

Wet Nose Wire

Fall/Winter 2019

A black dog with tan markings on its face is sitting in a field of autumn leaves. The dog is looking towards the camera with its mouth slightly open, showing its teeth. The background is filled with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of red, orange, and yellow.

Greenhill continues to expand

Forever Homes • Happy Tails • New Years Resolutions



Greenhill Humane Society

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Our Mission

Greenhill Humane Society will provide safe shelter for animals in transition, serve as advocates for animals and their people, work to end animal overpopulation and educate the public about compassion and responsibility towards all animals.

Our Vision

We envision a community in which all animals have loving homes and are treated with compassion and respect.

Greenhill Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We rely on individual donations and fees for services to run our shelters.

Thanks to you and supporters like you, on July 1st of this year, we entered a new era of improved care and well-being for animals and the people connected to them. On that day, we were able to welcome all of our community's homeless, abused, neglected, and lost pets into the new shelter and care facility that you helped build.

The animals that we care for have new, clean, open, and stress reducing spaces. Each housing area has tons of natural light and a variety of enrichment options. This has resulted in animals feeling calmer and being adopted to new, loving families much quicker. For animals that are brought to us to heal, we now have safe, clean, enriching housing. Animals that come to us because of abuse, neglect, or because of a crisis are treated to a calming and caring environment. Thanks to you, the physical environment can now compliment the high level of compassion and care that has been provided by our staff and volunteers.

Thank you so much for helping get us here. Each day I see the impact your support has made on the animals in our care. I hope that you, too, can come out and see the impact for yourself.

In the months ahead, we hope to reach the next level by completing construction of a state-of-the-art veterinary medical clinic. This clinic will enable us to provide critical care to animals in need. It will enable us to care for more animals and address a wider range of medical issues. This is a vital component of the life-saving work that we do for the animals and for the community as a whole.

Please, if you are able, consider supporting the next phase of this building project. This is a perfect time to make a donation that will have a lasting impact for decades. Gifts of any size help. You can find out more information about ways of helping throughout this newsletter and on our website.

On behalf of the animals, thank you.

For the animals,

Cary Lieberman, Executive Director
director@green-hill.org



Our Annual Report

for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

- 2,297 total adoptions (595 dogs, 1,560 cats, 142 other animals)
- 802 pets were reunited with their family (712 dogs, 80 cats, 10 other animals)
- 2,864 spay/neuter surgeries were performed by our surgical team
- 1,276 free-roaming cats were spayed/neutered through our free TNR program
- 720 animals were in foster care with one of Greenhill's 119 families
- 854 volunteers contributed over 36,868 hours
- More than 7 tons of pet food was distributed to community members in need through our pet food bank
- Over 26,000 adults and children learned about caring for animals through our Outreach and Humane Education programs

*Thank you to all our adopters, donors, fosters, and volunteers.
You make a positive difference in the lives of animals!*

About the Cover Model



This issue's featured cover dog is the charming Dougal! Although he is not a rescue pup, his mom says he truly rescued her. Growing up he loved hiking, camping and meeting new people. When not at home relaxing, Dougal's favorite activities are eating and playing fetch in the water. His hu-mom won an auction package at our gala event last fall for a photo session with Bruce Berg, one of Oregon's most Award-Winning Portrait Photographers. Dougal was the perfect model for the front cover and a very good boy!

Interested in your furry friend becoming our Fall/Winter 2020 Wet Nose Wire cover pup? Find out more information at our An Evening for Animals event page at www.green-hill.org/eveningforanimals.

Want to learn more?

You can see all of our annual reports and more at green-hill.org

We're All in One Location

Construction begins on the future veterinary medical clinic

We are thrilled at how fast construction of our state-of-the-art shelter and animal care facility has been! As of July 1, 2019 all animals, staff, volunteers and shelter operations officially moved from First Avenue Shelter to the Greenhill Humane Society location. It is wonderful to have everyone together, fully operational at one location, sharing our new facility with the community!

