

# Pet Tidings



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## The miracles of Faith

By Ann Gilson

**I**t was getting late on Saturday evening of Memorial Day weekend, and was cold and damp from recent rains, when a small group of young men stopped on a deserted road in the hills east of Sequim.

One of them needed to answer his cell phone, and they all took advantage of the stop to stretch their legs. Just as they were returning to their vehicles, a tiny black "something" staggered onto the road and fell, then lay there unmoving.

They went to take a look and saw a wet, pitifully thin little kitten, obviously near the end of its life. One of the fellows picked it up and said, "I'll take it home. My girlfriend will know what to do."

Meanwhile, a long day at Safe Haven was drawing to a close. There was still an hour to go before closing, and everyone was hurrying, looking forward to the holiday.

Then at 5:30, as shelter manager Nancy



**Faith**

Campbell was almost through locking up, a car drove up and a young woman rang the bell, carrying something wrapped in a towel. It was Faith, as the kitten was later christened, and she was only an hour or so from death.

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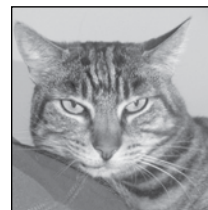


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## From the Editor's Desk

**The weather here on the Peninsula** has been extremely unusual for the past 12 months — you may have noticed?

Since it seems to pretty much be a worldwide situation, and may not settle down soon, if ever again, it may well behoove those of us with pets to make preparations ahead of winter this year. Some of us were caught flat-footed by the first early snow last Fall, and never did catch up.

Our dogs and cats may need protection from wind, rain and snow during the coming months. Obviously, pets who are “indoor only” are not at risk (so long as we have power!) But most dogs and many cats are “indoor/outdoor” or even “outdoor only” in our usually mild climate.

If a dog has a secure fenced yard and access to a covered porch or patio, or a garage or carport, and a mat or bed to lie on, he's usually pretty comfortable even during a brief snowstorm.

But when the temperature drops and the wind rises, it can get miserable out there. A dog house, bought or homemade, can make a real difference to his comfort and health if he can't come inside.

So how about checking local places like the Co-op, or Goodwill, or the want ads or Freecycle right now, and be prepared? Or look around your place for some scrap

wood (or try a packrat friend) and whomp up something that will give Fido shelter from snow, rain, or strong wind? (Be sure and make the roof with a nice overhang above the entrance).

In addition, think about a heated bed for the porch or garage, and maybe a no-freeze water bowl. These are good for cats and dogs both, especially old or ill ones.

As for cats, who are more vulnerable to bad weather, do fix a place they can get to on the porch or in the garage. If this isn't possible a small shelter/house can be made or bought for very little — even hay bales stacked to make an “igloo” will work.

Even if your own cats are “indoor only,” remember the strays and ferals who have no one to care for them, and make shelter somewhere on your property that they can find in a storm. Many of us keep water and/or food out at all times for needy animals. This is particularly appreciated when snow or rain or really bad wind persists for several days.

Oh yes, and it is a good idea to have sturdy carriers on hand, just in case you need to bring an animal indoors who usually isn't an indoor pet. This can save a lot of upset and possibly some clean up!

*For more on this wintry subject, please see our story on Page 5.*

**The Editors**

## What's in a name?



**One of the major** donors to the tractor fund mused that her donation was in memory of her beloved cat, “Peony.” We thought it appropriate to bestow the name on the mower. Peony rides again!

## Faith: Two miracles down, one to go

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Icy cold, her body temperature dropping, badly dehydrated and starving, and almost unresponsive, she lay limply in the arms of the girl who held her out.

"Can you help her? I don't know what to do," she said.

Nancy took off her jacket, put down her purse, and took Faith in her hands. Quickly she got the details of the rescue from the young woman, and agreed to take over.

As the rescuer left, Nancy and her helper got busy. All veterinary offices were closed, of course, but they made an emergency call to a local veterinarian who told them to keep her warm and try to feed her, starting with warm kitten milk replacer (KMR).

They warmed up some heat discs, which were placed in little bags, and wrapped with the kitten in soft fluffy blankets. KMR was reconstituted and warmed, and she was able to lap some of it.

Nancy held her closely to add her own body warmth as she worked with her. A little later Faith was able to eat some kitten food, and after that drank some plain water. She was very weak and had trouble holding her head up, but somehow she managed.

