

Pet Tidings



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'It takes a village' for cats, too

By Nancy O'Gorman

Lilly and Frieda's chances for survival were slim-to-none when first discovered mewling helplessly in a cold field shed near Blyn last April. Today they romp, play, purr and sleep in the cozy home of Diane Harvey and Patti Monson of Port Angeles. The route they had to take to get there, however, was a convoluted path of helping hands, a veritable village of loving, caring humans all along the way.

It's hard to imagine the kittens could have had a happier ending — they enjoy the companionship of five other household pets plus two dotting humans who lavish time and attention on all of them.

It all began when a young couple found them by accident one day. With two siblings but no mother around, the 4-week-old kittens were scooped up by the couple, who tried valiantly to save them. Realizing the task was



Lilly and Frieda survived abandonment in a shed, then found a "forever" home.

greater than they'd anticipated, and after two of them died, they called PFOA for help to save the two remaining little black kittens.

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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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Blackie



Sitka



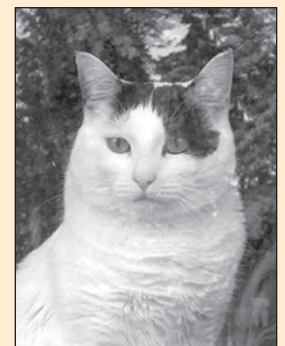
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From the Editor's Desk

If you look at the cats featured for adoption in this issue of *Pet Tidings*, you’ll notice they’re listed as “Special Needs” cats (See Page 6). But just what is a special needs animal?

Basically it’s a cat or dog that has been in PFOA care for more than a few months and hasn’t been adopted. These animals tend to be older, shy, have an imperfection (such as a three-legged dog), have medical issues or are one of a pair that must be adopted together.

Special needs animals don’t fit an adopter’s idea of what a perfect cat, perfect kitten or perfect dog should be, yet they may be exactly the animal that will fit perfectly into an adopter’s home.

As an example, my elderly mother was given a kitten last year — a perfect, active, handsome little guy who she felt needed to be declawed, but not before he’d managed to scratch her arms and legs numerous times (drawing blood) as well as her furniture.

The thought of a companion for my widowed mother was very sweet, but perhaps an older, quiet “special needs” cat (one already declawed and in need of a loving home) would have been a more appropriate gift.

I can’t count the number of times people have come to Safe Haven looking for a companion pet for the animal they adopted a

year or two ago. How much nicer for everyone if they’d taken a “special needs” pair from the beginning.

A bonded pair would have stayed together, and these adopters would not have needed to go through the problems of introducing a new cat or dog into an already established household.

Shy cats can languish for years in shelters like ours. They disappear or retreat into the background when adopters enter a room and are never “seen.” Yet shy cats can do extremely well in homes with patient adopters. Even semi-feral cats who tend to bond to only one person can do well in homes of single people, becoming “normal” cats when around their owners.

Animals with medical issues or missing limbs (and other “deformities”) are often no more difficult or expensive to care for than other pets. Many diseases can be managed well with inexpensive medicines or vet recommended pet food. A cat missing an ear or a dog missing a leg doesn’t even notice its “difference.”

So when you consider adoption, please remember our “special needs” cats and dogs. They may be exactly what *you* need.

The Editors

(Please note: PFOA does not condone the declawing of cats or kittens).

Mews from the board

We are always looking for different ways to raise money to support our programs and care for the animals in the shelter. One board member just came up with “Dine to Donate!” whereby Lipperts, a wonderful restaurant in Sequim, agreed to give us a percentage of a meal purchased by a person with a PFOA coupon.

The owner of Olympic Lavender Farm donated a spot for us to sell our potholders during the Lavender Festival.

Volunteers organized another Giant Garage Sale.

A raffle for the Pearlle Mae camcorder was the brainchild of another volunteer, Bev Dulis.

(See story on Page 12).

All of these activities take time and effort to coordinate, prepare for and participate in. We always need more help as well as more money! As happens with many groups, the same volunteers start seeing one another working at every activity. Please try to find even a few hours to sew or sell potholders and work a few hours at an event or one of the Holiday Bazaars.

If you love animals, but are too allergic to volunteer at the shelter, we have other things you can do to assist in our mission.

