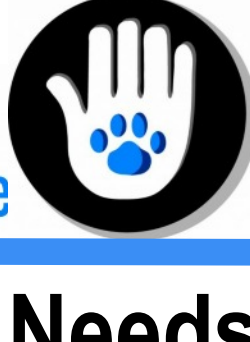


The News From Home

Newsletter and 2024 Year-End Update

indigo rescue



Working to Meet Ever-Growing Needs

The effects of the Covid 19 Pandemic have extended well beyond the actual shutdown. Sadly, all those puppies that lonely, shut-in, short-sighted people clamored to adopt (and buy) are now being dumped in shelters at record numbers. Many are poorly bred by unscrupulous breeders out for the fast buck the opportunity presented. Many, if not most, are un-vetted, un-socialized and un-neutered.

Add to that exponential increases in vet costs and a shortage of vets, and we have a growing crisis on our hands, with record numbers of young, healthy dogs and cats overcrowding shelters and drastically increasing euthanasia rates to all time highs.

Before any of this happened, Indigo was already preparing to meet the unmet needs of senior and special needs dogs in our area, but our focus has had to grow and change to meet the changing needs. Seniors and special needs dogs are the first to be sacrificed in these circumstances, so addressing the problem at large is the only way to make a real impact—and our plans are designed to do just that.

We invite you to visit our website and find out more about our capital campaign for Indigo Acres, a unique property that will carefully target specific issues that cause bottlenecks in services to needy animals. Just like Indigo has always done, the services at this property will work in seamless concert with animal welfare efforts in our area to catch those animals that fall through the cracks of those existing services.

We have already raised more than \$400,000 towards our goal of \$1.4 million, and have concrete plans to enable the property to be self-sustaining once its completed. But we have a lot of work left to do – and too many animals simply don't have time to wait.

What Can You Do?

There are many ways to help make this life-saving project a reality. Check out the list below, or contact us to discuss other ways you might make a unique contribution.

- Make a tax-deductible contribution to Indigo Rescue, earmarked for Indigo Acres.
- Join our Capital Campaign Committee and be part of the orchestrated effort to make it real!
- Invite a few friends to your house for a little get-together. We'll provide an Indigo representative to tell them about the project and how they can join you in your support.
- "Talk up" the project at your place of employment or community group—we'd love to talk about ways to involve businesses and communities.
- Organize a yard sale, bake sale, community pet parade or other fundraiser
- Check with us for sponsorship opportunities.
- Spread the word about Indigo Rescue and Indigo Ranch Boarding

Email info@indigorescue.org for more information



Message From the Executive Director

It's hard to believe it's been 26 years since our small but mighty group of passionate individuals set about trying to make a difference helping homeless, abused, neglected and abandoned animals. So many amazing people have generously given their time and resources to help, and we are forever grateful for that loyalty and support. We've built lasting partnerships with county shelters and other animal rescue organizations to ensure we can accomplish as much as possible by working together. We have forged forward through economic, environmental and human crises. We've rescued, rehabilitated and adopted out thousands of dogs and cats, many of whom were medically or behaviorally compromised and had zero chance of finding homes without our intervention. If we look at it all objectively, we've accomplished a great deal, but we also know there's much more to be done. So much more.

The pandemic has left the animal sheltering world in crisis in ways no one would have ever forecasted. The alarming numbers of post pandemic animals being given up by their owners has caused a glut in the adoption world. Shelters and rescues are jammed full, and more and more animals are being abandoned on the streets. Worse yet, breeders are still breeding more and more puppies. Many of whom never find homes and wind up in rescues.

The obvious truth is that there are only a few ways to get on top of the crisis. First, please DON'T purchase a dog or cat. Right here in Oregon there are literally thousands of happy, healthy dogs and cats of every breed, gender, and coat already desperate for homes; including the ever popular doodles. There is absolutely no excuse for supporting more breeding. Second, please spay and neuter. It's like an old broken record that's been playing for years and years, but it's more important now than ever. And third, spread the word on the first two items. Don't be shy. It will literally save lives.

For our part, we won't give up. We will find the property we need so we can continue to save the ones that won't have a chance without our help. They need us. And we need you... please join us.

Heather Hines

Message From the Board President

For more than 25 years, Indigo has been the dream and the life's work of our founder and Executive Director, Heather, and it has thrived under her leadership.

But the hard hand of reality has hit, as it always will, and we know that, if Indigo is to respond to the ever-growing need now and in the future, we must become a more mature, responsive and sustainable organization. We're working to do that, always careful to do it in a way that keeps our founder's "Never Give Up" spirit alive.

