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WILLAMETTE ANIMAL GUILD

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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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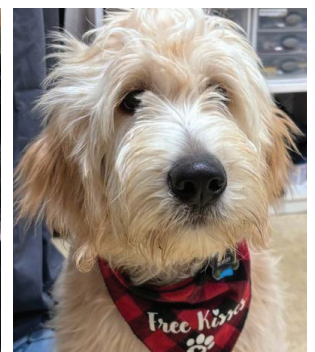
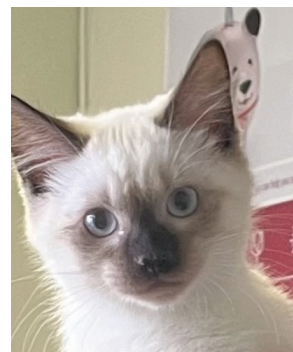
Once in a blue moon, a person's tireless efforts to address the suffering of others is so effective and far-reaching, they end up impacting an entire community. A compassionate visionary with a relentless work ethic can become an unstoppable force of nature within any movement, and will oftentimes make enduring positive change. Our community was lucky enough to have such a person: Jill Winans, WAG founder.

Jill passed away peacefully in late October. She was always so grateful to see how community support kept her vision thriving. WAG embarks on its 17th year of service in January, and, as I write this, our incredible staff is completing our 80,000th S/N surgery. We wish that Jill could have been here to share in these amazing milestones. We dedicate this newsletter to Jill: our founder, mentor and hero.

With you for the animals,
Misha English
WAG Board President

DOUBLE MATCHING 50K DONATION!

Thanks to a generous WAG supporter, your year-end donation will be double-matched, up to \$25,000 raised. A donation of \$25 becomes \$75, \$100 becomes \$300. You can use the enclosed envelope, or support us online at wagwag.org/support/donate. Thank you!



IN LOVING MEMORY

From a very young age, Jill loved animals, and spent her life with many cats, dogs and even a bunny. But, she always wanted to be more involved, to affect animal lives more broadly.

After a stint running a humane cat boarding kennel, Jill became involved with feral cats and was introduced to the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon (FCCO). Soon, her vision for WAG was born: she knew we could not rescue our way out of pet overpopulation.

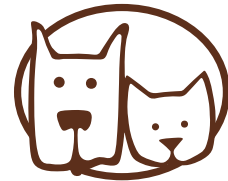


Back then, S/N services were unavailable to most people: FCCO's S/N program was only for feral cats once a month, and the Eugene S/N clinic did not have the pricing nor the availability to meet the needs of the community. And then, as if by fate, Jill attended a seminar in Portland sponsored by Best Friends called "No More Homeless Pets."

There, she connected with Humane Alliance (the S/N mothership) and began her quest to open a High Quality, High Volume, Low Cost Spay/Neuter clinic.

In December 2004, the 501(c)(3) known as Willamette Animal Guild (WAG) was born. Jill put on Casino Nights, Beach Party Bingo and other fundraising events. Jill then opened her thrift store, "Pick of the Litter" to raise even more money and, through a connection there, found a home for WAG. And the rest, as they say, is history. Through the sheer force of Jill's vision and hard work, The WAG Spay/Neuter Clinic opened in 2008.

Jill felt her greatest accomplishment was procuring a \$40,000 grant from PetSmart to support TNR in Springfield. WAG altered 1,000 cats with this highly successful project. She is survived by Kathy Ford; her greatest love, wife and partner in all things animal related, especially WAG.



BELLA + BEAR

~ A WAG THRIFT STORE ~

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WAG is excited to announce a new WAG thrift store is in the works!

Bella + Bear, named after two beloved furbabies, will be open in December at 2101 Bailey Hill Road, Suite E—next door to Murphy's Paw pet grooming in the Churchill Shopping Center. Our small shop will feature pet items, books, clothing, jewelry, kitchen items, home décor and more. Donations of smaller items that are very clean and in good working order are needed: contact Misha at president@wagwag.org.

A grand opening featuring art and artifacts from Jill Winan's personal collection is planned. More information to come on social media and wagwag.org.



NEW WAG STAFF!



