

**OLYMPIC MOUNTAIN PET PALS**  
**President's Report: Our Accomplishments in 2014**  
**February 18, 2015**

**Mission:** Promotion of animal welfare in Jefferson County

- **First Priority:** To eliminate animal homelessness in Jefferson County by promoting and raising money for spay/neuter of community cats and of dogs and cats in low income homes.
- **Second Priority:** To administer robust outreach programs, particularly for youth and senior citizens to help raise awareness about responsible pet ownership and the importance of the human – animal relationship.

**Goals**

- Raise enough money to pay for all requested spay/neuter of pets in low-income families and community cats
- Help defray costs of emergency medical care for pets in low-income families through our Ginger's Fund Program
- Build financial reserve.
- Promote our message in the community through events and press releases
- Communicate with our members and encourage their involvement
- Foster human-animal bonds

**Our Goals Were Achieved Through These Activities**

Fundraising

- Matching grant challenge from supporters totaling \$6,000
- Spring and Fall newsletter donation appeals
- Community partnerships with Secret Gardens Nursery, Uptown Dental, and the Food Co-op
- Reserve fund management

Community Outreach

- Facebook page and Twitter account
- Read to Rover
- Pets To People
- Therapy Dog Training

Organizational Highlights

- Database upgrades continue with increased reporting and tracking capabilities
- Oak Bay Animal Hospital joined our low income spay/neuter program
- Celebrated the milestone of spay/neutering 2,000 community cats
- Current, informative and professional website
- Spring and Fall newsletters engaged members to contribute
- Volunteer fundraising professional recruited through newsletter
- Successfully nominated Dr. Virginia Johnson for Jefferson County "Heart of Service" Award

Program Administration

- Low-income spay/neuter program: process applications for spay/neuter services, coordinate with clients and veterinarians

- Community Cat Program: provide traps, instructions, coordinate vet appointments
- Ginger's Fund: coordinate with vets for eligible expenses
- Read to Rover and Pets to People: recruit and train teams, certify dogs for therapy work, schedule visits and events at schools, libraries, and assisted living facilities

### **The Outcome of Our Efforts**

- ❖ 328 pets in low income families spayed/neutered in 2014; 3,785 pets since 2002
- ❖ 65 community cats spayed /neutered in 2015; 2035 since the program began in June 2001.
- ❖ Feral cats placed in barn homes as available and kittens tamed and adopted
- ❖ Funding received from patients/customers who selected Pet Pals for their contributions at Secret Gardens Nursery, Uptown Dental Clinic, and Food Co-op.
- ❖ 26 animals given medical treatment through Ginger's Fund in 2014 for a total of 488 animals since that project began
- ❖ Pets to People teams making regularly scheduled visits to Life Care Center, Seaport Landing, and Victoria House.
- ❖ READ to ROVER dogs were active at Grant Street Elementary School, Chimacum Primary School and the City public library.
- ❖ Twenty volunteer teams have completed their therapy dog training and are active in the outreach programs.
- ❖ Humane Society of Jefferson County reports 97% "live release" rate for the year