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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

are instead wisely building a self-sustaining no-kill *community philosophy*. This is not just semantics; a no-kill community philosophy is one in which the entire community takes responsibility for all animals in need, rather than leaving it to a single agency or shelter."

The cornerstone of this philosophy is affordable spay/neuter availability. Willamette Animal Guild (WAG) is currently in the process of opening a clinic. Yes, there is a huge animal overpopulation crisis in Lane County. If you want to make a difference, spay or neuter your pets and send WAG (www.wagwag.org) a donation.

The no-kill shelter of old where animals are warehoused is not what we are striving for. The self-sustaining no-kill community we are building is already a success in many communities all over the U.S. Read about it here www.nokillsolutions.org We will build this new community with or without help from current "experts" in charge. To them I say get with the program or get out of the way!

*Bev Jorgensen
Springfield
Homeless Animal's
Lifeline Organization*

I KNEW THE DOGS

I have been following the letters of Catherine Mish (6/21) and Johnni Prince (6/28) regarding the recent euthanasia of dogs at Greenhill Humane Society.

Ms. Mish stated that five dogs were euthanized in the span of two weeks. Ms. Prince (executive director of Greenhill) wrote that she was distressed about the letter and confused about which dogs were euthanized.

I may be able to help clear things up. As a long-term dog-walking volunteer through May 2007, I knew some of the dogs who were euthanized. They were not sent to a shelter in Portland, as suggested by Ms. Prince. Let me help refresh her memory of some of the dogs euthanized in May: Shiner: May 1. Bronwyn: May 1. Bucket: May 5. Peanut: May 14. Precious: May 14. Paws: May 18. Lindie: May 19. Cleopatra: May 26.

These dogs were ones that I met, walked, played with and cuddled. In addition to these eight dogs, there were numerous other dogs killed at Greenhill during the month of May. Other dogs that come to the shelter are euthanized without ever being placed for adoption. At the May 15 Greenhill board meeting, it was stated that approximately 33 percent of animals that are transferred to Greenhill by other shelters or surrendered by owners are subsequently euthanized.

I believe that Johnni Prince should indeed feel very distressed, not so much about Catherine Mish's letter, but regarding the policies for the care of the dogs at Greenhill. Some examples: dogs being left in their kennels for days on end, being underfed and losing significant amounts of weight, temperament testing procedures which appear to be arbitrary (and the outcome means life or death for the dog) and the percentage of animals being euthanized.

The kennel staff that I met at Greenhill were absolutely wonderful people who care deeply about the well-being of the dogs. However, they too are hamstrung by the policies of Greenhill. Like Ms. Mish, I believe that a review of Greenhill animal care and euthanasia policies is long overdue.

*Cindy Munyon
Eugene*

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Many associate beer with Independence Day. My husband is a member of Teamster Union Local 206 and works for a company called Western Beverage that delivers for Anheuser-Busch company, i.e.: Budweiser beer. After *months* of negotiations, they decided to go on strike. The company's main objective was to get the union out. They want to join the rest of "American" big business and slash workers' benefits.

American unions like the Teamsters are there to protect our workers. When big business tries to intimidate and bully them out, it is not only un-American, it is the most un-patriotic thing I have ever been witness to. Pension plans and solid health care benefits should not be up for bargaining.

On the picket line, a Western Beverage security guard attacked one of the wives who was there supporting her husband. He grabbed her by the hair and pepper-sprayed her face. All because she is standing up for her family's right to health care! Western Beverage trucks were almost running over families that were their walking the line. Shame on Western Beverage for being violent, greedy corporate mongers and thinking only of their own profits. Who is going to protect the American worker if not unions like Teamsters?

As our families celebrate the Fourth of July, please boycott Anheuser-Busch and Western Beverage with us. It's time to stand up and say no more shameful un-American union busting. We, the American workers, have a right to our benefits.

*Sara Rich & John Buckendahl
Eugene*

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