



# Annual Newsletter



# Pioneer Humane Society

## President's Message

Hello PAWS Supporters,

When Covid-19 emerged as a pandemic and a public health emergency this year, PAWS was both financially and operationally impacted. Please consider a gift to PAWS this holiday to help us continue to provide much needed services to our community.

I am very proud of our board and staff for overcoming the challenges and coming up with new ways to operate that would protect staff and guests while enabling us to continue to serve our mission. A big thank you to Kelli Dailey, our Assistant Shelter Manager, for successfully keeping the shelter running during a difficult year. We said goodbye to our Shelter Manager Michelle Glynn in the spring as she moved on to another job. Thank you for your service, Michelle. You made a big contribution during your time with us.

At times we had to close our doors and limit services, helping customers by appointment only. Owner surrenders were suspended for the short term in order to limit the number of animals in the shelter, and we asked the community to help us by fostering shelter animals. Spay and Neuter clinics were suspended, which created a backlog of wait-listed animals with no end in sight.

Our annual fundraisers had to be cancelled for all of 2020, grant funds became limited, and the PAWS Thrift Store closed to the public during the spring, reducing our operating revenue greatly. However, in spite of the decline in revenue, the number of animals in need of our care did not diminish. In fact, as people were impacted by the drop in our economy, it has made caring for their pets more difficult, and many have turned to us to surrender their pets or to ask for help with food or medical care for their animals.

Through it all, we have continued to stay focused on our mission and move forward. We are extremely grateful to our partner organizations such as the Oregon Humane Society, who were able to take increased animal transfers during 2020 – which helped us a lot. We appreciate our relationship with Dr. Kidd at Kennedy Vet in Milton-Freewater, who provides care for our shelter animals. We appreciate our working relationship that we have with Fuzzball Animal Rescue and Cat Utopia and our ability to help one another out, especially during this difficult year.

In Umatilla County, there is no doubt there is a need for our services. Each year we take in animals who are homeless or surrendered, often under difficult

circumstances. We work hard to find them new homes. We find that there are many more animals needing homes here than there are families wanting to adopt, and we thankfully are able to work with partner organizations to transfer over half of the animals in our care to Oregon metro areas where they are more adoptable. It is important for the community to understand the importance of reducing the unwanted pet population by spaying and neutering their pets.

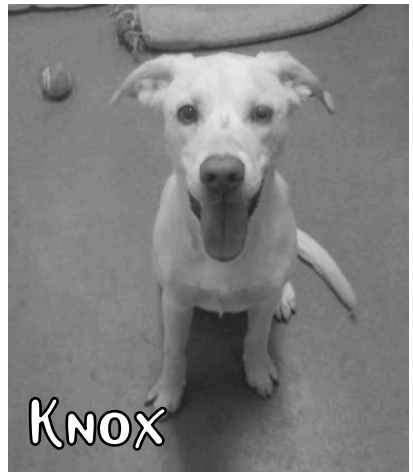
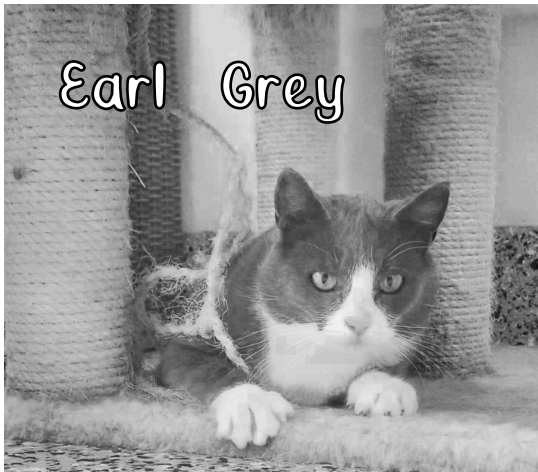
This year we've achieved a lot in spite of the challenges. We helped 286 dogs and 895 cats. We provide shelter and help pets overcome barriers to adoption, helping them to find their forever homes. We have helped facilitate the spay and neuter of 95 dogs and 357 cats. We weekly provide free food to low income pet owners. Many people reach out to us for help reuniting them with their lost pets. We are pleased to be of help. It's hard to surrender a pet or deal with a difficult situation regarding an animal. Sometimes people just need to know someone cares and can help them figure it out. We do, and we will.

