

Pet Tidings



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Peaches finds her match

By Nancy O'Gorman

Peaches knows the good life now, but it wasn't always so.

Although the little toy poodle's first six years were spent in the loving care of a single doting owner, fate stepped in and changed everything. Cancer took the life of the woman who adored Peaches, leaving the small dog homeless. Well-intentioned relatives did what they could, but for the next three years, Peaches was passed around, never quite fitting into any of her foster homes — busy households, other pets, working families — these were things Peaches knew nothing about, causing her to become withdrawn and frightened in her new environments.

The last family loved Peaches but with growing children and a baby on the way, it was a home where no one had much time for a timid little dog that seemed too needy.



A little apricot poodle named Peaches found a new home through PFOA.

That's when Nancy Campbell, PFOA's small-dog foster care coordinator, got a phone call.

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

OUR MISSION

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



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Mr. Howell



Polka



Chatsworth



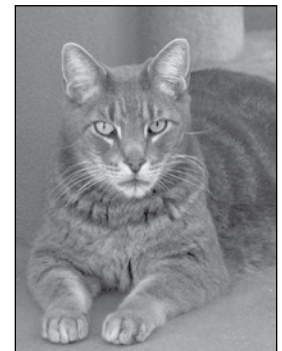
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From the Editor's Desk

We are pleased with the prospect of a new spay/neuter service, Spay to Save being available in our area. (See story on page 11). Preventing the birth of unwanted cats and dogs is one of the two major parts of PFOA’s mission.

With the rising cost of veterinary care, it has been very difficult to stretch our dollars to provide spays and neuters for our own animals as well as for those in the community who request our help. Especially troublesome has been the plight of feral cat colonies on the

Peninsula.

It has long been a dream of PFOA to find loving, caring homes (or for feral cats, willing caretakers) for each and every companion animal in need. Now, with the promise of a low-cost spay/neuter clinic, we have the possibility of stopping the cycle of unwanted births and pet overpopulation and making that dream a reality.

We welcome Spay to Save’s efforts to help further that dream.

The Editors

Mews from the board

We are sad to report that our Shelter Manager, Kimmie Pruitt, has decided it was time to move on after three years of dedicated hard work at Safe Haven. After she has some time to catch her breath, Kimmie says she plans to be an active volunteer, as she was prior to taking the Shelter Manager position.

We appreciate all she has done, we miss her, the animals miss her and we all look forward to seeing her after her well-deserved hiatus.

Meanwhile, our volunteer Operations Manager, Nancy Campbell, and substitute Shelter Manager, Patti Knoedel, have stepped up to temporarily job-share the position while we search for a replacement.

The need to recruit for a new Shelter Manager came as we began to face the need to increase staff time at Safe Haven to ensure that the essential chores are always covered.

Fun with fundraising

PFOA is very, very fortunate that so many wonderful folks support our work with their donations of money and time. *Every one* of you is deeply appreciated — we would not exist without you.

We are always amazed at how many ingenious ways people devise to do this, and want to share some recent ones with you.

In December, a staff member at Airport Gardens in Port Angeles called to say they

Reflections on 2009: Despite the economy, we continued to receive wonderful financial support from the community. Had it not been for the ringworm outbreak last year, we would have been in the black. As it was, withdrawal from reserves was minimal.

Volunteers put in 17,736.25 reported hours for PFOA programs. At the minimum wage of \$8.55, this means a value of \$151,645. At the same time, however, the number of staff hours increased as longtime volunteers with particular skills found it necessary to reduce their hours at the shelter.

Projection for 2010: Volunteers will continue to be the difference between the success or failure of PFOA, but the need for more paid staff hours will increase. The Board will continue to explore all possible means of fundraising and cost efficiency and welcomes input from members and friends. ❀



Logan Smith posed as Santa Claus for pets at Airport Garden Center with Hank, a 4-year-old boxer owned by Betsy Burke.

Peaches: Toy poodle with a sweet disposition

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The family asked Nancy to help them out by finding a more suitable home for Peaches.

Nancy went out to the home almost immediately to assess the situation and although the family meant well and cared about Peaches, Nancy could see that Peaches needed a life more closely resembling the one she had before with her original, doting owner.

This would be a challenge because Peaches was now 9 years old and had changed quite a bit after losing her world, being shuffled between families. She was now wary and worried. But there was something else Nancy could plainly see — Peaches' naturally sweet disposition and gentle, pleading eyes.

"Sharon Palmer came to mind when I first met Peaches," Nancy says. "She had said she would foster a little dog if we ever needed her to and it seemed as though fate had spoken with Peaches."

Sharon seemed the perfect choice to foster Peaches for many reasons. Sharon had a lovely, quiet home, just a few nice cats, time to spend with Peaches, and coincidentally, is the former owner of *four* rescued toy poodles over the last two decades. All died from old age, two of them at 16.

