

**SAVE THESE DATES**

**YAPPY HOUR**  
**Wayne's Hot Dogs**  
 July 20  
 August 17  
 September 21  
 (see story on page 3)

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**ANNUAL C.H.S. GARAGE SALE**  
**SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 23**  
 (see details on page 7)

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**SECOND ANNUAL  
 DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION**  
 November 10  
 St. Helens Elks Lodge  
 Call the shelter for information

**SHELTER HOURS**  
 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Monday-Saturday

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## A NEW HOME FOR SOME SPECIAL CATS

During the outbreak of feline infectious peritonitis (FIP) last year, we lost 46 cats. However, we were left with approximately the same number who had tested positive to the corona virus but did not contract FIP and were healthy. They could not go back to the cattery because it was feared that they would pass the corona virus on to the other cats living there. For several months those cats have been living in small cages in the isolation trailer behind the shelter.

We went to our own Chronicle and to the Portland media to publicize the existence of these healthy cats who needed homes. The public response was amazing! In all, 27 cats were adopted into loving homes. Thank you again to all of you who helped with this. We still have 20 cats looking for new families.



During this time a wonderful donor saw our story on TV and asked if it would be helpful to have another place to house these cats. As time passed, she found and purchased a Tuff Shed for these cats to call home. The shed is located in the back corner of the shelter property and is now being insulated and sheet rocked. It will be heated and air conditioned. There is even a sink for washing hands, dishes, cats, and whatever else needs to be washed! We expect the shed to be ready for the remaining cats in the next two to three weeks. During the next week or so the cats will be retested and any that are no longer positive for the corona virus will be returned to the cattery. The rest will move in to the beautiful new shed. We hope to find homes for all of these cats over the next few months. They surely deserve this happy ending to their story!

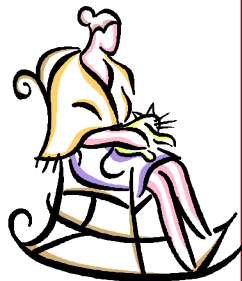
We want to publicly thank the local companies that have contributed to the completion of the shed: Mike Smith Plumbing Contractor in St. Helens, Midway Electric in St. Helens, Columbia River Carpet One in Rainier. Also, Tuff Shed waived the usual delivery fee for us and P.J. Mulcahy did the site prep and added extra grading without charge. Please consider giving them your business!

UPDATES

**ATTENTION SENIORS**

**Medical Care for your pet**

Thanks to a generous donation from the Lura Freeman estate, we are able to help offset the costs of routine exams, vaccinations, spays or neuters, and other general veterinary care for your pets. Anyone over 55 may request assistance with payment for spay or neuter surgeries and vaccinations. Other procedures may be covered or subsidized. For each senior who receives assistance there will be a maximum benefit of \$100. As of June 27, 2007, we have been able to assist 60 seniors through this program. Please call the shelter for more details (503-397-4353).



**A NEW FACE IN THE OFFICE!**

Come in and meet our new office lead, Stephanie Cole, who joined us in April. Stephanie has three children and has volunteered at the shelter since last year. She loves animals and is "thrilled to be working" at C.H.S. We are thrilled to have her!



**FUNDING/GRANTS**

We have received a grant from the Samuel S. Johnson Foundation for purchasing enough stainless steel litter pans for all the cat cages.

We are applying for grants to fund our vigorous spay/neuter program.

We are also pursuing a grant to purchase a new, heavy-duty washer for the shelter. The present one breaks down frequently and does not have adequate capacity for the daunting amount of laundry done every day.

**FELINE INFECTIOUS PERITONITIS (FIP) UPDATE**

As detailed in previous newsletters, the shelter has weathered an outbreak of FIP that cost the lives of 46 cats and kittens. (In the Spring 2007 newsletter it was erroneously reported that over 70 cats had been lost; we regret the error but are very happy that the number was so much smaller). The cattery is now free of FIP. After a media campaign to alert others of our situation, the public response was just amazing. We were able to adopt out 27 of the cats that had tested positive to the corona virus but did not develop FIP. They were adopted into homes without other cats and they will be kept inside so that if they continue to harbor the corona virus they won't be able to pass it on to other cats. To date we have not heard of any instances of serious medical problems with any of these adopted cats.

