

Pet Tidings



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High Hopes For Hope *by Rebecca Neason*

Her name is Hope—and already, at 14 weeks of age, she has been through a lifetime of pain and suffering. Her history reads like an horrific list of what NOT to do to a cat, especially not to a kitten.

Hope was taken away from her mother at five weeks old—a tiny kitten you could hold in one hand—and given to a family with several children.....and little experience with animals.

Within two weeks, Hope's back legs were no longer working. Her injury could have come from being thrown against something. She may have been squeezed between two heavy objects or spun by her tail. There is nothing to indicate whether she was harmed deliberately or accidentally; it

doesn't really matter. What does matter is that the her back end was badly damaged, possibly forever. Seeing that her legs were dragging, the children of the family tried to help by giving her more "exercise."



Hope springs eternal for kitten Hope whose attitude is carefree and who bravely shrugs off her previous mistreatment

How much pain this tiny kitten endured, we can only imagine. But her trials were not over.

When Hope did not improve, she was put into a box to wait until a new home was found for her. When, a few

days later, a PFOA member was called to come get Hope, she was found living in her own waste, and close to death from dehydration and malnutrition.

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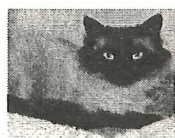
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OUR MISSION

To prevent the birth of unwanted pets through aggressive educational and spay/neuter programs; and to place as many homeless, neglected and/or abandoned pets as possible into good, safe, permanent homes

"Animals cannot tell us in words that they suffer; but they tell us in many other ways. Like us, they want to live, and they want to avoid pain and suffering."

—Mary Lou Randour



Adopted! Jimmy



Adopted! Barnaby



Adopted! Sandy



Adopted! Beulah



Adopted! Callie

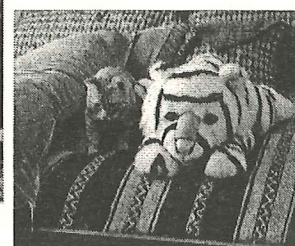


Adopted! Sophia



Adopted! Mickey

MR. PEACH GETS ADOPTED!!



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PAWS FOR A THOUGHT

Some people have looked at Hope, the paralyzed little girl featured on Page 1, and wondered if just maybe it wouldn't have been better to euthanize her than to let her live her life without bladder control and dragging her two back legs behind her.

As one of Hope's caretakers, I can assure all those who wonder that Hope is a pet who *wants* and *deserves* to live. She plays as hard and eats as heartily as any kitten that ever spent time on this earth. Hope's legs are not a problem for her; she seems completely oblivious to the fact that they are supposed to perform a function. Instead, she uses her strong front legs to propel the rest of her body across the smooth floor of her quarters at a speed equal to that of any kitten blessed with all fours.

As for the barriers to Hope's being able to urinate on her own, I consider it an honor and a privilege to do the procedure four times a day that helps this precious being void her bladder—a basic animal reflex that was taken away from her at the hands of a person who probably didn't even realize that he/she was doing harm. I am happy to do whatever it takes to help her get through a life she seems to find gratifying and wonderful.

It was human mistreatment that caused Hope so much harm, but euthanasia needn't ever have been a serious option in this case. Humans have a chance to make things right for Hope. I'm proud to be part of that effort.

It is with an immense amount of sadness that we say farewell to Earl Gilson. Earl was lost on Sept. 4 to an aggressive form of leukemia.

Without Earl, PFOA might still be fumbling and struggling to open Safe Haven's doors. Earl was the driving force behind the early renovation of the building and did all the footwork and follow-up it took to satisfy the authorities that every bit of the work was being performed to standards.

Earl was an incredibly good friend to people and animals alike. He is a legend in our community (and in those in which he lived before) for being on hand to help whenever help was needed. Having been at various times in his life a serviceman, a university professor, a state representative and a builder of structures, Earl still managed to volunteer large chunks of time at food banks, in elementary schools, at visitors' centers and, of course, for PFOA.

