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CLATSOP COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL
and **SHELTER**
STEWARDSHIP
REPORT
2006-07

OUR MISSION:

*Protect human and animal health, safety and welfare through law enforcement;
Promote responsible stewardship of animals through public education; and
Provide care, shelter and adoption for injured or homeless cats and dogs.*

Clatsop County Animal Control and Shelter provides care and protection for hundreds of homeless, unwanted, abandoned and abused or neglected domestic animals. In 2006-07, we provided care and housing for 1,074 dogs and cats released by their owners, impounded due to neglect or violations or brought to us as strays. The average monthly intake was 45 dogs and 45 cats.



Supervisor Stephen Hildreth with a shelter dog.

We strive to adopt the animals to new loving homes. We placed 456 dogs and 335 cats into homes or with other adoption agencies.

We issued licenses for 1,544 dogs to assure owners comply with Oregon's rabies vaccination laws. This fiscal year, we hope to increase the number to 2,000 dogs to further enhance public safety.

We respond to complaints of stray or nuisance dogs and to reports of animal abuse in the unincorporated areas.

The Shelter's notable achievements each year are due in large part to the generous support of our donors and volunteers. Donations to the shelter enhancement fund were increased by approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000 in 2006-07. In addition, many generous people dropped off food and supplies or gave money to our shelter food fund.

A surgery room was completed and equipped so local veterinarians can spay and neuter shelter dogs and cats in-house, eliminating transportation costs while increasing the animals' chances of being adopted. Every shelter cat and dog is spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

Year in review HIGHLIGHTS 2006-2007

*To me, it's the animals.
That's why I do this job.
They need me. They need all
of us. They rely on us.*

*When I get here, first thing
I go see Rachel, the old girl,
and she just wants to
nuzzle and kiss you. I go
see the kittens and they just
want to reach out and touch
you."*

Stephen Hildreth
Animal Control and Shelter Supervisor

There are many ways to help the animals.

Volunteer

Join our elite group of caring volunteers. Volunteers are the heart of our shelter. Without our volunteers, the shelter could not be the success that it is.

Volunteer opportunities are boundless:

- Socialize the animals. Play with cats. Walk dogs.
- Greet the public. Answer phones.
- Be a matchmaker between pets and homes.
- Clean kennels, cages and facility.
- Adoption outreach and special events.

Volunteers must be 16 or older.

Make a Donation

Your contribution to the Clatsop County Animal Shelter – whether in the form of money, time or donated supplies – is appreciated and essential. Your gift is tax-deductible.

Donate money to the **food fund** or to the **Animal Shelter Enhancement Fund**. The food fund is used for exactly what it says — to buy nourishing food for the animals at the shelter. The enhancement fund can only be used to boost adoptions of shelter animals or for capital and other one-time improvements at the shelter.

Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Clatsop County Animal Shelter, 1315 SE 19th St., Warrenton, OR 97146.

Donate supplies. Donations of high-quality name brand pet food, pet toys and cleaning supplies help keep the shelter running. We need to keep the animals on a consistent and high-quality diet. Bring donations to the shelter. We are open every Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. (closed holidays). We'll gladly prepare a receipt for you.

In One Year...

The dogs at the shelter consume:

- 7,280 pounds of dry food,
- 1,820 cans of wet food and
- 780 pounds of biscuits.

Cats go through:

- 6,500 pounds of dry food,
- 1,248 cans of wet food and
- 7,280 pounds of litter.

To keep the shelter fresh and sanitary, shelter employees and volunteers use:

- 364 gallons of bleach,
- 624 rolls of paper towel,
- 1,456 pounds of laundry detergent, 1,825 garbage bags and
- 2,555 kitchen trash bags.

EINSTEIN is a big guy with a big heart. But his size and a damaged eye and leg from a run-in with a car made finding a home for this American bulldog a big challenge. He came to us from a shelter in Longview, Wash., where his days had run out. He was adopted but his new owner suddenly had to move out of state, so Einstein came back. Supervisor Hildreth fostered Einstein at his home to give the dog more time for the perfect match. For Lynn and Bruce Buckmaster, it was love at first sight of this lovable hunk.

JAMIE, our 2006-07 Stewardship report cover dog, came to the shelter when his owner ended up in jail. He was skinny and fearful and looked like he might be a pit bull. He was adopted by a lady who had attended dog trainer Cesar Milan's training camp. He's got a new name – Rafferty – and a new outlook. He's happy, healthy and balanced. Now that he's filled out, he looks like an American bulldog.