The new dog housing is stress reducing, has larger more comfortable spaces for the dogs and plenty of natural light. The expanded cat adoption area has more rooms for cats including outdoor "cattios" that the cats love. The small animals received an updated, larger area to relax and roam in.

The improved facility means we are now open to the public 7 days a week. It is truly amazing how far we've come since this project first broke ground in June 2018 and how many more animals and community members we can help.



Help us complete the veterinary medical clinic. Gifts of any size matter and gifts of \$2,500 or more will help us in the following ways:

\$2,500 can help us purchase a surgery table

\$5,000 can help us purchase a treatment table, treatment light, or autoclave

\$7,500 can help us purchase a dental system

\$10,000 can help us purchase a dental x-ray system

\$25,000 can help us purchase surgery lights

\$75,000 can help us purchase a full-body x-ray system

Please contact Wendy Ames-Dionisio (wendy@green-hill.org, 541.689.1503 ext 125) if you are interested in making a donation to the clinic.

Phase 2 of our future veterinary medical clinic has begun! This medical clinic is vital in order to provide the level of care that is required for all the animals that come to us from abuse/neglect situations, owner-surrenders and stray animals. The clinic will feature dedicated space for the Trap-Neuter-Return program which cares for community cats, multiple exam and treatment rooms, medical isolation space, on-site x-ray capabilities and more.

If you have not seen our new shelter, please come check it out! Changes are happening daily! Thank you for joining us on this journey and please, if you are able, join us in this important work by making a gift to Greenhill's building project.

You can change lives.

Visit green-hill.org to donate or call 541.689.1503

An Evening for Animals

Our 12th annual gala was a success!

Last October was our 12th annual gala and fundraiser, An Evening for Animals, and thanks to your support we raised over \$196,000! Over 230 people came out to support the animals, with many more donating and bidding online.

The funds raised enable us to provide the high level of medical and behavioral care necessary for the animals that come to us for care and shelter. We can't wait for next year! Thank you for a record breaking fundraiser!



Save the Date!

Bark in the Park is May 17, 2020



To become a sponsor, contact Wendy Ames-Dionisio at wendy@green-hill.org, 541.689.1503 ext 125.

To become a vendor, contact Megan Brezovar at megan@green-hill.org, 541.689.1503 ext 134.

To sign up for the walk/run, visit Green-Hill.org for updates.

Finding a Forever Home

No matter the species

In 2019 we helped over 3,200 animals. Some people are surprised when they learn dogs, cats and bunnies aren't the only animals we care for at the shelter. This year alone we've had some pretty unique animals roam through our doors! Whether it escaped through a fence or needed a new home after its owner could no longer care for it, Greenhill accepts and cares for a wide variety of pets! Plus, out of the ordinary animals make for the perfect photo ops!

Perhaps the most popular story that gained media attention was Gigantor, the 100 lb. tortoise, who was brought to us from the Eugene Police Department after he was spotted walking alongside a road. It took three humans to get him in the truck before making his way to Greenhill. Upon arrival, he was greeted with lots of TLC and fresh veggies! Greenhill staff loved watching this giant tortoise explore his new surroundings. After quite the adventurous afternoon, he and his owner were happily reunited.

Two black baby goats, Bonnie and Clyde, were also brought to us as strays. They were picked up by Animal Welfare officers and brought to the shelter. The duo quickly made themselves at home in an outside kennel filled with lots of hay. Luckily their owner filed a lost report and we were able to get them reunited that day, after a quick photoshoot of course!

Puff, now Freya, the bearded dragon was found in a church parking lot and brought to Greenhill. She went into foster care for a few days and quickly found her forever home with one of our volunteers.

Here at Greenhill, we do our best to return animals when they get lost as well as find the perfect fit for animals in transition, no matter the species!



See our upcoming events.

Learn more at green-hill.org/events

Want to help homeless animals?

