

# Pet Tidings



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## Tony the Tiger

By Kailyn Davis

The journey of a cat or kitten to Safe Haven has many twists and turns. This is the tale of Tony the Tiger.

He once had a home and an owner who cared for him. That all changed on one cold winter day. Tony's beloved person perished in a tragic fire. Tony was missing and was initially believed to have been lost in the flames as well. Several days later, the traumatized cat reappeared, bewildered, ill, hungry...and homeless.

With no one available to care for him, good Samaritans intervened and brought him to the attention of PFOA and Safe Haven. This is where his journey to healing began. His soft fur was matted and dirty. His eyes were inflamed and rheumy. Quiet and frightened, the forlorn cat huddled in his cage in our Quarantine area.

Unlike other cats, he made no attempt to leave the cage when the door was opened. He just lay there, with those sad eyes speaking volumes.



Tony sitting pretty after his grooming

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Peninsula Friends of Animals has always been and continues to be an independent group.

### 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.



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## From the Editor's Desk

It's said that "the only constant is change," and that has certainly been true of Peninsula Friends of Animals during the past twelve or so years.

Changes have come thick and fast this past year, especially, and one of them has been the move to full color for printing *Pet Tidings*.

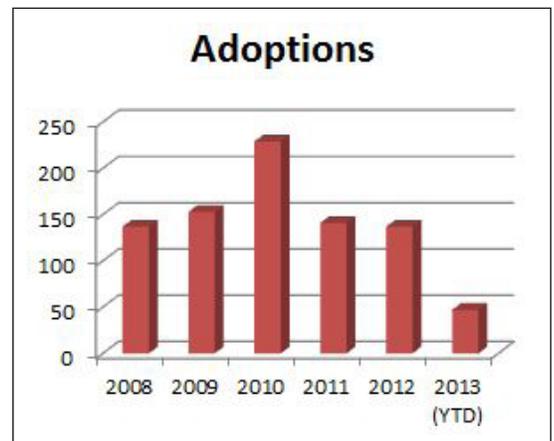
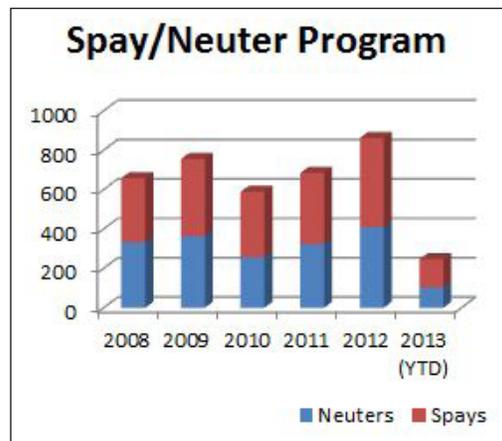
We hope that you are enjoying our new look on paper copies and on our website. We love the way it shows off the real beauty of our cats! Do let us know what you think.

It is somewhat more expensive, but so many of you are now opting to reading it online rather than through the mail that it has become doable. The online "subscription" saves money, trees, and oil, so we encourage those of you who are comfortable with it to make the change.

Incidentally, we are working hard in all areas of spending to reduce our costs (without sacrifice of quality) and our ecological footprint. We welcome your cost-saving suggestions and support in these hard times.

*The Editors*

## Keep up-to-date with PFOA!



The charts above are the start of a new feature of the *Pet Tidings* newsletter, displaying our progress with our Spay/Neuter Program and Adoptions. They show the yearly Spay/Neuter and Adoption numbers for the past 5+ years.



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PFOA thanks everyone who donated food for the pet bank. The 2013 Clallam County Fair royalty conducted a pet food drive, and we received donations of cat toys, cat food, cat litter and miscellaneous items.

We also received a car from an anonymous donor.

Visitors to Safe Haven may have noticed a considerable amount of construction underway. We wish to especially thank the anonymous benefactor who gave us a directed donation for heat pumps for the pole barn, special needs trailer, Barker House and the Cozy Cottage.

Our sincere thanks to all of you who help in so many ways to support our furry friends!

# Tony: Patiently waits for his ‘forever home’

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We could only imagine the impact of the loss of everything he had known and loved. Even in this pathetic state, the quiet gentleman consented to having his photo taken...and then retreated to the security of his soft cube-shaped bed.

Days passed. Tony was transported to Hadlock Veterinary Clinic, where his medical needs were assessed and taken care of. An older cat, he also required extensive dentistry. Tidbits of information from his former life slowly trickled in. He still wasn't eating well, despite coaxing from our staff and volunteers. We learned that his former owner disliked "tinned" food, so Tony wasn't accustomed to cat food. Our caretaker Linda discovered that he had a fondness for chicken, so she would buy it for him. Slowly his appetite returned.