Sharon had been "poodle-less" for about a year when Peaches came



Sharon Palmer adopted Peaches after just three days of fostering.

along last October so it seems fate did, indeed, intervene on Peaches' behalf once again, only this time for the better. Sharon's past poodles were named Bo, Kasie, Stuart, and — a Maltese poodle named "Peaches."

"I call this one Peachy-2 sometimes," Sharon says, adding that Peaches is *the* sweetest dog she has ever known.

"I said I would foster her until we found a good home, but three days later I knew this girl wasn't going anywhere!"

And it's easy to see why, as

Peaches will dance for treats, moving round and round, then stand on her back legs while her front paws wave up and down. She's the most well-behaved dog, Sharon says, and it's clear the two are a perfect match.

Peaches likes cats and gets along well with her cat roommates, which is a good thing; Sharon is often called upon to foster mother cats and kittens. She and her late husband, Frank, started fostering kittens in Seattle — 16 litters over time — when they lived there before moving to Sequim in 1998. After becoming members and volunteers with PFOA a year later, Sharon and Frank fostered more cats and litters, totaling 25.

But Sharon's real passion is to help reduce the number of homeless cats and kittens by coordinating PFOA's spay/neuter program for low-income community members — an all-important job she's been working hard at for seven years.

And now she has Peaches, almost as if it had been a matter of time before they were paired up. Sharon loved and missed her past poodle friends but was holding off on getting another one. And Peaches loved and missed her adoring owner from the early days, waiting patiently for the right person to appreciate her.

It couldn't have worked out any better — for either of them. ❖

Fundraising: Volunteers getting creative

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would like to do a "pet picture with Santa" event with all the profit coming to PFOA. We were delighted, and several hundred dollars went into our coffers as a result.

Earlier, during the contest for positions on the Port Angeles City Council, candidate Max Mania pledged to spend no money for election signs, and instead asked his supporters to donate money to three local charities, one of which was PFOA. They did, and there was more cash in our coffers. And the paper and gas that would have been consumed to put up and take down signs was saved, as well.

Just before Christmas, a couple showed up with a truck-

full of food, litter, and supplies. They had decided not to exchange Christmas presents with each other, but to use the money to buy things for the kitties at Safe Haven instead. It was hard to tell who was happiest when they arrived — they, we, or the kitties!

Emily Glenn, daughter of Mike and Kristen Glenn and one of our youngest volunteers and financial supporters, made and sold unique gifts during the holidays. She decided to buy new cat beds for us, and after checking with staff to see what kind would be best, she searched locally and on the Internet to find exactly what was needed.

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Meet a volunteer: Barbara Bolles

By Ann Gilson

Barbara Bolles holds one of the most important and difficult volunteer positions at PFOA — that of volunteer coordinator of the T/N/R program.

T/N/R, or Trap/Neuter/Return, is our *free* program that helps compassionate people in our community — who care for feral and abandoned cats — get them neutered or spayed. Many such cats are “wild” and must be trapped in order to do so.

Barbara answers the phone calls for this help, provides traps and information, makes veterinary appointments for the surgery, and even sometimes arranges for free supplementary food if the caretaker is low-income. It is a time-consuming but rewarding job.

Barbara has been with PFOA only a couple of years, but she has always helped animals. She also volunteers at the Dungeness River Audubon Center and for the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge, both in Sequim.

In addition, she enjoys working part time at Costco as



a “demo lady,” passing out food samples to customers.

She and her husband, Doug, have three dogs (Charlie, Sophie and Chico) and four cats (Jessie, Jack, Samson and Tiger) of their own. Barbara has had many other kinds of pets over the years, including chickens and bunnies and “Henrietta the turkey.”

Barbara says she couldn’t do her job without the wonderful help and support of the three veterinary clinics she works with, and their veterinarians and staff: Hadlock Veterinary Clinic, Sequim Animal Hospital, and Angeles Clinic for Animals.

She also has high praise for two other T/N/R volunteers, Kristin Steinbrink and Melanie Arends. They furnish a great deal of help, especially with elderly or handicapped caretakers who need special help with trapping or transportation.

Barbara epitomizes the energy, talent and compassion that drives PFOA and makes possible the good it accomplishes in the world. We are grateful for her help. ❖

Dandelion’s long wait is over

By Ann Gilson

On the morning of January 7, 2010, Dandelion woke up in Room B-2 at Safe Haven, just as he had for more than five years.

He stretched, looked around at his awakening roommates curled up on beds, chairs and rugs, and glanced out the glass door in anticipation of the approach of the caretaker bringing breakfast. He supposed it would be a day much like all the others he’d spent there.

“Five years! Why so long?,” you ask. Well, for one thing, he was born to a feral mother and was just a little too old when rescued to be able to completely shake his shyness around strangers. He has become friends with a couple of longtime volunteers and enjoys their visits. And regular staff are okay. But strangers looking for a cat companion? Not a chance!

