Pet Tidings

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Shadow

By David Todnem

e certainly wasn't the young female we were looking for as a playmate for our other cat, Cricket. But there he was, in a back room, by himself, big, pacing non-stop, and constantly meowing, little whiny mews that grated on our psyche like Chinese water torture. Not at all what we were looking for. We had looked at the kittens and younger cats, but none were quite right, so when PFOA said they had one more we should see, we thought,

"Doesn't sound like what we're looking for, but as long as we're here . . . "

His name was Abner, and PFOA had rescued him in 2005 from a local area shelter. He'd been kept in a tiny cage with barely enough room to lie down between his food and water dishes and litter box, until his back legs had become so atrophied that he couldn't jump up on a kitchen chair — he pulled himself up with his front paws. Absolutely not what we were looking for.

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OUR MISSION

To prevent the birth of unwanted cats and dogs through progressive spay/neuter and educational programs; and to place as many homeless, neglected, and abused animals as possible into good, safe, permanent homes.



Neah



Greystar

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Lexi



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Although Peninsula Friends of Animals was formally started about 13 years ago, a more significant anniversary was reached this year.

We moved into our headquarters and animal shelter, Safe Haven, in late 2003/early 2004 (there was a time period when we were "in," but not really – and then we were really "in" but not completely!). So we are celebrating that beginning, and our progress since then, throughout 2013/2014.

We have lots to celebrate, due to the generosity and hard work of our members, our donors, our volunteers, our staff and our Board of Directors.

We have spayed or neutered 4,595 pets belonging to low-income community members, and have also spayed or neutered every unneutered cat or dog that we have rescued and rehomed.

We have found good, loving homes for 1,869 pets and cared for those few who came to us and could not be rehomed – usually at Safe Haven, and now at Barker House – or "permanent" foster homes, as well. Our beautiful spacious, cageless indoor/outdoor quarters and kind "pet socializers" provide a safe and loving home for however long it takes to find a forever home for all our rescues.

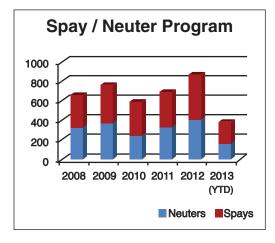
We have been blessed with several larger gifts and bequests that have allowed us to acquire a caretaker's cottage, Barker House, several small outbuildings for special purposes and to maintain and upgrade our physical plant. A special gift from a very special person paid off our mortgage, and Safe Haven and PFOA are debt-free.

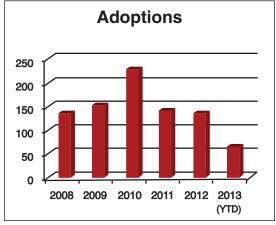
Spay/neuter outreach and shelter/adoption services have been our core mission since our founding. However, we are now planning and working toward also offering lifetime care for cats whose guardians can no longer care for them because of disability or death. What we can do, and how soon, will depend on our resources in this uncertain economic climate.

But as we look back at the progress and successes of the past 10 years, we feel hopeful and reasonably confident about the next ten. We will need the continued support of all of you who have helped make PFOA and Safe Haven a beacon of hope for the animals who need us.

The Editors

Keep up-to-date with PFOA!





The charts above display our progress with our Spay/Neuter Program and Adoptions. They show the yearly Spay/Neuter and Adoption numbers for the past 5+ years.

Cricket finds her buddy

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And yet, the thought of those blue eyes in that tiny cage, waiting to die, having given up . . .

We took him home, renamed him Shadow (he just wasn't an Abner) and tried to help him adjust. But whatever the memories that tortured him, he couldn't be comforted. At night he paced back and forth in the bedroom, meowing constantly. Worse, he sprayed numerous places in the house. Predictably, Cricket, our alpha calico female, stayed in his face constantly, letting him know he was an intruder, which only stressed him further.

I couldn't bear to offer him a home and then withdraw the offer, but after five nights of no sleep, we had to acknowledge it wasn't working. We called PFOA and they told us that if he kept spraying in the house, he would become unadoptable. Literally in tears, we began to load his things in the car to take him back. However, when he saw what we were doing, he ran back into the house — the first sign that he wanted to be there.

I called PFOA back to tell them he was staying, then I told Shadow he could live with us and be loved forever, if he chose. I also promised him there would never be another cage in his life.

That night, for the first time, he crawled up in my lap and purred.

After that, progress was rapid. He acknowledged Cricket as Queen of the Known Universe, and they became buddies.





Shadow and Cricket take a quick snooze

(Now, he even tries to bully her, until she has enough and smacks him silly.) He got bigger and much stronger. We still don't know anything of his history, although we met a veterinarian who thought she remembered him being brought in after a house fire. We think someone may have tried to drown him once, as we discovered he is absolutely petrified of water. The first time we tried to give him a bath by holding him under a warm faucet, he panicked and did his considerable best to rip open my shoulder with his front claws, while simultaneously disemboweling me with his hind feet. (Unfortunately, anticipating getting wet, I wasn't wearing a shirt at the time.)

No laser guidance system has ever been more accurate than Shadow jumping up onto the bed at night to land unerringly on my bladder. Then he burrows under the covers to snuggle between us until he gets too warm, at which point he emerges to sleep half on, half off my legs, stretching the covers down over them. (When Cricket reciprocates on the other side, the effect is like being shrink-wrapped.)