Weeks passed. Loving hands gently teased, combed, and clipped the mats out of his coat. He regained some of the weight that he had lost. Gradually a sparkle of interest returned to his eyes. He became a resident of the common area, although his preferred perch is a shelf on the laundry cart during business hours. On quiet days he explores the

safety of the upper deck. There he enjoys the sun's warmth and the kiss of the breeze upon his fur, while he basks in birdsong. His soft butterscotch coat has filled out and shines once again.

Tony is one of the lucky ones...the safety net caught him. Rescued, he is no longer unfortunate. He has everything that we can give him. Our volunteers and staff provide him with loving attention. He receives excellent veterinary care. He has fellow cats for companionship, if he chooses

to interact with them. While he waits hopefully for a permanent home, he has a refuge at Safe Haven. Thanks to the many kind and generous people he encountered on his journey, the end of Tony's story is not



quite written yet. He has another chance at life. Someone may want to adopt this quiet, older fellow who speaks so eloquently with his soulful eyes.

Fortunately for Tony the Tiger, while he waits, finding a forever home is not the only happy ending... ♣

## Mews from the Board

The Board allocates as much money as we have available from donations and fundraising to support our animal programs and meet the needs of the residents of Safe Haven. But we also have to find ways to upkeep and repair our aging buildings and grounds. Realistically, it's much easier to raise money for kittens, cats and spay/neuter programs than it is for replacing a heat pump!

But occasionally, folks step up with gifts designated specifically for caring for our infrastructure, and we are deeply grateful as we couldn't do much without the Safe Haven campus that houses our rescue and adoption program and our offices.

Recently, we received a generous donation to upgrade the heating system in our out buildings to heat pumps, as well as upgrade electrical work and correct existing drainage issues around Safe Haven. The work will include a cement walk to reduce the danger of slipping on the grass between buildings.

Gifts such as these make it possible to reduce operating costs, thereby increasing the amount of money going towards animal programs. For instance, if we are able to reduce the co-pay for spay/neutering, more low-income families can afford to bring their pets to our clinics for this service.

Last year 861 dogs and cats were altered! Spaying 93 dogs at a conservative estimate of two puppies per litter prevented the birth of 186 unwanted puppies. Spaying 358 cats, at a minimum of four kittens per litter, prevented the birth of 1432 kittens – and that's just the first generation! Savings from the upgraded heating system will make it possible to serve even more animals in the community. As a result, there will be more homes available for the animals that already exist.



*Diane Lopez, President*

# Animal Hoarding

By Franny Koski

“Thirty dogs removed from local hoarder, property condemned.” We’ve all seen such news stories. They became real for me years ago in another state, when I accompanied an animal control officer into a hoarder’s house. I have not forgotten that revolting experience, nor the animals’ suffering.

## What is Animal Hoarding?

— According to the ASPCA and the Michigan State University Animal Legal Center, animal hoarding is (a) Accumulation of multiple animals, overwhelming the person’s ability to adequately meet the requirements of nutrition, sanitation, attention, space, and veterinary care for each animal; and (b) Denial, to oneself and others, of the ill effects on the animals and the household.

## What Is Animal Hoarding Not?

— It’s not delightfully eccentric. It’s not an animal-lover with “a big heart” who got in over her head, nor a humane alternative to animals living on the street. Rather, it’s a complex problem of psychology, animal neglect and cruelty, and public health.

## I Have Many Animals; Am I A Hoarder?

— There is no numerical threshold. Rather, it is a question of care and clear thinking. A clean home with twenty cats who all get vet appointments, adequate food and water, sufficient space, attention, and play isn’t a hoarding situation. A person with ten cats who doesn’t provide adequate care, doesn’t have or clean, litter boxes, and doesn’t “see” (or smell) the resulting mess and suffering, is probably a hoarder.

## Who Hoards, and Why?

— People from all age groups and social classes hoard. About 70% are women, and, of these, about 50% are in their fifties. Most pet hoarders also hoard other items.

— Psychologists theorize the following causes: Severe depression with psychotic features; delusional thinking; paranoia; pathological attempts at compensation for lack of human attachment; and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder.

## Can Hoarders Masquerade as Rescue Organizations?

— They can and do. Suspect any group whose premises you’re not allowed to visit; who may not know the total number of animals in their “care”; who will not say what veterinarian(s) they use, or provide veterinary references; or who offer to pick up your animal for “rescue” in an isolated location like a parking lot.