Second, he has an oral condition called stomatitis, which has led to all his molars having to be removed. He has

to eat special (and expensive) diet food, and needs occasional veterinary help to control uncomfortable symptoms. Stomatitis is not contagious and he is quite healthy otherwise.

Dandelion is a handsome fellow with a silver-gray tabby coat, and is a sweet, good cat. It has been painful for those who know him to see him passed over (or sometimes unseen) year after year. He has been content at Safe Haven, but we kept hoping that someone, someday, would see past his “disabilities” to the wonderful cat he really is.

Well, that morning, someone did! That very day a great Port Angeles couple, Marcos and Shannon, came to Safe Haven looking for just such a kitty and fell in love with Dandelion.

Our adoption counselor talked to them at length to be sure they were prepared to be patient with him for a *long* time, while Dandelion made the transition from his longtime home at Safe Haven and folks he knew, to a new house and two strangers he never saw before.

Well, luckily his new guardians *are* patient, and loving, and Dandelion is s-l-o-o-o-wly beginning to know that he has a real home and a family of his own.

“He hid in a closet for days, and then among the innards of a couch, and he is just beginning to trust us,” says Marcos. “But we know he was meant to be ours, and we really love him. We’ll let him take all the time he needs, and we sort of follow his lead. We’re so glad to have found him.” Lucky Dandelion!

Not so lucky, as yet, are three other lovable cats who have lived at Safe Haven as long as he. Two black short-haired brothers, Fagin and Thistle, who are tightly bonded, are also shy and can only be placed as a pair. This further limits their adoptability. Martha, who is shy, too, is a beautiful silky black short-haired kitty who is healthy and very sweet.

Their turn will come, as has Dandelion’s, as we know that somewhere out there is a family or an individual who will recognize them as *theirs* and they, too, will go home at last. ❖

Pet Memorial Garden on track for creation

A committee has been working on plans for the Pet Memorial Garden mentioned previously in Pet Tidings newsletters.

The Safe Haven Memorial Garden will be a place where people can come to scatter the ashes of their pet and reflect in a peaceful setting in the shadow of the beautiful Olympic Mountains. A site has been selected adjacent to a lovely pond on the grounds.



set up for this specific purpose.

Donations received for the online Pet Memorials (www.safehavenpfoa.org/memorials.html) will be deposited to the Memorial Garden Development Fund as well as any checks received that specify

this purpose. The committee is considering other fundraisers for the project. Please check the website to learn what they might be and to see what progress we are making toward the site preparation goal.

The summer Pet Tidings (out in June) will have the design, a progress report and recommendations for on-site memorials.

Goal: \$6,000 Funds To Date: \$150

Before the garden can open, a great deal of preparation work will be needed in order to access the site. A preliminary estimate of \$6,000 has been presented. Since funds donated for PFOA programs and general support will never be used for this project, a development fund has been

Notice: PFOA annual meeting is May 26

The Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 26, at the Lazy Acres Club House on Dryke Road.

There will be a snack-luck social hour starting at 5 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6 p.m. Mark your calendars!

At this important meeting, members will be asked to vote on a change to the bylaws to eliminate nominations from the floor for Director candidates. Instead, the Board would like to initiate a process where names of persons willing to serve may be submitted to the Board President at any time.

In order to be a Director, a person must be a member of PFOA, able to attend a monthly daytime board meeting and be able to work with other board members to advance the mission of PFOA. There may not be a vacancy on the board at the time a name is submitted but having prospects when

one does occur will be invaluable.

Members will continue to have the right to accept or reject any appointments made to the board within the past year as well as extension of the term of directors whose terms are expiring. The terms of Susan Skaggs and Barbara Swedeen are expiring. They have been asked to serve another term.

Members will also be asked to vote on another change to the bylaws to describe the responsibilities of the Treasurer as overseeing the assets and financial transactions of the Corporation rather than performing the day-to-day financial activities.

Submit the names of potential Board Members to Diane Lopez at PFOA via phone, fax, letter or email. See the back page of Pet Tidings for contact information. ❖

Fundraising: Cat beds, cash, and kitty litter

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The cats now have 12 beautiful new beds perfectly matching the specifications given. (See photo, Page 15).

A teacher in the Sequim school district received kitty litter for PFOA during a winter assembly gift exchange organized by students. The teacher



wanted nothing for herself, asking instead for litter for Safe Haven, knowing the need was constant at the shelter.

These are just some of the most recent ideas our friends have had, and opportunities they've taken, to help PFOA continue to fulfill its mission of helping animals, even in difficult times. We're looking forward to more surprises in the future. Pet lovers are a smart and inventive lot, we've discovered! ❖

Safe Haven ADOPTABLES!

Beautiful to look at . . . delightful to hold!



