

# Pet Tidings



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## Abandoned kitty really a gem

By Ann Gilson

Opal didn't know why her "family" — the people with whom she'd lived all her short life — picked her up one morning early last summer, drove to an area near the Forks Water Department substation, put her out of the car, and drove away.

Were they moving? Could they no longer afford to feed her? Were they tired of having unwanted kittens and unaware of the help PFOA provides low-income folks toward spaying their pets? We'll never know, nor will Opal.

Opal looked around and noticed that shelter was available where equipment was kept in the yard, and immediately hid. She saw people working in the area after the sun came up, and cars and trucks coming and going, but no one came near her or seemed dangerous. There were no predators that night.



**Opal had five kittens while wandering lost and alone on the West End.**

The next day her hunger and thirst sent her searching for help. She caught a vole and found a dripping faucet at a nearby house. But it was very lean rations until she found a Good Samaritan several days later.

Diane and Glen Gooding live close by, and Diane noticed the little hungry cat and started putting food out for her.

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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.



**Kodi**

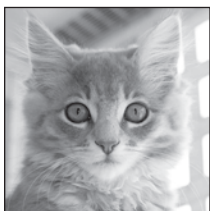
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**Wanda**



**Koda**



**Matilda**

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**Vinnie**

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## From the Editor's Desk

**This recession seems** to have hung on forever, and with it charitable giving is down nationwide.

You can't fault people for not giving; when there is little money for the family, people can't give to others no matter how great the need.

PFOA is no exception. With reduced giving we, too, are having trouble making ends meet. Staff and board members have been forced to re-evaluate and cut or postpone programs.

But hard times have also provided opportunities — we've been forced to look for ways to cut expenses, something every organization should do even in the best of times.

We have found some economic solutions, such as ordering supplies in bulk and watching sale fliers and Internet promotions.

When giving is down, volunteers are needed more than ever. To encourage gifts of

time, PFOA has re-instated its Volunteer Teas. These are a great way for you to check out Safe Haven, ask questions and meet others considering volunteering. So, watch for them in our monthly e-news by e-mail (or call our message line and ask for the next date and time). Come join us and be involved.

If you have offered to volunteer in the past, and no one has contacted you, please volunteer again. Don't think PFOA doesn't need you. Our staff and current volunteers are stretched thin, and sometimes things fall through the cracks. If you have a special skill, let us know.

If you think something needs to be done, now is the time to ask if you can do it. It's a good time to make your own job and your own place in our PFOA family. Remember the old saying that "time is money." It's never been more true than in this economy.

*The Editors*

## Mews from the board

It's been wonderful to welcome some new volunteers to Safe Haven to work along with our "regulars." An organization such as PFOA has a myriad of activities constantly needing attention, such as keeping the cats socialized, disinfecting carrier crates, transporting animals, taking photographs, working on our website and the newsletter, and assisting with a variety of clerical chores.

Then there is our list of periodic tasks like mowing, fixing things at the shelter, pressure washing the patios, all-out-deep-cleaning the rooms and cages, delivering *Pet Tidings* and adoption posters, collecting donation cans around town, and picking up donated carpet samples and food for our Pet Food Bank.

And, of course, our Potholder Team and the need for folks to give hours working at all the events to sell these home-made items which results in a huge supplement to our funding.

Now we have the good fortune of finding a volunteer excited about designing and

building structures for our catteries that will provide more fun and diversity for our feline residents, and we recently received a message that a service group would like to help us with the Memorial Garden.

So, more than a hundred individuals contribute hundreds of hours on behalf of the animals we serve. We are so fortunate and so very grateful for their compassion and caring. And there is always need and room for more!

People move on and wear out, but the animals in need keep finding their way to us and we must have the proverbial "village" to accomplish our mission.

A few hours of your time could make our work and efforts go even further. There's a long list of how a volunteer can help PFOA — call 360-452-0414 and someone will get back to you.

Meanwhile, the Board of Directors wishes you a happy, healthy holiday season. ❖



## Future is optimistic for Opal and her kittens

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Soon she noticed that Opal was getting quite plump. Then on September 4<sup>th</sup>, she wasn't plump anymore, and Diane guessed that she'd had kittens.

Diane looked for the kittens and found them under a piece of heavy equipment stored at the substation, where they were safe and dry. She contacted the workers there and asked them not to move the equipment. She wasn't able to reach the kittens to move them to a less vulnerable spot, but Opal herself soon decided to move them under a pile of lumber.

This didn't look too safe, either, so Diane decided to call Pam Winney, a former president of Friends of Forks Animals, for help. But when Pam came out to see and take pictures of them, the kittens couldn't be found, and Opal appeared to have mastitis, a painful inflammation or infection of the mammary glands.

