

Pet Tidings



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The long road toward home

By Ann Gilson

What we know of the road that brought Lulu and Willie Lou to Safe Haven began in late April, when a woman in Forks, who shall be nameless, adopted a mom cat and her almost grown daughter from Craigslist.

She called Friends of Forks Animals to ask for help getting them spayed. FOFA agreed to help and a volunteer tried to call her back to set up an appointment for the surgery. No answer. Several days and several tries later and still no answer.

Two volunteers then went out to the address she had given. The apartment house manager said someone else had stopped earlier and asked about her, also. Becoming concerned, the manager went into the apartment and found the tenant and her belongings gone. The two cats, an open bag of food, and a bowl of water were all that remained.



Two hopeful kitties, mother-daughter team Willie Lou and Lulu, wait together.

The cats were soon taken to the Forks Animal Shelter, where they went unclaimed. Their story, and their lives, might have ended right there. But Pam Winney, a former president of FOFA, called Nancy Campbell, our intake volunteer, to see if PFOA would be able to take them in. We were.

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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.

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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.

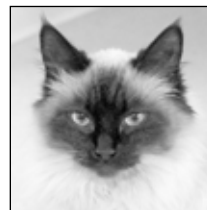


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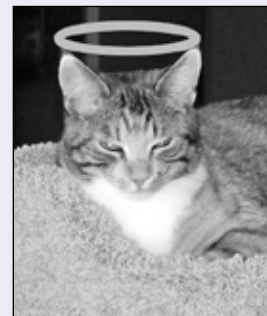
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Judy

Angelic
cats —
NOT!



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From the Editor's Desk

“Kitten season,” which is now upon us, is both the happiest and the saddest season for all of us who love the sweet, innocent kittens and puppies one sees everywhere in the spring.

Sad because we know that not all those happy playful little ones will find homes, and that their lives will be short.

Happy because the fortunate ones among them *will* find homes, and most of those will not only enjoy their own lives, but will bring joy to their guardians for many years.

Watching kittens tumble and play in the cageless rooms at Safe Haven, and in the adjoining safe outdoor yards, is a great pleasure. Every PFOA member and contributor shares in this deep abiding joy, for it is they who make it possible. All those who adopt companion animals from Safe Haven owe them a debt of gratitude.

What we often forget is that an equal debt of gratitude is also owed our members and supporters who are responsible for the hundreds of pets who are *not* present this spring. With their help we have just celebrated

the 5,000th spay/neuter PFOA has provided low-income residents of our community. Our Spay/Neuter Program has kept many hundreds of kittens and puppies, who would *not* have found homes, from being born this spring or during the past 10 years.

The very kittens playing so happily today at Safe Haven, or in the homes of their guardians, might not be there had they had to compete with so many more.

Which is more important — to spay and neuter pets so that excess numbers are not born, or to find homes for the many adorable ones who make their way to us? There is no good answer to that question, so PFOA does both.

We are grateful to everyone on our team — to those of you who provide good homes for our “babies,” to those who send money to help, to those who volunteer their time and effort to PFOA’s many programs, and to everyone who helps in any way. To paraphrase the immortal words of Charles Dickens, “God bless you, everyone.”

The Editors

Mews from the board

At the last annual membership meeting, the members re-elected Barbara Swedeen and Susan Skaggs to the PFOA board. Both women regularly put in many hours of service to PFOA. I could fill up the page listing what they and other board members do. When you hear we are a “working board,” we mean just that!

And, we need more workers with certain skills and interests to replace some of the members who, after many years of service, feel the need to step down and pass the torch to new, dedicated individuals. The competition is fierce for new board members as there are a multitude of deserving non-profits also in need of them. (Of course, we think PFOA is a pretty special and unique group!)

We changed the application and appointment process in hopes of making it easier to find the right person, and for the person applying to have a clearer idea and

understanding of how we operate. We *must* have new energy to ensure the sustainability of PFOA.

If you, or someone you know, have experience in any of the following areas: fundraising, finance/ long-range planning, public relations/communications, please contact president Diane Lopez, or any board member (listed on the left hand side of this page) or call 360-452-0414; leave message.



Garage Sale Fundraiser

We are collecting items for the PFOA Garage Sale to be held in August. This has been a major fundraiser in the past. If you have quality items (no exercise machines, computers or old plumbing please; and HD TV sets only) call us at 360-452-0414 or call Geraldine at 360-582-1820. We have some storage space available. Thanks for your help!

Willi Lou and Lulu wait together

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The cats were described to us as very pretty, very sweet and loving, and absolutely devoted to each other. That description is accurate, but it doesn't go nearly far enough. They are very, very special cats.

