

Pet Tidings



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Tinkerbell, happy at last

By Susan Skaggs

Tinkerbell is a small black and white Shih-tzu who was purchased as a puppy from a pet store. The breeder who bought her thought she was cute and planned to mate her and sell her puppies.

When Tinkerbell had trouble during her first pregnancy, that plan was abandoned. Two years later Tinkerbell was still living with the breeder, who is now giving up her business.

Tinkerbell was her favorite dog, she told Nancy Campbell, when Nancy came to help her re-home her dogs. "All she does is eat and sleep," Nancy was told.

The breeder had chosen to give her dogs to PFOA because they'd go to foster homes while they waited for their forever homes.

That's how Tinker came to me. I was already fostering two little dogs from the same breeder when I met Nancy at the



Tinkerbell went from sad, sick little dog to happy, healthy pet for a lucky human.

groomer's (Lenora Haupt of Many Paws, who generously donates grooming for our foster dogs) and took Tinkerbell home with me.

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Peninsula Friends of Animals has always been and continues to be an independent group that is not associated with any other group or shelter.

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.



Hokus

ADOPTED!



Molly



Daisy

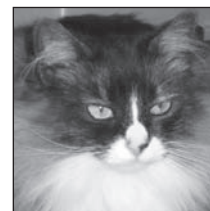


Cha-Cha



Katie

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CATS AND DOGS



Diva



Patient Sweetie Pie

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From the Editor's Desk

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the beginning of Peninsula Friends of Animals.

This vibrant, dedicated organization of animal lovers has developed from a small group of individual “rescuers,” very loosely cooperating on rescuing abandoned, neglected or abused cats and dogs, and also doing as much spaying and neutering as they could afford individually.

These “founding members” decided to form an official group and recruit others who would be interested in promoting the welfare of pets in our community. There was, and is, a huge need for such a group here on the Peninsula.

Well, the rest is history. Hundreds of people wanted to be part of a truly humane, no-kill group, and from the beginning PFOA has attracted wonderful, generous, and humane

members, volunteers and supporters. A core of those founding members continue with the group and still contribute money, time, and love to PFOA’s work. They, and the many folks who have joined along the way, have made PFOA what it is today.

They have made possible thousands of rescues and re-homings, spays and neuters, and other instances of help given by our Emergency Medical Assistance program, our Emergency Food Shelf, and our Trap/Spay-Neuter/Return program for feral cats. We hope and believe that PFOA will continue to grow and improve, with their help and yours, for the next 10 years and then some!

See Page 11 to read about our plans for a Memorial Garden to coincide with this important anniversary.

The Editors

‘Three legs and a spare’

By *Susan Skaggs*

If you haven’t considered adopting a handicapped dog or cat, you may be missing out on a very special experience. Animals adapt differently to handicaps (whether blindness, deafness, the loss of a limb or some other disability) than humans do. Knowing nothing else, cats and dogs accept life the way it is and quickly learn to compensate for their “defect.” My own dog, Munchkin, lost the use of her hind leg in a dog fight long before I met her, yet she’s the dog in our “pack” who loves to go on walks and can, quite literally, walk the rest of us into the ground. It was while mulling over the options for surgery on her damaged leg with my vet that I first heard the expression: “God gives dogs three legs and a spare.” It certainly seems true in Munchkin’s case.

Frosty and the Snowman (see Spring 2009 Pet Tidings) also seem to be coping and thriving with their handicaps. As they’ve grown, they’ve gained some additional sight and perhaps hearing. I had the opportunity to pet sit for the pair not too long ago. What surprised me

the most is how quickly they learned where everything was in their new environment. They had no trouble playing, chasing, growling and behaving like other “normal” puppies. Finding me in the yard for a pat on the head or a tummy rub was no problem for either one. Frosty used his limited sight; Snowman lifted his little nose into the air and came trotting over with nary a miss. There was an occasional bump into furniture while at my house, but then, what puppy hasn’t run headlong into something in the midst of play? Still, I was amazed at how happy and well-adjusted these little guys were.

Also, why not consider a pair? So many times people will adopt a single animal only to find themselves in a year or so looking for a companion for their pet. Why not adopt two in the beginning? PFOA has many bonded pairs who need a home together. It is so much easier, if you’ll be eventually considering two, to take animals who already love each other and are comfortable living together.

So, if you’re looking for a cat or dog to adopt, consider one with a handicap or consider a pair. It will give you a different perspective on life and reward you in ways you can’t imagine.

Sweetie Pie's waiting game at Safehaven

By Sharon Quesnell

When Sweetie Pie came to Safe Haven as a beautiful blue-eyed kitten, there was little doubt she would get a home right away. Then days passed and she was left behind as one by one her siblings went on their way to new and loving guardians. It confounded the shelter manager and all of us volunteers as to what might be the key that kept this gorgeous girl from finding her place in someone's life.

As her brothers and sisters departed, she became a little more shy and less outgoing, perhaps stressed by losing her family. Her face seemed to have a permanent expression of sadness that only left on rare occasions.

