

 **HUMAN ANIMAL HEROES — DONATIONS, APPRECIATION, RESCUE, AND HARD WORK!**

**DONATIONS:** Trish Hastings (Wolf Creek) \$25; Anonymous (Portland) \$1,000; Sunny-Wolf Youth Services, Inc. Savanna's Babies Medical Fund \$34; Lewis & Elizabeth Svitenko (Wolf Creek) \$50; Denest & Nancy Hess (Sunny Valley) \$10; Darien Huffman (Wolf Creek) \$5; Zinna Smalley (Wolf Creek) \$10; Anonymous (Wilderville) \$100 in memory of Lucky sweet long-time Labrador companion of The Pat Steinert Family-Grants Pass, and of Tiger Sage dear loving kitty of Charlotte Sperison-Grants Pass, and birthday celebrations for Jane Vaughn-Grants Pass, William Craig-Fallbrook CA, Joanne Crosby-LaJolla CA, Susan Anderson-Mesa AZ; Polly Eells/Glendale Hardware (Glendale) \$25 Glendale Fund; Connie Stevens (Glendale) \$10 Glendale Fund; Anonymous (Glendale) \$20 Glendale Fund; Joyce Cannon (Grants Pass) \$10 Glendale Fund; Nov. 6th Fundraiser/Wolf Creek \$57; Humane Society Open House \$21; Kathy Oxendine (Wolf Creek) \$20, \$25 Glendale Fund, \$440 Savanna's Babies Medical Fund. And, thanks for coin donations to cans Glenway Market, Glendale Hardware, Wolf Creek Store, Powderhorn Café. Each day your donations work to ensure better lives for these sweet treasures of our Earth. Thank you.

**APPRECIATION:** "Thank you for being a kindness, compassion catalyst!! Hurray for Dr. Kraft and her crew (Wellness Clinic)!! Your accomplishments are unprecedented. Kudos!" (Anonymous, Wilderville-former Wolf Creek resident); "God love the donor (dog grant) and bless you" (June Bargelt, Cave Junction); "Our area is so depressed, many people have animals and can't care for them. Honey had many litters, was an abandoned dog- now spayed and ours" (Jay Morris, Cave Junction); "You saved our puppy's life (trauma to the jaw)" (Sarah Archetko, Wolf Creek); "We lost two cats, then Black

Jack became ill – urinary tract problems. You saved him and the rest of our cats, it was a food issue. Thank you" (Zanetta Wirtz, Wolf Creek); "You are amazing and a blessing to our animal friends"(Trish Hastings, Wolf Creek); We hear Melanie Caruth had tears of joy, Toby saved her cat Purpose from dying –We had helped spay Purpose years ago –"Thank you" (Melanie Caruth, Glendale); "I don't have words...what a blessing, three dogs fixed" (Athena Scull, Cave Junction); "Thanks, no more worries, female dog spayed" (Carolyn Roggasch, Wolf Creek).

**TOBY RESCUES:** The Toby Fund is the hero this time. The mom of a Murphy family, recently divorced, told the kids their female lab, Sadie, was headed to the shelter. Her children were afraid Sadie would be put to sleep. Mom said they couldn't afford her anymore. Her little daughter called from school to see if Sadie was still home. Mom contacted The Toby Fund. We helped with a substantial voucher to spay Sadie, so Mom decided to keep her. "You're amazing. My kids will be ecstatic." A family saved! Also, hero Joanne Lee (Wolf Creek) picked up a female kitten on the road in the middle of the night-missing teeth, blood in her eyes-now Snickers, a loved kitty. Another hero called Toby, young pit dog was listless-- an overdose of marijuana. Ellie Mae had been spayed and otherwise well cared for by a homeless couple. Toby paid to diagnose and for a warm bed at the vet clinic that night, rather than sleeping out in the cold. Ellie was ok.