Please see the story on page 1 for the amazing and heart-warming story of the remaining cats and what is being done for them.

MEET AND PLAY AREA

Now that summer is here we are making more improvements to our "Meet and Play" area. It is a grassy enclosure adjacent to the shelter where potential adopters can spend time playing with dogs they might want to adopt. We have added a fire hydrant (for the dogs!) and a beautiful picnic table. Soon there will be an umbrella to shade the picnic table. Come in and try it out...



FUNDRAISING NEWS

**PATRIOTIC FLAGS AND UNCLE SAM HATS ON SALE**

Spend a dollar and help the animals at C.H.S. This time of year we are demonstrating our patriotism by selling paper flags and Uncle Sam hats for \$1. You can honor a human or animal loved one or just write your own name on it. Once purchased, the flags and hats are displayed around the shelter lobby. Look for Easter bunnies next!!



**PLEASE BRING US YOUR EMPTY POP CANS**

We can only redeem local brand soda cans (Safeway, Fred Meyer, Wal-Mart) and soda cans that required deposits so please do not bring any other containers.



**THANKS!**

**FIRST YAPPY HOUR HUGE SUCCESS!**



**EASY WAY TO GIVE TO C.H.S.**

If you would like to donate to C.H.S. each month, the St. Helens Federal Credit Union will help you set up an automatic withdrawal of even a small amount from your checking account. The form is available on our website or at the credit union. It is a painless way to give on a regular basis because you never have to remember to write the check. At this time we have only one benefactor doing this. Would you like to join her?

**PLEASE BRING US  
YOUR RED APPLE RE-  
CEIPTS!!**



**CASH FOR CRITTERS**

What do you do with used cartridges from your printer or copier? CHS can turn them in for cash so you can help the environment and also help CHS financially. Please check our website; it has a link that tells which cartridges are not eligible. If you don't have internet access please call the shelter for further information.



The first ever Yappy Hour was held at Wayne's Chicago Red Hots in Warren on Friday, June 17 from 5-8 p.m. Dogs and their humans had a wonderful time eating, drinking, and getting acquainted. Proprietor Randy Sanders was kept busy dispensing hot dogs and beer and playing with the four-legged dogs. Dogs of all sizes and shapes were present, well behaved, and seemed to be having a great time. Several dogs received baths for a suggested donation of \$5. Baskets of goodies (one each for people, dogs, and cats) and a coupon for a two-hour kayak trip from Scappoose Bay Kayaking were raffled off with tickets \$1 each or six for \$5. Free doggie massages were provided by Posh Pooch Massage. Scappoose Animal Hospital provided complimentary leashes and discount coupons for spaying/neutering. Randy Sanders donated a portion of his profits for the evening to the cause. All proceeds will go directly to the Columbia Humane Society. A good time was had by all!

We are looking forward to our next Yappy Hour on July 20. Won't you join us?

**AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS  
JULY 2007**

Dear Friends,

Your Columbia Humane Society is in a financial crisis. Our income has been dramatically less and our expenses extensively more in 2007 than any time in recent history. We have not recovered financially from the outbreak of feline infectious peritonitis last year that led to the closure of the cattery for several weeks. With the cattery closed there were no adoption fees and no relinquish fees coming in. On top of that, we were forced to spend over \$10,000 on new cages that would keep litter contained in each cage and hopefully stop the spread of disease. Happily, that worked and the cattery is now open with healthy cats.

The Board of Directors has worked hard over the last two years to raise funds and to cut costs to the absolute bare minimum to keep the shelter operating. We take the care of the animals entrusted to us and our service to the community VERY seriously.

As you know, we are the only no-kill shelter in the area. We help protect the animals of Columbia County and help the people of the county with their animal-related needs. Even with the number of dedicated volunteers we have, the costs of running the shelter are more than the money we take in every month. We have to draw on our reserves monthly and those reserves will not last much longer. As most of you know, we receive no funding from any government agency but derive our total income from donations, adoption and relinquish fees, as well as the sale of food and animal-related items. We do apply for and receive some grants for such things as spay/neuter costs but this can only be used for that purpose and not for operational expenses.