See our wish list at green-hill.org/wish_list

Humane Education

Teaching kindness, compassion & respect

Tuula saunters into the gymnasium with pep in her step, like she owns the place. She knows it's her time to shine. She can feel the excitement as the kids watch and giggle upon her arrival. Some students are scooting towards her, reaching out to touch her in an attempt to say, "hi." She is like a rock star in her Greenhill bandanna, ready to give a lesson to 250 elementary school kids on the importance of animal shelters, compassion and kindness. She wags her tail and tells me she is ready to work.

Tuula is one of Greenhill's "Ambassadors." She goes to schools around Lane County to help me show humans how amazing shelter animals can be. Tuula, a former homeless dog, helps kids understand that animals don't have a voice so it's up to people to be a voice for them. We want to help students connect with the feelings that people and animals have in common.

Studies show that kids who harm animals often become adults who harm humans. At every grade level we try to help students understand that animals deserve the same respect humans do. We stress the importance of understanding animal body language and safety around animals. Any student we have met will remind you of the magic rule, "always ask" before petting an animal you do not know. We stress the importance of being kind to other living creatures by treating them the same way we would want to be treated.

We also stress the importance of the services and programs offered at Greenhill. The students learn we are the only "lost and found" shelter for pets in Lane County and the importance of adopting animals. We discuss why spaying and neutering is crucial to stop pet overpopulation. We aim to inspire a dialogue that will help students think about the bigger picture of animal rescue and advocacy by engaging in discussions and answering questions.

After our talk, Tuula helps each student learn how to approach a dog they don't know. She then shows off her impersonation of a meerkat and comes to find me hiding in the classroom. Each student gets a chance to pet, love and show Tuula how truly special she and all of her animal friends in the shelter really are. With every child we visit we hope we are creating future animal advocates ready to raise their voices on behalf of the animals.

If you are interested in having Tuula visit your classroom, reach out to us.

By Megan Brezovar, Events & Community Manager: megan.br@green-hill.org



Generosity

Can change the world

So much has happened in 2019 at Greenhill Humane Society! Thank you for your part in making positive changes for the animals in our care. Witnessing the overwhelming generosity of our community of supporters, both near and far, has been nothing short of amazing. It inspires me to continue working on behalf of the animals and the people involved in their lives.

As Director of Donor Relations, I often get questions from people about how they can best help Greenhill. Fortunately there are so many ways to be involved and offer support. Greenhill has a 2.5 million-dollar annual budget, and 1.5 million dollars of that total comes from private donations. We have also been working on a \$6 million capital campaign that continues to fund our ongoing building project and updates to our shelter. Here are some current giving opportunities that I would like to highlight as we plan for 2020:

Donations to the General Fund – Cash donations of any amount work to make an impact on our day-to-day work here at Greenhill. It takes about \$350 to care for each animal that comes through our shelter on any given day. The flexibility of monies received in the General Fund allows us to make allocations as needed on behalf of the animals and the people involved in their lives. These monies support our crisis care programs, our outreach and education programs, our volunteer programs, the operation of our facilities, our staffing and much more.

Veterinary Medical Clinic – Our clinic shell is up and we are now working on finishing the interior elements including electrical, plumbing, drainage, walls, ceilings and floors. Our next fundraising effort is in full swing and we are in need of funds for medical equipment including surgical lights, an x-ray machine, dental equipment and so on.

Bricks and Pavers – You may have noticed the beautiful bricks and pavers lining part of our front walkway. We have a limited number of these still available. A 4" x 7.5" brick comes with a \$250 gift to our capital campaign and a 7.5" x 7.5" paver comes with a \$500 gift to our capital campaign. You may choose to include a personal inscription on the brick or paver that names you as the donor and/or names a loved one past or present.

Planned Giving – If you are interested in giving future gifts of cash, equity or property to Greenhill please make an appointment to meet with me about the options. When estate gifts do come in, they often allow us to fund special projects and initiatives in an unexpected way. They are unique and meaningful gifts.

