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# the Scoop

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**Our vision** is for all adoptable animals at the Jackson County Animal Shelter to find a loving home.

**Our mission** is to recruit and train volunteers who will save lives by increasing pet adoptions at the Jackson County Animal Shelter, improve the quality of life for the Shelter's animals, promote spay and neuter, and facilitate outreach and educational activities about the humane treatment of companion animals throughout Jackson County.

**Our values** are: Service, Compassion and Generosity

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DOG WASHES

See Page 3 for details.



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Come see us in Medford  
Saturday, July 16



**Ashland Food Co-op**  
Come see us in Ashland  
Sunday, August 14

FOTAS PRESIDENT'S NOTES  
BY PEGGY MOORE

The Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program is saving lives at the Shelter! This past year we have seen an increase in the live release rate for dogs, which Barbara Talbert, Shelter Manager, attributes directly to play groups. Of course there are other factors, but the play groups program allows dogs to be dogs, play as they normally would, return to the kennels relaxed and tired, and generally helps to keep them adoptable. It has been a huge success with the elements of the program being incorporated into play groups for dogs throughout the Rogue Valley.

"...but the play groups program allows dogs to be dogs, play as they normally would, return to the kennels relaxed and tired..."

We would like to extend a huge thanks to Sherrie Bolin, FOTAS Board Member, who has taken on the DPFL program for our Shelter dogs. Sherrie worked with the Shelter to get world-renowned trainer Aimee Sandler to come to the Rogue Valley in May 2015 and again this past May to train Shelter staff, FOTAS volunteers, SoHumane volunteers and others.

Training like this isn't inexpensive. But saving lives is priceless! For the 3-day training in May, the cost was close to \$10,000, with SoHumane contributing \$2,000. The rest was paid by funds donated to FOTAS.

If you'd like to see programs like DPFL, which not only saves lives, but makes a dog's life at the Shelter so much more enjoyable, please consider becoming a one-time or monthly donor to FOTAS.

CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS

We are so thankful, daily, for our wonderful FOTAS volunteers that show up, rain or shine, to provide care and love to the animals at the Shelter, in their foster homes, and showing them off to the public at outreach events.

Annually, the FOTAS Board and Staff throw a big "thank you" party. This year, more than 100 volunteers enjoyed homemade delicacies, received awards for years and hours of service, and had a good time swapping stories with each other.

We hope that you'll consider becoming a FOTAS volunteer and join us at the party in 2017! Attend one of our monthly New Volunteer Orientation meetings at the Shelter on the first Saturday of each month, from 1-2 pm.

**As of June 15, more than 290 FOTAS volunteers have given close to 20,000 hours of service to the Shelter!**



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Saturday and Sunday  
Noon-4:00 pm





# Dirty Dogs Welcome

What do you get when you mix lots of dirty dogs with dozens of enthusiastic FOTAS volunteers? Our annual Dog Washes, of course! Please mark your calendars for these fun fundraising events.

## SATURDAY, JULY 16

10 am–2 pm  
Grange Co-op / Pet Country  
2833 N Pacific Hwy  
Medford

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

10 am–2 pm  
Ashland Food Co-op  
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- Dog Wash—**\$15**
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**LITTLE BIT: IT TAKES MANY HANDS TO SAVE A LIFE**

In November 2015, a large American bulldog named Little Bit entered the Shelter with her sister Panda Bear, because their owner could no longer care for them. Both are 7 years old, and very sweet and affectionate, but did not do well with other dogs. Little Bit was overweight and had a very



**Little Bit and Panda Bear**

large tumor on her chest that was thought to be cancerous.

Normally, the Shelter does not put its limited resources in treating animals with cancer and this particular tumor was going to be complicated for a veterinarian to remove. Fortunately, thanks to a generous donor who paid her medical costs, and a new FOTAS foster parent who agreed to foster her during recovery, the tumor was successfully removed.

When it came time to promote her

for adoption, a FOTAS volunteer pre-paid her adoption fee, hoping that would help her find her forever home as a hospice dog. In the meantime, her sister Panda Bear was adopted into a new home of her own.

Then, there was good news when Little Bit's pathology report indicated that the mass could have been just an enlarged lymph node, not cancer! She still needed to lose weight and might have some medical issues down the road, but was no longer considered a hospice patient! By this time, her FOTAS foster mom had fallen in love with her and decided to adopt her.