Earl was one of those rare people who seemed to sense the need for help wherever it existed and who then stepped forward and gave 100% of himself. He will be deeply missed by an enormous number of friends and admirers.—*Editor*

47% of pet owners would pay any amount to save their pet's lives
400,000 pets in North America are now covered by medical insurance
63% of pet owners say "I love you" to their pets every day
57% of pet owners would choose their pet as their only companion on a deserted island
61% of pet owners believe that caring for a pet fulfills a need for parenting
63% of pet owners spend over 2 hours of quality time with their pets every day
\$9 billion is spent on pet food every year; \$6 billion is spent on commercial baby food

Mr. Peach Finds His Forever Home

Editor's note: Lisa Bohman and her husband, Mark, and their three children, recently adopted Safe Haven resident, Mr. Peach, whom many thought to be unadoptable because of a bowel condition that sometimes causes unexpected bits of leakage. The following is an email we received recently from Lisa.

Dear PFOA:

Mr. Peach is doing well at our home in Des Moines, Washington. He is such a good boy and is doing great as a member of our family. He gets lots of attention but I have to gloat—he is definitely MY BOY.

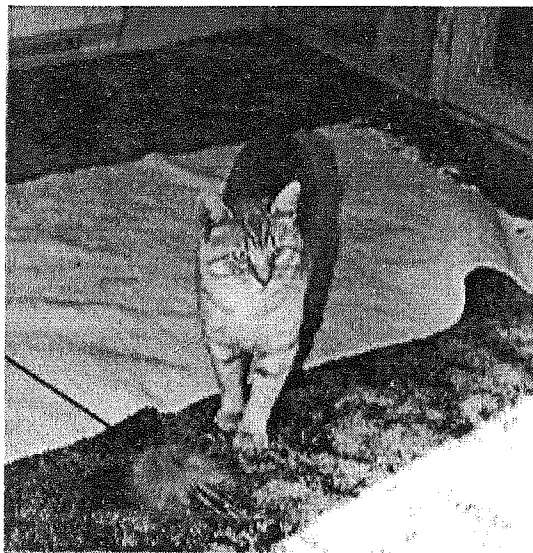
We have found that he seems to really like the carrots best and is not as enthusiastic to gobble up his food when it is pumpkin day. Just like a kid, he has his favorite vegetables!

I have a very large bathroom area that also has a small room off of it with the toilet. Mr. Peach's litter box is in there with our potty and often he will come in at the same time we do. It was a little unnerving at first, but we are used to it now.

The bathroom section is quite large and has a window that Mr. Peach likes to look out. We are on the second floor so it gives a

birds eye view for him to see what's going on.

We have a small boom box in there on which we play smooth



jazz for him. When we are home, he has the run of our large bedroom as well which also has two large windows. My bed is tall so he is able to lay on the bed and see out the window across to the lower neighborhood. He particularly likes to watch the squirrels hop along the fence.

We took Mr. Peach to the vet the other day for his check-up and to make sure we would need to get more medicine prescribed. He

did quite well and won over the doctor's heart. She said he is in very good health despite the occasional mild accident. I have to say his accidents (there have only been two since I've had him) are hardly noticeable. The first time he had one little drip I thought it was a small piece of lint....welllllll when I went to pick it up I determined it was not lint!

He continues right now to stay on his medicine, his high fiber diet, a few pieces a day of Max Cat Sr. and lots of love regimen.

As to whether we love him as much as we thought we would....the answer is NO...WE LOVE HIM MORE!!!!

Once again, we can't thank you enough for trusting us and letting us make Mr. Peach a member of our family.

—Lisa

(Readers who donated to the Mr. Peach fund to help cover expenses for his eventual surgery will be happy to know that those donations have been set in reserve to assist the Bohmans in paying for that surgery if and when it becomes necessary.

—Ed.)

Used Cell Phones, Ink Jet Cartridges Raise Funds For PFOA

For several months now, PFOA has been raising money for daily expenses by collecting used inkjet and laser cartridges and sending them to an organization called Cash For Critters. Each time that organization receives a box of cartridges, it immediately pays PFOA for the box and sends us another box to start filling for the next shipment.

Now Cash For Critters has announced that it is accepting old cell phones as well. It doesn't matter whether the phones work or not, as long as they are *digital*. So if you have cell phones laying around that aren't being used any longer, please see to it that they are delivered to Safe Haven or any PFOA board member or our post office box (404 in Sequim).

As for the inkjet and laser cartridges, please remember that we can't accept any previously recycled cartridges; no clear, gray, white or drilled cartridges; nor any cartridge made by Epsom.

