

kitten, \$2,000 for the second, \$3,000 for the third, \$4,000 plus jail for the fourth, and so on.

The only way for us to rid ourselves of this problem is to drive out those people that are causing the problem. Any suggestions are welcome.

*Ann Tattersall
Eugene*

SAFETY FOR CYCLISTS

The House recently passed a bill requiring motor vehicle drivers to maintain a "safe distance" while passing cyclists on Oregon's roads. Proponents contend that this law will improve safety for cyclists. Who could argue with such noble legislation? Here's an idea to further improve cyclists' safety: How about enacting legislation that requires cyclists using public roadways to adhere to the same laws applicable to motor vehicles, such as obeying traffic lights, stop signs and right of way rules? Oh wait, this legislation already exists. Nearly every motor vehicle law *does* apply to cyclists (see ORS 814.400). Why, then, do so many cyclists break these laws — the laws designed for their safety — and then turn around and complain about how dangerous it is for them on our public roads?

*Debbie Gedeon
Eugene*

DISTRESSING LETTER

Catherine Mish's letter (6/21) about Greenhill was extremely distressing to me and my staff. It is disheartening that Ms. Mish did not choose to take advantage of

Greenhill's "open door" policy encouraging volunteers to ask questions at any time about the decisions we make at the shelter. Had she done so, every effort would have been made to address the concerns she expressed in her letter.


The letter left many of us at Greenhill confused. It eluded to five dogs that had been recently euthanized. However, after reviewing our records, we cannot find a situation that matches those allegations. Five dogs were recently transferred out of our kennel to a shelter in Portland, where we felt they had a better chance of finding a "forever home." This is a common practice, and animals are routinely transferred in and out of Greenhill to maximize the number of adopters they are exposed to. If these are the dogs our volunteer was referring to, it saddens us that she assumed the worst. I have attempted to contact Ms. Mish, but she has not returned my calls.

Greenhill does not euthanize healthy, adoptable animals. Euthanasia decisions are never made based on space issues or time limits. As long as an animal is healthy and happy here, he/she will continue to wait for a family. We do euthanize animals that are aggressive or dangerous and animals that are ill beyond our capacity to treat them.

Greenhill has a policy of complete and honest disclosure, and we have always believed in telling the truth even when it is hard to hear. Anyone who has questions about an animal is encouraged to contact me directly.

*Johnni Prince
Executive Director
Greenhill Humane Society*

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