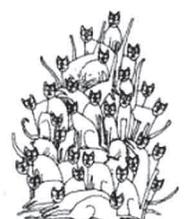
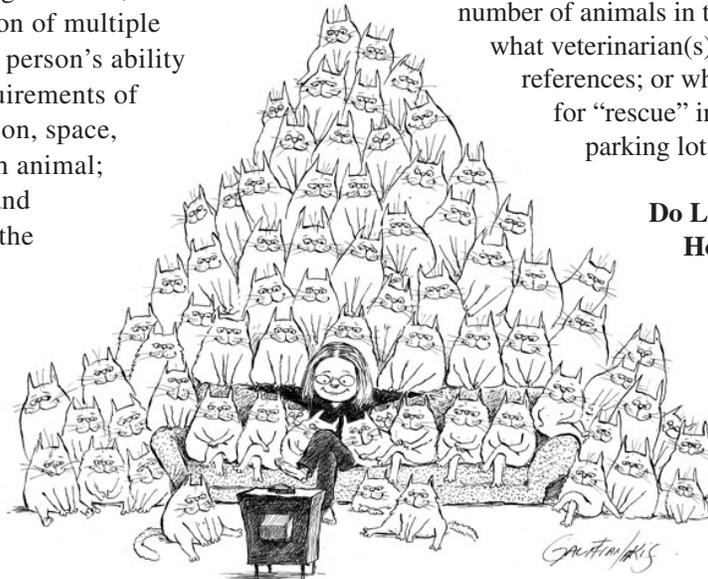
## Do Laws Prohibit Animal Hoarding?

— Hoarding is usually prosecuted—if at all—under general animal neglect and abuse statutes. Hawaii and Illinois have hoarding-specific legislation, under which the practice can be better addressed.

Some proposed laws ban the hoarder from owning pets again without court-mandated mental health treatment and periodic inspection. Even in states without hoarding-specific laws, cities and counties can enact such, if constituents press for them.

## What Can I Do to Help?

— If appropriate, reach out to the hoarder, realizing s/he does not see a problem, discussing sources of assistance with vet care or food. Consider the animals, not “getting somebody in trouble.” Intervention is needed. Don’t hesitate to phone the animal control officer. Consider talking with legislators about introducing hoarding-specific laws, using Illinois or Hawaii as models. ♣



# Meet a Volunteer: Nicole Phillips

By Alicia Demetropolis

It's safe to say that we couldn't survive without our volunteers. We're kind of like Blanche DuBois in *A Streetcar Named Desire* – we've always depended on the kindness of others. Just like other charitable organizations, we like to show off the folks who make the magic happen.

This month, we're introducing you to our *Pet Tidings* graphic designer, Nicole Phillips. When Nancy O'Gorman decided to move and give up her responsibilities as designer for Pet Tidings, she asked Nicole if she'd like the job. She had been getting *Pet Tidings* ready for print at Olympic Printers for at least three years prior and knew the layout well. Nicole jumped at the chance without thinking about it. Nancy gave her a week to think about it, though, and told her that it would be a lot of work. One week later, Nicole still wanted the job.

Why? "I just think that what we do at Safe Haven is great. It's the first time I'd ever heard of a no-kill shelter, and the fact that we take care of disabled kitties for life is amazing. I still cry sometimes when I read the stories about what we do." Nicole is especially proud of our spay/neuter program, adding, "I have feral cats in my backyard all the time."

She's even talked with her friends about spaying and neutering their pets. "They didn't want to do it because they thought the pet's behavior would change. They had all kinds of excuses. I told them, 'What happens when your dog or cat gets pregnant? Then you have a litter and all those puppies and kittens will have more because people won't do what's right.' Sure enough, one of my friends' dogs got pregnant and suddenly they had a litter of puppies they didn't want. They spayed their dog after that!"

Nicole grew up with pets – mostly dogs, but they also had a cat when she was a teenager. "We had everything, really: rabbits, chickens, guinea pigs." Today, Nicole and her husband have two black labs and a cat she adopted from a friend. "They all get along great, but we can't introduce any other pets. Whenever another animal comes along, it becomes apparent they don't want any other animals around."

Her love of animals is obvious as she quickly shares a story of a neighbor: "They had a dog and a cat, and whenever they walked the dog on a leash, the cat would follow about ten feet behind them.

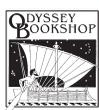


Nicole with her cat, Zelda and dogs, Krissy and Lizzy

Everywhere they went, there was the cat, walking behind them through the neighborhood." As shy as she claims to be, her laugh lit up the coffeehouse as she remembered the story.

How did she end up in graphic design? Well, at 14 years old, Nicole got her very first job as an assistant at a photography studio. She retouched photos and answered questions from customers. By the time she was 18 years old, Nicole was ready for college, and was still working at the photography studio. She chose to pursue a degree in fine art – she still paints with acrylics and watercolor – but ended up enjoying graphic design, and changed her degree. Now, she retouches our photos as part of being our graphic designer.

Thank you, Nicole, for all of your hard work! The Safe Haven kitties are lucky to have you! ❖



## THE SHADOW BOX

Our sincere thanks to the Readers Theatre Plus (RT+), Pacific Mist Books in Sequim, and Odyssey Bookstore in Port Angeles, as well as all of the wonderful volunteers whose contributions made *The Shadow Box* event a great success. The total amount raised for PFOA was **\$3,391.55**, which will help in supporting the needy animals in our community.