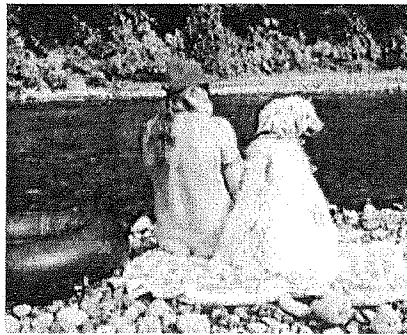
Thanks for saving these items for PFOA. They really do amount to "easy money" that can be used toward paying the daily expenses of the animals in our care.

"Dogs 'n' Wheels": 2005 Fund Raising Calendar Now Available

With the enormous success of 2004's "Puss 'n' Boots...and Fido, too!" calendar—which featured cats and tastefully undressed women—PFOA is now pleased to give equal opportunity fund raising time to dogs and men!

"Dogs 'n' Wheels...and Fluffy, too!" is PFOA's 2005 calendar that gives the dogs and the men a chance to try and raise as much money as the cats and the women did this past year. It'll be a challenge, as "Puss 'n' Boots" has sold well over 3,000 copies to date in 30 U.S. states as well as in Canada, Japan and Australia.

By briefly disrobing for the camera—and getting advice and assistance from their wives, or from



girlfriends—the models had fun doing their part to help PFOA's spay/neuter program and the group's efforts to place homeless cats and dogs into good, loving homes. We are confident that all will agree that the results are equally as impressive and artistic as the 2004 calendar.

To order, send a check or money order for \$16.95 per calendar (includes shipping) to PFOA Calendar, PO Box 404, Sequim, WA 98382. Or order with a credit card by calling 1-800-701-0488, or online at www.charitycatcalendars.com.

Calendars may also be purchased at a number of retail establishments on the North Olympic Peninsula including Port Book and News, Necessities and Temptations, Something To Crow About, Odyssey Books and The Cat's Meow (all in Port Angeles), and Sunny Farms, Frick Drugs, Twice Loved Books, Best Friend Nutrition, Pet Town and Vision Landscape Nursery (all in Sequim).

Special, heartfelt thanks goes out to **VISION LANDSCAPE NURSERY** owners Claire and Allan Bernards for providing and planting the wonderful, gorgeous trees surrounding the Safe Haven outdoor enclosures. The trees will provide a lifetime source of shade in summer for the cats and will be a permanent pleasure for the volunteers. Kudos to Claire and Allan!

ONE BY ONE —*Author unknown*

One by one, they pass by my cage,
Too old, too worn, too broken, no way.
Way past her time, she can't run and play.
Then they shake their heads slowly and go on their way.
A little old woman, arthritic and sore.
It seems I am not wanted any more.
I once had a home, I once had a bed.
A place that was warm, and where I was fed.
Now my muzzle is gray and my eyes slowly fail.
Who wants a dog so old and so frail?
My family decided I didn't belong,
I got in their way, my attitude was wrong.
Whatever excuse they made in their head,
Can't justify how they left me for dead.
Now I sit in this cage, where day after day,
The younger dogs get adopted away.
When I had almost come to the end of my rope,
You saw my face, and I finally had hope.

You saw through the gray, and the legs bent with age,
And I felt I still had life beyond this cage.
You took me home, gave me food and a bed,
And shared your own pillow with my own tired head.
We snuggle and play, and you talk to me low,
You talk to me dearly, you want me to know.
I may have lived most of my life with another,
But you outshine them with a love so much stronger.
And I promise to return all the love I can give,
To you, my dear person, as long as I live.
I may be with you for a week, or for years,
We will share many smiles, you will likely shed tears.
And when the time comes God deems I must leave,
I know you will cry and your heart, it will grieve.
And when I arrive at the Rainbow Bridge, all new,
My thoughts and my heart will still be with you.
And I will brag to all who will hear,
Of the person who made my last days so dear.

Kebo's Lucky Day *by Nancy Rudolph*

It's probably happened to all of us at least once.

An adorable kitten romps up to you on the street when you least expect it. No one is looking for it, nobody wants it, it's scrawny, hungry and purring. Who could walk away from that?

I've rescued many such kittens. They capture your heart, you take them home, and you do what you can to put a small dent in the large problem of homeless pets.

There's the trip to the vet, de-worming, de-fleaing, vaccinations and spay/neutering. But paying a hefty vet bill for a cat you don't intend to keep isn't nearly as painful as giving your kitten away afterwards—if you can even bear to part with it. If you can't, it doesn't take long before you're the proud caregiver to 20 or 30 cats.