We are thankful to have him in our life and as his Chief of Staff, I have tried to make his life as happy as I can. Whether he has managed to exorcise his demons, or has merely locked them securely away, I can't say. But he seems happy and contented and at peace. We never forget, though, that it was PFOA that saved his life, and every day we are grateful for their work. •

This year's Annual Meeting was held on May 22 at the Lazy Acres Clubhouse. A social hour featuring a "Snackluck" preceded the business meeting. The meeting was very well attended, with a lively discussion on proposed changes to the bylaws. The proposed changes were rejected by the membership; special committees were later formed to propose solutions to issues raised during the meeting. Four directors appointed by the Board were confirmed by the membership.

The Board welcomes what appeared to be an increased interest of some of the membership to become more active and involved in decisions that need to be made regarding the future of PFOA.



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All about TNR: Trap, Neuter and Return

By Alicia Jean Demetropolis

After watching the Europeans do it successfully for many years, numerous groups across the U.S. have finally adopted a program to trap feral cats humanely, neuter them, and then return them to their colonies. PFOA has such a program, and your donations help support our efforts!

Why take the time and effort? Well, think about the following facts for just a moment:

Spaying just one female can help prevent the birth of 400,000 unwanted offspring over the next seven years. It's true. It's also true that our efforts are reducing the size of feral cat colonies and improving the lives of the kitties out there.

Spaying and neutering cats also result in healthy weight gain after they are returned to their colonies – a fact proven by research done at the University of Florida.

Research done in London shows that **feral cats who** are neutered or spayed become more affectionate towards each other and fight less.

When we trap our cats, we take the time and invest the money to also treat any health problems. This program additionally gives us a chance to identify those cats who were simply dumped by their owners out into the wild to fend for themselves. These kitties speak up by being more social and loving and raising their paw to tell us, "Please find me a home!" Think about how hard it must be for a kitty to go from a warm, dry home, to fending for herself outside – no food, no shelter. As much as these cats adapt and learn to survive, they also just want to find another good, clean, dry home. PFOA's program helps make that wish come true.

But we can't do it alone – of course we can't. Even though we have volunteers who spend hours of time answering the phone, chasing down leads, helping to trap, transport and care for these cats, we still need help from our supporters. Just think about it: one small donation from you or your friends could help prevent the suffering of 400,000 cats. Pretty amazing, huh? You – yes, you! – have the power to change the world.

Please help us spread the word. Just talking about these facts could inspire any number of folks to help out in their own way. We love and appreciate our readers and our supporters!

Fostering 101

By Patti Knodel

Every situation is different. There could be an only kitten, a few kittens, lots of kittens, a friendly mom with kittens, a not so friendly mom with kittens or a pregnant mom. They all have different needs. You need to be flexible with your time commitment. As hard as we try, things don't always work out the way we want them to. The plan may be for you to have a few kittens for a week or two, but that could turn into much longer. There might not be room for them at the shelter or they could have a medical problem that would need to be cleared up first. In the case of a pregnant or nursing mom you could have them for 2-3 months. (Trust me: the longer you have them, the harder it will be to give them up!)

Pregnant and nursing moms are pretty easy to take care of and don't

need a lot from you until the kittens are older and start to eat on their own and use the litter box. Then the kittens can be pretty messy and take up a lot of your time feeding and cleaning up after them. At first they tend to get most of the food all over them instead of in them! They will spill their water and walk in it. They are really good at getting litter everywhere, but since they are so cute you won't mind.

Anyone with lots of love and time to offer would make a good foster mom. Teenagers who are out of school for the summer make excellent foster moms for kittens, especially single kittens.



A nursing or pregnant mom would need a separate, quiet place where she would not be disturbed, away from other household pets and children. Older kittens will do fine in any small place and will need to be around people and normal household noises so that they are properly socialized. An only kitten especially needs to have a lot of attention because it is all alone.

It is a lot of fun to watch the kittens grow up. They will keep you laughing with their funny antics. It is hard to be in a bad mood when you are around little kittens. You can get your "kitten fix" if for some reason you cannot have a kitten of your own. It is very rewarding to raise a litter of kittens and see them go to good homes where they will be loved and cared for. If you think you might be interested in fostering please e-mail us at PFOA@olypen.com or call us at (360) 452-0414 and we can talk about different options and what would be best for your situation. &

Meet a Volunteer: Ann Gilson

By Sasha Sterling

"Did you say nude?" "Yes, nude," Ann replies matter-of-factly. I detect a sparkle of mischief in her eye at catching me off guard. Nude calendars aren't something one normally associates with animal rescue organizations. Ann is a talented fundraiser, and the idea of a nude calendar that featured animals from Safe Haven shelter, along with people, tastefully photographed in various states of nudity, was her brainchild. Although the calendars raised some eyebrows in the community, the sales were phenomenal, providing needed funds for the shelter.

Ann continues her story: "My interest in pets started at about age three. Mother allowed us to keep any animal as long as we took care of it. But pets were short-lived then. A five-year-old cat, for instance, was an old cat. There were no veterinarians who treated cats and dogs, no flea medication, no cat litter or special pet food." It was out of these early experiences and observations that Ann's compassion for animals was born, inspiring her to volunteer in animal rescue – her passion for over 50 years. "It's the most important thing in

my life. I've adopted over a hundred cats since I first joined the Humane Society," she estimates. Today she cares for seventeen cats, mostly elderly, injured, or with various behavior problems. In her eyes, "All cats are beautiful, if only in spirit."

