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### **Woof-a-thon 2020 Event Cancelled - Funds still needed**

(Grays Harbor, WA / Ocean Shores, WA) - It's with heavy hearts that the Woof-a-thon Board of Directors had to make the hard decision to cancel this Summer's Woof-a-thon event, previously scheduled for 8/8/20 at the North Beach Jr / Sr High School.

"While we will all miss the 'funnest day of the year for you and your dog,' we felt it was the right decision with the current state of things and with the unknowns about coming months." said Patrick Spike from the organizations board. "We plan to put on the event again the following year, and we'll be looking for ways we can fundraise to assist our worthy charities who will also be struggling to keep up their great work."

Board President Mike Preston recommends that "anyone interested in hearing about our upcoming events and plans follow our Facebook page @Woofathon, sign up for our email list and watch for updates to our website [www.oceanshoreswoofathon.org](http://www.oceanshoreswoofathon.org)."

Donations are most definitely needed and can be made securely via our website, or by mail to PO Box 1664, Ocean Shores WA 98569. Donations will be divided and dispersed the selected charity organizations who are struggling through this time of need also.

Spike says his mother, founder Wilma Spike, would have recognized that at extraordinary times like these we all must work together to support each other, our businesses, our charities, our communities. "This crisis is affecting all of us in various profound ways. Let's seek out ways to be kind and supportive to all. Listen to our experts, docs, scientists and follow instructions carefully to get through this as quickly and with as little hardship and loss as possible. Stay safe and healthy!"

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The Ocean Shores Woof-a-thon is a 501c3 recognized non-profit, founded in 2012 to raise funds for worthy animal related charities. Over the years, with the generosity of individuals, businesses and foundations, over \$70000 has been raised with more to come. Supported organizations have included North Beach PAWS, PAWS of Grays Harbor, Harbor Rescue, Ocean Shores Food Bank and more.