Call **360-452-0414** and leave a message and Shirley, our volunteer coordinator, will contact you. ❀



So many steps to find the right homes

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Named Lucy and Frieda (Lucy was later changed to “Lilly”), veteran kitten helper, Candace Jack, picked them up immediately.

An experienced kitten bottle-feeder, Candace nurtured the pair for three weeks until they were strong enough to go to Jan and Jen Cabbage’s home for more love, care, and feeding for several more weeks.

Finally, Lilly and Frieda, having grown stronger every day, moved once again, this time to Safe Haven’s kitten room as sturdy, playful 9-week-olds to await their forever home.

For Patti and Diane, it all began last year when their 19-year-old cat Frankie died of natural causes. He left a void in their hearts and home, and Patti and Diane believed Frankie would want them to provide a loving home for a kitten in need.

So the two spent several months searching the Internet, looking for the right kitten that would fit into their

household and “mini zoo” — rescued tuxedo cats Sammy, Sabrina and Damien, ages 4, 3, and 2 respectively, and Labrador retrievers Wolf and Lucca.



Lilly

“We saw their photos on Petfinder,” says Diane, a retired partner in a law firm from New York. Patti is a semi-retired musician who plays the flute. (*Petfinder.com lists animals up for adoption all over the country, including those at PFOA’s no-kill shelter, Safe Haven*).

“Our intention was to get one kitten, but PFOA required that these two be adopted together and we just couldn’t resist them. Their little faces did it!” she adds.

A requirement because they were deemed inseparable by PFOA’s staff

with their unfortunate beginning and their reliance on each other for warmth and safety. Most pairs or siblings from PFOA are normally adopted out singly. Black cats can sometimes be passed over for too long at Safe Haven, with many people wanting more “colorful” cats and kittens. So adopting out mostly-black kittens together is always a cause for celebration. But Patti and Diane saw more than “mostly black” fur.



Frieda

“Lilly has gorgeous stripes and looks like a Bengal,” Diane says, “and Frieda has that Egyptian-cat look. When we went to go see them, they immediately took to us!”

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Matti’s second chance

By Ann Gilson

Eighteen months after Matti had been adopted from PFOA as a kitten by a seemingly loving, responsible owner, we got a call from the local pound saying she had been picked up as a stray by Animal Control — and they had found a PFOA microchip in her. The owner had not bothered to transfer the registration from PFOA.

Matti is the name they gave her at the pound because of the painful lumps of matted fur covering her body — chest, head, underarms and face/neck, all of which pulled at her skin when she moved.

Of course we went and got her immediately, on a Saturday, and called Nicole Blackburn of Paw Prince Grooming for an emergency



Matti with a fresh shave, new start.

appointment. Nicole provides us with two free groomings (sometimes more) each month and does a wonderful job. Helen Hille, volunteer in charge of keeping track of grooming needs and transporting pets to Paw Prince, took Matti over.

It took five hands and almost an hour to guide this severely matted coat

gently off the poor little cat. Matti was treated for fleas and ear mites. The photo above shows the smiling, coatless kitty who emerged.

The following Monday, when we took Matti to the vet, she said Matti was basically still healthy, but needed flea treatment and soothing skin wipes for her still sensitive skin. Matti, given lots of love and care at Safe Haven, soon recovered her friendly, happy personality.

Matti, now Bella, has since found a *real* forever home with a wonderful cat-loving Sequim family, and her misfortunes seem only a dim memory. She fell in love with the couple’s two young daughters, whose gentle ways endear them to her. They love her dearly, too. Not only her name, but her life is now “bella.” ❀

PFOA celebrates kitty named for Hope Fund

By Ann Gilson

One of the earliest kittens taken in by PFOA after Safe Haven opened (and one of the saddest) was our little Hope, for whom our Hope Fund is named.

Hope came to us from a home where an unsupervised small child had injured her so severely that she lost the use of her rear legs, and was incontinent. She was, and is, unable to urinate on her own, and her bladder must be manually expressed several times a day.

Despite her twisted, useless rear legs, Hope is a beautiful cat, and a happy, loving one at age six.

Her first couple of years were spent at Safe Haven, where she and Tippy (our resident handicapped cat) had one of the kitten rooms to themselves. Hope could not use a litter box, and consequently the room was “dirtied” once or twice a day and had to be completely cleaned when she had diarrhea, which she was plagued with.