It took two months, generous donors, skilled medical care, and foster care to find a happy ending for Little Bit. This combination of efforts is just one example of what is repeated week after week at the Jackson County Animal Shelter, with essential support from FOTAS, to save lives of "special needs" animals that lose their original homes through no fault of their own and need help finding a new home.

**OLDER CATS NEED LOVE TOO**

Sadly, many cats are surrendered to the Shelter because their owners' health no longer allows them to care for their furry family. These are lovely cats that are very friendly, who have lived wonderful lives ... and have many more years of love and affection to give.

We all love kittens, but with an adult cat, you know—absolutely—what their personality is. FOTAS volunteers cuddle and play with the cats all day and can tell you about their fun little quirks while helping you find your purr-fect match.

Shelter kitties come in all colors, ages, sizes and purr-sonalities. And each is a delightful reminder of what Robert Heinlein meant when he said, "There is no such thing as just a cat."

Adult cats, one year and older, can be adopted for only \$45, or adopt 2-Fur-1 ... two adult cats for the price of one! Kittens adoption fees are \$70, or adopt 2-Fur-1.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JIM ORMAND

LEGACY SOCIETY

In the Spring of 2016, we formally announced the Legacy Society. The Legacy Society recognizes contributors who include a provision for Friends of the Animal Shelter in their estate plans. Please welcome our inaugural members:

- Betty J. Welch Trust
• Dianne Sims
• Jean Conger

Their legacy gifts will provide a lasting impact at the Shelter. For more information or a membership application, please go to www.fotas.org/ways-to-give/legacy-society or contact me.



BUSINESS PARTNERS PROGRAM

Our Business Partners Program, launched in 2015, extends a warm welcome to our newest members for 2016:

- Camelot Theater, Talent (Dan Hauser)
• Grocery Outlet of Medford (Judy and Doug Detrick)
• Gentlemen's Den, a Medford men's hair salon (Rachelle Long)
• Ashland Homes (Justin Donovan)

Business Partners provide sponsorship funding to support charity events, specific programs, special projects, and new initiatives. If you would like to become a Business Partner, please contact me and visit www.fotas.org/business-partners-program

FOND FAREWELL

At the end of May, we said goodbye to Susan Meyerott, our Volunteer Services Manager since May 2012. During her four years, Susan welcomed hundreds of new volunteers into the FOTAS family who are helping save thousands of lives at the Jackson County Animal Shelter. She will be missed!

KEEP IN TOUCH

As we approach summer, please check our upcoming events at www.fotas.org/keepintouch/calendar. Our calendar includes our community adoption, outreach and fundraising events. Also, please see page 6 of this newsletter and the calendar insert for more details.

I hope to meet you when you find your new best friend at the Shelter.

Jim Ormand, Executive Director
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BUSINESS PARTNERS PROGRAM

Our corporate partners provide sponsorship funding to support Friends of the Animal Shelter charity events, programs, projects, and initiatives. Philanthropic businesses give back to their communities through support of nonprofit organizations.



Friends of the Animal Shelter hosts a variety of fun and fund-raising events throughout the year, many of which provide a unique opportunity to reach animal loving audiences. Some of our events include:

- Paws to Celebrate Dressy Evening Soirée
• Ashland and Medford Dog Washes
• Paws for a Cause Dog Walk and Fair
• Puss 'n Boots Costume Ball and Auction

In addition, perhaps you would like to host a special event to benefit FOTAS.

Please contact Jim Ormand, Executive Director, to explore the possibilities.

In 2015, FOTAS contributed more than \$33,000 to the Shelter to help pay for preventative and healing treatments, which is only a fraction of the Shelter's actual medical costs (including spay/neuter). You can help save lives by contributing to FOTAS.

**SNYP: LOW-COST  
SPAY/NEUTER  
OPTIONS**

If you adopt an animal from the Jackson County Animal Shelter, spay/neuter is included in the price of adoption, which is a very good deal!

But if you adopt a cat or dog from Craig's List or a family down the street, you will need to pick up the cost to fix it! If full cost at a vet is stopping you from fixing your pet, then SNYP has options for you.



SNYP helps members of our community through their various spay/neuter programs. Through careful review, they provide the information and assistance needed.

The assistance program is made possible by dedicated veterinary offices in the Rogue Valley, and FOTAS partial funding of three season campaigns.