Now what? They started searching the area and found that Opal had moved them yet again, to a small storage shed at the Goodings' home. The door was closed, but when they opened it and looked inside, there were the five kittens, now eager to be reunited with their mother and have some lunch. What joy!

Pam took pictures, then contacted Nancy Campbell, board member and PFOA's operations manager, and she agreed to take the little family. The cat and kittens stayed in the shed a few more days, then were taken to PFOA, where volunteer Helen Hille had agreed to foster them for a short time.

Kittens cannot go to the kitten rooms at Safe Haven until they are 8



Opal

weeks old and weigh two pounds, so they can get their first shots before being admitted. It looked like another happy ending for an abandoned cat and her kittens, as Helen happily tucked them into the cozy "foster kitty" room at her house. That was on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

As soon as this experienced, devoted foster mom got them home, though, she began to suspect trouble. The kittens were undersized and Opal was terribly thin, as well. She cried for food, and ate ravenously as she tried to supply milk for five kittens. As a result, she ate too much and came down with diarrhea and lost more weight rapidly. Then the kittens got diarrhea, too.

On Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, a desperate Helen, Opal, and the smallest, sickest kitten were waiting for Dr. Linda Allen at Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital at 8 a.m. when it opened. Dr. Allen quickly assessed the situation and began emergency treatment. For the next week some or all of the little family were intermittently hospitalized. We

nearly lost the smallest kitten a couple of times, but Dr. Allen pulled them all through and finally all were back home with Helen, who provided follow-up care.

Well, now the happy ending was finally in sight. But wait — there's one last hurdle. Helen was scheduled to have new flooring installed in her whole house, and her own cats were to be boarded while the work was done. What to do with Opal and her kittens Topaz, Berryl, Graystar, Onyx and Bijou?

Once more, as she has done before, Patty Knodel, one of our three shelter co-managers, stepped up and agreed to foster them while the work was done. She took them home to her beautiful "kitten house" (made by her talented husband, Rick) to continue to recover and gain weight prior to getting their shots and moving to Safe Haven.

Patty says that Opal, a lovely short-haired, dark tortie with an almost solid black face, is a sweet, loving, gentle cat and that the kittens are adorable.

"I don't see how anyone could have been so callous as to abandon her," she says, "and why won't people be responsible and get their pets spayed? It's a miracle they all survived!"

A whole series of miracles, actually, and the best is yet to come as they all go to permanent, loving homes in the coming weeks.

One Good Samaritan, a tireless long-time animal rescuer, a strong no-kill rescue organization, two great volunteer foster "parents," and a skilled and dedicated veterinarian and her staff — that's miracles aplenty! ❀



**Dear PFOA,** Eiko is doing just great. Our Mona is so happy with her new best friend. They play all the time together and sit next to each other a lot. Of course, our Larry is still the king of the house. The big brother to the two girls. We made some Halloween fun pictures of them. Here they are. We really love her and thank you so much for putting her on the web so I could find this little girl.  
Thanks, **Rikki McGowan**

# Titus and Biggs — FIV and a happy ending

By Diane Lopez

Like many cats that are relinquished to the shelter by their families, Biggs was frightened and hid under his bed in the cage in the quarantine room at Safe Haven, trying to figure out why his life had suddenly turned upside down.

A beautiful, 4-year-old neutered male Siamese mix, Biggs had been one of two indoor-outdoor cats in his family. After a few days, Biggs became more out-going in response to the care and affection provided by staff and volunteers and we were sure it would be easy to find a good home for him.

However, much to our surprise and disappointment, Biggs tested positive for FIV (see sidebar on Feline Immunodeficiency Virus), meaning we could not put him into a cattery with other cats and that it would be harder to find a home for him.

There is a lack of information and understanding by many people about what it means to have an FIV-positive cat. For one thing, FIV cats need to be kept indoors so that they will not infect



**The chances were slim for Titus or Biggs to get adopted since they tested positive for FIV. But a loving, generous couple came to their rescue.**

other cats. (Biggs' female companion turned out not to be FIV-positive and was quickly adopted to a wonderful home.)

Within days of Biggs' arrival at Safe Haven, a beautiful two-year old red tabby named Titus was brought to us. He was a friendly stray who had found his way through the cat door of a caring soul who took him in and fed him, but could not keep him.

She referred to Titus as her "beautiful Golden Boy" and he truly is. Still un-altered, Titus was affectionate

and laid back. He made himself quite at home in quarantine, trusting and happy to have food and hugs brought to him on a regular basis.

But when Titus was neutered he was also tested and found to be FIV-positive. He, too, would have to be kept away from the other cat rooms at Safe Haven. (To be sure of these results, a second test was done on both cats, but the results were again positive for FIV.)

