



# PAW PRINTS

## **A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The first half of 2021 has been a whirlwind for ORHS! Thankfully we were able to reopen our doors to the public and allow our available dogs and cats to be seen in-person by potential adopters.

- ♦ I am proud that so far this year, we have been able to rescue 227 cats and dogs, of which 200 have found new caring and loving homes. What a great start for our small but mighty organization!
- ♦ Our Rescue Readers program has continued to increase in popularity. This unique opportunity invites children age 6-12 to come to the shelter and read aloud to our cats - helping to build the child's reading skills and confidence while socializing the cats.
- ♦ The "Rivers' Ramblers" group of volunteers, who walks our dogs each day has not only grown in numbers, but has taken on an extra duty by posting live Facebook streams highlighting our cats and dogs. We find that social media exposure for our animals really helps show their personalities and attracts potential adopters.
- ♦ Recently, we have been able to go out in the community and hold successful off-site adoption events. These events and programs are just a few of the ways that we have been able to connect with those in our community and create great opportunities for animal lovers.