

# 2009 *Year in Review*



2009 Annual Report for the  
**Northwest Organization  
for Animal Help**



# Our Goal is Simple

Stop the euthanasia of healthy adoptable animals in Northwestern Washington.

# Our Mission Statement

Northwest Organization for Animal Help (N.O.A.H.) is dedicated to stopping the euthanasia of healthy, adoptable dogs and cats in Northwestern Washington by transferring these homeless pets from partner shelters. We are also committed to “Building a Bond for Life” between pets and their families through quality pet adoptions, dog training, low-income spaying and neutering, humane education, and volunteer programs.



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# Letter From the Director

**Dear Friends,**

Yet again we've broken our own adoption, spay/neuter, and volunteer records! Every year we get more efficient and more effective in our efforts to stop the euthanasia of healthy adoptable animals in our area and we are garnering more support from the community than ever before.

In the beginning of 2009, we helped 74 dogs rescued from one of the most well-known puppy mill cases in Washington history. This pivotal case involving over 400 dogs prompted a new law in Washington limiting the number animals (to 50) that can be kept in a breeding mill. We were proud to be part of this landmark case that will help countless dogs and cats subjected to unthinkable cruelties in order to fill pet shops with purebred animals.

The rest of the year was filled with helping thousands and thousands of cats and dogs through our many valuable programs. I hope you enjoy reading about our amazing accomplishments in 2009 and the stellar donors who made it possible.

We're glad to work on your behalf helping animals and we value your trust as we move forward. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Austin Gates  
Executive Director



Austin with assistant,  
"Victoria"



"Bella"



Photo by Jane Halsey

# MatchMaking and Adoptions

Every few days van loads of homeless cats and dogs are brought to N.O.A.H. from overcrowded partner animal shelters. Once at N.O.A.H. these special pets are given a second chance for a home through our no-kill adoption environment.

In 2009, cats and dogs were transferred-in from 10 different shelters in 7 Washington counties. The majority of our animals came from two local partner shelters: Everett Animal Shelter (591 animals) and King County Animal Control (395 animals).

Our customer friendly adoption environment and high quality pets are becoming more popular resulting in a dramatic increase in our adoptions. In 2009, adoptions increased by 21%...1,598 compared to 1,322 pets adopted in 2008! Open 7 days a week, we adopted to residents from 87 cities in 15 counties and 1 tribal nation throughout Washington and also to our neighbors in British Columbia, Canada and California. The average length of stay for an animal awaiting adoption was 18 days.

We are proud to partner with several retail pet supply stores as Off-Site Adoption Locations for cats. In 2009, our off-site cat adoptions rose to 259 cats up from 237 cats in 2008.

Adoptions	Cats	Kittens	Dogs	Puppies	Total
Animals Adopted to New Homes	627	387	493	91	1,598

The following are our 4 adoption locations and the number of adoptions at each site:

- PetSmart in Marysville – 114 cats
- PetCo of Mt.Vernon – 17 cats
- PetCo of Smokey Point – 56 cats
- Jones & Co Pets in Marysville – 72 cats

During 2009, N.O.A.H. participated in 25 adoption events throughout the community. At these events, volunteers and staff brought N.O.A.H. dogs and cats to various locations to expose them to more people and a better opportunity to find a home.

Since opening in 2003, our adoption total at year-end 2009 equaled 7,548 animals saved and adopted!



Photo by Jane Halsey



# Spay/Neuter Commitment

In 2009, the N.O.A.H. team continued to demonstrate its commitment to reducing pet overpopulation by dramatically increasing the number of spay/neuter surgeries by 34%!

Animals Spayed/Neutered	Dogs	Cats	Total
Public Low-Income Spay/Neuter	1,720	3,390	5,110
Feral Cat Spay/Neuter	-----	1,036	1,036
N.O.A.H. Animal Spay/Neuter	298	431	729
<b>Total Spay/Neuter in 2009</b>	<b>2,018</b>	<b>4,857</b>	<b>6,875</b>

In Washington State, cats continue to die in shelters at a startling 2 to 1 ratio compared to dogs. It is clear that more resources need to be dedicated to stopping this tragedy. In April of 2009, N.O.A.H. began offering a cat surgery special...2 cats altered for the price of 1! The response from cat owners was impressive with a 39% increase in surgeries ...indicating that cost plays a major role in the decision to have pet cats altered.

