



March 2014

## President's Letter

These are exciting times for CCHS. We have been very fortunate to receive several grants. With these dedicated funds, we will be able to help people get their pets altered at a very small cost. If you or someone you know has a dog or cat who needs to be "fixed" please call us at 541-265-3719. Leave your name and number and we will call you back.

For our day-to-day success, we continue to rely on the contributions of our membership. I have been picking up the mail lately, and it always makes me smile to find those envelopes with checks for \$15, \$20, and so on. No matter how large or small, we appreciate your support of our work for the animals.

At our January meeting, we sadly accepted the resignation of Vice President David Mitchell. Family commitments have made it impossible for him to be available for meetings and events. He has graciously agreed to continue with the maintenance on the van and the monthly cat kibble pickup.

Kathe Stander, Alma Leon and I share the phone duties. It can be a bit stressful trying to get the information down accurately and then trying to contact the callers. But once in a while it is just fun, like the caller who said, "There is a bunny in my yard. No, it's a rabbit. It's a large rabbit. It's a large white rabbit and it's eating my garden." I thought, that's okay Alice, as long as you don't follow it down the hole! But I called and left a pleasant message encouraging the caller to call Lincom and ask for the assistance of an animal services officer.

Spring is coming and with it, kitten season. So take advantage of our help to get those pets spayed and neutered.

Lee Smith

## GiGi's New Home by Brook Heartsong

When I moved to Oregon a couple of years ago I brought two senior felines with me. They were the light and loves of my life. Oliver passed away in October at the age of 16 years and 7 months. Clark followed him on January 4, 2014 at the age of 17 years and 10 months. I was so devastated I could not even think about another cat.

Then one day in a conversation with my sister, Lee Smith, I learned about a 9 year old female who lost her person at age 100! Wow! This lady's daughter was caring for the cat but had asked CCHS to put her on pet finder because she was going to move and be unable to keep her. I immediately volunteered to foster her so she would not have to go to the shelter. That felt like the only commitment I was able to make and I wasn't really sure I was ready for even that.

A couple of weeks passed and we heard that she had been taken to the Shelter. Knowing how cats grieve I couldn't stand the thought of this poor girl at the Shelter even though I know they took good care of her. So the next day, Saturday, February 1, we went to the Shelter. I still was very unsure that I was doing the right thing, but I said I'd meet her and see how she reacted to me. Brandi brought her into the visiting room and she came right to me, wanting to be petted.



This beautifully marked black and brown tabby grabbed at my heart. I could not resist this purring chubby ball of love. So Gigi came home with me and has taken over my life. She talks constantly and loves to come bouncing up my bed between 4 and 5 in the morning. She will let me go back to sleep but by 6:30 she is adamant that it is past time for her breakfast. She believes I should feed her every time I walk through the kitchen. I am certain Dr. Bahr will put her on a diet when we go for her checkup.

So we are both adjusting and every day the love grows bigger. This is the first time I have adopted an older cat and I highly recommend it. Older animals have had their world turned upside down and need stability and love more than anything else. And they have an enormous reservoir of love just waiting for a very special person to call their own.

## Cricket by Mary Lou Starker

### Central Coast Humane Society T-shirts



**Spay-getti, No Balls**

Available on White or Black t-shirt



**Automatic Dog Wash**

Available on Dark Blue t-shirt

**Sizes S-M-L-XL-XX  
\$25.00 (free shipping)**

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If you read our Fall, 2013 newsletter, you probably read the story I wrote about my husband, Clark, and our Yorkie, Cricket. Here is a follow-up story on Cricket.

Saturday evening, December 14th, Cricket and I were playing our nightly game with her stuffed squeaky toy, Elmo. I would throw the toy and she would jump on my ottoman with it and we would keep playing. She went to jump on the ottoman and fell backward. She couldn't put any weight on her right hind leg.

The next morning, Clark and I took her to Corvallis to the Willamette Animal Hospital. After an exam, the on-call Vet thought she had strained the ligaments in the leg. The following day, we took her to our vet, Eric Brown, at Animal Medical Care in Newport. Dr. Brown took x-rays and determined that she had blown out her knee. Late the following day, he performed surgery to replace her knee. (Hard to believe that this can be done on a 7-pound dog.) The following day, we brought her home.

Almost one month to the day of surgery, she was again taking short walks with Clark. She is now back to her original spunky self. We still play with Elmo, but at ground level. No more jumping up on the ottoman.

Clark and I can never thank Dr. Brown and the staff at Animal Medical Care. We are so grateful to them.