Lady Jayne

LADY JAYNE is a 6-year-old tuxedo kitty who loves to play. She has long, silky fur and is affectionate with people. Lady Jayne would prefer a single-cat home. She has years of love to give some special person.



Carlton

CARLTON is a beautiful boy. He's a 2-year-old Siamese-tabby mix with bright blue eyes. He's sweet, affectionate and talkative and likes to lace himself around your legs. He greets the volunteers who come to his room at Safe Haven and would love to be the "door greeter" in his very own home.



Ravi

RAVI is 5 years old and affectionate and attentive. He loves to curl up on laps. He loves small dogs and will stand in the middle of a rambunctious pack and try to rub up against any dog that notices him. He likes ferrets, too and gets along well with other cats. He would be a great cat for an older person seeking a calm, loving companion.

BLACK DAHLIA has been at Safe Haven far too long. She's a gorgeous black cat with red highlights in her fur, which is very soft — and she will welcome your touch. Only 2 or 3 years old, she's sweet and loving and will make some lucky person a delightful pet.



Black Dahlia

ZORA, a 10-year-old tortie, is healthy and current on all her shots. Like most torties, she has a distinctive mottled face and beautiful coloring throughout her fur. Zora is a mellow girl and loves to sit in laps.



Zora

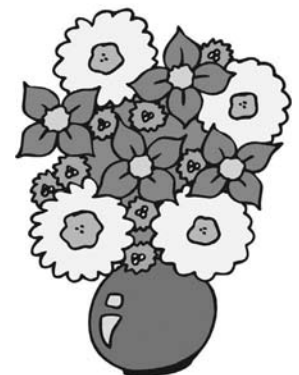
MANGO is a friendly, loving boy, who will follow you on walks! He's a beautiful, bold active 1-year-old with lots of energy. He doesn't mind dogs and wants to play with the other cats. He's a "meower" and can be noisy when he wants something but he will entertain you with his delightful antics.



Mango

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

We are sad to report the passing of
Brooke Carnahan. A trained addictions therapist with a private practice, Brooke took great joy in her job as cleaner for PFOA. She told us she applied for the job because she loved animals and the change of pace was refreshing to her. She came to be a much-loved member of the PFOA family and continued working well after her diagnosis of lung cancer. When she could no longer work, Brooke visited the shelter to spend time with the kitties she had grown so fond of. Brooke provided a Forever Home to two Safe Haven residents, Boss and Erin, who remain at home with her partner. PFOA was fortunate to have Brooke as part of the Safe Haven team.



“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



Dear PFOA,

A little more than a month ago last year, I adopted two kittens from your shelter. At the time, their names were “Tuddy,” now Pearl S., and “Billy Bob,” now Buck. The photo shows them lying together on a pad on a chair in my living room. Pearl S. is the tortoise shell. She is very petite in size but a giant in personality and attitude. She is very vocal and inquisitive. Buck is the tuxedo. He is



very loving but remains shy. Funny thing about Buck is he has to be around people but will run off if someone reaches to touch him. One of his favorite pleasures is to crawl onto my chest, lay there and purr while I watch the TV.

Originally, I had intended to only adopt one kitten to replace a dear cat I’d lost to cancer. When I first went to see your kittens, I focused on the tuxedo. But, the tortoise shell would

not be ignored as she squealed her heart out at me. I asked for and was allowed to adopt both kittens. As I drove away from my first meeting, the name “Pearl S. Buck” was going through my mind. The tortoise shell was exotic looking and the tuxedo looked “manly.” That is how I arrived at their names.

Both cats have completely integrated to my household and get along exceptionally with my golden retriever, Samantha.

Thank you for the service you provide,

Mark Ford

Dear Friends,

I just wanted to give you an update on Wyatt (now Owen) since he has come to live in his forever home. The first night home I knew he was the right kitty for me, he is so sweet and coming out of his shell more and more every day. I was told that he wasn’t a fan of canned food but decided to try it out anyway . . . he LOVES it!!



He also likes the fuzzy mice toys and feather toys (not to mention that pesky laser pointer that comes out once in a while). Owen also loves the Christmas tree. He is learning to get along with his dog brother, too.

Thank you for all of your help and patience in my search to find the right kitty. Much love and happy holidays ~~~ **Kacey, Owen and Byngham**

Dear PFOA,

During the holidays, I always feel so blessed. I’m grateful for organizations like yours to help animals be blessed as well. Thank you, and keep up the great work! ~~~



Sara Maney

P.S. Pictured is “Fergus “ getting into the Holidays.

Dear PFOA,

Hi to all my friends at the Shelter. Want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas. Mom gave me this wonderful toy (the tree), then told me not to play with it. Just don’t understand.

I’m trying to be good — really difficult for a little girl. I’m doing great, getting bigger and smarter. I hope you all have a nice holiday and a great new year.