Helping to make these incredible surgery numbers possible, were gifts designated to **Sponsor a Spay/Neuter Day!** Each of the people below sponsored a whole day in the clinic allowing us to offer surgeries for FREE on their special days!

- Carolyn & Jean Fraley
- Dr. Julia McGary
- Maliesa Wood in celebration of her sister's birthday, Cheryl Price.

Four special gifts were received in 2009 with the sole purpose to funding the spay/neuter clinic:

- The extraordinary supporters at the John and Karyl Kay Hughes Foundation designated half of their \$150,000 donation to go towards spay/neuter!
- The big picture thinkers at the Nysether Family Foundation subsidized surgeries for pets of low-income families living in Snohomish County with a \$7,000 grant!
- Billie Jean and Lynn Stephan designated a \$1,000 gift for the spay/neuter clinic!
- The wonderful people of Washington who have purchased Pet Friendly License Plates allowed for N.O.A.H. to receive a \$5,000 spay/neuter grant!



Fun Fact: On December 9th, we altered our biggest patient ever...a 165 pound female Irish Wolfhound named "Aimee"! That's a day the clinic staff will remember for years to come!

# Dog Training and “Building a Bond for Life”



N.O.A.H. Alumni, “Cash” showing off his agility ribbons!

N.O.A.H. is encouraging a lifetime commitment and bond between dogs and their families by offering fun opportunities for them to spend time together. We believe a dog is more likely to stay in its home and not end up at a shelter if it has a strong bond and relationship with its family.

N.O.A.H. offers training classes ranging from those for puppies to Good Manners classes and Agility

for dogs of all ages. Classes are open to the public and N.O.A.H. alumni are given discounted rates and encouraged to attend.

Congratulations to the 11 dogs and their dedicated handlers who passed the AKC Canine Good Citizenship Test in 2009. The Good Manners II class offered at N.O.A.H. prepares handlers to pass the

2009 Results	Total	Number of Dogs Trained
Number of Classes	37	318
Number of Private Lessons	43	43
Supervised Dog Play Days	28	283
<b>Total in 2009</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>644</b>

two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs.

- Chuck & Jennie Hrubesky’s Lab/Border Collies Mix “Zibby”
- Andrew & Jamie Wilson’s American Bulldog, “Rowan”
- Marissa Deberry’s German Shepherd Dog, “Cheyenne”
- Brandon McCoy’s Terrier Mix, “Madi”
- Douglas & Denise Hoyle’s Golden Retriever, “Saydee”
- Stefan & Litsa Olsson’s Great Dane, “Yorgo”
- Brian Schulz’s Cane Corso, “Mana”
- Lisa Wolff’s Golden/Poodle Mix, “Artimus”
- Erin Kanaji’s Pomerania, “Teddy”
- Eleanor Gordon’s Boxer, “Sultan”
- Pamela Lynn’s Black Lab, “Rudy”

NEWS: AKC is kicking off 2010 with their new Canine Partners Program which will allow mixed breed dogs to compete in all competitions (except confirmation) held by AKC affiliated dog clubs nationwide!

# Volunteer Pet Heroes

In 2009, we achieved our “dream” goal we set back in 2001 for the number of volunteers we hoped we’d have some day! In the early planning years before N.O.A.H. was built, we dreamt about having 350 volunteers at N.O.A.H....and in 2009 we beat that goal!

Throughout the year, we averaged 369 volunteers every month! That is up from 280 in 2008! Wonderful people from right down the street to those living up to 50 miles away help N.O.A.H. by working in our spay/neuter clinic, doing transfers, mowing the grounds, cleaning the bathrooms, walking dogs, greeting visitors, cleaning pet suites, answering every incoming phone call, MatchMaking, supporting adoption and fundraising events, donation canister monitoring, fostering, and socializing scared kitties that need some extra attention. All of what we do at N.O.A.H. is only possible because of our amazing volunteers!



Volunteer, Maliesa with assistant receptionist, “Butters”

In 2009, the monetary value of the hours worked by volunteers was over \$992,000! Their time equaled 24 full-time staff...compared to our 19 full-time equivalent paid staff! We held 18 volunteer orientations with 432 people attending.