Generosity is a powerful force! Your continued generosity to Greenhill supports our animals, our programs, and our people, and for that I send you my most sincere thanks and appreciation. Happy holidays!

By Wendy Ames-Dionisio, Director of Donor Relations: wendy@green-hill.org

Last year, we reached 26,035 people.

Learn about our Humane Ed program at green-hill.org

You can help us change lives.

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Happy Tails!

Loving, new homes for animals



Camie, now Sasha, came to Greenhill last March after her owner asked a stranger to watch her while she went to the restroom. Her owner never returned and she was brought to us. She was stressed in the shelter environment, shy when meeting new people and limping due to her arthritis. She was adopted and returned to the shelter two times, each time returning more heartbroken. Then in June, Camie found her forever family who gives her all the love she deserves! "We take little walks once or twice a day. The changes in her arthritis have been a challenge to recognize but she doesn't limp anymore! She's such a sweet, compliant dog. And she's pretty confident. She is getting lots of loving and great dog food!"

Sasha, adopted 6/7/19

Mr. Poof was brought to Greenhill by a good Samaritan after seeing the kitten wondering the streets severely injured. Once he was checked out by our medical team, it became clear (and later confirmed by his previous owner who came forward) that he was born with several significant birth defects. Our team gave him the proper care and treatment including amputating his deformed leg. Throughout his treatment and recovery, his finder kept in touch with us to see how Mr. Poof was doing. After making it through all his surgeries like a champ, Mr. Poof got a visit from her and won her heart! He was adopted that same day! "Mr. Poof is doing great! Our vet said he is going to be a big boy and he's already grown so much. He is such a lover boy!"



Mr. Poof, adopted 10/16/19



Simone, now Sally, was brought to us after an ambulance passed her in the middle of the road looking injured. They could not stop as they were rushing to an emergency, but on their way back to the station the crew picked her up. When she arrived at the shelter, our team treated her injuries and gave her time to heal. After a month and a half, Simone was adopted to a loving family.

Sally, adopted 9/21/19

Share your happy tail!

We love updates! Share yours by emailing community@green-hill.org

New Year's Resolutions

Achieve your goal with animals

As 2020 approaches consider adding a furry friend to your family, volunteering with homeless animals or fostering kittens or puppies as they prepare for their forever home. Having animals in your life can be a great way to help achieve your New Year's Resolutions while helping the animals in our community.

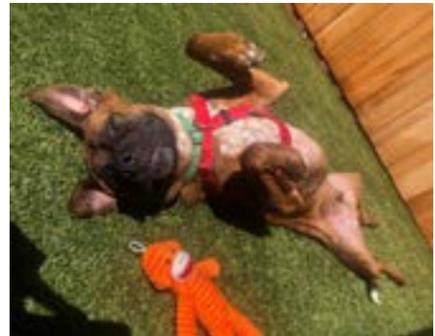
Reduce stress – Had a bad day at work or school? Imagine coming home to your adorable best friend who can't wait to see you! Your pet promises to love you unconditionally, plus, cuddling with an animal can have a calming effect, reducing blood pressure and relieving stress.



Weight loss – Together, you and your pet can improve your health by increasing physical activity all while strengthening your bond. Regular exercise burns more calories, reduces appetite, changes body composition and will increase your resting metabolic rate. Great benefits for you and your pet!

Sleep better – Having a pet in your home can provide a sense of security and reduce feelings of stress, allowing better rest.

Socialize more – Take your pet on an adventure by going to a local dog park, out on a hike or to a community pet-friendly event. Or consider volunteering at Greenhill where you can cuddle with cute animals and meet like-minded people.



Get crafty - Try making your pet some delicious, healthy homemade treats or collect household items to make the perfect new toy or bedding.



Having a four-legged animal in your life can bring so much joy and help create new healthy habits!

Volunteers make it all possible!

Learn how you can help at green-hill.org/volunteer



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