They were brought to Safe Haven, where they spent the night in Quarantine. Then a PFOA volunteer



Willi Lou

took them to Drs. Johnson and Murphy in Port Hadlock the next day to be examined, tested for feline leukemia, vaccinated and spayed.

The mom, Lulu, a beautiful Maine Coon type about a year and a half old, was barely pregnant again. Willie Lou, her long-haired black daughter, equally beautiful, was not. Both were healthy and were spayed that day.

Back in Safe Haven, they are so happy and content that it warms one's heart just to see them.

They know they are safe now, but they still lie with their arms around each other, wash each other, and stay close to each other, just as they did during the many months when their fate was uncertain and they had only each other to love.

We wouldn't think of separating them — no one would who sees them together. Their love is like a halo that surrounds them.

Lost and abandoned pets come to

us from all over the Peninsula, and are placed all over it, as well. We know that somewhere out there a wonderful, loving, permanent home is waiting for Lulu and Willie Lou.

A home where they may enjoy long years of happiness and finally grow old together, sharing their love with their human family.

The "girls" know it, too, and wait patiently for their person to come for them. It's been a long road home, but they are nearly there. ❖



Lulu

PFOA marks 5,000th spay/neuter assistance

Winnie, a one-year-old female chocolate Labrador retriever, became the 5,000th companion animal to be spayed or neutered through Peninsula Friends of Animals.

Winnie's family, Tony and Billie Dunscomb of Port Angeles, took their dog to Angeles Clinic for Animals in April, where veterinarian Dennis Wilcox performed the surgery.

"I was very happy there was an organization out there to help me with this," Billie Dunscomb says.

"I called around to find help. It would have been too expensive to cover the full cost because of Winnie's size and I couldn't have had it done otherwise."

Dunscomb, a medical assistant, is not able to work due to an injury, leaving the family's income drastically reduced. PFOA helps community members who qualify for the spay/neuter program at a certain income level.

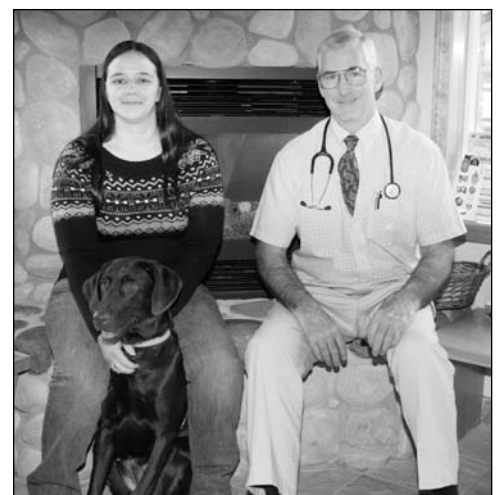
Wilcox has been altering cats and dogs for PFOA since the organization was founded in 2000.

Hadlock Veterinary Clinic provides many spays and neuters, and Sequim Animal Hospital performs the surgeries for PFOA with monthly spay/neuter clinics.

Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital, Blue Mountain

Animal Clinic, Greywolf Veterinary Hospital and Country Care Vet have been involved with the spay/neuter program, as well.

Pets adopted out by PFOA are always sterilized but most of the 5,000 surgeries have been for the low-income spay/neuter program.



Billie Dunscomb sits with her dog, Winnie, and veterinarian Dennis Wilcox.

It's a challenge raising 'teenagers'!

Editor's note: Richard and Terry Serkes adopted two kittens from Safe Haven last winter. We appreciate their sense of humor and endless patience with their new pets. They agreed to let us reprint this letter to share in all their "fun!"

Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals,

Let me tell you what Nama was up to this morning at about 6:23.

We have two tables in our bedroom, one on either side of the bed. Each table has a reading lamp. Nama just had to be in the window over the bed this morning, and she had to be there in the worst way.

There must have been some critter outside because she was beside herself attempting to be "one with the glass." So I took her off the window ledge, only to have her jump right back up. Then whatever was outside must have moved because she no longer wanted to be at the window. On her way down she turned this:



into this:



Those two lamps had survived a total of five moves without so much as a scratch. And then, in one misaligned jump, Nama redecorates our bedroom. But as Terry said, after 19 years and several different coats of paint, it was time to replace them.



YoYo



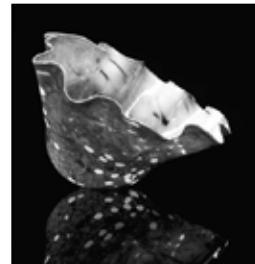
Nama

In just four days, Nama and YoYo will have been living with us for four months. So these three "accidents" are coming way too often for us. These kids need to learn a little respect. It's not like we play with their toys.

Richard Serkes

P.S. They just turned one year old. We accept the fact that they're both still kittens doing kitten stuff.