Between a bath for her and a room cleanup each day, she was a very high-maintenance kitty. Though very much loved and well cared for, the situation was not a happy one for her or for our volunteers.

What to do? Well, we found the perfect solution in member Linda Kemp, who agreed to foster Hope in her home. As she was caring for a neighbor’s dog, Maggie, whom she’d adopted when the dog became incontinent and unable to urinate on her own, Linda felt she had the time and experience to take on Hope’s care, as a foster pet.

With Linda’s full-time, 24-hour attention, Hope lives a life *better* than “normal.” She no longer has diarrhea, is kept sparkling clean and odor free with only very occasional bathing, has the freedom of the whole house, and occasional outdoor jaunts (under close supervision) in an outdoor,



The “Hope” birthday cake



Hope is the inspiration for a fund that helps not only with her own needs, but those of other pets, too.

securely fenced yard.

Hope loves Linda and the whole family, Maggie dog, and the three other family cats. Her birthday was noted at our 2010 annual meeting by Linda’s bringing her cat-shaped and Hope look-alike decorated cake to share with the members.

“As long as I’m alive,” says Linda, “Hope has a home with me.” Linda would love to adopt Hope, but the cat’s medical and other expenses are too high, and Hope may need even more care as she ages.

PFOA pays for all her expenses from the Hope Fund, to which many of our members and supporters with special sympathy for severely challenged pets contribute. At present, a feline leukemia-positive cat, two FIV-positive cats and an old blind and deaf foster dog are being helped through these donations, as well as Hope.

Hope says “meow” to all her friends and contributors to the Fund — translated, that’s “My grateful thanks to all of you who care. I owe my wonderful life to you — and to Linda.” ❀

Personalities: Lilly and Frieda ‘come running’ when called

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Frieda jumped up on Diane’s shoulder to snuggle in while Lilly fell asleep in Patti’s arms. “We knew they were ours that minute,” Diane says, adding that each of the foster “parents” did a great job socializing them.

But how would they do with three other cats and two large canines? Showing no fear at all, they went right

up to the dogs, who like cats, Diane says. As for the adult felines, Damien was miffed for a while but is coming around, Sabrina was OK with them, while Sammy — a cat who had not been terribly social before — adopted them for himself, grooming and protecting them like he was their very own mother.

“We’d never seen him be affectionate with the others so it’s special for us to see him interact with

the kittens,” Diane says.

As for Lilly and Frieda’s personalities, they know their names and run to Patti and Diane when they’re called — “Something we can’t even get the dogs to do!” Diane says with a laugh.

Teamwork, a village-type effort — whatever you call it, Lilly and Frieda’s path to their forever home was worth every step of the way. ❀

Meet some volunteers: From the Coast Guard

By Diane Lopez

The garage at Safe Haven, like many garages I know, had long ago gotten out of control and was full of several years' worth of "flotsam and jetsam."

Of major concern was evidence of small critter inhabitants and, worst of all, the possibility of residual ringworm spores from last year's outbreak.

We needed to finish disinfecting the garage, the isolation trailer and the A4 kitten room as they could not be used to house cats until we had performed the optimum cleaning requirements.

Needless to say, any discussion about what was needed resulted in glazed-over eyes and more than a few moans. The massive chore was guiltily relegated to the "we'll have to get to it" pile.

Enter the Coast Guard!

Kristen and Scott Steinbrink are PFOA members and regular volunteers who have helped out at Safe Haven and with PFOA activities over the last several years. Kristen makes the posters you see around town advertising kitties available for adoption and reminding folks of our spay/neuter clinics. She and Scott have worked on the Trap-Neuter-Return of the feral cats at Ediz Hook. Scott made the great log benches down by the pond at Safe Haven.

Scott is in the Coast Guard and can periodically gather up volunteers to swoop in and accomplish a huge job in a few hours. Disinfecting the garage had become a critical need — we had no space for sick cats, or unplanned intakes. So we let Scott know of the problem.

Just minutes before the June board meeting, I received a call from Kristen.

"I know it's short notice, but Scott has some volunteers who can be there by 8 a.m. tomorrow."