**SNYP Help Line**  
(541) 858-3325, leave a message  
[www.spayneuter.org](http://www.spayneuter.org)  
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# EVENTS

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

**New Volunteer Orientation**

1st Saturday of the month,  
1–2:30 pm at the Shelter

**Low-cost Vaccinations**

3rd Saturday of the month,  
11 am–2 pm at the Shelter

**Waggin' Tales Used Books Sale**

Last Saturday, Noon–4 pm  
Last Sunday, Noon–2 pm

**Medford Dog Wash**

Saturday, July 16  
10 am–2 pm  
Pet Country / Grange Co-op  
in Medford

**Ashland Dog Wash**

Sunday, August 14  
10 am–2 pm  
Ashland Food Co-op



**Paws for a Cause Dog Walk and Fair**

Sunday, September 11  
starting at 9 am

Starting at Nature's Pet Market in Medford and continuing through Hawthorne Park and downtown Medford. (see insert to register)

**Black Beauty and Beautiful Joe**

**Big Barn Bazaar—New & Used Items**

Saturday, September 17  
10 am–4 pm  
Equamore Sanctuary Barn  
4723 Highway 66, Ashland  
(see insert for more details)

**Opposition Brewing Company Benefit Golf Tournament**

Saturday, September 24  
(see page 10 for more details)

**Puss 'n Boots Costume Ball & Auction**

October 29, 6 pm  
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## NEWSLETTER

### PRODUCTION COORDINATOR NEEDED

The Scoop, Friends of the Animal Shelter's newsletter, is our primary way to connect with more than 5,000 households of animal lovers throughout the Rogue Valley, and beyond.

Published three times a year, we try to share both good news and challenges—all in an effort to achieve our mission of recruiting and training volunteers who saves lives by increasing pet adoptions at the Jackson County Animal Shelter.

#### **We need a Newsletter Production Coordinator to ensure we enhance our connections!**

If you are organized, enjoy working as a team (as part of our Publicity Committee), have some computer skills, and want to help, please let us know! We have a wonderful layout designer, Pete Livers of LiveWire Design, that takes our articles and announcements, and creates the final document for printing. That means you don't need to have any layout design skill or experience! And you'll be requesting articles from others, so you might do a little writing and editing, but it's not a lot!

Plus, we'll work as a team—you're never alone—we provide the resources and the support you'll need!

If this sounds interesting, please contact Eliza at (541) 261-6206 or [fotas-scoop@charter.net](mailto:fotas-scoop@charter.net).

### THERE ARE ANGELS LIVING AMONG US

One such angel is Sid Layton, who regularly pre-pays the adoption fees for the Jackson County Animal Shelter kitties that are featured in the Mail Tribune's "Pet of the Week." (The Mail Tribune lists a pet every week for free, for which we are very grateful.)

Sid, who owns a refrigeration systems company, became aware of our cats when he did some work at the Shelter a few years ago. He met Ernie, who soon became a part of the home Sid shares with his partner Cindy, and two more cats. Sid says, "There was an undeniable chemistry—still is. He is an absolute love—unless you happen to be a dog." Ernie oversees the activities in the Layton Refrigeration Company shop, sticking very close to Sid's side.

Sid grew up on a farm where there was no shortage of cats. He spent his early years with a beautiful silver tabby Manx named Thomas Howard Edwards. "T.H. and I were inseparable," Sid tells us. "We met when we were both 'kittens'. He lived to be 22.

That cat taught me about empathy, sympathy, worry, anger and forgiveness, fun and love, devotion and kindness and, eventually...about loss. I still have his picture on my desk."

Years later, Sid started thinking about how he could make a difference in the lives of all "these beautiful homeless animals; each with their own unique promise." He noticed the "Pet of the Week" and decided that he would like to donate the adoption fee for those kitties.

This is a sweet story, any way you look at it—but especially sweet is the connection Sid feels to each of kitty he "sponsors." He sends a beautifully-handwritten letter along with his check, mentioning the particular qualities he notices, as well as some colorful observations about cats in general. He often includes a tiny sketch of one of his own cats or one of the cats he is "sponsoring."

Recently Sid's donation paid for the adoption of our big wonderful MooShoo. At the end of the letter he included this quote:

"People that don't like cats simply haven't met the right one yet."  
—Deborah A. Edwards.

A kitty angel, indeed. Thank you, Sid!



**Sid and Ernie – undeniable chemistry**



The Jackson County Animal Shelter never euthanizes animals due to running out of space or the amount of time they spend at the Shelter!

Through the efforts of Shelter staff and FOTAS volunteers, we find homes for adoptable animals, no matter how long it takes!