When Ann moved to Washington in 1989, she had no thought of starting an animal shelter. Recently retired from her position as a librarian and the presidency of her local Humane Society in River Falls, Wisconsin, she planned only to care for animals in her new home – which she designed herself "for cats, dogs, and people." Yet approximately ten years later, she became one of the founding members of PFOA and today remains a sustaining and guiding force behind the organization.

Now in her eighty-seventh year, Ann is an active board member, helps plan monthly meetings, has applied for grants, written press releases, given PR talks to various organizations, and since the beginning of Pet Tidings as a one-page flier in 2003, has given generously of her considerable talents as a writer and editor. Although this tenth anniversary issue will be her last as editor, she will still contribute



Ann cuddles with Cissy.

the occasional story. Today she looks forward to a new adventure: recruitment and training of volunteers for PFOA. Of her many years as a volunteer Ann says, "I've enjoyed every minute of it. I love spending time with the cats, and I've made many friends whom I might not have met otherwise."

I turn again to the calendars. "I'm in there, too," Ann tells me. "I'm Miss September, 2004." And there she is, reclining in her lounge chair, wearing only a pair of boots, but demurely draped by two of her gorgeous longhaired cats. Now that's a volunteer!



Mews from the Board

The Board has been very busy this summer catching up on all the things that had to be deferred while we dealt with the DOT sale of some of our land for the Highway 101 improvements, remodeling and setting up our Barker

House satellite for our chronically ill or handicapped pets, provisioning of new quarters for our Caretaker and major repairs and upgrades at Safe Haven this past year.

We have worked on reorganizing and codifying our "organization chart" to improve the efficiency and reduce

the expenses of operating all PFOA's work and services for animals. We expect to have our Memorial Wall installed by the end of September. We are working on bringing our bylaws up to date and revising our voting procedures. Many of our policies "just grew", mostly verbally, over the years, and are now being formally adopted and recorded properly. In short, we are catching up with a lot of housekeeping chores that needed to be completed.

The Board is also doing a lot of planning for the future, and will have news about that in the next issue of Pet Tidings.

Ann Gilson, Vice President

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Safe Haven ADOPTABLES! Dreaming in Clorious

It is said that if you dream of a gray cat, you will be guided by your dreams. We have found no research, however, on the interpretation of a cat's dreams. We know that cats do dream. There is scientific evidence that a cat's brain can formulate dreams during sleep. Watching sleeping cats, one can see subtle (and sometimes not so subtle) movements of their paws and whiskers. They are very likely dreaming about experiences they have had.

Since we have six gorgeous gray cats available for adoption, we decided to conduct a survey to determine their most common dreams. Using a highly statistically significant sample of 100% of our resident gray cats, we asked each cat to describe its favorite dream. Amazingly enough, all six cats related the same dream to us: the dream of a safe, loving forever family of their own.



Robbie

ROBBIE is an adorable gray tabby teenager. Sweet, sweet - this fellow rolls over on his back and takes your hand to ensure that he will get enough petting. He likes other kitties and loves all people. Still young enough to be adaptable, but old enough to see his adult personality, Robbie is an ideal age. If you are looking for a gentle boy whose disposition is so good, then consider our Robbie!



Olivia

OLIVIA is just a year old. She is a beautiful gray girl with peach accents. She came to the shelter with her brother, Walton. They are affectionate, playful and allaround wonderful young cats. We just can't say enough nice things about this lovely pair. We would love for these siblings to be adopted together.

STORMY is a spunky young Russian Blue female who had originally been adopted by a young man who played a little too roughly with her. She has learned that hands now mean gentle play and loves, and is settling down to be a very nice cat. She is smart, inquisitive and affectionate, and needs a cat-savvy person to continue to guide her in playing positively and settling down.



Stormy



Marcus

MARCUS is a beautiful, sweet longhaired male gentleman with a drop-dead gorgeous tail and the nicest purrsonality ever. He came to us when his owner could no longer care for him. He is a very special kitty who just wants a loving home in which to live out his life. He will be a loyal friend and would do especially well in a peaceful home where he can

be the center of attention. He requires daily medication to ensure that his diabetes remains under control.



Bert and Ernie

BERT and ERNIE are two of the cutest little silver tabby manx brothers ever. We find it impossible to talk about one without the other. Bert has a white blaze on his chest, and Ernie is more of a solid silver and gray cat. They were found taped in a cardboard box on the side of the road near Forks. They are playful and get along with their feline roommates. Friendly, loving and devoted to each other, they are the perfect pair, and we hope they will be adopted together.

Please call PFOA's message line at 360-452-0414 to talk about any of these featured pets; a staff member will return your call. Or go online to see many others at www.safehavenPFOA.org

Ask PFOA: On Grieving

By Alicia Jean Demetropolis

Many of us find an unusual connection with an animal whom we've adopted; we find an animal that is not just a cat or just a dog, but instead we find a soul with whom we connect on a deeper level, sometimes feeling closer to these animals than we do to our own friends or loved ones. Oftentimes, the loss of a pet leaves a hole in our heart that's deeper than we'd anticipated, and we need to reach out for help during the grieving process.

Since there are so few of us out there who truly understand our grief, finding someone to talk to can be difficult. To a lot of people, these are just animals and we should just get over it.

Or just go get another one and get over it. Even when we are among like-minded souls and friends who truly understand, there may be times where we need something more to help us through the grieving process: we need a support

As I prepared to write this article, I searched locally for a support group, and couldn't find one. Someone suggested our local senior center, but the lovely woman there, Tish, said she wishes we had a local support group – she, too, could use one.

group.

