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# 2019 Annual Report

## Greetings WAG supporters!

2019 was the "Year of the Healthy Pet" at WAG, as we expanded our wellness clinic by increasing the number of appointments and services! In February, we welcomed a new veterinarian, Dr. Katie Gray, who got right to work adding services such as heartworm testing and prevention medicines, senior blood panels, cat tapeworm treatments and dog Parvo/Distemper and Bordetella (kennel cough) vaccines. Additionally, we began selling many prescriptions without an appointment for patients up-to-date on their yearly WAG exams (always free with services for animals already spayed/neutered.)

Meanwhile, Dr. Robe and his surgical team have worked hard to keep WAG on track to exceed 5,000 spay/neuter surgeries again this year, bringing us close to our 60,000 surgery milestone—conservatively representing **300,000 fewer unwanted cats and dogs** suffering on our streets or taxing our community's shelters and rescues.

We are looking forward to our 12th year of service in 2020, helping empty the shelters one spay/neuter surgery at a time. So whether you order a new WAG S/N license plate (see p. 4 for details!), make a monthly donation or year-end contribution, volunteer, round up your bill at checkout or drop a donation in our Spay It Forward jar, we cannot thank you enough! Remember, together we can FIX pet overpopulation!

Misha English  
President, WAG Board of Directors



## HELP US REACH A DOUBLE-MATCHING \$50,000 DONATION!

Thanks once again to a longtime and extremely generous anonymous WAG donor, every donation dollar we receive in response to this newsletter will be matched by TWO dollars, up to a total single donation of \$50,000!

Please help us reach this \$75,000 goal by donating today using the enclosed envelope. WAG receives no government funding and depends on community donations to meet our mission of making spay/neuter accessible to all. Your support is very much needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!

## New WAG S/N License Plate: Preorder Yours!



See page 4 for details!

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

### 2019 Night of a Thousand Spays

In March of 2019, WAG hosted its 2nd Night of a Thousand Spays gala and hundreds of attendees raised over \$32,000 toward our Spay It Forward program (providing spay/neuter surgery subsidies for low-income pet parents in Lane County) and much-needed clinic medical equipment!

A huge thank you to all our fabulously fur-baby friendly sponsors including our returning Platinum Sponsor, **Edgewater Furniture and Mattress**, our Gold Sponsors Lovable Dog Rescue, KMTR, Mini Pet Mart and English Cycles, our Silver Sponsor Velo Bed and Breakfast, our Ruby Sponsor Carte Blanche Catering and our Sapphire Sponsors Caddy Daddy Golf, Castile Construction, Pure Oregon Productions, B The Leader, Rogue Medical Solutions, Scratch and Peck Feeds, Q Street Animal Hospital and Rosie Leung Web Developer.

These businesses' participation ensured that every dollar raised at our gala went directly to program service subsidies and equipment!

Gala funds were used to run many low-income specials including The Fix is In!, Spring Has Sprung, The Heat is On and our ongoing program, Senior Spay Support, for low-income seniors 55+. Specials featured an average co-pay of just \$15.

## CALL TO ACTION

### WAG Needs Volunteers!

#### VOLUNTEER ON THE RECOVERY MAT

Recover/monitor patients after S/N surgery.

#### VOLUNTEER IN OUR PACK ROOM

Sterilize surgical instruments, wrap S/N packs, clean e-tubes and masks. Meanwhile, you get the best view in the clinic of our busy treatment room!

#### VOLUNTEER IN THE WAG OFFICE

Help with our heavy call volume by entering messages into our call log and handling basic client questions and other administrative tasks.

🐾 Apply at: [wagwag.org/support/volunteer](http://wagwag.org/support/volunteer) 🐾



## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

### To Our 2019 Clinic Volunteers

We want to extend a huge thank you to our amazing 2019 clinic volunteers, including: Lacey, Margaret, Jody, Sandy, Janie, Cheri, Frannie, DeAnn, Carlee, Barb, Joy, Audrey, Diane, Parker, Michael, Mindy, Hannah, Valerie, Debra, Bonne and Chaela.

## YEAR TO DATE 2019

### WAG by the Numbers

S/N SURGERIES YTD	4,968
S/N SURGERIES SINCE 2008	58,985
LOW-INCOME SPECIALS YTD	9
CLIENTS RECEIVING S/N SUBSIDIES YTD	667
FERAL PKGS. (S/N, VACCINES, FLEA Tx) YTD	362
LIFE-SAVING PYOMETRA SURGERIES YTD	17

## WE APPRECIATE

### Local Businesses and Individuals

WAG is grateful to those who donated time, talent and materials in 2019. Many thanks to the following businesses and individuals:

- RU Talking
- Suds 'Em Yourself
- Advanced Security Inc
- Petersen Plumbing
- Radley Sustaire
- Strapworks LLC
- Andrew Neill
- Think Electric
- Jerry & Joyce Haffner
- Diess Feed and Seed
- Rosie Leung
- Lee Corette and KC
- Lee Ordonez
- Lauren Goss



## THANKS TO WAG CLIENTS!

### Spay It Forward (SIF) Program

In 2019, over 600 WAG clients Spayed It Forward by donating at the time of service, raising over \$6000! Funds from the SIF program help low-income community members afford to S/N their pets.

### Community Business Support

#### High Priestess Piercing and Tattoo

WAG received a \$5,000 donation from High Priestess Piercing and Tattoo, and the proceeds raised from a weekend of piercing and tattoos supported hundreds of subsidies in 2019. Thank you High Priestess!