## Safe Haven ADOPTABLES! Terrific Tabbies

Generally, tabbies have one of several coat patterns (classic, mackerel, ticked, spotted) with the characteristic four dark lines forming an “M” pattern on their foreheads. There are several legends about the origin of the Tabby “M”. The most popular one dates back to the birth of Jesus, when a small tabby cuddled next to the Christ Child and lulled Him to sleep with a soft purr. In gratitude, Mary marked her initial on the cat’s forehead in recognition of the comfort the tabby had provided to the baby Jesus.

Over 2000 years later, the tabby coloring flourishes in a number of breeds, both long and short haired. We are pleased to showcase six beautiful tabbies looking for someone to love; look for the “M” on each of these kitties.

**LEDA** is a sweet, easy-going brown tabby who has had two homes. Her first family moved out of the country, and the second family, an elderly couple, had to return her for health reasons, along with her companion, Raspberry. This gentle cat is hoping for, and deserves, a home where she will always be part of the family and never have to be uprooted again. She would love a home with a safe outdoor access.



**Leda**



**Raspberry**

**RASPBERRY** is a two year old orange tabby who is friendly, but a bit on the shy side. She is cute as a button, compact and round eyed. She is a pretty little cat, and has a great purr. She would enjoy a safe outdoor area and a lap to curl up in. She came to Safe Haven with Leda, and it would be wonderful if we could keep these two exceptional cats together.



**Plotsie**

**PLOTSIE** is a short haired dilute calico tabby who would be a wonderful companion for an older person. Her original name on arriving at Safe Haven was PLOT-C (parking lot cat), but it became easier to spell her name like it sounded, and so she is now “Plotsie”. She is quiet and affectionate and enjoys kissing your chin. She would prefer to be an only cat.

**RAYMOND** is a handsome adult with a clipped ear from being neutered by a Feral Cat program. However, he is as far removed from feral as a gentlemen cat can be. He is sweet, social, and purrs and rolls over on his back if you just look at him. He is so appreciative of any attention and grateful to be rescued. He will be a wonderful companion for some lucky family.



**Raymond**

**BERT** is an adorable young silver tabby Manx with a white blaze on his chest. He and his brother, Ernie, were found taped inside a cardboard box on the side of the road near Forks. They are friendly, loving and devoted to each other. They are a perfect pair, and should be adopted together.



**Bert**



**Ernie**

**ERNIE** is an equally adorable silver tabby Manx, and the brother of Bert. Abandoned together on the side of the road, they were brought to the shelter last winter, and are devoted to each other. Ernie is a solid silver color with large expressive eyes.

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](http://www.safehavenPFOA.org)

# My Daughter's Alarm Clock Had Whiskers

By *Cheryle Hoskins Bigelow*

My daughter, Gail, inherited "Patches" as the spoils of a failed romantic relationship. The kitty had been left behind when her boyfriend's former wife moved out. When Gail also packed her bags and left, she took the abandoned kitten with her. The frolicsome kitten's parentage was unknown and it was obvious she was in poor health. Because of my daughter's loving care and her Visa card, Patches was able to enjoy a pampered life for 16 years. She tolerated asthma, necessary teeth extractions and lymphoma later in life with no intention of ever leaving Gail with no one to greet her when she arrived home from work.

In the last few years of her life, Patches became a good candidate for Weight Watchers. Her sweet face peered out from a tortoiseshell body that she had to haul up special carpeted stairs to get in my daughter's bed each night for her last dose of hugs and cuddles for the day.

Patches never was an attack cat. She waddled off to hide whenever someone visited Gail's apartment. However, she usually could not resist eventually sneaking out for a peek, especially if it was to "dress down" a gentleman caller.

The evidence I saw of my furry brindle-coated granddaughter's existence was the pretend mice I replenished every Christmas scattered all over the carpet.

Our family put together an Emergency Contact Information Sheet as recommended by the Department of Homeland Security after 9/11. Since Patches usually hid under the bed, Gail was concerned she would be difficult to locate in an emergency and she placed an alert on the information sheet as to where to find her BFF. My daughter also talked about replacing her bed with a platform bed so Patches would have to find a more accessible hideout.

Patches amazed the family with her will to live a sickly life and her ability to stay tuned in to the rhythm of her kingdom. She pouted like a rock star if Gail spent an occasional night away from home.

When Gail's office hours changed, requiring her to punch in later for work each morning, the sounds of a skirmish on her nightstand awoke her the first morning of the new routine. Patches was knocking around the alarm clock. My daughter's life partner recognized that the electronic reveille had not pierced the dawn at the previously set time! Her alarm clock might have had whiskers but Gail was never late for work. ♣



By *Franny Koski*

A calm, light-filled sanctuary – these were my impressions on entering Barker House, PFOA's new facility for cats with special needs. As caretaker Linda Kemp showed me around, Barker House revealed itself to be as colorful as the felines who live there.

Special-needs cats have always been among the residents of Safe Haven, PFOA's main cat shelter. Sometimes, caring for their needs has posed staffing challenges. To attend to certain cats, Safe Haven volunteers had to stay later – giving nightly injections, for instance.

