



Spring News

2017 IMPACT



1851 cats & dogs adopted



190 special needs animals treated



155,000 pounds of food distributed



67,173 hours volunteered



235 public spay & neuter surgeries completed



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every day
of the year

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dear friends,

What an amazing year it has been for Homeward Pet! 2017 saw us strengthening relationships with animal lovers near and far, providing essential services to beloved family pets in need, and receiving generous support through volunteerism, gifts of food and supplies, and monetary contributions that fund the enriching animal care programs of Homeward Pet.

Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm for our mission, we raised a record-breaking \$450,000 at the 2017 Fur Ball Auction & Dinner for the care and wellbeing of our animals. Our Pet Food Bank continues to help prevent pet homelessness by distributing 155,000 pounds of pet food to our neighbors in Seattle, Snohomish, Kirkland, and more. At home, our Cat Behavior Team doubled in size, allowing our volunteers to help more than 70 cats with behavior challenges this year.

And at the heart of our work, we adopted out 1851 dogs and cats!

As we celebrate our past accomplishments, we also look forward to future opportunities. This year, we are working harder than ever to unite an all-time high of 2000 animals with their forever families. To that end we are looking to expand our veterinary clinic hours to accommodate more vaccines, dental cleanings, and checkups. We're also adding to our Dog Behavior Team to provide basic obedience to the dogs who come through our doors. Each day provides new opportunities—there are always more dog walks to take, more hungry cats to feed, more surgeries to perform, and more toys to fill with peanut butter—which is why your continued support is so important and saves lives year after year.

Thank you for an inspiring and successful 2017. I hope you'll join us all year long as we celebrate new stories created by our lifesaving volunteers, donors, and adopters.

gratefully,

Gary Rubin
Executive Director

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In Memoriam

Patricia J. O'Hanley

1928 - 2017

ANIMALS ALWAYS instinctively knew they'd be safe with Patricia O'Hanley. Lost, shy dogs would approach her, sniffing cautiously. Feral cats roamed her yard, and rescued roosters strutted about. Once, when she returned from grocery shopping to her Carnation farm, she found an injured hawk in her driveway, its wing crooked and bent. Pat went inside to drop off her groceries before setting out to help her avian guest. As she unpacked, she took a glance toward the back door: there was the hawk, waiting expectantly on the mat as if asking to be let inside.

It knew, somehow, that it had found refuge and hope of a better life with Pat's help.

Pat's legacy has been far-reaching in the animal world. She never met a dog she didn't love—and who didn't love her.

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A lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest, Pat's parents instilled in her a love of animals at an early age. Perhaps the magnetism that drew animals to Pat was genetic—it's said that her father, walking home across the neighborhood, sometimes found himself the ringleader of a pack of friendly local dogs.

Pat's family found success in the days of Pat's childhood. As an only child, her hardworking parents played a large role in the woman Pat would become. Her father's family hailed from Belfast, and her mother was an English immigrant, proud of her heritage. A professional golfer, her father made his own golf clubs and was skilled in craftsmanship. To keep young Pat safe, he fashioned a custom collar with a child-sized handle for the family's Airedale terrier, Mickey. He placed Pat's hand on the collar's handle and said: “Wherever you go, Mickey goes with you.” Thus



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As Pat grew up—graduating high school early and earning her Master of English at 22—she always knew she wanted her legacy to benefit Washington's animals. Beginning in the 1960s on just a high school teacher's salary, Pat began investing in real estate throughout Washington. Her intentions for the properties were not secret: she wanted to donate the proceeds from the sales to animal welfare organizations.

“She told everyone,” says close friend Julie Gaisford. “Even the postman knew.” Although property values in the Seattle area skyrocketed, Pat continued her mantra: “I'm not selling. This is for the animals.”