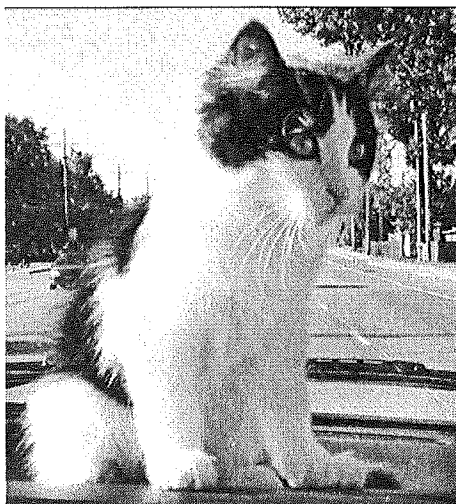
This is one of the many reasons I support Peninsula Friends of Animals as well as some other non-kill rescue shelters in this country. They might not have room for every single homeless pet, but they make a difference doing what they can by networking, fostering, adopting, spay/neutering, medical assistance and so much more.

The enormous relief and gratitude of many rescuers, when they run out of options, is immeasurable. My daughter, Kendra, faced this predicament recently in Cheyenne, Wyoming. After moving there in August to start a new job, she found the perfect house to rent. While out walking one day in a nearby park, a small black and white kitten ran up to her, meowing and purring. She scooped her up,

named her Kebo, took her home, and gave her food. Kebo properly used a hastily constructed litter box, purred incessantly, snuggled happily, and slept through the night.

Kendra adored her.

After checking to see if anyone was looking for an affectionate kitten and finding no one, Kendra wanted nothing more than to keep her—but the landlord refused to bend the no-pet policy, even for a day. Through tears and with a heavy heart, Kendra was forced to give up the kitten she rescued.



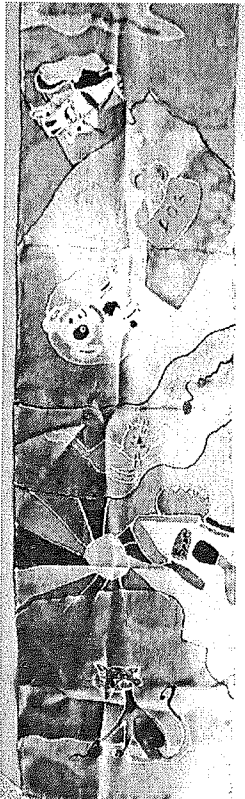
Fortunately, Cheyenne has a state-of-the-art no-kill shelter—the only way my daughter could have possibly surrendered Kebo. The loss was painful, but Kendra took comfort in knowing Kebo would be safe while a home could be found. She paid for Kebo's care and set about finding an adoptive family for the kitten through friends and co-workers.

The story has a mostly happy ending. Kendra did find a co-worker who would adopt Kebo from the shelter, but there were no less than 300 other cats and kittens waiting for homes, too. No-kill shelters are a godsend, but the math tells us there are more pets than homes for them. There must be a special place in heaven for no-kill shelter workers everywhere.

I know Kendra and Kebo think so.

THE 10 CATMANDMENTS: 1) I am the Lord of thy house; 2) Thou shalt have no other pets before me; 3) Thou shalt not ever ignore me; 4) I shall ignore thou when I feel like it; 5) Thou shalt be grateful that I even give thou the time of day; 6) Remember my food dish and keep it full; 7) Thou shalt spend most of thy money on toys and gifts for me; 8) Thou shalt always have thy lap ready for me to curl up in; 9) Thou shalt shower me with love and attention upon demand; 10) Above all, thou shalt do anything and everything it takes to make me happy.

THIS PAGE FEATURES **SILENT AUCTION ITEMS** DONATED TO PFOA FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING FUNDS FOR THE SPAY-NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. PLEASE PLACE YOUR BID *IN WRITING* AND *IN A SEALED ENVELOPE* AND MAIL TO US OR GIVE TO ANY PFOA BOARD MEMBER; OR DELIVER YOUR BIDS TO SAFE HAVEN. ADDRESS FOR MAILED BIDS: PFOA/Silent Auction, PO BOX 404, SEQUIM, WA 98382. *Bidding deadline: Nov. 30, 2004.* Bids include shipping, and will be opened (and winner notified) on Dec. 1. *If you would like to donate items for auctioning to raise funds for PFOA, please leave a message on our message center phone: (360) 452-0414. Thanks!*



Hand painted CAT AND DOG SILK SCARF, approximately 5 feet long by one foot across. Extremely colorful, with shades of green, blue, red, purple, yellow, and other colors. Retail value up to \$75. **Starting bid: \$25**

Porcelain CAT'S CRADLE by Victoria Oldham, issued by the Danbury Mint, July, 1996. Cream

colored cradle rocks; cats are shades of orange and brown.