Oh yeah, and this was Accident No. 3. But it started with Accident No.




1 when YoYo decided to do a header into a glass bowl much like this one.

No, our bowl wasn't a Chihully but it was done

by a Chihully wannabe and was quite nice. It isn't so nice now and is gracing the Clallam County dump. Yes, that sweet little YoYo pulled a Yosemite Sam and smashed it all to smithereens.

Then there was Accident No. 2, again a product of YoYo's exuberance and desire to live life to its fullest.

Terry had accidentally closed YoYo in her office closet, so he took the time to do some interior design work. Are you familiar with Herend porcelain? I had bought Terry a cat and piggy for our 5th wedding anniversary. They were being stored in her closet until Nama and YoYo showed a little more maturity. YoYo left the porcelain cat alone but a loud crash told us that something had happened in the closet. This is what was sacrificed to his youth. 



Nancy Campbell, PFOA's operations manager, replied to the Serkes:

Dear Richard and Terry,

I am so grateful that you are tolerant of these two and all their antics. They have certainly found a wonderful home! I hope you still love these busy, affectionate teenagers in spite of all the trouble they cause! At least they haven't wrecked the car. Keep the keys hidden!



The dog may be wonderful prose, but only the cat is poetry.

French proverb

Meet a volunteer: Penni Allen

By Nancy O’Gorman

Penni Allen and her daughter Sherill are a “two-fer” deal for Peninsula Friends of Animals. “Together we’re kind of like one person,” Penni says. That’s because, with a division of labor, they volunteer their time and energy — Sherill does the driving to and from Safe Haven and to veterinarian clinics while they both help in many ways, from fostering cats and kittens to cleaning cat room litter boxes when they drop in to visit at Safe Haven.

Penni, a retired medical transcriptionist, began volunteering for PFOA in 2005, just a few years after moving to the Peninsula from a small mountain town in Colorado. Her husband, Dale, needed to live at sea level for health reasons and Penni was delighted to move back closer to her roots. She was born and raised in Bremerton.

Sherill joined her parents in Sequim in 2002 and joined Penni in volunteering at PFOA. Their favorite task is fostering the cats and kittens, 38 of them to date. They have a travel trailer they put into service as the perfect kitty nursery when called upon. With so many adorable kittens in their midst, how many cats have they kept?

“Well, I’ve wanted to keep almost every small one I’ve ever fostered,” Penni says. “But I have only one. Ramsey.”



Penni Allen

Now 4 years old, Ramsey began life in the worst possible way — as a “throw-away” newborn kitten discovered at the bottom of a trash can. Penni was called upon to help and bottle-fed Ramsey, nurturing him into a hale and hearty cat, now “the cock of the walk.”

“He’s the most obnoxious, demanding cat I’ve ever known and thinks the world owes him a living,” Penni says with a laugh, admitting that because of his tiny, helpless stature in the beginning, she and the three adult household cats probably spoiled him just a bit.

All the kittens that have passed through the Allen home eventually went to other wonderful homes, but the kittens left paw prints on Penni and Sherill’s hearts as well. Two years ago, toward the end of Dale’s life, kittens cheered him up.

“My husband enjoyed the foster kittens,” Penni says. “I’d bring them to his bed and they’d cuddle on his chest and under his chin. It was nice for him.”

Fostering kittens is an important task as it stretches the resources of Safe Haven’s limit on the number of animals it can house. And bottle-feeding tiny orphans every two hours around the clock is not exactly a picnic. PFOA is grateful for volunteers like Penni and Sherill, and we’re sure the kittens are, too! ♣

Paws in the Garden ~ Artists for Animals Benefit

Join local artists and local animal welfare groups and Vision Landscape Nursery for the Seventh Annual Artists for Animals Benefit Aug. 14-15.

Hosts Claire and Allan Bernards provide a beautiful park atmosphere for an educational and fun weekend to raise funds and awareness for the local animal welfare groups of the Olympic Peninsula, while showcasing local artists’ beautiful works at the same time. There is something for everyone, and even well-behaved dogs are welcome!



Participating artists:

- Music by BlackBird (folk/easy listening)
- Jim Stuart, Photography
- Brian Buntain, Fine Jewelry
- Walter Massey, Copper Sculptor
- Joanne Moen, Auntie Jo’s Organic homemade pet treats
- Dana Hyde, Metal Sculpture
- Heidi Beussow, Fine Jewelry
- Jeff Becker, Charitable Art
- Patricia Earnest, Knitwear Designs for you and your pet

Participating animal welfare groups:

- Peninsula Friends of Animals
- Welfare for Animals Guild
- Clallam Humane Society
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August 14-15, Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Vet-Smartz

RESCUING ONE ANIMAL MAY NOT CHANGE THE WORLD, BUT FOR THAT ONE ANIMAL, THE WHOLE WORLD WILL CHANGE . . .



