



JoCo Spay & Neuter Fund

Virus Didn't Stop "FIX YOUR PET - WIN \$200!"

Though the covid virus temporarily banned Oregon's elective veterinary surgeries, our annual, 6-week FIX YOUR PET contest still tallied up 362 dogs and cats fixed in Josephine County.

Congrats to the 193 cats, 69 small dogs and 100 large dogs whose responsible owners entered our annual drawing.

Here are our winners:

Kelly Howland & Anna & Elsa

Kelly adopted Anna and Elsa as kittens from the local group, Critical Pet Rescue. She had them fixed during our Fix Your Pet contest this winter, winning our drawing for \$200. "They are playful and love to run around the house, even though they might hide under the couch when visitors show up," she laughs. Here they enjoy a snooze with Kelly's 15-year-old rescue, Larry, who also arrived at her home as a kitten years ago.



Anna & Elsa



KitKat

Robyn Hecker & KitKat

Kitkat, a sweet brown tabby girl, showed up at Robyn's house several months ago. "We live on a hill where people are always dumping equipment and cars, and cats show up too," says Robyn. "When she came to us, she unpacked her bags and decided to stay!" This cat lover keeps her eyes out for any abandoned cats and gets them fixed if she can. "This \$200 Fix Your Pet prize will help pay for the next ones!"

More "Fix Your Pet" Winners

Carrie Camara and Lotus

Blooming roses and a \$100 Fix Your Pet prize were waiting for Lotus and her owner Carri Camara at Riverside Park. "She's 2-years-old, and we've had her since she was eight-weeks-old. She's very energetic! Lotus likes to go for runs and play fetch and she loves to snuggle!"



Lotus



Penny

Melissa Bigelow & Penny

Penny is a 5-year-old Cardigan Corgi who "doesn't care about herding on our family farm, but is a great family dog," says owner Melissa Bigelow. "But she can be naughty, especially if you leave food on the table!" Penny was a wagging bundle of sweetness at Riverside Park for the handoff of their Fix Your Pet \$100 prize.

Also Winners: Brenda Deal and Daniel Mann (Coco & Daisy, his two rescued Border Collies, got "the fix!")

Mary Rhodes Earns 2020 Raskin Award

In 2016, the Josephine County Animal Shelter Advisory Board established The Raskin Award. Mary Rhodes is our 2020 Raskin Award winner!

The Raskin Award is presented annually to recognize Josephine County heroes who have significantly impacted animal welfare. It honors the legacy of the late Carl Raskin, a founding member of JoCo Spay & Neuter Fund, whose life-saving advocacy has shaped thousands of furry and human lives in our County.

An animal hero for decades, Mary has done everything from collecting bottles and cans for donations to the shelter to personally driving upwards of 5 hours to help extend the options for the harder-to-place dogs. As one nominator said, "Mary will do anything and everything for a dog that needs a home." We are so blessed to have her as one of our amazing Josephine County Animal Shelter volunteers and JCSNF supporter.

CONGRATULATIONS, MARY!



Mary Rhodes with Arlo, who was adopted by a man with two teenage sons in Eugene.

Compassionate Couple Saves Cats in Crisis

Recently, JCSNF provided vouchers for a daunting project: a couple in Grants Pass was trapping, fixing and rehoming 25 cats left at a home-for-sale in Hugo. Says Julie Larsen, "I saw this message on Facebook, from a realtor, about these abandoned cats. The woman who had lived there loved them, but couldn't afford them. Neither my husband, Bjorn, nor I had trapped cats before, but he was all in. The first time we went out, we were able to just pick up six and put them in carriers!"

Some weren't so easy, and the last cat required they stay overnight. Two to three times a week, for two months, they made the hour-long roundtrips, trapping and getting cats fixed at Oregon Veterinary Services. "It got to be quite a lift financially, so JCSNF helped us with vouchers." Rita Bourden of Rogue Valley Humane Society offered trapping advice and encouragement.

They found homes for the truly feral as barn cats. Josephine County Animal Shelter adopted out seven. Julie and Bjorn found homes for six, kept four themselves, and their son took in one.

Julie's advice for others faced with such a catastrophe? "I would suggest you get ahold of JoCo Spay & Neuter and talk to Linda."



Julie Larsen and her husband Bjorn with two kittens from a pregnant, now not-so-feral mom, part of their intense, 2-1/2 month cat rescue effort. (Everybody gets "fixed"!)

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Annual Wine Tasting Event

Celebrate spay neuter with food, wine, music & fun!
Date TBA, aiming for late summer, depending virus restrictions.

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