**HARD WORK:** Annual Board meeting, Oct. 4th., attendees President Kathy Oxendine, Dr. Gay Bradshaw and Ann Southcombe, Secretary Michael Oxendine. Minutes available by request. Wolf Creek Inn, Nov. 6th. fundraiser, amazing hosts – thank you for vegan desserts, cozy atmosphere, welcoming Pete.

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*"The greatness of a nation (community) and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."*

–Mahatma Gandhi

**LOOKS LIKE MARTHA MACADAMIA HAS MORE PUPPIES TO "GET RID OF" -- SHE GIVES THEM ONLY TO "NICE" PEOPLE...LET'S SEE WHY MARTHA KEEPS DOING THIS, AND WHAT THEIR "NEW GOOD HOMES" ARE LIKE...**

*By Kathy Oxendine with cartoon by Christine Wills a Sunny Valley artist and teacher of art*

Martha Macadamia and her husband Mack love babies, so they keep having more. They believe their dog, Walnut enjoys being "Mama"—but, once weaned, the pups seem less cute, makes lots of messes, plus there is no money for shots, food and medical care. So...Martha gets out her pet basket, loads up, and heads for the Country Store.

Look! This time there is a human puppy in the mix—it's Peanut! What is Peanut doing in the basket? Maybe Martha, who gets mixed up easily, put Peanut in the basket by accident, or...maybe Peanut is quite a bother to the Macadamias, just like the dog puppies. It doesn't matter. ONLY NICE PEOPLE ADOPT MARTHA'S PUPPIES!

While Martha doesn't follow the pup's lives after she gives them away, we do. Get to know what happens after "nice people" adopt pups. One pup was adopted by a puppy mill owner who keeps dogs in cages in their own waste for years, breeding them for money. Another pup was adopted by a family that can't afford shots, so she got parvo and died in pain because there was no money for a vet. Peanut was adopted by a mean family who treated him terribly, so he lived in six foster homes before he turned eighteen.

Another pup was adopted by a family who kept him chained 24/7, but they moved and couldn't keep him so he was turned in to the shelter; and, the day he was to be "put to sleep" a loving family adopted him for life.

*ONLY ONE IN TEN PUPS FINDS A LIFE-LONG LOVING HOME. TELL MARTHA TO CALL THE TOBY FUND TO GET TONS OF HELP TO SPAY WALNUT. MARTHA, USE THE BASKET FOR LAUNDRY! LAUNDRY FEELS NO PAIN...*



## FROM THE FOUNDER –

*The Toby Fund of Wolf Creek Oregon, Inc. is dedicated to protecting animal life in the Wolf Creek/Sunny Valley area. We do this through education and action. Our long-term goal is to mentor other Oregon rural communities in the evolutionary process of creating and sustaining cultures of compassion for animals.*



Kathy with Toby (1998-2007)  
Our Inspiration

## TEN YEARS OF SERVICE, STILL GOING STRONG...

In December, 2000, we put a paragraph in THE BIG NEWS, and with \$50 start-up money, offered to alter local dogs and cats. January, 2006, we incorporated in Oregon. In 2007, we applied for federal tax exempt status and received our approval in about seven weeks. More recently, we wrote five grant proposals and received all. More important, we improved the lives of hundreds of rural animals and their families.

**GRANT FUNDS FOR DOG SPAY/NEUTER:** As covered last issue, we have a \$15,000 grant from an anonymous foundation. The grant provides funding for dog spay/neuter vouchers based on stated need. Voucher amounts are determined in a way that makes it possible in each case to alter the animal. A FIVE MINUTE PHONE TALK MAKES IT EASY to go through the process. Because of this grant, we have been able to expand our service area to include central rural Douglas County.

We continue to fund cat spay/neuter in Wolf Creek, Sunny Valley and Glendale, with a Summerlee Foundation grant proposal to be considered in January. If successful, grant funding would allow us to serve a larger area for cat spay/neuter.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR CAT SPAY /NEUTER, SAVANNA'S BABIES MEDICAL FUND, AND OPERATIONAL COSTS. Consider a tax deductible end of year donation to The Toby Fund of Wolf Creek Oregon, Inc. celebrating ten years of honorable service to our amazing rural communities!

