

Pet Tidings



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It's Ollie, by golly!

By Nancy O'Gorman

Ten-year-old Ollie loves people, dogs, cats, chew toys, treats and his blanket — like any affectionate, good-natured cocker spaniel. He wags his tail nonstop and loves to go for rides in the car.

What sets him apart, though, is his handicap. Ollie is deaf and blind.

He'll never know just how lucky he is, though, to have made his journey from the family that surrendered him last October at the Jefferson County Humane Society in Port Townsend to the home of Nancy and Dallas Campbell of Sequim. The original owners said "the kids



Ollie uses what little scent abilities he has left to help him get around, since he can't see or hear.

were all grown now" and no one had time for him any more.

Ollie had other problems as well. He lived much of his life out of doors, had never been neutered, howled much of the time, suffered constant

ear infections, developed numerous tumors, had a heart murmur, and was in need of canine dentistry. In other words, he was "unadoptable."

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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.

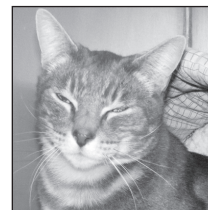


Paddy Paws

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John Boy



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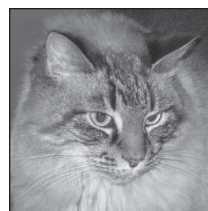


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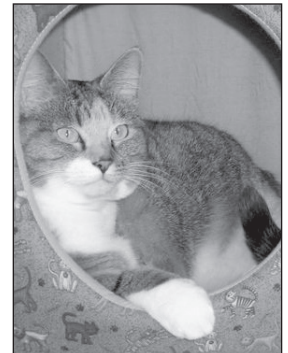
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From the Editor's Desk

Chances are, you're reading this issue of *Pet Tidings* because you are interested in and care about pets, and possibly other animals as well.

Perhaps you already enjoy volunteering some of your time and skills to benefit them—either for Peninsula Friends of Animals, or perhaps on your own, as many of us do.

A lot of folks would like to volunteer, but think, “Oh, I can't do anything to help—I don't drive/ am allergic to cats/ am not allowed to have pets where I live/ etc. etc.”

It's true that PFOA *always* needs foster homes, transporters to the vet, people to distribute *Pet Tidings*, and people to visit and work with the cats at Safe Haven. But there are many *other* ways to help.

Do you have a public relations background? Do you have office skills and/or computer expertise? Any medical (human or animal) experience? Do you like to organize “stuff”? (We have a garage that could surely use some help!) Can you paint, mow grass, plan and care for a flower bed? Can you do handyman type chores? There's hardly a skill that can't be used, either regularly or only occasionally, to help out at Safe Haven or elsewhere to benefit the pets and people of

our community. PFOA, and its volunteers, are helping 365 days of the year.

There's a wonderful book, *Bowling Alone*, that documents the decline of volunteering and participation in civic organizations in this country. But there are also numerous books on the market just now about happiness, and every single one of them emphasizes how helpful to our *own* happiness helping others is. People who voluntarily help others rate far higher on the happiness scale, all over the world, than those who don't.

We three co-editors, volunteers all, can testify as to the fun and deep satisfaction volunteering our help to animals through PFOA truly is. We invite—no, we *urge*—you to enjoy the fellowship and fun of working with other animal lovers. There are many wonderful ways to do it, as our featured volunteers on Page 5 show.

Please, think about what *you'd* like to do, and then call or write PFOA Volunteer Coordinator, P.O. Box 404, Sequim, 98382, or leave a message at 360-452-0414, and a surprised and grateful volunteer will get right back to you.

Your life will never be the same again!

The Editors

‘Paws in the Garden’ to raise funds with fun

Join local artists and animal welfare groups at Vision Landscape Nursery as they bring the fifth annual “Artists for Animals Benefit” to Sequim on **August 9-10**, Saturday and Sunday, from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

In a beautiful park atmosphere, the public is invited to this educational and fun weekend as they raise funds and awareness for animal welfare groups on the Olympic Peninsula ~ Peninsula Friends of Animals, Welfare for Animals Guild, Clallam County Humane Society, the Raptor Center, and farm animal rescue.

Participating artists will include: Music by BlackBird (folk); **Linda Crow**, photography; **Dana Hyde**, Metal and Mud sculpting;



Jeanne Engesath, painter; **Walter Massey**, copper sculptor; **Coffee and Pat Miklos**, iron smithing for home and garden; **Heidi Beussow**, fine jewelry; **Patricia Earnest**, knitwear design for you and your pet; Catering by **Mary Brooks**.

Special fund raiser sponsored by Willow Pond Consulting and Intuitive Development Center — Animal Intuitive, Angel Readings, Psychic Medium on Sunday, August 10, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$25 for 15 minutes.

All proceeds donated to the animal welfare groups. Appointments must be pre-booked and paid for before August 7. Please call 360-681-4411 to make your appointment or e-mail willowpond@olympus.net.