As Nancy said later, "It was a

miracle that the young men were there, in that very isolated area, when she took her last steps onto the road. And it was a second miracle that the young woman reached us just before we left for the day and the entrance gate was locked."

The shelter was full, including the quarantine area, so Faith had to be cared for and quarantined in an outbuilding not ordinarily used for housing. A bed was made and little Faith curled up in it next to the warm, heated disc, with a soft blanket that she put even her head under.

Warmth, food, safety — you could see her relaxing blissfully.

Sure now that she was stable, Nancy and her helper prepared to leave Faith for the night. But just before they left, our resident caretaker, Linda Hebert, returned, and when she heard what was going on, decided to take her sleeping bag out to where Faith was and spend the night, so she could be sure the kitten was warm and all right. Linda cared for her on Sunday, as well, and Faith's recovery continued until the regular staff returned on Monday.

As soon as Faith was stabilized and strong enough to make the trip, the shelter manager took her to Dr. Ginny Johnson in Port Hadlock, who diagnosed her as having mild cerebella hyperplasia. This explained her head



**Faith is healthy and playful now.**

tremors, which is the only symptom she now has. Dr. Johnson also found that Faith was approximately four months old, but only weighed two pounds and was extremely emaciated.

Since then, Faith has gained weight, but is still undersized and will probably always be small. She is now healthy and has been spayed, but is housed in one of the kitten rooms, as she is too tiny to cope with the adult cats. She doesn't really "fit" either place, and needs a home of her own, preferably as an only cat.

With two miracles behind her, Faith is waiting and hoping for a third one — a home that will welcome a kitten who is just a little different, our sweet little "miracle girl." ❖

## Perks and Parker

by Julie Coyle

[www.monsterdogcomics.com](http://www.monsterdogcomics.com)





# Meet two volunteers: Mike and Carol Howard

By Nancy O'Gorman

**M**ike and Carol Howard could be called a Jack and Jill of all trades. For the past four years as volunteers at Safe Haven, this couple's duties have included: Stuffing many thousands of fundraising envelopes, inserting envelopes into tens of thousands of newsletters, socializing scores of cats and kittens, mowing many acres of Safe Haven's grounds, washing the shelter's exterior for painting, and trapping feral cats for the Trap-Neuter-Return program, to name just a few.

And if that weren't enough, they fostered three kittens last year who turned out to be feline-leukemia positive. One of the kittens, Little Bear, still lives with them, and is still awaiting permanent adoption. He must be kept separate from Mike and Carol's other five cats to prevent transmission of the disease — a tall order in any household. To give Little Bear a break from the guest room he lives in, Mike and Carol take him camping with them in their fifth-wheel every now and then, leaving the other cats at home with a pet sitter.

"He needs more than a bedroom," Carol says. "He's still looking for a home but has to be an only cat. He's really sweet."

The Howards came to Sequim from California in 2005. Mike retired from the dairy business while Carol retired from the daycare business. They have two married, grown sons — one in California and the other in Oregon.

What brought them to Peninsula Friends of Animals?

"I'd always wanted a black and white cat with a pink nose," Carol explains. "We read about PFOA in the newspapers and called them up. They didn't have one at the time, but they put me in touch with a no-kill shelter in Port Townsend that had one."

Mike and Carol intended to be a one-cat household and intentionally stayed away from kill-shelters knowing they'd end up bringing home all the caged cats. It was easier



Carol and Mike Howard

for them to deal with PFOA, they say, because they knew the cats there would be OK if they didn't take them all home!

However, four years of volunteering their time, attention, and love at Safe Haven resulted in four more adoptions anyway, plus the fostering of Little Bear. And that's just fine with the Howards. They love cats!

They also love helping animals in general because, Carol says, "It's always so important." And Mike agrees that Peninsula Friends of Animals was the

right place for them.

"We've made some good friends there," he says about the staff and the other volunteers at Safe Haven. "They are very nice people." ❀



**Cats and kittens that test positive for feline leukemia** can live healthy, happy lives like any other cat, but they should not live with FeLV-negative cats. If you are looking to adopt a single cat and have no plans to be a multi-cat family, please consider giving a nice kitty like **Little Bear** a home with you. Little Bear is about a year old. Please call PFOA at **360-452-0414** for more information on him.

