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### **Home at Last Humane Society Hands the Leash to Columbia Gorge Humane Society**

Central Oregon Animal Friends (COAF) Board that governs Home at Last Animal Shelter will be stepping away from shelter operations with a tentative date of March 10, 2024.

HAL wants to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our community, supporters, staff, and volunteers and board members, both current and former, who have made Home at Last a symbol of compassion and hope for countless animals over the years. Your unwavering support has been essential in our mission to find forever homes for animals in need.

The animal shelter has been a staple in the community for many years, and its staff and volunteers have done a wonderful job of caring for animals in need. Columbia Gorge Humane Society has expressed excitement to take on the responsibility of continuing the legacy of Home at Last.

“We are thrilled to be taking on this important task,” said community spokesperson of the Columbia Gorge Humane Society, Mike Erland. “We recognize the hard work of the staff and volunteers at Home at Last and are honored to continue their mission.”

The transition process has already begun, and we expect a seamless transfer of operations between the two entities around March 10, 2024.

The Columbia Gorge Humane Society is 90% funded by generous community donations and is seeking support from the community as they move forward with this changeover. If you are interested in volunteering, donating supplies, or making a donation, please visit [Columbiagorgehs.org](http://Columbiagorgehs.org)

Columbia Gorge Humane Society will be planning a stakeholder’s event in April and will announce plans for a community spay and neuter program and an update on how you can directly help ensure the success of Columbia Gorge Humane Society’s mission to help animals of our community.

Again, for more information about how to get involved or support the Columbia Gorge Humane Society, please visit [Columbiagorgehs.org](http://Columbiagorgehs.org)

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