

Justin Moore, dressed as a corgi, kneels beside his dog Baron. "Corgi" is Welsh for "dwarf dog."

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See photos of Corgi Beach Day 2016 from OPB at <http://bit.ly/2au0IQJ> and from people at the event at <http://bit.ly/2aq8jBL>



Frances Bamford stands with her dog, Brandy, dressed as a sheriff and an inmate for a costume competition.

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Corgis cavort in Cannon Beach

More than 350 corgis take to the beach for Oregon Humane Society

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Cannon Beach faced an invasion of short-legged, happy-go-lucky creatures with ears bigger than life and smiles to match during the fourth-annual Oregon Corgi Beach Day on Saturday.

Hundreds of corgi owners and admirers cooed over the corgis as they pranced along the Oregon Coast, kicking up sand and water underneath the warm, summer sun. Whether it's the goofy smiles or the adorably disproportionate body-to-legs ratio, entertainment never falls short with these dogs.

"They're lovable," said Jennifer Robinson, the organizer of the Portland Corgi Meetup Group who hosts the yearly event. "It's hard to look at a corgi and not smile."

Famous Instagram accounts like @corgnelius, @aquacorg, @corginstagram and @ralphthecorgi, range from 80,000 followers up to nearly 700,000. There's no doubt that corgis have stolen the heart of many.

"It's the fact that they're so happy with their people," said Donna Newton, the breed rescue contact for the Columbia River Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club. "They're smiling all the time. I think that's why they appeal to people."

The interest shown on social media has translated well in reality. Started in 2007, the Portland-based corgi meetup group has grown from 30 members to more than 500. This year the group cordially hosted an estimated 700-plus people, doubling last year's attendance.

Even though it was a corgi beach day, all breeds could participate. With more than 700 people signing

in at Cannon Beach, the Oregon Humane Society estimated at least 350 corgis attended.

"Everyone I've seen has had one or two or three," said Christy Blahutka, who worked at the Oregon Humane Society booth, in regards to the number of corgis people brought with them.

On Facebook, there were more than 2,000 people "interested" in the event and another 1,000-plus RSVP'd as "going" to the event.

As the event grew larger each year, the group decided to reach out to the Oregon Humane Society. This is the second year the event has benefited the Oregon Humane Society. Last year's event raised \$1,500.

"As our event started growing we wanted to do something to help the community as well," Robinson said.

Combining a love for corgis with a dedication to giving back, the group also participates in events like Dogtoberfest, Walk in the Pearl, Doggie Street Fest and Strut Your Mutt.



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Corgis and their owners walk up and down the beach during the Oregon Corgi Beach Day benefiting the Oregon Humane Society on Saturday at Cannon Beach. The event included a costume competition, raffle and other activities.

Contribute to city park planning

Cannon Beach officials have been meeting with the public to create a citywide master plan for parks, trails, beach access and natural spaces.

The adopted master plan will provide direction for repairs, upgrades and future investments in Cannon Beach parks, trails and recreation for the next 20 years.

The city will have feedback booths throughout town on Aug. 22 and 23 to gather

more community input.

Meet the master plan team at the American Legion on Aug. 22, from about 5 to 6 p.m., the Second and Spruce intersection on Aug. 23 from 10 to 11 a.m., and the Cannon Beach Farmers Market in the Midtown parking lot on Aug. 23, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The majority of participants at an open house in June voiced support for buying the old elementary school property.

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Cannon Beach Cottage & Garden Tour

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
12:00 p.m. Luncheon & Lecture at Tolovana Inn with Libby Holah of Holah Design **Tickets \$25**
1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Home & Garden Tour of Tolovana **Tickets \$30**
6:00 p.m. Maggie & the Cats Concert & Reception (Fall Raffle Takes place at this time (included in home and garden ticket price))

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
11:00 a.m. Garden Tea & presentation by author and naturalist Sherian Wright on beekeeping for the average gardener **Tickets \$20**
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