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

When there is pain and suffering and no quality of life, I will perform a merciful death for those who feel it is the right thing for them and their animal friends.

In my opinion this should be done as part of the ongoing care and decision making for our animals' health and well being, not as a stand-alone procedure when a veterinarian has no long term knowledge of an animal's health issues.

In recent years a new option has come to the forefront for end-of-life decisions for our animal family members. This is hospice care. By hospice care I mean that we no longer try to do invasive tests or procedures, but we offer pain relief and quality of life care for our animals to help them leave more naturally.

This is not for everyone, but it is a welcome option for some of us when our animals are declining in health and dying. We help them to die a peaceful death without our deciding when that end comes.

These are very important reasons to have a veterinarian who helps you on a continuing basis with your pet's care. I will rarely euthanize an animal that I have not cared for in the past. People call our practice and want me to "put to sleep" an animal I have never cared for or examined and I will not do this without compelling reasons and circumstances. This is because I consider end-of-life decisions part of "life" decisions and life-long care.

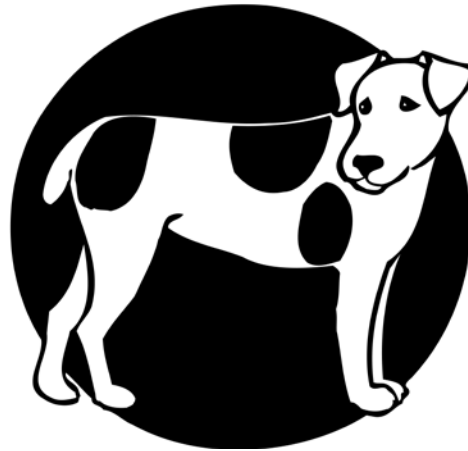
I don't want someone who has never cared for my mother making such decisions for her and I don't want to make these decisions for animals I have little or no knowledge of. As I said earlier in this article, these decisions are very personal and we all must look within ourselves for what is right for ourselves and our pets.

If we make our decisions with love and mercy, we are all doing the best we can for our animals. ♣

Recently I have had to face a topic that few of us relish and most of us avoid thinking about until we are faced with the reality of it. The topic is the death of loved ones — family members and our beloved family pets. My mother was quite ill recently and almost died. She is elderly, but was living alone and enjoying life until this recent illness.

She is improving in health and I think she will have more quality life ahead of her. I am also facing the declining health of one of my beloved family dogs. She too is elderly and has significant health issues. We are trying to give her quality time as well, but I know that inevitably both of these special beings will leave this life in the foreseeable future.

All of this got me to thinking about how we live and how we make choices and plan for such major changes. Certainly our human family members make most of their own decisions about end of life care, but we must make these decisions for our animal friends and many of these decisions are difficult and painful. They are also very personal, and each of us has our own thoughts about such decisions.



For years, euthanizing animals has been an established and practiced way to end our animals' lives. When I initially began to practice veterinary medicine, what I call "convenience" euthanasia was the norm.

I will never forget the lady who brought her eight-year-old dog to me to euthanize. The dog was healthy and when I asked why she wanted this, she told me that the kids were in college and the dog's job in the family was done. It was time to let her go.

I would not euthanize this healthy and happy dog. I asked her to give the dog to me instead of having it euthanized, and she agreed. The dog lived many more years with a new family.

Now I try to incorporate euthanasia as part of my ongoing care for my long-time patients. I try to offer options and give care as long as the animal has quality time.

Dr. Johnson can be reached at Hadlock Veterinary Clinic, 711 Ness Corner Road, P.O. Box 1606, Port Hadlock, WA, 98339; phone 360-385-2020.

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Devendra

DEVENDRA is a small girl with long hair that easily doubles her size. She's about a year old. She is a sweetheart with a soft purr, and her big feet love to knead the air as you stroke her. She loves to be brushed. Devendra gets along well with other cats.

PANSY is about a year old. She's a short-haired, gray tabby with touches of orange spots. She has four white paws and bright green eyes. She will melt into your arms and rub her head against you, purring. Pansy is a sweet girl who would probably appreciate a quiet home. She's lived with other cats, but we don't know how she is with dogs.



Pansy



Jasper

JASPER is a 2-year-old Siamese-tabby mix with bright blue eyes. He is extremely sweet and affectionate, in addition to being an absolutely beautiful boy! Jasper is also quite sensitive and a stressful environment upsets him easily, so he's looking for a quiet, loving home where he can take his time settling in. He should get along well with other friendly cats and has also lived with small dogs.

