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2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings WAG supporters!

2021—another incredibly difficult year for folks with limited income and their companion animals. Not only does the pandemic continue to impact everyone, but now challenges related to inflation are having significant repercussions as well.

WAG is committed to freezing prices again in 2022 and be the one place where inflation doesn't impact people and their pets. However, WAG is experiencing skyrocketing operating costs and a labor shortage. Some WAG board members have been working side-by-side with our incredible staff to keep our doors open for the community. Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures. But, WAG also needs YOU to ensure prices are locked for another year. Please give generously so WAG can take advantage of the matching fundraiser detailed below. Let's work together to keep the "low" in "low-cost S/N". Your support is so appreciated!

WAG has some unsung community heroes that I'd like to take a moment to thank: Diane Ahms, Kelli Kay and Chaela Priem, our surgical support team, have taken on new roles to cover staff shortages with great skill and grace. The WAG board is so very grateful for each one of these women who have stepped up for the animals.

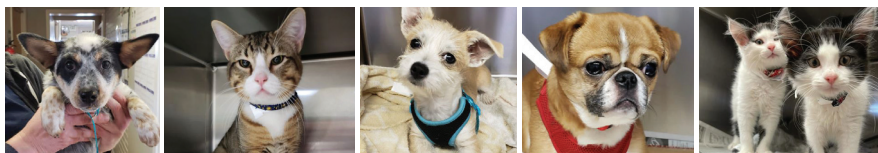
WAG also welcomes our new highly-skilled surgical vet, Dr. Marybeth Chaconas, who has made it possible for Dr. Robe to move toward well-deserved retirement after 13 years with us! Read on for more about these two amazing veterinarians...

*With all of you for the animals,
Misha English, President, WAG Board*

HELP WAG SECURE A MATCHING \$25,000 DONATION!

Thanks to two longtime and incredibly generous anonymous WAG supporters, every dollar donated in response to this newsletter will be matched, up to a total donation of \$25,000. This means every dollar you donate provides two dollars directly to low-cost S/N in Lane County! Just think, your \$20 donation is now \$40, your \$50 donation is now \$100. A huge impact for animals when needed most.

Please help us reach this \$50,000 goal by donating today using the enclosed envelope. WAG receives no government funding and depends on community donations to meet our mission of making S/N services accessible to all. Your support is very much needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!



WAG RECEIVES 20K FOR FERAL CAT S/N!

Thanks to a generous 20K donation from the Harriet Ruby Smith trust (via the LCAS Advisory Committee), WAG now provides feral packages (S/N, vaccines, flea treatment) at a cost of only \$20. Funds are restricted to animals located in **unincorporated** Lane County, but Lovable and SPCA have given a donation to WAG that provides for the same \$20 co-pay for ferals in **incorporated** Lane County as well!

“OREGON LOVES ITS PETS” LICENSE PLATE



Update: With great disappointment, WAG has announced the discontinuation of our S/N license plate efforts. Voucher

purchasers have the choice of either receiving a refund or donating the \$40 to WAG’s Spay It Forward program, which defrays the cost of S/N for low-income pet parents. Please email snplates@wagwag.org with either REFUND or DONATE in the subject line, and provide your current mailing address. wagwag.org for more info.

WAG BY THE NUMBERS

S/N Surgeries YTD	4,901
S/N Surgeries Since 2008	68,240
Clients Receiving S/N Subsidies YTD	314
Feral Pkgs. (S/N, Vaccines, Flea Tx) YTD	563
Life-Saving Pyometra Surgeries YTD	26



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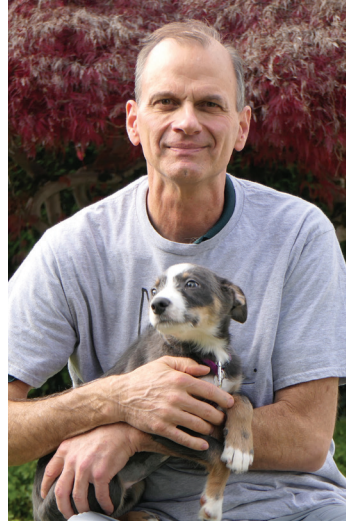
Be a part of making spay/neuter affordable for all!

Please use the enclosed envelope to support us today.

You can also make a donation online: www.wagwag.org/donate

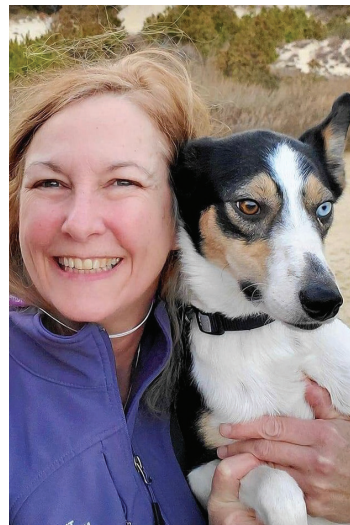
A CHANGING OF THE GUARD

WAG is incredibly sad to be losing Dr. Robe, our medical director and surgeon, to a well-deserved retirement.



“Doc”, during his 13-year tenure with WAG, altered over 66,000 animals, preventing the birth of well over 330,000 unwanted pets who would otherwise have been homeless. What a gift this man has been to our community!

Dr. Robe has generously agreed to continue with WAG in wellness and surgery, when needed, but is mostly free to pursue his passions of singing opera and spaying cheetahs! And, of course, spending more time with his lovely wife, Diane. A spring retirement party is planned; details TBA.



In late 2021, WAG welcomed as our new surgeon Dr. Marybeth Chaconas, who has over 20 years’ experience in high quality, high-volume S/N.

Dr. Chaconas made a cross-country move from the mountains of Virginia with her husband, Todd, and their three rescued dogs, Maddie, Collie and Taurel. Dr. Chaconas is very involved in Boy Scouts’ Venturing program, supporting high adventure opportunities for youth ages 14-21. She is also looking forward to tolerating the rain. Welcome Dr. Chaconas, we are grateful for you!

