



February is a month filled with thoughts of love - a perfect time to say thank you for your compassion for the dogs and cats at the Southern Oregon Humane Society. Because of you, they receive the highest quality care. Sometimes a dog or cat is found to suffer from a treatable medical condition which can be painful for the animal and often creates a barrier to their adoption.

In July of 2022 Penny arrived at SoHumane as a Saving Train rescue. A sociable and friendly dog, she quickly found a loving family. However, last fall Penny's adopter reached out to SoHumane



with concerns about Penny's health. Her persistent and extensive hair loss had baffled multiple veterinarians, leaving Penny without a diagnosis. Faced with the complexity of Penny's health challenges, with a heavy heart her adopter decided to turn to SoHumane for assistance.

With the resources provided by compassionate donors like you, SoHumane was able to accept Penny into our Adoption Program. Staff were determined to unravel the mystery behind her health struggles. Specialist consultations revealed that Penny was

battling a rare skin infection. Since her diagnosis, Penny has undergone targeted treatment while living in a SoHumane foster home. We have witnessed a remarkable transformation in her appearance as her skin clears up and her hair grows back.

Penny continues her journey to a full recovery, surrounded by the love and support of her caring foster family. She will never run out of time or space at SoHumane. **Your generosity has not only facilitated Penny's veterinary care but has also played a crucial role in ensuring that her future is filled with hope and well-being.** Together, we make brighter futures possible for our four-legged friends, one rescue story at a time.

Those we love never truly leave us.

In the early fall SoHumane accepted an adult male dog as a stray. Tot's physical appearance was poor, and he was very hungry. During his stray hold period staff noted that he was friendly, enjoyed playing with toys and loved being outside. Sadly no owner emerged to claim him. **Like so many of the stray animals SoHumane accepts, our vet care team determined that Tot faced several formidable health issues.** Examinations and imaging revealed that Tot had a complete fracture of the thigh bone femoral head on his right side and four suspicious masses. Surgery for removing the tumors became imperative. Unfortunately, one of the tumor biopsies indicated rapid cancerous growth and posed a challenging prognosis for his wellbeing. And despite Tot's surgical procedures, one tumor swiftly reappeared in the same area, further diminishing Tot's already limited expectation for survival to a few months. Our hearts were broken. **Despite his health condition Tot was dearly loved by our staff and volunteers due to his sweet, goofy personality.**

The realization hit us – further treatment wasn't the answer. Tot should not spend his final months in a shelter environment. He deserved to enjoy his remaining time surrounded by the warmth and love of a family. Hospice care emerged as the compassionate choice. It would allow him the comfort and love he truly deserved. We decided to make a plea on social media for a special foster home for Tot. Within hours a family from our community extended a helping hand. **Tot found solace in the care of his hospice family, where he experienced their love and discovered what it was like to be cherished.** This act of kindness exemplifies the greatest gift we can offer to the dogs and cats in our care. Tot's story serves as an example of how your support can make a profound difference in the lives of every animal that arrives at SoHumane.



Since 1928 SoHumane has worked tirelessly to find homes for displaced animals. Thank you for playing a vital role in our success as an organization and for being our partner in this important work. **With your gift today, you're not only saving lives – you are bringing people and pets together.** Please join us in making 2024 a year filled with love for the dogs and cats.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen".

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P.S. Thank you for sharing your compassion and love for dogs and cats. I hope you will partner with us by taking action today!

P.P.S. Sponsorships are available now for SoHumane's annual auction event, A Toast for Tails, to be held on June 1, 2024 at the Rogue Valley Country Club.

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