

Come see us at Okto-Fur-Fest

OREGON COAST HUMANE SOCIETY

The mission of Oregon Coast Humane Society is to rescue, care for and find responsible, loving, permanent homes for homeless and at-risk dogs and cats; to advance the goal of a no-kill community; to promote the principal of a lifetime commitment to our pets; and to provide for spay-neuter and educational programs to the public. The OCHS Shelter, a no-kill facility, is located at 2840 Rhododendron Dr.

Volunteers are always needed to socialize with pets, help out at the OCHS Thrift Shop on Bay Street in Florence and to help get ready for the annual Holiday Store. For more information, call 541-997-4277 or visit oregoncoasthumanesociety.org.

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We are a pet supply store with various locations throughout Oregon. Mini Pet Mart carries everything you need to keep your pet healthy, happy and safe. We have a knowledgeable staff ready and waiting to answer all your pet related questions. At Mini Pet Mart, we know that it is important to our customers throughout Oregon to know we only carry what we believe are truly the best products for their beloved pet in our pet shops. We are dedicated to your pet and our community. We hope our dedication is reflected in the services we provide to our clients.

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Incentive Foods now brings you the easiest way to share all the benefits of fresh baked treats with your dogs. Their Good Dog! u-bake dog treat mixes come in three flavors, two of which are grain free. Incentive Foods always uses the purest natural ingredients available, so you can trust that your dog is getting the best when you buy these treat mixes. In addition, you can easily adjust the treat size so it is perfect for your dog! Plus, you can under bake and store in the fridge for dogs that prefer soft treats. Just add water (and oil for grain free) and bake; there are detailed instructions with pictures on the website. Packages can be re-used to store fully baked and cooled treats.

Your dog will feel your baked-in love with each and every treat you give them! Incentive Foods Good Dog! u-bake treats are currently stocked at stores in Eugene and Florence as well as at www.incentivefoods.com.

HOMETOWN PETS

Florence's newest pet store, Hometown Pets, is located at 2107 Highway 101 in Florence — right in your hometown! With an emphasis on community, Hometown Pets is dedicated to providing any family's pet needs, from unusual reptiles to cuddly kittens that they showcase in store. This family-owned pet store provides excellent service and quality pets. Let them help you with your pet questions and needs. In addition to carrying brands such as ExoTerra, Kaytee, ZooMed, Sleek & Sassy, Mad About Organics, Oxbow, Zupreem, Zilla and a fine selection of quality dog & cat foods, Hometown Pets is also available to offer advice on animal care. Stop into Hometown today, or call 541-590-3969.



**Saturday, Oct. 13 — 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.**

OKTO-FUR-FEST FEATURES FUN AT THE RACES

The Florence Wiener Dog Races are back — and the racers are roaring to go. Spectators should get ready for the sixth annual Dachshund race event, this time inside the Florence Events Center. That's right, the popular Wiener Dog Races are taking over the flat floor of the event center for a day at the races.

The Siuslaw News, Florence Events Center and the Florence Wiener Dog Races are partnering together to put on the first Okto-Fur-Fest, combining the favorite components of past Oktoberfest celebrations into one new event.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., join the community for great food and family fun. There will be traditional music as games will be held throughout the day inside the Florence Events Center.

Bratwurst, beer and wine will be served by the Friends of the Florence Events Center and Florence Regional Arts Alliance. Look out for Florence Mayor Joe Henry, who will tap the keg to begin the fun.

The Wiener Dog Races will be a highlight of Okto-Fur-Fest. The

games begin at 1 p.m., with multiple heats for each Dachshund age group. In addition, a race will be set up for other small breed dogs under 15 pounds.

It's a chance to let well-behaved dogs show off, especially as several previous Wiener Dog Race winners are expected to compete.

"We are excited for our sixth annual race," said Florence Wiener Dog Race Chairwoman Jeanna Petersen, who founded the event. "We can't wait to see all the dogs run. This year we are inside so no worries about weather this year."

She made sure to thank her husband Dave, who constructed the race houses and fencing for the races. These popular items have been used elsewhere in Oregon as other groups plan their own Wiener Dog Races.

Petersen also extended thanks to Florence student Nyah Vollmar, who will sing the National Anthem to open the races and help with "Dog House Duty," and Joe Mirvis, who created the Dachshund Trophies for the winners.



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A dozen Dachshunds regularly compete in the Florence Wiener Dog Races. This year, the races are held inside the Florence Events Center for the first ever Okto-Fur-Fest.

Entry to Okto-Fur-Fest is \$2. Limited perimeter seating, for the best view of the races, is available for an additional \$5. Tickets are available at the Florence Events Center or at the door the day of the event.

"Thank you to all who help put on this event each year," Petersen

said. "We appreciate all your help and look forward to a great event on Saturday."

There is still time to register your dog for the Florence Wiener Dog Races. Call Petersen at 541-902-3529 or bring your dog to the Florence Events Center at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Florence Wiener Dog Races — Competitors



Bentley Edward Petersen
Age 4

Owner: Jeanna Petersen

Bentley is a low rider who loves to socialize. He has a sweet personality and is loved by all. Bentley likes his tummy rubbed and soft, warm blankets from the dryer. He is well behaved and doesn't generally get into any trouble. He likes long afternoon naps. This is Bentley's third race.

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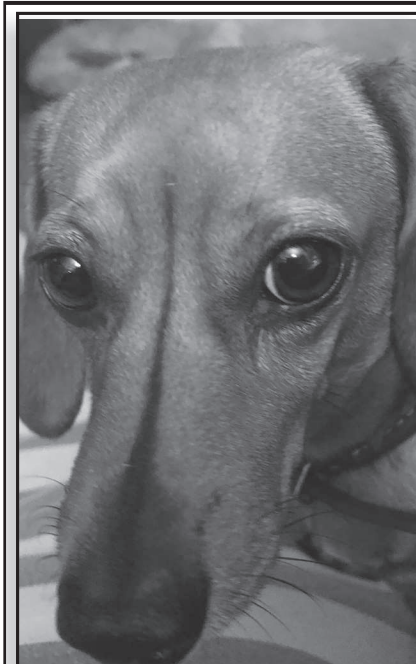


Bongo Drums
Age 9
Owner: Erin Wolf

Bongo Drums is a Texas native who just moved to Oregon this September. He loves turtlenecks, sun-bathing, hotdog emojis, and wiener jokes. His favorite treat is scrambled eggs that drop on the floor. He lives with his moms and 2 cat friends, Tim Riggins and Lyla Garrity.

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Charley Edward Petersen
Age 6

Owner: Jeanna Petersen

Charley is a loner and is a Mommy's Boy. His favorite thing is when his brother Trent comes to visit. He spends his time guarding the house from burglars, garbage trucks and killer hummingbirds. Charley has raced every year in the Florence Wiener Dog Races. He has placed twice in his category.

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