'Every animal has a right to its life. Ollie loves his life'

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But shelter workers could only see the sweet, friendly dog that Ollie was and couldn't bear the idea of euthanizing him. So off he went to see Dr. Joyce Murphy, a veterinarian in Port Hadlock who specializes in animal ophthalmology.

Dr. Murphy got Ollie up to speed with his health as best she could and called Nancy to see if PFOA had a foster home for a cocker spaniel with special needs. Nancy just happened to be on her way to Port Townsend at the time to pick up the ashes of her beloved Mickey — a 15-year-old cocker spaniel who had just died from a brain tumor.

Nancy called Dallas to ask, "Would you mind if I bring home a deaf and blind cocker spaniel to foster for a while?" After 38 years of marriage, Dallas knew what Nancy was probably really saying: "Would you mind if I bring home a deaf and blind cocker spaniel to live with us for the rest of his life?"

Somehow, Nancy says, they knew Ollie would be theirs.

Since the Campbells still had another cocker spaniel and four other small dogs at home, plus six cats — all rescued animals over the years, of course — adding Ollie wouldn't be such an unusual thing for this generous, compassionate couple so Dallas, good sport that he is, agreed to it.

Ollie's condition requires ongoing treatment, but the Campbells are used to their pets having health problems since most of them were rescued and endured difficult former lives. So they welcomed Ollie into their home to allow him to live out the rest of his life surrounded by love and understanding.

"Ollie is so sweet tempered, never growls, and just seems to be grateful, enjoying his life," Nancy says. "He has few of his senses left, but he's as happy as can be. He rolls around, flips his toys in the air, loves to root under blankets and make them into beds."

Ollie also loves tennis balls, but



Ollie can expect to live five or six more good-quality years.

has trouble finding them since he can't see; his sense of smell is damaged from years of infections, too. So the Campbells found a ball with bungee-like ropes sticking out from the sides, making it much easier for Ollie to locate and pick it up again.

And what about the other dogs in the household?

"It took a couple of months for everyone to settle in with a handicapped newcomer," Nancy says, adding that Ollie tended to run into the other dogs, or try to walk into their beds when they were sleeping in them. It still happens sometimes, she says, but the others are very tolerant of him, even when he steps on and stumbles over them. And Ollie takes it all in stride, even when bumping into furniture, people, and kitchen cabinets, although the Campbells have "Ollie-proofed" the house as much as possible to keep him safe. Despite all the safeguards, they've tripped over him enough times that Dallas has lovingly nicknamed him "Ollie Underfoot."

"He's part of the pack now and the other dogs have been very kind and patient with him," Nancy says. Little Shermie, a Chihuahua-Pekinese-poodle-Westie-Dachshund mix, loves

to wash Ollie's face.

Nancy is PFOA's shelter intake coordinator, adoption counselor, and operations manager, although she's taken a break for a few months. She's been a member of the organization for seven years, is vice president, and a member of the board of directors. And she's very devoted to animal welfare.

"Most people would probably think Ollie should be euthanized with all his problems," Nancy says, admitting he is a bit more work than even she had anticipated.

"But every animal has a right to its life. Ollie loves his life and he has such joy. In fact, it's a privilege to have Ollie because he's been a life-learning experience for us. And I can't thank Dr. Murphy enough for believing in Ollie's potential and for stepping forward to provide him with such great care."

With good food, veterinary care, and lots of love, Ollie can expect to enjoy his people, dog friends, chew toys and car rides for another 5 or 6 years.

Maybe that's why he wags his tail nonstop.

Editor's note: Ollie was evaluated for cataract surgery by Dr. Murphy after this story was written. He is a candidate for it, and the prognosis is hopeful for Ollie to regain some vision.

Common myths about spay/neuter

Myth: "I want my children to see the miracle of birth."

Fact: But will they? Many pets hide when giving birth. And even if you find good homes for the litter, you might be denying homes to animals already born. You can rent educational films on the miracle of birth for your children.

Safe Haven ADOPTABLES!

Shades of gray . . .

Silver medal cats with shining personalities



Iris

IRIS is a female, medium-haired gray tabby. She came to PFOA with her mother as part of an unweaned litter. Her mother has been adopted, as have her siblings and foster siblings, but Iris remains at Safe Haven. She's 10 months old and very affectionate. She deserves a home of her own, and in return she'll make some lucky person a wonderful pet.



Alexandria

ALEXANDRIA is three years old and has been at Safe Haven two years too long. She came from a feral colony, but is one of those exceptions — she's become very affectionate. She'll greet you at the door to her cat room looking for petting. She needs a quiet home where she's the only cat, and where she can give her heart to one special person.



Riley

RILEY is a Russian Blue-type kitty who has never met a cat he doesn't like. He's a clown and the "host" of his cat room, showing newcomers around. He has backwards, hind knees which don't slow him down and medically are no problem. This handsome boy came to Safe Haven as a kitten. Unfortunately, he's been here for five years — way too long for such a wonderful fellow.



