

# **Greenhill Humane Society**

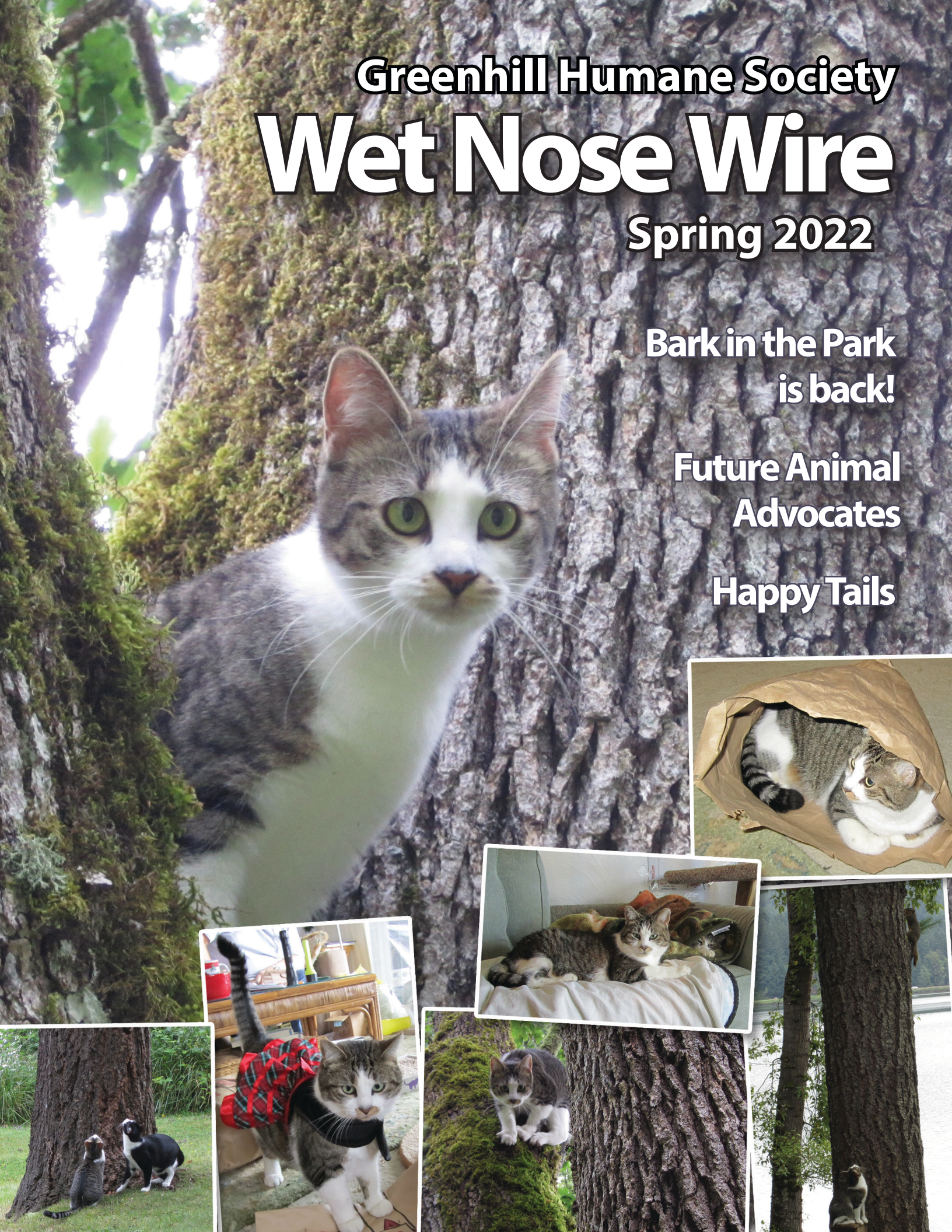
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# Greenhill Humane Society

## Spring 2022

### Our Mission

Greenhill Humane Society provides care and shelter for animals, support and resources for people, and education to promote the humane treatment of animals.

### Our Vision

Greenhill Humane Society envisions a world in which all animals are treated with compassion and respect.

*Greenhill Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.*

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*Greenhill Humane Society*

*Open every day  
11 am - 6 pm*

If there's one thing we've learned these past few years, it's the importance of being resilient - of being able to respond quickly when there are challenges, being able to weather whatever comes, and coming out stronger in the end.