Love to all ~~~ **Izzy and her family**



Hello Everyone!

Shelton is doing so well here. We have renamed him Leon since my kids wanted to make him their own. He is Leon because it is similar to Lion. He is friendly, snuggly and happy. He goes outside now and comes back.

He and our dog have made a truce and basically ignore each other. This morning they were both sleeping on the same bed. Thanks for everything ~~~ **Dallas Jasper**





“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”

Dear Friends,

I wanted to give you an update on Skipper (who we’ve renamed Simon), that we adopted on Nov 20.

We love him so much. He walked out of his carrier that afternoon and it was like he has always been here. He has the sweetest, most loving personality of any cat we have ever met. Even our adult cat Steve, who is no big snuggler with anyone, was won over and sharing his favorite chair within two days.

Our daughter’s dog comes over to visit

and Simon runs up to touch noses with him, no fear. He loves to play and he loves to nap in the nearest human’s arms. We are just over the moon for him.

Thanks for allowing him to join our family. I’m enclosing some photos so you can see that he’s happy.

Karen and Sid Veal



Dear PFOA,

Thank you so much for your help dealing with my dog Roscoe’s medical emergency. Though I am very sad to lose him, I am grateful for such a wonderful friend. And I’m so grateful to your organization for your help. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

Sincerely,
Megan O’Donnell

Dear PFOA,

Yesterday afternoon Nama and YoYo claimed my wife’s office as their own. Without a hitch they started using the litter box and seemed to enjoy the food and water we put down for them. The rest of the time was spent exploring the office and taking turns sitting in our laps and purring. I was expecting a multi-day transition period but they act like we’re just all longtime buddies and this has always been their house.



Kudos to all who socialized these kitties. I’ve never lived with cats that are this affectionate.

Richard Serkes

Dear PFOA,

Bennet and JoJo are awesome and wonderful. I love them, even with their “issues” (that means wanting to get on the counter and raid it of any leftovers or bread, etc. That I can live with, I just have to keep my counters cleaner, ha!) See you soon, enjoy the pictures (aren’t they cute!?) ~~~ Patsy



Dear PFOA,

We thank you for your help and support of all the little critters these past years.

You’re doing a great job. Most Sincerely,

Delight McClure

Dear PFOA,

We got to have the best gift of all this year at Christmas. Under our tree are two little white Christmas angels, Lilac and Lavender, and they are soo soo special. We love our little girls and they are doing great. We are still working on getting those eyes all better. They love to play and run like little ones do. The tree never looks the same the next morning, but we love it. Merry Christmas.



Victoria and John Wright

Dear Friends,

We enclose a donation to help you through this winter. We wish we could do more and will be able to in the future, we hope. We continue to enjoy our adopted cat we call Cinder (ella) — once known as Marylou, Martha’s sister. She is still shy! My husband and I (+ one granddaughter) are the only ones she comes out to see in late afternoons and evenings and to allow us to pet her! She does sleep on our bed every night, though, on a folded towel between us! Keep up the great work — keeping, spaying, and finding pets “forever” homes. Sincerely,

Chris and Ted Foster

“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



Dear Everyone and all the animals too!

Thank you all for your understanding and kindness! I don't know what the cats would have done without you! I hope you can still help people like me in the future! Love and hugs, your friends,

Lauren Richards and cats Shaq, Midnite, Kobe, Ayla, Frances, Arwen, Leyenne, Pearl, Liam, Mena, and Alvin.



Dear PFOA,

We adopted Lil' Miss (now "Alsea") a few months ago — we love her so much. We just say her name and she starts purring. She's an absolute lap cat, bed cat, crawl-under-the-covers cat, jump-on-our-shoulders-and-sit cat.



I teach at Sequim High School and every year the leadership class puts on a "winter wishes assembly." They hand out a piece of paper to every student and teacher asking what gift they'd like for themselves and what gift would they want for another person. I asked only for non-clumping cat litter for PFOA. During the Assembly in December, they called my name and I went down to the gym floor to receive two bags of cat sand for PFOA! I was so jazzed.

I was hoping for a bit bigger bags so I bought PFOA a large bag of kitty litter. I know it was a strange gift to wish for but I know you folks need it. Merry Christmas!

Jaye Hall and Richard Teglovic

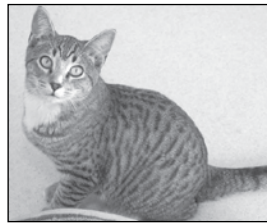
Dear PFOA,

All of you do such wonderful work. Your dedication and love for what you do is astounding. Thank you for giving your time and resources to all of the wonderful animals in your care. They start with your blessings surrounding them. You give each one a chance for a happy and loving life. With great respect and love, **Adrienne**
P.S. I love the *Pet Tidings* newsletter. You do a wonderful job on it. I look forward to it throughout the year. I just love reading it and set aside time just for that purpose every time it arrives.