#### Buffalo Exchange

Through December 2019, Buffalo Exchange is offering shoppers a token in lieu of a bag, with WAG receiving 5¢ for every token selected to benefit our organization.



Thanks to our supporters at Buffalo Exchange!

#### Aware Arts & Silvan Ridge Winery

Silvan Ridge and Aware Arts Parties teamed up to host a Paint Your Pet fundraiser for WAG. We sipped fabulous wine while painting our furbabies with provided templates and paints. Thanks to both businesses for a great event!



#### Brews for Furbabies!

Thanks to Ninkasi Brewery and Viking Braggot Co. for hosting great fundraisers for WAG in 2019!



Willamette Animal Guild (WAG) staff

## WHAT'S NEW AT WAG?



### Dr. Katie Gray (née Bahr)

Dr. Gray grew up in Rochester, MN and graduated from the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine in 2011. She completed a one-year small animal rotating internship at Texas A&M University and then became the Medical Director of Bend Spay & Neuter Project. After four years, she relocated to Eugene and joined WAG because of her continued desire to end pet overpopulation. She shares her home with her new husband, three rescued dogs and a one-eared cat.



### Chaela Priem

Chaela Priem joined WAG as a VA after volunteering for several months. She has a customer service background and many years volunteering at a local rescue. Chaela shares her home with a variety of critters and is thrilled to be with WAG!



### Honor Bestowed upon Dr. Bernie Robe

In late 2018, our board of directors named WAG's surgical suite the "DR. BERNIE A. ROBE COMMEMORATIVE SURGICAL WING." A plaque marking the occasion reads: "Named in honor of Dr. Robe and his extraordinary completion of over 50,000 spay/neuter procedures, as well as his incredible dedication to animals in our community, his commitment to surgical excellence and his 10 years of devotion to WAG and our mission to reduce animal suffering." Thank you Dr. Robe!

## MORE SUPPORT FOR S/N!

### Grants Support WAG's Mission

WAG received several grants in 2019, enabling us to run a plethora of promotions for pet S/N and purchase much-needed equipment. We'd like to thank the Petco Foundation, the Isaac and Leah M. Potts Foundation, the BISSELL Pet Foundation, the Banfield Foundation and the Leslie G. Ehmann Trust for their generous support of WAG.



BISSELL PET FOUNDATION™  
Until every pet has a home.



## NEW WAG LICENSE PLATE!

Support S/N: Preorder Yours Today



What if you could style your ride, show your support for S/N and pet pride, all while raising funds for WAG and other Oregon S/N services? Well, now you can!

Introducing WAG's "Oregon Loves Its Pets" license plate, available for preorder. For just \$40, purchasers will receive a voucher redeemable for WAG's plate. Once we've sold 3,000 vouchers, plate production will begin. Voucher purchases can be made at WAG's clinic or at [wagwag.org](http://wagwag.org). What a great holiday gift idea!

WAG receives all funds generated by voucher sales, less costs, once plates become available. Vouchers can then be redeemed at DMV for the plates. The faster we sell the vouchers, the sooner plates will become available, so please help us spread the word! Each plate sold will translate into two low-income subsidies!

Low plate numbers 00001-00020 will be made available by WAG auction to voucher purchasers once the plates go into production, raising additional revenue for S/N subsidies. Stay tuned for more info!

Plate sales beyond the initial voucher period will be partially used to provide grants for other Oregon S/N services. Please see [wagwag.org](http://wagwag.org) for our specialty plate program details or contact [SNplate@wagwag.org](mailto:SNplate@wagwag.org). No calls to WAG or DMV please. Thank you!

## Support WAG Today!

Be a part of making spay/neuter affordable for all! Please use the enclosed envelope to support us today. You can also make a donation online: [www.wagwag.org/donate](http://www.wagwag.org/donate) Thank you!

## WAG VET HELPS CHEETAHS!

### An African S/N Vacation

WAG's very own Dr. Robe and his wife, Diane Hawley, made their third trip to Namibia in 2019 to volunteer at the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF). CCF is an international model for wildlife conservation which works "with all stakeholders to develop best practices in research, education and land use to benefit all species, including people."



They assisted staff veterinarians with whatever they needed, including surgery on a resident cheetah taken illegally as a cub and hand-raised (making her non-releasable). In spite of a contraceptive implant, she showed interest in males and was scheduled to be spayed. Dr. Robe assisted when the vet was unable to locate her uterus and confirmed the cheetah was previously spayed.

While Dr. Robe and Diane definitely earned their keep (actually, they paid CCF!), they had an amazing experience and look forward to their next trip assisting with a new S/N program for dogs in Namibia.

## WAG CONTACT QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

### TO SCHEDULE A SPAY OR NEUTER SURGERY

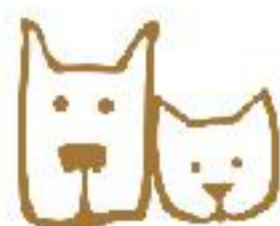
Online Form: [wagwag.org/contact/request-spay-neuter-appt](http://wagwag.org/contact/request-spay-neuter-appt)

Email: [appointments@wagwag.org](mailto:appointments@wagwag.org) | Phone: 541-345-3566

### TO SCHEDULE A WELLNESS APPOINTMENT (vaccine, etc.)

Online Form: [wagwag.org/contact/request-wellness-appt](http://wagwag.org/contact/request-wellness-appt)

Email: [wellness@wagwag.org](mailto:wellness@wagwag.org) | Phone: 541-461-1762



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