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## A few facts about FIV

- Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) affects 2 to 3 percent of cats in the U.S.
- FIV differs from feline leukemia virus (FeLV) which can be spread by more casual, non-aggressive contact, such as grooming and sharing food and water bowls.
- The primary modes of FIV transmission are deep bite wounds and scratches, where the infected cat's saliva enters the other cat's bloodstream.
- FIV is not typically fatal for cats, as they can live relatively healthily as carriers (and transmitters) of the disease for many years.
- FIV may also be transmitted from pregnant females to their offspring in utero.
- The American Associations of Feline Practitioners, as well as many feral cat organizations, recommend against euthanizing FIV-positive cats, or even spending funds to test for the virus, as spaying or neutering cats seems to effectively control transmission (as neutered

cats are less likely to engage in territorial fights). A vigilant pet owner who treats secondary infections can assist an infected cat to live a reasonably long life.

- Tests can be performed in a vet's office with results in minutes, allowing for quick consultation. Early detection helps maintain the cat's health and prevents spreading infection to other cats. With proper care, infected cats can live long and healthy lives.

- FIV and HIV are both lentiviruses; however, neither can infect the other's usual host: humans cannot be infected by FIV nor can cats be infected by HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus.

Source - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feline\\_immunodeficiency\\_virus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feline_immunodeficiency_virus)

See also - <http://www.vet.cornell.edu/fhc/brochures/fiv.html>

## Meet a volunteer: Andrea Aufieri

By Nancy O’Gorman

When Andrea Aufieri moved from Chesapeake, Virginia, to Sequim two and a half years ago, she discovered Peninsula Friends of Animals. The reason? She needed a kitty, of course!

Her previous four cats had died from old age and natural causes; she “promised” the last one that she would not put it through a cross-country move, even though Andrea had retired from a long career as a human resources specialist for various large companies and was ready for a change.

After her cat died, Andrea arrived in Sequim, got settled, and began looking around for a new pet.

“I called PFOA, liked the people, the setup and the fact that it’s a no-kill shelter,” Andrea recalls.

“I thought, ‘This will be good. I love cats. I would have a houseful if I could.’”

Andrea went home with “Paddy Paws,” but since she could only have one cat where she lives, she volunteered to help PFOA so she could be involved with more cats. Asked if she would take over the sponsorship program, Andrea said yes. With her background in human resources, keeping track of cats and checks on ledgers and computers was right up her alley.

With about 30 cats deemed adoption-challenged but committed to PFOA’s care for their lifetimes, sponsorship is an ideal way for many people to share their love and resources with more cats than they can have in their homes. All but about



Andrea Aufieri

five of those are currently sponsored, but some cats have multiple sponsors because their needs are greater than most, such as chronic illness, an injury or handicap.

“You can sponsor a cat for just \$10 a month,” Andrea says.

And when an offer comes in to sponsor one, Andrea sends the person pictures of “their” cat along with a story about the cat’s history and how he or she came to PFOA; she also sends renewal letters, thank-you notes, and even bookmarks she makes with cats’ photos and histories.

When PFOA president Diane Lopez saw them, she thought they were so nice that she suggested Andrea sell them. And they are for sale, at Safe Haven, for \$1 each — proceeds going to the cats, of course.

“Every dollar helps the special needs kitties,” Andrea says. “When you love cats, you do what you can.” ❀

## ‘Famous’ potholders: 4,000 pairs = \$40,000

By Susan Skaggs

The potholder effort started in a small way. Lori Miller’s sister-in-law showed her an interesting potholder that Lori thought would make nice Christmas gifts for family and friends. She took the potholder to Carol Gearey, who also liked it.

They decided to see if they could make something similar and sell them to benefit PFOA cats and kittens. Their goal was to raise \$500. Surprisingly they made that \$500 in three to four weeks, and by the time they talked to Kathy Larson, Events Chairman that year, about PFOA selling them, they were able to give her \$800 they’d already raised.

That was five years, one washing machine, and a few repair bills ago. To date, they and the volunteers they’ve recruited have made at least 4,000 pairs of potholders, raising over \$40,000 for PFOA. Their two-person effort has now grown to nine people (Lori and Carol along with Sue Cram, Lynda Larison, Cindy Caldicott, Pat Matland, Donna Baxter, Cindy Wingerter, and Lenell Savage), and they not only make potholders, but also checkbook covers, aprons and tote bags. They can barely keep up with demand.

Once a month the “potholder ladies” meet for a sewfest at “Potholder Central,” a room in Lori’s shop that her husband Paul graciously gave up for the cause. There they assemble “kits” — the 9-inch fabric squares that make up the potholders which have already been cut by Lori, Carol and



**No one thought the lowly potholder could bring in so much money for PFOA. But a dedicated team of sewing ladies have been working at it for five years.**

Lenell. These they will take home, sew, machine wash and dry (to get the flannel layers to “bloom”) and return at their next meeting. Each potholder kit consists of a front and back square, 3 layers of flannel, a mylar layer, and binding.