(Ed. note: Adrienne adopted two all-white cats, Jack and Jill (now Blue and Jazz) several years ago. They live happily with her in Portland, Ore.)

Hi there,

I thought I'd write and let you know the border boys are doing great.



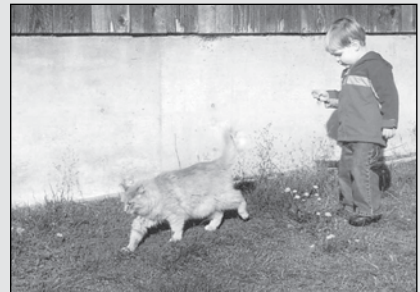
Bogny and Mac (formerly Taco and Tostado) have settled in to my home very nicely. They are rambunctious and a joy to have around. They love cozying up on the day bed in the loft when the woodstove is going and enjoy all their fun feather toys I've gotten them.

I am thankful to have these boys in my life. Thank you for giving them such great care and love. All the best,

Lana McNamara

Dear Friends at Safe Haven,

As another year comes to a close, we'd just like to thank you again for helping us "find" each other. Life continues to be one grand adventure after another and our love and bond is unending. Warm Wishes and Cheers,



Patsy Simpson and Vinnie (aka Charlie) with Cooper.
P.S. Use the donation as you wish.

New Year Greetings!

My gift to my grandchildren this year included a "share check." The share check is for each to give away. It is my way of helping them to be generous during the Christmas season and to feel good about helping others in this particular method. Each child decided where her/his check was to be sent. Each was given brochures and an explanation of works for three local groups which help the community of Sequim and is in need of funds.

Chloe, age 6, selected Peninsula Friends of Animals. She is the donor. Her share check is enclosed.

Grandma (Susan Clary)



Dear PFOA,
Thank you for helping the animals. Merry Christmas.
Chloe Morton

Look who's been adopted!

See some of our adoptable pets on Page 6

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Lilac



Lavender



Ginger



Echo



Casey



Chandler



Merlin



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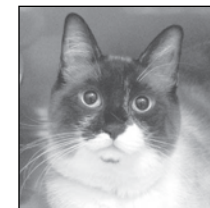
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Spay to Save on target

Spay to Save is a new local non-profit animal welfare organization incorporated in April, 2009.

Its mission is to help end the cycle of homelessness, suffering and eventual killing of dogs and cats in Clallam County by providing high quality, accessible, low cost spay/neuter services to low-income residents.

“The animal welfare community has long been aware that spaying and neutering our pets is the single most effective way of controlling pet overpopulation,” says Sue Miles, president of the board of the new group.

An organization focused solely on spay/neuter efforts, working with PFOA, Friends of Forks Animals and other groups, as well as the general public, can make a real difference in helping solve this problem.

Spay to Save is in the formative stages and hopes to start operations by November, 2010. It is over one-third of the way to its financial goal of the \$100,000 needed to open its own clinic with a licensed veterinarian. “Our goal is to spay and neuter 2,000 animals the first year,” says Sue.

PFOA spayed and neutered 751 animals in 2009. Working with Spay to Save could save us money as well as help us increase those numbers.

More information on Spay to Save is available at www.spaytosave.org, or Spay to Save, P.O. Box 2453, Port Angeles, WA 98362. ❀

Persians at home

It surely didn't take long for Lilac and Lavender, our featured Persians in the winter issue of Pet Tidings, to find the home of their dreams.

The Wrights, a Bremerton couple looking for a pair of “babies,” saw them on *Petfinder.com*, then called and came to see them as soon as they were posted. They were adopted the day the winter Pet Tidings came out.

Victoria Wright says their house is once again full of cat beds (four), scratching posts (several), and cat toys (many, many). The girls have distinct, but equally delightful personalities, she says, and have taken over their hearts as well as the house.



NOTICE

“Ask PFOA,” our regular column, will return in a future issue of Pet Tidings.



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 my dear mother, **Jessica Phelps**, from **Sue Hubbard**.
- In memory of **Clint Hulse**, from **Sharon Hollatz**.
- In memory of **Dorothy Lewis**, from **Clyde Stice**.
- In memory of **Barry Sullock**, from **Mary and Francis Busch**.
- In memory of **Ed Nagel**, extraordinary artist, best friend, and a friend to the animals, from **Joseph Price**.
- In memory of **Marijo Page-Robinson**, from **Clifford Robinson**.
- In memory of Jim Arnold's sweet and loving mother, **Betty Oreo**, who peacefully passed away on November 6, from **Diane and Leon Lopez**.
- In memory of my beloved son, **William Terrill, Jr.**, from **Toni Terrill**.
- In memory of my dear friend, **Maisie Maloney**, from **Teri Adair**.
- In memory of **Brooke Carnahan**, a dedicated friend of the animals of Safe Haven and a very special lady, from **Diane Lopez**.
- In memory of **Brooke Carnahan**, from **Helen Hille**.
- In memory of **Brooke Carnahan**, from **Linda and James Schneider**.
- In memory of **Brooke Carnahan**, from **Kimberly Cladas**.
- In memory of **Travis Klink**, who will be remembered for his love of life, family and friends, from **Sharon Quesnell**.
- In memory of **John Robinson**, friend and boss, who loved all nature and left this world a better place, from **Sharon Quesnell**.
- In memory of **Brooke Carnahan**, who won you over with her smile and disarming personality, from **Sharon Quesnell**.