Well, I wasn't going to pass up on *this* golden opportunity! I thanked her and I told her I'd be there by 9am. When I arrived in the morning there



Front row, sitting, from left: Tracey Martin, Loren Johnson, Jenny Tait and Jason Koelle. Back row, standing: Paula Clark, Sean Clark, Scott Steinbrink and Kristin Steinbrink.

were seven gals and guys, seemingly effortlessly (ah, youth!) working away. Someone was painting A4 (thank you, Angus Trent, for getting all the supplies and prep ready) and most of the contents of the garage were laid out on the parking lot. It was overwhelming.

In a few hours, everything was out of the garage (including the shelves) and the walls and floors scrubbed with bleach. Then things were sorted and disinfected before being returned.

One determined gal was seen on her hands and knees scrubbing the garage floor! PFOA, and all the animals in our care, owe these folks an enormous debt of gratitude! We did manage to gather



together some coffee, donuts and pizza to feed them, but we owe them much more than that!

Thanks also to Angus Trent, Susan and Chuck Skaggs, Nancy Campbell, Sherry Creech and Sharon Palmer. They all adjusted their schedules after early morning phone calls and pitched in. It was a very good day, and we are over a very large hurdle at the shelter. ❖

Safe Haven *ADOPTABLES!*

Special needs? ... or just what's needed?



Bailey

BAILEY is a tortoise-shell, long haired beauty. Still somewhat shy with strangers, she runs when adopters enter her room. But she's ready to blossom in a home where she's given time to "warm up."

Quiet, shy **TAMARA** has been passed up again and again. But she's a sweet kitty who is loving to volunteers who take the time to get to know her. In the right home, this long haired beauty will be a splendid friend and loving companion.



Tamara



Kilo

KILO, almost 3, is both handsome and friendly. He's lived with children, other cats and big dogs, but a quiet house would suit him fine, too. He'll need a special UR diet to keep him healthy.

BILLIE BAILEY is a declawed tortie/tabby mix. She's usually very sweet, but can be unpredictable. She doesn't like other cats, but has done fine with a quiet dog.



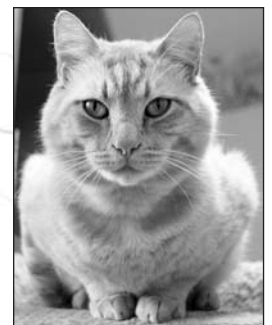
Billie Bailey



Schatzi

SCHATZI is a gray and white cat with a manx tail. She's about 8 years old and is shy and quiet. She'll need a calm home with someone who can give her lots of love and turn her into the trusting companion she's meant to be.

TITUS was rescued as a stray. He's a handsome orange tabby who is friendly with people. He has tested positive for FIV, so he'll need to be an indoor cat — either an only cat or as a companion to other FIV cats.



Titus



Monique

MONIQUE is a beautiful all gray kitty with bright green eyes. She gave birth to a litter of kittens in the woods, all of whom have found homes. Monique is very shy and will need a quiet home with a loving owner who knows that building trust takes time.

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

Ask PFOA:

How often should I groom my cat or dog?

These days many of us are looking for ways to contribute to our pets' good health that don't cost an arm and a leg to provide.

Seldom do we think of regular grooming as a health issue rather than a cosmetic one. But regular grooming can have many health components, and should be part of the care of every dog or cat, regardless of coat type or condition. Obviously, it is needed more often for pets with long, thick or easily matted fur.

The first benefit from regular (daily to monthly) combing or brushing is that it gives you a wonderful chance to give your pet a close-up exam. You can spot early evidence of fleas, tapeworms or other parasites as you gently groom them all over.

A proper comb (ask your vet or groomer what kind) is a better tool than a brush as it gets down to the skin, while most brushes just reach the top layer. As you comb, check whether kitty needs her nails clipped as well (a torn, too-long nail can cost a vet call). Gently inspect the exterior ears and whether doggie's eyes are clear, and neither eyes nor nose are running or crusty.

Run your hands over his body as you work, and see if there are any lumps or sore spots (he'll flinch and pull

away) or places where hair is missing. Is your pet's skin free of dandruff or raw irritated spots? Early detection of any problem can save money and trauma for both of you.

Be particularly careful to check that there are no mats or tangles where the legs join the body. This can be terribly painful and will really reduce a pet's mobility.