In the past you have been a friend of CHS. We come to you with hat in hand. It will take \$20,000 just to get us through 2007. Please consider sending a generous donation today, and ask your friends, relatives, and neighbors to do the same. If something is not done VERY SOON all of these wonderful animals that we care for so lovingly will have to be sent elsewhere and there will be no one in Columbia County to take them in.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW. AS YOU ARE READING THIS, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS WORKING ON A CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR CLOSING THIS WONDERFUL SHELTER THAT HAS BEEN SERVING COLUMBIA COUNTY SINCE 1985. PLEASE HELP US AVOID THAT TRAGEDY. BE ASSURED THAT WE ARE ALSO WORKING CONTINUALLY TO FIND BETTER WAYS TO RAISE FUNDS AND TO CUT COSTS.**

Sincerely,

Columbia Humane Society Board of Directors

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**YOU ARE MUCH  
APPRECIATED  
THANK YOU!**

\*Please excuse any spelling errors and/or any omissions. If you let us know we will print a correction in the next newsletter.

ABOUT SIAMESE CATS

The Siamese cat originated in Siam, which is now called Thailand. It was protected in its native land within palace walls and temples. It was featured prominently in art and literature. The breed became known to the rest of the world when the royal family of Siam presented the cats as gifts to visiting dignitaries. This was considered a great honor, as the cats belonged only to royalty. The ideal Siamese cat of today is sleek, slender, and refined. Its body is medium sized, long, and graceful. The head is a long, tapering wedge starting at the nose and then flaring out in straight lines to the tips of the ears. This results in a triangular-shaped face. The hips are never wider than the shoulders. Siamese cats have almond-shaped eyes which are medium size, slanting upward from the nose and never should be crossed. All Siamese cats are short haired with a fine-textured, glossy coat. All kittens are born white and assume their color points as they age. Siamese cats are intelligent, loveable, and very clever. They love people and hate to be ignored. They are inquisitive, energetic, and very affectionate. They do not like to be left alone and can become bored and mischievous. Their distinctive voices are like no others. They are high-strung and agile. It is recommended that they be kept indoors and groomed twice a week.

WISH LIST

- Bleach
  - Clorox Disinfectant Wipes
  - Febreze
  - Hand sanitizer
  - Spray disinfectant
  - Dish soap
  - Laundry soap (any kind)
  - Stamps
  - File folders
  - Disposable shoe covers
  - Disposable gowns
  - Small table with 2 chairs
  - Duct tape
  - Heavy-duty metal rake
  - Redi-Mix Concrete
  - From Wal-Mart:
    - 3 large stainless steel garbage cans (with lid and foot pedal)
    - 2 small stainless steel garbage cans (with lid and foot pedal)
- URGENT - Sturdy 4-wheel Rubbermaid wheelbarrow - URGENT**



### HOT WEATHER TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR PETS SAFE

During the summer months dogs and cats are subject to the same dangers as humans, including overheating, dehydration, and sunburn. The following are important summer safety tips:

?Never leave your pet in a parked car. Even with the windows cracked open the temperature inside a car can become dangerously hot very quickly.

?Always carry a source of cool water for your pets when traveling.

?Keep your dogs off the cement or asphalt during the heat of the day; their paws can be burned.

?Use sunscreen on light-colored or thin-haired pets (see article below).

?Don't take your pet to the beach unless there is a shady area to rest and plenty of fresh water. Rinse the salt off your dog's coat after a dip in the ocean.



?Snub-nosed dogs should be kept in an air conditioned room if possible. Older and overweight dogs are especially sensitive to the heat so keep them inside.

?Always keep matches, lighter fluid, insect coils, etc, out of your pet's reach.

?Watch out for signs of overheating such as excessive panting or drooling, weakness, or elevated body temperature. More serious signs of heat exhaustion can include glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple color of the tongue. If any of these signs develop move the

animal into the shade and use cool (not ice cold) towels to the head, neck, and chest. Give small sips of water and get the animal to a vet immediately.