PRIMROSE Primrose is a pretty little girl, probably less than a year old. She has had problems with a flea allergy but has been treated, and her gorgeous coat is filling back in. Primrose is an outgoing kitty who is full of energy and looking for some serious love. She certainly deserves the care and attention she lacked in her last home.



Primrose



Willow

WILLOW is a sweet kitty who has been front-declawed. Her wrinkled left ear was likely caused by an ear mite infestation in the past, but she's completely healthy now. She has lived with a dog and another cat. Willow adores attention and affection, and is looking for a loving person or family to call her own.

BEVERLY is a sweet and lively grey and orange and white tabby mix, about a year old. Beverly is gorgeous as well as very loving and demonstrative, and she can play all day long. She is a bit of an escape artist, so she needs a home where she can be kept safe, and a home that will appreciate the energy she brings, and people who will play with her.



Beverly

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

Spay/neuter: A top priority for PFOA's efforts in community

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Sharon Palmer, PFOA's spay/neuter coordinator, says the program is one of the most important things the organization does for the community.

"It's a top priority for us to eliminate the birth of many thousands

of unwanted puppies and kittens," she says.

Pet owners pay a more affordable co-payment, Palmer adds, while PFOA picks up the rest of the tab.

Funds covering PFOA's portion of the costs come from public donations, fundraisers and grants

while participating veterinarians offer discounted prices toward the program.

Peninsula Friends of Animals also provides adoption services, emergency pet food, and feral cat trap/neuter/return assistance. For more information on spay/neuter, call 360-683-4697; to reach Safe Haven, call 360-452-0414.



“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”

Dear PFOA,

We are having a wonderful time. My sweet Baby Boy is affectionate, smart and makes me laugh every day! He is playing fetch every day, and in general chasing me around the house and always trying to ambush me when I move from room to room.

Occasionally I get the opportunity to surprise him, which never ceases to amaze him, since he is well aware his hunting skills are much more fine tuned than mine.

He is growing like a weed (over 8.5 pounds at this time) and is very happy boy. At Christmas he met his first dog, a sweet little black Cocker spaniel. He was not the least intimidated by our visitor, and found him intriguing.

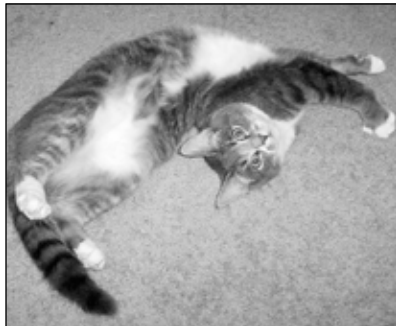
Oh, and did I mention how absolutely handsome he is? He is really quite the boy, often sleeping on his back with all fours in the air.

Just wanted to again thank you for the wonderful job you both did with this handsome kitty. He is one fine boy and well loved!



Love,
Marie and Tux

Tux



Hello to Peninsula Friends of Animals,

I just thought I would take a minute to send a message and attach a

picture of Ollie (formerly named Gem at the time of adoption).

It's been about a month now since he has found his “forever home” and he has settled in quite nicely. It took a couple days for him to get used to the new noises of the new place, but now, it's no longer a new place, but HIS place, I'm just allowed to live here too.

He is like a shadow, with one exception — a shadow disappears when it gets dark.

Again, thank you for all of the hard work your organization does, and I will be forever grateful to you all for allowing me (a military member) to adopt a new friend and companion when the other shelters would not, due to my job.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Ervin, Silverdale, WA

Dear PFOA,

I saw the letter that Lana McNamara wrote for the Spring newsletter with pictures of Mac and Bogny (formerly Taco and Tostado).

I believe that these are the two kittens that our cat, Rita (formerly Enchirita) had when she was found outside Taco Bell. I am delighted to see that they are doing well and have a good home.

Rita is a delight to us and even Cleo, our older cat has adjusted. When we all go to bed at night, Rita likes to bring a couple of her toys up to the bedroom.

Watching her mew and purr when she does this, we have come to believe that in her mind she is still moving her babies to a safe location just as she cared for them at the Taco Bell. I only wish that I could convey to her that she did a good job and her babies are now safe and happy.

Thank you for being there,
Von Markley



“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



Dear PFOA,

Emily asked me to please e-mail you and let you know the girls at the party voted on a name for the adorable little kitten. They chose “Sprinkles” — a name with a bit of a birthday theme.



Sprinkles

It was very sweet of you to offer this to the girls. I can’t tell you how much fun they had writing a huge list of possible names. They felt very invested and important.

I am forwarding a picture of the girls with some of their donations. Emily is waiting for a bit more to come in from relatives before bringing it in.

Thanks, as always, for making her feel so special and valued. You are wonderful!

Kristin Glenn



Emily Glenn, center, with her birthday party friends.

