



# Ohlone Humane Society



# Our History

- The Ohlone Humane Society was founded over 39 years ago
- In 1997 the OHS Wildlife Rehabilitation Center was founded and established by Connie Nelson and Pat Lane
- Our Programs:
  - Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
  - Foster Kitten Program and Adoption
  - TNR - Spay and Neuter Assistance
  - Animal Assisted Therapy Animals – Pet Partners
  - Pet Meals on Wheels
  - Humane Education
  - Special Assistance
- Future goal to set up a sanctuary for animals who have no place to call home where they can be cared for and loved.

# Our Program Directors

We are a 95% volunteer driven organization who depend on donations, grants, memberships, and volunteers to run our programs



## Our Team

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| Diane Shaw<br>President<br>Volunteers/Adm<br>in/Donations/M<br>emberships | Cindy Potter<br>Kitten<br>Foster | Abbie Balland<br>Secretary | Betty Wargo<br>Treasurer | Sylvia Rivera<br>WRC Director | Christine<br>Shiffer<br>PMOW | Hilary<br>Danehy<br>Spay/Neuter/TNR | Constance<br>Gertsch<br>Pet Therapy |
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# WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTER

We take in injured and orphaned wildlife within the Tri-Cities and rehabilitate them back to health



We rehabilitate over 800 wild animals each year



We have a volunteer staff of 30 who work endless hours taking care of the animals in our care



We work with local Boy and Girl Scouts on construction projects to maintain our facility



We educate the public on how to live in harmony with urban wildlife





# KITTEN FOSTER & ADOPTIONS

## Foster

- OHS fosters specialize in caring for kittens 8 weeks and under
- Help save lives of orphan kittens that otherwise might be injured or euthanized
- In some cases have taken in both mom and kittens but we try to educate the community on how to care for them where they are found



## Adoptions

- 105 Kittens Adopted in 2023





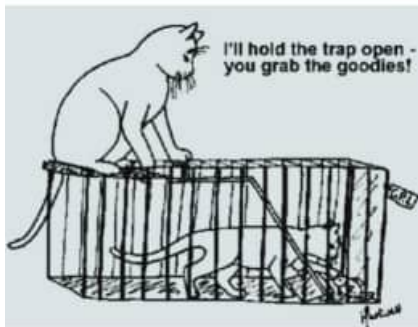
# SPAY/NEUTER & TNR

## SPAY/NEUTER

- Offers low cost vouchers to help facilitate the spay/neuter of several hundred domestic animals and community cats each year.
- This effort significantly reduces the overpopulation of animals in the Tri-City community.
- Spay-neuter curbs the number of unwanted puppies, kittens and small animals which would otherwise end up in shelters or on the streets. *Spay-neuter prevents suffering.*
- Especially important for our unhoused community to stop the increase in animals who are unable to be cared for.

## TNR

- Provides Trap, Neuter, Return services to the tri-city community based on availability. We currently have 4 trapping teams but up to a hundred requests.
- Shortage of veterinarians to help with the cause
- We have seen a large increase in community animals since the pandemic. It is a very real issue.
- Working to educate the community on how they can help





# PET THERAPY

Activities, therapy, education



Enable people to interact with companion animals which have proven health benefits

We visit senior care facilities, schools, libraries, colleges, hospitals, crisis response sites, airports and more!



Number of people served in 2023 - 2782

# PET MEALS ON WHEELS



This program has been growing quickly since it was started 4 years ago out of a private residence. We now have a container at Haller's and have partnered with TCV for donation drop-offs.



Your donations help us to deliver 300-400 lbs of pet food and supplies every week to unhoused and very low income residents and their pets.

In 2023 we have distributed over 16,000 lbs of dry dog and cat food to the unhoused, homebound seniors, and low-income families. We did this by partnering with organizations such as BACS, Abode, FRC, and a few church groups as well.



# SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

This program is for veterinary medical payment assistance for those that would be otherwise unable to pay for their pet to be treated.

There is a co-pay and only for those that are unhoused or in the very low-income bracket.

Budget is limited and we are pursuing grants to help this program. We did get a service agreement with the City of Fremont to assist us with special assistance.

# 2024

Our biggest challenges:

Finding volunteers

Finding a new location for our Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Finding enough vets to work with us on our programs. There are far fewer vets these days and some unable to assist a non-profit organization.

Keeping up with rising costs/slower donations



# How Can You Help? Ohlone Humane Society

## Follow

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram and tell your friends

## Volunteer

Volunteer with us. There is a volunteer application on our website. There are a number of positions available with all programs from helping with memberships, to packing food and delivery for PMOW, to fostering our kittens. Sign up with Pet Partners if you think you might have a well-socialized animal companion who loves to interact with people. If you're interested in the WRC send an email to [ohswrcvolunteers@ohlonehumanesociety.org](mailto:ohswrcvolunteers@ohlonehumanesociety.org)

## Bring

Bring the WRC fruits, vegetables and eggs. Our food expenses are very high for the number of animals we have in our care. Bring us unopened bags and undamaged cans with good dates, as well as any unused pet supplies to our community partner site TCV Food Bank. <https://www.tri-cityvolunteers.org/directions/>

## Sign up

Sign up for iGive. Every purchase you make with applicable donors provides a donation to OHS.

Donate on our website: [www.ohlonehumanesociety.org](http://www.ohlonehumanesociety.org)



Thank you for attending!