You've helped Greenhill be resilient in the face of the challenges that this community has faced - the wildfires, heat waves, cold waves, the pandemic, and the economic challenges that many are facing. You've helped by supporting Greenhill's infrastructure and expansion projects and by supporting the day-to-day care that we provide for this community's animals and people.

**Thank you! Thank you, for being a caring person. Thank you for your generosity - your desire to help others - your willingness to give your time, your heart, and your financial gifts to make this world a better place for animals and people.**

We have an exciting new phase in our shelter improvement project that I want to share with you. In the coming months we are hoping to make major improvements to our water supply systems and at the same time construct a storage building. It doesn't sound glamorous, but these projects will greatly improve our ability to meet future challenges.



The improvements to our water supply system will update the well that was first installed at Greenhill over 70 years ago. It will also allow us to maintain ten or more days of water on-site in the event that there is a major disaster that impacts our community's electrical infrastructure.

The construction of a storage building will enable us to improve our ability to receive and store shipments of pet food and supplies for the animals we care for as well as for people and pets who are struggling financially. This new storage building will be temperature controlled so that we can store large quantities of pet food throughout the year. It will allow us to meet the demand when a disaster strikes and a whole community is in need or in times like now, when we need to meet the constant call from individuals and families with pets who are struggling every day because of lack of housing, lack of employment, or just lack of funds.

We are very excited about these projects, and hope that you are able to join us in supporting them with a gift. I welcome any questions and invite you to come visit the shelter. Please reach out.

Sincerely,

Cary Lieberman, Executive Director, director@green-hill.org, 541-689-1503 ext 113

# About the Cover Model

For more information on toxic plants, or to contact the Animal Poison Control Center, visit [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org)



This issue's cover model is dazzling Sophie, who was rescued from a feral colony 12 years ago along with her brother Sidney. Sadly, Sophie passed on in June 2021 of liver failure, following her brother in January 2020. Their parents are so grateful to have had them in their lives for the short time they did.

Sophie was slightly cross eyed, had asthma, one less vertebrae in her back and a kinked tail making her, in her family's eyes, "absolutely perfect." Her family shared, "Sophie impacted our lives so greatly, as well as our other furry family members. She was a 'bossy mother' to us all. She has changed us, and left an indelible mark on our lives and hearts forever. When we lose a little loved one, we always say 'no more – we can't take the sorrow' but then, would we turn away a completely unadoptable being, knowing that we may be their only chance for food, shelter, and a lifetime of love? We all know the answer to that... so we take them in, love them completely, knowing that one day, they will break our hearts."

When it comes to feral cats, Sophie and Sidney's parents have learned that, although wild and unwilling to be handled at first, these wild children keep learning. Contrary to popular belief, a completely feral cat can learn to be physically touched and petted. They learn from watching other cats enjoy human love and continue to grow. In this picture, Baloo (left foreground) and Mowgli (burrowed into gray Cossack Hat) taught their wild kittens Sidney and Sophie (front right & rear) how to be petted and loved.



Sophie triumphed over many medical emergencies in her lifetime. When Sophie came home with orange pollen from lilies on her face her parents didn't realize

that lilies are extremely poisonous to cats. She was admitted to an emergency vet for 48 hours of IV fluids to flush her kidneys. She recovered, and after digging up all the lily plants in the yard, her parents wish to inform other pet parents of the dangers of lilies. According to our Director of Shelter Medicine: Tiger lilies (*lilium tigrinum*), Easter lilies (*lilium longiflorum*), Stargazer lilies (*lilium orientalis stargazer*), Oriental lilies (*lilium orientalis*), Day lilies (*hemerocallis* sp), and all hybrids of these can cause kidney failure in cats. All parts of the plant are extremely toxic to cats. Even ingestion of just the pollen from the plant or drinking the water from the vase can be deadly. Fast, aggressive treatment can be life-saving. But sadly, in many cases, by the time you realize your cat is sick from ingesting the plant, the damage to the kidneys is irreversible. If you suspect that your cat has ingested lilies, most veterinarians recommend immediate treatment before symptoms are evident.

Sophie came down with a condition called "Feline Hyperesthesia" that creates imaginary sensations in a cat's back and tail to the point where they sometimes begin aggressively and violently chasing their tails, attacking and injuring themselves, or can even have a seizure. Sophie, was able to overcome it with medication which helped her through attacks. Thankfully, she made a full recovery!