If it weren't for the tireless work of our board of directors, staff, and volunteers, and through the generous gifts from the community, we would never be able to provide these services to our community. We are extremely grateful. If you would make a donation today, we will use it to continue to help fund shelter programs including sheltering of animals, adoption, and facilitating access to spay and neuter programs.

Gratefully,

Melissa Nathan

PHS/PAWS Board President





## By the Numbers

*Nov. 1, 2019 - Oct. 31 2020*

### **Animal Intake:**

286 dogs & 895 cats (1181 total)

**Animal Adoptions:** 198 dogs & 364 cats (562 total)

**Animals Returned to Owners:** 33 dogs & 21 cats (54 total)

**Animals Transferred to a No-Kill Shelter:** 53 dogs & 498 cats (551 total)

**Spay/Neuter for low income families:** 95 cats & 357 dogs (452 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.



**Tippy arrived  
January 2019**



**LaKota arrived  
October 2019**



**Mya arrived  
September 2020**



**Ember arrived  
November 2020**



**Spud arrived  
August 2020**



**Bear arrived  
July 2020**

## **PAWS is a “No-Kill” Shelter**

We reduce euthanization 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 euthanization occurs only with a veterinarian's recommendation and primarily to relieve suffering due to terminal illness.



# PAWS Thrift Store

*Melissa Nathan*

Welcome shoppers! After several months being closed due to Covid-19 we are open, and we have lots of great merchandise thanks to our wonderful donors. Our hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are located just behind the Shelter at 203 SE Goodwin in Pendleton, please stop by!

We said goodbye to Diana Thompson in the spring as she moved on to another position. Thank you for the good work you did at the store, Diana. Welcome Missy Johnson who is volunteering at the Thrift Store daily, and thank you Deidre Byrd and Jackie Carrey, Board Members and Co-Thrift Store Liaisons. Deidre and Missy have put in countless hours organizing, cleaning, and merchandising to get the store ready for you. Thank you!

We welcome donations during store hours or call ahead (call the Shelter at 541-276-0181) to make an appointment if you have a large donation. Donations are so important to us, especially now with Covid-19, because they help make the work we do at the shelter possible! All proceeds from your donations and purchases go directly to support Pioneer Humane Society (PHS) Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter (PAWS) programs including shelter, adoption, and spay and neuter. Donations should be gently used (or new), clean, and in good condition. Thank you!

Special Sales: 50% off sale: First Tuesday of the month & Bag Sale: Clothes \$5/bag – Wednesdays. Watch our Facebook page for product offerings!

For your safety, donations are quarantined before being put out and masks are required while in the store.



# Volunteering at PAWS

*Brooke Franklin*

Our volunteer base at PAWS is dedicated, and their efforts are essential in making the shelter work. In 2020, we've have had over 2,350 volunteer hours so far! This is a surprising and welcome increase over 2019. We want to thank every person who has volunteered at the shelter this past year, and since our start.

One of our biggest fundraising efforts this year has been from our Bottle & Can drive in May. From the one day event, we raised over \$4,000 in donated bottles and cans! We are thankful to everyone who has donated and continued to donate their bottles and cans to PAWS. One of our biggest needs right now is sorting bottles and cans. You can help us sort as an individual or as a group. Please contact the shelter before coming.

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.

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.









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

Please consider a gift today to support our 2021 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](http://www.pendletonpaws.org) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/PAWSPendleton](http://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:



- Membership: ☐ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## About PAWS

[www.pendletonpaws.org](http://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



## Supplies PAWS Needs

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

- Clumping cat litter
- Bleach
- Liquid HE laundry detergent
- Cat sized Plastic Carriers - up to 20 lb. size (23 to 24 inches length).
- Sturdy dog toys (Black Kong Extreme are great)
- Pate (wet kitten food)
- 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](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and choose

PAWS / Pioneer Humane Society in Pendleton, OR as your charity of choice.



