



# friends of the animal shelter

Jackson County



Supporting the programs of the Jackson County Animal Shelter

**SUMMER 2019**



Ripley

## SHELTER WISH LIST

- Kitten kibble (Science Diet)
- Canned cat food (Paté )
- Canned dog food and dry kibble (preferably dye-free)
- Litter (paper or corn)
- Dog collars (medium and large) and strong leashes
- Large towels and LOTS of them!
- Small blankets and bedding (washable)
- Washable beds (all sizes)
- Baby and pet shampoo
- Dog and cat toys
- EXTRA-LARGE Kongs for dogs

Drop off your donations at the Shelter. Hours and location on page 2.

## One more amazing senior dog lands in the safe haven called foster care

Older animals end up at the Shelter for a number of reasons. Their human companion's pass away, their family's move and can't take their pets with them, or an their living situation changes. No matter what the reason, many of these older animals come into the Shelter with special needs.

Fortunately, the Shelter is now able to provide medical care for these animals through the support of **Friends of the Animal Shelter Senior Fund**. This fund was created as a result of some very special donors who stood up at last year's Paws to Celebrate event and announced they would match dollar for dollar for a senior fund. This valuable fund is now utilized regularly for dental care and other medical needs.

We recently visited Sheri Masessa, a Friends of the Animal Shelter foster volunteer, who focuses her foster energies on helping the older dogs. "I have a soft spot for the older animals that are at the Shelter and provide them with a safe, peaceful environment where they can adjust," states Sheri. These are wonderful dogs that just need some loving support until they find their way to a new home."

Sheri's current foster dog, Ripley, is a beautiful eleven-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog mix who is recuperating from an infection and resulting surgical procedure. "Ripley has needed medical attention a number of times since he has been with us." Thanks to the available Senior Fund this wonderful dog is now on the mend with several interested adoption opportunities waiting in the wings. Ripley's outcome wouldn't have been possible without the funds to address his needs.

As we talked about how much fostering enriches Sheri's life, we watched Ripley romping and playing like he was a young pup again. He is safe, loved and healing. Thank goodness for the Foster Program and the Senior Fund for dogs like Ripley, and so many others.

**It's kitten season**...find out what Friends of the Animal Shelter is doing to help. Page 6

**Friends of the Animal Shelter supports the programs of the Jackson County Animal Shelter in Phoenix, Oregon.**

We provide hundreds of volunteers to help increase pet adoptions and improve the quality of life for Shelter animals while waiting for their new forever homes.

Because preventing unplanned litters is the first step to reducing pet overpopulation, all Shelter animals are spayed/neutered before adoption, and we promote spay/neuter options for non-Shelter pets.

And to ensure animals get a second chance, the Jackson County Animal Shelter and Friends of the Animal Shelter fund preventative and rehabilitative medical treatments.

All of this is in service to our vision that all adoptable animals in Jackson County find a loving home. And you can help!



**Jackson County Animal Shelter ADOPTIONS and LICENSING**

5595 S Pacific Hwy, Phoenix  
 Tuesday–Friday, 11am–4pm  
 Saturday & Sunday, Noon–4pm  
 (541) 774-6654

**January - March 2019 Shelter Stats:**

The Jackson County Animal Shelter took in 661 cats and dogs in the first three months of 2019.

**CATS**

Intake:232  
 Returned to owner:14  
 Adopted:154  
**Up from 135 at this same time last year!**  
 Transferred:27  
 Returned to field:18  
 Live release rate: 82.76%  
**Up from 56.07% at this same time last year, due in part to the new Working Cat Program!**  
 See page 8 for details.

**DOGS**

Intake:429  
 Returned to owner:178  
 Adopted:204  
**Up from 181 at this same time last year!**  
 Transferred:25  
 Live release rate:93.69%  
**Up 2% from last year!**

Friends of the Animal Shelter - helping the Shelter every step of the way!



