# Corgis — and their owners — cavort in Cannon Beach

### Fifth-annual fundraising event brings thousands

By BRENNA VISSER The Daily Astorian

CANNON BEACH — Hordes of corgis and their owners inundated Cannon Beach Saturday as a part of the fifth Corgi Beach Day.

The short-legged dogs with faces that seem to be perpetually smiling came in all shapes and sizes, with some even dressed up as dog-sized tacos, sushi rolls and mermaids.

What started out five years ago as a group of 30 friends from Portland with a shared passion for corgis now attracts more than 1,200 owners and 500 corgis from all over the country, event organizer Jennifer Robinson said.

"I'm blown away by how fast it has grown," she said.

The event originated as another way for the Portland Corgi Meetup group to share their love for a dog 'that can't help but make you smile' in a new setting, Robinson said. But once the event started to grow it started to incur costs, which led to the idea of making the meetup a fund-



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The annual Oregon Corgi Beach Day was celebrated over the weekend in Cannon Beach with hundreds of dogs and their owners.

ety for the past three years.

Last year, the 400 corgis and their owners generated \$6,000 in donations. This year, Robinson said early estimates came to \$9,000.

Oregon Humane Society community relations coordinator Stephanie Kittrell said the donations from these events help finance day-to-day costs,

viate overcrowding in shelters and investigate animal cruelty and neglect

"We are so appreciative of this group's support and generosity," Kittrell said. "It helps create awareness for our programs while also having fun on the beach."

While there were many dogs that were enjoying the soft sand and 75



**Hundreds of corgis** owners and their gathered this weekend in Cannon Beach for the 5th annual Oregon Corgi Beach Day. The event started with just a few dozen corgis and their owners and has ballooned in size in recent years. Rebecca Sprengeler

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**Ginger Sirlin** 

Corgi owner from Arizona

degree weather on Saturday, there is something unique when it comes to corgis and their owners, Robinson

"There's something about the community surrounding these dogs. Everyone is so warm and welcoming," Robinson said. "I don't know - maybe the personality of the dog just brings that out in their owners.'

Whatever that "something" is, it attracts corgi owners like Ginger Sirlin, who travelled with her corgi, Colton, from Arizona.

"Corgi people are the best. They are passionate, and kind of crazy in a good way," Sirlin said. "But we rally together when one of us needs something.'

But Širlin's corgi doesn't just cheer people up in passing — it's his job. As a certified therapy dog, Sirlin takes Colton to hospitals around the country to visit patients with dementia and other long-term illnesses. She and her husband travel at least once a month to support or sponsor corgi-related charity events, she said.

"He instantly brings a smile to their faces," Sirlin said. "These dogs have a way bringing lots of different people together."

#### raiser for the Oregon Humane Socias well as support programs to alle-**FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA** AccuWeather.com TONIGHT THURSDAY FRIDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY 57 65 58 Sunny and nice; breezy in Pleasant with times of Plenty of sun Plenty of sun Clear **ALMANAC REGIONAL WEATHER** Astoria through Sunday. Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs Temperatures High/low ...... Normal high/low Record high La Grande Precipitation Month to date Year to date Normal year to date 36.92 Ontario 65/103 **SUN AND MOON** Sunset tonight 8:47 p.m Sunrise Tuesday Moonrise today Moonset today 12:49 a.m **UNDER THE SKY REGIONAL CITIES**

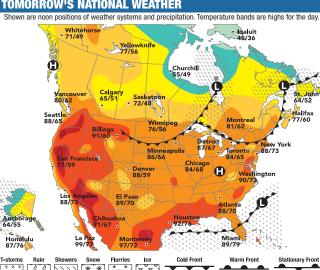
Tonight's Sky: Mercury will reach greatest eastern elongation of 27.2 degrees from the sun.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

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Astoria / Port Docks								
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9:52 a.m.	5.7 ft.	3:41 a.m.	1.0 ft.					
9:30 p.m.	7.6 ft.	3:15 p.m.	2.6 ft.					

City	Hi	Today Lo	w	Hi	Tues Lo	W
Atlanta	88	66	S	88	70	S
Boston	82	67	S	83	67	S
Chicago	84	66	S	84	68	рс
Denver	87	59	t	88	59	pc
Des Moines	85	65	pc	87	67	pc
Detroit	88	66	S	87	67	pc
El Paso	95	73	pc	89	70	t
Fairbanks	74	56	C	70	53	DC
Honolulu	87	75	DC	87	76	sh
Indianapolis	83	66	s	84	67	рс
Kansas City	80	64	pc	84	64	pc
Las Vegas	106	87	pc	106	87	t
Los Angeles	86	68	pc	88	73	рс
Memphis	90	72	s	89	71	pc
Miami	88	78	r	89	79	t
Nashville	90	69	S	89	70	S
New Orleans	89	75	pc	90	74	рс
New York	87	71	s	88	73	S
Oklahoma City	88	66	рс	85	64	t
Philadelphia	89	70	S	91	72	S
St. Louis	89	71	S	90	71	рс
Salt Lake City	96	71	рс	98	71	·s
San Francisco	74	57	pc .	77	59	рс
Seattle	82	60	S	88	65	S
Washington, DC	89	70	S	90	73	S





