receipts and thank you notes. My "not so favorite" job is taking board minutes, although I do get some help on them from my assistant, Elvira, our black kitty.

Our board of directors is made up of dedicated volunteers who devote many hours to CCHS. We are also supported by Diana Bargioni, who responds to all the calls received by CCHS, and Sheila Sammons. While our board does not always agree on individual issues, we do agree on one thing: to continue to support the animals of Lincoln County as best we can.

In the past seven years, we've added a number of important programs; namely, our NEST and Animal Welfare programs and the Feral Cat spay/neuter/support program. Without the continuing support of our donors, none of this would be possible. Please keep sending your donations."

by Mary Lou Starker

Humphrey: Thief of Hearts



Handsome little Humphrey, who melted the heart of veteran foster mom Lee Smith.

I have fostered cats for the past 9 years, both for the Animal Shelter and for CCHS, and have bragged about my ability to resist adopting them myself. Well, as usual, pride goeth before a fall. In January, Kathe Stander took on a group of kittens from the Cliff House Colony. By March, she had 3 left and was due to go on vacation, so I agreed to take them. Guy and Teddy B were twins and sweet but pretty shy. The third one, named Big Fuzzy by Kathe, was anything but shy! He met me at the door every mealtime, and soon bolted out the door! But the lure of food always brought him back into the room.

Right away, I changed his name to Humphrey, because he reminded me of a former beloved kitty with that name. When I'd go in to play with the boys, Humphrey would hog all of the attention. He'd leap 2 feet in the air and do a perfect 180 while chasing the bird on a string, and he'd walk all over my body when I sat and tried to read. Time went by and I advertised all three. A very nice woman came to meet them and fell in love with Guy and Teddy B. Off they went to a new forever home, leaving Humphrey behind. Just before that happened, my beloved Alvin, companion of 18 years, went over the Rainbow Bridge. So I was down to only one cat, a 15 year old Calico named Naomi. I lasted exactly two days with Humphrey all alone out in the foster room off the garage and Naomi and I inside.

I assured Naomi that she would be in charge and promised that Humphrey would show her the respect she deserved. And he does in every area except the food bowl. At mealtime, I toss Naomi's plate on the kitchen floor, give Humphrey a nudge with my foot and yell, "Leave it!" Amazingly, he does and dashes down the hall to the back bathroom where he

eats. I shut him in until Naomi is finished, then "unleash the beast" and he zooms down the hall to polish up any crumbs she might have left.

She allows him to be in the recliner with us as long as he stays on the foot rest, and they are still discussing whether he can sleep in the bed with us. At about 5 :15 each morning, he decides it is time for us to get up and stages a demonstration. He dashes on to the bed and up on to the headboard where I can't reach him and stomps about yodeling. Then he makes a lap around the room and leaps up on my dresser to rearrange my jewelry. If all else fails, he simply pounds on the sliding closet doors, making a very satisfactory racket until I give up and get up. Life with a teenage cat is a circus! I swore I was just going to adopt old cats from now on, but I let my heart be stolen by Humphrey. Oh well, he will settle down in 5 or 10 years!

by Lee Smith

Dear Dogs and Cats (To Be Posted low On The Refrigerator)

The dishes with the paw prints are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your dish.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and it is not a race track. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me up doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king-sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I can continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other, stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle, I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, or try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom unsupervised for years – canine or feline attendance is not required.

The proper order is to kiss me, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt, or groom your own. I cannot stress this enough.

Thank you for your attention to these items.

Your caretaker.

Snug Houses for ferals



These odd-looking structures are actually "kitty yurts" -- shelters for feral cats built by CCHS friend Don Elmore who helps manage the Taft feral cat colony. Don and his wife Lana have designed a kitty home (a "yurt") using a large plastic bin for the main part of the yurt. The bin is turned upside down, an entrance cut in it, and another small bin rivetted on the front to serve as a protected entrance so the rain does not blow in. Sort of like an igloo but painted camo green! The inside is insulated with styrofoam and cozy blankets. Don is now building yurts for cats in our other feral colonies and reports are that the felines have taken to them with great enthusiasm. What a great idea!



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Feral Kittens Get New Homes

Remember the Cliff House kittens from last issue? Well, their story has a happy ending. (The crew includes the infamous Humphrey). They came to me at 7 weeks old, just on the cusp of being tame-able. They were with me for a couple of months and then went to Lee for another two months. They were teens by the time they got adopted. Sweetie Pie, the smallest tabby, went first to Neotsu to a young girl who wanted her own kitty. Ossie, named for her ocelot striping, went to a barn in Waldport to join with India and became Asia. Teddy B and Guy went together, thank goodness, because they had bonded so closely. And Humphrey, ah, yes, ended up staying with Lee . . . Naomi has "accepted" him as he does defer to her alpha-ness!

by Kathe Stander

Fun At The Memorial Day Brewer's Fest

We had a lot of fun at the Rogue Brewery Memorial Day Brewer's Fest held recently in South Beach. For several years now, the Rogue allows us an outdoor space to conduct a dogwash and indoor space for a booth to sell t-shirts, take donations, and talk to people. We are very grateful to them for their support of CCHS.

Got Kittens?

If you have a litter of kittens that your stray mama cat has blessed you with, and need to take them in to the Lincoln County Animal Shelter, CALL THE SHELTER and get put on the waiting list. DO NOT just take the kittens to the shelter. At this time of year the list can be long, so call and reserve your space. Keep caring for the kittens in the meantime, and think about getting mama spayed. (The CCHS does not run the animal shelter -- the Sheriff's Department does that, and there are nice folks on the end of their phone line at 265-6610 who will talk to you and tell you what to do).



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10 Commandments for Pet Owners

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you will be very painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want from me.
3. Place your trust in me - - it is crucial for my well-being
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment. I only have you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when it is speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, remember that I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart may be getting old and weak.
9. Take care of me when I get old. You too, will grow old.
10. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say, "I can't bear to watch it" or "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there. Remember, I love you.

Horse Rescue in Toledo

A little more than two months ago, Lincoln County authorities became aware of at least 12 horses in varying states of starvation and abusive neglect. The animals were removed from the owners and 11 of them were moved to another facility in Toledo for foster care. The 12th, a pony, was too weak to get up, so it was immediately taken to OSU in Corvallis where the vet school had the ability to suspend it in a sling to keep it upright (and alive) while feeding a therapeutic diet. When it could walk around, it was returned to the foster care facility.

Moon is a black 5 to 6-yr-old Tennessee Walker mare. I called my friend who is the manager of a stable in the greater Lincoln City area, told her about the situation and asked if she would consider caring for another starved, abused horse, for a period of time. Joy checked with the owner of the stable and pastures, who agreed. I then got Joy in touch with Deputy Kerri Tyler. Moon is now under the excellent care of Joy Prescott at Drift Creek Stables.

Moon has now been in foster care for 2 months, and she has gained 300-400 lbs. On non-rainy days, she is moved to one of the smaller paddocks to spend all day munching on lush green grass. She now requires more time being exercised in the covered ring to begin building up greater muscle mass. Unfortunately, after 5 weeks, she still won't let Joy touch her body. She won't get a permanent adoption by a suitable person until that is resolved, which means more time and patience. All of Joy's time, effort and expertise is being donated. Feed, vet visits, medicine, farrier services (for hooves) must be paid for with US currency.

If you wish to visit Moon or have questions, please leave a message at the main CCHS number; I will return your call. If you wish to assist in Moon's rehab, make a tax-deductible donation to CCHS for Moon or Rescued horse.

by Diana Bargioni

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I would like to renew my membership for 2011, thereby helping to provide services to needy animals.

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