Sometimes a pet has behavioral or physical problems that require professional grooming. Choose your groomer carefully for cleanliness and sanitation of the premises and procedures, and for gentle, safe handling. We recommend that you stay with him the first few times you go to a new groomer. If a groomer refuses to let you observe, go elsewhere — quickly!

And in the rare cases where it is necessary, speak to your veterinarian about having your pet sedated and the grooming done at the hospital. Needed grooming is that important.

However, in the vast majority of cases, you can groom your own pets successfully if you go slow and easy, and offer the rewards of attention or treats — or both. Keep a comb or brush near your favorite easy chair and get in a little grooming every time your pet joins you for some togetherness.

It will add to the quality of life for you both. ❖



“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



Dear PFOA,

Thought you might like an update and a few pictures of **Willow**, one month after she came to live with us.

She has settled in very well now that she has gotten used to our routine and house. She did go through a crying spell at night but we discovered she didn't like to have free run of the house at night. She much prefers sleeping in our room with the door closed. It must make her feel more secure.

She loves to play with a mouse that rattles and is tied to a shoelace. She will jump as we swing the mouse into the air and she likes to chase it as we walk around the house



with it. She likes to be near us, in the same room, sit at our feet — but definitely has not turned into a lap kitty. She will let us pet her when she feels like it but has made it clear that she doesn't really like to be picked up :-)

We have had quite a bit of company since she came to live us and has handled that well too. You will see from the

pictures that she has several favorite daytime sleeping spots.

Thanks for rescuing her so she could come live with us.

Jim and Shauna Biermann



“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”

Dear PFOA,

I just thought I would let you know that **Mink** and my Dad are still doing absolutely fantastic! They are the best of buddies and we couldn't have prayed for a better match.



Mink

He seemed to attach to my Dad right away and that was the most important thing. My Dad is soooo happy with him! Mink follows him around all day when its just the two of them and always comes right when he is called.

From Day Two, Mink has slept with my Dad every night. He even sleeps under the covers, silly kitty. My Dad is so happy to have his new buddy, he just lights up when ever he talks about him! He truly is a perfect match for Daddy and he has already brought him more joy than I could even explain.

Please tell Mink's former owner “thank you” for raising such a well-behaved, loving, and wonderful kitty! And please assure him that Mink is absolutely adored and is being very well taken care of!

Thanks again for letting us come and adopt him, we are forever grateful!

Sincerely,
Tara Lynn

Dear PFOA,

Just wanted you to know that we're really happy we brought **Kobe** home — he's a delight and seems very comfortable in his “temporary” room. He's got the cute cat routine down great — I go into his room and he immediately rolls onto his back and gives me the “look.”



I really enjoyed getting to know some of the other cats and that made it hard for me to choose just one. So much so that I hesitated to take Kobe, my first choice at the start. I'm glad I stayed with my first — and my son enjoyed telling me that he “told me so!”

Best wishes,
Clare Haugen



Cat's motto: No matter what you've done wrong, always try to make it look like the dog did it.
— *Unknown*

Dear Wonderful Staff at PFOA,

I've been spending my time with the girls. **Noir** (was Edwina) who is the more adult, and adventurous one and **Echo** (was Kona) likes to echo (or copy) exactly what her big sister does. They are spending their days learning about the house and all their new toys. Both are getting to know their new names really well, especially when I call meals. They are the sweetest and gentlest little things I have ever met and are a joy and blessing to us.

We want to thank you for taking such great care of them and for allowing us the privilege of adopting them and giving them their forever home. We promise to write and keep you posted on our new lives and adventures together.

Again thank you for the great job you do, and for granting us our two little angels. They'll say hi next time as right now they are fast asleep on their favorite bench.

Gratefully, **Karen and Van Niemi**



Dear Jan
(PFOA foster mom),

Thank you!
What cute kitties.

Leo and Climber are

doing well especially this second day. Yesterday they did a lot of hiding (especially Climber) taking in the fact that so many family members were interested in them. They had a quiet night and came to our bed in the a.m. as we called them.

They are exploring everywhere. Leo seems to be the leader and was the first to play and greet me at the door when I left them for the first time.

Climber already found out that Jessica is a good playmate and jumped up with her to lie down a couple of times. I think they will lap-settle more as they gain our trust and settle into their territory. I love their purring and open way of greeting us.

Thanks for the foster care you gave them. They are like a Christmas present for our family.