# Gaining more perspective

## Providing quicker diagnostics for shelter animals

Sweet girl Yazie is one tough pup. In mid-December, she was hit by a car and then abandoned at the Emergency Vet Hospital. She was in shock and visibly in pain with a severe injury to her left hind leg. The Emergency Veterinary Hospital started her on pain medication and Springfield Animal Control transported her to us so that our veterinary team could continue her care. Although the leg injury was obvious, we needed to assess Yazie for additional injuries in order to know how to best treat her. Thankfully, we had our brand new x-ray equipment to take as many images of Yazie as we needed. The x-rays confirmed that she had a badly



fractured femur which could only be treated by amputating the leg. But, as Dr. Gail Schroder explained, "before an amputation can be done, we want to be sure her other three legs and pelvis are healthy and can withstand the extra weight. Any other injuries need to be addressed simultaneously or she'd be in a lot of pain after surgery." Luckily, x-rays of her other three legs, pelvis, and spine all looked good.

After surgery, some recovery time, and lots of cuddles with our team, this brave girl proved that having only three legs won't stop her! With resilience and time, she has gained strength, and confidence, and has adjusted swiftly to her new way of walking. On her first day on the adoption floor, she melted the heart of a young woman looking for a companion. She fell in love with this unique pup just like all of us.

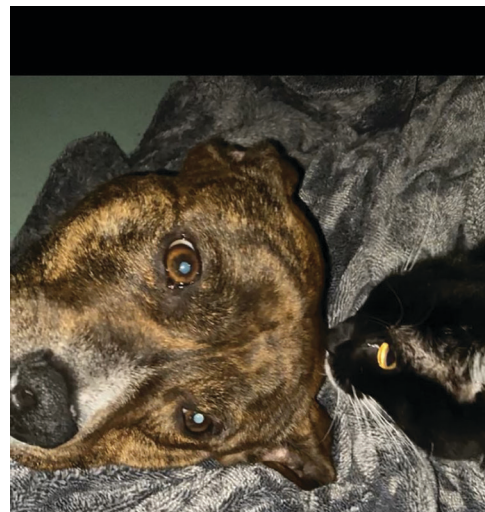
Thanks to the help from generous donors, we were able to install the much-needed x-ray equipment in our state-of-the-art medical hub to help more animals like Yazie. Before this, when an animal came into the shelter needing x-rays, they were transported to a local vet office, which incurred significant expenses and time for our medical team to coordinate, and increased stress and discomfort for the animal during transport. Now, we have the ability to examine and diagnose an injured animal immediately, and can easily provide follow-up x-rays to monitor their healing. This means more rapid and comprehensive care for the animals, as well as peace of mind for our veterinary team, knowing we are providing the best possible care.

Thanks to our supportive animal-loving community, we are able to help more animals and provide a better quality of care. The generous donors who helped in purchasing our x-ray equipment include: Bob Holland, Carol Titus, David Weil, Marguth Family Fund of Oregon Community Foundation, Mike and Sharon Parr, The Lane County Animal Services Advisory Committee, and Tipping Point Private Foundation. Many thanks to Reeney Foundation for the X-ray Room.





## Update on Yazie in her forever home!



"The last few weeks have been absolutely amazing with Yazie! She is such a spunky yet sweet lady. Within minutes of us getting home from her adoption, she was on the couch lying on top of me snoring! She loves to snuggle whenever she's invited, whether that's on the couch during a movie or on the bed at night. Her only having 3 legs has not inhibited her at all! She has really started to show her true self now that she's off of her medication. She loves to play in the yard where she'll show off her running abilities. She gets the zoomies at night in which she runs around and spins in circles making anyone watching laugh because it's the funniest thing! She gets along great with my kitty that I also adopted at Greenhill about 2 years ago. They can now be found snuggling on the bed together like they've known each other for years! Yazie has been such an amazing addition to my life & I'm so grateful to everyone at Greenhill for giving her the chance to be loved on for many many years!"

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## ***Save the date***



**Friday, October 28th**  
**Graduate Eugene**



# bark in the park

A fundraising event for  
Greenhill Humane Society

Sunday

**May 15**

Alton Baker Park



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# Feeding it Forward

## Supporting our animal loving community

As we reflect on the last few years, we are reminded of the importance of not only supporting animals but the importance of keeping families and their pets together. Our year-round food pantry supports our community's most vulnerable members. Pets are often the first to go hungry when a family is facing financial problems, food insecurity, or lack of housing.