So when PFOA received a lovely donated house in the Diamond Point area last year, it took the opportunity to design a space exclusively for special-needs felines. Many of you will already know the current lucky inhabitants.



**Marcus**, the diabetic Maine Coon with the glorious ruff, requires insulin shots. **Hope**, whom Linda admiringly calls the "diva" of the house, is the black-tailed, black-spotted white cat whose mishandling by children when she was young caused paralysis of her back end. Linda expresses Hope's bowels and bladder, bathes her, and makes her comfy. **Bear** is the cute black male given a great start by foster parents Carol and Mike Howard. He's FeLV positive, healthy but isolated to protect the others. Bear gets ample human contact and, like the others, can play outside, since Barker House enjoys the same outdoor enclosures and cat

structures featured at Safe Haven, made by Dave and Connie Holtz. The well-loved **Fagin** and **Thistle** live here, too. Linda gives sleek, golden-eyed **Thistle** daily insulin shots, and the equally handsome though obese Fagin gets a crucial reducing diet. **Fagin** has lost six pounds at Barker House!

Linda Kemp's love of these cats shines through her constant efforts – daily laundry because some cats "leak," meds administration, veterinary appointments, special feeding – and in her artwork, which is animal-centered. Linda feels her role at Barker House was "meant to be." Call PFOA to volunteer at Barker House; you'll be rewarded with unique experience in a nurturing place. ♣

# “Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



Hello, Just a brief note from Journey and myself to say hello and update on her progress. Journey is doing very well. She has progressed a great deal from when she left the shelter and came to live with Emry and me. She seems to be very happy and content and spends a great deal of her day bird watching. She and Emry play well together and though

Emry’s health is failing, Journey seems to accommodate the harder days by being more gentle with Emry.

She still has days where she is very jumpy and will run and hide at the slightest noise or sudden movements. Though more and more she is letting me pick her up and hold her, even cradling her on her back in my arms. And she loves her tummy rubbed. Never thought either of those would happen.

We have also changed her name. She is now called Junipurr. Every time I saw her, the name Jun always came to mind and when I finally heard her purr I figured it was time. We were reading TS Elliot the other night about the “Name of Cats” and since a cat should have more than one name, she has formally become Junipurr’s Journey.

Thanks again for my wonderful furry friend.

**Jennifer Adams.**

I just wanted to report that Toesy has already made himself right at home. He’s sitting on the floor beside me as I’m writing this. He hasn’t been skittish at all and is loving to be held and petted. He’s been purring and following me around the house all afternoon. He ate his dinner just fine, too. I think he’s going to make an excellent addition to the family! Thank you so much!

Sincerely, **Janna Thompson**



Greeting from Jose (PFOA rescue from 2010)! He still has his sass, but has certainly become a very sweet boy! Thank you for all that you do, PFOA! From **Comox Marcello Skillings**



Received my *Pet Tidings* newsletter yesterday. Read with sadness that you had to say goodbye to Mostest. I too had to say goodbye to my Ruby. Her name was Vaca when I adopted her back in 07. She had become a great companion, slept with me every night, never sat down but when she wasn’t on my lap. She is greatly missed. **Grace Opdyke**



Chaquita (new name Banana) and Lucy (now Pyewacket) say ‘Thank you’ for taking us in and for letting Casey & Carolyn take us home. We’re really happy and we make C & C happy too!



Hello -- so enjoyed your recent newsletter. Lady and Meeses, who came to live with me in November, are just now curled up washing each others’ faces. They absolutely delight me -- I am so grateful for all the good care they received in their long stay with you. Both of them love to be patted, and to purr, and Lady likes being a lap cat. Meeses is sometimes on a lap but then will remember something he has to do elsewhere --- Thank you for all you do to make life better -- and even possible -- for these good animals.

From **Mary Robson**



Update on Freddy/Boots: We love the wonderful kitty of a thousand names .... lately Boo Bear Orca Whale. He is king of the house and it took him no time at all to claim it. He is so smart and polite. All it takes is a firm gentle “No” and he gets the difference between the couch and a coffee table/ the bed and the night stands etc. Thanks so much for letting us adopt him!

**Mary and Felix**





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

Hi, here is Oliver, previously known as Earl. He found his forever home at Svein & Marcelle’s place on March 9 of last year. He has turned out to be a very sweet boy, totally the opposite from what he was when we brought him home. It has taken close to a year for him to be able to trust. He loves to be petted now and holds your hand and gives kisses. He is still very wary of strangers. We have had to take him to the groomer twice so as to get all the knots out of his fur. It gets so long that he can’t clean himself. It went surprisingly well, and he actually seemed relieved to get all that fur off, and has become much friendlier and sometimes actually likes being picked up. He really enjoys lying in front of the fireplace, obviously, the dog is not a problem. He has started to make friends with Simon, previously known as Nehi. We will be taking him to the groomer every 6 to 8 weeks to keep his fur at about an inch to 1 1/2. He also likes to be outside and follows me around the yard. He also likes to play with string and he plays with your hand without using his claws. When he’s had enough, he just backs off and walks away. We really enjoy and love this boy. He’s become part of our family. Thank you for Oliver. **Svein & Marcelle Seljeseth**



Having lost our beautiful, loving Leif kitty to the ravages of inflammatory bowel disease after 15 years and 2 days of life, Leif’s bereft parents, Sharon and Bill, would love to become a lifetime sponsor in honor of Leif’s memory. From **Dr. Sharon and Bill Jensen**.



