



Winter
Update



Pioneer Humane Society

President's Message

Melissa Nathan

Wow, it's been a great year, and I'm glad to have been a part of all that the Pioneer Humane Society (PHS) has been able to accomplish in 2019.

Since its inception, the Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter (PAWS), a project of PHS, has helped to rescue, shelter, and find homes for about 1,000 dogs, cats, puppies and kittens each year. In 2019 we are on track to meet this goal in service of our mission to help reduce the suffering of the unwanted pet population and needless euthanasia. But there are animals more that need our help.

During the cold weather imagine what it is like for homeless animals who don't know where their next meal is coming from or where they may find warmth. They face an uncertain future. Thankfully, with your help, we can give them shelter, warmth, nutrition, and medical care. The need is great, and there are more animals that need help, both on waiting lists or on the streets waiting to be found. Once they have been rescued, we prepare them for adoption and help to find forever homes where they can be cared for and loved.

I've had the honor to serve as Board President this year, after Jackie Carey passed the gavel in May 2019. My objectives are to maintain the financial health of the organization, to continue to grow our volunteer program that will contribute to long term stability, and to ensure smooth shelter operations.

Our board of directors works hard and long hours, often in addition to their full time jobs, out of a shared vision to reduce the suffering of the animals who need our help. I'd like to thank our board for their service.

This year we said goodbye and thank you to our Shelter Manager Nita Westfall and welcomed our new Shelter Manager Michelle Glynn. Michelle has a background in veterinary medicine and will soon become a vet technician. She is a welcome addition to our staff and will help us to maintain our shelter protocols under her leadership. I'd like to thank all of our staff - Robin B, Wendyll, Alexis, Selena, and MacKenzie for their efforts to take care of the animals, and Kelli for keeping the front office running smoothly. We appreciate the work you do.

One dog that we rescued this year was named Boomer. He was brought in by a concerned citizen who found him days after he had been shot in the face and left

for dead. His story was heartbreaking, and many of you helped by sending in donations to help with his vet care. We appreciate the outpouring of support that was expressed. He was adopted and underwent further surgeries. We are hoping for a good recovery; however, he does face complications as a result of his situation.

Many other animals need our help. Just yesterday, a little orange kitten came in from a trucker who said the kitten had crawled up under his truck and was found there after coming in off the highway. He was scared but okay. This spring we had kittens that we rescued who had been living in a car with a tree growing in it. Each year we try to help everyone we can. Our resources are limited; however, I am astounded by the community's engagement. There are so many ways to help, and behind the scenes there are many people contributing in their own way. Whether it is with a donation of cans, items for the thrift store, blankets or litter for the shelter, in-kind gifts make a big difference. We hold several fundraisers throughout the year, and both volunteers and participants help to make a contribution for the animals in our care. For example, we host the Round Up souvenir booth during the rodeo, we man the merchandise booth during Pendleton Whisky Music Fest, we help with Oktoberfest, and we put on the Mutt Strut with CHI St. Anthony Hospital. Thank you, donors!

Our volunteers help in many ways, whether it is helping with a fundraiser or at the shelter - sorting cans, cleaning kennels, walking dogs, socializing cats, pulling weeds, or repairing a broken door, we are so appreciative of our volunteers who give of their time. If you are interested in volunteering, let us know, and we will get you connected. We love our volunteers!

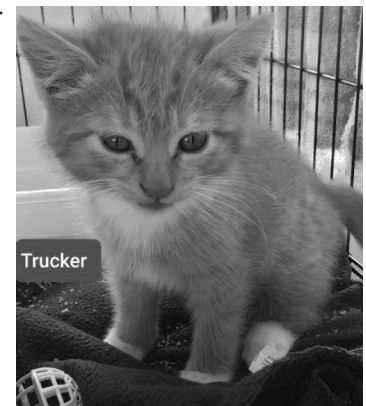
You can see that there are lots of people involved in the success of the shelter. Together, in 2019, we have achieved a lot.

With that in mind, I hope you'll consider a monetary donation to help support PAWS and PHS. We are a no-kill shelter meaning we work to find homes for all the animals in our care and euthanize only in mercy cases, which is less than 2%. Our operations are funded in large part by donations by individuals and businesses, as well as in-kind donations, fundraisers and events, foundation grants, city fees for pound dogs, and program fees. This means we depend on the good will of people like you to help make shelter operations possible. Every gift is appreciated, both large and small.