Andrea Dietzman

“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



Dear PFOA,

Here is “**Peony**.” You can see something of the intensity of his personality. A cat who lived with such total joy, his name deserves remembering.

Thanks,
Susan Kreml

(Ed. note: Susan made a generous donation toward a tractor for Safe Haven’s



groundskeeping. She asked that the tractor be named for her cat, Peony, and it will be).

Dear PFOA,

I wanted to tell you about **Maizy** (formerly Kala). Yesterday she was **ONE YEAR OLD!**

I sang Happy Birthday to her all day long —

she loves when I sing to her! She gets all “see how cute I am mama?” and rolls over and over in front of me, following me all around. It’s funny!

She got three kitty treats, too. As you can see from the picture, she **LOVES** the sunshine! She is like passing out on the top of my couch where the sun is coming in through the window. She’s a silly girl.

I do love her so, even if having a kitten is sometimes a like having a 2-year-old child. I think you all know what I mean when I say that. I hope all is well there at PFOA.

Take Care,
Michelle Brown



Dear PFOA,

I wanted to let you know that **Oreo** has adjusted to our home very well. He has gotten along well with our other cat, Trixie, and our dog, Pete. He and Pete keep their distance from each other. I think Pete is afraid of another cat in the household. He’s outnumbered. Trixie and Oreo have adjusted. I can’t say that they are bosom buddies yet, but the hissing has stopped.

They were both in my husband’s lap together the other evening. Sleeping on beds is his favorite pastime. He has been a nice addition to our family. Thank you for taking good care of him.

Sincerely,
Sheryl Klock



Dear PFOA,

I am so absolutely excited about bringing **Cody** home. I am giddy right down to my toes. I’ve already told “Micky Rooney” what a neat brother he has to look forward to. And you guys and your establishment are awesome — fresh and clean as a whistle, very caring, no smells — it’s as well-run as it possibly could be and a hallmark for others to follow.

I will spread the word to all of my pet-owner friends. I am glad I was brave enough to stop in, and so glad you all were so accepting and helpful. Thank you again so much.

Diane Grau



Dear PFOA,

Today is the second anniversary of **Sparky’s** adoption. We just hope he’s as happy living with us as we are to have him in the family. This photo was snapped a few months ago; he’s in his favorite spot, the C-A-R, which he now can spell, along with O-U-T, W-A-L-K, and T-R-E-A-T.

His nearly-toothless smile is infectious, his weight and health are great. He wishes this photo showed off his creamy 16-inch, fluffy tail. He says in our house, dog hair is a condiment.

Clover and Parker Gowing



Dear PFOA,

Thought I’d give you an update on our beautiful little **Hailey**. She is doing so very well. She is sweet, curious and so gentle. We love her

dearly and it feels like she’s always been a part of our little family, and couldn’t imagine life without her. She comes into the office sometimes to sneak peaks at our clients and

everyone exclaims how pretty she is.

Thank you so much for our beautiful little kitty.

The Clevelands: Randy, Donna, Liam, Zoe and Miss Hailey Shaye

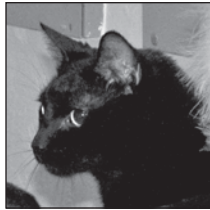
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Bernice



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Frieda



Parker



Carmen



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Mink



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Lulu



WillieLou



Baby Ruth



Sprinkles



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Spot



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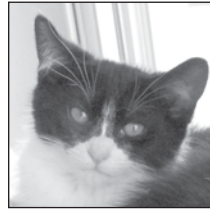
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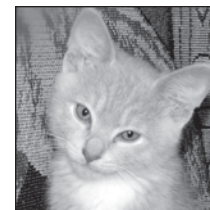
Sassy



Chloe



McGraw



Jared



Willow

Not pictured . . .

Lena	Quinn
Salina	Anna
Marmelade	Caesar
Cortana	Pharoah
Tigger	Jessie
Spencer	Ozzie

“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



Dear PFOA,

Bernice is here at home now. She met Larry and Mona the second she came in. They all touched noses and Mona gave a quick hiss and Larry looked at her like “oh, a kitten.”

She wasn't shy at all. She zipped around the house, looking at everything. Then she played for a while and is now in my lap sleeping. I just LOVE her!!! She is so cute and full of energy. I took some

pictures of her and emailed them to my husband at work and he showed his coworkers. He will be home in about an hour. He is excited to meet her. Our little baby girl!!!