Childhood was fleeting and Sweetie Pie began to look less like a kitten and more like an adolescent cat. Finally it was time for her and her friend, Suzie, to join the adult cats downstairs. It was a bit scary to be thrust into a new room with different cats. At least Suzie was beside her—another tender cat soul that she knew. In time Sweetie Pie called Room B-4 “home”.

Cats came and went, and she wondered, “Where did they go when they left in that box with a handle?” and “Was it a good place?” and “When would it be her turn?”

Then one day in the spring of 2008, a man and woman came to B-4 just to look at her. They watched her, talked with her, tried to engage her in play. Was it her turn to go in the box with the handle? With the Allamanos, the answer was a resounding “YES.”

Sweetie Pie went with the couple to their home in Seattle. It was a long journey in the box with a handle. The new home was a bit overwhelming, but Sweetie Pie was ready to get out of the box with a handle as she scuttled to the wall, pressed her body against the corner and faced away from this new, strange place.

Later she found a table with a skirt that cascaded to the floor. This made a good retreat and so the Allamanos made a bed for her there with food and litter box nearby. Thus, Sweetie Pie (soon to be named Thistle or Tiz or Miz McTiz)

began a new chapter in her life.

Her guardians were very patient with their new kitty. They knew it would take time for her to get comfortable both with them and the house. John and Jonell waited for her to take the lead when it came to affection. And it did take some time. Miz McTiz began to relax and trust. Her worried face began to soften and so did her heart.

She started to follow her “people” around, parking herself near them on the sofa or at the computer. Sleeping with them at night was also a favorite together time. The discovery that she liked shrimp gave them opportunity for an occasional treat that she likes only if you throw it across the kitchen, so she can chase it.

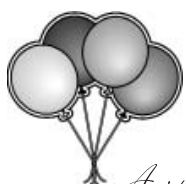
Tiz still had a way to go with guests to the home. The Allamanos understood and created some great retreats for those days she didn't feel like being social with family and friends.

Miz McTiz and Jonell have a shared vocabulary that announce doing or asking permission to do something — for example, “jump up” is a term that seeks her companionship or “chuck-a-chin” indicates rubbing under her chin which she loves. Jonell is a communicator and so she wants Tiz and herself on the same wavelength. As Jonell nears retirement, she can hardly wait for more time at home to be with her sweet Tiz. There could not be a more perfect home for this little girl.

Was it “okay” that Sweetie Pie had to wait to go to her forever home? No Doubt!

Footnote: How do I know all this? Sweetie Pie and I hung out together in Room A-1 and Room B-4 at Safe Haven and then I was blessed to be asked to pet sit at her home in Seattle for two weeks in March 2009 where I saw first-hand how happy and healthy she is!

Lesson to be learned: For those of us at Safe Haven who worry about cats not getting selected over time, the lesson is one of Patience and continued Positive Thinking. When the time is right, it will happen. As volunteers, we can create a loving home at Safe Haven in the meantime.



Peninsula Friends of Animals - celebrating **10** years of service to the community and **5** years since opening Safe Haven's doors.

A special thank-you to everyone who has helped in so many ways: Volunteers, members, financial contributors, veterinarians, supporters, advertisers and many more!



Meet a volunteer: Linda Harer

By Nancy O’Gorman

Linda Harer of Sequim found her niche as a volunteer at Safe Haven five years ago when she showed up one day to find out how she could help. She’s been a loyal “cat socializer” ever since, working nearly every Saturday petting, grooming, talking and playing with the adult cats.

“I seem to have a knack for getting through to the troubled ones,” she says.

Most cats that come through Safe Haven are already well socialized so although they don’t need Linda’s special gift, they all appreciate her attention and genuine love until they’re adopted. But occasionally a cat comes along that has traveled a tough road and needs more than the usual petting and playtime. Linda’s soft voice and gentle touch usually does the trick and she is so consistent, the cats learn to trust humans again when their past may have taught them not to.

Originally from California, Linda came to Sequim with her husband,



Linda Harer socializing Hattie.

Bruce, in 1985 by way of Idaho. She works as a medical biller for the Jamestown Tribe. Bruce and Linda have a 33-year-old horse, a Sheltie adopted through PFOA’s foster dog program, and eight cats — six of them from Safe Haven. When she told her family she was interested in volunteering for PFOA, they were skeptical about her getting involved.

“I love cats,” she says matter-of-factly. “My family wondered ‘How will you do this? When they get adopted, you’ll get hurt!’ because I get so attached to animals. Well, it’s such

a rewarding thing and I don’t get hurt when they leave, but I feel joy.”

Linda admits to some sadness at seeing a furry friend leave Safe Haven or her own foster home. “Sometimes you cry,” she says, “but I’m so thrilled when they go to a new home.”

Her aim, she says, is to go through Safe Haven to find the cats that are a little damaged or scared. “Then I help them get past that so they can go to a new home — I just love them and help them.”

Although it’s tempting to adopt even more cats, she knows they can’t all come to live with her. Her mother lives with her, too, and although Bruce supports Linda in her love for helping animals, he’s also the voice of reason in putting some limits on such things.

“He has *his* cat,” Linda likes to point out, explaining that Bruce’s cat didn’t like men at first but bonded with Bruce right away. This, of course, made Linda very happy. But not quite as happy as getting another PFOA cat ready for a new adoptive home.