Check out [www.vetmedicine.about.com](http://www.vetmedicine.about.com) for tips on protecting your pets during the summer season.

### SKIN CANCER RISK

Cats and dogs are subject to skin cancer just like humans. White or very light-colored animals are more susceptible to it, especially on areas of the body that have thin hair like the belly on dogs and the ears and the area around the eyes on cats. All animals with thin or very short hair are at risk.

All of these animals need sunscreen. Baby sunscreens are safe but if the animal is likely to lick it off it is best to use a sunscreen created for pets. These come in lotions and sprays. Apply the sunscreen liberally to the bridge of the nose, the ears, (Continued on page 8)

### COMMON FOODS AND PLANTS POISONOUS TO PETS\*

FOODS		PLANTS	
alcoholic beverages	apple seeds	azaleas	bird of paradise
apricot pits	Avocados (birds, mice, rabbits)	buttercup	caladium (house plant)
candy (chocolate, any with xylitol)	cherry pits	Christmas rose	common privet (shrub)
coffee	grapes	daffodil (bulbs)	day lily (for cats)
hops	macadamia nuts	Easter Lily (for cats)	elderberry trees
mushroom plants	onions & onion powder	elephant's ear	English ivy
peach pits	potato leaves/stems (green parts)	flax seedpods	holly berries
raisins	rhubarb leaves	iris leaves & roots	lily of the valley (leaves & flowers)
salt	walnuts	morning glory	rhododendron leaves
		wisteria	

\*This is just a sampling; check out [www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org) for more information.

# 7th Annual Garage Sale!!!



**September 21st & 22nd -**

**9am to 4pm**

**September 23rd -**

**10am to 2pm**



**50925 SW Old Portland Road**

**Scappoose, OR 97056**

Once again...thanks to Georgie Holshelmer for her generous donation of the use of her garage. We couldn't do it without you Georgie!

## Start collecting & donating now!

Call the shelter at 503-397-4353 for info on donation items accepted, drop-off times & drop-off location.

(please, no stuffed animals or clothing for people over 2 years old)

## We need you. They need you. Ways to help:

1. Donate items
2. Donate money & become a "garage sale sponsor"
3. Help sort, price and sell items
4. Shop & bring all your friends
5. Spread the word . . . there are endless possibilities! Please call us.

Our shelter is truly suffering from the bite of inflation.

Please, show your support and help make this year our most successful.

Donate, Volunteer, Shop and Adopt.



Clean out your attic,  
tidy up your garage,  
help support our animals,  
but please...no garbage!



Sponsored in part by Cathleen Callahan, L.L.P. - Clatskanie, OR

# I N M E M O R I A M

## DONATIONS IN HONOR OF PEOPLE:\*

### CECILIA BELL-KLEMENZ

Stephen V. Piucci

### SARAH MCGUIRE-HALL

Anonymous  
Mike & Linda Bloom

### KATHRYN OLSON

Bruce & Marilee Thompson  
Gene & Linda Thompson

### LOIS SCHARF

Charlotte Cross

### FRANK WEBER

Carol Goff  
Alan Nixon  
Chuck & Charlotte Nadeau  
Darlyne O'Dell

### MILDRED WYNNR

Anonymous

## DONATIONS IN HONOR OF PETS:\*

### DOOLEY

Wendy Brown

### MISS MILLY

Joy Churchill

### SKIN CANCER RISK (Continued from page 6)

the area around the eyes, and to any area where pigmentation is low. Reapply regularly, about every 4-6 hours during the heat of the day.

Skin cancer may present as a bump on the skin that persists and/or grows or bleeds. Any area that is persistently red or irritated or that the animal constantly licks or scratches may also be an indication of trouble. Any of these conditions should be investigated by your veterinarian. Remember that many such spots are not cancerous at all. Surgical removal is the most common treatment but chemotherapy and radiation are sometimes used.