In 2020, between the pandemic and the local wildfires, we saw the increased need to dedicate more resources into our Community Pet Food Pantry and provided over 25 tons of pet food to those in need. Since then, the need to help provide supplies to those in need has not stopped. In 2021 we handed out another 25 tons of food. We project the need to provide pet food and supplies to families will continue to rise.

In addition to our on-site pet pantry, we have partnered with non-profits throughout Lane County to distribute food and supplies where it's needed most. We have also partnered with United Way of Lane County and the Ride United program. This is a program in collaboration with DoorDash where pet food can be delivered to those in need. This enables us to make sure that people without transportation can still utilize the food pantry.

If you or someone you know needs help providing food or pet supplies for your furry family member, we can help!

If you feel inspired to contribute to this program, you can drop off any dog and cat food (even if the bag is open), treats, cat litter, or KMR (kitten milk replacer) at the shelter any day between 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards our pet food bank, please visit [www.green-hill.org](http://www.green-hill.org) or call 541-689-1503.

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# THE GREENHILL PAWDCAST

Get an inside look at what Greenhill does and why we do it.

Produced by Brendan O'Meara  
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# Happy Tails

In 2021, we found loving homes for 2,087 animals

## Pepper Adopted 5/11/2021

Pepper, known as Pepe in the shelter, is living the doggie dream! Before coming to the shelter, he was found scared and lost. When he arrived at the shelter he was very fearful but after a month of positive reinforcement and patience, our team was able to gain Pepper's trust. We knew he needed a special home with lots of TLC and one day, Pepper met his perfect forever family!

His new family is madly in love and spoils him rotten! They say, "He is such a wonderful, sweet, happy dog, and we are so grateful!! Pepper is doing SO well. He is just the happiest little dog, and we are so grateful he is in our lives! He also adores playing with (and occasionally chewing holes in) his toys, and I love that he keeps me active and encourages me to take breaks and go on walks throughout the day! Thank you so much for bringing this amazing little guy into our lives!!"



## Blinky Adopted 9/8/2021



Blinky is a special rabbit who patiently waited 3 months for his perfect family at the shelter. He spent the beginning of his life inside of a lab and didn't have exposure to the outside world, leaving him easily scared. After slow periods of socialization with our team and plenty of love and care, Blinky's confidence improved every day, and he began acting more like a normal rabbit. Now, he is living the bunny dream with his family, his cat sibling, Tigger, and his rabbit sibling, Wednesday!

His family said that Blinky was shy when he first got home but now is a bouncy rabbit (who has even taught Tigger to jump)! Deeply bonded,

Tigger will now sit in Blinky's enclosure to play and hang out with him. His favorite treats are apples and papayas and "He's improved 200% since we brought him home. He's come out of his shell, not standoffish; he will come out on his own and run around his area. It's like the bunny Olympics."



## **Teddy & Claire** **Adopted 9/13/2021**

Senior bonded pair, Teddy and Claire, have been best friends since birth and it was apparent how much they loved each other. Teddy was shy and nervous, while Claire was very friendly and outgoing. She acted as Teddy's protector and helped him become more social. It was hard for these two to find their ideal match with Teddy's reservation to meet new people. After two months, the stars aligned and their perfect family arrived! They were looking for companion animals to relax with at home and were willing to give them time to settle in and get comfortable. It took a few weeks, but it paid off! Now Claire and Teddy are in love with their new home! They love to take cozy naps on the bed, hang out with their family, and enjoy all the treats!



## **Zed** **Adopted 6/11/2021**

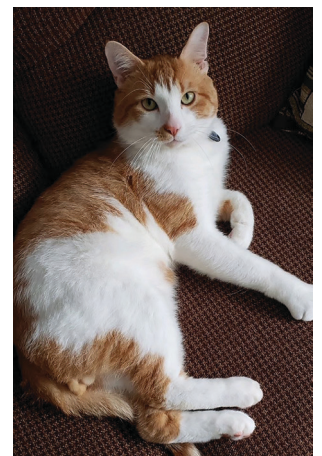


It wasn't all smiles for handsome boy Zed. Before finding his family, he had been waiting at the shelter for quite a while. He was abandoned at a local dog park. He joined a group of people celebrating their dog's birthday. He hung out at the party until someone realized he didn't belong to anyone at the park. When he came to Greenhill, he was very scared and did not like to be handled. It took him a few weeks to warm up, but once he did, his silly personality shined! He quickly became a staff and volunteer favorite and enjoyed playing with his toys. After being adopted, goofy Zed has settled into his home wonderfully! His

family says he is playful, affectionate, and really smart! He has a big backyard to run around in and loves jumping on the trampoline! He even drags his toys up there to play. Every night, Zed settles on the couch and watches tv with his people. "It's been a while since I had a dog and Zed made me realize how much I missed having a buddy. It's been great."