Potholders come in hundreds of colors and patterns, but the most popular are cats and dogs, coffee, chickens, lighthouses, horses, food, and kitchen themes.

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## Safe Haven *ADOPTABLES!*

# CATS AND KITTENS IN SHADES OF GRAY

... to brighten the dreariest winter day!



**Emilee**

**EMILEE** is a sweet young mama cat whose kittens have now been adopted. She's ready for a new life in some lucky home. This little girl has a beautiful coat that's dark gray on top with white underneath that gives her an almost torti look. She's spayed and ready!

**SEBASTIAN** is a Siamese tabby mix with striking blue eyes. He's a year and a half old and over 14 pounds, a big boy who is very loving and wants to be petted. He's lived with other cats in the past, but would prefer to be the "king pin" in his new home.



**Sebastian**



**Randy**

**RANDY** has medium length, soft gray fur. He's a very affectionate boy who greets visitors to his room and begs to be petted. He's a sweet and gentle guy who would love a home.

**CARTMAN** is a declawed, neutered male. He's friendly with people (but sometimes he bites when he's overly stimulated, as do many declawed cats) and gets along well with other cats. Because he's been declawed, he'll need to be in an indoor-only home.



**Cartman**



**Nala**

**NALA** came in with her partner Molly when their family lost their home. She is a light brown tabby with touches of gray in her fur. She's about 2 years old and very sweet. It would be wonderful if she could be placed with Molly (also a tabby).

**MR. GRAY** is 2 or 3 years old. He's friendly and sociable toward people, and he's good with dogs. Unfortunately he tends to bully other cats, so he should be an only cat.



**Mr. Gray**



**Kilo**

**KILO** is back at Safe Haven, but not through any fault of his own. The other cat in his new home wouldn't accept him, even though Kilo was sweet and kind. Kilo is a lovely, long-haired boy, but he's showing signs of depression after being returned.

**SIX GRAY KITTENS**—Kitten season was long this year and as this newsletter goes to press, there were still six gray kittens available for adoption.



**Four of Six Gray Kittens**

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](http://www.safehavenPFOA.org)

# Vet-Smartz

**DENTAL PROBLEMS IN ANIMALS CAN BE AVOIDED WITH BASIC ATTENTION**



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

When I examine dogs and cats, these days some of the most common problems are dental tartar and gingivitis. I also find that I am seeing dental disease and gingival disease on younger animals than in the past. It is not uncommon to find significant tartar on the teeth of two- and three-year-old dogs and cats. I feel that this problem is becoming more significant in our animals than it was a few years ago.

Dental disease is not just a bad breath problem. Dental tartar and gingival infection allow for bacteria to enter the blood stream. This allows bacteria to spread to other organs such as the liver, the kidneys and the heart and can allow infections to start in these and other internal organs.

The most susceptible parts of the heart to bacterial infection are the heart valves. If bacteria land on these beautifully functioning valves, the infection can leave scar tissue that does not allow the damaged valves to close properly.

A murmur is heard when the valves are damaged and blood flow to and through the heart is no longer normal. Damaged valves can then lead to heart disease and ultimately to heart failure.

Infections in organs like the liver and kidneys are usually controlled by the body's immune system, but where the infection was, now scar tissue is found. When this happens enough, the cells of the organ are compromised by the scar tissue.

When teeth and gums are infected, our pets often must have a dental procedure at the veterinary hospital. This usually involves an anesthetic and a teeth and gingival cleaning by the doctor or by a registered veterinary technician. The teeth are cleaned and polished and often a

fluoride treatment is done to protect the enamel.

Sometimes infected teeth must be extracted. This is done because these teeth are often painful to our animals. Infected teeth can also cause nearby teeth to become infected as well. When we remove an infected tooth, we are helping to protect the teeth nearby from the same infection.

Helping our pets have healthier oral tissue and teeth does not always have to involve spending money at the veterinary office. This must be done when the teeth have a lot of tartar and when gums have a lot of infection and pocketing. If we pet owners start cleaning our pets' teeth when they are young, we can help to maintain teeth and gums in a healthier environment.

After a pet's dental cleaning is a great time to start cleaning our older pets' teeth. The mouth is cleaner and we can make a difference for our pets by brushing or wiping teeth and gums once or twice a day.

I recently read an article that opined that dental disease is the new veterinary "hustle." I do not believe this is true. Why do we not think twice about brushing our own teeth, but don't think our animal friends' teeth need the same care? Why do we go to our own dentist for teeth cleaning two, three or four times a year, but don't think our animal's teeth get tartar and gingivitis as well?