Though she loved all animals, Pat held a special place in her heart for dachshunds and hounds of all breeds. Pat's favorite dachshund, BJ, revealed an extraordinary talent for show. After entering a local competition for fun, BJ kept winning—and winning and winning, culminating in a trip to the 2009 Westminster Dog Show. Though he didn't place there, he'd already amassed several regional and national titles and continued to take trips

around the country afterwards. (Continuing to demonstrate her natural magnetism for canines, she once had to leave an obedience ring because too many competing dogs were becoming distracted by her presence, wanting to snuggle with her rather than show off their obedience training.) The show circuit allowed Pat, a passionate and driven personality, to develop a strong network of animal advocates, which she called on to help rescue dogs.

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In addition to ferrying BJ to shows, teaching high school, and earning a law degree in the evenings, Pat also ran an informal hound rescue network using her contacts from show business and her natural power of persuasion. Her business card reads “Any hound, any time”—and she meant it.

Though Pat was a notably private person according to her friends Julie Gaisford and Sherry Grindeland, she was always willing to fight publicly for what she believed in. She was “small in stature, but big in personality,” enabling her to accomplish things others would only dream



of doing. She traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, to help register Black voters during the civil rights movement. Unsurprisingly, she later worked for a civil rights law firm in Seattle. She was one of the first teachers to cover Japanese internment in Washington State, bringing a local resident into her classroom whose family had been impacted by the practice. Later, she would have the opportunity to fight injustice in her literal back yard.

The land that Pat called home spans over one hundred acres and sits next to a popular and far-flung hunting site. For years, she battled hunters chasing pheasants and other wild game onto her property. Undeterred by No Trespassing signs and barbed wire, she found herself the target of ire from hunters pursuing their quarry onto her property.

“She told me at least one of the men pointed a shotgun at her when she confronted him,” Julie says. That’s the kind of person Pat was—unwilling to back down when a challenge presented itself. Her stance against hunting is now written into the law of her land—her property has a no hunting in perpetuity clause attached to it.

Though Pat passed away in late 2017, her lifelong love of animals and insistence on bettering the world even in the face of opposition lives on. Homeward Pet and other animal organizations are some of the beneficiaries of her will.

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According to Julie and Sherry, Patricia had two major dreams for the future of animal welfare: “She hoped all animal shelters would become no-kill, and that animal lovers would consider giving to causes they care about.”

It’s safe to say that Pat’s example is inspirational. The dogs and cats in our care will be forever grateful for her generosity and life’s works. Homeward Pet Board President Michael Ziock puts it like this: “With her amazing bequest, Patricia O’Hanley will live on in the stories of every animal saved and every Homeward Pet family made complete. With unending gratitude—thank you, Patricia.” 🐾