## Andi, the lucky little Dachshund

### Andi is a little red Dachshund

whose original family fell on hard times two years ago. They asked Pam Winney of Friends of Forks Animals if she could help find a new home for Andi. Pam asked Nancy Campbell, shelter manager of PFOA's Safe Haven, to be on the lookout. It just so happened that Safe Haven volunteers Ed and Donna

Novack had told Nancy in the past:

"If you ever come across a little red Dachshund that needs a home, we've always wanted one."

Nancy wasted no time in telling the Novacks about Andi. The couple agreed to foster her "for two weeks," but sure enough, Andi has been their permanent little red Dachshund ever since.

"Andi is great!" says Ed. "She's entertaining, loves to travel, minds well, never has accidents, doesn't bark much, follows us around, and loves to sit in our laps. We take her pretty much everywhere. She's super friendly with all animals and people, too."

Sounds like the perfect little red Dachshund, all right. And a lucky one. ❀

# Wintering with Wilds

By Julie Coyle

**S**o, that wayward kitty you've fed so diligently over the summer has become a permanent patio fixture?

As the weather turns cold, your mind might turn to that all-too familiar conundrum many of us face with strays and ferals — how will I provide for these cats during winter?

One might be tempted to simply let them in the house. It's a lovely idea with the best intentions, until the "wild child" destroys the furniture, sprays on the dog and shreds the door in an attempt to flee his posh prison. If you're dealing with feral cats, indoors is just out of the question. Unlike their cousin, the stray, feral cats have never been socialized to humans and are, in essence, a wild animal despite their domestic heritage.

So where does this leave us with feeding, watering and providing shelter to outdoor cats in extreme temperatures? Never fear, there is an array of simple solutions easily implemented to help you and your cat weather the winter.

Let's start with food. During winter months, an outdoor cat's appetite increases as it struggles to produce enough body heat to keep warm. Battling the elements requires a lot of energy and energy comes from food. Normally, ferals and strays forage for birds and mice but during winter months these food sources become scarce. The kibble you set out acts as a supplement.

Always be aware that any time

you set food out for your cat there are other creatures tempted by a free meal. To prevent unwanted guests such as raccoons, be sure to pick up the food dish after your cat has eaten its fill. If you must leave the dish unattended for a long period of time, think about placing it in a shelter with two openings (one is for an escape route) only big enough for your cat. This will deter some of the larger wildlife from scavenging.

Water is a particular challenge in winter. Keeping water dishes from freezing, though, can be as simple as adding insulation. Alley Cat Allies's website (<http://www.alleycat.org>) provides a variety of resources for wintering with wilds and they suggest either housing water dishes in a small insulated structure or purchasing a double-layered bowl designed for cold weather.

Another simple solution is to add a pinch of sugar to the water. Sugar lowers water's freezing point and as long as you don't over do it, your cat will benefit from the addition.

Finally, you might consider building or buying a shelter for your cat. Depending on your time and resources, Alley Cat Allies provides a range of plans for building your own shelter. Surprisingly, something as basic as a styrofoam cooler can be transformed into a suitable home for your cat. Added insulation such as blankets will keep kitty warm when the temperature drops, and you can relax knowing that with a little extra effort, you've made winter a cozier time for your cat. ♣



**Simple structures like this one can be left out in your yard for a stray that needs protection from rain.**



**The shelter must have two holes so a cat can escape if an intruder comes; this prevents entrapment.**



**For your own indoor-outdoor cat, only one entry is needed as long as it's in a safe yard, free from intruders. A warm blanket is helpful.**

## Where to find info on making shelters

Alley Cat Allies lists 16 different kinds of shelters you can make or buy and categorize them as "easy," "moderate," and "advanced" for ease in construction plus pros and

cons. You can see examples and download the instructions. Some are very simple and cheap so no cat should suffer in the cold! Go to [www.alleycat.org/Page.aspx?pid=631](http://www.alleycat.org/Page.aspx?pid=631)

## *Safe Haven ADOPTABLES!*

# IVORY and Ebony...

Monochromatic kitties to brighten your life!



**Suzie**

**SUZIE** is a sweet 4-year-old girl who can hold back a little until she gets to know you. But even if you're a stranger, she's the first at the door to greet you. Suzie is playful and enjoys a good lap sit, and she loves to be brushed. She gets along well with other cats, and has made lots of cat and human friends here at the shelter.