## OLIVE: SAVING THE LIFE OF AN INJURED DOG

On a dark evening in November 2015, as the staff was closing down the Shelter, a truck pulled into the parking lot. A farmer from Gold Hill had an injured black Labrador retriever mix in the back of his truck, which he had found lying in his field, unable to walk. They called Best Friends Animal Hospital in Talent, which reopened to examine the dog. They found puncture wounds on her two back legs, plus a shattered elbow. What could have happened to her? Attacked by another animal? Hit by a car? Even with lots of poking and prodding, this dog remained amazingly calm, as if she knew she was safe.



Olive recovers in a FOTAS foster home

Medical care, including two major surgeries, was provided by Best Friends at discounted rates. Initial recovery took place in the home of a veterinarian, who changed her bandages, kept her quiet, and monitored her progress. Her healing process took four months in two different FOTAS foster homes, before she was ready for adoption.

Reports from her foster homes included comments about how sweet she was, the thrill at seeing her walk again with just a slight limp, and also her tentativeness when meeting new people. It ended up taking another month of continued introductions to new situations with other dogs and people to build her confidence, before she was really ready for adoption.

Finally, in April 2016, a rancher in Sams Valley, whose dog had recently passed, saw her story on the FOTAS Facebook page and scheduled a time to meet her. He had been waiting for the right time to introduce a new dog to his ranch, and soon Olive was running around with his horses and engaging with everyone she met with newfound happiness and confidence.

This was an unusually long journey for one of our shelter dogs which demonstrates how skilled medical care, FOTAS financial contributions that made the expensive medical procedure possible, long-term foster care, and social media postings made a difference in Olive's life.

Fortunately, similar stories that continue to save lives are repeated every month at the Jackson County Animal Shelter, thanks to the contributions of FOTAS volunteers and donors, working alongside Shelter staff and our veterinary community. Your donations make a difference!

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Because the Jackson County Animal Shelter is a spay/neuter-before-adoption facility, young puppies and kittens need time to grow and be socialized in a loving home environment before their surgery and adoption.

And some animals don't do well in a shelter environment, because they are frightened, need a little extra care, or just need a break if they've been in the Shelter for a while.

And sometimes, in an effort to give as many animals the chance they need to move onto their "forever home," they might need time to recover from a treatable illness or injury before adoption.

**Whatever the reason, these animals need extra love and care before they can be adopted. Providing foster care is a lifesaving gift for an animal.**

Fostering is done at your convenience, and the Shelter and Friends of the Animal Shelter pay for vaccinations, food and litter.

You provide the love and attention; we'll help them find new homes.

Learn more about being a foster family at [www.foster.org/foster](http://www.foster.org/foster), or if you can't foster, please consider making a contribution to support the Foster program.

#### **Biggest Needs—Training Provided**

- Foster homes for larger dogs
- Foster homes for kittens



**Dogs being dogs during a morning Play Group romp**

## RUN WITH THE BIG DOGS

Most dogs don't like spending their day in a kennel. And big dogs feel really caged in! Starting early in the morning, FOTAS volunteers show up to give them breaks with "walkies" and romps in the Shelter Agility Yard and Slim Jim Lane.

And, several mornings each week, there are special Dogs Playing for Life groups, where multiple dogs are allowed to just be dogs, play as they normally would, and return to the kennels relaxed and tired.

With several dogs participating in Play Groups, there is a need for "runners"—volunteers that bring the dogs to the agility yard, and then back again to their kennel.

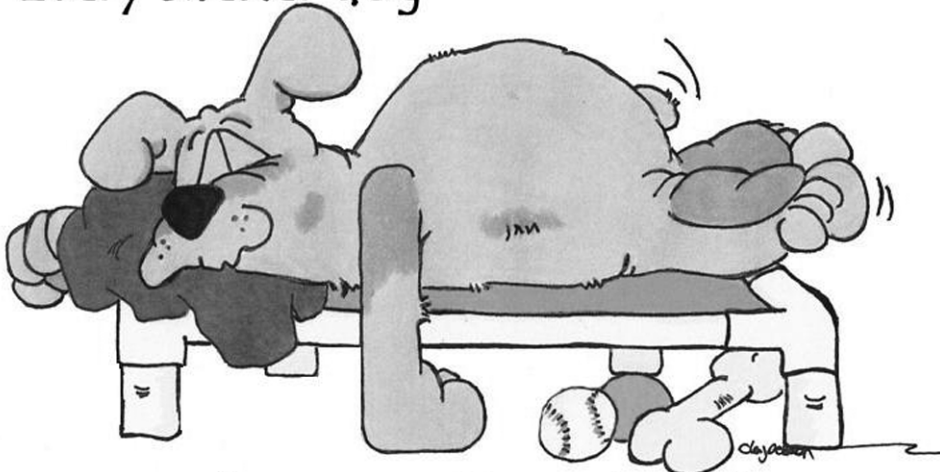
**We need more people, particularly able-bodied men of all ages, that want to learn the skills to handle our big dogs, helping them have much more enriched lives while waiting for their new forever homes.**