**View adoptable animals anytime at: [www.fotas.org](http://www.fotas.org)**

**OUR MISSION**

Friends of the Animal Shelter is dedicated to the well-being and adoption of animals at the Jackson County Animal Shelter, the training and recruitment of volunteers, and the promotion of pet health, spay/neuter services and education through community outreach.

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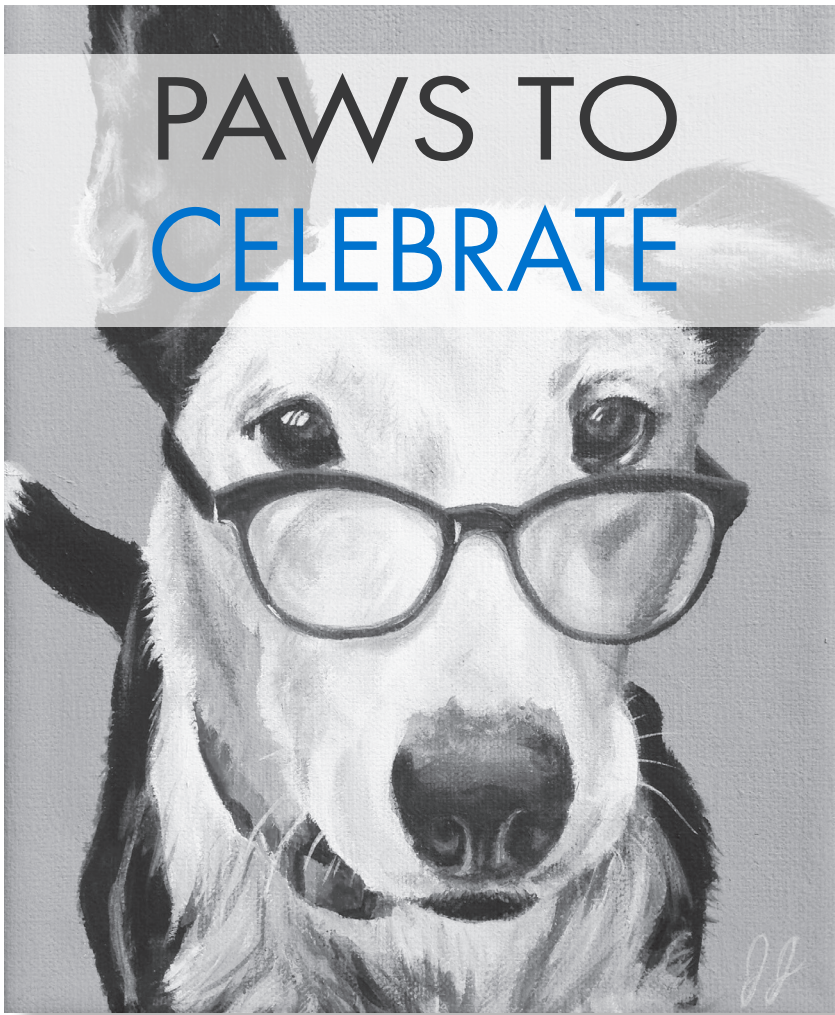
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**Hours**

Tuesday - Friday  
 11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 Saturday and Sunday  
 Noon - 4:00 pm



# PAWS TO CELEBRATE

Join us for our 6th annual celebration that raises funds to help save as many of Jackson County's animals as possible.

**June 21, 2019**

Bigham Knoll Ballroom  
Jacksonville

A fun and festive evening awaits you, with wonderful auction items and an opportunity to pledge your support!

Tickets: \$110 per person  
(\$100 before June 5)

Purchase tickets by June 15 at:  
[fotas.org/paws-to-celebrate](http://fotas.org/paws-to-celebrate)  
or contact Tilly (541) 601-2642  
[tilly.gibbs@hotmail.com](mailto:tilly.gibbs@hotmail.com)

Original art by Judy Jordan.



During the Dog Days of Summer, those dogs sure get dirty!

