

## Pappas named Volunteer of the Month at OCHS

Lisa Pappas, an energetic and dedicated volunteer is a life long animal lover and will be the first to admit it. She with her husband, Matt, as well as four happy cats and two lucky dogs, moved to Florence from their home in Austin, Texas, more than a year ago.

Last year, she turned down a paid position so that she could devote more volunteer time to the dogs and cats because she understands how much it means to the dogs both emotionally and physically to have an opportunity to be out of their pens on a daily basis for fresh air, exercise and a little freedom — as well as the attention from their OCHS walker.

Because Oregon Coast Humane Society does not have nearly enough volunteer dog walkers to see that all dogs get out of their pens daily for walks, Lisa comes to the shelter seven days a week to walk as many dogs as possible.

In addition to dog walking several hours a day, Lisa also performs her regular volunteer work schedule three days a week, including sweeping and washing



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Lisa Pappas

down the dogs' pens. Other tasks include transporting kittens and cats to the OCHS Thrift Store for more public exposure and therefore possible adoptions. Matt often helps out at the shelter as well, mowing the lawn, doing fence and gate repairs and a myriad of other tasks. One example includes renting, at his expense, a high-pressure water sprayer to clean all of the dogs' pens.

Lisa is also somewhat of a dog whisperer, choosing to spend additional time with the dogs that have been at the shelter for an extended period of time and may be depressed or have poor past experiences to overcome.

The goal is that with her attention, time and skills they may become more adoptable into permanent and loving homes. Lisa's perseverance paid off well for one lucky dog last fall that had been at the shelter for six years; it seemed he would never be adopted.

However, in time he responded to Lisa's many efforts, skill and patience to win him over, and he learned to better trust in humans and became a happier dog.

Both staff and volunteers congratulate Pappas for her hard work and dedication to all of the animals in OCHS' care.

More dog walker volunteers are needed. Anyone interested in walking a dog a few hours a day or a week are encouraged to call OCHS volunteer coordinator Danielle Dickson at 541-999-5702 for more information.



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Members of the Blue Water Task Force take water samples from the Siuslaw River.

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samples, which have a different chemical makeup. That way we get a broader picture of what is going on in the whole watershed," Serbus said.

The task force also records tide and surf levels, water and air temperature and whether it is raining or not. All these factors are important to record as they can influence test results.

Testers then take the freshly drawn samples to the offices of the Watershed Council in Mapleton for preparation and testing.

This process includes adding a medium to activate the bacteria and then waiting for it to start to grow. A day later, the culture is ready to be examined more closely.

While collection and testing have been underway for nearly 20 years, the effort gained importance due to an event that occurred far from here.

"We really started collecting in earnest after the Japanese Tsunami. We started

to see flotsam and debris washing up on our shores," Serbus said. "That was when National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration realized they didn't really have any base line data on the amount of debris on the beach, which is important to know."

The results from recent testing have been encouraging, according to Siuslaw Watershed Council Executive Director Dan Carpenter.

"We are always trying to ascertain and characterize the water quality in the watershed area. The overall quality now is generally excellent. We do have some problems with bacteria growth, particularly in the summertime when the temperature is higher and there is little shade on the banks of the river. But right now the quality of water in the watershed is very good," Carpenter said.

For more information on the Siuslaw Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program contact the Siuslaw Watershed Council at 541-268-3044 or email Siuslaw.org.

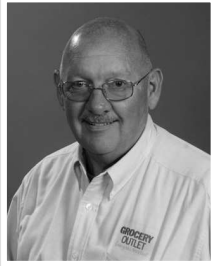


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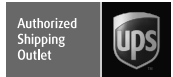
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