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In memory of **Squeak**, loving companion of Tara Demers, from **Diane and Leon Lopez**.

■ In loving memory of **Gus the Wonder Beagle**, a splendid companion to Bobby and Karen Fleming for 14 years. "If anybody needs a beagle, I'll be in heaven!" We will miss him, too. Love, **Tim and Kendra Rand**.

■ In memory of **Moonlight**, adorable companion kitty and Regent Street mascot, who brought joy to Jack Hughes and Janet Kailin for several wonderful years. We will all miss her. From **Nancy O'Gorman**.

■ In memory of **Kai**, the miniature poodle who was a faithful and loving companion of Shirley Rogers for 13 years. From **Diane and Leon Lopez**.

■ In loving memory of **Marshmallow**. Gone 10/19/05 but not forgotten, from **Truebuilders@gmail.com**.

■ In memory of **Raven Lopez**, from **Verna and James Coma**.

■ In memory of **Raven**, darling of Diane and Leon Lopez. Everyone who met Raven, loved her and will remember her always. From **Sturges and Pamela Dorrance**.

■ In memory of our Boston Terrier, **Kula**, whom we loved dearly. He was a delight, our boy, and simply the sweetest friend. From **Bob, Brook, and Nate Anderson**.

■ In memory of my loving companion, **Angel**. She's gone from home but is not forgotten. From **Barbara Ann and Chuck Mrizek** and sister **Jamie**.

■ In memory of Heather Olson's boxer, **Chyna**, from **Rory Haggerty**.

■ In memory of **Buddy**, trusted friend of Steve Neupert, from **David Neupert and Claudia Huston**.

■ In memory of **Zane** from **Elizabeth Thacker**.

■ In memory of **Max**, best friend to Brooke Carnahan for 15 years. From **Diane and Leon Lopez**.

■ In memory of Karen Groves' beautiful kitties, **Suki and Mitzi**, from **Jim and Joanna Groves**.

■ In memory of Karen Groves' precious kitties, **Suki and Mitzi** from **Jenifer Groves and Harold Adkins**.

■ In memory of a **stray kitty** who was hit by a car on Happy Valley Road, picked up by a Good Samaritan and taken to Dr. Linda Allen, where her injuries were determined to be so severe that she had to be euthanized. From **Paula Slyh**.

■ In memory of our beloved calico, **Mitzi**. Eight years was not nearly long enough, sweet girl. From **Karen, Sunny, Rocky, and Emmy**.

■ In memory of our treasured tabby cat, **Junior**. He was a brave boy to endure all the medical treatments over the last 2 years, but now he is free from pain. My beautiful, trusting boy with a heart of gold is gone but he leaves behind many treasured memories. From **Diana Lusby**.

■ In memory of **Max**, beloved companion of **Brooke Carnahan** and **Daniel Margolis**.

■ In memory of Pam LaLonde's beautiful Afghan

Memorials and Honorariums

companion, **Izzie**, from **Diane and Leon Lopez**.

■ In memory of Elsie Stubb's ragdoll beauty, **Katie**, from **Karen Groves**.

■ In memory of **Junior Lusby**, from Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital.

■ In memory of my beautiful German Shepherd, **Kiowa**, 2/13/97 to 1/6/10. She was my friend and love. From **Sandy Holbrook**.

■ In memory of my neighbor's cat **Hank**, a gentle, peaceful cat who belonged to Jim and Jan Kirschner. From **Marilyn Rose**.

■ In memory of **Nanna**, whose life was enriched by the short time that she had in the loving home of Janet and Jess Harker. From **Sherry and Paul Creech**.

■ In memory of Rich and Jena Wyatt's cat, **Buddy**, who died on Friday, 1/22/10. Buddy was a sweet boy with a big personality. He never met a human he didn't like. He will be missed by everybody who knew and loved him. From **Susan Wyatt**.

■ In memory of Alliree and John Meyer's special dog, **Princess**, from **Paul and Sherry Creech**.

■ In memory of **Bosun**, from **R. and E. Moss**.

■ In memory of my precious cat clients and one dog friend that passed on in 2009 — **Moe Frentzen, Bailey Plutzik, Raisin Maxion, Micah Weston, and Sheba Halvorsen**. From **Joy Kennedy Maxion, Kitten Sittin' Cat Care**.