Mews from the board



Now that we are enjoying another gorgeous spring here on the Olympic Peninsula, it is all too easy to forget the recent longest, coldest, most miserable winter we’ve endured in many years. But it seems like we’ve had at least one major snowstorm annually the last few years that required emergency help from brave volunteers who had to negotiate Safe Haven’s long icy driveway. With more and more extreme weather events happening all over the world, we are very concerned about getting the shelter prepared for even worse future weather.

Even if the resident caretaker is on duty when a storm occurs, it is almost impossible for one person to knock heavy snow off the wire covers over the outdoor patios before they are damaged — and possibly a cat injured, as well.

Shoveling walks to the isolation trailer and small storage sheds can be brutal, and as for the driveway, impossible. We are looking for a used farm tractor to help with future snow problems.

Even *more* worrisome, in an extended power outage

during freezing weather pipes would burst, there would be no water for the cats, canned pet food and some medicines would be ruined, fixtures and appliances would be damaged — it would be a terrible and expensive mess!

We have been lucky so far. Our Volunteer Property Manager, Angus Trent, has done a superb job of getting things in place for an emergency. But without electricity for an extended time, we would be helpless to prevent a possible disaster to Safe Haven and its resident pets.

Now, while the weather is warm and mild, we simply *must* find means to get a large generator and an propane gas tank. With last winter’s warning, it would be irresponsible not to be prepared.

The Board needs everyone’s help. If you would like to participate in our disaster planning, or wish to make a donation toward the generator purchase, please call 452-0414 and leave a message.

A Board member will get back to you *very* promptly.

Tinkerbell, darling of the apartment complex

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The next morning, with a foot of new-fallen snow on the ground, my husband drove me and three little dogs to the Port Hadlock veterinary clinic for spays and a checkup. All three dogs needed to be spayed, of course, but Tinkerbell needed eye surgery, as well. Tinkerbell's eyes were really bad, Dr. Joyce Murphy told us, which explained why a three-year-old Shih-tzu had done little but sleep and eat while at the breeder's. The breeder was appalled when she heard the news. She'd had the dog to the vet's just a few months before and nothing had been said about her eyes.

Back at my home, we set up a convalescence ward in the living room. Tinkerbell needed warm packs on her eyes four times during that first afternoon and evening. She also needed regular eye drops, antibiotics, pain medication and ear drops, because her ears were infected, too.

Tinkerbell had fought the exam at the vet's, and now she fought everything we did to her. It was a two-person job, one holding her down while the other administered whatever was needed. Four times a day we battled for control of the medication, which sometimes landed on the couch, on the rug, in Tinker's nose and on her cheeks and, with persistence, in her eyes and ears.

Somewhere along the way, Tinkerbell stopped eating. We had to crush her pain medication and administer it with an eyedropper. Her antibiotics were impossible. Dr. Murphy was very concerned, and five days later Tinker was back at the vet's. She received her necessary medications by injection and something to settle her stomach as well. Her eyes and her ears were healing nicely — Tinkerbell was on her way to recovery.

And what a changed dog she was! We saw a quirky, active little dog with a mind of her own finally emerge. Slightly overweight with stubby legs, she charged around

the house, barking at intruders, gobbling up her food, and "talking" to us with that doggie vocabulary that is neither bark nor growl.

In the meantime, Linda Gunther was *not* looking for a dog. After the pain of losing her last dog, she planned never to have another. However, the encouragement of friends and our adoption counselor persuaded her to look at Tinkerbell's picture. There was something about this little Shih-tzu that touched Linda's heart, and she came to my house to visit her. After that there was no question about whose dog she was.

Tinkerbell, now Bella, lives with Linda and her cat, Nick, and she's the darling of their apartment complex. She goes for walks with Linda three or four times a day and visits the staff in the office just to say hello.

Nick loves her, and Bella lets him rub up against her — it's clear Nick was ready for another dog buddy. His fancy cat bed, which he shunned, is now Bella's, and the couch, too, has been adapted for her use with one of its cushions placed on the floor as a "stair" so she can climb up and down.

"She's very, very happy," Linda says of Bella. Linda's happy, too — that her "arm was twisted" and she took a look at Bella's picture, and that Bella has come to join her family.



Tinkerbell stopped eating, but with care she was on her way to recovery.

PFOA feeling effects of downturn

The limiting of some services provided by Peninsula Friends of Animals is now a reality, President Diane Lopez announced in May. "Due to an increase in expenses, particularly medical costs, this has become a sad realization for us," she said.

"In addition, the cost for each kitten we take in now averages \$200 to \$300 before it is ready to be placed." Such costs, she explained, include the veterinary exam, testing

for FLV/FIV, vaccinations, worming, spaying or neutering, micro-chipping, perhaps flea and mite treatment and sometimes treatment for illnesses.

"And we only ask a \$75 donation for the adoption," she said, adding that "kitten season" is a huge drain on PFOA's resources. The staff at Safe Haven is now receiving more calls to take in animals than to adopt them. Some limitation of services may include decreased assistance to the community with requests for

veterinary medical assistance, but PFOA is committed to continue with spaying and neutering pets as much as possible due to the effectiveness of the program, Diane said.

