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*New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals* is jumping into fall with **big changes, new buildings to shelter dogs and cats, and projects, programs, and opportunities to volunteer and donate!**

With the surrender of too many COVID puppies and kittens, we have been more than our usual busy in 2022 with many projects and programs to rescue and rehabilitate dogs and cats in Eastern Oregon.

- **Cat Condos for Feral Cats.** Two permanent cat condo buildings are completed and full of happy cats on our Baker City K street property.



The condos are surrounded by predator-proof fences and the cat pasture has places for cats to play and hide.

Unfortunately, we cannot take any more feral cats, there is no more room!

- **Feral Cats and Kittens Everywhere.** Board member Gayle Hammond has been trapping feral cats and getting them spayed and neutered this spring and summer season. 150 cats have been fixed in 2022. We received a \$2500 check from the City of Baker for our *Trap-Neuter-Return* program. But we spent more than \$10,000 getting cats fixed this year. There are many more feral cats (and pet cats) in Baker that need our help. Encourage your friends and neighbors to spay & neuter their pets early. Kittens can become pregnant by the time they are six months old! Twenty kittens were taken in and tamed this year. When tamed, they were transported to Oregon Humane Society in Portland and were quickly adopted. We also are caring for a colony of a dozen cats who desperately need relocation as their place is being renovated and sold.

More feral kitten foster homes are needed for the many, many kittens who require care and taming!

Can you foster, tame and help needy feral kittens find good homes?

Submit a [volunteer application](#) online at [New Hope web site](#).



- **Temporary Dog Shelters are here!** At New Hope's K Street property, we now have a new 8 x 12 single dog building and another new 8 x 16 building to comfortably house two dogs. All together we can now *temporarily* house three dogs.

This was a vital need in 2022 when the nearest shelter (in La Grande) was filled to capacity. New Hope had to spend our precious funds sheltering stray dogs in local commercial kennels, and many strays ended up in the Baker impound kennel until we could find better options.

Two brand new dog shelters.



With lots of work, New Hope's 3210 K Street property is turning into a wonderful rescue and rehabilitation area. Gayle Hammond and Dick Haines prepared the crushed rock sites for the new dog shelters. Contractors finished our new multipurpose building for storage and meeting prospective families coming to adopt pets. We have added handicap doors per city guidance and installed power, water, and sewer to the multipurpose building. We also have power to the two new dog buildings and two additional water hydrants to better cover water needs in the cat and dog pastures. **New Hope needs volunteers to help walk dogs while in our temporary dog shelters. Submit [volunteer application](#) online at New Hope web site.**

- **Powder Pals Training Program Up and Running Again.** Our cooperative program between New Hope and the Oregon Department of Corrections Powder River Correctional Facility in Baker City is back. In the program, we train rescued dogs, preparing them for adoption. The program was on hold in 2020 and part of 2021 due to COVID. But, we began again in August 2021, hiring and working with 13 male inmates. The men receive training from Dick Haines in basic daily dog care and handling and, of course, our positive reward training methods. See below for featured Powder Pals Dog Success Stories. Due to the Powder Pals program success, Dick, has also been helping the Warner Creek Correctional Facility superintendent and staff in Lakeview, Oregon develop a dog training program with inmates from Warner Creek.

Presently there are 9 men working at Lakeview and 13 men at Baker City. Men work either a morning or afternoon shift 5 days a week. Dogs are cared for 7 days a week and are housed inside each facility. Men feed, clean, groom, exercise, train obedience commands, and work on dog behavioral issues as needed. Men take pride in giving back to their communities by preparing dogs to become more adoptable into forever homes. The dog training jobs also provide advancement opportunities for the men. As men develop more skills, they are then able to lead dog behavioral work. At present there are 5 dogs at Baker City and 3 dogs at Lakeview. Over the past few months several dogs have been placed into homes in Washington State, Idaho, Lakeview, and Salem Oregon.



**Moose** is our newest dog to enter the Baker Powder Pals Program. He is a 3-year-old Great Pyrenees-bird dog mix who needed rehoming because his family was unable to meet his activity level and daily exercise needs. Moose came in as a very shy dog and was skittish around new people, sounds and surroundings. Now he is doing much better and enjoying his daily exercise and time with the men.