## SERVING YOU...

Low/no cost spay/neuter; pet food weekly (Food Pantry, 169 Main St. Wolf Creek Wed 9 am- noon, or call us); housing for small animals; abuse/neglect reports; Lucky Seven Program offers vouchers for flea control, parvo shots; lost/found/ID's; medical fund; problem-solving; annual wellness clinic. TOBY RURAL TOWNS - Low cost spay/neuter; problem-solving. TOBY'S LINE 866-2527.

*Happy Holidays!*

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZER TOBY FACILITATES GLENDALE ANIMAL HOPE PROJECT ---

By Kathy Oxendine

Many people think of spay/neuter or wellness clinics or pet food donations when they hear about the Toby Fund. Really and truly one should think COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS! Remember our long-term goal is to mentor rural Oregon communities in creating cultures of compassion for animals. Without a change in culture, there can be little change in outcomes. A community that acts as one voice—a voice for animals—will replace a community split into two groups—the care-less and those who care.

The small mill town of Glendale in Southern Douglas County has begun the journey toward a once voice community. It began with a city council meeting Nov. 8th. This meeting had the LARGEST TURNOUT EVER. Why? Cats! That is, human attendees whose concern was cats. There were many complaints about cats wandering about—strays, family cats, and lurking about—ferals. Several residents invited Toby to attend, and I alerted THE DAILY COURIER and THE ROSEBURG NEWS-REVIEW.

Aware of Toby's great track record, Mayor Fred Jensen designated me to lead the effort to humanely solve Glendale's cat overpopulation problem. (We had already "fixed" 125 Glendale cats in about 2 years.) I signed residents up for a meeting Nov. 13th. Held at The Pacific Community Resource Center, 12 people attended, including city councilwoman-elect Connie Stevens, Michael "Cass" Cassidy-President of the Resource Center and Polly Eells-Glendale Hardware owner. Born of that meeting-THE GLENDALE ANIMAL HOPE PROJECT. New hope for a rough situation.

Results came quickly. NEWS-REVIEW reporters called Toby to get contacts for community leaders; then, they visited Glendale for interviews and photos. Dr. Nicholas Hogg of Merlin offered a special Glendale cat spay/neuter program with reduced prices. JoCo Spay/Neuter offered supplementary vouchers to add to Toby's Glendale Fund vouchers, thus reducing costs sharply. Kim Howell offered traps and expertise on ferals. Linda McElmurry offered transport to vets. Wowie zowie!

Next up is a campaign to raise awareness of cat and dog voucher offerings. Volunteers pledged to go door to door! For meeting information, contact the project's Volunteer Coordinator, Jeff Goodman – 832-3162. Send checks to The Toby Fund (see p. 4) and mark "Glendale Fund." Since we have a generous grant for dog spay/neuter, all Glendale Fund dollars, for the foreseeable future, will go for cat spay/neuter. Go Glendale!

**LOOK AT THIS - - As of October 31<sup>st</sup>**

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**Rural Cats & Dogs Spayed/Neutered!**

## INCREDIBLE SURVIVAL TALES IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD....

We tend to believe that incredible survival tales happen only in faraway, exotic places; or, maybe on television or...in our dreams. Here are three tales of human courage and animal survival, stories of the will to live, here in the Oregon countryside--actually, in Wolf Creek/Sunny Valley.

**"HONEY" THE CHIHUAHUA:** Parvo is a horrible disease, simply prevented by vaccines. Honey found out how horrible parvo is as her guardian, 13 year old Maria Gibson, cried uncontrollably over her cold body which she brought down the mountain (Baer Gulch) to a neighbor. The Toby Fund helped with vet bills for her sibling, a pup named Zero; but, tiny Honey struggled to live, nursed by a friend and Maria. If animals survive, normally they are on IV fluids and treatments for days at vet clinics. Somehow, Honey cheated death. Maria then made sure that her baby had all three in the puppy shot series, and never let her touch the ground in strange areas for fear that Honey might again contract parvo from dog feces. Maria's message to you: "I love my dog. She almost died. Get all three puppy shots. Don't let an unvaccinated pup walk on the ground. Get all your animals fixed." Good advice from a courageous young lady.



