

We Can Be Heroes...

On Tuesday, November 18th, 2010, Buzz Thielemann and Brian DeLaGrange from RHT Energy Solutions (RHT) conducted an energy audit on the Southern Oregon Humane Society. The audits are part of the Existing Building Energy Efficiency program offered by Energy Trust of Oregon for customers of Pacific Power. Meeting with Bill Templeman and Barbara Hurd, RHT found energy efficiency opportunities in lighting, insulation and fresh air heat exchangers in our two cat rooms, Catville and Kitty City. However, what caught their energy eye was the use of propane for the overhead infrared heaters over the outdoor kennels. According to RHT, propane and heating oil are the most expensive heating fuels right now. Luckily, SOHS had an abandoned natural gas meter 65 feet from the propane serve line. RHT called Avista, who responded immediately with trenching crews and technicians that converted the propane system to natural gas. Bill Templeman is estimating the conversion will save SOHS approximately \$7,500/year in propane. **Special thanks go to Avista employees Brian Taylor, Matt Mullineaux, Wally Watkins and Paul Cano for the conversion that was done at no cost to SOHS.**



Wally Watkins and Paul Cano work to convert the system from propane to natural gas.

"RHT Energy Solutions conducts all kinds of energy audits, from large international companies to small mom and pop delicatessens, but none have been more rewarding to us than the audit at SOHS. We all have a special place in our hearts for animals, and to keep them warm at 1/3 the price makes the world a little bit better place."

- Buzz Thielemann, RHT Energy Solutions

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The old propane tank (left) was phased out by a new gas meter, thanks to the efforts of RHT Energy Solutions and Avista.

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