

Dogs' Best Friends

Editor:

Yet another thank you is in order from United Paws of Tillamook County to Four Paws on the Beach in Manzanita. On December 18, proprietors Daniel and Barbara set up a photo op with Santa for all good pets at their sumptuous shop on Laneda, proceeds benefiting United Paws' spay/neuter/rescue mission.

Fundraising events take a great deal of effort for a small group of volunteers such as United Paws -- we're all busy trapping free-roaming cats for spay/neuter, fostering abandoned and abused animals, disbursing supplementary pet food to the county's neediest pet lovers -- so when an enterprise takes the initiative to do something for us and the needy animals we're endeavoring to help, it's way beyond great.

Barbara and Dan run the highly successful Muttzanita Festival every summer now, half the proceeds benefiting United Paws (the other half Rinehart Clinic's child wellness program). Again, they bear the brunt of all the organization and planning, along with the invaluable support of North Tillamook Rotary volunteers. (Muttzanita in 2011 will be Saturday, August 20, so please mark your calendars.)

If anybody hasn't visited Four Paws on the Beach, may I urge you to do so even if you don't have a pet. The store is a joy to browse around, bright, cheerful, and with beautiful gifts of ceramics, photo frames, T-shirts, so much more.

Last but by no means least, a Santa-sized thank you from United Paws to "dog's best friend" Santa Dave Dillon!

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