## 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:**

Deidre Byrd  
Laurie Cantelon  
Jackie Schell  
Cindy Spiess

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 in 2020

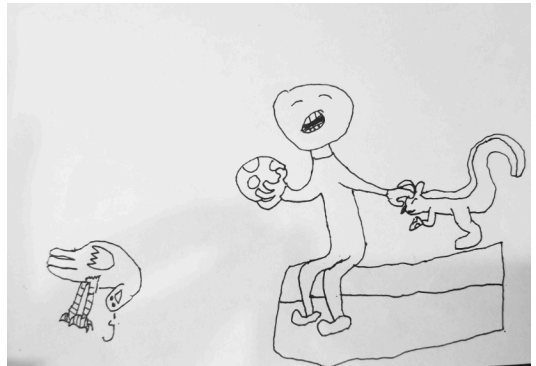
## Mask Sales

Masks are available for sale at the shelter and or on our website! The featured one below is \$15, royal blue with the PAWS logo in white. Homemade masks have been donated to PAWS and are available at the shelter for \$7.  
[www.pendletonpaws.org](http://www.pendletonpaws.org)



## Liam's Drawings

Donate \$20 to PAWS and receive a drawing from Liam. You can donate through PayPal or Facebook. If on PayPal, say Liam's Drawings in the notes section.



## Bottle & Can Drive

In May of this year PAWS hosted a Bottle & Can drive that raised over \$4,000 in one day! We continue to accept bottle and can donations at the shelter during open hours.

PAWS is in need of volunteers to help sort cans. You can come as an individual or as a group!

# Grants & Donations

## *Thank you to our Event Partners:*

- OMG! Burgers and Brew for hosting two events this year
- Cowboy Christmas in December 2019
- Pampered Chef - Hosted by Dawn Olmstead & Shaindel Beers

## *Grants:*

- Ed Cauduro Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation
- Pendleton Downtown Association/Oregon Community Foundation
- Let Er Buck Cares Fund
- Umatilla Electric Co-op

# Fundraising Report: Getting Creative for PAWS

The National Council of Nonprofits suggests that a good working mantra for our current pandemic situation is, "Safety of others is our highest priority." We wholeheartedly agree that the health and safety of our employees, volunteers, supporters, and shelter animals is more important than ever. Unfortunately, most of our fundraising efforts in the past involved social events such as benefits at restaurants, donation drives at local stores, and holiday activities such as Santa PAWS, which would not be safe currently. In fact, nearly all of our fundraising events had to be cancelled this year.

We appreciate the ways that you have helped us during this difficult time. Recyclable can and bottle donations have become a major part of our fundraising effort, and we appreciate everyone who buys items from our wish lists and who shops through AmazonSmile. Every time we have had animals with special needs who need their own designated funds, you have stepped up, such as Steve with #StevesFitnessJourney and the kittens with the #BestLifePossible fund.

If you can think of any other creative fundraising we can do, let us know. If you have a birthday coming up, consider holding a Facebook fundraiser for PAWS. If you host an online event such as a Pampered Chef Party, you can designate that a portion of proceeds go to PAWS. My 9-year-old is currently commissioning custom pet portraits with all proceeds going to PAWS. I know that catchphrases like, "We're all in this together," can seem worn out and tired, but it's true. We need your help. If you have any fundraising ideas that will work in our "new normal," we'd love to hear them.

--Shaindel Beers, PAWS Vice President

# Lost & Found Pets: What Should You Do?

## *Shaindel Beers, PAWS Vice President*

It's every pet owner's worst nightmare. You've let your dog into your fenced yard to potty, or your indoor/outdoor kitty wanted out to luxuriate in the sun, and when you go to let them back in, they're not there.

If it's only been a short amount of time since you've seen Fido or Whiskers, go for a walk outside with their favorite smelliest food and call for them. Chances are, they'll come running. But if it's been longer, what do you do? Your pet's keenest sense is their sense of smell. Put items that smell like "home" on your porch to help your pet. These include litterboxes, pet beds, and clothes that smell like you.