**Mark your calendar for our annual Dog Washes:**

- **Medford – Saturday, July 13**  
**PetSmart**
- **Ashland – Sunday, August 11**  
**Ashland Food Co-op**

Event times: 10 AM – 2 PM

In addition to washing services,  
we brush out and trim nails!

**All for only \$20!**



## EVENTS GALORE...

**JUNE:**  
**Doggy World at McKee Bridge Day**  
Saturday, June 8, (see page 5)

**Paws to Celebrate**  
Friday, June 21, (see page 3)  
Bigham Knoll Ballroom, Jacksonville

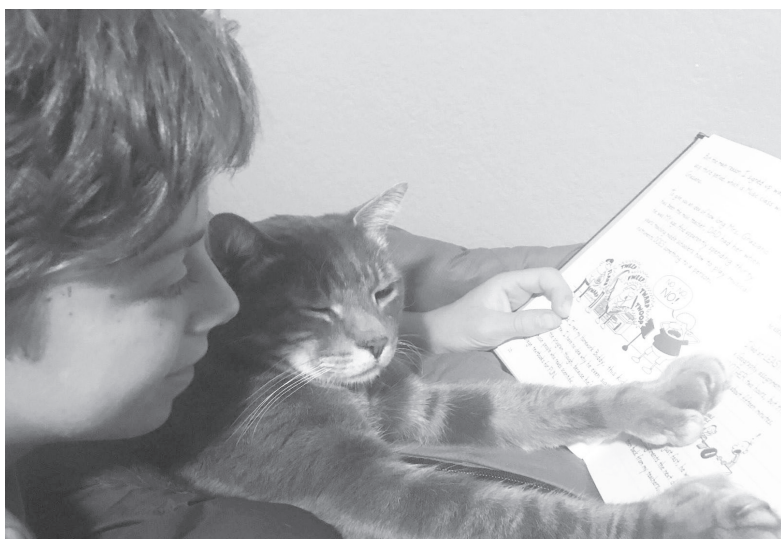
**JULY/AUG: Dirty Dogs Washes**  
Saturday, July 13 at PetSmart in Medford  
Sunday, August 11 at the Ashland Food Co-op  
(see page 3)

**SEPT: Paws for a Cause Dog Walk**  
Sunday, September 15  
Starting at Nature's Pet Market, Medford Center  
(see page 12)

**OCT: Puss 'n Boots Costume Ball & Auction**  
Saturday, October 26  
Ashland Armory

**DEC: Deck the Paws**  
Saturday, Dec. 7  
Phoenix Civic Center, (see page 5)

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



### KITTY ENRICHMENT READING PROGRAM

Children in grades 1-8, accompanied by an adult, are invited to the Shelter to read to the cats in one of our adoption rooms. The program helps children improve their reading skills while providing shelter kitties with socialization and human interaction.

Join us on the 1st Sunday of the month, 11:00 AM to Noon

**RSVP to:**  
fotas@fotas.org with the date, your name and your children's names.

### LOUIE'S RESTAURANT \$20 GIFT CARDS



Purchase a \$20 gift card to Louie's Restaurant in Ashland from us, and we keep \$10.

Gift cards are available at the Friends of the Animal Shelter office at the Jackson County Animal Shelter or purchase them on-line at [fotas.org/Louies](http://fotas.org/Louies), and we'll send you the cards in the mail.

*Thank you, Louie's, for your incredible generosity and support.*

### WAGGIN' TALES MONTHLY USED BOOK SALE

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- Last Saturday and Sunday of the month
- Saturday, Noon – 4 PM
- Sunday, Noon – 2 PM

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## Deck the Paws Holiday Fair we need your crafts!

We know the holidays are quite a ways off, but we're inviting Elves of all ages to contribute 5 – 10 new homemade items to our Deck the Paws Holiday Fair on **December 7th at the Phoenix Civic Center.**

Creative people like you are busily creating animal-themed gifts for us to sell at the Fair. What could you make with animal-print fabric? How about wine bottle covers? Fleece blankets for kitty and doggie beds? Cat nip toys? Like to draw? How about unique greeting cards?