"We will continue to do as much as we can for as long as we can, but until things improve, we are faced with the sad necessity for limited cutbacks the rest of the year."

PFOA receives no tax money and operates solely on fundraising, grants, and public donations.

Safe Haven ADOPTABLES!

SUNNY SUMMER CATS ... IN SHERBET COLORS!



Chatsworth

CHATSWORTH, an orange tabby, has a short stump of a tail and long, white whiskers. He's vocal, very loving and wants to be picked up and held. He's a young cat and will be a treasure for his new family. His left ear was "tipped" by a vet some time ago so that he could be identified from a distance as having been neutered.



GABBY is a talkative, orange longhair tabby who spent last summer dumpster-diving to survive. Since her rescue, this beauty has been to the groomer's and is showing off her new, clean coat. Her vet guesses that she's between 3 and 4 years old.



Gabby

TAMARA is a sweet kitty with just a touch of orange. She's quiet and gentle. She was rescued as a kitten in a trailer park about three years ago. She would love a quiet home where someone can bring the best out in her.



Tamara



Marie

MARIE is a very young, affectionate, and pregnant kitty. After a suitable child-rearing period she will be spayed and available for adoption. And she's sure to make someone a wonderful companion.

SHELTON is a recent rescue. He had a severe case of ear mites, which has been treated, but they ruined his left ear and turned it into a "cauliflower ear" — he looks like he fought a battle and lost. But this mellow gentle giant doesn't fight. He's a polydactyl kitty with extra toes, and he's looking for his forever home.



Shelton



Jefferson

JEFFERSON is a good-sized adult flame-point Siamese. He had been the center of attention in his old home and because that family is growing, he needed to find a new place to live. He does like to be the only "baby."

ORANGE isn't happy in her current multi-cat home. She's a huge, loving yet shy kitty who needs to go to just the right "only cat" home. She must be an indoor cat (with only supervised visits to the outdoors) as she was declawed in a previous life.



Orange

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Vet-Smartz

SUMMERTIME HAZARDS FACING CATS AND DOGS



By Virginia M. Johnson DVM
Diplomate, American Board
of Veterinary Practitioners

As summer finally hits the Pacific Northwest, people and their animals come out of “hibernation” and plan activities to enjoy the sunshine and warmth of our region during the summer months. Although we all have activities that involve the outdoors year round, summer is always a time to be outdoors more with our animals. We all must be aware of potential hazards and dangers to our pets during these months.

Insects can be a problem for our dogs and cats when they spend time outside. Although our animals have fur protecting much of their bodies, ticks, hornets, wasps, spiders and fleas can bite our pets. These bites can cause serious skin irritations with itching and scabs that can become infected. Be aware of your dog or cat — look for ticks on them.

Remove ticks using tweezers with steady pressure, pulling them off your pet. Look for itching and infected areas on their bodies. Use antibiotic topical cream if skin sores are found and see a veterinarian if these sores do not resolve in a few days. Use flea and tick repellent products such as Frontline Plus and Advantix on a regular basis to prevent such bites.

Some plants are toxic and can kill animals if ingested. Rhododendron, azalea and oleander leaves are toxic and should not be ingested. Hemlock is toxic and ingestion of any part of the plant can kill your pets. Lilies are especially

toxic for cats. Even having a small amount of pollen brushed on their fur and then ingested when the cat grooms itself can be lethal. Some mushrooms are deadly or can give an animal gastroenteritis. Other plants can cause illness. If your pet becomes ill after chewing on a plant, bring some of the plant with you if you are able when you see a veterinarian.

Other toxins can be more accessible during the summer months. Do not use D-con type products or place them in an area where your pets can be exposed to them. Slug bait products are harmful and can be lethal to your pets. Cocoa mulch is attractive to some pets and can cause serious disease or death in animals if ingested.

Fertilizers and lime products can cause stomach upsets and skin burns if animals are exposed to them. Try to not use such products but if you absolutely must, do your best to keep your pets away from them. If an animal eats or is exposed to products such as these, bring the container with you when you see your veterinarian. Information on the container will help to identify the exact toxic substance and contains the manufacturer’s phone numbers and sometimes antidote information — all of which is helpful in trying to save your pet’s life.

Keep animals from drinking from streams and lakes.

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ADOPTION-CHALLENGED



Boots

BOOTS is a very shy boy with a cauliflower ear — he once had an infection from ear mites. He’s 11 years old, neutered and doing very well in his foster home. He’s a handsome guy with a white bib and white feet to accent his beautiful orange coat, but his semi-feral condition makes him very hard to place.



Rutabaga

RUTABAGA, aka Ruddy, is a neutered male between 9 and 12 years old. He’s also semi-feral and will need a special home and people who have patience to wait for him to warm up. He’s orange with white feet and bib.

Both these boys are also candidates for sponsorship. Please call PFOA for more information.