Thank you and Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Warm wishes,

Melissa Nathan, Board President





By the Numbers

Nov. 1, 2018 - Oct. 31 2019

Animal Intake:

303 dogs & 928 cats (1231 total)

Animal Adoptions: 238 dogs & 429 cats (667 total)

Animals Returned to Owners: 34 dogs & 45 cats (79 total)

Animals Transferred to a No-Kill Shelter: 70 dogs & 419 cats (489 total)

Spay/Neuter for low income families: 411 cats & 162 dogs (573 total)

Cat Utopia has helped hundreds of feral and public cats this year.

Vision

The vision of the Pioneer Humane Society is to have a community free of animal suffering, homelessness, overpopulation, and needless euthanasia.

Core Values

- Dedication to animals
- Compassion
- Collaboration
- Integrity
- Innovation
- Fiscal responsibility
- Education driven

PAWS Animals

Meet some animals from PAWS! These are a few of our longest stay animals. When a dog is at PAWS for a long time, it usually is because they have special needs. Being high energy, needing training, and not being a good fit for kids are common reasons. In the right home, these dogs will excel. Cats at PAWS come in all conditions; sometimes they are sick and need time to heal or are shy and need time to become social. There are a lot of adult cats at PAWS waiting for their forever home.



**Roxy arrived
October 2018**



**John Wayne arrived
October 2018**



**Tony arrived
April 2019**



**Aida arrived
April 2019**



Brutus arrived July 2019



Arwen arrived May 2019

PAWS is a "No-Kill" Shelter

We reduce euthanasia rates for animals with severe aggression by providing rehabilitative care for 6-7 months. We also work with partner organizations who provide specialized care as needed.

Mercy euthanasia occurs only with a veterinarian's recommendation and primarily to relieve suffering due to terminal illness.



PAWS Thrift Store

Jennifer Schell

Located at 203 SE Goodwin behind PAWS shelter is PAWS Thrift Store. The Thrift Store is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m and is always accepting donations with gratitude.

Diana Thompson, Thrift Store Manager, has executed a vision in creating a 'boutique atmosphere' for shoppers and has proven to set the standard for our store's merchandising by accepting donations, carefully selecting quality merchandise sure to sell, and creating artful displays and a welcoming environment. She also is happy to accept any volunteers to assist in the daily operations of our store. Volunteers are the key to successfully reducing cost to operate the thrift store and maximizing support for our shelter.

Donations and purchases made go toward the programs of the Pioneer Humane Society (PHS), helping to rescue animals and provide their care until they find their fur'ever home. PAWS Thrift Store is on its way to contributing 14% of PHS revenue for 2019. For questions about donation information or Volunteering please give us a call at 541-276-0181.

Paws Thrift Store thanks you for your ongoing support and continuous donations!

Christmas items are in stock! Get new items at a great price. Three pack of wrapping paper for \$3, big single rolls for \$1 each.



Supplies PAWS Needs

PAWS always accepts in kind donations. Here is a list of our current needs. Donations can be dropped of at the shelter during open hours: Tuesday - Saturday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

- Clumping cat litter
- Bleach
- Liquid HE laundry detergent
- Sturdy dog toys (Black Kong Extreme are great)
- Greenies pill pockets (dog capsule size)
- Paper towels
- Used towels and hand towels (can be threadbare)
- Kitchen size garbage bags
- Printer paper

Donate to PAWS as you shop on Amazon Smile! Www.smile.amazon.com and choose PAWS/ Pioneer Humane Society in Pendleton, OR as your charity of choice.



About PAWS

www.pendletonpaws.org

517 SE 3rd Street
Pendleton, OR 97801

(541) 276-0181

Open to the public:
12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Closed Sunday and Monday

Open for volunteers: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
daily









PO Box 1876 • 517 SE 3rd Street • Pendleton, Oregon 97801 • 541-276-0181

Please consider a gift today to support our 2020 campaign drive! The Pioneer Humane Society operates the Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter and depends on the support of members and friends like you. Without this support it would not be possible for us to continue to help the vulnerable animals in our community who otherwise face an uncertain future. We are a non-profit organization and no-kill animal shelter serving Pendleton and surrounding communities. Our shelter currently has a small paid staff and relies on over 100's volunteer hours per month. Check our website at www.pendletonpaws.org or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PAWSPendleton for updates.

In order to continue to serve animals in our communities, we are asking you to renew your annual membership, or begin membership, and help support our mission, goals, and services.

PAWS services

-  Shelter of animals including veterinary care, immunization and spay or neuter of animals in our care
-  Adoption services - helping to unite animals with their forever families
-  Facilitating access to Spay and Neuter clinics
-  Emergency pet food assistance

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PIONEER HUMANE SOCIETY – MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please check all that apply:

Memberships: ☐ Individual - \$25 ☐ Family - \$35 ☐ Business/Organization Sponsorship - \$135

☐ I wish to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____

☐ Donation in Honor/Memory (please circle) of: _____

Please send the acknowledgement card to: Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

☐ Please tell me how I can include the Pioneer Humane Society in my Will.