We don't ever intend to "flip" huge numbers of easily placed animals. We will continue to focus on the *Square Pegs*, those animals that may never fit into the round holes of a conventional animal welfare system. Our unique contribution is to catch those animals that fall through the cracks—because true "animal welfare" includes even those most in need. Sadly, it has become painfully obvious that we must have a brick and mortar home if we are to meet the growing, unrelenting need. Quite simply, a group home is needed because there just aren't enough individual homes to fill the need.

This is why the Indigo Board of Directors is working to make Heather's dream sustainable. Its hard. Its slow at times. And we *always* need more help.

Right now, we are particularly looking to recruit a new board member to spearhead the capital campaign. No experience is required, but there are a few acquired skills that could make you really good at it. You can find information on exactly what we're looking for on our website. It could be you—or it could be someone you know.

We're also looking for a tech-savvy volunteer to help us set up a CRM system. We've been "old school" for too long! This person can literally help us save many, many more lives sitting at their own computer!

There are so many other ways to get involved—and there has never been a better, or more important, time to do it. Email us at volunteer@indigorescue.org and we'll be delighted to help you find your place on the team!

Tracy Love Silver

Indigo's New Volunteer Chairman

There are many things we've needed help with here at Indigo, but we don't think anything will make a bigger, more immediate impact than our new board member and Volunteer Chair, Caron Welch!

Caron will be coordinating our volunteer programs, taking a huge load off of Heather's shoulders. Look for her to keep you informed of ways to participate in Indigo's mission, and to keep that all-important person-power organized. If you want those updates, be sure to add volunteers@indigorescue.org to your email list to avoid your spam filter.

Many of you might remember Zero and Uno, two blind Catahoula dogs we had here at Indigo for almost five years. It was 2013 when Caron and her husband adopted them, and they have been volunteering and foster-failing for us ever since. She "gets it," which makes her perfect for the job.

Born and raised in Manchester, UK, Caron was trained as a registered nurse—education and professional experience that has developed her organizational and people skills. Those skills, and her dedication to animals, are exactly what we need to optimize the wonderful contributions we rely on from our volunteers and fosters.



Trivia Tales: Celebrating 25 Years of Saving Lives

For the past 25+ years, Indigo hasn't really been wired for big, splashy fundraisers. We've concentrated on grassroots efforts like yard sales and dog washes, and, of course, on more entrepreneurial tactics to earn our own keep, like Indigo Ranch Boarding. But to celebrate a quarter century of saving lives we went all out!

On March 23, KPTV Fox 12 News Anchor Kimberly Maus, a champion for animals herself, hosted Indigo's "Trivia Tales" at Mittleman Jewish Community Center. It featured a wonderful Mediterranean dinner, silent auction, fine jewelry sale, a trivia contest, Wine Wall, and lots of reminiscing about 25 years of wonderful animals.

Going into it, we were, quite honestly, a little nervous, but it was a celebration for the books! 164 supporters attended and we raised a whopping \$47,799 – including \$34,475 in a paddle raise earmarked for the new property, Indigo Acres.

What made the event even more special was the opportunity to catch up with so many Indigo adopters, supporters, fosters and volunteers, and to celebrate what we've been able to do with people who made it all possible.

Indigo board member and fundraising chair, Bethany Purkapile, chaired the event—incredibly, her first ever. "It truly was so amazing to see the number of people who support and believe in Indigo's mission," she said. This event was not only a successful fundraiser, but an amazing reminder that it has taken the dedication of many, many people to make it all possible.

Save a Life.

Become an Indigo Foster.

It's simple. Every new foster home means another life saved. We won't say it's an easy job, but it will be one of the most rewarding you'll ever have!

The fact is that most of our dogs will simply never be adoptable from a kennel situation. They need a loving family to teach them what it means to be a loved family member—and the manners and expectations that come along with that privilege. A foster home is, quite literally, the only thing that can save their lives.

The basic job requirements are understanding, patience and a lot of love – we'll provide the know-how, medical care and logistics and support you'll need to be successful.

If you think there's enough heart in your home to help make a second chance possible for a special animal, please contact us at info@indigorescue.org.

Remember Indigo in Your Legacy

We are never more moved than when someone thinks enough of the work we do to remember us in their estate. If you have already included us in your planning, please let us know – we want to get to know the people with whom we are building a shared legacy of support for animals in need.

If you haven't already, all it takes is adding a short, separate codicil to your will. If you have life insurance, an IRA, or a 401(K) plan, it's even simpler. Just ask your insurance agent, IRA administrator, or 401(K) administrator for a beneficiary form and name Indigo Rescue and Adoption, Inc. as the beneficiary. Be sure to include our address, PO Box 554, Beaverton, OR 97075-0554, and our tax ID number, 93-1253858. This will ensure your intentions are clear and irrefutable.

Do We Have Happy Tales to Tell? You Betcha!