MUFFIN is a 12-year-old black Labrador retriever with a very sweet personality. Her new family came to the shelter with a leash and announced, "We're here to take home Muffin." Clatsop Animal Assistance paid for medical procedures to make her more adoptable.

LUCKY, a beautiful three-legged yellow Lab, had always been tied up in the back yard. The woman didn't even look at him when she brought him in and said, "I don't want this dog anymore." Lucky went to a great home with a woman who cried when she saw him.

HOSS, a big yellow Lab-mix, was filthy when he was brought in. The people said they were moving and he "had to go." Asked if Hoss had ever been in the house, the man looked incredulous and responded, "In the house?" A kind young woman who saw his photograph on Petfinder took him to live in great digs in Lake Oswego, on the lake no less.

MISHA, a big, older calico cat, came to the shelter when her owner died. She wouldn't come out of her cage until we discovered her name had been **Buttercup**. When called that, her head perked up. A lady from Los Angeles adopted her, vowing, "Her life is going to be like falling into a tub of hot butter" from now on.

TYSON, a six-toed red tabby, came to the shelter as a scared stray, then won Best Household Pet and several ribbons at the Sunkat Feline Fanciers Cat Show July 21-22, 2007, in Seaside. Best of all, Tyson won a home with his favorite shelter volunteer, Frank Frisch. From humble beginnings to show championship to the ultimate prize of a forever home, it's the purr-fect tale.

A few of our SUCCESS STORIES

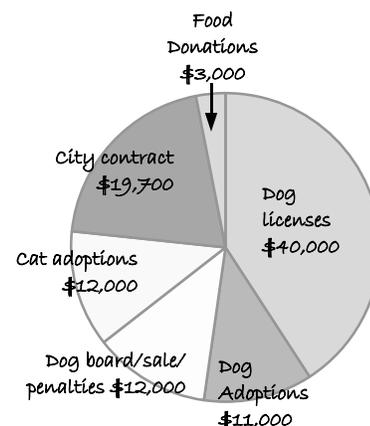


Einstein with
Lynn and Bruce Buckmaster

	2006	2007 January-November
Intake	1,045 animals (535 dogs; 507 cats; 3 rabbits) Strays: 621 animals (294 dogs, 325 cats, 2 rabbits) Impound: 4 dogs Released by Owner: 350 animals (184 dogs, 165 cats, 1 rabbit) From another agency: 36 dogs Seized: 2 dogs, 17 cats Bite quarantine: 15 dogs	1,090 animals (530 dogs; 557 cats, 2 ferrets; 1 rabbit) Strays: 656 animals (265 dogs, 390 cats, 1 ferret) Impound: 7 dogs, 2 cats Released by Owner: 358 animals (199 dogs, 157 cats, 1 rabbit, 1 ferret) From other agency: 28 dogs, 3 cats Seized: 1 dog Deceased: 7 dogs, 2 cats Bite: 23 dogs, 3 cats
Adopted	506 animals (223 dogs, 281 cats, 2 rabbits)	456 animals (228 dogs, 228 cats)
Owner Redeemed	200 animals (194 dogs, 6 cats)	184 animals (182 dogs, 2 cats)
Transferred to other adoption agency	51 animals (49 dogs, 2 cats)	94 animals (50 dogs, 41 cats, 1 rabbit, 2 ferrets)
Euthanized (Health or behavioral problems or lack of space.)	284 animals (73 dogs, 210 cats, 1 rabbit)	294 animals (52 dogs, 242 cats)
Deceased	7 animals (1 dog, 6 cats)	21 animals (13 dogs, 8 cats)

2007-08 Budget \$224,500

Revenue generated by
program: \$107,700
From County General
Fund: \$116,800



The shelter was honored to receive the biggest monetary gift in its history: \$202,398.98 from the estate of Grace Larson of Astoria. The Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to name the facility in honor of Mrs. Larson and her late husband. County staff will meet with family members and bring a name for the facility to the Board for approval later.



Although donations of this size are rare at the shelter; an Astoria man who wishes to remain anonymous has made several donations over the past couple years exceeding \$20,000 since adopting a dog from the shelter. The Asta Dog Yard fenced play area for shelter dogs is named for his pet.

Donations to the county Animal Shelter Enhancement Fund can be used *only* to boost adoptions of shelter animals or for capital and other one-time improvements at the shelter, and not for day-to-day operations of the program. Staff and volunteers suggest uses for the enhancement fund, which must be approved by the county commissioners.

Just as important to the program are the bags of pet food, other supplies and smaller amounts of money that people drop off at the shelter. The facility relies on these contributions from the community.