Blanket is blue and white. Pink, blue and green trim on side of cradle. Weighs one pound. **Starting bid: \$15**



"KOSMIC KITTY" PICTURE by Ken Emmert, copyright 2003. Hand-numbered #39 of 1500. Black frame with blue matting; cat is mostly shades of purple, pink, blue and white. **Starting bid: \$25**

MORE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS See page to the left for instructions on how to bid



LEOPARD KITTY W/ FEATHERS AND A MUSIC BOX! Hand-made "Snicker Doodles", soft and fluffy spotted leopard kitty is shades of brown and black and contains a windup music box that plays "Memory", the theme from "Cats." About one foot high and wide. **Starting bid: \$12**

Signed Laurel Burch/Franklin Mint CAT WATCH. Watch is in shape of a cat's body and has colorful, somewhat "psychedelic" design on the face. **Starting bid: \$25**



SAFE HAVEN WISH LIST

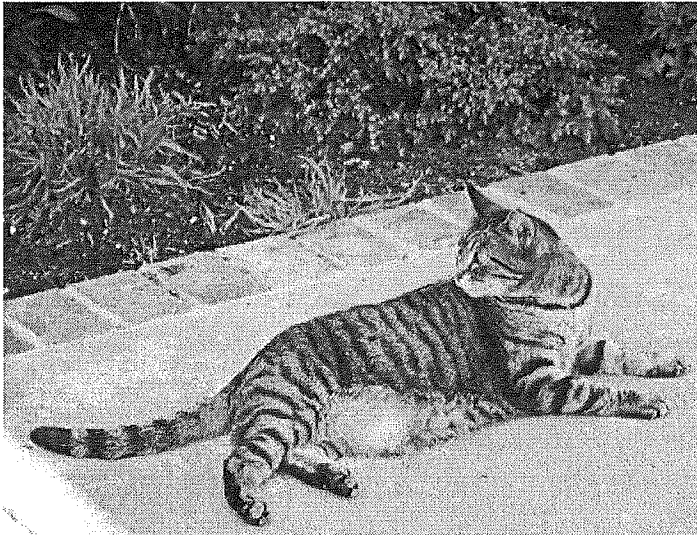
The response to Safe Haven's Wish List has been incredible and we genuinely appreciate all the PFOA members and community supporters who have helped keep us stocked with items we use in quantity every day. The need is ongoing, however, and here is the latest list of things for which we have the greatest need.

PAPER TOWELS	FIRST AID KIT	WELLNESS CANNED KITTEN FOOD
LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT	SMALL BOOK CASE	KMR KITTEN FORMULA (powdered only)
LIQUID ANTI-BACTERIAL HAND/ DISHWASHING SOAP	TERRYCLOTH CLEANING TOWELS	DRY CAT FOOD FOR DONATING TO LOW INCOME COMMUNITY PET GUARDIANS AND FERAL CAT FEEDERS (Any brand)
HEAVYWEIGHT TRASH BAGS (13 GALLON SIZE)	PACKAGED SNACKS AND CANNED OR BOTTLED JUICE, POP AND WATER FOR THE VOLUNTEERS	CANNED CAT FOOD (Friskies, Fancy Feast, Nine Lives)
HAND LOTION (unscented)	GIFT CERTIFICATES— Costco Home Depot Safeway Wal-Mart Best Friend Nutrition Staples Clallam Coop PetsMart Patricia's Pet Store Pet Town	CAT LITTER (Any brand or style)
POSTAGE STAMPS (37 & 23)		FACTORY-NEW CAT TOYS
INKJET PRINTER CARTRIDGES (HP BLACK #s 27, 45 or 56; HP COLOR #s 23, 28, 57 or 78)		MISCELLANEOUS OFFICE SUPPLIES: PENS, SCOTCH TAPE, TABLETS, ETC.
COPY PAPER (91+ bright)		
#10 ENVELOPES (24 pound)		
#6 3/4 ENVELOPES (24 pound)		

