



# LOVE

*A Forever Home*



*You can't buy love, but you can rescue it*

Charles arrived at SoHumane on the Saving Train from Houston, Texas where he narrowly escaped euthanasia. Charles was on his way to a new life in Oregon, but his struggle wasn't over yet. When he arrived, we saw that he was thin, and we could tell he had not been well cared for. He was also fearful of men. Even though life had been unkind to him our staff and volunteers were amazed by how resilient he was.

**Charles was a big, silly, fun-loving teddy bear who just wanted to be with people.** His cuddles and charming personality quickly made him a favorite amongst the staff and volunteers. We all kept asking ourselves why he was still here. Why didn't anyone ask to meet him? Why hadn't this incredible dog been adopted? Days turned into months, and his demeanor began to change. **Shelter life is hard on animals – especially for extended periods of time.**

Charles seemed sad, and he hated being in his kennel. He began spending his days in our administrative offices to give him a break from the kennels. During that time it became even more apparent what a well-mannered wonderful dog he was. We were determined to find a love connection for Charles. He desperately needed a home, and he deserved to be loved by a family.



Finally after nine long months a wonderful woman and her son came to meet him. They had recently lost their dog and saw this picture of Charles on social media. **It was love at first sight.** They knew they had to meet him. The introduction was a success, and they decided to make Charles part of their family! We were overjoyed. Since then we have received many updates including adorable pictures of Charles living his best life and receiving all of the love and snuggles he deserves.

You have the opportunity to grant pets a second chance. Your gifts mean SoHumane can go the extra mile when the need arises for those dogs and cats requiring specialized care. **Together, we share the mission of saving lives.**

## *All you need is love*

Recently, our team received a desperate plea from another local community shelter asking for help. Their shelter had reached maximum capacity. Luckily, we had kennel space available and so we sent the Saving Train. When our team arrived, they met Skyla, a nine-year-old mixed breed dog who had somehow lost her home and needed a second chance at finding love.

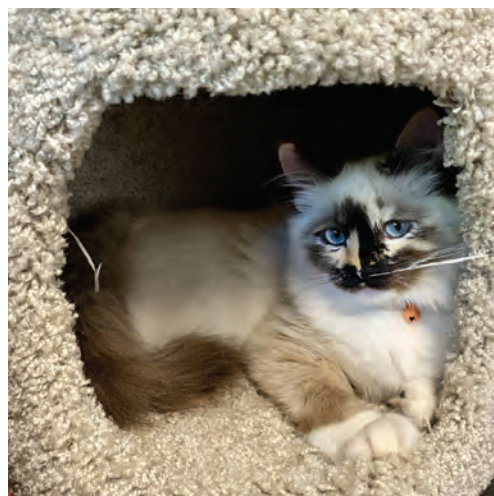
It was obvious that at some point Skyla had lived in a home. So it was heartbreaking to see the confusion and loneliness she experienced living in her kennel at SoHumane. Our staff and volunteers showered her with love and attention, and she seemed to settle in. She enjoyed her daily walks and time in our play yards, but something was still missing. **Skyla needed a home of her own.** Finally, after three long months a kind man came to the Adoption Center looking for a companion. The adoption staff decided to introduce him to Skyla.

The gentleman and Skyla had an instant connection. **Skyla had found the home and family she had been waiting for!** She was even able to go to work with her new guardian. It truly was a perfect match! SoHumane was able to give Skyla time – time to find a caring person – a love story that you helped write.



February is a month filled with thoughts of love – a perfect time to say **thank you for sharing your heart with the animals** at SoHumane. In recent years, the cost of caring for hundreds of homeless dogs and cats has increased significantly. Without your continued support, we could not maintain the high quality of care that we know you trust us to provide.

**This year the Southern Oregon Humane Society is celebrating 95 lifesaving years.** Since 1928, SoHumane has worked tirelessly to find homes for displaced animals. We are a leader in the areas of rescue, adoption, and humane education, but we need you by our side. Thank you for playing such a vital role in our success as an organization and for being our partners in this important work. We look forward to sharing stories of many successful adoptions. **Please join us in making 2023 a year filled with love for the dogs and cats.**



With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen Evans".

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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!