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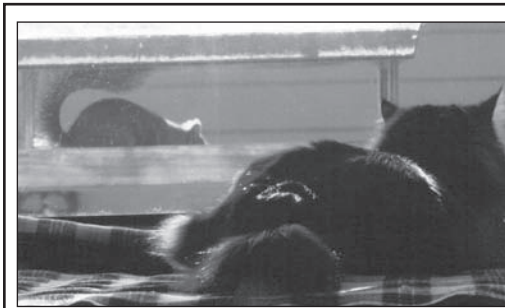
“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”

“There is no snooze button on a cat who wants breakfast.”
— *Unknown*

Dear PFOA,

This beautiful kitten was dumped in our neighborhood October of '07 — given to us, as cat owners, to take to the Humane Society.

After three weeks of advertising and calling every vet on the Peninsula as well as you, we decided to keep her. As you can see she has morphed into an 11-lb. paperweight who takes a major interest in running the place. Yes! She has been spayed. We call her Minnie — and DAMN CAT!
— **The Pardues**



Dear Friends,

Since Trilby became an “East-sider” in December, she has assumed her new role of household supervisor. This includes some out-of-house unauthorized activity in the bird feeder (per photo) as well as very attentive monitoring of every move I make in this house. Thanks for your help in her transition from a former life and bringing a welcome companion to a lonely household.
Sincerely, **Gene Woodruff**

Dear PFOA,

I’m sending this note to thank everyone for the help I’ve received from you. I first contacted you folks for help to get two feral cats spayed that I’ve adopted and that live under my porch. One is a MaMa Kitty; then there is one baby that survived out of three.

In the meantime, one of my cats that lives in the house had a bad tooth from what I could figure, so I had called Barb to see if I could get help with the vet’s bill. You folks helped me, which I greatly appreciate, and Barb has been so wonderful just to talk to her. She really cares and is understanding towards my feelings. She has been great and I want to thank you for everything.

— **Aline Bennett**

Thank you for helping with Crystal’s surgery bill. She’s a wonderful little dog, and is very special to me! Thanks again,
Jewell Rowlands



Dear PFOA,

Just to update you on our boy Tazz. As you can see, he has made himself quite at home. We have had him a year now and he is a sweet, mellow boy. Also, we have Comet (now 5 years), whom we got from you 3 years ago. They play together and have become friends.

— **Rose M. Rose**



“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”

Dear PFOA,

We are having so much fun with these kitties, I can't tell you!

We adopted Bonkers (the grey and white kitten) from the Humane Society last July when she was only 4 weeks old. We had a 15-year-old cat that was very crabby with Bonkers—she had been an “only cat” her entire



life and was also not feeling good due to some health issues. We were thinking about getting another kitten so Bonkers would have someone to play with. In the meantime our old cat passed away so Bonkers was alone. In hindsight I am so sorry we let our old cat live her life without a companion—I will never do that again.

Anyway, I came to Safe Haven on a Saturday and spent an hour playing with the three kittens. They were each very charming, I wanted to adopt them all. I brought my husband back on Monday to have him pick one, but he had a hard time as well. I remember Cha Cha was very loving but it was purely luck because all of the kitties were so sweet.

She and Bonkers have bonded fabulously. They are VERY different. Bonkers is more shy and doesn't much like to be petted or held, but Cha Cha LOVES to be held and petted. I have loved all of my kitties but she is something special--she is a loving little soul. I have laughed so much, they are a pair! They wrestle and play and chase each other, and often curl up together for a nap.

They are not often more than a few feet apart. She is a little angel but also a little devil at times! We love her so very much and I suppose you can see she (they) are quite the pampered pair.

I am so impressed with your facility and the caring folks who volunteer—my hope is to some day be able to volunteer.

Regards, **Nadine Snover**



Virginia Jefferson's son Christopher cuddles with recent PFOA adoptees, Juno and Jackson.

Hi everyone,

My sister and I asked our human mom to write this for us. We wanted you to know how happy we are. They feed us well and they get us the neatest toys, and we even have a cat house. Our human dad (Don) plays with us. He has a special light and we chase it all over the place.

They have two older cats named Meekoo and Charlie; they are kinda cool. I like to sleep with Meekoo. My sister sleeps with Charlie. They like us also. My humans have a big home that we can run and play hide and seek.



But they don't like me playing with the curtains, so I try real hard not to.

My human mom is sending you some pictures of us. As we even get older she will send more. My human Aunt Donna comes by and visits also. I hope you like our pictures.

Thank you for giving us a great mom and dad.

— **Sampson and Delyla.**

(Our human mom's name is Linda Bruce)

They have brought so much joy into our home. So glad I have them. Thank you.

— Linda

09/09/09 — Oh, my!

By Mary Margolis

There's a special day coming! This year, my birthday falls on 09/09/09. It's not a milestone year, but it is definitely a special day. I have been wondering what to do to commemorate such a unique date and then it hit me.

I've thought of a great way to celebrate all of my (and your) four-legged friends that add so much to our lives. I am challenging my friends and family to forego the usual cards and gifts and make a donation to Peninsula Friends of Animals. In this issue of Pet Tidings, I extend the challenge to you!

Imagine if people donated in increments of 9? If 1,010 animal lovers donated ninety-nine cents, PFOA would get

\$999.99 which could be used for countless items – spay/neutering, emergency medical treatments, etc. Donations of \$9.99 will buy twenty pounds of cat litter, or 12 rolls of paper towels, a case of canned food, ten pounds of dry cat food, or soap to clean cat beds. You get the idea.

