## **Pets:** Biggest roadblock for progress is finding enough money

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things that would help identify your pet if you got separated, leash and collar, things like that. Prepare your pets like you would prepare yourself."

## Package deal

While protecting animals has always been a priority for most pet owners, prioritizing animal emergency preparedness has only emerged as a local and state government responsibility in the past 10 years, said Ryan Scholz, the district veterinarian and emergency management liaison for the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

The state began to recognize its importance after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, when insufficient shelter options made residents choose between leaving their pets behind or staying with them in danger. Many chose to stay, resulting in several deaths, Scholz said.

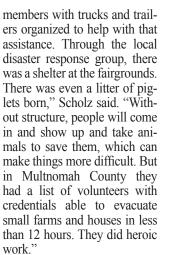
"There was a realization during that event that humans will put their life in jeopardy to save their pet. The two go hand in hand — you can't address human needs without addressing the needs of their animals," he said. "What we've seen is the corporate realization of this issue, with more community groups growing organically out of this realization."

Since then, Scholz and his team provide resources and guidance to counties and communities on best practices for transporting supplies, sheltering and caring for livestock and pets in emergency situations from wildfires to tsunamis.

"You are going to get an organic, local response anytime animals are involved with danger," Scholz said. "So it's important that organic response has a structure."

Similar animal response groups in Multnomah and Curry counties were put to the test last summer, Scholz said, when the Eagle Creek and Chetco Bar fires scorched thousands of acres of land and threatened hundreds of livestock.

"During Eagle Creek many were able to transport their own animals, or if they needed help, they had local community



The state is still a ways from being fully prepared. The biggest roadblock to progress, like many other facets of emergency preparedness, is finding the funding to support programs and a volunteer trained in animal medicine to lead it, Scholz said.

But organizing response groups on a community-by-community basis is about as effective as preparedness gets, Scholz said.

"I'd love to see every county and city in the state do what Cannon Beach is doing,'

he said. "It's not the state doing it. It's the local community groups that are doing this work.'

What's next The first step will be recruit-

ABOVE: A new disaster response team in Cannon Beach aims to prepare people to care for animals in the event of an emergency. LEFT: A dog wades through the surf near

ing volunteers with animal handling experience, from anyone as specialized as a vet tech or dog groomer to a long-term pet owner.

"For the moment, the organization is kind of me," Kroll said. "I'd like this to be a team approach. I'd like other people to share in the efforts and also share in the vision in what this organization will be."

More information will be available at the Coastal Community Fair on May 12. Anyone interested is invited to attend the group's first official meeting on May 24.

"It's really become apparent a response that includes fourlegged family needs to be a part of the response to make it go as smoothly and safely as possible," he said.

**Evening listings** 

TUESDAY





was a shelter at the fairgrounds.

Square: 'We just will try to make

## the future a little bit brighter'

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balance of shops and services ranging from art, apparel, gifts, fitness and health.

"Because it's been owned by a construction company, it's been kept beautiful and up to date. At this point, we want to preserve what is already there," he said. "The tenants are in such good shape, I'm not sure any changes are really needed in the immedi-

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ate future."

With his purchase of Sandpiper Square, Yost hopes to expand his relationship with the local gallery scene. He also owns Roger Yost Bay Street Gallery on the Newport bayfront, and said he hopes to work with other gallery owners in the complex to integrate some of the international artwork he has into the Cannon Beach art scene.

"Cannon Beach's reputa-

tion is known far and wide (as an arts community), and part of (buying Sandpiper Square) was wanting to connect with the art community," Yost said.

As for community traditions like the lamp-lighting ceremony around Christmas? Don't worry, he said, those events will stay.

"We love that the way it is. We just will try to make the future a little bit brighter if we can," he said.

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