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## **OBITUARIES**

### **Gerald Michael Harrington**

Astoria

Aug. 20, 1949 — July 25, 2017

Gerald Harrington of Astoria, Oregon, cycling, which he took up with a passion, as passed away July 25, 2017.

Born in Portland, Oregon, on Aug. 20, 1949, Jerry was the son of Dennis and Clare Jean Corkrey Harrington. He was a student at St. Stephen Grade School and, after moving to the coast, attended Seaside High School. Jerry surfed the cove, and enjoyed a number of years in Hawaii making boards.

Returning to Astoria, he worked in the fishing industry his entire career. Retirement allowed time for



**Gerald Harrington** 

well as enjoying a good cup of coffee along his many routes.

Jerry is survived by his brothers Tim of Portland and Dennis of San Diego; a sister, Colleen, and a brother-in-law, Peter, of Cape Elizabeth, Maine; an aunt and uncle, Dr. John and Roni Corkrey of Seaside; nephews Patrick and Emmet; a niece, Clare; and many, many Harrington and Corkrey cousins.

A celebration of Jerry's life will be private.

#### 'Meet the Mayor' set for Wednesday

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Astoria Mayor Arline LaMear holds her next "Meet the Mayor" community meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at City

Residents are invited to attend and ask questions.

July 29, 2017 MILLER, Jonalee

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria Chorlton, 87, of Asto- Seaside is in charge of the ria, died in Warrenton. arrangements.

#### MEMORIAL

Wednesday, Aug. 2 SOUKKALA, Colean — "Praise Gathering" at 6:30 p.m., Mission Christian Fellowship, 525 N.W. Warrenton Drive in Warrenton.

#### ON THE RECORD

**DUII** 

• At 8:10 p.m. Sunday, Brian Paul Kloster, 61, of Astoria, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on the beach near the Peter Iredale shipwreck and

charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving. Witnesses reported he was visibly intoxicated after his Ford F350 became stuck in the

#### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**TUESDAY Seaside Community and** 

Senior Commission, 10 a.m., **Bob Chisholm Community** Center, 1225 Avenue A.

Port of Astoria Commission, 4 p.m., workshop, Port offices, 10 Pier 1, Suite 209

**Seaside Library Board, 4:30** p.m., Seaside Public Library,

**Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board,** 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

> **Seaside Planning Commission,** 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway. Cannon Beach City Council, 7

1131 Broadway.

p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

#### **LOTTERIES**

**OREGON** 

Sunday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 8-2-0-8 **4 p.m.:** 5-0-3-5

7 p.m.: 4-0-6-8

**10 p.m.:** 2-3-0-3

Saturday's Megabucks: 6-14-18-24-25-30

Estimated jackpot: \$5.2 million Saturday's Powerball: 1-28-40-

Estimated jackpot: \$261 million Saturday's Pick 4:

**1 p.m.:** 7-5-6-3

4 p.m.: 8-3-3-4

7 p.m.: 0-4-9-4

**10 p.m.:** 7-8-3-6

Friday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 3-8-9-7

4 p.m.: 5-1-1-3

7 p.m.: 4-1-5-3

10 p.m.: 2-2-6-9 Friday's Mega Millions: 4-6-

31-49-52, Mega Ball: 11 Estimated jackpot: \$303 million

#### **WASHINGTON**

**Sunday's Daily Game:** 0-5-4 Sunday's Keno: 06-08-11-21-23-25-26-31-33-37-39-41-43-51-53-64-65-68-72-76 Sunday's Match 4: 02-06-10-11

Saturday's Daily Game: 3-6-6 Saturday's Hit 5: 17-20-21-28-29 Estimated jackpot: \$170,000 Saturday's Keno: 06-07-12-14-16-18-24-26-28-36-40-41-45-47-62-64-67-70-75-77

Saturday's Lotto: 08-19-22-30-35-40

Estimated jackpot: \$2.5 million Saturday's Match 4: 06-09-10-18 Friday's Daily Game: 1-6-6 Friday's Keno: 03-05-14-15-17-27-33-35-38-39-40-46-51-52-60-61-69-70-76-78

Friday's Match 4: 02-17-22-24

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