

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 56

Proclaiming April 30, 2026 as Therapy Animal Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

Multnomah County Finds:

- A. There are thousands of pet therapy animal organizations serving in communities across the United States.
- B. Pet therapy animal organizations have designated April 30 as National Therapy Animal Day.
- C. Scientific research shows that interacting with therapy animals can reduce stress, relieve depression, slow heart rate, lower blood pressure and strengthen the immune system.
- D. Therapy animal organizations in Multnomah County play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond.
- E. Therapy animal organizations interact with a variety of people in our community including veterans, older adults, patients in a variety of healthcare settings, students, and those approaching the end of life.
- F. These exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions bring comfort and healing to those in need.
- G. We encourage more pet owners to consider becoming Pet Partners volunteers to help our community by creating greater access to meaningful therapy animal visits.

Multnomah County Proclaims:

April 30, 2026 as Therapy Animal Day in Multnomah County, Oregon and encourages our residents to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers. Further, Multnomah County is grateful for the service of therapy animal organizations in our community and in communities across the nation.

ADOPTED this 1st day of April, 2026.

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