■ In memory of my sweet and loving kitty, **Valarie**, from **Linda Lowrey**.

■ In memory of our 19-year-old cat, **Vegas**. Gone but never forgotten. From **Sandra Lynn-Gold**.

■ In memory of **Miss Kitty**, from **Georgia and Charles Duschka**.

■ In memory of **Toby**, from **Jennifer Weicher**.

■ In memory of **Josie and Mimi**, Sylvia's sweet girls who brought joy and a model for courage in their outdoor world. They will be missed by all who loved them. From **Sharon Quesnell**.

■ In memory of **Bratski** (a.k.a. Tink) whose nomadic life allowed him the opportunity to know the good and bad of humanity. He will be missed by the two-leggeds **Ron, Randi and Sylvia**. From **Sharon Quesnell**.

■ In memory of **Gray Bob** (a.k.a. Short Tail, a.k.a. Woody) a "man" for all seasons in his 13+ years of outdoor life. His charm, his kindness, his omniscient ways and his cute butt will always be remembered by the many neighbors who loved him. From **Sharon Quesnell**.



Honorariums

■ In honor of **Jerry McClinton**, Merry Christmas from all your children, **Vickie Voita, Cheryl Cosmakos, and Greg Henderson** and their furry friends.

■ In honor of all their furry friends, from **Fannie and Trippie and Jerry McClinton**.

■ In honor of the Legal Department at the City of Port Angeles: **William Bloor, Dennis Dickson, Heidi Greenwood, Jeanie DeFrang, and Randi Mahlum**. Happy holidays from **Diana Lusby**.

■ In honor of **Dr. Linda Allen, DVM and the staff at Pacific Northwest Veterinary Clinic**. With Dr. Allen's care, our beloved Junior survived two years longer than he would have otherwise. She has always been patient with questions and concerns, and truly has a heart for all animals, and animal rescue. From **Diana Lusby**.

■ In honor of **Tammy White**, cat sitter extraordinaire. Not only has Tammy taken excellent care of our feline family over

many years, but she's also a master of leaky pipes, settling frightened cats after an earthquake, taking sick cats to the vet, etc. Seemingly, there's nothing she can't do! And most especially, our cats LOVE her. Merry Christmas, from **Diana Lusby**.

■ In honor of **David and Francie Louden**, from **RT Louden**.

■ In honor of **Roger and Edna Pike**, from **Jay and Kathryn Pearson**.

■ In honor of **Russ and Diane Stenzel**. Wishing you a Christmas that's merry and bright, from **Paulette Willson**.

■ In honor of **Edie Taylor**. Wishing you a holiday season filled with joy and happiness, from **Althea Bloomingdale**.

■ In honor of **Miranda and Alex Bartlett**, who love and care for their animals. Their two very active Boxers are alive and well, but recently they lost their beloved dog Shannon as well as their kitty Beastie after long and happy lives. From Great-Grandmother **Margaret Bell**.

■ In honor of **April and Leslie Westbrook**. Thank you, from **Sandee Freeman**.

■ In honor of **Freeway**, who we adopted from PFOA in 2003. He loves his canine sisters and he protects and tolerates the cats. He is happy, healthy, and adored. From **John Krause and Elizabeth Frew, and Lexus, Barbie, Hazel, and Molly**.

■ In honor of **Shelly Bartlett**, from **JK Messerschmidt**.

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Kitty bed bonanza

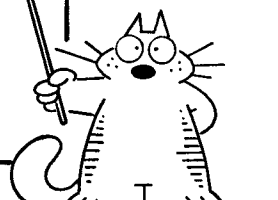


A big, special "thank you" to Emily Glenn for the 12 LOVELY cat beds she donated to Safe Haven for Christmas. She made crafts and sold them to her friends and family, then used all the money to buy the beds. She researched on the Internet to find the kind we needed. They are really nice with backs and bottoms that zip out for washing. Emily's generosity to the kitties at Safe Haven seems to know no bounds!

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■ **Wanted—Volunteer typist for small jobs:** Can work entirely from home! The editors of *Pet Tidings* need a few stories typed every three months. Must have e-mail capabilities; stamps will be provided for sending the few hard copies back and forth. Please e-mail your inquiry to pettidings@olyphen.com.

■ **Wanted—Foster homes for small dogs.** If you're interested in providing a safe, happy place for a little dog while it waits for a "forever home," please call PFOA's message line at 360-452-0414. All food, vet visits and supplies provided.

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Coco, hiding. Photo by Julie Petropolis



Dates to remember:

■ The Annual Meeting is Wednesday, May 26, at the Lazy Acres Club House on Dryke Road between Sequim and Port Angeles. Snack-luck social is at 5 p.m., meeting starts at 6 p.m. We will vote on a change to the bylaws, so please try to attend!

■ 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.

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