DR. PHOEBE CONE, DVM

Dr. Phoebe is a Eugene native who completed her bachelor's degree at University of Oregon and her doctorate at Oregon State. She rejoined the WAG team in November. She began her time at our clinic in 2014 as a student volunteer, and continued to work there as a vet assistant during summers through

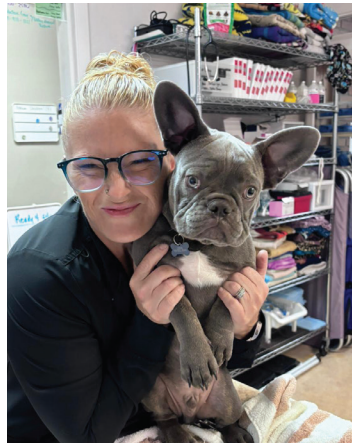
veterinary school. After graduation, she worked for five years in a busy small animal general practice, and is now thrilled to return to her roots in shelter medicine. Dr. Phoebe enjoys spending her free time with her spouse, 6-month old daughter, and two cats. She has never met a cat she didn't like, but is partial to the long-haired ones. Welcome Dr. Phoebe!



SHANAH GROSSMAN, CVT

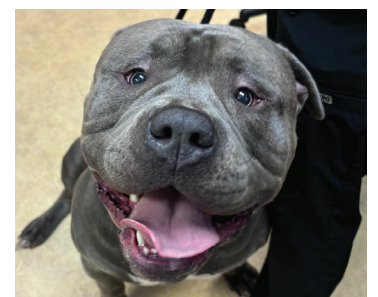
Shanah joined the WAG team in April as a wellness and surgical CVT. She is Oregonian born and raised, a proud mom of two beautiful daughters and married to her best friend for over 20 years. Shanah has loved animals since early childhood, with a special fondness for horses,

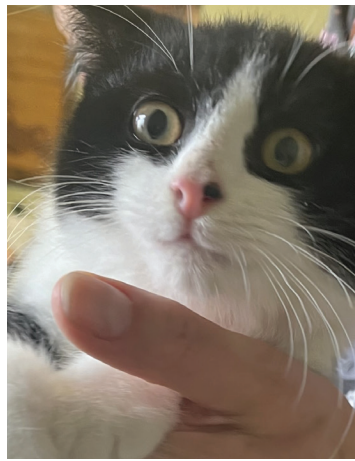
dogs and cats. She knew from a very young age that she would work in veterinary medicine, and she joined the WAG team to make a difference in her community after many years in full service practice. She loves spending time with her family, including her yellow lab, Alsea, and her senior kitty, Patience, and she enjoys outdoor activities. Welcome Shanah!



THANK YOU WAG VOLUNTEERS!

A big thanks to three volunteers who provide exceptional support for the WAG staff. Vanessa, who also does TNR work on her own, assists WAG with transporting morning surgical patients into the clinic. Piper, who has an interest in working in veterinary medicine, assists our surgical team in recovering patients, kennel care and cleaning. Megan just started with WAG and will be helping in wellness as we grow those services for the community. Thank you all for help and dedication. We appreciate you!





IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS

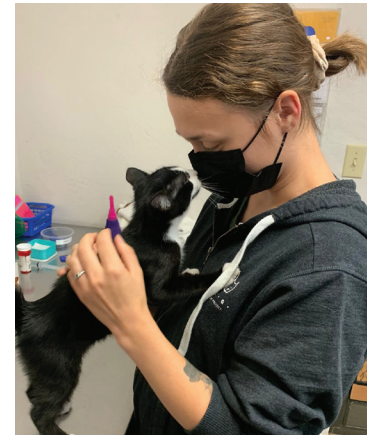
Generous donations were made to WAG in loving memory of Barbara Camerson, Gary Strawn, Don Perrott and Kim Robyler.



WELLNESS CLINIC EXPANSION

Dr. Phoebe's return to WAG means our wellness clinic can take new clients again! As most of you know, veterinary patients must have yearly exams under Oregon law. Dr. Phoebe now provides exams, so a pet that is spayed or neutered is eligible to receive low-cost flea and tick treatment, vaccines, microchips, heartworm tests and medication, cat dewormer and more. Best of all, WAG never charges an exam fee!

Dr. Phoebe is excited to expand WAG's wellness services by increasing our testing and treatment options, including senior blood panels and new ear and skin health services. We are committed to helping pet parents afford to support the health of their loved ones.



WAG BY THE NUMBERS

S/N Surgeries YTD 3,911

S/N Surgeries Since 2008 80,301

Clients Receiving S/N Subsidies YTD 864 (\$34,858)

Feral Packages (S/N, Vaccines, Flea Tx) YTD 517

Life-Saving Pyometra Surgeries YTD 17



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