Beckett

BECKETT and **BENNETT** are one-year-old brothers. They came to Safe Haven as kittens, but it took months to get them healthy enough to be adopted. **Beckett** is a gray tabby who is great with other cats and affectionate with people. **Bennett**, a gray and white tuxedo, is more wary, but with patience and affection, he'll make a great pet. This little guy purrs and goes limp when he's picked up! These boys don't have to be placed together.



Bennett

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

Meet some volunteers: ‘The Pot Holder Ladies’

By Nancy O’Gorman

“The Pot Holder Ladies,” as they’re affectionately called in PFOA circles, found a way to mesh their hobby of sewing crafts with fundraising for animals.

Last year, Lori Miller and Carol Gearey, both of Port Angeles, sewed more than a thousand pot holders, raising \$5,400 for Peninsula Friends of Animals. Sue Cram of Sequim joined them early this year, and the trio has made several hundred more pot holders together since then. They volunteer all their time and quite a bit of their own fabric. Sold in matching sets of two for \$10 a pair, the pot holders have gained a following at craft fairs and bazaars from Sequim to Port Angeles and beyond.

Pot holder motifs run from cute cat and dog prints to flowers, kitchen, country prints and more. The solid flannel backings, for a special chenille look, plus the mylar insulation create a sandwiched product that is both decorative and functional.



Sue Cram, Lori Miller and Carol Gearey, from left, create “Purr-fect Potholders” for PFOA.

It all began when Lori received one from her sister-in-law. “I can make this,” Lori thought, so she did, and brought it to her office, where Carol also works. “I’d like to learn, too!” said Carol, who has sewn all her life and has been a PFOA member for some time. That combination was the catalyst for finally figuring out a way to make money for Peninsula Friends of Animals — Lori and Carol decided to make and sell pot holders with the proceeds going to the organization.

They sewed like crazy — touting them as ideal for gift giving — and sold them by word of mouth. Within

six weeks, they had \$800 in hand and called up PFOA to say, “We have some money we’d like to donate.”

And Lori, Carol, and Sue, all PFOA members, keep donating money from the sale of even more pot holders, which they typically make by getting together one Saturday a month for production. They also work on them individually at home in their spare time.

Fabric donations in 100% cotton are always welcomed by the Pot Holder Ladies — small prints are best, plus flannel in solid colors. Small stripes and solid cottons work well for bindings, too. Fabric donations can be dropped off at Safe Haven.

For more information, call Lori at 360-461-0348.

Look for pot holders at craft fairs and bazaars throughout the year in Sequim and Port Angeles. They can also be purchased at Safe Haven, and Sequim Open Aire Market on June 7, July 5 and Sept. 13. For information, call the fundraising coordinator, Kathy Larson, at 360-582-1330.

More Safe Haven ADOPTABLES!



Belle

BELLE is a female Russian Blue who is also 10 months old. She’s a tiny kitty with a huge personality. She’ll greet you at the door of her Safe Haven cat room and let you know that she’s in charge. She’s great with other cats, but can entertain herself — just give her a paper bag or cardboard box!



Dolly

DOLLY is a striped gray tabby kitty, a short-hair spayed female who can climb the cat trees in a flash. About a year old, Dolly would love a cat-proof home with a cat-loving family, since she has a lot of energy and is quite curious about her world. She would also do great with a kitty companion.

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Vet-Smartz

REPRODUCTIVE FACTS OF THE ANIMAL WORLD



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

In the domestic animal rescue world, it is a well-known fact that there are more animals needing homes than there are homes for these critters. Every day those of us who choose to help with rescue, adoption and re-homing of dogs and cats hear about unplanned and unwanted litters of puppies and kittens.

Each year animal shelters in the United States kill approximately four million dogs and cats, simply because no one came forward to adopt them and give them loving homes. These four million are only the animals that are destroyed through animal shelters. Even more die alone from starvation, trauma and predation that are never seen in a shelter or a veterinary clinic.

This makes those of us who help these animals avid supporters of spaying and neutering pets. Never is this closer to our minds than during the springtime when it becomes “kitten season”. There is a basic difference between female cats and dogs in their reproductive cycles.

Dogs have timed estrus or “heat” cycles. Female dogs come into heat and will breed every six to twelve months. This heat cycle lasts approximately three weeks. A female dog will only allow the male to breed during this time and only becomes pregnant if she is bred when she cycles and ovulates. This helps to control breeding in dogs, but even the most observant and careful guardian can lose track of their female dog for a few minutes and a breeding can take place.

Mother Nature is very efficient and even one breeding can be enough to allow a female dog to become pregnant. Litter sizes in dogs can be as small as one puppy or as large as ten or more puppies. If this happens twice yearly, one female dog allowed to breed on each cycle can make hundreds of puppies in her reproductive lifetime.