Volunteers are the backbone of the shelter operations. In 2006, 121 volunteers put in 5,267 hours at the shelter, the equivalent of \$95,000 in labor. By the end of September this year, approximately 100 volunteers have put in 3,510 hours, valued at more than \$63,320.

Clatsop Animal Assistance, a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that assists the shelter, pays \$2,000 to \$3,000 per month for veterinary care. Several CAA members are regular volunteers at the shelter.

Our Generous BENEFACTORS

In recent years, the Animal Shelter Enhancement Fund has paid for outdoor runs for the dog kennels, the Asta Dog Park fenced play area for shelter dogs, vaccinations and medical supplies and testing for animals and adoption promotions.

A notable achievement for 2007 was the completion of the surgery room so local veterinarians can come to the shelter to spay and neuter shelter animals. Since February 2007, the room has been used to spay or neuter 160 cats and 20 dogs.



The in-house surgery room reduces the need and cost to transport animals to veterinary clinics for the surgery. The shelter benefits from professional expertise of the visiting veterinarians, who are paid for their services. It's easier on the animals, which don't have to go through the stress of traveling to a strange place for surgery and then back to the shelter for recovery. Every shelter cat and dog is spayed or neutered prior to adoption, so having the surgery done speeds up the adoption process. Adopters can take their new pet home immediately.

The shelter thanks Clatsop Animal Assistance Inc. for remodeling and equipping the surgery room and ongoing supplies. The county and CAA shared the cost of the anesthesia equipment. A CAA volunteer may assist veterinarians during surgeries.

Dr. Dannel S. Davis of Columbia Veterinary Hospital in Astoria comes in many Saturday afternoons to perform surgeries. Dr. Norman Shatto of Astoria Veterinary Hospital often comes in on Tuesdays, his "day off" from work. Dr. Sheila Kilponen is coming in on Saturdays after her shift at Bayshore Animal Hospital. The shelter invites veterinarians interested in participating in the program to call (503) 861-PETS (0737).

For every person born in the United States, 15 dogs and 45 cats are born.

In just six years one female dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 puppies.

In just seven years, one female cat and her young can produce 420,000 kittens.

Clatsop Animal Assistance Inc. was started by a small group of people that wanted to make a difference for the animals in Clatsop County and benefit the Clatsop County Animal Shelter in particular.

CAA works in partnership with the shelter by providing food, medicines, litter, toys, and other items that might be desired for the health and welfare of the homeless pets temporarily housed at the shelter. If a veterinarian's care is deemed necessary, CAA will cover that expense. Other needs which may arise and aren't covered by the shelter budget are provided for by CAA.

Advertising and posters promoting the homeless pets are paid for by CAA funds. During the past summer, CAA had a booth featuring animals from the shelter every other week at the Sunday Market in Astoria. Every animal was adopted, either at the market or later at the shelter because of the exposure and because CAA members got to know the individual animal and could recommend the pet to adopters.

CAA also provides assistance to low-income pet owners with emergency medical attention for their pets and spay and neuter certificates.

Clatsop Animal Assistance Inc. is supported by tax-deductible donations and the money generated during its fundraisers. All members are volunteers.



Clatsop Animal Assistance Inc.

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Grace and Carl "Kelly" Larson shared a soft spot for animals during their 50 years of marriage. When Grace, then 80 and widowed, died in Nov. 23, 2006, she bequeathed 40 percent of her estate to the Clatsop County Animal Shelter "primarily to benefit cats and dogs."



Grace and Carl "Kelly" Larson

Mrs. Larson always had an open door and a full bowl for hungry cats that wandered by. The couple always had a cat or two –strays that simply moved in, sensing that they had found a caring, loving home. Mr. Larson relished spending time at the family farm with his niece's Australian Shepherd named Effie.

The Larsons were devoted to each other, Buchanan said. The pair grew up in Astoria, although Grace was born in Corvallis, and both graduated from Astoria High School, he in 1940 and she in 1944.

Their personalities complimented the other's. Kelly, a longtime logger and World War II Army veteran, was quieter with a strong personality and loyalty he showed to friends and family. He enjoyed bowling, hunting and playing bingo. Grace, who worked for Bumble Bee Seafoods for nearly 40 years, was outgoing and gregarious. She organized her high school reunion every five years and belonged to the C&E Sewing Circle. Both enjoyed playing bingo, sturgeon fishing and trips to Reno. Kelly died on Jan. 7, 2002.

"This is an amazing act of generosity and philanthropy, and the county is greatly appreciative and will see that the intent of the donation is fulfilled."