She really likes this toy I have that looks like a fishing pole with dangling strips of fabric and it makes a chirping sound. I am in love with this little darling.

Thank you so much,
Rikki McGowan



Photogenic kitty wins camcorder for PFOA

By Bev Dulis

Pearlie Mae came into the shelter as a stray. I met her on her first day at the shelter and found a beautiful, lively, loving young cat. I photographed her to post her picture online for adoption, but a volunteer knew someone who had been waiting for a sweet little girl just like Pearlie Mae and I never did post her photos with Petfinder. It looked like Pearlie Mae's story would soon have a happy ending.

But when she went in for her vet check, Pearlie Mae tested positive for Feline Leukemia Virus. FeLV is less like a human leukemia and more of an immune deficiency disorder. Many shelters will euthanize an animal after this diagnosis, but PFOA is a no-kill shelter and we treat shelter animals as we treat our own. Pearlie Mae ended up going home with her new person, with PFOA covering her vet bills.

She got very sick with the move to a new home, lost the weight she'd put on at the shelter, and spent several days in emergency care at the vet's. We were quite worried we'd lose her, but she pulled through that episode.

Now she's happy, lively, very sweet, and an endless source of love and entertainment at her new home, where she lives as an only cat. We're hoping she'll live there for a long time.

PFOA, like most shelters, is having a hard time keeping up with expenses in this economy, though, and our veterinarian expenses keep rising. Pearlie Mae became our poster child for vet costs when I finally found a use for her photos. I entered an online contest sponsored by ZooToo (www.zootoo.com), a social site for animal lovers.

I managed to get enough people to vote for her to win — a digital camcorder with her picture on the front. Now we're raffling off the camera to help with all the cats' vet expenses.



Pearlie Mae's winning portrait



Pearlie Mae loves being a winner and was happy to pose for the camcorder she won for PFOA.

Wouldn't you love to own the Pearlie Mae camcorder? (retail value, \$280). Would you be willing to donate a little to help with PFOA's growing veterinarian expenses? Raffle tickets are just \$5 each, available at the Safe Haven or by mail.

You can send your checks marked "Pearlie Mae raffle" or "camcorder raffle" to P.O. Box 404, Sequim, WA 98382. Include an e-mail address if possible, for us to send your ticket numbers, and be sure to include your return address and e-mail or phone number.

The drawing will take place **Oct. 30** at Safe Haven. Pearlie Mae — and all of us at PFOA — say thanks! ❀



The Pearlie Mae camcorder retails for \$280. Raffle tickets are only \$5 each.

Our thanks to The Sequim Community Foundation!

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that PFOA has received a \$2,000 grant from the Sequim Community Foundation. The money is to be used for our low-income spay/neuter clinic and program. The Board is very grateful for the continuing support from the Sequim Community Foundation. **Thank you, SCF!**





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 **Brooke Carnahan**. Happy birthday, Brooke. All my love, **Dan Margolis**.
- In memory of **Mary Margolis's father**, from **Doris Braendel**.
- In memory of **Yvonne Fehlman**, sister of Nola Judd, from the **Tribal Gaming Agency**.
- In memory of **Yvonne Fehlman**, whose heart was bigger than her purse, but who loved and cared for cats the best she could for many years. From **Ann Gilson**.

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- We'll so miss **Elise**, our beloved Siamese friend of 17 years. She was a very wise and loving Empress cat. Elegant to the end. From **Jim Arnold** and **Elsbeth McLeod**.
- In memory of my precious **Peony** cat: July 1, 1990 to May 18, 2005. Never to be forgotten. From **Susan Kreml**.
- In loving memory of our dear little neighbor, **Lutie Grubb**. You are missed, Lutie. From **Susan and Jerry Tonini**.
- In memory of **Jonathan**, who came to us in 2004, an elderly 15-year-old unwanted orphan, and passed away in May of this year. He gave us six wonderful years of unconditional love and will be forever missed by his foster parents, **Jess and Janet Harker**.
- In memory of the deeply loved and missed pets I have taken care of for friends and neighbors and clients. **Bessy** (Sally and Bruce Savaglio), **Vinnie** (Gail and Mike Kramer), **Kimo** (Hattie and Al Dixon) and **Karé** (Sharon Ireton). From **Tammy White**, MaPaw Catsitter.
- In memory of "**Lena**," beloved pet of Jen and Ben Linder, from **John and Nancy Jost**.
- In loving memory of Patty Dearing's **Mr. T**. He was a very special kitty. He will be greatly missed by all who knew



him. From **Marie McCooley**.