These facts and figures pale when compared to female cats. Cats cycle with their hormones almost continuously

until they become pregnant! Cats are induced ovulators. That means that they don’t just cycle twice a year, but go in and out of heat every few days until they are mated.

Again, mating is very efficient and one mating with a male cat can produce a litter of one to eight kittens. Almost immediately after giving birth, some female cats come back into heat again and can become pregnant right away. This means that a female cat can produce three to five litters a year and a prolific cat can, in one year, produce up to 30 to 40 kittens.



In this climate, some cats do not have as many heat cycles during the winter, but come spring, they all start cycling. This year, starting in early February, every female cat I spayed was in heat. Then in early April came an outpouring of pregnant females and queening cats. Already this month there are 30 to 40 kittens born or soon to be born — and it is still very early in the “kitten season.”

We must continue to advocate for spaying and neutering cats and kittens, and dogs and puppies so that each

animal born is wanted and loved, and has a better chance of finding a forever home. It is a daunting task, but one that we must continue to work at.

For people who live with a dog or cat, there are numerous health and social benefits that come from spaying and neutering these pets. There are also the social benefits that come with spaying and neutering — from fewer unwanted animals in general, to fewer animals in our shelters and rescue organizations.

Please continue to advocate and spread the word that spaying and neutering are one of the best things a person can do to keep their pet healthy.

Dr. Johnson can be reached at her clinic at P.O. Box 1606, Port Hadlock, WA, 98339; phone 360-385-2020.

Handicapped? Not our Barbie!

By Ann Gilson

Sweet little Barbie is finally able to walk without pain, and is in a warm, loving home of her own at last.

It has taken several months, lots of money, the efforts of two animal rescue groups, and a skilled and compassionate veterinarian — plus some luck — to bring it all about.

The tale begins last summer when Barbie was one of many pregnant strays in Forks, hungry, homeless and struggling to stay alive. Her first good luck was that a Good Samaritan gave her shelter and food on his porch, where her litter of kittens was born. Since she was tame and friendly, her kittens could be played with and her host was able to find homes for all but one of them.

The remaining kitten, later named Buttons, came to Friends of Forks Animals' Pam Winney's attention

because of his habit of wandering the streets dangerously, and FOFA offered to take the pair in. Pam contacted PFOA for help and we agreed.

Barbie came to us first after being spayed, and soon "cute as a button" Buttons joined her in our big quarantine room. They were happy to be together again, and we hoped they would be placed together. Sadly, this didn't happen, and Buttons went on to a fine home alone.

Barbie loved being at Safe Haven and got along well with the other cats. But the shelter manager became aware that she sometimes limped. She was taken to Dr. Linda Allen in Sequim, who found that she had serious damage to her left front leg and shoulder. A Seattle surgeon was consulted and then operated to pin the leg bones.

This operation was not successful and Barbie's pain while walking seemed to increase. Dr. Allen then recommended amputation, as did the



Barbie found a happy home.

surgeon. However, since Barbie was only about a year old and the surgery was so drastic, we also had her seen by a specialist in Seattle before deciding to go with the surgery. The specialist concurred that amputation would be the best course for her.

Dr. Allen, whose excellent surgical skills are well known to PFOA, performed the operation, and it was a splendid success.

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Cissy and RCA: The happy ending we hope for

By Susan Skaggs

Cissy and RCA (now known as CeCe and Rica) have found their forever home! They're living with Barbara Jones and her Chinese Crested dog, Fushe, in Coupeville, Washington. Barbara was looking for a companion for Fushe when she spotted the girls on www.petfinder.com. She hadn't planned on getting two more dogs, but when she saw the girls' pictures, she thought, "Why not? We have the room."

These formerly "fat girls" (see *Pet Tidings*, Summer, 2007 and Winter, 2008) have the run of the house and a large garden area with many nooks and crannies to investigate. They're on an appropriate diet, and Barbara takes them and Fushe on a



Cissy and RCA now enjoy life as CeCe and Rica.

walk every day. Regular visits to an off-leash dog park give them further opportunity to exercise and play — and they love both the car ride and running the trails in the park.

"They're fitting in very well," Barbara says. "And Fushe and I love them."

As a matter of fact, Fushe has been looking out for them since they arrived. When they first came to the Jones' household, they looked to him for guidance in all the daily routines. Now on their walks, Fushe runs ahead, then turns back to check on them and waits patiently while they catch up.

Barbara couldn't be more pleased with her little family. CeCe she calls "Mom's little dancer" from the way she stretches her hind legs — almost like a ballerina preparing for a performance. Rica, on the other hand, "is tougher, more like a little cowgirl. They make me laugh," Barbara adds.

This is the happy ending we'd all hoped for when these sweet girls came back into PFOA care.