**POLAR** is an all-white cat with a big personality. He's a "talker" who loves attention. He's only 2 years old and came to us when his owner passed away. He has a short tail with a "handle" on it and bright green eyes. He's become one of the favorites in the shelter in the short time he's been here; there's no one who Polar doesn't love!



**Polar**



**La Nina**

**LA NINA** is an adorable, fluffy one-year-old with extra toes. She was returned to PFOA when her family moved into an apartment and couldn't take her. She's a sweet, affectionate little girl who will make a wonderful pet.

**LITTLE BEAR** isn't quite a year old yet. He's tested positive for FeLV, a kitty form of leukemia that can be transmitted to other cats through bite wounds or years of close daily contact. Bear is a sweet and active kitten who is adored by his foster family and has even traveled with them in their motor home. It's quite possible he'll have no health issues and will live a normal lifespan. Bear will need an indoor-only home where he is an only cat or where his companion cats also have FeLV.



**Little Bear**



**Herman**

**HERMAN** is a gorgeous black cat with green eyes. He was trapped as a feral, but he definitely doesn't act like one. He's a friendly, gregarious kitty with a confidence and quiet dignity one wouldn't expect from a "stray." He's a favorite with volunteers and staff, and definitely deserves a home of his own.

**TREVOR** is a sweet, short-haired gray tuxedo kitty who was living on the street before coming to Safe Haven. He's 3 years old and is very friendly and sociable. He gets along well with other cats. Please consider giving him the home he wants and deserves.



**Trevor**

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## Support our potholder ladies!

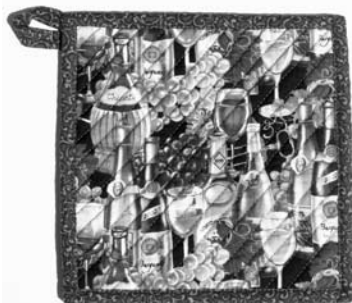
**Seamstresses Needed:** If you read the story about the Potholder Ladies in the Winter 2010-11 issue of Pet Tidings, you realize that their efforts have raised a lot of funds to support the goals of PFOA — and it continues.

From two Sequim Open Aire Markets and the Lavender Farm Faire, more than \$6,000 has been raised. The fall and holiday events have just begun and more potholders are needed.

If you have a sewing machine and the time and inclination to help PFOA, please call Carol Gearey at **360-808-4238** or Lori Miller at **360-461-0348** for more details.

**Materials Needed:** The continuing production of potholders, aprons and other products requires a continuous flow of materials. All colors of thread can be used.

Fabric needs are divided into three categories — potholder “toppers” and aprons are 100% patterned cotton



while bindings are usually more muted patterns of cotton; the backing is made from plain colored cotton flannel.

If you are out shopping, please think “potholders.”

If shopping isn't your thing, the seamstresses can use gift cards to JoAnn Fabrics or to [www.fabric.com](http://www.fabric.com). If you are an avid quilter or seamstress, perhaps you could check your “stash” and see if there is anything that you can part with.

An apron-potholder set requires 1.25 yards of material while a potholder uses as little as a quarter yard. The most popular sellers are made from patterns like animals, florals, kitchen items, fruits and vegetables.

Fabric donations can be dropped off at Safe Haven at 257509 Highway 101 or call 360-452-0414 and someone can pick them up. Gift cards can be mailed to PFOA, P.O. Box 404, Sequim, WA 98382.

This is one of our best, ongoing fundraisers. Please help if you can! ♣

## ADOPTION-CHALLENGED



**Archie**

**ARCHIE** is a Special Needs kitty, as his kidney test numbers were a bit elevated. A special diet and a serene home atmosphere will help him enjoy life, as he is a young cat. He was abandoned on Ediz Hook and rescued there. Once captured, rather easily, Archie proved to be non-feral and was so grateful to be rescued. He's a chatty boy, and very friendly, a big lad at over 14 lbs. He gets along well with other cats who are so inclined. If they don't like him, he leaves them alone. He's a cat who is easy to get along with.

**MARCUS** is a beautiful and extremely sweet 10-year-old male whose owner could no longer care for him. He is so gentle and kind — a special kitty who just wants a loving home in which to live out his life. Marcus will be a loyal friend and would do especially well in a peaceful home where he can be the center of attention. He's diabetic and requires insulin shots, but there's a reason to believe diet can control it and the shots can be stopped.



