Thanks to the community’s support, the shelter remained open through Covid-19 & fires.

The animals need our help more than ever!
Dear Friends,

This past year was hard; there’s no way around it. Our community shared in the global challenges of a pandemic and was also hit by wildfires unlike any we’ve seen previously. There were few people this past year that were untouched by loss. I also lost people and animals that were close to me.

This newsletter is a little different than previous ones. It’s an attempt to take a pause to remember and acknowledge what we’ve all been through. It’s also an attempt to acknowledge and appreciate the people who have helped us survive.

One thing that we all learned this past year is how connected we all are, and how important it is to take care of all that we value most. The tributes that you will read in this newsletter are a testament to that. There are pages and pages of people remembering and honoring loved ones.

In this newsletter we also wanted to acknowledge the volunteers and fosters who give their hearts and their time to Greenhill’s mission to help animals and people. We don’t have enough pages to list all of the financial donors and the veterinarians and businesses who contributed time and resources as well, but please know that you are also appreciated. We couldn’t do the work that we do for the most vulnerable pets and people without the wide support that we get from those who are able.

This past year, thanks to that support, Greenhill was able to meet every challenge put in front of it. In the midst of the pandemic, we were able to complete the first phase of our state-of-the-art dog housing and veterinary medical facility. We were able to improve the care and housing that we provide for cats, and for all the rabbits, guinea pigs, and other small animals.

We were also able to remain open through the pandemic, and we were there for the animals and families who were impacted by the Holiday Farm fire. We were there for this community through the most difficult times. And thanks to you, we are here for this community now, ready to take on whatever comes our way.

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Keeping Pets & Families Together
A snapshot of our 2020

2020 was a tough year. The COVID-19 global pandemic touched every aspect of our lives while the need to help animals never stopped. Lane County faced the Holiday Farm Fire which burnt over 173,000 acres forcing hundreds to flee their homes and evacuate. As the first responder for animals and people in need throughout Lane County, we kept our doors open, increased our capacity and expanded our programs to help keep pets with their families, even through the most challenging of times.

Even with so many trials and tribulations the need to help animals has never changed. Committed to ensuring the animals in our shelter and in the community had no gap in care, Greenhill remained fully operational and the animals continued to receive the important medical care and TLC they deserve. To ensure everyone’s safety, we conducted adoptions and reunions by appointment. We expanded our community pet food bank which has helped hundreds of families feed their beloved animals. In 2020 alone, we distributed over 50,000 pounds of pet food to families in Lane County.

During the Holiday Farm Fire, we provided 24-hour support to people fleeing the fire. Greenhill offered emergency pet boarding for those affected by the fires, assisted in search and rescue efforts at evacuation sites, and created the Greenhill Humane Society/Lane County Animals in Disaster (LCAID) Veterinary Triage Center at VCA McKenzie Animal Hospital where dogs, cats, and small animals found in the evacuation zones were taken and treated. With the help of local partners, we rescued more than 20 cats, housed over 100 pets for evacuated families and provided pet food and supplies to those in need. The effects of the fire are still seen today and we continue to provide resources to the areas affected.

As we reflect on the last year, we are reminded of the challenges our community faced. What remains constant is the role pets play in our lives and how impactful our supporters are. Without the generosity of our community, we would not be able to provide this high level of care. Thank you for your continued support, your kindness, and your positive impact on the people and animals in our community.
In the past year, 451 volunteers contributed over 18,304 hours & 124
Pepperoni adopted 6/7/2020

When one-year-old Pepperoni arrived at Greenhill she had severe injuries to her pelvis that resulted in non-healing nerve damage to her right hind leg. Our veterinary team established that the best thing for her health was to amputate her leg since it was painful and nonfunctional. She healed swiftly and adjusted to being a tri-pawed kitty with ease. After two days on the adoption floor, she stole the hearts of her forever family looking for a companion to keep their other cat company! She spends her day playing with her sibling and cuddling in blankets. Her mom said, “she gets along really well with my current resident cat, Spaghetti, and the two are quite a pair.”

Mabel Rose adopted 6/11/2020

Mabel Rose was found as a stray and had a hard time adjusting to changing environments. She was adopted and returned twice. Each time she returned, she became more anxious which resulted in her “stress grooming” excessively so her fur would not grow back. She became shy and fearful. We knew her perfect match was out there and we just needed to be patient. We promoted that she would be the perfect bunny for a family because of her sweet demeanor. One day, that perfect family arrived! Now, Mabel Rose has a loving family that gives her plenty of attention. Her family says she enjoys her outdoor time and her human sibling loves her.
Adding a legacy gift to your will is a powerful way to save generations of homeless and abused animals, without paying a dime now. Greenhill Humane Society has partnered with FreeWill to make it simple and free to create your legal will and legacy gift online.

We share this resource as a way for you to protect your family and create a plan for your pets to ensure they’ll always have a home.

Visit www.green-hill.org/planned-giving or contact Greenhill’s Executive Director, Cary Lieberman at director@green-hill.org or 541-689-1503 x 113 if you have any questions.
2020 by the numbers...

Animals We Cared For
3,121

- Dogs: 1,247
- Cats: 1,598
- Other animals: 276

Helped Reunite 754 animals with their families

Distributed over 50,000 pounds of Pet Food to families in Lane County

Performed 1,961 Surgeries

459 Cats altered by Trap/Neuter/Return

Volunteers helped a total of 18,055 hours

Foster families cared for 649 foster animals