“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”

Dear PFOA,

Around Christmas last year, we lost our kitty, Tawny. She jumped out of the car after our vet visit. She should have been in a pet carrier, but it was in use by our other cat that also had a vet appointment. The staff at Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital was very helpful and tried to help us catch her to no avail. After watching her run across Washington Street and climb into a crevasse between two buildings, we knew our pursuit of her could cause more harm than good. We worked with Angus Trent and Sharon Quesnell, who were more than helpful and followed up with us the next day. Shortly, we had many volunteers looking for Tawny, putting up fliers,



and setting traps. My husband and I could hardly believe how dedicated everyone was in helping us find our kitty.

All this happened two days before we were scheduled to be out of town. We left our garage door open and left food for her in case she was able to make it home. Upon our return, we found that the food was gone. Moments later, a healthy, happy Tawny came running to greet us. She had walked the two miles from downtown [Sequim] to our home. We've learned our lesson and feel privileged to have her back. I would like to give a special thank-you to Angus, Sharon, and all the people involved in helping us find Tawny. Please accept our donation to be used on whatever you see fit.

Thank you very much!

Nichole and Dave Starman

Dear friends at Safe Haven,

I love the new “Pet Tidings” and am so pleased to read about the wonderful cats — their new homes and lucky owners. My Forks rescues, Cassie and Dickens, are well and spoiled. Pet “Mostus” for me — I'm one of his sponsors now. Miss you all,

Donna Flint

This thank you is addressed to all of the people who give their time to make PFOA work. It's a wonderful organization and I know I'm not alone in appreciating all you do to find homes for the homeless, provide care to those in need, and put in the “fix” so that feral cats can live out their lives without leaving another generation behind.

Thank you all, for all you do.
Mason Fricchette

Dear Kim and other wonderful volunteers,

It does my heart good to bring you an update on Titus. He is a very brave, tough and yet mushy guy, who doesn't always look before he leaps! He does learn quickly however, and never makes the same mistake twice. Little miss Lulu however is a very different kettle of fish! We renamed her because she has so much energy and is so full of magic, I wanted to call her Magic. However, my husband hated the name.

This after he totally ignored them for the first day because I brought home two kittens instead of just the agreed upon one!

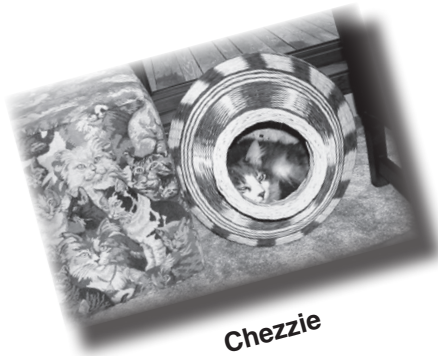
However, he soon fell in love the first time he tried to get on the computer and was overwhelmed with kitten help! They both love the computer, but my little Magic cat is especially enthralled with the arrow and the cursor and will try to catch them. She also showed an overwhelming desire to drink my

husband's coffee . So from then on to him she has been Caffeine or Caffie for short. It also fits her because she seems to be constantly in motion like she is on a caffeine buzz.

They have tons of toys which they carry all over, a scratching post, a cardboard scratcher, and my husband taped up a great big box for them and cut cat size holes in it so only they could get in. They just love it. We are having a great time.

Thank you ~ **Sherri Cobb**

“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



Chezzie

Dear PFOA,
 Chezzie knocked over my basket and crawled inside to nap. Miles climbs up on top of my desk and alternately watches the outside birds feeding and naps on top of the toy leopard. Thanks again for our sweet babies!
Judy and Ken Schindler, Forks



Miles

Dear “Mom,”

Read this very quietly — we don’t want the dogs to hear,
 We’ve discovered a plot to steal your heart,
 And we fear the end is near!
 They’ve taken our toys, they’ve taken our beds,
 And now they’re eating our food.
 When we find one of our kitty chews,
 We find it’s already been chewed.
 They slobber in our water bowl,
 And make a really big mess.
 They drool and make disgusting sounds,
 But when *you’re* around,
 They try to act cool, and make *us* look like clowns.
 Please don’t let them steal your heart,
 And leave us alone and forgotten.
 Remember, we were the first “kids” you had,
 And dogs are just plain ROTTEN!!!

Happy Day, Mom

The “Katz”

Written by Dallas Campbell for his wife, Nancy, on behalf of their cats

“You’re not so tough!”



Trixie, 6-month-old kitty of Steve and Robin Masters, is ready to challenge a “He-Man” doll. She will take on any opponent, Robin says.

Dear PFOA,

Dougal remains about the same: a curious, investigative, and generally pesty cat who has a very sweet nature and can be as ornery as hell.

He has the most beautiful golden eyes! He tends to a pattern: for several days he will routinely come jump up in my lap and then stay there for an hour or so. Then I may not see him for a long time before he comes back. He weighs 15 lbs. now. Still my favorite cat!

