



What a Difference a Year Makes!

It was just a year ago that we put out an urgent plea to help 4 young cats who were used to being indoors but suddenly lost their home and were forced to live outside. If you remember (we're sure you do!) the weather was rather inhospitable – in fact it was below freezing for several nights. We were all worried about the kitties. We know because we heard from several of you wishing us luck, wishing you could provide shelter, sending our email on to your friends and family, etc. We appreciated every last offer and good luck wish.

Well, Karen and Ed stepped forward and took all 4 cats! They had a barn with a room they could heat. It came plush with lots of high places to lounge on and “oh so comfortable” blankets – and of course lots of pets, attention, food and water. The horse crowd, young and old, took a liking to the kitties and provided lots of conversation and belly rubs.

Karen wrote: “Midnight and Bambi are very hospitable; June is still leery and Milo is finally warming up. I just love them all. They have a forever home here. There will be loads of hugs and belly rubs for these guys. We warmed the tack room up to 70 degrees and the kids are finding all sorts of things to play with or climb in and out of.”



Home at last!

by Simon and Chessie



We had a very rough start in life, born to a feral mama cat who didn't take good care of us. After three weeks under a porch, some nice folks who had been feeding us decided we needed to go to a foster home if we were to have a chance. One of our littermates had already died. So we went to a nice warm room where there was plenty of chow and lots of attention. Two more littermates died almost immediately and that left just us two.

Time went by and we began to gain weight and strength. We went to see a nice vet who said we didn't have any nasty diseases, which made our foster mom very happy. We played with each other and with lots of toys. We went back to the vet and got shots and finally we were big enough to be fixed so we wouldn't have more kittens. Then we waited, and waited and waited.

Our foster mom was getting pretty worried when we got to be 5 months old and were still waiting for our forever home. And then it happened! A very nice lady named June saw our pictures and asked to come see us! It was love at first sight, and we went home with her that very afternoon. At first, we were a bit scared of all the space, since we had been in just one room all our lives. Our new mom was very patient and gradually we began to enjoy watching the birds on the patio. We also discovered that it was neat to sleep with her at night. We are still not quite sure about the noisy thing she calls a TV, but we love our new mom and our forever home.

T-Shirt Promotion Continues!

For every \$40 donation, we will send you a free T-shirt!

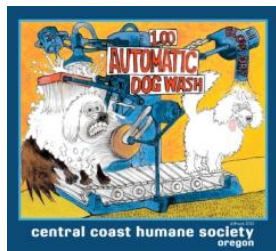
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We truly appreciate your support. Thank you!



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Dog Tethering Law January 1, 2014

We wanted to make sure that all of you are aware that Oregon passed a new dog tethering law in January of this year. While it is not perfect, it has addressed some important issues and given law enforcement a tool to address animal welfare problems presented by chronically-chained dogs.

1. The new law limits tethering to 10 hours in a 24 hour period if the dog is chained to a stationary object, and 15 hours in a 24 hour period if the dog is chained to a running line.
2. Prohibits the use of choke and pinch collars when tethering dogs. In addition the tether must be of reasonable length given the size of the dog.
3. Creates the offense of unlawful tethering, which is (a) a Class B Violation, (b) a Class B Misdemeanor if it results in the physical injury of the dog, and (c) a Class A Misdemeanor if it results in serious physical injury or death of the dog
4. Creates new definitions for “adequate shelter” and “adequate bedding” to better protect animals from the elements. Prohibits sheltering in or under the following: under vehicles, homes, or porches, in vehicles when doing so endangers the dog (think heat stroke in summer months), in cardboard boxes, in crates and carriers designed for temporary housing, in wire cages, in areas surrounded by debris or hazards that pose a threat to the dog.
5. Dogs tethered under the following circumstances **are not subject** to the tethering time limitations: when the owner is physically present with the animal, while complying with campground requirements, when hunting or transporting an animal, when a dog is kept for herding, protecting livestock or dog sledding.

Dogs are social beings and love interacting with humans and other animals. If chained for hours, days, months, or even years, they suffer immense psychological damage and develop behavior problems. Their chains can become entangled with other objects and strangle the dog to death. In addition to this, chained dogs make easy targets for other animals, humans, and biting insects. They are easy targets for thieves looking to steal animals for sale to research institutions or to be used as training fodder for organized animal fights.

Behavior problems such as barking, chewing, and digging are often a result of lack of stimulation. A dog provided with proper toys, exercise, PEOPLE TIME, and positive reinforcement is more likely to have acceptable house manners. A dog that is inside the house is much more likely to deter an intruder than a dog chained in the yard.

When you see a chained dog and are concerned for their welfare, contact: Animal Service Deputies at 541.265.4231 or Fences For Fido at info@fencesforfido.org --a terrific organization that builds fences at no cost to the owner. There is a chapter in Lincoln County.

President's Letter

At our last meeting, we elected new officers for the coming year. Well, not exactly new. I agreed to serve as President for another year, Kathe Stander will remain as Vice President, Barb Perry as Treasurer and Mary Lou Starker as Secretary. Don Elmore, Lana Elmore, Linda Wright and Alma Leon return as Board members as well.

We are very excited to be entering into a new collaboration with FOLCAS, Friends of Lincoln County Animals. We will be combining our designated fund with their Max fund to create one animal welfare program, which CCHS will administer. So when vet emergencies arise and folks don't have the money to get their pet the care it needs, they will be able to call us for help. Even though our economy has slowly improved, there are still lots of people in Lincoln County who are barely able to care for themselves and their pets. A sudden illness or accident can be a financial disaster. While our ability to help is somewhat limited, we are often able to make the difference that enables the pet to stay in its home.

Through September, we have made it possible for 139 pets to be altered through our Handsel Foundation grant. At an average litter of 5, that's about 700 unwanted puppies and kittens that won't be born. We still have October and about 3 more months to add to this total. So if you know someone who needs help to get Fluffy or Fido "fixed" have them call us at 541-265-3719.

As always, we appreciate our loyal members and your donations. We could not do all that we do for the animals of Lincoln County without your help and support. Have a wonderful holiday season, and keep us on your gift list!

Lee Smith
President, CCHS

We Want a Story from your CCHS Pet

For our next issue, we want articles authored by pets helped by CCHS. Please have your special pet email their story and, if you can, their picture to centralcoasths@yahoo.com

Although my current pets were not helped by CCHS, they were fostered at the Lincoln County Animal Shelter. I adopted my dog, Neelix, in August 2001, and my cat-brothers, Kirk and Bones, about six months later.

I am Mom's Best Helper! by Bones

I LOVE helping Mom. When she takes clothes out of the dryer, I immediately lay down on them to keep them warm for her. When she was doing her jewelry crafting last month, the work table got a little crowded, so I pushed a few, unimportant things to the floor--to give Mom more room to work. And when she is working on her laptop, I type much faster with my four paws than she does with her two hands.



My favorite job, of course, is helping with the CCHS newsletter. After printing one side, I help Mom flatten the pages before printing the second side.

My Brother is Delusional, But We Love Him by Kirk

I love my brother, Bones, so much that I won't share his worst flaws. However, I have to comment on his inability to walk across almost any surface--counter, table, shelf--and not knock something to the floor. Could it be a reaction to his addiction to licking plastic grocery bags?



Hump Day by Bruce Walker



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Did You Know?

Some white cats with blue eyes suffer from a congenital deafness.

In an odd-eyed white cat deafness will usually occur on the side of the blue eye.



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