

# Community News

## OCHS TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL MUTT DAY ON FRIDAY

Ah, the lovable mutt, generally regarded as smart, affectionate, fun and faithful. Oregon Cost Humane Society (OCHS) will celebrate National Mutt Day, also known as National Mixed Breed Dog Day, on Friday, July 31, to call attention to the availability for fostering and adopting of these four-

legged favorites currently living at the shelter.

National Mutt Day was created in 2005 by celebrity pet and family lifestyle expert and animal welfare advocate Colleen Paige. The commemoration is all about embracing, saving, and celebrating mixed breed dogs. National Mutt Day is also celebrated on December 2 to help keep the plight of these adorable dogs on the public's mind throughout the year.

According to her website, "The biggest percentage of dogs abandoned and euthanized is due to the constant over-breeding and public desire of designer dogs and purebred puppies that are sold to pet stores supplied by puppy mills that often produce ill and horribly neglected animals."

OCHS is a no-kill facility offering full life care to its resident dogs and cats in the Florence area.

According to OCHS Executive Director Charles Brown, approximately 80 percent of dogs in shelters are mixed breeds.

"Nationally, a lot of pure-breed dogs that end up in



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**Mixed-breed dogs, often affectionately called mutts, have many endearing qualities. They make up approximately 80 percent of shelter dogs.**

shelters are rescued quickly by a pure breed rescue group or by people wanting a less expensive purebred," said Brown. "On July 31, we will celebrate our mixed-breeds and ask the public to join us by dropping off blankets and bedding, wet or dry dog foods or a financial gift to support the care of our residents."

Statistics show that mutts tend to be healthier, better behaved, live longer and are

just as able to perform tasks often ascribed to purebreds such as sniffing out contraband or working as guide dogs or service animals, Brown said.

"Just because you didn't pay a lot for a pedigree, doesn't mean you're not getting an awesome 'fur-ever' friend," he added. "And, as always, we ask the public's help in ending the overpopulation of dogs and cats by spaying and neuter-

ing their pets."

OCHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible.

To learn more, adopt or foster a pet, volunteer to walk a dog, or make a financial contribution so OCHS's residents can find their "fur-ever" home, call the humane society shelter at 541-997-4277, stop by the shelter at 2840 Rhododendron Dr., or visit [OregonCoastHumaneSociety.org](http://OregonCoastHumaneSociety.org).

## Friends of Florence adds two new board members

The Friends of Florence is pleased to announce the addition of Julie McMillan and Laura Smith to its board of directors.

McMillan, a resident of Florence since 1978, has been involved with the Friends of Florence in various capacities for over 20 years. She recently retired from Oregon Pacific Bank after 26 years. She and her husband have two sons who are businessmen in the Florence community. They plan to fish, camp, and enjoy their two grandchildren in their retirement.

Smith is a regularly active member

of the Friends of Florence, where she has been a monthly driver since 2016, organizes driver events and makes the daily confirmation calls to drivers, since 2018.

Smith worked as the director of the Office of Student Development in the department of Biology and Biochemistry for the Cullen College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at the University of Houston for a decade, followed by several years of service as the Director of Programs at the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science. She and her husband moved to Flor-

ence in 2005. They enjoy kayaking and hiking in their leisure time.

The Friends of Florence was established in 1985 with the single purpose of transporting cancer patients' round trip from Florence to the Willamette Valley Cancer Institute and the Oregon Urology Institute. It is a 501c3 organization that is operated by volunteers and entirely funded by donations. The bus runs Monday through Friday, 52 weeks a year and there is no charge for this service.

For more information, visit [friendsofflorence.net](http://friendsofflorence.net).

## Lane County residents urged to enroll in statewide COVID-19 study

More than 13,500 Lane County households have been invited to directly contribute to the "Key to Oregon," a statewide research study that is measuring COVID-19 prevalence throughout Oregon. Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) is leading the study to help state and local decision makers keep Oregon and its communities both open and safe.

Currently, about 660 Lane

County residents have signed up to report their temperature and other COVID-19 symptoms for up to one year.

Why? To provide state and local officials information that will help them make decisions about how to keep Oregon open and safe.

Since it was announced in May, the OHSU-led "Key to Oregon" study has been measuring COVID-19 prevalence throughout the state. So far, nearly 9,000 Oregonians have enrolled statewide.