Please help me celebrate my special day by helping our furry loved ones.

Cats are just angels with fur!

(P.S. Please make a note on donation for the "9/9/9 Fund")



Room in Your Heart But Not in Your Home



Who tugs at your heart?

Summertime safety for pets starts now

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Even though these bodies of water look pure and clean, they often carry Giardia, which causes diarrhea in animals and humans. Some of our lakes are now affected by algae bloom during the summer months. Drinking water affected by some algae can cause seizures and death.

Cats that are hunters and that eat prey such as birds and shrews can be exposed to tapeworms. Tapeworms look like rice pellets when they dry and are often seen around the tail area and in a pet's bedding. Dogs can get tapeworms from eating uncooked salmon. Both cats and dogs can get tapeworms from ingesting fleas when they groom themselves.

Cats and dogs can get Salmonella enteritis if they eat sick birds or nibble on birdseed where birds have defecated around bird feeders. Animals with salmonella are lethargic,

not eating, have a fever and diarrhea. Usually animals with these signs need to see a veterinarian and need medical treatment.

Keep your pets in a fenced yard or under restraint when outside. Encounters with wild animals, other dogs or cats or motor vehicles can cause serious injury or death. Keeping cats indoors and dogs on a leash will keep your pets safer and healthier.

Remember that summer is glorious in the Northwest, but there are precautions to take that will keep your animals safe and sound. Following some common sense guidelines will save your pets from pain and injury and save you a hurried and frantic trip to your veterinarian.

Although I love to see my patients for health checks and routine care, it is always heartbreaking to see animals injured and in pain.

Have a great summer!

Look who's been adopted!

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Harlum



Baker



Lexie



Whisper



Carrie



Disco



Limbo



Riley



Tessie



Smokey



Scooter



Tinkerbelle



Princess

Our memorial garden-to-be

Ten years ago, PFOA's original set of goals included a project dear to the hearts of many of us — a Memorial Garden. A peaceful place dedicated to the memory of beloved companion animals, situated somewhere on our beautiful 35-acre grounds between Sequim and Port Angeles. What better time than our 10th Anniversary to make it a reality?

In our community, which includes so many retirees, many people live in rented houses, apartments, condos, and assisted living complexes — or in a home they own, but which they know will not be their last one. Many have no place where they can hold a dignified and meaningful ceremony to mark the passing of a dear companion animal, nor to inter or scatter their ashes.

There is no place, comparable to a human cemetery, where our pets may be memorialized with a plaque or stone, or where one may come and sit peacefully and remember the loved one.



Our memorial garden is still in the planning stages, but we visualize a semi-enclosed area with grass, trees and shrubs, with several benches looking out over the pond or toward the Strait, perhaps with a fountain. It will have a long curving wall to anchor it, where memorial plaques may be mounted, a small area where ashes may be interred, and a very large area where ashes may be scattered, perhaps along a path. A feeling of peaceful serenity and permanence would be maintained. The Memorial Garden will be open to all, and we think that visits to the

Garden and scattering of ashes would be free, with only a modest fee for interment or memorial plaques.

At this early planning stage, we welcome your input and ideas for this 10th Anniversary project. *This project will be funded by special donation for it, not out of our regular budget.*

We'll be putting out a call later for volunteers to help with all aspects of it — fundraising, designing and building, and maintenance. Vision Landscape Nursery is currently guiding us in the design process.

So if you have ideas, or would like to help with this truly memorable memorial, please call us at our message phone at 360-452-0414; or write to us at P. O. Box 404, Sequim, WA 98382; or e-mail us at pfoa@olympen.com. We'll also have news about it periodically on our website, www.safehavenpfoa.org.

We are really excited about the Memorial Garden. If you are, too, get in touch and help make it happen!



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).

In Memory of Special People

- In memory of **Brian Robinson**, from **Reneé Quinn** and **Claudia Richardson**.
- In memory of **Dorothy Lewis**, from **Clyde R. Stice**.
- In memory of **Dick Chapman**, from **Candice** and **Larry Harris**.
- In memory of **Steve Borland**, loving husband of Mary Borland and co-creator of Olympic Lavender Farm. From **Diane** and **Leon Lopez**.
- In memory of Pam Winney's mother, **Dorothy Cline**, who recently passed away. Pam Winney is the founder of "Friends of Forks Animals" that PFOA works and partners with on many rescues. From **Jess** and **Janet Harker**.
- In memory of **Jerine Buss**, from **Bonnie** and **Red Erickson**.
- In memory of **Ove Henriksen**, a very dear friend, from **Rita Heywood**.
- In memory of Sharon Quesnell's husband, **Dick Chapman**, from **Gary Del Mastro**.
- In memory of **Dot Jaissle**, Mickie Vail's mother. From **Harriet** and **Jack McEwan**.