☐ Please send me information on becoming a monthly sponsor.

Your information:

Name: _____

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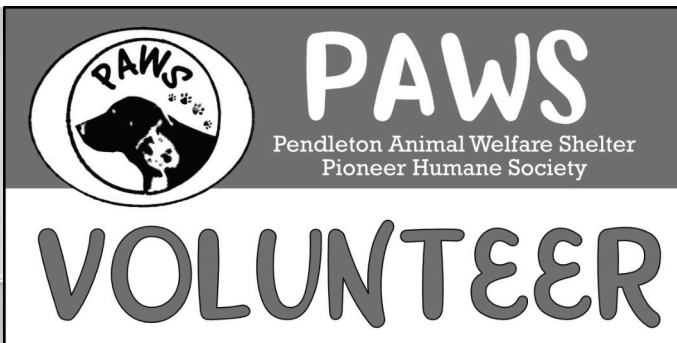
City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Your e-mail address will never be sold or traded. We will only use it to send newsletters, and major event notices.

(All donations are deductible as tax laws allow. Federal ID # 93-0845104)

PLEASE MAIL TO: Pioneer Humane Society (PAWS) / PO Box 1876 / Pendleton, OR 97801



Volunteering at PAWS

Brooke Franklin

Our volunteer base at PAWS is dedicated, and their efforts are essential in making the shelter work.

We want to thank every person who has volunteered at the shelter this past year, and since our start. Our volunteers help with daily cleaning and care for the animals, take photos for our website, participate in event fundraisers, and transport animals. PAWS could not keep up with demand without volunteer commitment.

In 2019, we've have had over 1,970 volunteer hours so far!

A special thanks to volunteers who have completed over 200 hours!

Dayne Wilson
Karen Collar
Val Montanic

Available volunteer positions include Thrift Store Sorting, Fundraising and Special Events, Transporting Animals, Can Room, Fostering, Cleaning for Dogs and Cats, Specialty Assistance for Dogs and Cats, Shelter Cleaning, Shelter Maintenance, and Office Work.

The animals need love and attention! Dogs love walks and playing in our play area. Cats need to be petted and socialized to get ready for their forever homes.

To apply to become a volunteer, you can find the application on our website or at the shelter.



PAWS Staff

A special thanks to our dedicated staff! We appreciate how hard you work to keep PAWS animals healthy and adoptable.

Join the Board of Directors

The PHS Board is comprised of 13 volunteer board members, who bring different talents and knowledge to the governing of PHS and oversight of its activities including operation of the PAWS facility and the animals we care for. We currently have a few open positions if you're committed to serving our community.

Executive Committee:

Melissa Nathan, President
Shaindel Beers, Vice President
Jackie Carey, Past President
Robin Harris, Treasurer
Brooke Franklin, Secretary

General Board Members:

Jennifer Schell
Cindy Spiess
Amy Word

Open Positions:

Volunteer Coordinator
General Board Members

If you're interested in serving on the PAWS board, please visit our website for the application. Board meetings are the second Thursday each month; contact us for the meeting location.



Fundraising Efforts

Fudge Sales

Current Fundraiser

Needing stocking stuffers or co-worker gifts? We have you covered! If you need it shipped, we can do that too. Contact us for a current list of available fudge flavors! Price is \$7 each or 3/\$20.



Santa PAWS

Photos with Santa Saturday December 7th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pendleton Art + Frame (36 SW Court). \$10 for a photo print and e-mailed copy of photo. Photography by Ric Walters of Walters Photographers. Pets and all family members welcome. Pets must be on leash or in a carrier.



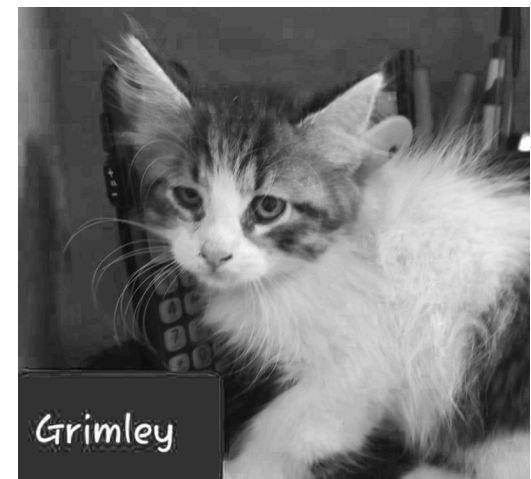
Grants & Donations

Thank you to our Event Partners:

