

# Pet project: Clatsop Animal Assistance Annual Holiday Party and Fundraiser



COURTESY CLATSOP ANIMAL ASSISTANCE  
Santa and Gully.

Help homeless cats and dogs with treats, raffle, auction, pics with Santa

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**W**hat does it take to maintain a nonprofit organization that provides support for Clatsop County Animal Shelter's homeless pets until they are adopted by families in the area?

"People who are willing to put their hands where their feelings are," said Rae Zimmerling, a Gearhart resident who has volunteered there nearly 20 years.

Along with that, however, the volunteer-run organization relies on financial support from the community. Its annual Holiday Party and Fundraiser takes place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Fort George Lovell Showroom in Astoria.

From Fort George donating the space, to businesses and individuals providing raffle prizes and silent auction items, "the community is really pulling together" to put on the 20th annual fundraiser, volunteer and event organizer Marcy Dunning said.

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