Adoption-Challenged

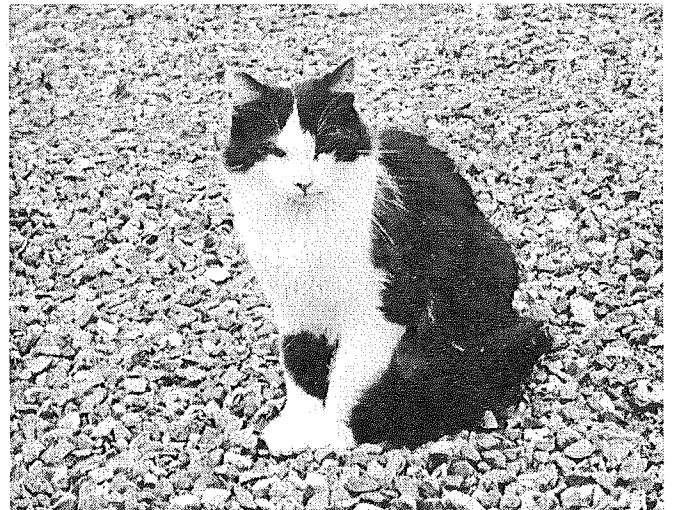
Special animals with special needs looking for special homes with special people

PFOA adoption fee is \$75. All PFOA pets have been health-checked, vaccinated and spayed or neutered.



Nine year old **PRINCESS** has spent several years getting over trauma endured in a previous situation. She is on the road to recovery, however, and with the right very patient and loving home she could make someone a very special and wonderful pet.

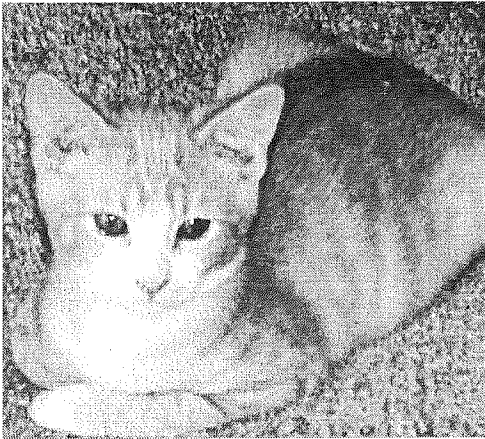
JOHNNYCAT was born feral and has lived in a PFOA foster home for two years. He is just learning to experience the joys of being touched but would need to be adopted into a special home with caretakers who are willing to give him all the time and patience he needs to adjust to and interact with humans.



JAMIE is brother to Johnnycat and was born under the same circumstances. Potential adopters of feral cats are few and far between, but if you think you might have what it takes to give Jamie or his brother a safe and happy home, please call our Message Center phone to express your interest.

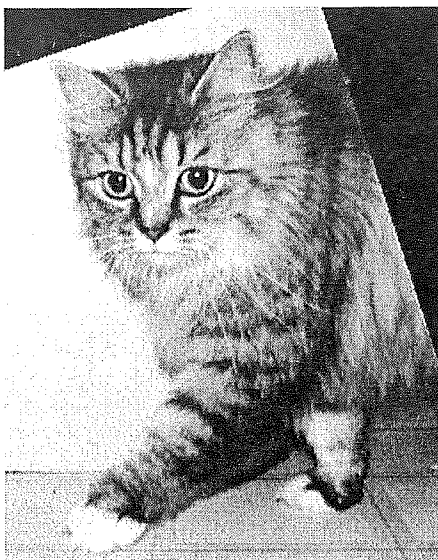
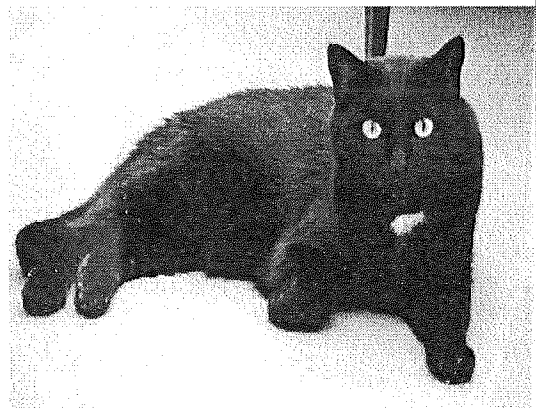
ADOPTABLES!