The study aims to enroll up to 100,000 randomly selected Oregonians, who will spend less than 10 minutes a day to report their temperature and other symptoms on a secure website. Up to

10,000 of those enrolled will also be selected for asymptomatic testing, or testing those who do not have symptoms, to better measure an often-invisible source of COVID-19's spread.

Those who take part are helping protect their families and communities. OHSU will share study findings with state and local leaders, who can use the data to make decisions to meet the state's economic and social needs — including reopening or closing local businesses and schools — while also protecting human health and lives.

"We are deeply grateful to those willing to volunteer their time to this important work," said Jackie Shannon,

Ph.D., the study's lead researcher. "Each person who spends less than 10 minutes a day on this study will help us better understand how the virus is affecting Oregonians. If you were randomly selected, please consider taking part to help your community stay open and safe."

More than 13,500 Lane County households were invited to participate in the study and should have received mail notices in May. Those mailings included instructions about how to enroll online.

If you lost your invite but are interested in enrolling, please send an email to [Key-Study@ohsu.edu](mailto:Key-Study@ohsu.edu).

Follow the study's progress at [ohsu.edu/key-to-oregon](http://ohsu.edu/key-to-oregon).

**GORDON LIGHTFOOT: IF YOU COULD READ MY MIND**  
*NR, 91 MINS*  
The iconic Canadian musician, Gordon Lightfoot, reflects on his life and career.

**FRI, 7/31: 12:15 PM, 3:15 PM, 6:15 PM SAT, 8/1: 12:15 PM, 6:15 PM**

**JOHN LEWIS: GOOD TROUBLE**  
*PG, 96 MINS*  
Explores Georgia representative's, 60-plus years of social activism and legislative action on civil rights, voting rights, gun control, health care reform, and immigration.

**FRI, 7/31: N/A SAT, 8/1: 3:30 PM**

**REBUILDING PARADISE**  
*PG-13, 95 MINS*  
The community of Paradise, California, a town in the Sierra Nevada foothills, attempts to rebuild after devastating wildfires in 2018.

**FRI, 7/31: 12:30 PM, 6:30 PM SAT, 8/1: 12:30 PM, 6:30 PM**

**CAVE OF FORGOTTEN DREAMS**  
*G, 90 MINS*  
Werner Herzog gains exclusive access to film inside the Chauvet caves of Southern France and captures the oldest known pictorial creations of humanity.

**FRI, 7/31: 3:30 PM SAT, 8/1: 3:15 PM**

**THE RENTAL**  
*R, 88 MINS*  
Two couples rent a vacation home for what should be a celebratory weekend get-away.

**FRI, 7/31: 12:45 PM, 6:45 PM SAT, 8/1: 12:45 PM, 6:45 PM**

**SUMMERLAND**  
*PG, 99 MINS*  
During World War II, an Englishwoman opens her heart to an evacuee after initially resolving to be rid of him in this moving journey of womanhood, love and friendship.

**FRI, 7/31: 12:00 PM, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM SAT, 8/1: 3:30 PM, 6:00 PM**

**THE TRUTH**  
*PG, 106 MINS*  
A stormy reunion between scriptwriter Lumir with her famous mother and actress, Fabienne, against the backdrop of Fabienne's autobiographic book and her latest role in a Sci-Fi picture as a mother who never grows old.

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## Health is our #1 Priority!

At Shervin's we are taking extra precaution in order to ensure that our customers and staff are kept safe and healthy during this quickly changing situation.

**1 Car Sanitation** – All cars are wiped down with a sanitizer before and after the service. We wipe down any areas in the interior where employees have touched, such as door handles, the steering wheel, keys, shifters and power window panels.

**2 Hand Sanitation**- Our staff will continue to wash their hands throughout the day and change gloves after each car they service.

**3 Give Customers Options**- We will pick up and deliver your vehicle to your home. You may also drop your key in our secure mailbox for drop-offs to avoid or minimize contact.

**4 Employee Illness is Serious**- We are encouraging employees not to shake hands. We are practicing "personal distancing" and encouraging employees to stay home if they feel under the weather.

**5 Wipe Down High Touch Points**- We wipe/spray counters, credit card machines, door handles, phone handles, kitchen areas, and chair arms and tables in waiting area multiple times a day. We continue to be focused and committed to working with each of you to ensure we continue to meet and exceed your expectations. We are here for you.

We thank you for your business and more importantly, your friendship. Please be safe and exercise extra precaution during this challenging time.



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