

# News from Homeward Pet



## Whoopi's Fund

Whoopi's Fund for Special Needs Animals was created to help pay for emergency surgeries and major medical procedures for our dogs and cats. Last year, Lacy and Abbey benefitted from Whoopi's Fund and the life-saving support of our donors.

### Lacy: A Team Effort. A Life Saved.

In late December, Misty and Joan, two of our dedicated volunteers, noticed that Lacy, a Saint Bernard, was severely coughing. They immediately alerted staff, who saw that Lacy was in serious distress. Dr. Tina, our Veterinarian, recognized the symptoms of bloat, a life-threatening condition where the stomach enlarges and twists, cutting off the blood supply to vital organs. Lacy was rushed to Animal Emergency Services East, who quickly stabilized her before performing blood work, x-rays and the necessary surgery to save this sweet girl's life (including per-

manently tacking her stomach so this can never happen again).

Thanks to your support of Whoopi's Fund and the prompt action of everyone involved – from incredible Homeward Pet volunteers and staff to our amazing veterinary partners at AES – Lacy spent the holidays recovering, and the New Year brought a forever home for this wonderful girl!

Thank you to Animal Emergency Services East in Kirkland for all they've done for Homeward Pet.



### Abbey's Journey Home

Abbey arrived at Homeward Pet with a serious infection in both of her eyes. Our veterinary staff soon realized that both eyes needed to be removed if she were to have any chance of being pain free and able to enjoy life again.

After surgery, sweet little Abbey began behaving like any dog her age. She loved the attention she was receiving and quickly learned to navigate her world using her other senses. Abbey's stay at Homeward Pet was longer than average, but full of great care from volunteers and staff, who fell in love with this gentle, affectionate dog. Abbey is now living with her best dog friend and loving mom.

Thanks to you and your generous support, Abbey and Lacy each got a second chance at life.

## Happy Adoption Tail ~ Bubbles

"Bubbles is notorious in our family for finding the weirdest sleeping positions. He is such a snuggle bug and loves to snuggle with our friends, guests, and his brother Salem. If you are on the couch, you are probably gonna get snuggled. Bubs and my husband are two peas in a pod and I often come home to them sleeping next to each other.

When we had to move back in with my parents, they were worried that Bubbles wouldn't get along with their kitties and dogs. He won over my mom and dad instantly with his weird but adorable purr and Bubbles and my parents' older dog were almost inseparable.

Bubbles is wonderful. He gets along with everyone. Dogs, people, even other kitties. We are so blessed to have him in our little family."

-The McShurley Family



## Homeward Pet Calendar

- February 22 24th Anniversary Adoption Event
- March 29 **Homeward Pet Fur Ball Auction and Dinner**   
Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue
- April 19 Easter b'Egg Hunt
- April 26 Seattle Pet Expo
- September 13 Happy Tails Wine Walk



## Happy Adoption Tail ~ Abi (previously Abbey)

"Abi is settling in perfectly! She is the sweetest dog and has a great personality! She's already sleeping with me and is quite the bed hog! Abi loves to sleep in too, this morning she didn't want to get out of bed.

Abi and Jeze are still getting to know each other, but we haven't had any issues. She hasn't had one accident in the house or her kennel. She's already completely house broken. Thanks again for all your help."

As one of Washington State's leading no-kill animal shelters, Homeward Pet Adoption Center's mission is to give homeless animals a second chance through our rescue, shelter and adoption programs.

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## From the Executive Director

Dear Animal Lover,

What an incredible year! Your amazing support helped Homeward Pet find forever homes for 1,690 dogs and cats in 2013 ~ an all-time record in our 24 year history. All made possible by YOU.

With our dog kennels now at full capacity, we increased the number of dogs helped in 2013 by 37%. Though our cat room still has space for additional kennels, we were able to increase our cat adoptions by 5% over previous years.

One new program that helped with our adoptions is the 'Overlooked Cats' and 'Overlooked Dogs,' which highlights dogs and cats who have been at the shelter a bit longer than usual, yet are still very adoptable.

The Homeward Pet Dunmire Veterinary Clinic continues to ensure all incoming dogs and cats are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, and dewormed. Our Whoopi's Fund for Special Needs Animals program treated 327 animals that were in need of extra medical attention; including injuries, infections, life-saving surgeries, and animals with ringworm - making sure that our dogs and cats are in the best health possible for their new families.

