



Olympic Mountain Pet Pals

President's Report 2018

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:

5,235 animals (2,010 dogs and 3,225 cats)

In 2018 we funded services for 244 animals, 102 dogs and 142 cats

Trap/neuter/return for community cats since inception: 2,325

In 2018: 51 cats

Total number of spay/neuter procedures to date: 7,560

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 \$37,000.

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 600 animals at a cost of \$72,027 since inception. In 2018, we helped 24 animals, total spent was \$8,137.00.

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, Salish Coast Elementary School, and the Quilcene School District. The program helps children learn to read in a safe and fun environment and encourages the students to love and appreciate dogs. The program at the former Grant Street School was on hold until teachers and students settled in to the new Salish Coast Elementary School but 10 teams are now active there.

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 2018, an average of 30 teams were active in these programs.

Our outreach volunteers are wonderful ambassadors for OMPP.

Volunteers

In addition to our therapy dog program volunteers, other volunteers assist with the community cat program. All Board members are volunteers. OMPP has no paid staff.

Funding

Our primary source of funding is individual donations. In 2018 we received donations from 154 individuals as well as a grant from the Quilcene-Brinnon Garden Club. We received many in-kind donations as well, which are listed in our semi-annual newsletter.

Outreach

Pet Pals was featured in the Port Townsend Leader, the Port Ludlow Voice, and KPTZ radio this year.

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. We also support spay/neuter services at Center Valley Animal Rescue.