Dear PFOA ~ I just wanted to drop a short note to say how right you were about Elliot (his new name is now Chase).

What a sweet, sweet kitty he is — truly one of a kind. He’s adapted well to our household and everyone has fallen in love with him. By his behavior, he’s taken a liking to everyone here, adopted me and my husband, John, as the “alpha team” of the castle and has successfully explored every inch of the house.

My son Jason hasn’t had any issues with allergies! That in itself is a Major Win!

Friendly, gentle, playful, and verbose, Chase has set his place in our house and just by the way he acts, we can tell he was well cared for in his previous life before coming here.

We couldn’t be happier with this adoption. Give all your beautiful kitties great big hugs and pats. With warmest regards, **Sue Spiker**



Hello All!

Pandora is fitting in very well at our home. She loves to cuddle and loves being brushed all the time. She now has full range of the house.

She loves to lay in her various beds and is very playful. She is even starting to tolerate being in the same room with my shih tzu, Lucky.

She has found a forever home — and she loves it here.

Best Wishes,
Bonita

From the Safe Haven staff:

A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Phillips for their donation of a gasoline Honda Generator-Power Boss.

This generous gift will enable us to maintain some basic electric power, which will be essential during an emergency at Safe Haven.

We are very grateful to have this item donated in response to our recent wish list. In addition, we received an anonymous donation to pay for the hookup of the generator.

We are very grateful for these donations!

Clinic celebrates with pet-food collection



Melissa Tilley, left, Cindy Birdsall, Katie Mulholland, and Molly Dickson show off just a few items of pet food donated to PFOA in April.

April marked the third anniversary of Blue Mountain Animal Clinic's ownership under Dr. Sharon Jensen. Clinic staff collected unopened bags and cans of cat and dog food for Peninsula Friends of Animals over several months' time.

The final total of food collected was 473 pounds. In addition, \$208 in cash and gift cards were also donated.

PFOA would like to express a HUGE thank you to the clinic staff: Drs. Sharon Jensen, Meg Gordon, and Jack Thornton; office manager Molly Dickson; veterinary assistants Melissa Tilley, Ashley Angevine, and Katie Mulholland; receptionists Cindy Birdsall and Donna Hollatz.

Blue Mountain Animal Clinic is located at 2972 Old Olympic Highway, between Sequim and Port Angeles.

Pet Memorial Garden — is it needed?

The PFOA Strategic Plan included the development of a pet memorial garden on the grounds of Safe Haven. The basis for its inclusion was that it would meet a need (no such facility was available in Clallam County) and after its completion, it would generate some income for our animal programs.

When the initial development is completed, the garden would be a place where anyone could come to scatter the ashes of their pet at no charge. However, there would be a donation box at the parking area. For people who chose to do so there would be the option of purchasing a memorial stone to be placed along the pathways or a memorial plaque to be placed upon a wall near the pond. The price of those memorial options would include a donation to further PFOA's work.

The reason for the question in the headline is the lack of response to the previous article which stated that we needed to raise approximately \$6,000 for site preparation. The only new donations came from the garden planning committee. There have also been no new responses to the online pet memorials available on our website.

The donations from these are intended to go toward initial preparation of the garden and then be used as general income.

The committee is working with one of our volunteers to develop a line of pet sympathy cards. We have a link to www.charitableartonline.com where one-half of the cost of any item ordered can be designated for PFOA. Income from these will initially be used for the garden. A Sequim service organization is considering helping us in initial preparation.

We need to know if we should be going ahead with our plans.

We need your input! Would you be willing to donate for the initial preparation? Should we be working on this project now or should it be postponed? When the garden is created, would you scatter your pet's ashes? Would you purchase a memorial stone or plaque? Please let us know what you think by mail at P.O. Box 404, Sequim, WA 98382, or by e-mail to pfoanews@olypen.com, or leave a phone message at 360-681-8852.

Of course, if there were a benefactor out there willing to cover the initial costs, we would certainly go forward. ❀

See
some of our adoptable
pets on Page 7

Look who's been adopted!



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Elliot



Esther



Mr. Stubbins



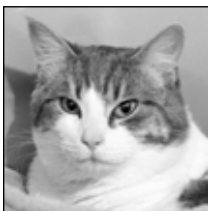
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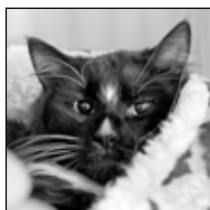
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Oreo

FAQ: Why is Safe Haven open for such short hours?

Safe Haven is our organizational headquarters. In addition to sheltering animals, all our rescue work is centered there. There are many "morning chores" that must be done in caring for so many animals. When the commissioners issued our conditional use permit, they established what our hours were to be.

FAQ: Why appointments only?