Although not exactly local, our very own Washington State University runs a Pet Loss Hotline (1.509.335.5704) to help people through various stages of the grieving process. It is staffed by volunteer veterinary students and is part of an elective class on pet loss. They are even available to help us talk through our guilt over deciding whether or not to choose euthanasia for our pet, and have resources for talking to our children about the decision and the process.

I had the opportunity to chat with Ashley, one of the veterinary students who volunteers on the hotline. "It's important to let people know that everyone grieves in their own way and that how they feel is normal," she explained one evening. "Some people experience physical symptoms and that's normal, too. There's also no time limit on how long each person grieves. Sometimes people ask how long it will take and we just tell them each person is different."

Let's not forget that our other pets also grieve.

Remember that they experience loss when they lose a caregiver, a fellow pet or housemate, or when a caregiver's medical condition changes – our pets even grieve when their best friend goes off to college. Their behavior may change as they have very few options for communicating their grief to us. Be understanding and patient with them if they withdraw, or if their eating, sleeping, or toileting habits change. We should work to communicate with them and spend extra time with them. While it's easy enough to turn to our pets

for comfort during these times, this is a time when they also need our comfort. They will need to adjust to new schedules and new patterns the same as we will, and if we keep patience and compassion in our hearts they will repay our efforts tenfold.

What about just getting to the decision to put our pet to sleep? We've all been there and we know it can be painful. It's important to remember that there is no right or wrong in this decision. Some people choose to put their pet to sleep sooner rather than later; others choose to keep their pet as comfortable as possible with various tools available to us. including acupuncture. If we are acting out of love and compassion, and if we open our hearts and listen to our pets, they will tell us when it's time for them to go.

At the end of my conversation with Ashley, I asked for some parting words of wisdom. She said, "In talking with the people who call in, it's obvious from their grief that they loved their pet deeply. I've never talked with anyone who made the wrong decision."

The Pet Loss Hotline is run by Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Their hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., PST. Their number is 509.335.5704. You may also find information at www.vetmed.wsu.

Read more about this subject on our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/pfoasafehaven and share your stories, too. If you know of a local resource for those experiencing grief over the loss of a pet, please share that info there as well.

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"Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . . "





Benson has become part of our family - our grandchildren love him. He is so fun and he plays with the kids all the time - he has many little quirky things he does and he is always ready to be petted and fussed over. We can't thank you enough for our Benson; he was truly an answer to prayer.



That the needy orphans of the animal world are in your hands makes me a little more certain respect for all life will be raised up from the darkness of the times. God's little critters are such a joy to behold. From **John Joseph Pajor**



My computer sits in front of the table. Minnie had thought she would help me with emails. Well two little white paws on the keyboard aren't much

help. When I put her down she hopped up on the table to keep an eye on me. Pose was just too good to ignore. She has taken over the house and me, as if she has been here a long time, not 7 days. I sit down and she is on my lap, sleeps on my bed. Makes me laugh when she gets her exercise, racing up and down the hall. Right now she is sitting in one of the windows, surveying what's going on outside. Caught me watching her, thinks that is an invitation to get on my lap. She is a love. Will keep you updated and will send more pictures.

From Grace



Dear Sharon, I want to thank you again for helping us get "Cali" spayed. I know she will be a much happier kitty. Our kids love her so much and have even taught her to skateboard through the house. It is so cute to watch. She loves it. Ryan and Emily know that this is important to do and are thankful that there is a program to help them. We all are. God bless all of you for the work you do! From **Rita Van Horn**



Hello, Cats, Kittens, Staff, and Volunteers of PFOA! We wanted to take a moment to thank you for the wonderful visit and tour of your facility that you gave us, especially on behalf of our son Colton. We had called asking if it would be OK for Colton to come to see the cats and kittens. He had come to Port Angeles for a week-long visit from his home in St. Louis.

After just a few days away from all of his precious animals at home, he was becoming homesick for them. Unfortunately, my kitties, wonderful though they are (especially because they were adopted from your shelter), are not very affectionate with people they are not around very much. And Colton so wanted just to be able to pet them.

We hit upon a perfect solution! We would ask if Colton could come and see the place where Murphy and Clare were adopted. Murphy and Clare were originally named Gilligan and Wynona. Your Shelter Manager - Patti Knodel gave us the grand tour. Colton's favorite moments from his visit were playing with the kittens (as you can see in the photo) and getting to know Marty, the handsome tawny Tom.

Thank you again for creating some wonderful memories for Colton to take home with him from his visit here. Colton will always have a warm spot in his heart for your place and what y'all do there to take care of the animals.

From Lauren Corder and Lorrie Kovell



We love our new little girl! She has a new name, Bisou, "kiss" in French. Thank you PFOA for letting Bisou and her sister Grace/Minou be a part of our family! They are delightful! Gracie is now Minou, French for "kitty". She is such a joy to have in our home. Very good

on car rides, too! She and her sis Jasmine/Bisou have settled right in.

From Tim Burnett

You don't need to worry about Winnie because she has *moved* in. She eats everything that is placed in her dishes, investigates *everything* - the toilet flushing, the electric toothbrush, water going down the sink etc. She discovered the hummingbird feeder and sits on the windowsill and watches the hummers as well as everything else going on outside. She loves her toys and plays a lot. She does not like the kennel and when we go to bed she follows us and has chosen to sleep on our bed. So far she and the dog are getting closer and it should not take too much longer for them to play together. We love our Winnie and she seems to be very happy with her new "forever" home.