**Marcus**

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## "Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . ."

**Dear PFOA,**

It was wonderful to see the story of the Fab Four in your April 2011 letter. I adopted **Toby**, and he is a joyous addition to our family.

He settled right in with his four cat siblings, and he is best buddies with my orange boy, Ziggy. He loves to talk, and he will leap in the air with no warning.

I need to make one correction.



Your letter says Toby has extra toes, which is not true. His quirk is that his tail has four kinks in it. That's

why we renamed him Oliver Twist, or **Ollie** for short.

I have enclosed some pictures of Ollie and his pal, Ziggy. I hope you enjoy them and will share them with everyone at PFOA.

Thank you for all the precious lives saved by all the great people at Safe Haven.

Sincerely,

**Donna Rickard**

**Dear PFOA,**

Please apply this check to the daily expenses at your wonderful facility in Sequim.

We adopted "Persephone" in February 2010. What a great kitty she is and we've bonded wonderfully. We've renamed her "**LiLi**." Hope to one day return and adopt another kitty.

Thanks for all that you do!

**Thom Druhan**



**Dear PFOA,**

Here is a gift for my friends that are still at the home (Safe Haven).

My new mom and dad are good to me. Love,  
**Babie Jones (Sasha), Robert and Billie Jo Jones**

**Dear PFOA,**

We have given Sparrow the moniker of "**Louie**," and Bob also calls him "Trouble." Buster is now called **Johnson** (Bob's idea entirely). We have started a little training program by calling them by name and then when they come they get a kitty kibble treat. Johnson comes about 70% of the time. The boy loves food.

Both are a joy. We went to a dinner party and everyone wanted to come over after and meet the boys. Twelve of us appeared and we woke them up to be introduced and they were so sweet and cute and purred and played — charmed the whole crowd. The next day one couple stopped over with "baby gifts" — a new toy on a string and pole.

Sooo, they are doing well and we love them. Thanks for giving them such a great start. **Jamie Bima**



**Dear PFOA,** We liked the newsletter. This is for spaying and neutering. **Charlotte and Ken Patterson**

**Dear PFOA,**

Please use our donation to help with the needs of our animal friends in celebration of the first birthday of **Wolfgang** and **Leopold** (Kinte and Binte). We love our precious boys from Sequim! Thank you again!

Warmest Regards,

**Marilyn and Wayne Eveland**



**Dear PFOA,**

Thank you for your letter; you are doing a great job. I wish more people could realize how important it is to have their animals spayed and neutered.

Keep up the good work.

**Delight McClure**



## “Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



### Dear PFOA,

Last year my husband and I both ended up unemployed and raising three kids and two Saint Bernards. We were really struggling to even buy dog food. We were both in school full time and searching for work frantically.

One desperate day I was worried about what we would do once our bag of dog food ran out. I got online and started searching for possible foster homes for our dogs. I was sick to my stomach even thinking about it.

I called Peninsula Friends of Animals and cried. They told me that they had dog food donations that we could have.

I rushed there and they gave me enough dog food to feed them for a month!!! What a relief!

About three months later I called you again. And again you helped us. This was how it went for about 14 months!

Last week my husband graduated college and got a decent job. Thanks to Peninsula Friends of Animals our family STAYED TOGETHER during a very hard time.

I want to thank you and everyone involved in helping us keep our family intact. I really don't know what we would've done without your help.

Sincerely, “Team Skaarer”



Tom Skaarer

**Michaela, Aden, and Adison, children of Tom and Kasi Skaarer, playing with one of their two Saint Bernard dogs (either Dexter or Lady Gaga). PFOA helped keep the family together in tough times.**

## Mews from the board

**At the Annual Membership meeting** on May 25, the attending members re-elected Nancy Campbell, Ann Gilson, Sue Miles, and Sharon Palmer to another three-year term as board directors. Also re-elected was founding member Janet Harker who came back to us in the Spring, when her health improved, willing to continue with her support and guidance as a board member.

Newly elected was Nancy Dolansky, appointed to the board in January. Nancy has already added new energy, enthusiasm and ideas to support the PFOA mission. Longtime board member, Marci Wilson, resigned for health and family reasons. We are grateful for her years of service and wish her well.