**To: President Diane Lopez and the entire PFOA staff.** We think you all do great work and provide major contributions to our community. Thank you for your tireless efforts! Sincerely, **Loretta Flanders and Richard Hahn.**



This is Knit and Purrl’s first birthday. In the photo Purrl is in the front.

These two sisters are doing well. Thought you might like to know how they are doing. Knit is a little smaller and likes to push my buttons. When you tell her NO she just looks at you like we’ll see. Purrl just watches and learns not to be like her sister. Knit is slinky and instead of running

she prances. She loves playing in the water. So when it is time to brush your teeth they both come into the bathroom to watch, but Knit will get right in the sink and play with the water. A few days ago when my husband was taking a

shower she kept playing outside of the shower door. David opened it a little and sure enough she came in long enough to run around his feet and leave. She was soaked when I found her. The water didn’t even seem to bother her.

Purrl is more laid back. When she is happy to see you her tail is like a windshield wiper. It just goes back and forth. She also makes little chirping noise when she greets you. During the night she loves to get under the covers with me. I find her asleep with her head out of the covers on her side like she is trying to spoon. Knit also comes in and gets under the covers in the morning and starts purring. Her purr is very loud, where Purrl’s is soft.

When it is time to get their canned food in the morning and evening all I have to say is “do you want Fancy Feast” and no matter where they are they come running.

These two girls have made my life such a joy and I wanted to let you know how they are doing. I hope their mother and sisters are doing as well in their Forever Homes.

Thanks again! **Sharel Moody**

## The Banana Box Kids *By Sasha Sterling*



They arrived in a banana box, delivered to Safe Haven on a cold, rainy night in late autumn. When the shelter's director opened the lid, she saw four Maine Coon cats – a mother and three nursing kittens. One was black, and the mother and two of the kittens sported distinctive tabby markings. Seeing that they all had colds, Nancy whisked them off to the special needs trailer, where they could heal without risk of infecting other cats in the shelter.

The little family soon recovered under the loving care of Nancy, staff, and volunteers, but remained in the trailer awaiting vaccination, spaying, and neutering. They named the mother Chiquita, and, continuing the Latin theme, named the kittens for characters from the "I Love Lucy" show.

About a month later, a local couple, Casey and Carolyn Dennis, visited Safe Haven and adopted Chiquita along with one of her kittens. They renamed Chiquita "Nana Banana" for her sweet disposition. Her kitten, with his green-gold eyes and mysterious velvety-black good looks, became "Pyewacket," for the witch's cat in the 1950's movie, *Bell, Book, and Candle*. Both cats warmed quickly to their new human friends. "They're a joy," Carolyn says. The two cats are inseparable and happy indoors, enjoying great bird watching from the tall windows, climbing their cat trees, and getting lots of love and attention from Casey and Carolyn.

Even indoor cats, however, can get into trouble. Kathleen Hunter, who adopted the other two kittens, Ricky and Lucy, tells how, in a frenzy of wild play,

they knocked over a planter, which fell and broke Lucy's ankle. The vet gave her a royal blue cast with pink hearts, along with an excellent prognosis for a complete recovery. Kathleen overflows with love for her animal family. "Lucy wears her cast with pride," she says. She is certain that, like her spicy namesake, Lucy will not be kept down for long.

For Safe Haven, what began with a box ended with a box. Casey and Carolyn Dennis, makers of Kettle Corn, bestowed a case of their product on Nancy and the staff in thanks for their new pets. Everyone at Safe Haven savored the gift, with its just-right balance of salt and sweetness – like our lives with cats. ♣



# Vet-Smartz



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## ADOPTION OF SPECIAL ANIMALS

When we think of adoption, it is easy to think about adopting a cute little puppy or kitten. They are so joyful and full of life. These little babies make us smile and we enjoy their “newness” and their antics as they learn to travel their world.

Less thought about, but equally as rewarding, is adopting adult dogs and cats, rabbits and ferrets. These animals have so much life in them and usually, through no fault of their own, they find themselves in shelters and with rescue groups looking for a second or even a third home. I have seen some of the best adoptions be young to middle-aged adults and senior animals. There is no potty training involved; they know what needs to be done. Their personalities are already formed and they are the size they are going to be – not a surprise when they grow to be larger than you thought they would. Many times these animals, given up by someone who loved them, or abused and rescued by an animal group, are so thankful to be in a second home that they become even more attached and more loving than a puppy or kitten that has never known a time when they were not loved and cared for.