"Honey" with Maria

**"LUCKY BIRD" THE COCKATIEL:** Here's another Baer Gulch story. Jennifer Boucher told us she was driving her truck along Coyote Creek on a dirt road. "I saw a bird unlike any other around here. It flew across the creek toward a rock hill left by the miners years ago. I had a bandaged, injured leg; but, I got out of the truck, crossed the creek and hiked up onto the stone hill. As I looked around I heard squawking, panic. A beautiful bird flew down and landed on my finger. Its chest was concave from malnourishment. I took him home. Now "Lucky Bird" has a comfy cage, flies through the house and is happy. He sings songs that we whistle, and repeats again and again...'Lucky Bird, Lucky Bird, Lucky Bird...'." A bird to human bond...love!



"Lucky Bird"

**"OXFORD" THE CAT:** The injuries were horrific, a crushed leg and jaw. Trauma. A suffering male cat, Oxford, had sustained a terrible injury but made it to his Sunny Valley home. Jennifer Peninger and her six children cared for Oxford, but he needed costly surgery to remove an eye and leg. Toby and a personal friend helped out; and, after consulting with veterinarians and animal welfare organizations, Pacific Veterinary Clinic did the surgery. Euthanasia had seemed to be the only option, the suffering was immense. Now, this three-legged, one-eyed (now neutered) cat will always live indoors. Persistence, a cat's will to live, the love of many humans...a miraculous tale.



Oxford - a happy, "cuddle bug"

## THE LEAPING BUNNY AND THE KIND CONSUMER -

By Suzanne Schiffman

If you're reading this publication, you are most likely an animal lover and concerned with the welfare of our four-legged friends. You do your best to love and nurture your companion animals and care for their health. Animals give us so much and ask so little in return. What can we do for them without even leaving our homes? What steps can you take to ensure that our daily actions don't impact or harm innocent animals for the sake of beauty and cleaning our homes?

The awful truth about many cosmetic and household cleaning products is that they are safety tested using live animals. This horrible practice is the dirty secret of many companies and has been exposed more and more recently by environmental groups and animal welfare organizations. Luckily this cruel practice is being used less and less due to consumer outrage and heightened awareness and hopefully will not continue in the future due to viable alternatives now available to test consumer products. Consumer demand for natural products is ever-increasing and is fueled by a renewed interest in living greener and kinder.

Today's thoughtful consumer has many choices when it comes to cosmetics and household cleaning products. One only has to take a trip to the grocery store to see the tremendous selection of healthy, non-animal tested products that are available. Seventh Generation is available in most stores and has a large selection of safe and natural cleaning products in addition to products for babies like diapers and cleansing cloths. Mrs. Meyers is another wonderful company that never tests using animals and has delicious smelling dryer sheets, counter top cleaners, soaps, etc. They are so fresh and lovely they make wonderful gifts! Fred Meyer, Ray's, Target, and most health food stores stock natural cosmetics like Burt's Bees, Weleda, and Tom's of Maine. These products contain natural ingredients that are never tested on animals. For the internet shopper, an online search for natural cosmetics will yield thousands of choices... there are even vegan versions for those who avoid beeswax. Your mascara no longer has to make you feel guilty: check out Grants Pass' largest health food store, Gooseberries, for a wide selection of colorful cosmetics. Look for the words "no animal testing" when shopping or the leaping bunny, the symbol that represents no animal was harmed in its manufacture.

The home can be a highly toxic place if one relies on traditional harsh household chemicals. To save money try using inexpensive baking soda, white vinegar, and Borax around the home to clean and disinfect. For those who wish to make their own beauty products, try using baking soda or salt as a toothpaste and use sea salt, olive oil, and a small amount of lavender oil as a body scrub. Save money, a trip to the grocery store (in most cases), and spare a living creature untold suffering. Go natural! :-)