In the case of dogs, if you live within Pendleton city limits, report your dog missing by calling the non-emergency police dispatch number and giving a description of your pet to see if he or she is at the pound. If your pet is microchipped, the pound has a chip reader and will contact you as long as your information is up to date.

Next, email a picture of your missing pet and the following information to PAWS at [pawspendleton@gmail.com](mailto:pawspendleton@gmail.com) : Your pet's name, where they are missing from (an address or the nearest cross-streets), their disposition (friendly, cautious, scared), and how to contact you. We will put the pet on our missing pet board and will alert you immediately if they come in to the shelter.

Share your missing pet post to the following Facebook pages: Eastern Oregon Pet Lovers Classifieds, Pendleton Pets, and the REAL Pendleton Classifieds. If you don't already have one, start a Nextdoor.com account. It is a great way to alert your neighbors to your missing pet. Encourage your neighbors to check their garages and sheds for pets who might have gotten locked inside.

What if you lost your dog away from home while enjoying the great outdoors? Look for your pet as carefully as possible before leaving the area, but if you still haven't found them, come back with a kennel/crate and their dog bed and put it where you parked. Your pet may have come back looking for your car, and you were already gone. This next tip might sound embarrassing, but it works! Use a spray bottle of your own urine to help your dog find you. This is, after all, how dogs instinctively find each other. Make sure you contact any camp hosts or ranger stations with information about your missing dog.

If you find a pet, please follow all of the same procedures. If possible, contain the pet, take pictures, call police dispatch and PAWS, and post to social media. We're here to help!

Everyone loves their pets, and helping to reunite lost pets and owners is one way we can all help each other as a community!



## Bad News Bear

### *Shaindel Beers, PAWS Vice President*

When Bear first came to PAWS in July, it was under less than ideal circumstances. Bear had hurt another dog and was considered a Level 4 Dangerous Dog in Washington and a Level 5 Dangerous Dog in Oregon. Bear's owner was desperate to avoid him being euthanized and was hoping for one last chance. He was surrendered to us as a last ditch effort to save his life. We took him in without

knowledge of his history, and as we learned about the situation from the authorities, we had to determine what we were going to do. There are definitely shelters who would have euthanized Bear due to his designation. In a case like Bear's, it's hard to know what to do. Our board discussed it, and decided that we must do everything we can to find him a home before giving up on Bear.

When I first met him, I was astounded. I checked his nametag on his kennel; I went to the front office and asked Kelli, our Assistant Shelter Manager, "That's Bear?" I couldn't believe it. He certainly didn't match his rap sheet. He was a little dachshund mix. He wagged his tail happily when I came to his cage, "Oh, Bear. What have you done?" I asked him. He crawled into my lap as I sat on the floor of his kennel.

The authorities aren't wrong about Bear. He is a dangerous dog, but only to other animals. If you can keep Bear away from other pets, he's a perfectly normal dog. My husband, nine year-old son, and I have worked with Bear since July. We have discovered that he can be directed away from aggression toward large dogs with treats. Bear loves treats. The fact that he can be redirected means maybe there is a professional dog behaviorist who can help Bear.

When we tested Bear around dogs his size, he was extremely aggressive. Bear is not a dog for the faint of heart. You have to commit to keeping him at home and not having other pets, but I believe all dogs are worth saving. I have taken Bear to an outdoor café and made sure we were seated where there were no other dogs. Other PAWS workers have taken Bear on car rides and have dressed him up for Halloween. Bear is a great dog. You just have to realize that he is a special dog. If you adopt Bear, you have to register him as a Dangerous Dog. You have to take on that responsibility and keep everyone safe. I believe in our mission as a no-kill shelter. I also know that Bear cannot live in a shelter indefinitely. I want the right person to see this plea and think, "Maybe that's the dog for me," and come to PAWS and meet Bear. He deserves a home. He deserves love. Maybe you're the perfect fit for each other.



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