I am a huge advocate for preventative care for our animals. I would rather show my clients how to brush their pet's teeth and have them do this on a regular basis than have to anesthetize an animal yearly to clean their teeth.

Please talk to your veterinarian about what you can start doing to help your pets have healthier teeth and gums and a healthier body. ❖

## *Titus and Biggs: New best friends*

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Because of the lack of other space, both boys were placed in a small cat room that had been used for kittens. We could only hope they would get along when they were let out of their cages, and to our delight, despite their different ages, personalities and histories, Biggs and Titus became great friends and could be seen playing like kittens.

So, although it would make it more difficult to find a home for them, it was decided not to separate these new

best friends. Instead, we would hope that someone wanting a loving indoor-only cat would consider taking both of these sweet and mellow fellows. Biggs needs a lap to cuddle on and that's OK with Titus who, although affectionate, probably wouldn't compete with Biggs for a lap.

One Friday evening, operations manager Nancy Campbell — who knows I have a very special place in my heart for these guys — called to say "I just want you to know I think we have a wonderful home for Biggs and Titus!"

And it turned out that, after much thought, consideration and some research about FIV, Susan and Karl Kaiser chose Biggs and Titus to be part of their family. The Kaisers had recently moved to our area, their elderly cat had passed away, and they were now looking for an affectionate indoor-only lap cat. Much taken by Biggs and Titus and their story, Susan and Karl decided they had room in their hearts and home for both boys.

Last we checked, all is going purrfectly well! ❖



## “Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”

**Dear friends at Safehaven,** Included is a new photo of my fantastic kitty, Vinnie → literally up to his elbows in freshly dried catnip. Life is grand here on the hill and Vin adds joy to every day! Thanks for all you do! Cheers, **Patsy Simpson and Vinnie**



**Dear PFOA,** Just a brief thank you for my new housemate Suzie (Blackie). We are adjusting to each others' ways and settling in nicely. I really do appreciate the extra service I received with Angus delivering her to my house and Cindy coming over to microchip her. She really loves my sunroom where she can look out to all the birds, trees, etc.

Sincerely, **Elsie Stockton**

**Hello PFOA,** We continue to thank you all for the compassionate work you do for the animals and the community. Pepper, our beloved tortoise kitty (now Lucy) was adopted from there 4 years ago at the age of 2. She is a comfort and a joy to us and our dog, a 4-year-old flat coated retriever, Princess—especially since losing our older cat, Ben, to illness last fall. Lucy was a perfect companion for Ben and helped him carry on through old age, still active until the end. She has taken on some of Ben's traits, as is the way so often when one cat passes and the other mourns the loss. She often becomes a cuddly lap cat in the evenings when looking for affection, and encourages us to pet her often, as long as it's in the right spots! So thanks again for the care you provide and for our dear Lucy. Please let her former foster mom know she is doing great and is well-loved. Regards, **Marilynn Carlton and Glenn Riccio**



← **Dear PFOA,** I adopted a fine young kitty from you all last year (you may remember him as Wyatt, he is now Owen). Owen has been the best kitty in the entire world and I wouldn't part with him for anything. He gets along with his dog brother and is now enjoying the exciting world of watching fish swim! He loves the laser pointer and those little fuzzy puff toys. He also loves all boxes that enter the house. Owen brings such joy to my life, I wanted to give you guys an update on his life. Thank you for your time and all that you do for these cats in need. I really respect what you guys are doing. Keep up the great work! And keep the web site updated! I love to see the kitties on there get adopted! **Kacey and Owen**

**Dear PFOA,** Thank you for everything you do for the Forks animals. **Dee Grafstrom, Friends of Forks Animals**

**Hello Friends,** Keep up the good work—so many cats and kitties in the area are homeless and not taken care of.  
**Sunshine Bradshaw**

**Dear PFOA,** Just a thank you for sharing Benny and Sunny with us. Here's Benny → on our coffee table with his Duck. He often falls asleep with his arms around the Duck's neck. His paws are made for mischief, and he often steals small items. He gets by with it because he's cute. His “womb mate” is much fun, too. We love them.

*Margi and John Renken*



← **Dear Friends,** Remember Herman? We adopted him in late March of this year. Here is a new picture of “Herman Nelson” and Millie. They get along fine, play a lot, and we love them both. He is happy here, and, as you can guess, spoiled! **Butch and Priscilla Patterson**

**Dear PFOA,** Regarding the latest newsletter—it was absolutely wonderful to read a follow up story on my “Hope.” I often wonder about her although I am assured she is well taken care of and is a “wonder cat.” This issue was so inspiring, and I thank you for the updates. Please let Hope's “mom” know that I send love and “pets” for my beautiful “Hope.” And again, thanking your beautiful refuge by sending my monthly check.