Adoption appointments allow us to spend time with each person and have

them spend one-on-one time with the animals. We use the same care and consideration in adopting our animals as we would if they were children. This is a personal long-term decision that should not be rushed or sandwiched in between other jobs or chores.

FAQ: Why won't you take in more animals?

For many good reasons! PFOA is still a small volunteer group. Just as we cannot save every animal, our modest facilities cannot possibly house all

the animals in need of sanctuary. Our financial resources are limited, as is our people power. The more animals taken in, the higher the monthly expenses and the more labor intensive it becomes. It is also not in the best interest of the animals to subject them to the stress of overcrowding. Safe Haven was never intended to be an "animal warehouse." It is a temporary stopping place on the way to a permanent loving home. Last, but not least, our conditional use permit restricts our numbers. ❀



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).

In memory of Special People

- In memory of **Mary Page Robinson**, from **P.L.** and **J.M. Borden**.
- In memory of **John Westfall**, from **Della** and **Leonard Floyd**.
- In memory of **David Margolis**, from **Linda Schneider**.
- In memory of **Dorothy Lewis**, from **Clyde Stice**.
- In memory of **LaVerne Hyneman**, from **James** and **Nancy Harlan**.

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In memory of **Bubba**, beloved tabby cat of Martha St. Claire and kitty-brother Muggsy. Bubba—sweet, affectionate and loving — brought many years of untold joy to Martha and Muggsy and they will miss him always. From **Nancy O’Gorman**.
- In memory of sweet **Meg**, who was with us too short a time. From **Charlotte** and **Ken Patterson**.
- In memory of **Meg**, who was adopted from PFOA in 2006 to Charlotte and Ken Patterson, from your **friends at Safe Haven**.
- In memory of **Missy**, beloved cat of Pete and Kelly Jensen, from **Iva Augustine**.
- In memory of **Roxie**, who found a home of absolute caring, from **John Zey**.
- In memory of **Corey**, beloved dog of D.R. Bubp, from **John Zey**.
- In memory of **Molly Malone**, beloved Westie companion of Pat Bruska, from **Iva Augustine**.
- In memory of sweet, brave, wonderful **Cirrus**, longtime companion of Curt Haugen and Jess Thoms. From **Gary Del Mastro**.
- In memory of **Molly**, queen of the squeaky toys and everything else at Aunt Harriet Hopgood’s Bed ’n Biscuit. From **Gary Del Mastro**.



- In memory of sweet **Roxie**, loving companion of Kathy and Bill Benedict and Shiloh. It is not quite the same without her. From **Diane** and **Leon Lopez**.
- In memory of **Maggie Adams**, devoted companion of Jim and Karen. She spent most of her puppyhood with Jim’s third-grade class and became queen of the tennis courts. We won’t forget her. From **Diane** and **Leon Lopez**.
- In loving memory of **Ludie**, Linda and Rod Grabb’s dog rescued from Korea. What a wonderful life they gave him. From **Faye Hayden**.
- In memory of **Bailey**, the Green’s family dog. Bailey was a loved Beagle. From **Margaret, Ivory** and **Margaret Brummet**.
- In loving memory of **Skipper**, who died in 1938, and of **Chica**, who died in 1972, and of **Meg**, who died in 1993. They still live in my heart. From **Ann Gilson**.
- In loving memory of **Meghan**, from **Nancy Campbell**. How lucky she was to have found such a wonderful home with the Hills, who gave her unconditional love and sunny windows with a view!
- In loving memory of **Chatty** — one of the most special cats ever to live at Safe Haven. Thanks to his wonderful family, Roxanne and John Butler, for their love and appreciation of this unique and precious boy! From **Nancy Campbell**.
- In loving memory of **Chatsworth** — one of our all-time favorite shelter cats — from **the PFOA family**. We will always remember and miss his sweet face, and share the Butler’s sorrow at his passing.
- In memory of dear, loving **Dyson**, the beloved young tabby of Maria and Tony Bush of Sequim. From **Angus Trent** and **Marjorie Benning**.
- In memory of Janet and Jess Harker’s endearing and enduring **Jonathan**. From **Angus Trent** and **Marjorie Benning**.
- In memory of **Jonathon**, aged and devoted companion of Janet and Jess Harker. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten. From **Diane** and **Leon Lopez**.
- In memory of **Stubby**, the rescued long-suffering stray orange bobtail cat no longer with us, but not forgotten. From **Angus Trent** and **Marjorie Benning**.
- In memory of Linda Herbert’s little **Buttercup**, who went for a long walk and has not returned. From **Angus Trent** and **Marjorie Benning**.
- In memory of **Buttercup**, a champion hunter despite her handicap, and loving companion of Linda Hebert. From **Diane** and **Leon Lopez**.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

■ In memory of **Toby**, the smartest, most loving dog we've ever known. His devotion and love for his mom, Jennifer Weicher, always shone bright in his eyes. We miss you, Tobler. From **Aunt Linda** and **Uncle Bruce**.