**We're hoping to gather up 1,000 items to raise funds to save more animals at the Shelter.**

Oh, and as an added bonus, when you donate items, you'll receive "Doggy Dollar/Kitty Kash" to spend at the Fair.

More information at [www.fotas.org/deck-the-paws](http://www.fotas.org/deck-the-paws)



**There will be loads of other activities at the Fair, too, like pictures with Santa Paws!**

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Locations: 9 E 4th Street, Medford, and 1700 Ashland Street, Ashland.

## BRING YOUR DOG for a fun day at McKee Bridge Day

McKee Bridge Historical Society, in collaboration with Friends of the Animal Shelter, is featuring Doggy World at McKee Bridge Day.

### Events:

- The Grrrrreatest Canine Talent Show with prizes for best sit, longest fur, etc.
- Just-for-fun dog agility course
- Local experts discuss "dogs of service" and pet health



### Doggy World at McKee Bridge Day

**June 8 | 11AM - 3PM**

Forest Service picnic area  
Upper Applegate Road, Mile 9

## Providing a Home Between Homes

In our purr-fect world, responsible pet owners would get their cats and dogs spayed/neutered, but ... well ... that's not always the case.

### “Kittens! Why are there SO many kittens?”

Yes, it's “Kitten Season” again ... come Spring, in addition to flowers and trees blooming all over the place, cats are “gettin’ busy” and producing hundreds and hundreds of kittens!

The Jackson County Animal Shelter staff and Friends of the Animal Shelter volunteers join forces throughout the year to help find homes for kittens while reducing the incidence of unplanned litters.

The Shelter is a spay/neuter-before-adoption facility, so all animals passing through our doors are fixed before they leave for their new forever homes.

For kittens and puppies that are too young to get fixed, our incredible Foster Team jumps into action!

### Become a Kitten Foster Family

If you'd like to learn how to bottle-feed REALLY young kittens, we'll teach you. If you would prefer kittens who are eating on their own, that's great!

Once the adorable fur balls reach 2 lbs., we get them spayed/neutered. They recover in your home for another week, and then they are put up for adoption!

Yes, sometimes Foster Team members decide to keep one or two. We don't think of that as a “foster failure,” it means just they have adult cats to help them foster new babies!



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## Fostering Puppies

If you can't wait to get your hands on a wiggly puppy, we'll get you a couple!

The Shelter doesn't see as many puppies as it used to, which is marvelous! However, when they come in, they need to go out into foster homes quickly! Puppies take a little more room and attention than kittens. They grow up faster, and find ways to get into things! Depending on the age of the puppies, fostering usually lasts a month or so, with a need for lots of hands-on nurturing.

## Fostering Adult Dogs

The Shelter gets a lot of adult dogs looking for new homes. Sometimes they are strays, but many times they are wonderful pets whose owners' living circumstances have changed, and they are surrendered.

For many of these dogs, the Shelter is a scary, noisy place – especially compared to a quiet home. Some dogs don't thrive or show well when they are stressed, which is where foster homes come in.

**Think of it as giving the dog a well-deserved break! Your home may be the ideal place to calm down, and will "show off" better to potential adopters.**

