

## Please Support H.B. 3871, Animal Welfare Trust Legislation

House Committee on Agriculture Land Use, Natural Resources and Water  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

### Re: Support H.B. 3871, Animal Welfare Trust Legislation

The following organizations fully support H.B. 3871, which establishes an Animal Welfare Trust that generates funds to support organizations and other entities that provide veterinary support services to low-income pet households and/or underserved communities, including Oregon's Indigenous communities.

Oregon is experiencing a veterinary access to care crisis. Many pets would not receive any veterinary care if not for local nonprofit organizations providing low to no-cost services for pets in underserved communities. Yet, nonprofit organizations cannot keep up with the growing demand for subsidized services.

Multiple factors contribute to the veterinary care crisis, such as the increased cost of veterinary services, including preventative and wellness care, and a national shortage of veterinary professionals. The lack of access to essential animal care resources also impacts the ability of people and pets to stay together. According to the Human Animal Support Services, the inability to afford or access veterinary care is regularly cited as one of the top two reasons for pet relinquishment nationwide

HB 3871 will offer relief and assistance by helping to remove barriers for all pet households, including those experiencing poverty and in underserved communities where it is most needed.

We would appreciate your support for H.B. 3871; thank you for your consideration.

*Relief Angels, Klamath Falls*  
*Companion Animal Medical Project, Central OR*  
*Cat Adoption Team, Sherwood*  
*Cat's Cradle Rescue, Hillsboro*  
*Fuzz Ball Animal Rescue, Hermiston*  
*Kayla's Foundation, Depot Bay*  
*The PAW Team, Portland*  
*Harney County Save A Stray, Burns*  
*Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter, Pendleton*  
*Out to Pasture Rescue, Estacada*  
*Oregon Coast Small Animal Rescue, Toledo*  
*Indigo Rescue, Washington County*  
*Hazel's House Rescue, Yamhill County*  
*Fences For Fido, Statewide*  
*Salem Dogs Rescue, Marion/Polk Counties*  
*Many Miles 2 Home Rescue*  
*Silver Linings Rescue Ranch, Central Oregon*  
*Oregon Humane Society, Portland*  
*Rat Way Sanctuary, Portland*  
*Rogue Valley Humane Society, Grants Pass*

*SNYP Spay/Neuter Clinic, Medford*  
*Columbia Gorge Cat Rescue, Hood River County*  
*Match Made in Heaven, Portland*  
*Unbreakabull Animal Rescue, Eugene*  
*Melly Cat Rescue, Jacksonville*  
*Welcome Home Animal Sanctuary, Creswell*  
*Friends of Baker, Baker County*  
*Lark Ranch Rescue Rehabilitation, Powell Butte*  
*Rogue Valley Street Dogs, Medford*  
*Meow Village, Clackamas County*  
*Street Savvy Dog Rescue, Portland*  
*Rogue Community Cat Rescue, Jackson County*  
*Oregon Friends of Shelter Animals, Hillsboro*  
*Little Critters Rescue, Salem*  
*The Southern Oregon Humane Society, Medford*  
*Community Veterinary Center, Pleasant Hill*  
*First Nations Veterinary, OR. Sovereign Nations*  
*Humane World for Animals*  
*Agave Dogs Rescue, Portland*  
*Underdogs Rock! Rescue, Portland*