Homeward Pet's community outreach programs continue to be strong with the Homeward Pet Food Bank, sponsored by Doggy Haven Resort, providing over 64,500 lbs of pet food to area food banks and community outreach programs - helping to keep pets in their homes. The Low Cost Spay & Neuter program continues to help reduced income families with pets in need within our community.

We would be lost without our over 350 dedicated volunteers - who help us daily with caring for the animals, keeping the shelter clean and safe, greeting our visitors and so much more!

Our goals for 2014 ~ include completing our cat room by adding 10 additional kennels, and increasing overall adoptions by 8% over 2013 - finding forever homes for more than 1,800 homeless dogs and cats. With your help, we know we can achieve this.

Whether adopting or providing support, thank YOU for giving shelter animals a second chance at life and love!

Wishing you a fabulous 2014!

Terri Inglis  
Executive Director



## 24th Anniversary Celebration!

February 2014 marks Homeward Pet's 24th Anniversary as one of Washington's leading no-kill shelters, and we're setting our sights on helping even more animals by collecting 240 donations of just \$24. Every \$24 donation will help provide essential vaccinations, food, microchips, FeLV/FIV tests, collars, leashes and more. Look for the thermometer on our website as we track your life-saving donations all month long.

Plus, on Saturday February 22nd, we'll hold our special 24th Anniversary Adoption Event! All dog, cat, puppy and kitten adoptions will be just \$24, all day long! Last year, we found new homes for 46 animals on our anniversary day, and we hope to send even more cats and dogs home with wonderful new families this year!

Established in 1990, Homeward Pet Adoption Center has found new homes for more than 22,800 companion animals. We could not have done it without your support! Please join us as we celebrate another year of giving homeless animals a second chance at life and love. Working together, there's so much more we can do.



## Homeward Heroes Make Shelter Improvements

With more adoptable dogs in the shelter, and more great adopters coming through the doors, our need for more space to introduce them to each other became a necessity last summer. In December, we finally found time for the project... and the right guys to do the job!

A special thanks to Jeff (the one-man construction crew!) for donating the materials, time and skill to build this great wall; and to Keith for contributing his time and talent to do all the finishing work.

You are truly Homeward Heroes!



## Give Homeless Animals a Head Start on Finding a Forever Home -

→ → Pay It Forward → →



If you've had a special animal in your life, then you know the joy that pets can bring. Or maybe you've been able to open your home to a number of wonderful cats and dogs over the years, and you can't imagine how anyone can live without a cat or dog in the family.

Here's a great way to share your love of animals and help a homeless animal find a forever home – Homeward Pet's Pay It Forward Program. With Pay It Forward, you donate the adoption fee for an adoptable cat or dog. You may choose a cat or dog that reminds you of your special friend, or let us apply your donation to the cat or dog that's been here the longest.

We will find your sponsored animal a great home, following the adoption process that has made Homeward Pet a leader in matching animals and adopters. Once we've made that lifelong match, we'll be able to send that dog or cat home with their adoption fee already paid.

Help build a compassionate, caring community.

Pay It Forward.

**Carl and Tommy Boy - two cats whose adoption fees were paid through the Pay It Forward program, and soon after, were adopted together!**

"I wanted a way to help cats, especially overlooked cats, find new homes. I wondered if I could make some of them more attractive to adopters by pre-paying their adoption fee. I am thrilled every time I hear that one of my sponsored cats finds a home and can't wait to go in to choose another to sponsor."

~ Maura, a recurring Pay It Forward sponsor

## Be There For Them Every Day of the Year

Thank you to our Guardian Angel Kennel Sponsors.

- Gene and Donna Rowe
- Denise, Sophie and Mickey M.
- Koda's Arc
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## Fur Ball Auction and Dinner 2014

Be part of a fun and electrifying evening to help the animals at Homeward Pet. The night will begin with a thrilling Silent auction featuring many unique and exciting items, and your chance to play 'Spirits Roulette,' 'Heads or Tails' and 'Pick-of-the-Litter,' and create a keepsake of the evening at the photo booth.

Then, join us in the ballroom for a delicious gourmet dinner and exhilarating Dessert Dash. Participate in the rousing Live Auction and raise your paddles high during the 'Paws for a Cause' portion of the evening. We hope to see you there.



# You're invited!

## FUR BALL AUCTION & DINNER 2014

Saturday, March 29  
at the Meydenbauer Center

[www.homewardpet.org/auction](http://www.homewardpet.org/auction) or call 425.488.4444