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In memory of my precious **Momo Kitty**; my friend, companion, and comfort. He fought to stay with us as long as he could. I love you, Momo, and I miss you terribly. From **Kerri Wiggins**.
- In memory of my sister's 17-year-old tabby, **Mikey**. Mikey was a very sweet, loving, and nurturing kitty. Her presence will be missed very much by the whole family. From **Mitzi Keehne**.
- In memory of Curt Ohlson's faithful companion "Skeeter", truly a man's best friend. From those at **Sunny Farms Country Store**.
- In loving memory of **Punkin**, Marie McCooley's beloved cat companion, the most loveable and sweet kitty. She was the light of her life. They had 16 wonderful years together and will always be in her heart. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. From **Patricia Dearing**.
- In memory of Maizie Maloney's **Lady**, and gentle blue-eyed **Spirit**, who are greatly missed, by **Jess** and **Janet Harker**.

- In memory of **Rudy**, Sheldon Broes' male dog, from **Marlyn Barrick**.
- In memory of "Annie" Henriksen, from **Ivory** and **Peggy**.
- In memory of Helen Hille's cat, **Kiki**, from **Janet** and **Jess Harker**.
- In memory of Mary Mira's cat, **Sweetie**, a retired barn cat with the attitude of a queen. We'll miss the lap time. From **Sue** and **Chuck Skaggs**.
- In memory of a sweet girl, **Mousie**, from **Aimee Barton**.
- In memory of **Gray Kitty**, from **Bonnie** and **Red Erickson**.
- In memory of my sweet **Punkin**, from **Marie McCooley**.
- In memory of **Margie**. Mine was her third home at 3 years old. She gave me comfort and joy and aggravation for 13 years. I miss her sweet black and white face and loud "meow." From **Pat Nix**.
- In memory of Helen Hille's sweet little **Kiki**, from **Gary Del Mastro**.
- In memory of **Sweet William**, who spent the last nine months of his long life with me, from **Ann Gilson**. Very old and ill, nearly blind and deaf, slow and frequently confused, he was a much-loved blessing who is sadly missed.
- In memory of our dog, **Skeeter**, who passed away recently, from **Faith Ohlson**.
- In memory of my sister's dog, **Cinnamon**, from **Faith Ohlson**.
- In memory of Janet and Jess Harker's **Lady** and **Spirit**, from **Helen Hille**.
- In memory of **Sweet William**, Ann Gilson's little black kitty, from **Nancy O'Gorman**.
- In memory of Erika Hamerquist's beloved horse, **Halo**, from **Susan Skaggs**.
- In memory of Ann Gilson's **Sweet William**, from **Susan Skaggs**.
- In memory of **Meeko**, Phyllis Koch's sweet canine pal, from **Diane** and **Leon Lopez**.
- In memory of Marie McCooley's **Punkin**, from **Diane** and **Leon Lopez**.
- In memory of Pam and Sturges Dorrance's darling **Zoe**, who loved to run the beaches, from **Diane** and **Leon Lopez**.

Honorariums

- In honor of **Dr. Joyce Murphy** who did such a good job on our dog's eye, from **Peter** and **Susheila Bowen**.
- In celebration of the marriage of our dear, long-time friend **Kevin Lucus** and his wonderful sweetheart, **Mary Giovanini**. We wish them continued joy and happiness as best friends and partners through the years ahead. From **Diane** and **Leon Lopez**.

Spay/neuter giveaways marked February activities

PFOA celebrated Spay/Neuter Month in February this year, with a campaign to make low-income folks aware of our reduced-cost spays and neuters.

Sharon Palmer, Spay/Neuter Coordinator spear-headed the effort. She and her helpers Pam Joneli, Carol Yada, and Helen Morrison placed flyers all over Sequim. On Feb. 14, they had an informational table at the entrance to the Sequim WalMart and on Feb. 21, they were at the WalMart

in Port Angeles. The month-long campaign concluded with a drawing for five free spays or neuters.

Sequim Mayor Laura Dubois was on hand at Safe Haven for the drawing where five families won a no-cost spay/neuter for their family pet. Those who entered the drawing but didn't win were contacted by Sharon Palmer for participation in PFOA's spay/neuter program.

"It was a lot of fun," Sharon said of the campaign. Lots of folks coming

and going from the WalMart stores learned about PFOA even if they weren't eligible for the drawing.

"One day we had over \$80 in donations come in," Sharon added.

An anonymous donor has provided the co-pay for clients of the Sequim Food Bank who need spays/neuters for their pets.

PFOA pays the remainder, as it does for all low-income families who participate in Spay/Neuter clinics.

It will take more than one to make a difference

With your help, PFOA is able to pay the bulk of low-income spay/neuter costs, but the \$35-\$45 co-pay can be an impossible burden for those in our community who use food banks in these tough times. That's why we were delighted when an anonymous donor stepped forward to fund the co-pays of Sequim Food Bank clients. It will, however, take more than one person to make sure that everyone who falls on hard times is able to spay or neuter his or her pet. If you would like to help with this effort, please send your check to PFOA and mark it with "spay/neuter" in the memo line.



From left are Pam Joneli, Carol Yada, Laura Dubois, Sharon Palmer and Ellen Morrison.

Fashion show and auction ready for September

Mark your calendars! The second Peninsula Friends of Animals Fashion Show and Silent Auction is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the Elks Lodge in Port Angeles. Doors will open at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. On the menu this year: chicken puff pastry, Asian green salad, grilled asparagus and sparkling sherbet. Coffee and tea will be available and there will be an open bar. Vegetarians can request a different menu.