From Karen



"Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . . "

I had to share our camping experiences with Miss Zinnia. We are camping at Hoodsport; we've been here for 6 days and will be leaving on Monday. Zinnia still doesn't like the moving vehicle part of the travel, but adapts well to being "in camp." We are still working with getting her trained to the harness. She is able to wiggle her way out of it and gave us a scare our 2nd day here when she escaped and went under the motorhome to go exploring. Luckily, she is so attuned to us, that she stopped when I called her name and allowed me to pick her up. We waited a day and then brought her out to sit in my lap. She wiggled around & wouldn't settle, so we put her back in the motor home. That happened for two more days, but today when she begged to come out, she was patient and cooperated with putting on the harness. She sat quietly in my lap for about 20 minutes without any attempt to go exploring. We thought you'd like to hear how adaptable she is and how quickly she learns new behaviors. We are thoroughly enjoying her company! Thank you again for introducing us!

From Art & Norma Arrowsmith

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Dear PFOA, We are celebrating our third birthday on May 9th! Our most favorite gift is always a gift we can share with our wonderful friends. Please let our gift bless your needs. Meow and our love, **Leopold aka Leo (Binte)**, **Wolfgang aka Wolfie (Kinte) and Marilyn and Wayne Eveland**



Tippy says, "Please give as generously as you can to help save special friends like me!" When Tippy calls, I answer! **From Terry Vogel.**



We dearly love our "Big" boy and he seems to love us! He is happily sitting on his cat castle, looking outside at the birds! Thank you for all the help you have given to him and to us!

From Nolia, Don and "Raymond" aka "Sunny Boy"



This note is to heartily thank all of the volunteers and staff for the dedicated, excellent care that Blueberry received during her stay at PFOA. As a result of this, she has become the perfect cat – she is warm, friendly to strangers and a total joy to her new companion, Ken Gray, who adopted her in February. We hope our gift will impart a small token of our joy to the staff and volunteers and help fund their excellent work for future adopted cats. **From Blueberry and Ken Gray.**



The kitties are doing fine. Jane has adjusted completely and is already a vibrant member of the household. Henry is another matter—he is so shy that he avoids

much contact with any of us, but I have been making him comfortable in his own special place, where he retreats when things get to be too much for him. He is such a darling when he does come out, very sweet and playful. I've been brushing him every day. So far I am the only one in the house that can coax him to play or interact, but I have hopes that with time and patience he will feel safe here. All the other pets here have adjusted just fine with no problems.

I started letting the kittens have full range of the house just a few days ago. When things are quiet enough, Henry comes out to play, and I've been very careful about letting the dogs interact with him. They are curious but very gentle with him. I think we had a major breakthrough a couple of days ago: I was brushing Henry on my lap, and Joey approached. Henry didn't seem fearful of him, and the two sniffed noses. Joey got on the couch beside us, and I continued to brush Henry and tell him how brave he was being. As we sat there, Henry carefully reached out his paw and started to play with the dog's tail! SO CUTE! If I can convince Henry the dogs are indeed made of string, I think things will be ok.

From Bethany McCraw



Hi Nancy, just a report on your Alister. We have settled in and have learned each other's habits and preferences. In fact, it is going very well. Alister has thoroughly cased the house and has picked out his favorite nesting places. The big boy is a good companion and a very good housemate. The only thing that confuses me is the tail wagging. Haven't figured that out as yet, but it doesn't seem to be a negative. And he doesn't meow, he squeaks. Anyway he seems happy and contented. We both are. Thanks for introducing us. From **Bob Grower**

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The PFOA Spay/Neuter Program

By Kailyn Davis

Three small kittens are scrounging around in garbage, mewing pitifully. Nearby their thin, bedraggled mother nervously keeps watch, as she roots around for something to eat. They have a tenuous and miserable existence, fraught with peril.

This wouldn't have happened, had someone been responsible and/or able to afford to spay their mother or neuter their father.

To avoid tragedies such as this, Peninsula Friends of Animals' spay/neuter program was started in 2003 with a

generous grant from Petco. Preventing the birth of unwanted kittens is a lot easier and more costeffective than trying to rescue and re-home them.

One of PFOA's two main purposes for existing is to prevent the birth of kittens for whom there is no home on earth. The second is to rescue those

who have already been born, and place them in loving homes. Reliable estimates conclude that there are homes for only one out of every ten cats born. Our mission is to see that the other nine don't die helpless and alone.

Spaying or neutering your pet is not only the right thing to do when it comes to helping with the pet overpopulation problem -- it is kinder to your dog or cat as well. Your pets are less likely to have behavioral problems when they have been spayed or neutered. They are less apt to want to roam neighborhoods and get into fights with other animals. And finally, giving birth and mothering six or eight offspring takes a lot out of your pet!

Cost is the primary reason that most people do not spay or neuter their animals. Fifty percent of the population of Clallam County qualifies for assistance with their spay/

neuter costs. Students, retirees, single parents, as well as impoverished people are among our clients. We have found that most people truly love their animals, and are grateful to have this assistance.

Information on our spay/neuter program may be found on our website, on our Facebook page, and on flyers displayed in the Sequim-Port Angeles area. Qualifying low-income families for this service is a simple process, consisting of a telephone interview with Sharon Palmer,

PFOA Spay/Neuter Manager, and a follow up form.