Like all nonprofits, PFOA continues to see the results of the struggling economy in our work. We receive many calls

asking us to take pets from families that can no longer afford to care for them, and sometimes only our pet food bank is what makes it possible for folks to keep their companion animals during these troubling times. We are able to help because of the generosity of community members and businesses that respond to our calls for donations of food and litter, and we thank them.

Finally, we wish to express our condolences to the family of Paul Karreck, who recently passed away. Paul and his late wife, Mary, were active in the early days of PFOA and Paul served on the board of directors for several years.

*Diane Lopez, President*



# *Look who's been adopted!*

See  
some of our adopt-  
able pets on Page 6

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**Zepplin**



**Tamara**



**Sandy**



**Nimbus**



**Emily**



**Grover**



**Irene**



**Lily**



**Brody**



**Liz T**



**Bianca**



**Chloe**



**Obsidian**



**Onyx**



**Tucker**



**Freckle**



**Brittany**



**Vaida**



**Buster**



**Sparrow**



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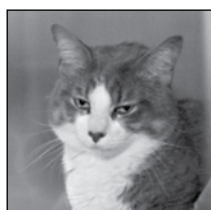
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**Princess Kitty**



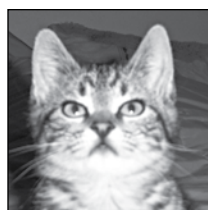
**Leo**



**Phantom**



**Kiara**



**Silvio**



**Beamer**



**Rollo**



# Ask PFOA:

## How do I get my cat to walk on a leash?

By Nancy O'Gorman

**M**any cats, if not most, can be trained to accept a leash and harness with a little time and patience on your part. Some of the benefits are:

- Your indoor cat can enjoy the great outdoors in a safe yard — in your presence — without the risk of wandering away and becoming lost.
- You have greater control over your cat when you take her to the veterinarian and it's time to come out of the carrier.
- If your cat goes on vacation with you in a car or motor home, a leash and harness reduces the risk of escape.

Where to start?

Kittenhood is the best time to introduce the idea. Just be sure to always monitor a kitten after putting a harness on him so he can't go off and get himself tangled up in it. An ill-fitting harness, without supervision, could be very dangerous, even life threatening.

Purchase a small size and let your kitten become familiar with it for a few days before putting it on. Plop it down on the floor and let him sniff it. When you do put it on, Kitty will probably try to get it off at first, but distracting him with toys and treats can take his mind elsewhere and after a few minutes, he'll forget it's even on. Just make sure it fits properly — not too tight and not too loose.

Do this for five or ten minutes a day until Kitty is used to it and no longer rebels. Always reward him with petting, kind words, and a few treats so he associates the harness with good things. Soon you can attach the leash and walk



around the house with him. Keep the training sessions short at first, to only a few minutes at a time. The idea is to make him think it's a normal part of his life.

When he's completely comfortable with both harness and leash, take him outside (in a safe yard with no dogs or anything

frightening) and let him enjoy the grass and the sun while you hold the leash. *Never leave a cat or kitten unattended on a leash and harness and remove both when not needed. Do not trust young children to be responsible, either.*

If Kitty has never been outside before, he may be frightened by it and you should not force the issue. There are plenty of ways to keep an indoor cat happy and entertained.

For an adult cat who has never had a leash and harness on, the speed with which one can be trained depends a lot on the cat's personality. A mellow fellow won't mind it, while a high-strung, curtain-climber certainly might. Again, going slowly can make the difference between success and failure.

When you bring home a new harness, don't make a big deal about it and don't attempt training immediately. Rather, just put the new harness down on the floor, perhaps with Fluffy's toys, and let her sniff it for a couple of days. Soon it will be a familiar sight. Pick it up and talk about it, always with soft, kind words with praise and head patting.

After a few days, slip it on gently, continuing to talk to Fluffy, and perhaps offering treats or toys in the process for distraction. If she rebels, try more diversion tactics, food, or petting. But don't force the issue if rebellion is strong.

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## Some nuts and bolts about the leash and harness

**There are three types** of harnesses: The H-harness, the figure eight, and the V-style. Ask your pet supply store personnel about the differences and which one might be best for your cat.

I always used the H-harness and had no trouble with it, but some harnesses allow a cat to slip out easier than others.

You might want to try more than one kind to see which one your cat adapts to best. Keep in mind a proper fit is essential.

Buy a harness in a lightweight material such as nylon or cotton. Avoid

leather since the bulk and stiffness may be uncomfortable for your cat.