Then there are even more challenging adoptions. These are the “special needs” animals. These are kittens and puppies that are born with congenital deformities or metabolic problems that keep them from being “normal”. Other animals are injured and lose the ability to walk and control their own bladders and bowels. Some animals may need medicines every day to live more independent lives. These critters may take more of our time every day and need a little more care, but for those people and families who take on this challenge, the rewards in love and the feelings of fulfillment are huge. Several PFOA volunteers often adopt senior cats who may only have a few years to live, but they get great happiness in giving these cats love and affection. Another volunteer adopted Kingfisher many years ago when he was a kitten. He was born without the

ability to use his back legs. He needed daily cleaning and grooming. He was a very loving and sweet cat and lived with her for 16 years and only recently died of natural causes.

Some animals need wheelchair carts to move around and be mobile. There are some wonderful innovations in carts and even leg prostheses that help animals that have lost mobility. Even large animals like horses have options for being more mobile with a prosthesis on a damaged leg. A recent article showed a dog with prostheses on all four legs. He was abandoned in a house in Nebraska in winter and lost all four paws to frostbite before he was rescued. I saw a video of him running and playing with his four artificial limbs. He was a very happy dog.

PFOA now has Bobbie Jo in residence. Bobbie Jo was found abandoned as a kitten. A Good Samaritan

found her under their porch and two staff members went out and rescued this little black kitten. She is very sweet and she is a Manx cat. Sometimes Manx cats have problems with fecal and urinary incontinence because of their tail malformation. Bobbie Jo has both of these problems. She is happy and playful and full of life....and



**Bobbie Joe: This lovely girl is one of our Special Needs cats.**

she needs her bottom cleaned two times a day. Some might wonder why anyone would keep this cat with her problems alive, but one look at Bobbie Jo and her joy of life tells you why.

Adoption of “special needs” dogs and cats, senior animals and injured critters is not for everyone, but it is a labor of love and comes with much reward for those ready and willing to take on the challenge. Giving a gift of life, a home and total love to another sentient being that needs our help is a self-fulfilling jewel that returns much love, prosperity, and happiness to our own lives. ♣

# 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).*

## In Memory of Special People

- In affectionate memory of my friend and fellow cat lover, **Helen Hille**, who is irreplaceable, from **Ann Gilson**.
- In memory of **Don Sorg**, who dearly loved cats, from **Lois Sorg**.
- In memory of **Don Sorg**, beloved husband of Lois Sorg, from **Gloria Shepard**.
- In memory of **Helen Hille**, from **Polly Loggy**.
- In memory of **AIH and AB**, from **Florence Humpal**.
- In memory of **Helen Hille**, from **Susan Kreml**.
- In memory of **Tina Berkey**, from **Janet Reichl**.
- In memory of **Ted Larsen**, from **Linda Larsen**.
- In memory of **Helen Hille**, dedicated photographer, foster mom, and devoted cat person who shared of herself daily with her kitties: Orange, Little Bit, Spencer, Lexi and many, many others. Thanks, Helen, from **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of **Ed Wuebold** whose love for music, dogs and his cat, Maggie, will earn him a special place in heaven and in our hearts, from **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of **Shirley Quesnell**, her strong spirit and caring ways will always be in the hearts of those who knew her, from **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of **Rendean Mattern**, from **Tara Sparkman**.
- In memory of **Howard Fender**, from **Terry Ryan**.
- In loving memory of my cousin, **Frances Grace Ervin**, from **Cheryl Halvorson**.
- In memory of **Helen Hille**, from **Michael Moss** and **Betty Gordon**.
- In memory of **Grace Ervin**, from **Sharon** and **Shari Ireton**.
- In memory of **Helen Hille**, from **Eileen Franson**.
- In memory of **Helen Hille**, with love from **Barb Bolles**.
- In memory of **Helen Hille**, devoted PFOA volunteer and animal lover, from **Shirley McFadden** and **Peter Grassi**.
- In memory of **Helen Hille**, for her tireless work for PFOA and its cats and kittens, and for her countless photos for *Pet Tidings*. She was a joy to work with and one of the nicest, friendliest people I've ever known, from **Nancy O'Gorman**.
- In memory of **Helen Hille**, from **Della Floyd**.
- In memory of **Helen Hille**, from **Polly Loggy**.