## The Princess and The Patriot

The SeaAire Assisted Living facility in Yachats has very talented artists! CCHS was preparing for Beach Bite in Lincoln City. CCHS owned several cat/small dog shelters and tons of craft supplies. We wondered who could decorate the shelters for the silent auction at Beach Bite.

The activities director at SeaAire, Nancy, is a long-time supporter of CCHS. Would her residents want to help CCHS with this project? Could they complete two in a few weeks? Time was short!

I provided Nancy with photos of previous shelters. Then brought a pink shelter and a blue/cream shelter to the facility along with several bags of craft items—boas, sparklies, bling of all sorts!

In the future, SeaAire will be our “go-to” group for All Things Artistic! Thank you, Nancy, Janet, Dorothy and all the SeaAire supporters!

Nancy continues the story:

Upon first impression (your photos of last year's house), residents, Janet and Dorothy, and I all had mouths hanging open, aghast at these gaudy “cat houses” (pun intended!)! Surely no self-respecting kitty would walk into one of these! After the first shock, we thought, what fun! We focused on the bright pink of the first house.

Pink What theme could we use for a pink house? After a bit of brainstorming, Janet and I thought of “pink princess” with pink flowers, pink sunsets, pink purses, pink jewelry...we Googled the heck out of pinkness! I printed out photo layouts of all these pink things, pulled out all the pink and related items from all the bags of glitzy things, and went from there. Hence, The Princess. We had a ball!

The blue and cream house? Same process! Blue is nautical, patriotic, blue skies, blue ocean, blue moon, and we pretty quickly settled on “patriotic.” So began the red, white and blue theme with all the red, white and blue decorations. And voila? The Patriot!



The Patriot

## Beach Bite!

The weather finally cooperated and the first Beach Bite came off as a roaring success! It was held on February 22, in Lincoln City at The Eventuary. Many, many thanks to all who made it possible, and a special thanks to Kip and Kandi for the venue, coordination, and several "peeps" who worked their, well...tails off. Just call them the Manx crew!

Over twenty restaurants offered "mini bites" of favorite dishes. A table of sweet treats was offered, as well as various wines and beer on tap. The music in the upstairs area was very popular. The auction items were plentiful, along with many baskets, glass floats, and several gift certificates for hotel/motel stays and dinners. Several people are going to be enjoying relaxing weekends at the coast in the coming months.



The residents of Sea Aire Assisted Living in Yachats decorated pet houses which they named "The Princess" and "The Patriot". Someone's pets are lounging in some awfully cute houses this morning!

The auction for the design and rights to have your dog pictured on next year's poster was again very popular, along with (new this year) scheduled future use of The Eventuary.

This event is part of Kip Ward's Beach Bark. It raises funds to help with medical expenses of needy animal companions in the North County. CCHS is honored to be included as a distributor of these funds. Again, thanks to everyone who graciously helped a lot of animals!

Central Coast Humane Society and  
The Beach Bite Folks

## Newsletter

by Mary E Webster

You probably noticed the changes in the last two newsletters. As the new newsletter editor, my first goal was to cut the cost of producing the newsletter. The all-volunteer team at CCHS has inspired me for years. Almost all the money raised by CCHS goes directly to help animals. The newsletter is one of the few non-animal expenses. The two-sheet newsletter means that I can print them at home, cutting the cost in half. I encourage people to change from snail-mail to email newsletters, which means more savings!

I've only met a few members of CCHS. I'd like to introduce myself to everyone else. I am a writer and artist, and share my home with two cats and a dog—all adopted from the Newport shelter. I have always been a "cat" person. Neelix is my first dog. I'll share his special story in a coming newsletter.

I have five books in print, and write articles for NewsWithViews.com, AmericanClarion.com and my own email newsletter—all about *The Federalist Papers*. And I make and sell polymer clay canes on Ebay.



No one welcomes you home like a dog!!

### Central Coast Humane Society officers

**President** – Lee Smith (newly elected)

**Vice-President** - (open)

**Secretary** – Mary Lou Starker

**Treasurer** – Barbara Perry

**Past President** – Kathe Stander

**Members at Large:** Linda Wright, Don Elmore,  
Lana Elmore

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## INVITE A FRIEND

If you have renewed your membership, the easiest way to invite a friend to join CCHS is to share this newsletter.



Neelix invites his cat friend, Kirk, to join Central Coast Humane Society!

### New or Renew Your Membership!

I would like to help provide services to needy animals..

Enclosed is my check for:

\$15 Junior/Senior Member

\$25 Basic Member

\$50 Contributing Member

\$100 Sustaining Member

\$500 Patron Member

\$1000 Life Member

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

E-Mail

I want to be a CCHS volunteer      Yes/No

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