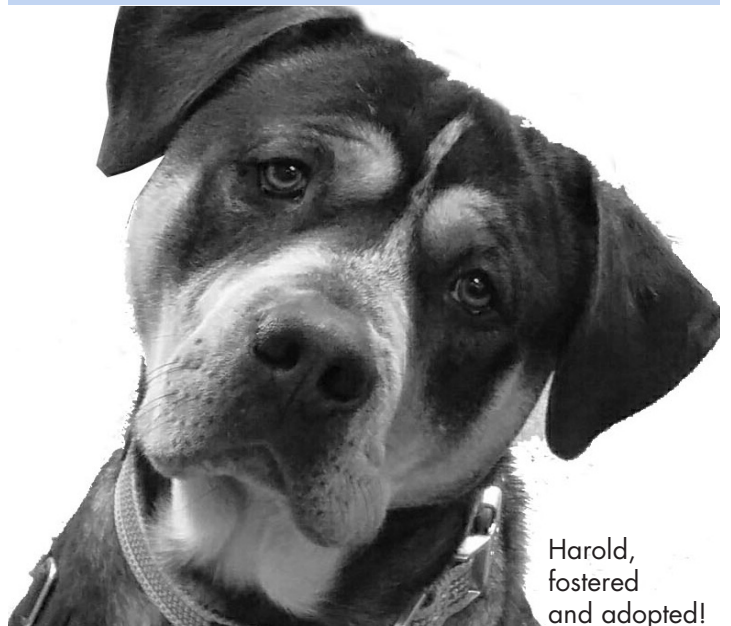
## Contact us today and become a Foster Family!

It's so easy! After filling out a simple questionnaire where you list your fostering preferences, you are placed on an email list, and you "raise your hand" when the situation is right for you.

We provide kennels, food, litter, vaccinations and, most importantly, guidance and support!

You provide a safe home and lots of love and socialization, to prepare them for adoption!

[www.fotas.org/about-fostering](http://www.fotas.org/about-fostering)



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## WORKING CAT PROGRAM

Adopt a working cat



Too many times, unsocialized cats are trapped and surrendered to the Shelter. In the past, because they could not be handled by Shelter staff or Friends of the Animal Shelter volunteers, they had to be humanely euthanized.

To help save more of our feline friends, we now have a "Working Cat Program," where we try to match healthy, unsocial cats with safe homes in barns, warehouse, wineries, etc.

We need your assistance in making this program a success! Please call the Friends of the Animal Shelter office at (541) 774-6641 if you'd like to get involved in some way ... it could be creating or hanging flyers, posting to social media, meeting with potential adopters, making follow-up calls ... there are a lot of options!

And if you have a need for a Working Cat (or two), or know someone who might be interested, please call the Shelter at (541) 774-6654 and ask about available Working Cats.

**With your help, we can save more lives!**

## Living on the streets is hard ... for both humans and their furry companions.

Our Street Dog Project, now in its 4th year, works with the homeless population to help get their pets spayed/neutered, with costs covered by Friends of the Animal Shelter. This greatly reduces unwanted litters, and improves the overall health of the cats and dogs. So far, we have successfully spayed/neutered more than 300 dogs and cats, which has also resulted in fewer dogs ending up at the Shelter. It's a win-win!

Working with the homeless is challenging, and requires a lot of relationship building to create trust. More than anything, we need patient people who will visit with the homeless on scheduled days/times. We currently attend 8 community Friday meals per month in Ashland and Medford. Perhaps you could join us for one?

And, we need funds to help sustain this essential community program. Your donations will help spay/neuter more animals, pay for low-cost vaccinations, and provide secure leashes/harnesses, jackets and food.

## STREET DOG PROJECT

Providing a helping hand



**Please contact the Friends of the Animal Shelter office at (541) 774-6651 or email [fotas@fotas.org](mailto:fotas@fotas.org), and/or make a donation and specify Street Dogs Program.**

**Your generosity brings comfort to those who need it most.**



## Volunteering @ the Shelter

We have so many wonderful, fun and rewarding volunteer opportunities, it might be hard to choose! Work directly with the cats and dogs. Help adopters find their perfect new companion. Volunteer at the Shelter, in the community, and even from home!

### DOG CARE

With more than 1,500 dogs prancing through the Shelter each year, we need lots of strong Dog Walkers, Ambassadors to work with adopters, Kennel Coordinators and Enrichment volunteers. Dog walkers can even take a dog home overnight!