In gratitude, **Joyce Serquinia**



## “Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



**Dear PFOA,** Thank you so much for the newspaper article. What a nice photo of David. I'm sure he would have been adopted after the article ran, so I'm fortunate we saw him on Sept. 18. He is all over the house and has taken a liking to my husband, Scott. David enjoys the Taste of the Wild food (thank you for sharing some with us) and canned food in the evening. He is less nippy and has settled down; you were right in predicting it. Here is a small donation and I would like you to know how much we appreciate your efforts to save animals.  
With friendship, **Charlotte DeVore**

**Hi there!** Tux and I have been working on getting him used to his “Walking Jacket” → so he can get out and enjoy the outdoors. Today was his second outing, I thought I'd pass along a couple of pictures of this big boy! Special thanks to Auntie Martha for her coaching on how to accomplish this mission. Now, if only I could teach him to heel. **Marie Strong**



**Dear PFOA,** I just wanted to give you an update on Mallory. She is doing fantastic! She and Hilo have hit it off. They are enjoying chasing each other around the house at top speed. There was very little hissing between the two once she was introduced. Hilo is being respectful and giving her space to explore. She is a very hearty eater. She eats her food and also gets into Hilo's bowl too, little stinker. Anyway, things are going fine with the little pipsqueak. Thanks for holding her for me, she is the perfect addition to the family. **Allie McKinley**

**Dear PFOA,** I probably won't be contacting you again in near future, as I can report that Bella and Wandra appear to have settled in nicely, now even taking naps out in the open, rather than in hiding. Many thanks for all your trouble this summer, but it resulted in these two having a home and I have loving company. **Sharon Ireton**

**Dear PFOA,** Alice (we renamed her Lucy) is doing very well here. We have her in a separate room from our other cat Leo and so far, when they have met through her carrier, he is hissing at her a lot so we don't feel that she is ready to be out of the carrier around him just yet. I think sooner or later, he will accept her presence. We did as you instructed with the meeting, we are being careful to give Leo lots of attention. Lucy is a little love and just purrs and purrs. We give her kitten toys to play with during the day while we are at work. I am hoping soon that Leo will be nice and they can all be in the house together! I will keep you posted on our progress. **Christine Gutman**

**Hi to All,** Noir and Echo here — we are growing and losing our baby kitten bellies. → Of course we exercise everyday and help Mommy with putting groceries away and chores like that. We are so very helpful, and Mommy says we are the best little girls. As of Sunday we celebrated our 1st month anniversary and got new little soft toss toys, but the best gift is we know that we have a Mommy and Daddy that love us more than anything, and say that we have brought “furry” love and laughter back into our home, but we miss you and thank you for all you did for us and all the love you gave us while we were waiting for our forever home. We promise to keep sending you little updates every so often so you can see how big and beautiful we are getting. Take care and keep up all that good work. Love from **Noir and Echo (Karen Niemi)**



← **Dear PFOA,** It's been a week since Jose came home with me...to his forever home. He has settled in very nicely; he hasn't been skittish or scared at all! He is, I am finding, a VERY curious cat and loves to explore every nook and cranny as well as get into every drawer or cupboard (or fridge) when I open one. I didn't know that a cat could like the taste of flour, eggplant, and tomatoes...he was quite the helper as I unloaded my groceries earlier this week and took a bite of each. I had my home cat-proofed, but I didn't have it Jose-proof! Now that I'm more familiar with his antics, I have it Jose-proofed. He is a riot and an affectionate boy. Thank you so much for letting me bring him into my life, I already love him. Thank you for all that you do for the animals! Take care, **Sara Skillings**

# Look who's been adopted!

See some of our adoptable pets on Page 6

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**Lady Godiva**



**Loretta**



**Melody**



**Tikchik**



**Palmer**



**Chena**



**Jose**



**Diva**



**Missy**



**Victor**



**Peanut**



**Jasmine**



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**Blackjack**



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**Nelson**



**Jake**



**Belle**



**Ann Margret**



**Koa**



**Devendra**



**Isabella**



**Mandu**



**David**



**Mallory**



**Russell**



**Jack**



**Bartina**



**Cascade**

*Look who's been adopted!*



**Walter**



**Sofia**



**Rosalind**



**Fawn**



**Archer**



**Vivienne**



**Viola**



**Mika**



**Maya**



**Biggs**



**Titus**



**Maple**

**Pearlie Mae camcorder ticket drawn Oct. 30**



**Emily Glenn, 9**, pulls the winning ticket on Oct. 30 for the Pearlie Mae camcorder, won by DeeDee Phillips of Leominster, Mass. The raffle, organized by PFOA volunteer Bev Dulis, raised \$1,005 to help pay for the medical expenses of Safe Haven's cats.

