

## **Oregon Humane Society Works with College Students to Introduce Animal Protection Plan**

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EUGENE, Ore – On Thursday, November 2, The Greenhill Humane Society announced a partnership with Animal Services to help UO Students care for their pets more efficiently.

Eugene Animal Services met with Greenhill to discuss address a serious issue concerning UO Students and the abuse of animals. Negligence is to be taken seriously and calls for a city meeting. The cases have risen since the 2021-2022 school year. Animal Services believes it's time for a call to action.

Tonya Grant, executive director for Greenhill Humane Society, issued a press conference with Animal Services to address the local issue. The goal is to see a decline in cases for the year with the help of classes. This will teach students how to properly raise their pets.

“Nine cases of dog cruelty perpetrated by UO students have been reported since October 2022. During the 2022-23 academic year only five cases had been reported,” said Grant.

“Our new program, Animal Alive, is intended to help students who may be facing challenges both as pet owners and as students. We can make their lives and their pets’ lives better,” Grant also mentions.

A case involving a yellow Labrador was the latest in a series of cases involving dogs left unattended and underfed by UO students in their off-campus apartments. John Kendall, spokesperson from the City of Eugene Animal Services, said “It appeared the dog had not eaten anything for more than 72 hours.”

“This dramatic increase is worrisome. We need to end any form of abuse against animals,” Grant stated. Greenhill and Animal services see the issue as a problem that can be fixed with proper education and training.

Pet abuse is illegal and should be paid attention to. Grant wants to use the programs to bring awareness to students. The Humane Society, Animal Services, and students of Eugene coming together serves a purpose of keeping animals safe.