## DECEASED PETS REMEMBERED\*

Dizzy Anderson	Briscoe Koonce
Indy Anderson	Yorki Nash
Bridget Becker	Cub Schiau
Too Bad Bush	Sassy Scholl
Homer Copenhaver	Tanna Shwartz
Copper Cullen	Mr. Slinky Bags Smith
Duke Doolin	Tipper Smith
Ody Fox	Rocky Stanton
Woody Gulker	Pepito Suners
Daisy Hudson	Buddy Terrazas
Mimen Japs	Zoe White
Peaches Jepson	Xavier Williams
Buffy Knytyen	Sammy Wolf

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## MEMORIAL WALL PLAQUES

In the "Meet and Play" area adjacent to the shelter there is a 12-foot cedar wall which holds plaques honoring departed companion animals. The plaques are engraved with names, dates, short verses, and even some available stylized pictures. The plaques come in two sizes with many possible configurations. All proceeds from the sale of the plaques help C.H. S. provide service to the community.

If you would like to honor a departed pet or give a plaque to someone who has lost a pet, and at the same time help C.H.S. to continue serving the community, please consider purchasing a plaque. The order form is available at the shelter and online at [columbiahumane.org](http://columbiahumane.org).



### DID YOU KNOW?

More than 35,000 kittens are born in the U.S. each year. Spay or neuter your cat!

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE NEWSLETTER IN LIVING COLOR ONLINE? WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP C.H.S. SAVE ON POSTAGE COSTS? IF SO, PLEASE FILL THIS OUT AND MAIL OR BRING IT TO THE C.H.S. OFFICE. THANKS!**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

**AREAS OF INTEREST-CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ May we contact you at work? \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Physical limitations \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

You are: \_\_\_\_\_ an adult \_\_\_\_\_ 16 or younger \_\_\_\_\_ 17-21

When are you available for volunteer work?

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday

Volunteer experience \_\_\_\_\_

Experience with animals \_\_\_\_\_

Means of transportation \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special skills?

\_\_\_\_\_ Vet tech/vet assistant \_\_\_\_\_ Grant writing

\_\_\_\_\_ Graphic arts/photography \_\_\_\_\_ Computer

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to volunteer for Columbia Humane Society? \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ MAINTENANCE
- \_\_\_\_\_ LANDSCAPE/WEEDING
- \_\_\_\_\_ CLEANING
- \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE CALLS
- \_\_\_\_\_ LETTER WRITING
- \_\_\_\_\_ FOLLOW-UP HOME VISIT
- \_\_\_\_\_ FOLLOW-UP OF ADOPTIONS
- \_\_\_\_\_ VERIFY SPAY/NEUTER
- \_\_\_\_\_ GRANT WRITING
- \_\_\_\_\_ UNLOADING TRUCK
- \_\_\_\_\_ DESIGNING FLYERS
- \_\_\_\_\_ CAN/BOTTLE RETURN
- \_\_\_\_\_ ANIMAL CARE
- \_\_\_\_\_ DOG WALKING
- \_\_\_\_\_ DOG TRAINING
- \_\_\_\_\_ DOG SOCIALIZING
- \_\_\_\_\_ CAT PETTING/GROOMING
- \_\_\_\_\_ CAT EAR CLEANING
- \_\_\_\_\_ CAT FOSTER CARE
- \_\_\_\_\_ DOG FOSTER CARE
- \_\_\_\_\_ FUNDRAISING
  - \_\_\_\_\_ PLANNING EVENTS
  - \_\_\_\_\_ STAFFING EVENTS
  - \_\_\_\_\_ GARAGE SALE
  - \_\_\_\_\_ SOLICITING DONATIONS
  - \_\_\_\_\_ ESCORTING ANIMALS

**All volunteers must attend a training session.**

**YES, I WANT TO HELP AS A MEMBER — DONOR — VOLUNTEER**

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ SENIOR

\$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ INDIVIDUAL

\$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY

\$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS

OTHER DONATION \_\_\_\_\_

I'LL VOLUNTEER MY TIME. PLEASE CONTACT ME BY:

Phone E-mail

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

OUR HOURS ARE:

Columbia Humane Society  
2084 Oregon Street  
St Helens, OR 97051

11:00 AM—5:00 PM MONDAY—SATURDAY  
Phone: (503) 397-4353  
E-mail: chs\_director@opusnet.com

**WOULD YOU PREFER TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER ON-LINE? Y N**

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_