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Thanks a Million!

Bonnie Hays Animal Shelter recognizes donors and volunteers and unveils "Wall of Honor" on March 27

Photo opportunity

Hillsboro, Oregon -- Washington County Animal Services & Bonnie Hays Small Animal Shelter will honor donors and volunteers on Thursday, March 27, 2008, during a reception in the shelter lobby from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. In addition, Liz Foster and Margie Vincent-Roberts, two long-time shelter supporters, will unveil a 14-foot "Wall of Honor" recognition display.

"A million dollars. That's how much donors have given in cash and bequests since the Bonnie Hays Small Animal Shelter opened," says Gary Hendel, Animal Services manager.

Pet food, medical supplies, equipment, advertising, and event booth space, valued at tens of thousands of dollars, have also been donated in support of the companion animals that the shelter cares for.

And if these weren't enough, the time and talents during the last 11 years that volunteers have contributed exceed half a million dollars' worth of value added service

"That's phenomenal," adds Hendel. "All of these supporters have made this organization what it is today. I can't image running an agency like this without their support," he added.

"We've reached a significant milestone," says Susan Field, public affairs officer. "What's so wonderful is that diverse groups of donors and volunteers have come together with one common goal in mind: to make a difference in the lives of animals."

Support the Animal Shelter and See Your Name on the Wall of Honor

We invite the public to stop by and see the Wall of Honor—the result of thousands of animal lovers' efforts and enthusiasm.

Every year the names on the Wall of Honor will be updated to reflect new donors and additional cumulative giving.

"We've allowed extra room on the Wall of Honor so that as our volunteers and donors reach higher milestones we can recognize their achievements. I can't say enough about the amazing gift of time and resources that our friends have given," says Gary Hendel.

For more information on how the public can help animals and show support, either by donating or volunteering, stop by the shelter to learn more about investing in the lives of animals.

Supporters include children who hold birthday parties and ask for pet food to donate instead of personal gifts. They include work groups, such as annual food and supply drives at local businesses. They include life-long animal lovers who leave bequests in their wills. They include individuals who give hundreds of hours each year ensuring successful pet adoptions or providing direct care to animals.

"It's heartwarming to look back over the years. I see many names of donors who started giving when this shelter opened. And, it's inspiring that several volunteers have committed over 10 years of their energy to improve the lives of animals and local residents," Field adds.

Wall of Honor

"The Wall of Honor recognizes the many friends of the animal shelter. It's symbolic of their compassion and care," says Field.

The wall display of wood and glass hangs in the lobby and includes 15 names of donors who designated bequests, 125 donors who have given between \$10,000—\$500, business supporters, and 13 volunteers who have shared their time from 10—3 years. The recognition piece features a colorful combination of photos and text that tells the shelter's story.

"All of the donations are cumulative since 1996," explains Field. "So, donors who have given at least \$500 over the last 11 years are highlighted on the wall display." In addition to the hanging exhibit, a list of all donors and volunteers who contributed last year is available for viewing in the lobby.

Recognition reception

Rod Branyan, Director of Washington County's Health & Human Services Department will be one of the guest speakers. In addition, Foster and Vincent-Roberts, both Beaverton residents, will share their perspectives on why they help animals in our community. A reception will follow.

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The Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter provides care and protection for over 7,000 homeless, unwanted, abandoned and abused or neglected dogs and cats each year. We serve an estimated 100,000 dogs and 120,000 cats and their owners in Washington County, an area that encompasses 727 square miles and a human population of about 505,000. Adoption, lost and found, emergency veterinary rescue services, cruelty investigations, humane and safety education, and pet identification are just a few of our services. All donations are tax deductible.

Spay or neuter your pet for a kinder future.

If your pet is already sterilized, consider sponsoring a friend's or neighbor's pet.

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