Fur Ball

Auction & Dinner
May 19, 2018

Tickets available at homewardpet.org

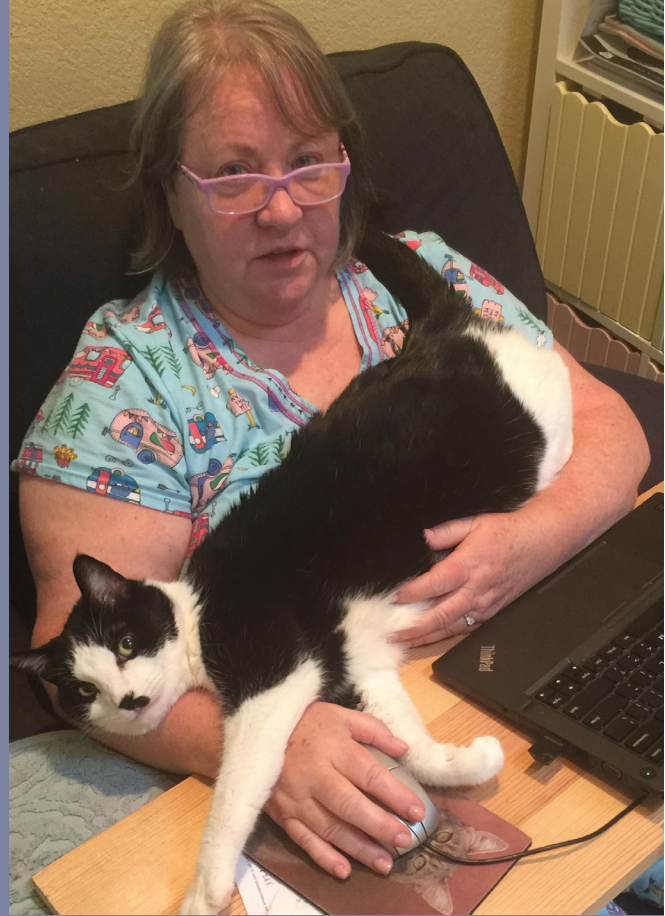
RADIO-CAT-IVE

SMUDGY, A SENIOR CAT, is famous in the Homeward Pet community for his gravelly meow and willingness to chat at all hours. Soon, he'll join another group of distinguished felines: those we have treated with a dose of radioactive iodine.

It may sound like something out of science fiction, but the procedure is familiar to our veterinarians. Smudgy lives with hyperthyroidism—his thyroid produces too much hormone due to a benign tumor. With a single dose of radioactive treatment, Smudgy will likely be cured of his condition forever. Other courses of treatment require risky surgery or frequent pills. Though expensive, the iodine treatment will allow Smudgy to live a happier, stress-free life. Several of our other feline alumni have undergone the process and continued on to healthy lives in their forever homes.

Mary Ann Boffey, a Homeward Pet foster, is helping Smudgy prepare for the treatment—and assisting with his care afterward. “He’s a fantastic cat, just a big lover boy,” she says. “He meets me at the door in the morning, and when I get home from work, he’s all over me wanting love.”

Thanks to supporters of Whoopi’s Fund for Special Needs Animals, we can provide Smudgy the best veterinary care available and get this quirky boy ready for his forever home. 🐾



Here, Smudgy embodies the classic catitude familiar to every cat owner: “You may want to check your email, but I want to lay on your arms.”

Save the Date

MARCH 31 Easter B'egg Hunt

MAY 19 Fur Ball Auction & Dinner

JUNE 16 Fur Baby Shower



“Last year, Max was just one of 1851 animals who found loving homes after receiving care at Homeward Pet.”



A Happy Ending

You probably recognize Max's face. To say he's memorable is an understatement—between his sweet brown eyes and single-tooth underbite, he's the model of a friendly face.

You may also remember his story, which we recounted last fall. Max came to us in the throes of heat-stroke, nearing death. Only because of a dedicated team of supporters, including you, were we able to stabilize him in our oxygen chamber and then send him to a foster home while he recovered. Once Max's health had stabilized, Ashley, our Assistant Shelter Manager, took Max home for additional rest and recuperation.

Once there, he never left.

Fostering our younger or recovering animals is something of a routine for Ashley. Litter after litter of kittens have spent their early days in her loving home. And now, with the addition of Max, those kittens have the chance to meet a dog in a low-stress environment. Thanks to Max's gentle nature, kittens

are able to become comfortable with other furry, four-legged animals.

“He adores all the foster kittens,” Ashley says. “Even when they're using him as a trampoline.”

When Max isn't being the mellow playmate of a bundle of rambunctious kittens, Ashley says you can find him napping in the sun, chasing tennis balls, or pleading to go on yet another car ride (riding shotgun in the front seat, of course).

Last year, Max was just one of 1851 animals who found loving homes after receiving care at Homeward Pet. Dogs and cats like him are given the chance to thrive thanks to dedicated supporters like you. From volunteering to donating to sharing adoptable animals on social media, there are countless ways to make a difference in the life of a homeless animal. Thank you for being the backbone of our mission. We can't wait to see what happy endings 2018 will bring!

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