



# Paw Tracks

## A Newsletter of Pacific Cove Humane Society

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## Changing With the Times

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Pacific Cove Humane Society began in 2000 with a vision and a mission: a vision of a community that valued its animal companions, where each one had a loving home for their lifetime; and a mission to assure that euthanasia was for humane purposes only and not for controlling the numbers of unwanted, abandoned pets. Our objective was to establish a modern pet care center that would house animals seeking permanent homes and place them responsibly, and rely on spay/neuter as the means of achieving population control and preventing needless suffering.

The group first came together in response to the Coos County government's search for a private operator for their animal shelter. We prepared to submit a proposal, with the goal of addressing the high euthanasia rate and large numbers of surrendered pets then occurring at the County shelter, and offering other helpful programs. Due to the physical limitations of the South Port site we decided to approach animal sheltering in a different location. We turned our attention to raising funds to build our pet care facility.

In those early years, the common goal was that Coos County would close their shelter when we opened ours. In time, ideas evolved, and because animal over-population and euthanasia were such pressing problems, it appeared that two shelters, ours and that of the County, would both be needed and beneficial.

While we worked toward our objective of creating a new facility to serve our community, we actively advocated and supported spay/neuter to reduce the number of animals euthanized, initiated the People-to-People pet placement service that found forever homes for hundreds of animals, and we were constant champions for the cause of animal welfare in our community.

After years of searching for a suitable, affordable location, with appropriate zoning for our facility, PCHS purchased the building at 3485 Vine Avenue in Coos Bay in 2014 and received a conditional use permit to kennel dogs and cats. However, as PCHS made improvements required for the conditional use permit, we became aware that the Coos County Animal Shelter was seldom full, as it had been previously. We also saw a drop in the numbers of animals needing placement through our People-to-People program.

Spay or Neuter Your Pet...  
Eliminate Pet  
Overpopulation



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**"The smallest feline is a masterpiece." Leonardo da Vinci**

unwanted pets in the County. Additionally, long-time

efforts of organizations such as S/Nipped, PCHS, People-to-People, Pets & People, FOCCAS, FAWN and Kohl's Cat House resulted in a great reduction in the number of animals euthanized. It appeared that our vision had been largely achieved, after all, with many hands working together.

PCHS consulted with The Shelter Planners of America whose research confirmed that there was no longer a need for two shelters/adoption centers in Coos County. In an effort to make use of the building for animals, PCHS explored the idea of the building becoming the Coos County Animal Shelter/Adoption Center. PCHS met with the Coos County Commissioners and the sheriff several times. The County decided that this location would not meet their needs.

PCHS has concluded that it would not be prudent to spend a great deal of money to continue to remodel the Vine Avenue property, when a second facility is no longer needed. Rather, that the money donated by supporters could best be utilized by selling the property and using the proceeds to benefit companion animals in Coos County. PCHS will continue its mission of promoting the compassionate treatment of animals, with spaying and neutering the key means of eliminating animal overpopulation and unnecessary euthanasia.

We have put the Vine Avenue property up for sale. We are always deeply grateful for your support for our mission, and for working alongside us as we seek to improve the outlook for the wonderful animals who share our South Coast home. Kind and generous assistance comes in many forms, through good advice, professional services, donations, volunteerism and unflagging commitment. We will continue to use assets to support companion animals in our county.

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**“Animals are such agreeable friends – they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.” George Eliot**

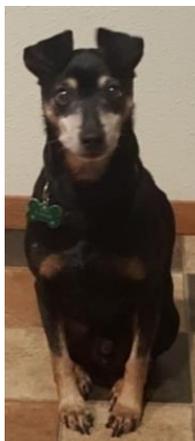
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## **People-to-People Adoption Program is Winding Down**

Pacific Cove Humane Society's People to People program will no longer be accepting new pets. We do have pets that need to find their forever homes. Check our website and our Facebook page.

### **Vegas**

I am a sweet 14-year-old, 9 pound Min Pin who will be neutered soon. If you are looking to adopt a very loving and cuddly companion, then look no further. I mind well and am good with kids and other dogs. I admit cats scare me! I need a fenced yard and to be kept on-leash because I am a fearless explorer.



Home evaluation required.



### **Apollo**

I am a handsome, loving 6-year-old neutered German Shepherd. I need a fenced yard and an active family with older, gentle kids. It is best that I am an only pet. Believe me when I say that I am not a fan of cats! I am crate trained and have my own crate that will come with me.

Home evaluation required.



### **Maxx**

I am a cute Pug-Pug mix. At 3 years old I still love to play. I have a great personality. I am good with all ages. If you are looking for a loving and playful dog, you will love me in your life. I am not afraid to tell UPS or FedEx that I don't like them at my door. I do need a fenced yard.

Home evaluation required.

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**“Sometimes you don't need words to feel better you just need the nearness of your dog.” Natalie Lloyd**