2009 Results	Total
Average Number of Volunteers per Month	369
Average Number of Volunteer Hours per Month	4,085
<b>Total Number of Actual Volunteer Hours for 2009</b>	<b>49,022</b>

In addition to our scheduled weekly volunteers, we had over 75 people come for one-time high intensity community work “parties”! For two days, 28 great folks came for “Days of Caring” sponsored by United Way of Snohomish County to help paint, wash windows, and tidy the grounds! As part of a Navy Petty Officer “Season of Pride”, N.O.A.H. volunteer Jim Kenyon brought 34 strong young men and women who worked REALLY hard cutting pesky blackberries and clearing out undergrowth from our retention pond!



Volunteers and staff at the 2009 N.O.A.H. Christmas Party

The hardworking community minded people who volunteer at N.O.A.H. make our lifesaving efforts possible.

# Development and Fundraising

In 2009 we received generous gifts from 3,642 individuals, businesses, and foundations totaling \$1,734,365. Of special note:

- Longtime supporters, The John and Karyl K. Hughes Foundation awarded us a remarkable grant of \$150,000 to go towards the spay/neuter clinic and adoptions programs!
- As first time givers, we are extremely grateful to The Pointer Living Trust for their \$75,000 donation and match challenge!
- The Edson Foundation responded to the Pointer Living Trust match challenge by giving \$75,000 and again offered the 1\$ for 1\$ Matching Gift opportunity at the annual auction for any purchase or donation over \$1,000! In total, their generosity resulted in over \$138,000 in donations!
- Tremendous support in the amount of \$708,900 came from the estates of two donors who made certain that animals would be helped beyond their lifetimes: Helen Drew and Stephanie Wagner.

Great fun was had by all that attended the 7th Annual “Music for the Animals” benefit auction prior to the Steve Miller Band concert in July. Over 211 amazing donated items were auctioned off and the successful event netted over \$206,000!



The McPhersons at the 2009 “Music for the Animals”

Special thanks to our event sponsors:

- Whidbey Island Bank
- Lester & Bernice Smith Foundation
- Kibble & Prentice
- Bob and Cheryl Carr
- Orin & Charlene Edson
- Nutro Products Inc.
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Additional income was generated during the year through our Vehicle Donation program. 21 vehicles were donated resulting in \$10,104 in revenue.

Throughout the year, several wonderful businesses and individuals hosted fundraisers and friend-raisers to help the animals at N.O.A.H. . Of special note: Palmer’s Restaurant and Fairy Godmother’s in La Conner, Il Granaio and Valley Cadillac in Mount Vernon, Art for Animals Sake, and Furry Friends.



The staff of Mud Bay celebrating their donation canister win!

In 2009, 38 businesses around the community helped raise funds by placing N.O.A.H. Donation Canisters on their counters raising over \$7,600! Every year the businesses are rated on the amount raised...the 2009 winners are as follows:

- 1st Place: Mud Bay – Greenwood Location
- 2nd Place: Lakewood Shell
- 3rd Place: Stanwood Hardware

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### Sources of Support: \$2,277,203

#### Contributions - 76%

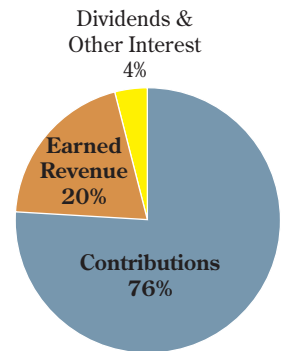
Individuals  
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#### Earned Revenue - 20%

Adoptions  
Spay/Neuter Clinic  
Gift Shop  
Dog Training Classes

#### Dividends &

#### Other Interest - 4%



### Expenses: \$1,516,213

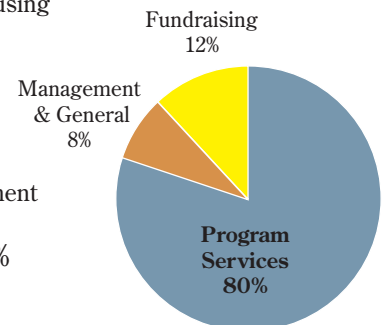
#### Program Services - 80%

Animal Transfers  
Adoptions  
Spay/Neuter  
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Dog Training  
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Administration  
Accounting  
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