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Indigo Boarding: Because We All Need Friends

Man or beast, everyone NEEDS friends! At Indigo, we've seen this proven over and over again. We've watched what simply having a friend has done to help thousands of scared, anxious rescues become healthy, happy family members.

So when we opened Indigo Ranch Boarding, we didn't just try to make it a home away from home. We made it a place to play your heart out with friends and snuggle in for a little comfort when it's needed—no sad dogs waiting in kennels here!

And while your very loved pet is enjoying a camp-like stay at Indigo Ranch while you are away, they are not just enjoying the company of friends. They are actually being a friend to many more that aren't quite as fortunate as they are, because 100% of the profit we make from boarding goes directly to support our rescue efforts!

Indigo Ranch Boarding is in Vernonia Oregon, less than an hour from Beaverton. Its an idyllic retreat in the country, surrounded by fresh air and the animals in our small farm sanctuary. It's a place anyone would want to stay for a while.

Visit us at www.indigoranch.org for more information...and when you book with us, just say the magic words: "WE ALL NEED FRIENDS" to receive one free night for your best friend when they stay with us for two or more nights!



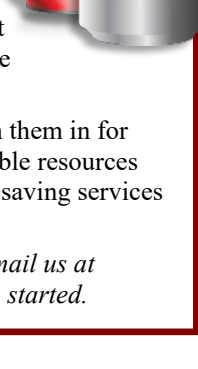
Can We Ever!

Some fundraisers take thought and some just come rolling...and rolling...and rolling in!

Recycling is good for everybody, but its especially good for Indigo's animals. This year, we're on track to pull in a whopping \$5500+ just from recycling cans and bottles through the Bottle Drop program!

It's simple. You just bring us your cans. We turn them in for cash. You have to get rid of them anyway, valuable resources are recycled, and most of all, Indigo provides lifesaving services with the money. Everybody wins!

Check out our website for more info or email us at info@indigorescue.org and we'll get you started.



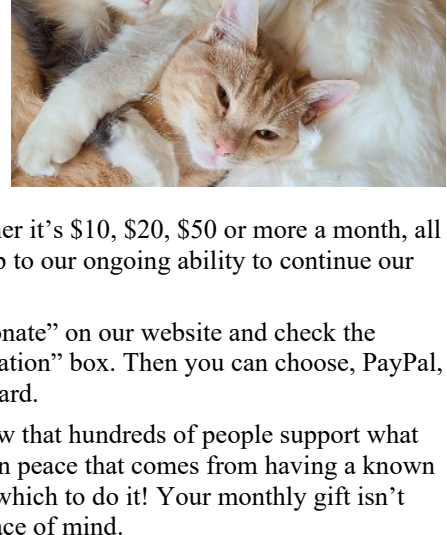
Give Monthly. Give Peace.

Animal rescue is stressful—no matter what. But, surprisingly, one of the most stressful parts of it for us is working nonstop to ensure we have the resources to do what needs to be done.

That's why one of the most helpful ways to contribute to Indigo is to sign up for automatic monthly giving on our website. It only takes a minute to do it and, whether it's \$10, \$20, \$50 or more a month, all those monthly gifts add up to our ongoing ability to continue our life-saving work.

Simply sign up under "Donate" on our website and check the "make this a monthly donation" box. Then you can choose, PayPal, your credit card or debit card.

Of course we already know that hundreds of people support what we do, but there's a certain peace that comes from having a known and reliable income with which to do it! Your monthly gift isn't just money. For us, it's peace of mind.



Do You Shop at Fred Meyer?

If you link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to Indigo Rescue from their website, every time you shop at Fred Meyer and scan your Rewards card, a percentage goes to Indigo Rescue – without taking anything away from your own Rewards!

3 Easy Ways to Donate:

- 1 Send a check or Money order to:
Indigo Rescue
P.O. Box 554
Beaverton, OR 97075
- 2 Contribute through PayPal or Credit Card
Via secure link on our website
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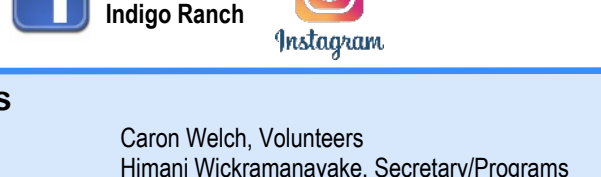
We're All In This Together!

What we do could never be accomplished by any one – or even two dozen – of us! It takes everybody finding the place they fit and contributing to get it done! So to all our donors...to all our workers...to every volunteer who works behind the scenes...to the volunteers who help with jobs around the ranch...to all of you who do not come to our fundraisers...and to everyone who takes the time to recognize something special in one of our square pegs and make them a permanent part of their family...

We Couldn't Do It Without You!

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