- CHI St. Anthony for Mutt Strut
- Round-Up Association, Board of Directors for the merchandise booth
- Umatilla County Federal Credit Union for the parking lot during Round-Up
- Oktoberfest
- Night Out with PAWS hosted by:
 - OMG! Burgers and Brew
 - Oregon Grain Growers Distillery
 - Paint Me Silly at Sister's Cafe
 - The Saddle
 - 40 Taps
 - Echo Corn Maze

Grants:

- Petco Foundation
- Ed Cauduro Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation





Saving Chestnut

Shaindel Beers

Chestnut was a dog whose chances had run out. He came to PAWS with his brother Walnut, and, even though we try to adopt dogs who are bonded out together, it isn't always possible. Most people come to the shelter with the intention of adding a single pet to their family, and that's understandable. Pets are a big commitment, and not everyone will be able to give their time, finances, and attention to two or more additional pets. When Walnut left for his forever home, Chestnut became increasingly anxious in the shelter setting, and that anxiety turned into biting behavior. Chestnut

was a perfect, little lap dog in the front of the shelter and enjoyed sitting on workers' laps as they typed away, but as soon as he heard bigger dogs barking, he would bite anyone who was near him.

He was adopted once and then returned. Then, he was transferred to another shelter that we hoped might have better luck "reforming" him from his fear-based aggression. When we heard that he had bitten a worker there, we scrambled to see if any other shelters in Oregon would work with him. Sadly, no one was willing to take in a dog who had so many bites on his record. I knew if I could find a quiet place for Chestnut, he wouldn't bite anyone. He couldn't help it. He was a ten-pound dog who immediately panicked when a bigger dog barked near him. He just couldn't get better in a shelter environment.

I contacted all of the fosters of "special needs" dogs I could find, but the only person who could take Chestnut was in Baker City, Oregon, nearly one hundred miles away from me, and over three hundred miles from where Chestnut was currently, in Portland. I asked the rescue in Portland to please keep Chestnut until I could find a transport, and even though I was disappointed they had given up on him, I was so grateful that they promised to keep him until I could have him brought to me.

Nearly a week later, a rescue volunteer adopting cats out in Portland picked Chestnut up, drove him back to Pendleton, and met me at PAWS. I brought a very scared Chestnut into my house late on a Sunday evening, and the next day my (now) husband Matt and I drove Chestnut to Baker City. When we first got to Tammy's house, I could tell it was a place where Chestnut would be met with

patience and kindness. Tammy rescues all types of animals—chickens, goats, cats, dogs—and I could tell she understood Chestnut.

She spoke gently and asked us to leave his dog crate in her yard, told us she would keep us updated, and then sent us off to explore Baker, Oregon. Since Chestnut had just been through so much, he needed to be left alone. Matt and I made a day of it, visiting Glacier 45 Distillery and the Lone Pine Café. Only a few minutes after we had left her house, Tammy called and said, "He's sitting in my lap. I just sat on the porch and waited for him." I knew I'd taken Chestnut to the right place, but it was just a foster. We were hoping to find him a forever home, and I didn't know how to do this with Chestnut being a hundred miles away from PAWS.

Fast forward to a month later. Tammy had been spending time with Chestnut and thought he might be ready to start meeting potential adopters. This time we loaded our entire family in the car, and headed to Baker, hoping to make an adoption video with Chestnut, but he still wasn't ready. He would take treats from me, as long as Tammy was holding him. I could pet him, as long as Tammy was holding him. When she went inside the house and left me on the porch with him, he panicked and tried to climb under a fence to get away. There was no way to do an adoption video and certainly no way to start introducing strangers to Chestnut.

I asked Tammy if she thought that maybe Chestnut should be her forever dog. I didn't want to pressure her. I said she could keep working with him, and maybe in a few months, I could come back. We enjoyed our day in Baker, but it felt bittersweet. Had we failed Chestnut? Would he ever be adoptable?

A few days later, I got a message from a mutual friend who told me Tammy decided she would adopt Chestnut. He had been through so much, and she was so good for him. And Chestnut was good for her. Tammy sends me pictures of Chestnut in all of his little outfits, and it makes my day. I'm so glad that I put in the work to find those transports, to find a foster, to find Chestnut a forever home. When I asked Tammy for an update, she said: "Chestnut has come such a long ways. He has gone from a fear biter to a snuggle bug. He is so funny, I love his bat like ears, he talks with them, and he has such a great personality." She's right. He was that snuggle bug all along; he just didn't know how to be that when the panic set in that he was a ten-pound dog in a world much bigger and scarier than he knew how to deal with. I'm glad that Tammy and Chestnut found each other, and that I could be a part of it.

~Shaindel Beers, Vice President of PAWS

