



Olympic Mountain Pet Pals

President's Report 2017

Spay and Neuter Services

Goals: In 2001 and 2002, our organization determined that we could best help animals in Jefferson County by providing funds toward reducing the population of unwanted animals. Our targets were feral and abandoned cats and pets in low-income families without resources to pay for spay and neuter services. Our goal was to make Jefferson County a community with no homeless cats and dogs and to make our local shelter a low or no-kill facility.

Statistics since inception:

Spay/neuter services for low income families in Jefferson County funded since inception:

4,991 animals (1,908 dogs 3,083 cats)

In 2017, we funded services for 277 animals, 99 dogs and 178 cats

Trap/neuter/return for community cats since inception: 2,274

In 2017: 69 cats

Total number of spay/neuter procedures to date: 7,265

Even with conservative estimations of potential population growth, OMPP has prevented many thousands of births in our county.

The annual cost of spay/neuter services is approximately \$35,000.

Ginger's Fund

Once the spay/neuter programs were underway, the Board voted to add a program that would provide subsidies to our veterinarian partners to use at their discretion for emergency services for pets in low income families. **Ginger's Fund** has provided funding for a total of 576 animals at a cost of \$63,890 since inception. In 2017, we helped 26 animals, total spent was \$3,500.

Therapy Dogs

Local dogs can be tested and certified as therapy dogs through our organization. The Pet Pals therapy test combines the AKC Canine Good Citizen test with additional questions. These dogs and their owners form teams for our two outreach programs, Read to Rover and Pets to People.

Read to Rover dogs serve students at Chimacum Creek Primary School, Grant Street Elementary School, and the Quilcene School District. The program helps children learn to read in a safe and fun environment as well as helping grow to love and appreciate dogs.

Pets to People teams visit seniors at Life Care Center, Seaport Landing and Victoria Place. These dogs brighten the day for many residents who miss having pets of their own.

In 2017, an average of 30 teams were active in these programs.

Our outreach volunteers are terrific ambassadors for OMPP. In addition to regular school visits, teams participated in 2017 Chimacum school enrichment program, "Chimacum Choice".

Volunteers

In addition to our therapy dog program volunteers, other volunteers assist with the community cat program. All Board members are volunteers, as is our spay/neuter coordinator. OMPP has no paid staff. We enjoyed our volunteer appreciation gathering this November.

Funding

Our primary source of funding is individual donations. In 2017 we received donations from 180 individuals as well as money from grants through the HTB Family Fund, and Quilcene-Brinnon Garden Club and fundraisers by Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Secret Gardens, Sea Change Canine, Port Townsend Athletic Club. A list of in-kind donations is included in our semi-annual newsletter.

Humane Society of Jefferson County

HSJC helps us to disseminate information on our programs and to encourage people to spay/neuter their pets. The Humane Society acknowledges that OMPP plays an important role in their success at finding homes for all adoptable animals.

Veterinarians

We work with generous and caring local veterinarians at Hadlock Veterinary Clinic, Chimacum Valley Veterinary Clinic, and Oak Bay Animal Hospital.