■ In memory of my beautiful mare, **Seattle Song**. Melody graced my life for 23 years before she left us Jan. 2 at the age of 32. She was beautiful, loving and so very sweet. I miss you every day, my sweet Melody. From **Linda Harer**.

Honorariums

■ In celebration of the marriage of **Mary Borland** and **Bruce Leibsch**. We'll always remember their golden retriever, Amber, walking down the aisle on a flower-covered leash with the wedding rings hanging from her collar. From **Diane** and **Leon Lopez**.

■ In honor of all the **volunteers**, helpers, donors, veterinarians, and community members who do what they can to help animals in need, from **PFOA**.

Pathfinders share time, tips and attention

The members of the Sequim Valley Pathfinders pooled the tips they earned when serving at their Valentine's Day dinner in February. On April 29, the young ladies arrived at Safe Haven to present their donation and to take a tour of the facility. Since most of the members have cats in their own lives, many stories were exchanged, as they spent about an hour socializing the cats at Safe Haven, who loved the attention.

The Pathfinders is a co-ed group (but no boys at this time) associated with the Adventist Church. The group held a Valentine's Day dinner in Sequim, where members served the guests, and all tips were pooled for the purpose of donating to PFOA. It was a wonderfully lively tour and several of our cats responded well to the youngsters — there are few children in their lives at Safe Haven. ❖



Sequim Valley Pathfinders are, from left, front row: Mallory, Lila, Twyla, Kaila, Heather and Jay; from left, back row: Miriam, Haley, Becca, Kaily and Alicia.

Can you help us save money?

In an effort to save money, PFOA is starting to use e-mail as a way to renew memberships, receive donations, and send thank-you letters.

This will save postage, ink, and

paper products, not to mention trees! We can be "greener" and use the money saved for the care of more animals.

Please send us your e-mail address for our database and mark

it **Attn: Sherry**, in the subject line. Send to **pfoa@olyphen.com**.

Of course, hard copies will still be available when requested. We will never sell or share our e-mail list with anyone.

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Diane Lopez, president of Peninsula Friends of Animals board of directors, left, accepts a generous donation from the ladies of the Sequim Sunshiners Club: Eileen Romano, MJ Anderson, Nan Godfrey and Linda Collett. Along with the check, these thoughtful ladies donated cat food, kitty litter and a large number of cat toys. Thank you very much!



Thanks to Robin Moreau for her original cartoon

THE CLASSIFIEDS

PFOA WISH LIST:

■ **Cat and kitten food**, both canned and dry, bleach, paper towels, HE (High Efficiency) laundry detergent, automatic dishwasher detergent gel pacs, liquid antibacterial soap, ziplock bags (quart and gallon size), large black trash bags, toilet paper, and bottled water (for emergencies and summertime volunteer workers).

DARE TO DREAM:

■ **Farm tractor and brush hog** for mowing up to 20 acres of grasslands around Safe Haven — used or new, any brand, make, or model. Or the cash that will buy one used. (We need to kick some grass around here!)

■ **Universal microchip scanner.** They cost \$695.00. Our current scanner only does Avid chips.

WANTED:

■ **Wanted — Fabric, thread:** The Potholder Ladies can still use 100% cotton quilting fabric and sewing thread if you have some to donate. Cat, dog, horse, chickens, birds, wildlife, food, nautical, flower or kitchen-themed fabric is desirable. We can also use solid colored or other patterned fabric. Fabric must be large enough to cut into 9-inch squares. Bring to Safe Haven or contact Lori at **360 461-0348** to arrange pick up if you need it.

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); the **Washington State Department of Labor and Industries**, 1605 E. Front St., Suite C, Port Angeles (Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.); **Safe Haven** (Tues.-Sat., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.); and at **The Red Rooster Grocery**, 134 1/2 W. Washington St., Sequim (Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 360-681-2004; website: www.theredroostergrocery.com). You can purchase these wonderful potholders in many colors and patterns for only \$12. 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.

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Ramsey as an orphaned kitten.



Dates to remember:

■ **Paws in the Garden** at Vision Landscape Nursery, August 14-15, Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ **PFOA Yard/Garage Sale** in Sequim on Aug. 20 & 21. See the website for details in August: www.safehavenpfoa.org

■ **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. Call **360-452-0414** to leave a message; appointments are required.

<http://safehavenPFOA.org>

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_____I would like to sponsor an adoption-challenged or handicapped animal who is currently in PFOA care, and I will receive a photo and history of the animal.

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