February is National Spay/Neuter month. During each February, we have informational tables at local businesses where income-qualified people can sign up for a chance to receive free

spay/neuter services. A drawing is held, and a number of free spays or neuters are awarded. Sharon has been active in the program since shortly after its inception, and states that when the recipients are notified, "just to hear the excitement in their voices makes my day."

When funds are available, PFOA has sponsored additional low-cost events. Last December, there was a "nickel neuter" program allowing 75 male cats to be neutered for five cents each! In January, PFOA had a spay clinic charging only \$5.00 per female cat.

PFOA partners with several local veterinarians, as well as with Spay To Save, the only mobile spay/neuter clinic on the peninsula. Spaying or neutering your cat or dog is affordable and accessible. These services exist. Help us end the suffering of unwanted animals.



Donation Thank You's

- Thank you to Brownie Troop 42063 and their troop leader Stephanie Price. These dedicated third graders collected food and raised money for purchases. PFOA received 65 cans and 13 pounds of food, seven bags of treats, two catnips, three cat beds, toys and various wand toys. Your efforts are very much appreciated!
- Many thanks to Girl Scout Troop #50648, led by Diane Holth, who made PFOA their special project. They filled our conference room table with 4 boxes of Girl Scout granola bars, 2 wands, 4 scoops, 14 packages kitty treats, 2 dish soap
- refills, 2 gallons of laundry soap, 1 dish washing soap, 8 kitten litter pans, 4 scoops, 4 food dishes, 2 flea combs, 1 package cat balls, 4 reams of paper, 2 notebooks, 1 fleece throw, 3 pounds Meow mix, 22 rolls of paper towels, and a large bag of lap throws. Great job!
- A very special thank you to Emily Glenn, who collected cans of cat food, numerous toys (including many stuffed catnip mice) and a gorgeous cat bed. For the past three years, she has generously shared her birthday with the residents of Safe Haven by suggesting to her friends that they bring cat food and cat toys to her birthday party, instead of presents.

See some adoptable pets on Page 6 and online at www.safehavenpfoa.org

Look who's been adopted!





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- As a result of the Fabulous, Healthy, Tasty Drawing at Best Friend Nutrition, PFOA, Spay to Save, and WAG each received a check for \$333.00! We appreciate the continued support from Hope and Jim Williams and all of their staff and their innovative ways of raising money for the animals on the Peninsula!
- Thanks to KSQM for their continued support of PFOA from the 160lbs of paper towels, bleach, litter and food from 2012's Pet Lover's weekend and all through the year with promoting the shelter cats and programs on KSQM.
- Gloria Coburn, a long-time supporter of PFOA and owner of Coburn's Café in Port Angeles, held a benefit luncheon at the restaurant in June. Twenty-five of her customers and friends were invited, and the gross proceeds from the luncheon, a total of \$480, were donated to PFOA. Gloria worked very hard to make this a success for the kitties.
- Rockin' the Arts was a major fundraising event at The Landing in Port Angeles. So many people contributed their time, or donated art, jewelry and other wonderful items to be retailed or auctioned. A big thanks to the sponsors, musicians, artists, donors and volunteers who made this event such a success. We received over \$8300 for the kitties!

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Memorials and Honorariums



Memorials given in honor of a deceased pet, in memory of a friend or family member, or Honorariums to thank special friends are a lovely way to say "Thank you" or "I love you" or "I miss you." A public statement of remembrance can help bring closure or soften grief, as well as honor a loved one. (Please try to keep memorials to three or four lines or less — about 15-35 words — for space consideration).

Honorariums (Person)

- In honor of **Dianne Nielson**'s birthday. From **Deborah La Perche**.
- In honor of **Joyce Pollack-Crowell**. From **Mary Crowell**.
- In honor of Candy Olmer's birthday. A lovely request from her and for cat lovers everywhere. From Lynn Cain.
- In honor of Candy Olmer's birthday. Candy is a very special person who is loved by many including her beautiful 4-legged furry boys. From Martha Carle.
- In honor of **Candy Olmer**'s birthday. From **Thomas Davies**.
- In honor of Candy Olmer's birthday. From Mark and Sharon Meythaler.
- In honor of **Candy Olmer**'s birthday. From **Roger** and **April Uhden**.
- In honor of **Candy Olmer**'s birthday. She is so devoted to your organization and what you folks do for animal welfare. From **Pam** and **Ted Bedford**.
- In honor of Candy Olmer's birthday. From Brian and Ann Gregory.
- In honor of Candy Olmer's birthday. From Dallas and Nancy Drew.
- In honor of **Candy Olmer**'s birthday. From **Richard Olmer**.
- Thank you to Linda Allen, DVM for her loving care to a stray kitty. From James and Sharon Pickett.
- In honor of **Doris Cosman**. From **Scott Cosman**.
- In honor of **JoAnne Alford**. From **Margo Garton**.
- In honor of the birthdays of **David** and **Roberta Louden**. From **Bob Louden**.
- In honor of our seminar speaker, **Dr. Anna Maria Gardner**, who chose SafeHaven to receive the attendees donation fees. As always, thank you for doing what you all do to care for and love and respect the felines of our world. From **Hope Williams**.

Honorarium (Pet)

- In honor of Little Bit. From Wally Kohl.
- In honor of **Fluffy**. From **Kerri Wiggins**.
- In honor of **Benny**. From **Sue Armistead**.
- In honor of **Spooky** (Arlo) who enjoys the birds and wants his friends at Safe Haven to enjoy them too! From **Helen Schaaf**.
- In honor of **Comet**, for her brothers Fagin and Thistle. From **Rose M. Rose**.

