

**OLYMPIC MOUNTAIN PET PALS  
2015 President's Report**

**Our Mission:** End animal homelessness and raise awareness about responsible pet ownership and the importance of the human – animal relationship.

**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.

**2015 Accomplishments – Ending Homelessness for Dogs and Cats**

Number of pets in low income families spayed/neutered:	327
Number of community cats spayed/neutered	<u>104</u>
<b>2015 Total</b>	<b>431</b>
Total number of pets spayed/neutered since 2002	4,412
Total number of community cats spayed/neutered since 2001	<u>2,139</u>
<b>Total since program inceptions</b>	<b>6,551</b>

Humane Society of Jefferson County “live release” rate for 2015: 96%  
An active spay/neuter program translates into a less crowded shelter and a high adoption rate.

**2015 Accomplishments – Raising Awareness**

Pets to People: 11 teams (person and dog) made regular visits to Life Care Center, Seaport Landing, and Victoria House.

Read to Rover: 31 teams were active at Grant Street Elementary School, Chimacum Primary School and both the City and County libraries.

**Total active teams: 35** (Some teams are active in both programs)

**Also in 2015**

- Ginger's Fund helped 30 animals from low-income clients receive emergency treatment. Since 2003, 581 animals have been helped through Ginger's Fund.
- Although donations increased by nearly \$2,000, our expenses increased by \$4,000 over 2014. Increased costs were primarily for vet services which means we were able to help more clients than ever before
- The community cat and low income spay/neuter volunteers were busy clearing up at least two identified situations where pets had been allowed to breed uncontrolled for years.
- An \$8,000 grant received from the HTB Family Fund, thanks to Board Member Carla Ellis and Read to Rover advocate Kim Pratt for introducing us to this grant.
- Our newsletter is now printed in color and looks more striking and professional.
- Low-income spay/neuter clients contributed nearly \$2,000 in co-pays for vet services
- Because we operate only with volunteers, 88% of our funding goes toward veterinarian services. Our local vets provide their services at a rate that is nearly at cost.

**Goals for 2016**

- Find strategies to fund 2016 expenses without drawing from reserves
- Work on succession planning for our board membership and program volunteers
- Continue to strengthen our outreach programs
- Celebrate our successes