Necessities and Temptations will provide the fashions for the show, which will cost \$30 per person.

"We'll be using the ballroom on the third floor," says Cindy Caldicott, co-chair of the event.

"It's an excellent, beautiful location. An elevator is available for



Sue Cram was one of the models for the 2008 Fashion Show and Auction.

those who need it."

Because the Elks' ballroom is bigger than C'est Si Bon, where the show was held last year, more tickets will be available for those who want to attend. Tickets will be on sale close to the day of the event. Those interested should watch their local newspapers, community announcement boards, and the PFOA website as the date gets

close (www.safehavenpfoa.org)


"But don't wait until the last minute to get your ticket," Cindy advises. "Just in case we sell out again this year."

Kathy Larson is in charge of the Silent Auction which was a big hit last year and promises to provide the same quality items.

Last year was a learning year, the organizers say, adding that they will be more organized as far as the auction is concerned. There will be more time available to view the auction items.

Anyone who has brand new items they'd like to donate for the auction should call Kathy at 360-582-1330. If anyone is interested in being a model for the event, they can call Cindy at 360-681-8588.


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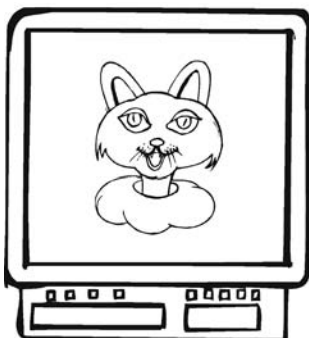
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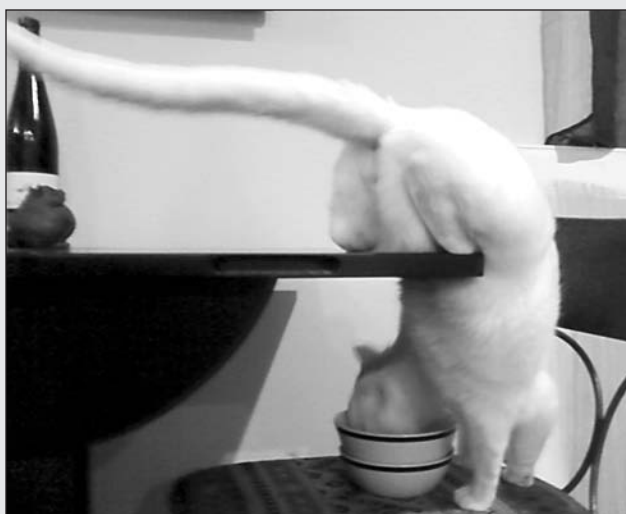
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Kitty Contortionist



A pure white cat named Blue, adopted from PFOA two years ago, turned a bit red when he couldn’t resist licking the remains of spaghetti sauce from a bowl. Turning upside down and backwards to get at it was no problem at all for this determined kitty.

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“Tomatoes, corn syrup, vinegar, water, salt.
See, there are no cats in catsup!”

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PFOA WISH LIST:

■ **Pet food** (especially cat food) for our Emergency Pet Food Bank. This food is distributed to low-income people in our area. Right now, as people lose jobs, the demand is great.

■ **DVD player** -- please call our message line at **360-452-0414**, leave a message with your name and phone number, and a volunteer will return your call.

DARE TO DREAM:

■ **Whole house generator and propane tank** for emergencies (or your contribution toward the generator which will keep our cats safe should we have a prolonged power outage). Please call us at **360-452-0414**, leave a message with your name and phone number, and a volunteer will return your call.

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE:

■ **PFOA potholders** are now available at Hair Trix Salon, 21 Valley Center Place in Carlsborg (Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-12 p.m., 360-681-3749); and the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, 1605 E. Front St., Suite C, Port Angeles (Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.); and at Safe Haven (Tues.-Sat., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.) You can purchase these wonderful potholders in many colors and patterns for \$10.95 (tax included). They make the perfect gift and help support PFOA’s many programs. Pot holders are also available at PFOA’s booths at many community events.

■ **Tails from the Heart**, PFOA’s own book of stories, poems and artwork, is available for sale at the reduced price of \$15.95 (which includes tax). Please look for copies at merchants throughout Clallam County. If you’re from out of the area and would like a copy (or two or more) send \$15.95 plus \$3 shipping and handling for each book ordered to Book Coordinator, Peninsula Friends of Animals, P.O. Box 404, Sequim, WA 98382. These books make lovely gifts for almost any occasion.

WANTED:

■ **Small-dog foster families** — Good, safe, loving homes for temporary fostering of a small dog or dogs from time to time. PFOA takes care of expenses. Must be experienced in caring for dogs and must have a fenced yard. If you can help out, please call PFOA at **360-452-0414** and leave a message with your name and phone number. A volunteer will return your call.

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Dates to remember:

■ Aug. 8 & 9—Paws in the Garden at Vision Landscape Nursery.

■ 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 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Sunday and Monday. Please call 360-452-0414 to leave a message if you would like to visit; appointments are required.

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