He loves “cave” like places. Always crawling under blankets, etc. The other day he was on Ziggy’s bed, managed to get under the blanket and all one could see was four paws sticking out! Both Meeko and Ziggy (dogs) show great consternation when he decides to take over their beds — which is often. That cat believes everything in the house belongs to him. Can you tell we enjoy him immensely?

Phyllis Koch



Dougal



Oreo

Look who's been adopted!



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Petey



Silver Eagle



Titus



Lulu



Milo



Ginny



Bea



RCA



Cissy



Panda



Zeus



Butters



Sparky



Miles



Barbie



Jeeves

Not pictured:
■ LeMur

Cat people are different, to the extent that they generally are not conformists. How could they be, with a cat running their lives?

Louis Camuti, DVM

Barbie: Active and frisky again

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Barbie was free of pain and walking the next day, healed quickly, and was active and frisky to an extent she hadn't been since the accident (probably automobile related) that damaged her.

Karen Groves, a PFOA volunteer whose "Cat Nips" poetry often appears in *Pet Tidings*, had met Barbie at Safe Haven before the surgery. The two became quite attached and Karen was eager to adopt Barbie.

Our policy is to complete all medical procedures before pets are

available for adoption. So it was the day Barbie's stitches were removed that she went home with Karen to her forever home, pain-free and secure in Karen's love.

"Barbie" is now "Emmy" and shares her new home with Karen and four other amiable rescued cats.

"They all get along very well," says Karen, "and Emmy can do anything any of the others can. Don't call her 'handicapped', because she really isn't."

Emmy agrees whole heartedly and races up a cat tree to prove it.

Fashion fundraiser

The first-ever Peninsula Friends of Animals Fashion Show and Luncheon was not only fun, but a great success in April. Attendees, models, helpers and servers all seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves. The packed event with silent auction reaped \$4,720 to benefit the cats at Safe Haven and PFOA's other programs. A big thank you to Cindi Caldicott and her crew of volunteers, and to C'est Si Bon Restaurant for hosting the event. Fashions were provided by Gottschalk's of Port Angeles.



Sharon Palmer shows off a summer ensemble at C'est Si Bon restaurant, site of the fashion show and luncheon event in April.

Sequim Open Aire Market

Look for PFOA at this season's Sequim Open Aire Market. We'll have a table full of all sorts of wonderful (many hand-crafted) cat- and dog-themed items. Dates are June 7, July 5 and Sept. 13. Mark your calendars!

Mews from the board



The PFOA Board of Directors is working very hard to look beyond our day-to-day operations, as critical as they are, to the future of the organization. Believing in our Mission and our work, we are learning that we must take the time to plan ahead financially if we are to be viable in the years to come.

To this end, we are grateful to have the mentoring of the Sequim Community Foundation, and in particular Tom Mix. SCF has guided us in the setting up of an endowment fund under their auspices. Donations to these funds are welcome as always. You may want to establish a fund in your family's or your pet's name.

Contact us if you have any questions at **360-452-0414**.

Spotted on the Internet . . .



Submitted by Pam LaLonde

Like a graceful vase, a cat, even when motionless, seems to flow.
George F. Will



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 **Ann Robinson Houck**, from **Charlotte McKay**.
- In memory of "**Dollie**" **Lucier**, mother of Shirley and Ted Crosby, who passed away March 22, 2008. She dearly loved her "mama cat" and litters of babies she helped her raise. She loved and respected all living creatures. She passed at 92 years old. From **Gail and David Murphy**.
- In memory of her uncle, **Brian Robinson**. May this donation help the animals that he so dearly loved. From **Karen Robinson**.
- In memory of **Brian R. Robinson**, from his brother and sister-in-law, **David and Peggy Robinson**.
- In memory of **Brian R. Robinson**, from **Charlotte McKay**.
- In memory of **Brian Robinson**, from **Linda M. Walton and Monroe H. Mills**.
- In memory of **Brian Robinson**, from **Phyllis and Jodi Borden**.
- In memory of **Brian R. Robinson**, from **Mr. and Mrs. Bill Knapman**.
- In memory of **Brian Robinson**, from **Joyce Phillips**.
- In memory of the life of **Brian Robinson**, from **Patricia B. Ley**.
- In memory of **Brian R. Robinson**, from **George Broderick**.
- In memory of **Brian Robinson** who loved the critters. He fed the deer (corn and apples) during the winter months and probably spent as much on bird food as people food. From **Candi Beckwith-Jones**.
- In memory of **Brian Robinson**, from **Judith Mahaffey**.
- In memory of **Brian Robinson**, son of Albert and Betty Robinson, from **Forrest and Sonia Shaw**.
- In memory and honor of **Agnes VanVoorHees**. She cared very much for animals, and it was her wish that money be spent for their care, from **Dr. Joyce Murphy**.
- In memory of **Agnes VanVoorHees**. We will always be grateful for her generous support and belief in our work on behalf of animals, from **PFOA staff and members**.
- In memory of **Patty Hart**, an advocate for animals and a long time member and supporter of PFOA

- In memory of **Jerry Wollman**, from **Helen Hille**.
- In memory of **Dorothy Lewis**, from **Clyde R. Stice**.

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In memory of our dear **Smudge**. He was a wonderful friend; entertaining, funny (sometimes annoying while trying to be cute!) He gave us 5 1/2 years of joy, and it was a shock when he collapsed from a stroke. Gone but never forgotten. Thanks for being there. From **Lynn and Sheldon McGuire**.
- In memory of Joella Pederson's beloved Kitty, **Shields**, who she loved very much and so did I. From **Janet Harker**.
- In memory of Sue Burns and Jeff Carpenter's dog, **Jack**, a lonely, starved dog that found a place in their hearts. From **Janet Harker**.
- In memory of a most precious friend, **Annabelle**. She will be a great loss for Odette Ballars, from **Lynn and Sheldon McGuire**.
- In memory of **Jellical Cat**, the 20-year-old family member of Robert and Judy Gates, from **Norma Herbold**.
- In memory of **Smudge**, beloved cat companion of Shell and Lynn McGuire, from **Ruth Krull**.
- In memory of **all the felines** who have shared our lives. From **Peter Grassi and Shirley McFadden**.
- In memory of "**Liberty**," companion and guardian of the James family, from **Dave Neupert and Claudia Neupert**.
- In memory of **Smudge McGuire**, from **Joanne Thoma**.
- In loving memory of our **Grady**, gone too soon. From **Karen, Rocky, Sunny, Mitzi and Suki**.
- In memory of "**Mr. Foo**," from **Chris and Sharon Swenson**.
- In loving memory of **Duffy**, Emily and Lee Cox's best friend. He was loving, happy-go-lucky and extremely loyal. Duffy was more than 20 years old when he passed away! He will be missed more than words can express, from **Laurie L. Cox**.
- In memory of **Millie**, our 24-lb., 9-year-old Maine Coon cat, from **Connie Smith**.
- In memory of Dale and Flora Rodgers' beloved dog, "**RV**," from **Donna**.
- In memory of **Penny**, from **Karen Groves**.
- In memory of Helen Hille's sweet 19-year-old feline companion, **Boo**, from **Gary DelMastro**.
- In memory of Karen Groves' wonderful PFOA rescued cat, **Grady** (formerly Max), from **Gary DelMastro**.
- In memory of "**Jack**," a true friend. Love, **Sue, Jeff, Maggie and Cuddles**.
- In memory of Kim and Darryll's **Penny**, from **Janet Harker**.



Memorials and Honorariums

- In memory of Helen Hille's **Boo-Grrs**, from **Janet Harker**.
- In memory of **Penny**, Kim and Darryll's latest family member, from **Helen Hille**.
- In memory of **Boo-Grrs**, Carl's beloved 19-year-old companion cat, from **Helen Hille**.
- In memory of Jan and Jen Cabbage's beloved friends **Mr. Tom, J.J., Mr. Bonnie and Jerry's canine buddies**, too, from **Sharon Q**.
- May Helen Hille's **Boo-Grrs** be curled up in Carl's lap purring up a storm, from **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of **Grady** (aka Max), who won Karen Groves' heart and gave as much love as he got! From **Sharon Q**.
- In honor of the three rescued sibs —**Tabby, Spooky and Tigger**, who shared their lives with Barbara and Doug Bolles — may they live on in sweet memory, from **Sharon Q**.
- In honor of Janet and Jess Harker's **Donovan** and **MaryLou**, who found a loving home and shared everything

they had, from **Sharon Q**.

- In honor of Kim and Darryll Pruitt's sweet **Penny**, whose spirit shone through even on her most difficult days. She will not be forgotten by her many friends, from **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of sweet little **Linsey**, Ann Gilson's kitty, from **Nancy O'Gorman**

Honorariums

- Wishing her friend **Lynn McGuire** a very happy birthday, from **Ruth Krull**.
- In honor of **Janet Giammalva's** birthday, from **Jauna Marimba**.
- In honor of **LeAnn Barber's** birthday, from **Jill Snider**.
- In honor of **Denise Templeton's** birthday, from **Judith Palumbo-Gates**.
- In honor of **Marjorie Benning's** birthday, from **Judith Palumbo-Gates**



For all of her nearly 90 years, **Agnes VanVoorHees** of Port Townsend loved and helped animals. The childless widow provided a home for many pets over the years, the last two being her beloved dogs, Lady and Brodie.

As she neared the end of her life, Agnes wanted to be able to continue helping animals after she was gone. She turned to her trusted veterinarian and friend, Dr. Joyce Murphy, for advice on how to do this.

Dr. Murphy, a board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist, has generously supported Peninsula Friends of Animals since we began, donating her services, money, and many medicines to help the sick and injured animals we rescue.

Knowing so well the work we do and of our never-ending need for financial help to do it, she suggested a major bequest to PFOA as a way for Agnes to continue her loving care for dogs and cats.

And so it is, and will continue to be, relieving the suffering of pets who come to us abused or neglected and helping us care for them until they find good and loving homes. Her generous bequest to PFOA will keep her love for animals alive and active in the world for many years to come.

A Poem

Let me come in where you are weeping, friend,
 And let me take your hand.
 I, who have known a sorrow such as yours,
 Can understand.
 Let me come in — I would be very still
 Beside you in your grief,
 I would not bid you cease your weeping, friend,
 Tears bring relief.
 Let me come in — I would only breathe a prayer,
 And hold your hand,
 For I have known a sorrow such as yours,
 And understand.

*In memory of "RV," Flora and Dale's beloved dog that could not hear, but was able to communicate with his big heart and beautiful soul.
 From Donna and Pam and all their critters.*

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An indoor cat is a safe, happy, healthy cat

As a responsible cat owner, you know that cats need a caring home to be healthy and happy. Keeping them indoors is a critical part in providing that caring home. We often feel that there is something “wild” about our beloved cats; but in fact they are domestic animals, not wildlife. Every time that they visit the outdoors, they are at risk for a host of dangers. By keeping our cats indoors, we protect our cats, protect wildlife, and are better neighbors.

What would your cat gain?

- As many as 10 to 15 years of additional life, on average.
- Better daily health.
- Drastically fewer injuries, infections, and illnesses.
- A safer, more comfortable environment.

What would you gain?

- A healthier cat and fewer veterinary visits.
- Reduced risk of transmittable diseases, especially to pregnant women.
- A flea-free zone.
- Appreciative neighbors.
- Peace of mind knowing your cat is safe.

What would your cat miss?

- Being hit by a car.
- Being killed by drinking anti-freeze and other poisons.
- Contracting serious or incurable diseases like feline leukemia, distemper, or FIV.
- Being killed by predators such as coyotes, eagles or owls
- Being trapped, deliberately poisoned, stolen, or inhumanely treated by misguided humans.
- Illnesses, such as tularemia and toxoplasmosis, from consuming a wild bird, mammal, reptile, or amphibian.

Enrich indoor living for your cat

- Resting perches: Make a resting shelf or high perch by a window, so your cat can see outside.
- Outdoor Enclosures: Animal shelters and veterinarians often have plans for safe outdoor enclosures (or search “Outdoor Cat Enclosure” on the web for ideas).
- A clean litter box: Scoop your cat’s litter daily to provide a clean “bathroom.”
- Open a screened window: Access to the smells and sounds of the great outdoors can provide hours of enjoyment for your cat.
- Toys: keep lots of different kinds of toys to intrigue different parts of your cat’s brain.
 - Include bags and boxes, “chase” toys (balls, small objects, etc.) and “kill” toys (catnip mice, etc.)
 - Rotate the toys, and store “out of play” toys in a large jar or a bag with some loose catnip.

- Hide toys and treats around the house.
- Get lots of “interactive” toys like fishing poles with toys on them and play with your cat regularly.

Get your cat licensed and micro chipped: Just in case your indoor cat gets outdoors, a pet license and a microchip will help ensure your cat comes home safely; and in most municipalities, cat licenses are required by law.

Help an outdoor cat become an indoor cat

- Provide gradual adjustment time. Bring your cat in for an increasingly longer time each day.
- If you are absolutely convinced that the indoor life simply does not fit your cat’s lifestyle after you have tried everything possible to make it so, pledge to make your next cat an indoor-only cat. And make sure that all of your cats are spayed or neutered.

Countless birds are killed each year by outdoor cats. A cat’s instinct is to hunt, stalk, and kill. Just because you don’t see evidence in your backyard doesn’t mean they haven’t been killing wildlife. Well-fed cats still hunt. Our cats’ urge to hunt and chase is located in a different part of their brain than their urge to eat; it doesn’t matter if they are not hungry. Bells don’t help; cats learn to walk soundlessly. By keeping our cats indoors, we protect our pets, save wildlife, and are better neighbors.

Source: Puget Sound Cats Indoors Coalition

THE CLASSIFIEDS

■ PFOA WISH LIST:

Paper towels, bleach, dry dog food, dry cat food (for pets of low-income community residents), piddle pads, vinegar, pet carriers, large lidded plastic tubs (25 gal. or larger), fresh catnip or cat grass.

DARE TO DREAM:

Garden storage shed (used is OK if in good condition); carts for handicapped animals.

■ WANTED ~ VOLUNTEERS:

MEDIA COORDINATOR — to place advertisements and other announcements in local newspapers and be responsible for publicity on radio, in newspapers, etc.

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Dates to remember:

PLEASE JOIN US for General Membership Meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month, April through August. The meeting is from **6-7 p.m.** with a “Snackluck” beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is closed Sunday and Monday. Please call **360-452-0414** to leave a message if you would like to visit, as appointments are required. A volunteer will return your call.

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