Other winners were, for potholders, Nancy Campbell, Cindy Caldicott, Kelly Haferkamp and Phillis Koch; homemade checkbook covers were won by Sandy Holbrook and Iris Butler. Emily is the daughter of Mike and Kristin Glenn of Sequim. ❀



**Bev Dulis, left, Sharon Quesnell and Emily Glenn dress up for Halloween as Emily draws names for the Pearlie Mae camcorder raffle.**



## 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](http://www.safehavenpfoa/memorials.html)).*

### In Memory of Special People

- In memory of **Dorothy Lewis**, from **Clyde Stice**.
- In memory of **Don Brenneis**, who is sorely missed by his wife Marilyn and his canine companions, Bud, Honey, Punkin and Teddi. From **Sue and Chuck Skaggs**.
- In memory of **Flora Morgan**, from **Craig and Tara Andrews**.
- In memory of **Julie**, from **Elizabeth and Ben Thacker**.
- In memory of **Roger Hubbard**, who loved the out-of-doors and all its creatures, from **Sharon Quesnell**.
- In memory of **Gladys Murphy**, the mother of a dear friend who passed away in July. She was active in organizations such as PFOA in the Boston area. From **Butch and Priscilla Patterson**.
- In memory of my sister **Hilene E. Jagger**, who died this spring. She was a devoted animal lover. From **Agnes McCarroll**.
- In loving memory of my dear young friend, **S. Lee Carter**. From **Diane Lopez**.

### In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In memory of our sweet old dog, **Follie**, who passed away recently after a long and leisurely, fun-filled life. We enjoyed every minute with her and miss her dearly. From **Rory and Mark Haggerty**.
- In memory of **Rainbow**, loving companion of Jim Arnold and Elsbeth McLeod who has joined Elise, Calle and Sheba in the ethers. How missed they are. From **Diane and Leon Lopez**.
- In memory of **Mama Cat**, beloved furry friend of Gary Del Mastro. From **Patsy Simpson and Vinnie**.
- In memory of Suzanne Berg's sweet cat, **Axel**, who I

- watched turn from a shy boy into an affectionate, loving, wise old man. Such a gentle spirit; I'll miss him, as I know Suzanne will also. From **Tammy White**, MaPaw Cat Sitter.
- In memory of **Ms. Craycraft**, to help the dogs within your reach, from **Bill Morrison**.
- In memory of **Flash**, Morgan and Elizabeth Van Dyke's wonderful Border Collie. From **Susan and Chuck Skaggs**.
- In memory of Hal and Jo Feeney's **Shadow**, who they rescued at a Collie shelter. He had a great life with loving parents for 5 good years. From **David and Ann Crockett**.
- In memory of **Rufus**, the beloved cat of Bob and Judith Pasco, from **Pat Lang**.
- In memory of Gary Del Mastro's **Mama Cat**, who was greatly loved and will never be forgotten, from **Sharon Quesnell**.

- In memory of **Bushy** (aka Hayes), an elusive gray beauty who lived life to its fullest in spite of others' mean-spirited nature. We miss your quiet strength, from **Sharon Q** and the **Backyard Kids**.



- In memory of **Winkie** — daughter of Wanda; sibling to Blynken, Nod and Jujube; niece to Harriet; consummate house "mom" to the Garden Shed Kids and a rare feral who trusted... MY GIRL! From **Sharon Quesnell**.

- In memory of Rich Jost's **Kili**, from **John and Nancy Jost**.

- In memory of **Tidbit**, our beloved little dog. You brought light and laughter into our lives for the 12 years after we rescued you. We so miss you, little girl. From **Brian and Carol Reiss**.

- In memory of **Cocoa**, the office cat for PNWVH who watched over Dr. Linda Allen and her crew for 20 years. From **Diane and Leon Lopez**.

- In memory of **Sunny**, Sandy Pinckert's beloved kitty. Such a sweet, sweet girl. You will be missed. From **Sue Skaggs**.

- In memory of **Sadie**, my beloved, sweet, loving cat. My friend for 12 years. I will remember Sadie in the window enjoying the sun. Sadie will be forever missed. From **Florence Humpal**.

- In memory of our beloved kitties, **June and Lou**, from **Ed and Jan Robison**.

- In honor of **Tessa** — Sean, Lori, Taylor, and Cash Coleman's beloved dog. She had a heart of gold and provided love every moment of every day. We will all miss her and her "smile"! From **Brook, Bob, and Nate Anderson**.