### DOG PLAY GROUPS

Sounds fun, right? Play groups provide exercise, mental stimulation and socialization for the dogs, and is an important part of our evaluation process as we assess their adoptability. Volunteers have a very active role in getting dogs to and from the kennels, where an experienced yard handler takes charge. If handling a dog is too much, perhaps you can become a note taker. It's fun for the dogs and the volunteers!

### CAT CARE

Cat volunteers help with maintaining a healthy and happy cat room environment, while helping our feline friends feel comfortable and loved, which helps them get adopted. Spend time petting, grooming, keeping kennels clean, socializing and feeding our kitties. Volunteers are very hands-on with our cats, help promote them on social media, and love helping them find their fur-ever homes.

### SUPPORT SERVICES

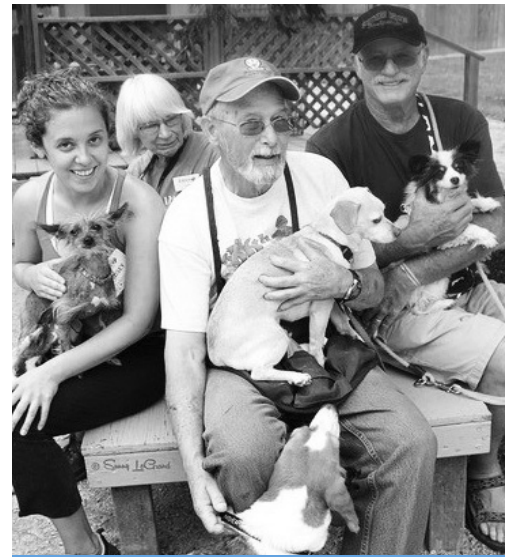
We have several opportunities for volunteers in invaluable support roles. At the Shelter's front desk you can greet visitors, answer questions, and help with projects. The Shelter has very little staff, so your contribution is immeasurable.

### FOSTERING

One of the most essential volunteer opportunities, which is both fun and rewarding, is providing a foster "home between homes" for dogs/puppies and cats/kittens prior to adoption. With our support, you help socialize animal(s), making them highly adoptable. This is a wonderful and personal way to help save pets in your loving home.

### STREET DOGS PROJECT

This project reaches out to homeless with companion animals to get them spayed/neutered and provide medical care. Help is needed at outreach events, and behind the scenes answering phone calls, bagging food, and scheduling vet appointments. Food, collars, harnesses, leashes and jackets are needed.



## SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES!

32 Daily Shelter Activities  
5 Monthly Events  
15 Yearly Events

## NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

There are many more ways you can help save deserving pets. For a complete list of volunteer opportunities, please sign up for a New Volunteer Orientation meeting by contacting the office at  
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Sometimes we have 30+ dogs at the Shelter – and they go a little stir-crazy in their noisy kennels. Plus they prefer to relieve themselves in the great outdoors. With all that pent-up energy, you can imagine that some of them will not “show well” when potential adopters come for a visit.

Spend a couple of hours at the Shelter taking our furry friends out for a little R&R and walk-about while you teach them basic commands, reward them for good behavior, and get some well-deserved exercise (for both of you!). Calm and well-exercised, they will show better to adopters. It's a win-win!

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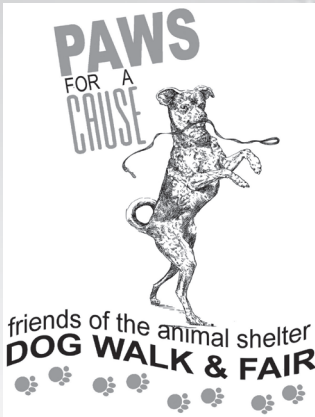


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This event was created to celebrate the joy of companion pooches. It's all about you and your pet!

Event includes a 1 and 2 mile walk, costume contest, and lots of vendor booths. Come celebrate with us and help raise funds for the animals.

**Sunday, September 15**  
**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
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