- **Dog Rescue Good News.** New Hope rescued and adopted more dogs than usual in 2022. Some were fostered by volunteers and others were kept in local kennels until adopted. We need more volunteers willing to temporarily foster dogs waiting for adoption to their forever homes.



Board member, Helen Atthowe, fostered two New Hope dogs, a big male red and white husky named **Bubba** and a black terrier named **Annie** (photo left). Bubba belonged to an elderly person whose family surrendered him when his owner went into a nursing home. Bubba was in the impound kennel for two weeks before he came home with Helen. The first month Bubba escaped from every kennel, fence, room, and car before we realized that he has severe separation anxiety. In the end, Helen and her other dog adopted Bubba. Now Bubba is relaxed, confident, loyal and loving; he

has not destroyed anything in an escape attempt for many months. In fact, the only thing he broke in the past 4 months was a basement window screen when he *broke into the house* to join his owner who was upstairs sick in bed. Bubba now knows several commands, but only follows them when he thinks they are in his best interest. He is the ambassador who welcomes and looks after new foster dogs, like Annie, who came to



New Hope from the impound kennel as a stray found wandering in Baker on July 4<sup>th</sup>. She was bouncing off the walls in the kennel, but calmed down once she was able to run and play in her foster home. Annie was adopted to a Springfield, Oregon home where she is cherished and treated like the queen that she always knew she was.

**Annie** meeting her new family at the K Street property's new fenced-in dog pature.



**Roger**, a 95 lb gentle giant, was rescued from an estate and went to a loving home in Baker where he and his person share every day together all day.



**Jemma** and **Jax**, were rescued from an estate in Baker County. Jax was adopted to a local home and Jemma is in foster care in Idaho and doing well.

Other dogs ready for adoption and forever homes are Powder Pals Program trained:  
**Bubba**, a sweet Portuese sheepdog mix      **Heidi**, a brilliant black lab mix.



**Cheyenne**, a beautiful yellow lab mix.

- **Powder Pals Training Program Graduates and Their Stories.**

We will be featuring dogs who have successfully graduated from The Powder Pals Training Program and the men who train them in upcoming issues of this newsletter. Here are three stories of Powder Pals graduates who are flourishing in their forever homes. Stay tuned for more stories and please send us your stories and photos.



**Lexi (2022 graduate)** is a Border collie mix who came to New Hope as a 9 month old puppy from the La Grande Shelter in November 2021. She and Snickers, a chocolate lab, were the initial dogs in the restarted program following Covid restrictions being lifted. She was a sweet dog, but knew very few obedience commands. Over the months she prospered, learning 17 commands, and being the Powder Pals "mama dog" looking out for other dogs in the program with her kindness. We purposefully

kept her in the program for an extended period to serve as a good training dog for new trainers learning the trade. In May 2020 she began to show signs of being uncomfortable around some strangers and certain strange things. Trainers started working on this and reduced her anxiety but never eliminated it. She was quite happy to be with her trusted trainers and her routines with them. Lexi was adopted to an experienced and patient couple and her forever home is in Dayton, Washington, where she listens to classical music with her family who adore her.



**Sir (2022 graduate)** is a pit-bull mix who was found wandering and placed in the Baker impound kennel in July 2022. Fortunately we got Sir out of impound quickly. He joined the Powder Pals Program where he flourished and revealed his great social skills with people and other dogs. Sir was adopted in October 2022. His new family reports that Simon (Sir) is a wonderful addition to their home. He plays with his new

brother, Dozer, for hours in the yard. He is an an amazing cuddle bug, loves to snuggle in bed with Mom on lazy Friday mornings, and gives the BEST pupper kisses! Simon loves his human brother and sister too and he is well loved and spoiled beyond belief!

Simon and Dozer cuddling together.



**Sasha (2020 graduate)** is a Border collie mix who was turned into New Hope as a 9 month old puppy because she was “out of control” chasing cows and had too much undisciplined energy. Sasha went through the Powder Pals program and became a Powder Pals graduate. She was placed in her forever home on a farm in Richland 2 years ago where she lives with four cats (whom she now protects rather than chases), neighbor cows on the other side of the fence, and lots of wildlife who wander through her farm.

Sasha overcame her wildlife and livestock chasing behavior and is now a happy, well-behaved “farm manager” who is a star in her agility class and goes hiking weekly in the Eagle Cap Wilderness with her owner. Sasha is now using her abundant energy for good rather than evil.

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