In Memory of Special People

- In memory of Millie Singleton. From S. Walker.
- In memory of **Don Sorg**. From **Lois Sorg**.
- In memory of **Aimee Barton**. From **Wendy** and **Gary Nordaune**.

- In memory of Catherine Burke. From Thomas Burke.
- In memory of **John Doatch**. From **Erica Schreiber**.
- In memory of **Gwen Pierce**. From **Dave** and **Julia Jackson**.

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In memory of **Sierra**, our beautiful, expressive, and sometimes exasperating feline friend of 18 years. We'll so miss her great purring and cuddling times together. From **Jim** and **Elsbeth McLeod**.
- In memory of **Muffy**, an ex-therapy dog. From **Faith Ohlson**.
- In memory of Cocoa. From Christine Spirz.
- In memory of my clients' cats that I know are so precious to them and very missed:
 - Barry who loved to help John Dolansky work at his desk and adored Nancy Dolansky for loving him so much that she would do whatever it took to keep him healthy and happy.
 - Tiny Tim, who was part of the cat family that moved into the notyet-built home of Lyn and David Gilbert, and stayed on with his mother Fluffy Puss Puss and brother Smokey.
 - Archie (an unofficial therapy cat) and Indie (who represented the name well) who have seen Mary Sue Brancato and Ed Bowlby through all of life's big and little events.
 - Cheetah the speed racer, who was totally adored by Joan and Tim Snyder.
 - Ziggy who ruled the roost whether asked to or not and who was welcome inside and loved by Sue and Vern Bauer.
 - Percy the quiet, gentle soul that touched Pamela Bills and Clint Cummins.
 - Sierra who was so beautiful and so loved by Jim Arnold, Elsbeth McLeod, and the late Suzanne Arnold.
 - Ally, who Deloris and Don Taylor brought with them to Sequim but hold in their hearts.
 - Kitty **Argo** for whom Marilyn Beech was the perfect guardian angel and advocate.
 - Buddy, such a sweet boy, who is so very missed by Gail MacNeil and Shaddy.
 - **Kiwi**, the wise ol' soul, who loved and looked after Margaret Mary Page on their spiritual journey through life.
 - Jack the cat who traveled the northwest and southwest with Ron and Sherrie Schroder.

From Tammy White, "Ma Paw" Cat Sitter

- In memory of Maggie. From Michael and Sharon Kaulakis.
- In memory of **Jason**. From **Judith Palumbo-Gates** and **Robert Gates**.
- In memory of **Zackie**, beloved pet of Nancy and Dallas Campbell. From **Nancy Dolansky**.
- In memory of **Booky**, much loved and cared for by Janet and Jess Harker. I'll always remember her perched on their kitchen table, waiting patiently for attention, or maybe a treat! From **Marilyn Ash**
- In memory of our sweet kitty cat **Annabelle**. She left us too soon and we miss her so much. **Linda** and **Scott Paulson**.
- In memory of **Zackie Campbell**. From **Pam** and **Ray Winney**.
- In loving memory of Enid Pillon's dear **Anna Belle**. From **James** and **Sharon Pickett**.

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Memorials and Honorariums

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- In memory of Maui who passed away 6/3/2013. From Claudia Davis.
- In memory of Nancy and Dallas Campbell's beloved **Zackie**, whose happy loving heart brightened their world and now the next. From **Ann Gilson**.
- In memory of **Booky**, who spent almost her whole long life in the loving care of Janet and Jess Harker, and will always be sadly missed. From **Ann Gilson**.
- In memory of Judy and Joe Price's beloved cat, Sally. From John and Sarah Bird.
- In memory of **Precious**, who gave Stephen Neupert all of her love and friendship for 18 years. Precious and her brother Smokey were wonderful cats and excellent model railroaders. Thank you for all the good work you do, too. From **David** and **Claudia Neupert**.
- In memory of **Honey**. From **DeeAnn Nelson**.
- In memory of **Zackie**, beloved, happy member of the Nancy and Dallas Campbell family. From **Phil**, **Susie** and **Davy Pollock**.
- In memory of Nancy and Dallas Campbell's lovely little Cocker Spaniel, **Zackie**. From **Susan** and **Chuck Skaggs**.
- In memory of John Nance's amazing 18-year-old dog **Buddy**. Never a more loyal, adorable, sweet pal. From **Karen Groves**.
- In memory of **Chrissie**. From **Cleo Moore**.
- In memory of **Super Swartz**. From **Anna Swartz**.
- In memory of **Django**. From **Jeanne Noyes**.
- In memory of **Patches**. From **Rodger** and **Cheryle Bigelow**.
- In memory of **Boo**. From **Pat Orella**.
- In memory of Olyvia, mom's sweet kitty. From George and Victoria Esquiro.
- In memory of my beloved Manx cat, **Rachel**. Unwanted in her original home, she brought sunshine and joy to mine for 17 years, and will never be forgotten. From **Ann Gilson**.
- In memory of Gloria. From Brighid McCarthy.
- In memory of **Penney**, our beloved kitty. From **Leonard** and **Della Floyd**.