*Memorials and Honorariums*

- In memory of Sandy Pinckert’s much loved companion kitty, **Sunny**, from **Diane** and **Leon Lopez**.
- In loving memory of **Yoda Scriven-Mulcholsky**, Gail and Jo’s sweet companion canine, from **Diane** and **Leon Lopez**.
- In memory of **Lisbeth Bellet** of Sequim an animal lover with a soft heart and to the loving people who helped get her kitties adopted into good homes: Joy Maxion of Kitten Sittin, Lisbeth’s cat sitter for finding the cat homes; Tammy White, cat sitter, for all her help; Karen Long for all her support and love of Lisbeth; Carolyn Muir for adopting Joey; Joy Maxim and Tammy White for adopting Precious; Jeremy Wade and Amy for adopting Beau Bear; Linda Allen and the staff at Pacific Northwest Vet Hospital for taking in Ginger Honey to be their new hospital cat and nurse!; Martha and Bill McEacheran for adopting GiGi; Sharon Jensen at Blue Mountain Vet for offering a free wellness exam for the cats; KSQM for running the cats bio’s everyday; and countless others for posting fliers, sending emails and pounding the pavement. It truly did take a village to get Lisbeth’s sweet cats their new forever homes. I know Lisbeth is smiling on all of us.

- In memory of **Dolce**, best friend of Jed and Joella Cary. From **Neil Burkhardt** and **Jane Stewart** at McComb Gardens.
- In memory of **Abby Shaw**, Nancy and Bill’s beloved Golden Retriever companion. I’ll miss our group beach walks!  
**From Diane Lopez.**

*Honorariums*

- Happy Birthday to **Peter Ignatjen**, from **Belicia Munoz**.
- In honor of our daughter, **Jeanne Williams’** birthday, 9/5/10. From **Robin** and **Joanne Rush**.
- In honor of **Faye Hayden** for her thoughtfulness, kindness and helpfulness shown to us over these past 10 years. We appreciate Faye and are happy she will continue to be our president. We love you Faye. Canterbury Court Homeowners and Friends **Sena David** and **Diann Dickey**.
- In honor of **Patti Knodel’s** Birthday, from **Elizabeth** and **Walt Hawrylo**.
- With deep gratitude to **Angus Trent** for your many years of hard work for Safe Haven. From **Susan Kreml**.

*‘Potholder Day’ means visiting and lunch*

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Material and thread for the potholders and other items are often donated, but the potholder ladies also purchase material, especially fabric with the most popular themes.

“We have such fun on Potholder Day,” Sue Cram says. She makes about 30 pairs of potholders per month, but not all of the volunteers are able to make so many.

“We all do what we can,” she adds.

In addition to work, potholder day means a lot of visiting among the gals and lunch — the highlight of the day, they all agree.

Potholders are sold for \$12 a pair at events in which PFOA has a booth such as Christmas Bazaars, Lavender Festival, Paws in the Garden and Sequim’s Open Aire Market. They can also be purchased at the Department of Labor and Industries in Port Angeles, Red Rooster Grocery in Sequim and Hair Trix in Carlsborg. ❀




**The Potholder Ladies, from left, are: Lori Miller, Donna Baxter, Pat Matland, Sue Cram, Carol Gearey, and Lynda Larison.**

**Got cloth?**

**Needed for the potholder effort:** 100% cotton material and 100% cotton flannel in solid colors. Cotton or cotton polyester thread. People who can sew well and have a good dependable machine — must be detail oriented and not mind repetition. (The potholder ladies will train and see if volunteers are a good fit for the work involved.) Donations of money so the potholder ladies can buy material for potholders in fabrics that sell well at events.

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## Garage sale success!



**They came with boxes** full, with loaded pick up trucks, with vans heaped to the roofs. For a month donations poured into the garage on Secor Road. It's no wonder that when the sale began on Aug. 20, all four garage bays were full to overflowing, as were tables under canopies in the driveway.

The two-day sale netted over \$7,000 to benefit PFOA's animals. It was a great effort by a large and dedicated group of volunteers. A special thanks goes to Geraldine Lesser and Cindy Caldicott for organizing and keeping everyone on task.

# THE CLASSIFIEDS

### PFOA WISH LIST:

■ **Batteries** (AAA, AA, C, D, and 9 Volt), computer paper, duct tape (a roll or two/not a case), 2-inch wide masking tape (a roll or two/not a case), paper towels, \$10 gasoline cards for transporters, small and large extension cords, HE laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent (not hand dish washing liquid), small bottles of drinking water (such as Aquafina), and a couple cans of WD40.

### DARE TO DREAM:

■ **Someone to mow** the 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, up to four times per year (but once or twice would help!) Experienced writer preferred. E-mail inquiry to [pettidings@olypen.com](mailto: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](http://www.theredroostergrocery.com)). You can purchase these wonderful potholders in many colors and patterns for only \$12.



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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.

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