## **Vinnie** **Adopted 6/28/2021**

Vinnie was found wandering the streets of Eugene. A good Samaritan noticed he had a serious wound on his left ear and was in need of medical attention. After a visit to the Emergency Vet Hospital, he was transported to Greenhill where our medical team treated his infection and prescribed him a nutritious diet. Vinnie was very scared and clearly in pain. Once his ear began to heal, he began to relax and started acting like a playful cat. Vinnie was adopted by a woman who came in looking for a companion as she had just started chemotherapy for cancer. She fell in love with his sweet demeanor and immediately knew it was meant to be. Now, Vinnie loves to run laps around the house, lay on his back for stomach scratches, and sleep on his scratch board. "Vinnie makes my life good and makes a difference. He is a 'crack up'"





# Youth's Impact on Animal Welfare

## Oregon's Kid Govenor leading the way

Through Greenhill's Humane Education program, our team visits schools teaching students how to be compassionate to animals. We are always amazed at the younger generations' desire to learn and help! And even though the pandemic put a pause on certain things like in-person learning, that did not stop some very special young people from making a difference in the lives of animals. Youths are recognizing that they can be the voice for animals and now that the world is opening up again, these young people can put their passion for helping animals to action.

One of the students making an impact in the animal welfare world is Oregon's Kid Governor, Emerie Martin. The Kid Governor program enables 5th graders around the state to run for office while representing a platform that is important to them. Emerie was elected by the students of Oregon based on her platform to stop animal abuse in Oregon. Her message is spreading and being heard by students and adults all around Oregon.

Part of Emerie's plan is to "Lend a PAW." The "P" stands for "Participate." This is a message to urge students to get involved in helping animals. Dedication time to volunteer at a shelter, creating pet toys for shelter animals, or making posters of adoptable animals and hanging them in their community are all examples of ways young people can make a difference in the lives of animals in need. The "A" stands for "Acknowledge." This urges kids to be aware of animals who need help and to speak up for an animal who may be in danger. The "W" stands for "Welcome." Invite animals into your life by speaking with family and friends about the importance of adopting an animal and giving them a loving life.

Emerie also looks toward a future where any person who has been convicted of a crime against an animal cannot own a pet again. This is a law that has recently been passed in the state of Illinois. By disallowing animal abusers their right to have a pet in the home after an offense, more animals can be protected and the risk of animals continuously getting neglected can be erased.

Emerie is one of so many passionate young people who are giving a voice to animals. She is an incredible example of one young human making a giant impact on animal welfare. Her voice will inspire more young people to be compassionate to animals and give them the best life possible. We are so proud of all her hard work and dedication!



A & B: Emerie Martin, Oregon's Kid Governor, meeting the shelter animals at Greenhill.

C: Tuula, a Greenhill Ambassador dog, teaching students how to properly approach and pet a dog.



# 2021 by the numbers... 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾



## Animals We Cared For

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DOGS  
1,188

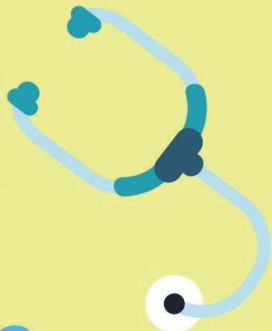
CATS  
1,668

OTHER  
animals  
282

Helped Reunite **731** animals  
with their families

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

Performed  
**1,966**  
Surgeries



**469**

Cats altered by  
Trap/Neuter/Return

Volunteers  
helped a total  
of **21,587** hours



Foster families  
cared for **555**  
foster animals

### Take care of all that you love

Greenhill Humane Society invites you to make or update your will as an act of kindness to those you love most—just as you've been working toward a world where animals are treated with compassion and respect. No matter how old you are, you can create your will to secure your future, protect your loved ones—including your furry friends, and even build a legacy that provides care and shelter for the animals in Lane County for years to come. Our partnership with FreeWill, a free estate planning resource, enables you to complete this critical task in just 20 minutes. Get started today by scanning the QR code or visit [www.green-hill.org/planned-giving](http://www.green-hill.org/planned-giving).







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