## In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In memory of my beloved **Purkins**, who spent his entire 16 years of life with me in utter peace and love, from **Ann Gilson**.
- In remembrance of **Lucky**, beloved companion cat of my friend Kailyn Davis, from **Ann Gilson**.
- In memory of **Myrtle**, from **Christine Spirz**.
- In memory of **Louise**, from **Susan Daily**.
- In memory of **Kenzi**, from **Brenda Newman**.
- In memory of **Kona**, from **Wendy Taibbi**.
- In memory of my very special **Rhodi** girl, from **Marie McCooey**.
- In memory of our cats **Spirit** and **Simba**, from **Loretta Flanders** and **Richard Hahn**.
- In memory of **Terena**, from **May Carrell**.
- In memory of **Wally** and **Caruso**, they will be missed, from **Jeanne Iversen**.
- In memory of **Misty**, cat owned by Linda and Ken Nelson, from **Gail Kramer**.
- In memory of **Mostest**. He was always the first one we wanted to see when we came to PFOA and would ask for him before conducting ANY business! We left some shrimp and lobster at the Rainbow Bridge and ya know, we saw him come running to grab it because he knew it was for him alone. He gave a BIG thank you meow and wave to us. He was LOVED more than you know. From **Ellen Morrison** and **Lee Diemer**.
- In memory of **Max, Eddie, Bobby, Baby, Frankie, Misstash, Hemlock, Herlock, Mack, Trucker, Edie** and **Bandit the Dog**, from **Roxanne Hildebrand**.
- In memory of **Faith** whose sweet nature graced us for such a short time, but in that time she spoke volumes with her endearing and enduring spirit, from **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of **Seth (aka Mostest)** who brought so much to the shelter in his sometimes cantankerous, sometimes mischievous ways... miss you and love you always, my boy, from **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of **Andi**, Ed and Donna Novack's dedicated daschund, who welcomed many a foster kitten and brought great joy and love wherever she went. May she be playing with her buddy, Faith, across the Rainbow Bridge! From **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of **Chui** who never had much of a chance, but touched many hearts in his short life, from **Sharon Q** and **Bobbie Jo**.
- In memory of the **two kittens fostered last season by the Allens**... they were in great, loving hands, but their visit here wasn't meant to be. Bless all foster parents! From **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of **Leif Jensen**, 'felis emeritus' and sailing cat extraordinaire. From **Dr. Sharon** and **Bill Jensen**.
- In memory of **Missy**, cat of Rendean Mattern, from **Tara Sparkman**.
- In memory of **Daisy**, from **William Follmer**.
- In memory of **Daisy**, the beautiful, happy dog owned by Conradine and David Holtz, from **Peggy Brummet**.
- In memory of **Andi**, beloved pup of Donna and Ed Novack, from **Barb** and **Doug Bolles**.

*Memorials and Honorariums*

■ I would like to designate my annual donation to PFOA as a way to honor the memory of friend's and client's cats who have traveled over the Rainbow Bridge during the past year. I know that all of their cats are dearly missed and were cherished members of their families. They all provided wonderful homes to their cats. I am honored to have known, loved, and cared for all of them. **Bob** and **Christine**, owned by Elaine Nelson. **Iggie-Pumpkin**, owned by Thelma Sullock. **Oliver**, owned by Nancy and Ed Weikal. **Ashley**, owned by Cari and Bruce Rene. **Bud**, owned by Irene and Walt Downs. **Amos**, owned by the late Bette and Allen Banick. **Katta**, owned by Stephanie and Jon Swensson. **Rocky**, owned by Jean and Dan Edmondson. **Archie**, owned by Pam Bills and Clint Cummins. **Indie**, owned by Mary Sue and Dorothy Brancato and Ed Bowlby. From **Tammy White, Cat Sitter**.

■ In memory of **Faith** and **Santiago**, from **John Joseph Pajor**.

■ In memory of **Louise**, a gray tabby who was almost 18 when she went over the Rainbow Bridge, from **Lori Gilchrist**.

■ In memory of **Binx**, loyal and loving protector of Barbara Helen, Bella and Luna, from **David Neupert** and **Claudia Huston**.

■ In memory of **Kanga**, from **Brenda Jennings**.

■ In memory of **Cinnamon**, our beloved German Shepherd, from **Lois Sorg**.

■ In memory of **Sam** the dog and **Lucky** the cat, beloved companions of Kailyn Davis, from **Marilyn Ash**

■ In loving memory of **Trip** (Entropy), beloved family cat of Diane, Mark, Anna and Laura Yocom, from **Marilyn Ash** (a/k/a Mom/Grandy)

■ To Patty Birch and her dog "**Jake**". In loving memory of Jake from the **doctors and staff of Hadlock Veterinary Clinic and Olympic Animal Eye Clinic**

■ To Linda and Ted Dennis and their wonderful cat "**Breakfast**". In loving memory of Breakfast from the **doctors and staff of Hadlock Veterinary Clinic and Olympic Animal Eye Clinic**

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some adoptable pets on  
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*Look who's been adopted!*

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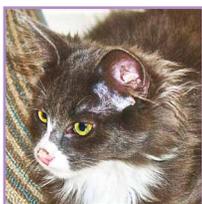
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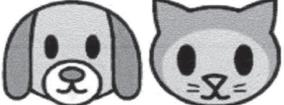
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