A harness should be tight enough to prevent slippage, but loose enough for you to get two fingers between the harness and your cat's body.

Whatever type of harness you select, find one that is adjustable so it fits your cat properly and will expand if she does.

Purchase a nylon or cotton lead that is 6 to 8 feet in length. Avoid chain leashes as they are too heavy to use with a cat.

Because cats may prefer to wander

a bit, try using a lightweight flexible lead intended for a small dog once you've successfully acclimated your cat to a regular leash.

Be careful not to allow the flexible lead to rewind quickly as it might frighten your cat or pull her unnecessarily, and be careful not to let the lead slip out of your hand.

Manufacturers of flexible leads have not yet made the handles of rubber to increase grip, and, as a result, the leads can slip out of your hand more easily than a regular leash.

Source: [www.petplace.com](http://www.petplace.com)





## 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. We do not publish photos of pets here, but invite you to submit photos and poems for our online memorial page — for a donation — by logging onto [www.safehavenpfoa.com/memorials.html](http://www.safehavenpfoa.com/memorials.html)).*

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- In memory of **Rick Graf**. From **Bobby Beeman**.
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- In loving memory of my younger son, **Bruce**, who marched to his own drummer for 62 years. From **Ann Gilson**.
- In memory of my sister, **Helene Jagger**, who was a true animal lover. From **Agnes McCarroll**.
- In memory of **Bob Barrett**, dog and animal lover. From **Thomas Pitre**.
- In memory of **Nathan Paulson**. Thank you for the work that you do. From **Jeremy Gray** and **Bron Roberts**.
- In memory of our son, **Nathan W. Paulson**. From **Scott** and **Linda Paulson**.
- In memory of **Dorothy Lewis**. From **Clyde Stice**.
- In memory of **Phillip Whitefeather**, a truly compassionate and loving individual and extraordinary friend whose passing affected all of us who loved him. From **Rory Haggerty**.
- In loving memory of **Truman Meadar**. From **Susan** and **Jerry Tonini**.
- In memory of my mother, **Mabel Burton**. From **Gus Spraker**.

### In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In memory of **Alex**, beloved companion of **Gloria Shepard**. From **Victoria Shepard**.
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- In memory of **Sherman**, **Nancy Campbell**'s beloved golden dog. From **Susan Pollock**.

- In loving memory of **Shermie Campbell**. From **Pam Winney**.
- In memory of **Barbara Keller**'s sweet dog **Buttons**. He was most loved. From **Margi Renken**.
- In memory of **Buttons**, the much loved companion dog of **Barbara Keller**. From **Nancy Goldstien**.
- In memory of **Mickie Vail**'s dog **Finlay**. From **Jack** and **Harriet McEwan**.
- In memory of our dear cat **Pipsqueak**. She brightened our days for 22 years. From **Earle** and **Dorothy Thompson**.
- In memory of **Bear Bear** (B.B.) who was adopted from PFOA in 2004 and is missed by **Peak-at-Choo** (Boo) and all of us. From **Sid** and **Evelyn Olsen** and **Boo**.
- In memory of **Sandy Pinckert**'s wonderful tortie cat **Cleo**. She was such a good girl. We'll miss you, **Cleo**. From **Sue Skaggs**.
- In remembrance of **Shorty**, **Judy White**'s young rescue cat. His life was short, but happy and adventurous, and he is sadly missed by **Judy** and **Rick**. From **Ann Gilson**.
- In memory of **Jada**, **Karen Klein**'s lovable little Schnauzer, whose sudden death has saddened all who knew her, and of **Scrumpy**, a sweet "stray," long fed and sheltered at **Twice Loved Books**. From **Ann Gilson**.
- In memory of **Stomper**, our sweet and loving, handsome and happy 9-year-old cat. We miss you talking and purring. You will forever be in our hearts. From **Joy Maxion** and **Tammy White**.
- In memory of **Auggie**, beloved pet of **Kathy** and **Eric Mahnerd**. From **Connie Rene Smith**.

