



🍁 *Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.* 🍁

Two little dogs were in a dire situation. Their guardian had passed away, and they were both in the care of his distraught spouse. Suffering heartbreak from her loss, the dogs were being severely neglected. A concerned neighbor believed that the dogs were being left to starve in the back yard. When the authorities reached out to the grieving widow, she decided to have the two dogs euthanized. But the veterinarian she contacted was unwilling to euthanize them. He felt strongly that the two dogs could be rehabilitated. A SoHumane supporter was deeply touched when she learned of their plight. She immediately called SoHumane to see if we could help.



Gucci, Joy and Georgie

We were devastated by the condition of their skin, their hair loss and how thin they were. The two dogs were suffering from severe allergies and malnutrition. It was the worst case of neglect that many of the staff at SoHumane had ever seen. The little dogs, Gordie and Gucci, were unrecognizable as West Highland Terriers. Even at their worst, we believed they would be treasured pets for the right person.

Quickly the Westies were placed in a loving SoHumane foster home. There they received all of the attention and expert veterinary care they desperately needed including medicated baths twice a week, treatments for their ears, a special diet and regular checkups with the SoHumane vet care team. After being loved and fussed over in the foster home, their condition and spirits had improved greatly. Gordie and Gucci were deemed ready for adoption. SoHumane gave our special supporter an update on the pups. She said that she hadn't been able to get them off of her mind and was considering adding them to her household of

dogs and cats. This was music to our ears. We knew these two precious dogs were going to get the best home any dog could ask for! Gordie and Gucci would live the good life for the rest of their lives.

"I could not believe my ears when my vet called regarding the grave circumstances two Westies were facing. Later that same day when I actually saw them, I cried! When SoHumane said they could provide expert fostering assistance for the dogs, I could not believe their good fortune! They would be in the best hands possible throughout their healing journey. Two months later we visited Gucci and Gordie at SoHumane minutes after they were made available. Bet you know what happened! We're a very happy family! Thank you SoHumane! I'm so thankful for the phone call and the medical care that gave these little sweethearts a second chance!"

You can't change a pet's past, but you can rewrite their future. We are truly grateful to you, our wonderful supporters, for making it possible to help dogs like Gucci and Gordie (now Georgie). When you donate to SoHumane, you create a second chance for a pet who may have lost everything.

**Donate today
and double your gift!**

You can rescue a dog or cat. A warm and cozy bed, healthy food, veterinary care and love in abundance – these are the gifts you give. Thanks to an anonymous gift, donations made by November 30th will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000. Please consider giving today so that your gift will have an even greater impact and save twice as many lives.



A wonderful feeling is having a family and knowing how much you are loved.

The only surviving kitten in a rescued litter, tiny Tuba was placed in a SoHumane kitten foster home to grow and become strong. At about four months old, she was adopted but soon returned to us because she was fearful and shy. On further examination it was determined that Tuba had patellar luxation (her knee caps moved out of place) and muscle atrophy in both of her back legs. So she was placed with her former foster family for additional veterinary care, to strengthen her legs and to enjoy time away from the stressful kennel environment. Tuba was welcomed back, and **there she found her forever home and family.**

Foster parent Dani wrote about her love for Tuba. *"When we fostered Tuba the first time, we could not believe how loving she was. I knew anytime I sat down to be ready for a good 45-minute-long petting session as she rubbed all over me. But, as loving as Tuba was, she was very skittish with strangers, any sudden movement sent her running, and she really didn't like to be picked up or held. So, when Tuba came back to our home as a foster for the second time, we already knew to be prepared for her quirkiness and her boundaries. What we weren't prepared for was how well she would adapt and fit into our family. Tuba spent her first three weeks separated from our other animals while she was treated for a potential medical condition. But when the time came for her to venture out into the rest of our home, she wasted no time making friends with all of our family pets. We could not believe her instant connection to our animals and how quickly it brought her out of her shell. Before we knew it she was snuggling up to us on our couch, sleeping in our bed, begging on our countertops with our other cats and rubbing up against our dog. It was as if she had always been with us! When the time came for her to go back to SoHumane to be put up for adoption, my husband was adamant that she stay. We officially adopted Tuba in April. She has been so brave and overcome so much — she now lets me hold her, for a few minutes anyway, she no longer runs and hides when we have company and she is a strong personality in our home. Tuba's big heart and loving nature have also extended to our foster kittens. She helps socialize our older kittens and whenever we have bottle babies, you will always find her watching over them, lying next to their pen. To this day, my husband and I still talk about how lucky we are to have her as part of our family."*



Tuba

Family is a gift that lasts. Thanks to you, Tuba will be spending the holidays watching over "her" foster kittens and basking in the love of her family. At SoHumane we believe that every pet deserves their own home. **There are many things to be grateful for at Thanksgiving, but one of the greatest is having supporters like you.**

You have a very special place in our hearts.



Tucker, Titus and Jewel are just three of the senior dogs rescued this year by the Saving Train. **Once cherished, they were no longer wanted.** Overweight, missing teeth and old. SoHumane loves senior pets. Older dogs and cats are often surrendered or left at shelters because their owner has passed away, or because they need costly veterinary care. SoHumane knows that senior pets are special. Their love is unconditional, and they are loyal companions. Good homes allow them to enjoy happy, healthy, and active lives. Because of their age, senior pets often have bad teeth, arthritis and other

medical concerns like diabetes. With your generous gifts, SoHumane is able to provide needed medications and arrange for dental exams, biopsies and tests. And because you support the Adoption Program, SoHumane can reach out to our community and share the news of extraordinary pets waiting for new families. Within a month, Tucker, Titus and Jewel had the forever homes they deserved. **We are thankful for the love you share for all of the dogs and cats at the Southern Oregon Humane Society.**



Warmest wishes to our supporters who mean so much all year long.

Karen, Barb and the staff at SoHumane



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