- In memory of Dale and Flora's sweet, gentle, and much-loved canine companion, **Kaycee**, from **Gary Del Mastro**.
- In memory of dear, sweet, wonderful **Sophie**, longtime canine companion of Patsy and Grant Simpson, from **Gary Del Mastro**.
- In memory of Janet and Jess Harker's beloved **Bonnie**. From bottle fed to 17, she was their faithful feline. From **Diane and Leon Lopez**.
- In memory of **BettyJo**, Ann Gilson's sweet, blind, and much-loved companion, from **Diane and Leon Lopez**.
- In memory of my beautiful, brave, blind **BettyJo**, who has slipped into Forever. Found terrified and desperate in a cage at the pound, she spent eight contented years with me, and now joyfully roams the meadows of Paradise. From **Ann Gilson**.
- In memory of **Elise**, Elsbeth McLeod and Jim Arnold's elegant Siamese, from **Diane and Leon Lopez**.
- In Memory of Patricia Dearing's much beloved cat, **Mr. T**. He is missed by Patty and her friends. From **Martha Carle**.
- Born blind and with feline leukemia, **Theodore** graced this earth for only ten months. Years later, his memory still lights my world. From **Ann Gilson**.
- In memory of **Mr. T**, Patty Dearing's wonderful kitty. He was loved by all who knew him. What joy he brought to Patty! He is missed. From **Faye Hayden**.
- In memory of **Sylvester**, from **Tara and Craig Andrews**.

- In memory of **Art**, the lucky Salt Lake City Kitty, rescued and loved by Maggie Smith and Jason Taylor. From **Kendra Rand**
- In memory of **Art**, Maggie Smith and Jason Taylor's cat. No doubt he left paw prints on your hearts that will stay with you forever. From **Nancy O'Gorman**.

Honorariums

- In honor of Emily Glenn's kitty, **Molly**, from her Grandma **Jeanne Glenn**.
- In honor of Sparky's "Dog Mother," **Kathy Larson**, who told us about him, and **Susan Skaggs**, his foster mother. From **Parker and Clover Gowing**.
- With grateful thanks to **Janet Harker** for the many cats she has fostered — especially my adorable Ginger! From **Susan Kreml**.
- In honor of **David Beal** from an anonymous donor.

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Birthday party donation



Emma Anderson made a fundraiser out of her birthday party when she turned 7 years old. She brought \$40 to Safe Haven and presented it to President Diane Lopez, with shelter mascot, Mostus, in attendance. PFOA appreciates Emma for her generous donation, which will help many cats and kittens. Thank you, Emma!


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■ **Fancy Feast cat food** for adult cats and kittens, HE laundry detergent, gift cards from Petco, Walmart and Costco, feather and other wand toys for cats, paper towels, toilet paper, square paper dishes (Costco), and carpet samples (someone to pick up and deliver).

DARE TO DREAM:

■ **Cat poles, perches, tunnels** and ramps (or someone who can build them). A farmer to cut the Safe Haven fields in exchange for hay.

WANTED:

■ **Wanted – Volunteer office helper:** PFOA needs volunteer office help. Flexible hours, basic computer skills, and attention to details a plus. Contact Sherry at 452-0414 and leave a message.

■ **Wanted – Writer for Pet Tidings:** The editors of our quarterly newsletter could use volunteer help writing short features like those in this issue. Can work from home but must have e-mail capability. Only one or two short articles needed four times per year. Experienced writer preferred. E-mail your inquiry to pettidings@olypen.com.

■ **Wanted – Fabric, thread:** The Potholder Ladies can still use 100% cotton quilting fabric and sewing thread. Animal, flower or kitchen-themed fabric is desirable, also solid colored or other patterned fabric. It 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 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. Pot holders are also available at PFOA's booths at many community events.

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Dates to remember:

■ **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 am making a tax-deductible donation in the amount of \$_____ to be used for:

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