

Oregon Coast Humane Society Board Meeting
OCHS Modular
July 15, 2026 1 p.m.

Attendance: Board Members Tony Hamilton, Mitzi Hathaway, Eleanor Sumpter-Latham, Krisi Maderos, Jill Macfarland; Executive Director Elizabeth Thompson
Absent: Board Member Joe Zarate
Guests: Cynthia Beck, Financial Committee member, Julie Hamilton

Board Officers approved: President, Jill Macfarland; Vice President, Joe Zarate; Secretary, Eleanor Sumpter-Latham; Treasurer, Tony Hamilton

Executive Director's Report (emailed before the meeting and copied/pasted here):
(AS ALIGNED WITH OCHS STRATEGIC GOALS)

Current animals in care: 154

Current memberships: 592 constituents including 260 individual memberships, 286 family memberships (143 families), and 45 lifetime memberships)

Adoptions YTD: 340

Community animals seen at clinics: 942

Lost animals reunited with families: 66

I. Build and operate an animal shelter for our community that will:

a. Be a model of excellence in the care and sheltering of dogs and cats.

JUNE 2026 INTAKE:

- **43 Owner Surrenders** (17 dogs, 26 cats)
- **6 Returned Adoptions** (5 dogs, 1 cat)
- **2 Service In** (protective custody dogs)
- **65 Strays** (14 dogs, 41 cats/kittens)
- **189 Clinic patients**
- **26 Transfer In** (dogs from Lincoln County, Marion County, and three California rescue groups)

JUNE 2026 OUTCOME:

- **75 Adoptions** (32 dogs, 43 cats)
- **14 Return to Owner** (2 cats, 12 dogs)
- **1 died in care** (kitten)
- **1 Euthanasia** (senior medical cat, Granny)
- **177 Clinic**

b. Enhance the provision of veterinary care in the shelter and our community.

- Dr. Lindsey Franz has accepted a job offer and will begin full-time employment at our vet clinic on August 15th.
- OSU preceptor students will be back in mid-August. We've got students scheduled for 15 more weeks through April 2027. The program is really gaining traction thanks to Dr.

Tamay's exceptional mentorship.

c. Maintain healthy pet population levels in our service area.

- This week's mobile Vaccine/Microchip Clinic was held in the parking lot of SOS. 51 animals were served, and they had to close early because they ran out of vaccines!
- The next two mobile Vaccine/Microchip Clinics are on Monday, July 20th in the parking lot of Crossroads Church (Florence) and Wednesday, July 22nd in the parking lot of Reedsport Church of God (Reedsport).
- The Veterinary Clinic is closed through July 27th while the floors downstairs are being replaced. Thanks to all of the volunteers who have helped clear the area for the installation!

II. Strengthen the organization to support building and operating of a model animal shelter by:

a. Building the capacity of our organization to sustain growth.

- The 2025 Annual report was mailed last week.
- Our next appeal (fundraising) letter will be mailed in early August.

b. Deepening relationships with our community.

- OCHS is scheduled to attend several Farmer's Markets throughout the season to showcase our animals and our organization. Thanks to Valerie and our volunteers who are attending the Tuesday events.
- Invitations for our Annual Volunteer picnic will be sent next week. The event is at Woahink Lake on August 15th and all volunteers and members are invited to attend.
- Youth volunteers are increasing this summer to help at the vet clinic and shelter. We are grateful for the families who are bringing their kids in to learn about the humane treatment of animals.
- Elizabeth attended the Planning Commission meeting on July 14th to read a statement on behalf of OCHS regarding the property adjacent to the shelter that is being considered for residential use.
- We are working to get dog training classes scheduled at the shelter to be taught by OCHS trainer Nicci Bello, owner of Ripple Effect Dog Training.
- We have decided to cancel this year's Black Cat Ball. The committee will begin working to make alternative fundraising events and contact each business sponsor to figure out how they would like their sponsorship used instead.

c. Ensuring adequate resources for operating and capital expenses.

- The Art Estate Sale held July 4th weekend earned close to \$8k that will be split with the family.
- This weekend's estate sale on July 17-18 (or one of the two days based on the size) features lots of garden and outdoor items. The address will be posted soon.
- Our next Estate Sale will be July 31-August 1 in Florentine Estates.

d. Upholding financial responsibility in the use of our resources.

- We've received a good bid and proposal for the side yards at the shelter to add a covered gazebo and improve/repair the current fencing. We will be taking the three smaller yards and turning them into one large play yard. This project will be scheduled for September or October according to the contractor's schedule.
 - The Thrift Store garage update has hit some snags. We are working with the City of Florence on a zoning/use permit issue
- e. **Being an employer of choice.**
- **ACTION ITEM:** Elizabeth would like one or two board members to help her navigate updates to the vacation accrual and holidays paid as well as setting up a 403B retirement plan for our team. Is this in anyone's scope of expertise?
 - We are currently hiring two full-time Animal Care Specialists and one Thrift Store Keyholder.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 15: Annual Volunteer Picnic at East Woahink shelter

September 19: Rubber Duck Round-Up

October 21: Public Board Meeting (not confirmed)

December 31: Black Cat Ball at Florence Events Center - CANCELLED!

Committees and other discussion:

Cynthia Beck will stay on as an advisor to the Treasurer and continue to handle the money markets, investment accounts, etc. She will help Tony during the transition and continue in an advisory capacity.

Current OCHS Committees and their chairs (if assigned):

Finance Committee - Chair Tony Hamilton (Treasurer) per the by-laws. Annual budget meetings will begin in the fall for the 2027 budget.

Animal Welfare Committee - Chair Jill Macfarland. This committee will meet every other month unless there are pressing issues that require additional meetings.

Community Outreach Committee - Chair Krisi Maderos. Community Outreach will continue to meet monthly since this is one of our most active committees.

Nominations Committee - by-laws requires President (Jill), Vice President (Joe), and one more member to be chosen in the spring when board nominations begin. This committee will meet to review board nominations in spring 2027.

The Board discussed and voted unanimously to hold meetings every other month instead of every month. Committee meetings will be set up to fall on opposite months so people can participate easily without being overburdened with meetings in the same month.

Discussion regarding the Black Cat Ball cancellation followed. The Community Outreach Committee and OCHS team members determined the return on investment for the time needed for a successful event was concerning since losing two critical members of the gala committee due to personal/medical reasons.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm