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Stanley, a kitten full of surprises

By Julie Coyle

We all hope for happy endings for the cats and kittens that enter Safe Haven. But what about happy beginnings and middles to their stories as well? Could any cat or dog be so lucky?

Stanley's story says, "you bet!"

From the ladies who found him to the young woman who fostered him to the amazing family that adopted him, Stanley's tale is one of love and success.

Stanley is a kitten full of surprises. If he's not launching himself across rooms or pouncing playfully on those he loves, he might be found sneaking food from his fellow felines' dishes. With such a sprightly personality it seems fitting that his first encounter with his rescuer, Maureen Conniff, would be a surprise.

Maureen had just arrived home from a trip to Victoria. She walked out to her car to retrieve a few items when she heard a sound.



Stanley

A small, muffled sound.

At first she blamed it on her imagination. After all, it was dark and the mind can play tricks at night. But on a second trip to the car she heard it again. A tiny mew.

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

OUR MISSION

To prevent the birth of unwanted cats and dogs through progressive spay/neuter and educational programs; and to place as many homeless, neglected, and abused animals as possible into good, safe, permanent homes.



Allie

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Buzzy



Bootsie



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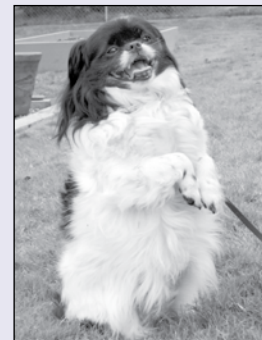
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Louie

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From the Editor's Desk

After we're gone . . .

The story of Max, on Page 5, illustrates a situation in which many people who love animals find themselves.

They are getting older, but they don't know how much money they are going to need for their own support during the years they have left. Or how many years to plan for.

Inflation, economic problems, illness or disability, and other unknowns mean that most of us must prudently husband our resources and cannot spend carelessly. We cannot give as generously as our hearts urge us to, to those pets or people we long to help through the organizations we support.

But many of us do have assets, large or small, or perhaps sources of income we will not need once we are gone. If we do not have family or others dependent on us, those assets

can then safely be left to further the causes that matter most to us.

For many readers of *Pet Tidings*, animal welfare — spay/neuter to reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats, and a no-kill shelter with foster home network for pets awaiting new homes — is a very high priority.

We urge you to carefully consider making a bequest to a group or groups that match *your* values, and will put the resources you leave to work doing the things that are important to *you*.

If PFOA is one such group, do talk to your lawyer and/or financial advisor about it. If you have questions, or if we can help in any way, please call **Nancy Campbell** at 360-452-6465 or **Ann Gilson** at 360-452-2130.

The Editors

Silent auction nets generous gift



Audrey Hetherington of The Lodge at Sherwood Village (left), held a silent auction to benefit the TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) program at Peninsula Friends of Animals. Receiving the check from Audrey are JoAnne Alford, center, and Diane Lopez of PFOA. Audrey and her friends did an amazing job raising more than \$1,000!

From scruffy, dirty kitten to 'forever home'

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She stood up and felt something small and furry rub against her left leg. Upon feeling something furry in the dark, most of us might let out a startled yelp, but brave Maureen calmly reached down and discovered a small kitten at her feet. Moments later she held out the scruffy, dirty kitten to Pat Maitland, her housemate and said, "Look what I found!"

It came as no surprise to Pat. Much to their great fortune, many stray cats have "found" these two women. Both love animals and Pat has even dedicated a great deal of time to sewing potholders for Peninsula Friends of Animals' famous ongoing fundraiser. Several cats have graced their lives, but this little guy was special, Pat thought. He had a certain spark about him.

Pat and Maureen's two other cats, however, did not agree. One cat, who was in a sour mood due to medical issues, decided to hide from the newcomer. The other, a sweet but very protective feline, didn't like Stanley encroaching on his territory. And so the women made a place in the kitchen for the kitten where he could remain separated and safe from the other cats.

A thorough inspection revealed a serious flea infestation on Stanley. What they thought was a smudge of mud on the top of the kitten's head turned out to be dried blood and a nest of newly hatched fleas. A bath was in order. Then Pat contacted Safe Haven, and a flea medication was delivered.

That first night, Stanley — as Pat and Maureen christened him — slept peacefully in the kitchen. The next morning found him peeking out from behind the mixer. With a mighty jump he landed on Pat's shoulders and began cuddling. It is no wonder that in only three days Stanley squirmed his way into the women's hearts. When asked what Stanley was like, both ladies give a hearty laugh: "Oh, he was such a



Kieran Conroy meets Stanley.

character! So spirited!"

PFOA placed a "found kitten" ad in the local newspaper but it went unanswered. With two other cats on their hands, Pat and Maureen were unable to keep a rambunctious kitten. Just as Stanley's story entered a new phase in needing a caregiver, one of PFOA's dedicated foster moms stepped in to help.

A caring young woman named Angelyna Lopez welcomed Stanley with open arms as did the rest of her family. With cats and dogs of her own, Angelyna's home was a perfect fit for a playful kitten, who proved he could adjust quite well to other household pets.

Angelyna has helped many kittens transition from life on the street to life in a real home. In her care, the socialization to other animals and to people that they receive is vital in preparing them for adoption.

Luckily, Stanley was a quick study, for he wasn't at Angelyna's home for more than a week when a family contacted PFOA wanting a kitten. Off to Safe Haven's shelter Stanley went as a possible candidate for the Conroy family.

Upon seeing Stanley, Kevin and Val Conroy and their son, Kieran, fell head over heels for this adorable little guy. With another cat plus Kieran in the family, Stanley was sure to have



Kevin Conroy says "we'll take him!"

playmates in this home.

Shortly after his adoption, a letter came to Safe Haven, along with several pictures.

If the old saying of "a picture is worth a thousand words" is true, then Stanley is right where he belongs. A playful kitten held close by a smiling boy expresses beyond words the kind of happiness that only a cuddly pet can bring.

"Stanley's great, and quite a pistol!" Kevin said recently of their newest family member. Kieran calls Stanley an "attack cat," referring to the kitten's insatiable desire to play with anything that moves, including their 4-year-old tabby cat, Chuck, adopted from another shelter just weeks before Stanley's adoption.

"Stanley is high-energy but wonderful," Kevin added.

Adopting the two felines so close together has paid off for the Conroys. The older cat seems to have no trouble accepting his younger "kitten brother" as the two eat from the same bowl and sleep cuddled up together. Stanley even latches onto Chuck's back and "rides" him around the house, offering limitless entertainment to the family.

Stanley's story proves once again what can happen when a string of caring people take the time to find one scruffy kitten his forever home.

And that's the best surprise of all. ❀

Mews from the Board



How Are We Doing?

Often, when we run into a member or other PFOA supporter, we are asked “How is PFOA doing?” We can reply: “So far we are weathering the economic storm. Only we can’t know if a slowdown in donations is cyclical or if we are being affected by the recession.”

In an effort to reduce the uncertainty, we have included a form that you can use to initiate a monthly giving plan to be charged to your credit card. Won’t you please consider this option? If we know we have a certain amount coming in monthly, it makes planning so much easier. If you choose monthly giving, you may opt to receive an acknowledgement of your donation on an annual or monthly basis.

Thus far we have not had to scale down our efforts in Spay/Neuter or Rescue and Re-home. This year we have reached the 6,000 mark in spay/neuters.

We are finding, however, that the low-income people we assist in having their companion animals spayed or neutered are finding it more difficult to come up with the co-pay amount. We hope to run special spay/neuter promotions

where their cost will be negligible or nonexistent.

We are saddened, yet thankful, that PFOA has received four bequests from supporters this year. When we receive a bequest that is not directed to be used for a particular purpose and is less than our average monthly expenses, it is deposited to our general fund to be used where most needed. In the event of a major non-directed bequest, the Board would allocate the funds for purposes designed to ensure the sustainability and stability of the organization.

Examples of these purposes would be “Rainy Day Fund,” “Facilities Improvement/Additions Fund,” “Income-Producing Investment Fund,” “Special Projects/Promotions Fund” and “Staff Additions and Benefits Fund”.

We are proud to have so many loyal supporters within the community. We promise to continue to run PFOA in adherence with our mission statement and to be deserving of your continued support.

Barbara Swedeen, Co-Secretary

A ‘spooky’ Safe Haven



Linda Hebert, holding Tippy the office cat, and Sherry Creech got into the costume spirit for Halloween at Safe Haven.



Remembering Chrissy

Oct. 7, 1994 ~ Nov. 4, 2011, Age 17

We are sorry to report the passing of Chrissy, our Canine Shelter Mascot. Chrissy, the beloved dog of our business manager, Sherry Creech, came to work every day. A gentle, sweet girl, she quietly lay in her bed by Sherry’s desk where she was plied with treats by her many fans. Chrissy’s devotion to her mom was legendary, and we will miss seeing her sweet face.



Winning four ways

By Ann Gilson

Some four years ago, little Max lost the home where he'd been born, and his beloved guardian, his mother, and his brother.

His owner faced a heartbreaking problem increasingly common in our society. Her elderly parents, who lived across the country, needed help to be able to stay in their home. Their limited income was too much to make them eligible for public assistance, yet far below enough to pay for the kind and amount of help they had to have.

Their daughter loved them and must move. The building they lived in did not allow pets.

She was able to place her older dog with a good longtime friend, and one of the siblings with another family member. But there was no one to take Max. She was desperate.

Fortunately, she knew about PFOA and called us for help. When Nancy Campbell, our shelter manager, went to meet Max, she found a sweet little 7-year-old Peke/Chihuahua mix, healthy, well behaved and rather quiet, very good natured.

She immediately wondered if he wouldn't make a good pet for an elderly couple who had contacted her recently. Certainly he'd be ideal for someone looking for a nice quiet older dog.

Nancy was one of our two foster dog parents at that time, so she took Max to the vet and then home with her.

The couple (we'll call them the Smiths) who had contacted her about getting an older dog were concerned about what would happen to the dog if one or both of them died or could no longer care for it. Nancy had several long



Max

discussions with them about this, and agreed to re-home their dog if necessary.

Well, Max went to live with the Smiths after we got dentistry and routine health issues taken care of. PFOA even bought fencing to beef up security in their back yard, and Angus Trent, our building and grounds volunteer, installed it for them. Max loved his new home and people, and the Smiths adored Max.

Two happy years passed. Then very suddenly, Mr. Smith died, and Mrs. Smith had a stroke, had to leave her home for rehabilitation, and then *she* died.

Fortunately, they had foreseen this eventuality, and had asked Nancy if she, acting for PFOA, would care for Max in case they couldn't, and not re-home him. She, and we, promised them she would. They didn't have a large income, but said they'd leave PFOA some money for his care.

Max came back to Nancy when Mrs. Smith had her stroke. She anticipated that he might have some adjustment problems in a busy home with several other dogs and cats. And for a few days he *was* a little scared and bewildered. But almost immediately, he decided he loved having other dogs to play with, and running in a huge fenced area, and all the new fun things in his life.

Today Max is a happy, healthy, active part of the Campbell family of people, dogs and cats. And all his expenses are paid for by the very generous bequest that the Smiths left for his care, and to help further PFOA's goals now and after Max is gone.

There were four winners in this happy story — Max's original owner, Max, the Smiths, and PFOA.

Who could ask for a happier ending? ❖

Keep your pets safe from holiday hazards

Holidays can pose many safety problems for pets. Please be vigilant this season and keep these tips in mind for a happy holiday for everyone, furry friends included: **Tinsel and tree needles**, both natural and artificial, are indigestible. If swallowed they can cause intestinal blockage resulting in decreased appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, listlessness and weight loss. Treatment usually involves surgery.

Don't use edible ornaments or fragile, easily breakable glass decorations to trim the tree. Your pet may knock over

the tree trying to get to them and your cat may decide they are toys and cut himself trying to play with them. Don't use angel hair. It's made of spun glass and can cause irritation on contact.

Make sure electrical cords are out of reach, taped firmly to walls or floors. Chewing on wires may cause burns or pulmonary edema (fluid in the lungs), which can be fatal. Don't use wire ornament hooks that can easily snag an ear or a tail or, if swallowed, can lodge in the throat or intestines. Instead, fashion loops of yarn or ribbons. And be careful

not to leave any of that lying around.

Keep your pet away from the tree. Use a baby gate in the doorway or low lattice fencing around the tree itself — and since cats like to climb, secure the tree so he can't knock it over. Don't leave pets alone in a room with candles as the swish of a tail can be disastrous. Alcohol and chocolate are toxic so keep drinks and sweets out of a pet's reach. Turkey bones can lodge in a pet's throat or intestines. For more tips, go online to <http://www.petplace.com/> and put the word "holidays" into the search bar.

Safe Haven **ADOPTABLES!**

Oldies but Goodies . . .



Like most shelters, Safe Haven has a number of cats who are “old timers.” They’ve been with us a *long* time. You’ve seen their faces in our newsletters and in the newspaper. But, for one reason or another, they’re never chosen by adopters. Here’s a sampling of the cats left behind.



Beverly

BEVERLY is a short-haired white cat with beautiful tabby markings. She’s only about 2 years old and very sociable. No one at the shelter can figure out why this lovely girl hasn’t been adopted. She’s a bit portly and could use some salads, but other than that she’s highly adoptable. Surely there must be someone who would love to add this wonderful kitty to their household.

PENELOPE is our “magic disappearing cat.” You can visit her room at the shelter many times and never see her. She’s had some hard knocks in life that have taught her to be wary. Yet this 6-year-old, long-haired beauty is a real jewel. She’s sweet as can be and one of those cats who “melts” into you as you pet her. She’s gaining trust as she’s being worked with at Safe Haven, but her progress would be spectacular in a home of her own.



Penelope



Bailey

BAILEY is shy and runs when approached. It’s best to sit quietly and wait for her to come to you. It’s going to take a while for Bailey to warm up in a new home. But when she does, she’s going to be a love for some lucky adopter. Bailey is a beautiful long-haired tortie.

LINDY LOU is a take-charge type of kitty. There’s no question with Lindy who’s going to rule her household. This makes her a little bossy with her roommates. But come to B1 at the shelter, and she’ll show you around. She’s a gorgeous, 12-year-old calico with no medical problems who needs a home of her own. She would make a wonderful cat for an older person who lives in a facility where only a single pet is allowed.



Lindy Lou



Suzie

SUZIE is a 4-year-old black kitty with short hair, two strikes against her since black kitties tend to be the last adopted at the shelter, and her age is beginning to make a difference in adoptability. Suzie is a great cat. She’s first at the door when visitors come. She gets along well with other cats. She has no medical problems. And her short hair is easy to care for. Please consider Suzie if you have room in your home and your heart for one more.

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

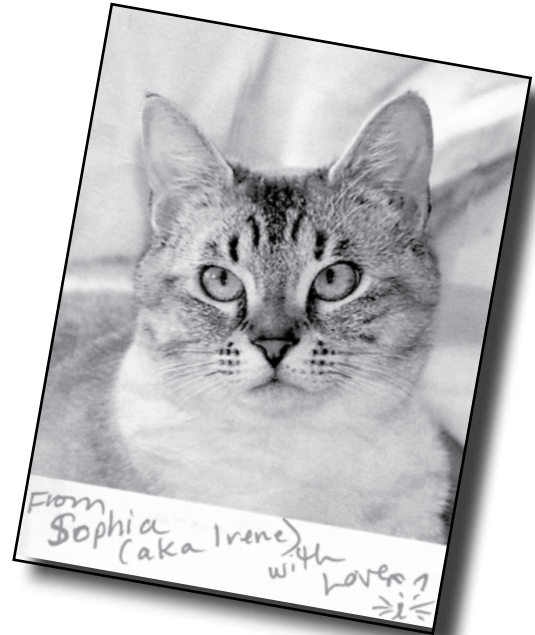
“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



Dear PFOA,

Just wanted to share some photos of our bengals, Timmy and Hunter. They are doing amazingly. Timmy’s arm is all healed, and most of his hair is all grown back. They are true gems. Thank you for thinking of us when they needed to be adopted; it was truly a perfect fit.

Diane Harvey and Patti Monson



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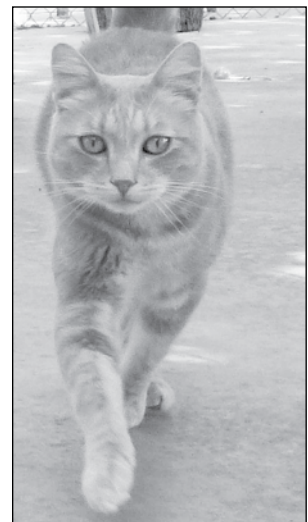


Li'l Bear

LI'L BEAR is the last of the 2010 kittens. He’s a year old now, a handsome black teenager who is FeLV positive. This means he needs a home with no other (or only FeLV) cats. Li'l Bear is playful and affectionate. His foster family loves him dearly, but they have to keep him separated from their other cats.



MANGO, like most cats with behavioral issues, will need a very special person to adopt him. He is easily over stimulated and can bite or scratch if you don’t read his signs. Mango has suffered a lot of losses in his young life. He not only lost his home, but his companion cat was adopted. Since then, he’s found other companions at the shelter, and one after another they’ve been adopted, too. Mango is very bright. He’s a short-haired orange tabby with an attitude. It would be wonderful if he could be



Mango

adopted with his current companion cat, Trevor.

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“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”

Dear PFOA,

Here we are now, a year and a half old, and living with our parents for a year and three months, having the time of our lives. Mommy and Daddy’s bedroom (ours as well) is our favorite place to play and watch out the window — we can see the world go by from here.

We are so grateful for all you did for us while we were with you in



finding our forever parents. It’s the dedication of all of you that gives

little ones like us a great chance at a wonderful and happy life.

Please use the enclosed gift (we saved our toy allowance to send you this gift) in whatever way it will best help you and all the animals.

Sincerely,
The eternally grateful **Noir and Echo**, and an especially grateful **Karen and Van Niemi** (alias Mommy and Daddy)

Dear PFOA,

Thank you for the “stray cat rules” (in the Fall 2011 issue of *Pet Tidings*). We have observed a similar set of rules for many years with enjoyable and memorable results. We’ve also maintained a feline “summer house” for those felines in need of temporary shelter from their itinerant rounds. We loved “The Miracles of Faith” by Ann Gilson. The Princess Mews has a similar history of rescue.

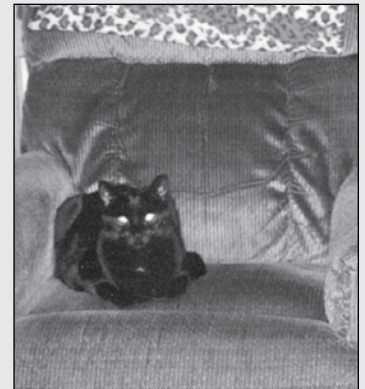
Thank you,
Michael Snyder and The Princess Mews

Dear PFOA,

This is to help take care of Comet’s littermates, Fagin and Thistle.

We have had Comet for six years and she is a big old love bug.

Rose M. Rose



 **Dear PFOA,**

I had a good week and thought I’d share. Please use this for whatever you need. Thanks for all the wonderful things you do for all the furry friends.

Arlene Thomas



 **Dear PFOA,**

Please use this where needed. You all do such great loving care for all of your “charges.”

Adrienne Monro

Hi Everyone,

Please accept this donation and use it for whatever is most important at this time. You are so special, and the work you do for the animals is truly outstanding.

Beethoven and I have been together now for 13 months. We are very close and the love we share is unbelievable. He is truly the “love of my life.”

Sincerely ~ **Patty Dearing**

Dear PFOA,

These wonderful kitty babies were Jenga and Bingo in August 2009 when they came home with us! Stu and I appreciate all that you do. And I’ve chosen to support PFOA as one of the organizations my business supports with each transaction.

Chris Estes



Dear PFOA,

Enclosed is my donation for general expenses for our kitty friends. Thanks for all you do and a big thank you to all of the volunteers. Keep up the good work. Hugs to all of you. Your friend,

Margi Renken

Vet-Smartz

VACCINATION SCHEDULES FOR CATS
AND DOGS HAVE BEEN REEVALUATED



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

Vaccination schedules for cats

Vaccinations in dogs and cats have changed in kind and frequency in the last few years. Annual vaccinations are probably not needed in all cats now, and may even cause health problems in some animals. Vaccinations can be divided into “core” vaccinations — those that protect against common diseases such as distemper, leukemia and rabies, and “non-core” vaccinations that protect against less common or regional diseases such as Feline Aids, FIP and Microsporium.

For cats it is most beneficial to decide which vaccinations are needed by looking at how much cats stay indoors versus how much they go outdoors and interact with other cats. Cats that spend the majority of their time indoors have much less exposure to airborne and blood-borne diseases and probably need fewer kinds of vaccinations and longer intervals between vaccinations as they mature.

For cats at various ages I recommend the following **core vaccinations**:

- All kittens should have Feline distemper, rhinotracheitis, and calicivirus (often abbreviated with letters such as FVRCP) at 8, 12 and 16 weeks. Many or most kittens should probably have at least one, and possible two, Leukemia virus vaccinations so they are protected if they ever escape or are allowed outside.

- For young-adult cats, I recommend a vaccination booster for distemper, rhinotracheitis and calicivirus (FVRCP) at 1 year of age and Leukemia boosters annually if they are indoor/outdoor cats. It is especially important to give Leukemia vaccinations to cats that tend to fight with other cats as this virus is often spread through bite wounds.

- For middle-aged cats, aged 2 to 10 years, I recommend giving the FVRCP vaccination every three years. I recommend Leukemia boosters yearly for indoor/outdoor cats and would recommend Leukemia boosters be given every other year for totally indoor cats.

- For senior cats, aged 10 and older, many cats that are totally or mostly indoors can probably stop having booster vaccinations of FVRCP and Leukemia. After 10 years of age, many cats start to have other health problems — kidney disease, hyperthyroidism, cancer — and vaccinations may worsen these diseases.

Core vaccine – Rabies vaccinations and their frequency are mandated by law and should be given as follows:

- Kittens should have a rabies vaccination at 3 to 4 months of age and it should be boosted one year later. If an adult cat has never had a rabies vaccination, the cat should



have a booster one year after its first vaccination.

- Once a cat or kitten has had the initial vaccination (plus the one-year booster in the first-time adult cat), it should then be boosted every three years while the cat lives in the state of Washington. Other state legislatures have mandated rabies booster requirements of one to three years depending on their state law.

Non-core vaccinations — For disease such as Feline Aids, FIP and Microsporium should only be given after a thorough discussion with your veterinarian. Many of these vaccines give only marginal protection or have potential side effects that may cause more problems in some cats. It is important to make sound medical choices for each individual cat by talking to your veterinarian.

Vaccination schedules for dogs

Vaccinations in dogs have changed in kind and frequency in the last few years. Annual vaccinations are probably not needed in all dogs and may even cause health problems in some animals. Vaccinations can be divided into “core” vaccinations — those that protect against common diseases such as distemper, parvovirus and rabies, and “non-core” vaccinations that protect against less common or regional diseases such as Lyme disease and giardia.

For most animals that have everyday, low-level exposure to diseases — such as in their neighborhood or at the dog park — we recommend the following:

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“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”

Dear PFOA ~ I am writing to you to give you an update on Schatzi. She is doing wonderfully. My husband and I adore her. My husband “tried” to rename her Boo but Schatzi let us know that it wasn’t going to happen...her name was Schatzi and staying that way. She is just too cute. We’ve had her for seven months now.

Enclosed are some pictures of Schatzi (on leash) and my other cat, Dukey. She hardly hisses and growls at him anymore but still hisses and growls at us if we want to pick her

up. We love her just the way she is.

I take her outside 1-3 times a day to walk and explore the neighborhood. She leads and I follow.

Schatzi is well cared for, spoiled, and pampered. She adds so much life and excitement to this house. We are so happy to have her. I think it would be really nice if you could let the previous owner of Schatzi know that she is safe and doing very well... maybe send some of the pictures to her.

Thank you, PFOA, for helping the



animals. It’s heartbreaking to think about the animals who don’t get a second chance.

Sincerely,

Darla and Chris Connelly

Vaccinations: Discuss need with veterinarian

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Core vaccine — Distemper, Adenovirus, Parainfluenza, Parvovirus, Coronavirus (also abbreviated with letters such as DA2P/PCV):

- Puppies get a series of vaccinations starting at 6 to 8 weeks of age and given a vaccination every three to four weeks until 16 to 18 weeks of age.

- Young adults — Booster at 1 year of age.

- Middle-aged adults, aged 2 to 10 years, receive boosters every three years.

- Senior dogs aged 10 to 12, depending on breed, continue to receive boosters every three years or stop vaccinating for these diseases altogether depending on how much exposure they get to other dogs and depending on their health status. If a dog has health problems such as diabetes or kidney disease, vaccinations may trigger other problems and may not be advisable for older dogs. Ask your veterinarian to discuss with you the risk versus benefit of vaccinations for older pets.

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- Puppies should have a rabies vaccination at 3 to 4 months of age and it should be boosted one year later. If an adult dog has never had a rabies vaccination, the dog should have a booster one year after its first vaccination.

- Once a dog or puppy has had the initial vaccination (plus the one-year booster in the first-time adult dog), it should then be boosted every three years while the dog lives in the state of Washington. Other state legislatures have mandated rabies booster requirements of one to three

years depending on their state law.

Non-core vaccinations:

- Leptospirosis is a bacterium that causes kidney and liver disease in dogs. It is contracted in our area by drinking contaminated water, either from a puddle, creek or lake. I recommend vaccinating for this annually if dogs are outdoor dogs, go for walks with their owners or in general have a lifestyle that allows exposure to these bacteria.

- Lyme disease is caused by a rickettsial organism carried by some ticks. We have had no cases reported of Lyme disease in dogs in our area so this is not a vaccination needed for most local dogs. This is a vaccine that might be given if a person and their dog intended to travel to an area with Lyme disease.

- Giardia is an organism that is found in creeks and rivers and is found in our area; however, the vaccine is considered a weak one and is not particularly helpful in protecting against this problem. A better way to avoid giardia in you or your dog is to avoid drinking out of creeks and rivers, even if they appear to be clean.

- Bordetella is a bacterium that causes kennel cough. This is a common problem and dogs that are kenneled or that go to dog shows should probably be vaccinated for this bug unless they have other health problems. Dogs that are not being kenneled or shown may not need this vaccination.

As with all medical issues, it is always best to discuss your dog’s personal medical needs with your veterinarian. Ask how often your pet needs vaccinations and which vaccinations your pet needs. Vaccinations can cause problems with your dog’s immune system so it is important to make sound medical choices for each individual pet. ❀

See some adoptable pets on Page 6 and online at www.safehavenpfoa.org

Look who's been adopted!



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Amelia



Herman



Bennie



Annie



Putt Putt



Richard B



Ruffy



Snuggles



Ardith



Arden



La Nina



Stanley



Tang



Tug



Psy



Mr. Gray



Norman



Armando



Asa



Maya



Libby



Kevin



Bronna



Brynna



Grady



Franklin



Fergus

Pet Tidings' "Meet a volunteer" column will return next issue.



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/memorials.html).

In Memory of Special People

- In memory of **Larry Hart**, a longtime resident of Sequim and a true lover of all animals. From **Carol and Del Yada**.
- In memory of **Harry Adams** of Seattle, Washington, from **Phyllis Anderson**.
- In memory of **Chris Loggy**, whose mother, Polly, has been a friend of mine for many years. From **Hilda Lipe**.
- In memory of **Chris Loggy**, son of Polly and David Loggy. May your spirit find peace. From **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of **Christopher Loggy**, from **Elizabeth Migel**.
- In memory of **Christopher Loggy**, from **Jay and Joyce Barnson**.
- In memory of **Christopher Loggy**, from **Betty Doonan**.
- In memory of **Christopher Loggy**, from **Kathy Deason**.
- In memory of **Christopher Loggy**, from **Pat Zimmer**.
- In memory of **Christopher Loggy**, from **M.A. and J.W. Bilborrow**.
- In memory of **Christopher David Loggy**, son of our colleague, friend and fellow board member David Loggy. From **Daniel Ufnar**, Washington Society of Professional Soil Scientists.
- In memory of **Chris Loggy**, from **Bob and Stephanie Toigo**.
- In memory of **Christopher David Loggy**, from **Marian Garrard**.
- In memory of animal lover **Chris Loggy**, beloved son of Polly and David Loggy. From **Sherry Creech**.
- In memory of **Sandalynne Tarbuck**, late wife of Richard Tarbuck, from **Pamela Mirrer**.
- In memory of **Dorothy Lewis and Clyde Stice**. From **Paul Slyh**.
- In memory of my brother, **Leland Collett**. He rescued many cats in Arizona. From **Aletha Foreman**.



- In memory of **Rick Graf**, from **Chuck and Marian McGilvra**.
- In memory of **Billie Jo Jones**, from **Gracie Geide**.
- In memory of my mother, **Mabel Burton**, from **Gus Spraker**.
- In memory of **Andrei Bazdyrev**, fiancé to Stephanie Lile, and friend to all beings who knew him. You made this world a better place. From **Sharon Q**.

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In memory of **Harley** who paid the ultimate price facing his human enemy to save his friends. You will always be in our hearts with your brave and loving spirit. From **Sharon Q and Spruce Street Friends**.
- In memory of Tom Pitre's lab, **Katie**. She lived a full life with Tom and her canine friend, Molly. Run free, Katie. From **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of **Sean Patrick**, beautiful, loving boy of John and Roxanne Butler. Your family and friends are all better for having known you SP! From **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of Kathy and Eric Mahnerd's **Auggie**. From **Connie Rene Smith**.
- In memory of **Stomper**, beloved cat of Joy Maxion and Tammy White. From **John and Nancy Jost**.
- In honor of **Polaris**, Diane and Leon Lopez's beloved cat. From **Nancy and Bill Shaw**.
- In memory of **Polaris Carter Lopez**, a very shining star, from **Gail Schraven and Jo Mochulski**.
- In memory of **Polaris Carter Lopez**. We have been enriched by knowing this little loving and gentle spirit. From **Erv and Kirsten Ruhl**.
- In memory of **Polaris Lopez**, beloved cat of Diane Lopez. From **Nancy Dolansky**.
- In memory of Diane's beloved **Polaris**. From **Susan Kreml**.
- In memory of **Stomper**, beloved cat of Joy Maxion and Tammy White. From **Nancy Dolansky**.
- In memory of our beloved **Polaris**, the magical cat. From **Diane and Leon Lopez**.
- In memory of **Spencer**, with condolences to his foster mom, Helen Hille. From **Gary Del Mastro**.
- In memory of Diane and Leon Lopez's much loved feline family member, **Polaris**. From **Gary Del Mastro**.
- In memory of **Baxter**, the beloved companion cat of the Jody Moss and Gary Kriedberg family. From **Sandy and Nancy Goldstien**.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In memory of **Molly**, beloved pal of Larry Gilchrist. From **Susan Daily**.
- In memory of my cat **Lars**, my faithful companion and all around good guy for 15 years. From **Rory Haggerty**.
- In memory of **Santiago Beldvendi, Trevor, Galen, Vincent, Darmody, and Emma**, from **Johnjoseph Pajor**.
- In loving memory of **Chrissy Creech**, whose loving devotion to me over these past 17 years was without bounds. She will hold a piece of my heart for me until we meet again. I will miss her terribly until then. With love, **Sherry**.
- In memory of **Chrissy Creech** — very much a part of the office staff, a dog whom we all loved. From **Helen Hille**.
- In memory of sweet **Chrissy**, beloved companion of Sherry Creech. From **Betty Gordon** and **Michael Moss**.
- In memory of **Chico**, and the loving care that you received from Barb and Doug Bolles, from **Sherry Creech**.
- In memory of **Spencer**, PFOA's favorite "old man cat," who was released from his fog and went across the bridge. Oh, how we miss him. From **Helen Hille**.
- In memory of **TC**, best buddy to Barbara Stauffer and the kitties of the "little house." You are loved and missed. From **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of **Skipper**, sweet boy of Barbara and John Moore... gone, but definitely not forgotten. From **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of **Boots**, longtime friend and much loved cat of Janet and Jess Harker. Play free, Boots! From **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of **Blackberry**, a black beauty, and sweet

spirit of the Harer family. She is a blessed girl to be so loved! From **Sharon Q**.

- In memory of **Sweetie Pie**, cherished kitty at Best Friend Nutrition in Sequim. May she live on in everyone's heart who knew her. From **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of **Seymour**, an outdoor kitty who got the chance to come indoors, thanks to Rox and John Butler. What a special boy who knew he was part of a wonderful family. From **Sharon Q**.
- In memory of **Spencer**, AKA "Puss Cat," who warmed many hearts along the way — especially that of Helen Hille. Here's hoping Spencer is sleeping on Maggie B.'s pillow in heaven! From **Sharon Q**.

Honorariums

- In honor of Rueby-Mille's **Mooch**, from **Johnjoseph Pajor**.
- In honor of **Barb Stauffer**, who works tirelessly for Peninsula Friends of Animals. From **Brenda Newman**.
- **Happy Birthday Mom**, from **Lisa Bohman**.
- In honor of our daughter **Jeanne Williams'** birthday, from **Robin and Jody Rush**.
- In honor of **Beth and Jerry Selby's** wedding, from **Mary Lou Wilson**.
- In honor of **Betty Sleeper**, our dear, longtime friend and animal lover, from **Pat and Mike Hovis**.
- In honor of **Turtle Malays**, in celebration of your 1-year anniversary in your forever home. I love you, **Mom**.

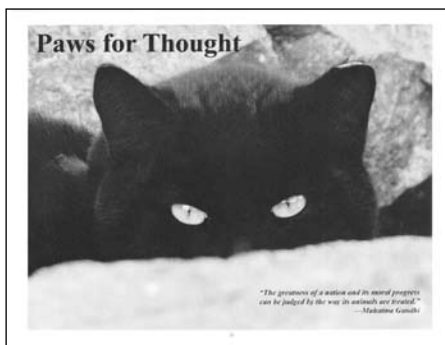
Cat calendar fundraiser helps wayward kitties

Three animal lovers wanted to help the feral cat colonies on Ediz Hook in Port Angeles so they put their heads together and found a way.

Mary Margolis, her brother Dan Margolis, and friend Ruth Cones took beautiful photographs of the homeless cats and kittens and published a 2012 calendar called "Paws for Thought."

"It's our first time doing this," Mary says. "We want to show how beautiful the cats are, earn money for the food used to feed them, and educate people."

Mary said TNR, or Trap-Neuter-Return, is the best and most humane method to eradicate a colony. As the cats get spayed or neutered, the



population stabilizes, then declines. Educating pet owners and assisting low-income people in having their pets "fixed" will also help reduce the problem.

The cats on Ediz Hook are already

being fed by several dedicated people, Mary says, and don't need any more people to feed them. Supporting community spay/neuter programs is the best way to help.

Mary, Dan, and Ruth have all adopted cats from Safe Haven and want to help less fortunate kitties.

"Paws for Thought" sells for \$14.95 and can be purchased at Hair Solutions in Port Angeles (1112 E. Front St.) and at Twice Loved Books in Sequim (353 W. Bell St.) Or Mary will send you a calendar (add \$4 s/h); e-mail tigerstripe66@yahoo.com. See more, including cat photo notecards, on Facebook. Search for KittyKatKardz.

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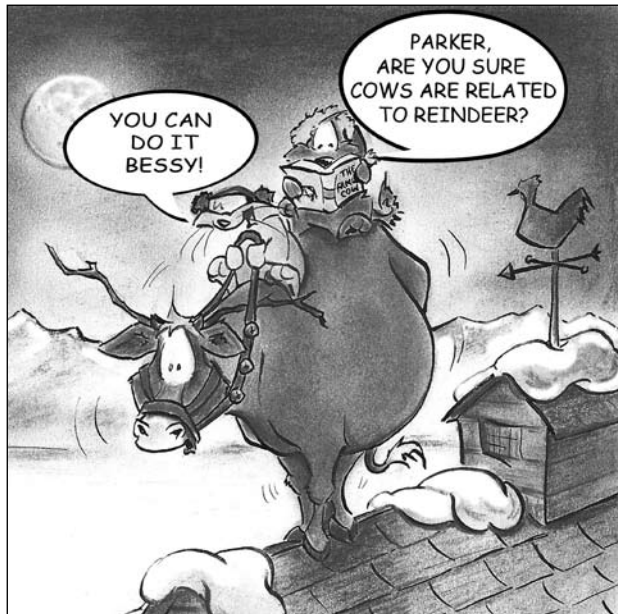
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■ **Assistant webmaster** — A volunteer is needed to help update the website with cats for adoption from time to time. Can work from home — time involved is usually short and sporadic. Must know XHTML and be experienced with coding and working with photos for web use; knowledge of PhotoShop preferred. Knowledge of CSS helpful but not required. Must have at least one working website to show examples of work. **Must be dependable.** See our website at www.safehavenpfoa.org. **Inquire by e-mail only, please, at pettidings@olypen.com.** Please do not call Safe Haven. This is a volunteer opportunity.

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■ **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 required.

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