### Honorariums

- In honor of the 8th birthday of **Emma Anderson** at the Mini beats program at **Freedom Farms**. From **Richard** and **Laurinda Anderson**.
- In honor of **Dr. Sharon Jensen**, **Dr. Meg Gordon**, and all the folks at **Blue Mountain Animal Clinic**. From **Jo Ann** and **Jim Roberts**.
- In honor of **Emily Glenn**'s 10th birthday and her love of the PFOA cats! From **Kristin** and **Michael Glenn**.
- In honor of my old kitty friends from Room B4 at **Safe Haven** — **Beckett**, **JohnBoy**, **Judy**, and all their roommates. From **JohnJoseph Pajor**.
- In honor of **David** and **Roberta Loudens**. From **Bob Loudens**.
- In honor of **Sharon Palmer** on Mother's Day. From **Lisa Bohman**.

## 28 *strict*, unbending rules for dealing with stray cats

*Reprinted from the Spring 2003 issue of Pet Tidings.*

1. Stray cats will not be fed.
2. Stray cats will not be fed anything except dry cat food.
3. Stray cats will not be fed anything except dry and canned cat food.
4. Stray cats will not be fed anything except dry and canned cat food, yummy treats, and leftover fish scraps.
5. Stray cats will not be encouraged to make this house their permanent residence.
6. Stray cats will not be petted, played with, or picked up and cuddled unnecessarily.
7. Stray cats that are petted, played with, picked up and cuddled will absolutely not be given a name.
8. Stray cats with or without a name will not be allowed inside the house at any time.
9. Stray cats will not be allowed inside the house except at certain times.
10. Stray cats will not be allowed inside the house except on days ending in "y."
11. Stray cats allowed inside will not be permitted to jump up on or sharpen their claws on the furniture.
12. Stray cats will not be allowed to jump up on or sharpen claws on the really good furniture.
13. Stray cats will be permitted on all furniture but must sharpen claws on the new \$114.99 sisal rope cat scratching post with three perches.
14. Stray cats will answer the call of nature outdoors in the sand.
15. Stray cats will answer the call of nature in the three-piece, high-impact plastic tray filled with Fresh 'n Sweet kitty litter.
16. Stray cats will answer the call of nature in the hooded litter pan with a three-panel privacy screen and plenty of head room.
17. Stray cats will sleep outside.
18. Stray cats will sleep in the garage.
19. Stray cats will sleep in the house.
20. Stray cats will sleep in a cardboard box with an old blanket.
21. Stray cats will sleep in the special Kitty Komfort Bed with non-allergenic lamb's wool pillow.
22. Stray cats will not be allowed to sleep on the bed.
23. Stray cats will not be allowed to sleep on the bed, except at the foot.
24. Stray cats will not be allowed to sleep on the bed under the covers.
25. Stray cats will not be allowed to sleep on the bed under the covers, except at the foot.
26. Stray cats will not be allowed to play on the desk.
27. Stray cats will not be allowed to play on the desk near the computer.
28. Stray cats are forbidden to walk on the computer keyboard on the deskkkkk%8\*;z0fjw31;4ifkjel3pffp



## *Leash: Safety is the goal more than 'walking'*

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However, after a few minutes, chances are good she'll soon forget it's there.

Let her wear it for 10 or 15 minutes around the house, then remove it. Try this for a few days, then attach the leash. Let Fluffy walk around the house with you holding the other end, following her wherever she goes, keeping up the praise, treats, or whatever makes her happy.

Remember — do not force a cat to go where *you* want to go. Allow her to

move around while you follow. Never drag a cat by a leash and harness as this is not only unkind, but she will associate it with unpleasantness.

The idea is to keep her safe outside the home for travel, or in the yard for fresh air and sunshine. Some cats will "walk" on a leash like a little dog, but that's not really the goal. *Safety* is.

Your cat might just want to sit in one spot and watch the butterflies and you should let her. Always stay with her and never allow her to be in a dangerous situation where she could

get away and into traffic or tangle with dogs.

Teaching a cat or kitten to accept a leash and harness should be a positive experience for both of you. It is a useful safety tool and can be very helpful in many situations. However, there may be some cats — especially those who are, or were, borderline feral or extremely independent and/or high strung — who might never accept a leash and harness.

In that case, you should probably abandon the whole idea. ♣

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## King of the Hill



This photo by Mesa Maddux shows the creative angles she likes to employ in her cat photography sessions at Safe Haven and at home. Tsunami thinks it's his best side, too!



A dog thinks: Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a nice warm, dry house, pet me, and take good care of me. They must be gods!

A cat thinks: Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a nice warm, dry house, pet me, and take good care of me. I must be a god!



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