Scott Derickson
County Manager

OUR DONORS (January 1, 2006—September 30, 2007)

A
Pam Ackley
Laura Adkins
Nancy and Wayne Allen
Nancy Allsop
Mildred Alto
Robin Anderson
Sue Anderson
Joell Archibald
Jack Aubert
Jane Audrey
A Auerbach
A Gypsy's Whimsey
Anonymous
Betsy Ayres
Astoria Animal Hospital
Astoria Duplicate Bridge

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Kerith Basel
Elaine Bauer
Denise Beard
Frank and Buret Becker
Christa Beecham
Bill and Martha Bennett
Vicki Berger-Mirajlich
Susanna Bjork-Bell
Mark Blevin
Ronald Bline
Nancy and Mark Bliven
Lauren Bouton
Roy and Dorothy Boyle
Janet Bowler
Brian's Feedstore
Don Brown
Carolyn Bryan
Rosemary Buchanan
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Melissa Cadwallader
Lee Casaleorio
Marlow Castell
Jack Catos
Jaxon and Betty Ann
Chadsey
Melissa Chase
Marilyn Clulow
Jim Clune
Teresa Clute
Lindy Cockcroft
Steve Cohen
Columbia Memorial Hospital
Columbian Café & Theatre
Archie Cook
Della Cooper
Beneva Crisp
Connie Crow

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Kathy and Terry Dahlgren
Barbara Dale
John and Judy Danielson

Yancy E Day
John Carole Dent
Art and Laurie Dolan
Deborah Donnelly

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Michael L Eayds
Allene Edmondson
Memorial
Ed's Bait & Tackle
B Ellertson
Marjorie Ellis
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Irene Entell
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Noah Evermann

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Janeen Felix
Al Ferigna
James and Sandra Fisher
Joan Fisher
Don and Marilyn Floyd
Dwayne Fontenot
Vernon and Nancy Fowler
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Frank Frisch

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Judy Gaumer
Gearhart Workout
Richard and Paula Gertulla
Betty Glarum
Tamara Griffiths
David Grill
Gary and Wilma Grill
Nancy Grimberg
Brenda and Michael Goble

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Lois Halford
Marlene Harrington
George Harrison
Jean and George Harrison
Mary Wanda Hart
Gordon Hashimoto
Nadine Haughton
Bob Hauke
George Hawes
Steve Hawks
Richard Hedlund
Randall Henderson
Bill Hendrickson
Ella Hill
Samuel Hill
Sorena Hill
Caroline Hinckley
Judy Hixson
Nellie Hobson
Lee Holbrook
Amy and Jeff Hook

David Hoyer
Steven Hubbs

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David Isaacs
John and Katrina Ivanoff

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Diane Jackson
Bob Jarvis
Dennis and Dena Johnson
Dennis and Doug Johnson
Kevin and Judith Johnson
Georgina Jones

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Frances Kaakinen
Robert and Rosann Karby
Frances C Kaspar
Jeanette Kathrens
Caroline Kendrick
April Kennedy
Andrea Kennet
Cathy Kinder
W King
Elizabeth Kirback
Jonathon and Amber Klaas
Jeanette Knispel

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Dr. Joseph and Carol Lambert
Ronald Larsen
Grace Larson Memorial
Shirley Larson
Don Leach
C. Lincoln
Tim and Judy Lindsey
Miltz Loukkula
Bruce Lowell
Lyle's Garden and Pet Center
Ross Lyngstad

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Christina MacDonald
Christina MacDougall
Bob Maley
Charles Mannix
Natalie Marcotte
Sandy Marsch
Martin Hospitality
Judy Mattson
Dewey Maxson
Howard Maxson
CW and MM May
Susan Mayer
Doug McCall
John and Virginia McCormack
David and Judith McElroy
Gae McLaughlin
Pamela Megill
Darwin and Sue Meiners

Keith and Marlys Metcalf
Mary Millie
Mary Miller
Cyndy Miller-Hubbs
Avis Mills
MIMI Flowers
John and Michelle Morgan
John D Morris
Bonnie Morton

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John and Sandra Newman
Carol L Nist
Jeanne Nordmark
Donna Norris

O
Keith Oliver
Ron Onchi
Oregon State Police

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Robert and Judy Paavola
Don Pachel
Pacific Coast Medical Supply
Pacific Seafoods
Sherry Paine
Cheryl Parrett
R Patterson
Ted Patterson
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Paulson
Sharon Pettart
Debbie and Harry Pike
Dorothy Polenz
Linda Praus
Mary Putman

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Queenie Memorial

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Jim and Sharon Richards
Jim and Terry Rigdon
Steve Rittenberg
Sandra Robinson
Bill Routh
Patricia Rowland
Donald and Terri Roysse
Carolyn Ryan