- \blacksquare In memory of $\bf Zach$, sweetest dog , ever! From $\bf Leonard$ and $\bf Della$ $\bf Floyd$.
- In memory of **Zorro Montgomery**. From **Lora Richardson**.
- In memory of Sally, Judy and Joe Price's cat. From Judith and Robert Gates.
- In memory of **Jasmine**, a most wonderful cat. From **Ruth Krull**.
- In memory of Sally Price. Sally, at 16 years old, was always a lady and definitely a matriarch cat. She will be sorely missed and mourned by her people, Judy and Joe Price. From Mark and Jacquelyn Witte.
- In memory of **Barry**, dearly loved companion of Nancy and John Dolansky. From **Diane Lopez**.
- In memory of **Zach**, Dallas and Nancy's much loved little dog. From **Marilyn Ash**
- In memory of Ann Gilson's long-time feline friend **Rachel**, who will be greatly missed. From **Marilyn Ash**
- In memory of Buttercup, a lovely and affectionate cat who passed much too soon. From Marilyn Ash
- In memory of **Booky**, much loved and cared for by Janet and Jess Harker. I'll always remember her perched on their kitchen table, waiting patiently for attention, or maybe a treat! From **Marilyn Ash**
- In memory of my beloved horse **Mimi** who recently lost her brave battle with DSLD. She was the sweetest horse who loved all living things, especially kitties. The barn just isn't the same without her sweet face. From **Lori Crow**.
- From the doctors and staff at Hadlock Veterinary Clinic and Olympic Animal Eye Clinic:
 - In memorial of **PunKin**, beloved companion dog of Janette Chrysler, and never forgotten.
 - In memorial of Judy and Wayne **Wilhelm's** dog Lucy, a wonderful and loving little girl.
 - In memorial of Nancy and Dallas Campbell's very special dog,
 Zak, such a special and sweet dog.

The Potholder Ladies need your help!

We are having a hard time keeping up with the demand for our Purr-fect Potholders and we desperately need quilters/seamstresses/sewers who can help sew the potholders. You can do just quilting or make the complete potholder sets in your own home.

If you have some time to donate, some sewing experience and a sewing machine, please call Carol Gearey @ 360 457-1605 for more information. We will train you and provide you with all fabric. You will need to provide some thread and possibly some quilting tools.

Also needed:

- 100% cotton flannel fabric solid colors
- 100% cotton quilting fabric in cat & dog, other animals, kitchen, food & nautical themes are just some of the novelty cotton fabric we can use (fabric scraps & remnants are fine as long as we are able to cut at least two 9 inch squares out of it – we can't use smaller scraps).
- Sewing Thread any color, any amount but can't use the thicker thread

We CANNOT use cotton blends, polyester, wool, rayon or any other non-cotton fabrics.

Donations can be dropped off at Safe Haven or contact Carol Gearey at 360 457-1605 or cdgearey@hotmail.com.

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Our 10th Anniversary issue will be our last edition in color. Starting with the Winter edition, which will be distributed in mid-January, we will return to the black and white format. The version of Pet Tidings posted on our website will remain in full color. We are hoping that those of you who feel comfortable with online access will elect to receive Pet Tidings online, rather than having it mailed to you.

We are making this change because of the increased printing costs. While we loved seeing Pet Tidings in full color, we need to make sure that the donations we receive are spent where they provide the most benefit to the kitties. Given the current economic climate, we believe this change will result in a better use of our funds.



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- Running out of time to clean and store that patio furniture for the winter? Consider donating it to PFOA and help the kitties! We are looking for nice washable patio furniture for the cat rooms. Comfortable chairs with easy to wash frames that have water-resistant cushions are really wonderful to provide seating for both adopters and kitties. Sets that are a little shopworn can be used outdoors. The kitties and their human caretakers and adopters will be very appreciative!

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE:

■ PFOA potholders are available at Hair Trix Salon, 21 Valley Center Place in Carlsborg (Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-12 p.m., 360-681-3749); Safe Haven (Tues.-Sat., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.); and at The Red Rooster Grocery, 134 1/2 W. Washington St., Sequim (Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 360-681-2004; website: www.theredroostergrocery.com). You can purchase these wonderful potholders in many colors and patterns for only \$14 a pair.

DINE TO DONATE AT APPLEBEE'S

■ On the first Sunday of every month, PFOA will receive 15% of your check total (minus tax, alcohol and gratuity) if you dine at Applebee's in Sequim. You just bring in the coupon that is available on our website (http://safehavenpfoa. org), Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/pfoasafehaven), or flyers around town and at Safe Haven. Present the coupon to your server and voila!, PFOA gets 15% of the proceeds. No fuss, no muss! You get a great meal and PFOA gets a donation. What could be simpler?? Mark your calendars for the first Sunday of every month!

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Dates to remember:

- The PFOA Board meets at Safe Haven from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. The public is welcome to attend. Members who are interested are encouraged to come and observe.
- Safe Haven shelter is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12 to 4, closed Sunday and Monday. Call 360-452-0414 to leave a message; appointments required.
- We kick off the Holiday Season with a **Christmas Bazaar at Agnew Helpful Neighbors Club** on Saturday November 9th.
- Holiday Bazaar at Grey Wolf Elementary School, 171 Carlsborg Rd, November 16 and 17, 10:00 to 4:00 on both days.
- Christmas Lane Fair at Trinity United Methodist Church, 100 S Blake Ave in Sequim, November 23 from 9:00 to 3:00.
- Down Home Holiday Bazaar at Sequim High School, November 30, from 9:00 to 4:00
- Vern Burton Christmas Fair, 208 E 4th St, Port Angeles, December 7 and 8. Hours are 9:00 to 5:00 on Saturday and 10:00 to 4:00 on Sunday.

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