So, if you're an early riser, perhaps you can be a Play Group runner and help before the Shelter opens to the public.

If not, then how about a dog walker during the week or weekends? The Shelter is open every day, and dog walking starts as early as 10 am, and is done by 3:30 pm. Come in for an hour ... maybe two ... once a week or more. Whatever your schedule allows!

Come and run with the big dogs! It's a blast!

## Every shelter dog



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### SHELTER WISH LISTS

You can help bring the Shelter's costs down by contributing needed items:

Towels (large)

Dog collars & leashes

Washable blankets, rugs, and other bedding for dogs/cats

Washable toys for the pets to help ease the stress of kennel life

Higher protein kibble for puppies and kittens

Pet food: canned cat food, canned dog food, dry kibble (preferably dye-free)

Clay cat litter

Small cat litter pans

Baby shampoo and pet shampoos

Kuranda Beds (see below)

Each of the supplies above go to directly help the animals. Any support you can give makes a difference.

### KURANDA BEDS

Kuranda Beds are durable off-the-ground beds for cats and dogs. They lift the animal off the floor of their kennel, and can be cleaned/sanitized easily. Go to <https://kuranda.com/donate/11699> to donate toward purchasing more Kuranda Beds for the Jackson County Animal Shelter.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

More animals are adopted because of FOTAS volunteer efforts. You can help!

- Dog Walking, Training, Socializing and Cuddling
- Dog Enrichment—creating treats that keep dogs happily occupied between walks
- Cat Care and Cuddling
- Adoption Ambassadors—working with potential adopters to help them find their perfect new best friend
- Fostering—providing a “home between homes” for dogs/puppies and cats/kittens prior to adoption
- Youth Volunteers—at age 10, young volunteers can start with handling cats; at age 13 they can start volunteering with dogs. All volunteers under age 18 need to have a parent with them whenever they volunteer at the Shelter
- Project Street Dogs—help us connect with homeless pet owners to get their companions spayed/neutered and vaccinated
- Special Events—lend a helping hand at fun community-outreach events such as the Puss ‘n Boots Costume Ball and Silent Auction, parades, fairs, monthly outreach events, and our annual Ashland and Medford dog washes
- Office Help—we can always use help in the office

## OPPOSITION BREWING CO.

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## OPPOSITION OPEN

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### New Volunteer Orientation

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**Jeani always had a smile on her face,  
a kind word, and incredible kitty  
care advice.**

Friends of the Animal Shelter has lost a true kitty whisperer. One of our long-time cat volunteers, Jeani Kimball, passed away on May 13, 2016.

To honor Jeani, Friends of the Animal Shelter and her fellow volunteers are asking you to make a donation, large or small, in Jeani's honor and memory to the newly established **Jeani Kimball Kitten Medical Fund.**

Jeani was known for her amazing dedication to our felines, and fostered more than 300 kittens during her tenure with FOTAS. It is a rare soul that volunteers to bottle feed very young kittens (every two hours)—sometimes only days old. It takes a tender touch and loving heart to be their substitute mom while they gain strength to grow up into healthy, adoptable kittens.

Jeani was a regular fixture in the cat rooms, working with prospective adopters and helping them find their purr-fect match. She also generously and lovingly mentored a multitude of volunteers to be cat room adoption counselors and foster parents, helping us save and rehome hundreds of cats during her 14 years with FOTAS, including 10 years on the Board of Directors.

Jeani is sorely missed by FOTAS, her husband, Jon, her family and friends ... and of course, her kitties!

To make a donation to the Jeani Kimball Kitten Medical Fund, go to the [fotas.org](http://fotas.org) website and click on DONATE NOW, or send a check and/or card with your tribute to: FOTAS, PO Box 1013, Phoenix, OR 97535.