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Save Wonderful Animals Team
John and Victoria Saxon
Robbie and Nancy Schmidt
Susan Sealy
Curtis A. Seymour
Ellen Shannon Memorial
Virginia May Shephard Memorial
Simone Memorial
Clinton and Renee Smith
Michael L Smith

Rose Smith
Steven Smith
Susan Smith
Heather Smith-Wadkins
Joyce Smotherman
Pat Snellman
John Spring
Claudia Stanton
Sharon Stewart
Steve Stockstill
Maxine Stookey
D. Stout
Eileen Strain
Peter Strandberg
ME and JM Sullivan

T
Russ and Nancy Taggart
Karin Temple
The Blue Door
Jean Marie Theide
Deb Thomsen
Rose Troup
Roger Truax

V
Glynis Valenti
Alice Van Fleet
Roman Vondrishe
Ben Vose

W
Oliver Waldman
Gary Walker
Trish Walters
Tessa Welch
Larry Well
Thomas Wendt
Kim Werst
Doug West
Robert Whannell
Mae Wheeler Memorial
Roger Whitman
Carla Williams
Christina Williams
Deane Williams
Barbara Wilson
Claudette Wirkkula
Robert Woodford
Debbie Workman
John and Patsy Wubben
Mildred Wynn Memorial
Bruce and Pat Wyrwitzke
Linda Wyss

Y
Craig and Jerry Yamasaki

Z
Donald and Molly Ziessler

OUR HONOR ROLL

2006-2007

(January 1, 2006—September 30, 2007)

"I am constantly surprised by the generosity and kindness of heart of the folks in this community."

Cora Lane
Community Corrections
Director and Animal Shelter administrator

OUR VOLUNTEERS (January 1, 2006—September 30, 2007)

A
Madeline Adee
Rex Anderson
Breanna Agosto

B
Pat Barber
Crystal Beach
Charlotte Beaudry
Alex Bonham
Becky Bunnell
Emily Bunnell

C
Cheryl Cain
Michael Cain
Donna Calahan
Russ Calahan
Dee Carson

Amy Chaloux
Rachel Chastain
Joanne Clark
Rhonda Clark
Patsy Clarke
Mickey Cline
Heaven Cook
Nicole Crooks

D
Sarah Daily
Erin DeBernardi
Stacy Doty
Patricia Doyle
Robin Dunlop
Elizabeth Dunn
Linda Dygert

F
Steve Farnham
Colleen Farrell
Jennifer Ferguson
Kayla Forman
Janae Fox
Franklin Frisch

G
Kyle Gascoigne
Paul Gascoigne
Kate Giese
Robert Goldberg
Haley Guenther

H
Eleanor Hamilton
Donna Handegard
Pat Hediger
George Heiner
Sierra Hoppel
Nadine Houghton
Meghan Houston
Ronda Hunsinger
Kenneth Huntley
Lori Huntley

J
Rita Jamieson
Michael Javid
Lynne Johnson

K
Roz Kelly
Krystal Kerren

L
Annette Lear
Lonnie Lear
Rick Ledgerwood
Linda Lowery

M
Natalie Marcotte
Marjorie McAndrews
Eugene Mellott
Erin Moore
Michele Morgan
Anna Muceus
Kate Mueller
Lance Murray
Renae Murry

N
Nancy Newhall
Cathy Nist
Michelle Nokes
Marilyn North Everson

O
Monica Osburn

P
Ricia Parcher
Shelly Price
Amy Pringle

Q
Carole Quick

R
Donna Reeves
Bill Routh
Patricia Rowland

S
Jonathon Sago
Maggie Schroeder
Melissa Schurman
Breanne Sealy
Linda Seeborg
Ellen Shannon
Ashley Simmons
Jessica Sisonthone
John Smith
Belen Sorenson
Ella Stivers
Mark Stivers
Betty Stutznegger

T
Marjorie Thompson

W
Cristine Wells
Dianne Williams

Y
Britta Ydstie

V
Amy Vinson

W
Helen Warriner
Chris Welborn
Jackie Welborn

Z
Bob Zimmerling
Rae Marie Zimmerling

OUR VETERINARIANS

Astoria Animal Hospital
Dr. Norman Shatto D.V.M.

Bayshore Animal Hospital
Dr. Brad Pope D.V.M.
Dr. Sheila Kilponen D.V.M.

Columbia Veterinary Hospital
Dr. Larry Goza D.V.M.
Dr. Jessica Sanders D.V.M.
Dr. Matt Didlake D.V.M.
Dr. Danielle Davis D.V.M.

Remensyder Pet Clinic
Dr. Robert Remensyder D.V.M.