PFOA adoption fee is \$75. All of these socialized pets have been health-checked and treated, vaccinated and spayed or neutered. Please call our Message Center at (360) 452-0414 if you can provide a safe, loving, comfortable home for one or more of them.



RANDY is a sweet and playful five month old who is mostly orange tabby but has a white chest, face and paws. (His brother, Ricky, who is also available, is more white and less orange). Randy (and Ricky as well) is already neutered, vaccinated and ready to go to his new home. It would be fantastic if Randy and Ricky could be adopted together.

MOON is a very big hunk of feline sweetness. He and his three very shy siblings have been at Safe Haven since it opened, and Moon is the one of the four who is the most well socialized. About two years old, Moon loves to be stroked and brushed. To express your interest in Moon, call PFOA's Message Center phone today!



ANGEL is an incredibly gorgeous and friendly female who is between one and two years old. She has beautiful, colorful medium length hair. She doesn't care for other cats, so needs to be the only one in the household. She will shower her adopter with love and affection. To talk with a PFOA adoption volunteer about your interest in Angel, please leave your name and number on our Message Center phone.

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*"No Heaven will not ever Heaven be;
unless my cats are there to welcome me."
—Unknown*

*"There are two means of refuge from the
miseries of life: music and cats."
—Albert Schweitzer*

*"Cats seem to go on the principle that it
never does any harm to ask for what you
want."
—Joseph Wood Krutch*

RAFFLE ITEM!

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Hand-made by Jeanie Creasy especially for Peninsula Friends of Animals! Red background in 14" X 18" frame. Tree is made of pearls, broaches, charms, earrings, watches, etc. Includes some "hidden" cat faces. Raffle tickets \$1.00 each, available at Safe Haven or by mail. To purchase by mail: PFOA/Raffle, PO Box 404, Sequim, WA 98382. Tickets will be sent by First Class Mail. Drawing takes place at Safe Haven on Dec. 12, winner notified by telephone.



Memorials and Gratitudes

In Memory of Special People

In memory of Dick Owens from Paul & Susan Breitbach

In memory of Earl Gilson from Jenora & Ken Breitbach

In memory of Earl Gilson from Sue Burns & Jeff Carpenter

In memory of Carolyn Murphy from Sue Burns & Jeff Carpenter

In loving memory of Earl Gilson—a good and gentle man who gave of his gifts freely. You will be missed, our friend. Dallas & Nancy Campbell

In memory of Earl Gilson from members of the staff of Franklin Elementary School where Earl donated countless volunteer hours and hand-crafted wooden toys

In honor of Earl Gilson from Hamilton Elementary School

In memory of Earl Gilson, a truly great man. It was a privelege and honor to know and work with him. Jess & Janet Harker

In memory of Earl Gilson from Judith Hatch

In memory of Kitty Nichols from Marilyn & Herb Kottler

In memory of Dick Owens from Sally & Robert Mowbray

In memory of Layton Hurst from Phoebe and Sam

In memory of Carolyn Murphy from the Red Hot Flashes

To honor Earl Gilson from Mary Ann Stephens

In memory of Howard Batchelder from Ted, Rita, Faith, Delores & Art

In memory of Earl Gilson from Lenore Westermann

In Honor of Special Friends

A get well wish to Margaret Denstad from Dorothea De Land

In appreciation of Rose Cummins for her PFOA adoption from Judith Hatch

In honor of Peg Lawrence, a marvelous local artist who donated her work to Children's Hospital, from Nancy Love

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

In loving memory of Gemma, Karen Klein's sweet little girl. The bravest soul I've ever known. From Rhonda Calloway

In loving memory of Ann's Gilson's "special" cats Benjamin & Dilly from Nancy & Dallas Campbell

In memory of Gemma, Rhonda & Karen's beloved Schnauzer, from Dallas & Nancy Campbell

In special loving memory of Sierra, Pam & Donna's beloved canine companion, from Dallas & Nancy Campbell

In memory of Caesar Bronco, a 15-year old white teacup poodle, from Sara Ann Courtney

In memory of Sierra from Jana Dansereau

In memory of our daughter & son-in-law's dog, Roxanne, from Grant & Donna Easton

In memory of Karen Klein's & Rhonda Calloway's Gemma from Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital

In memory of Linda Baker's Chuck from Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital



Thank you, Sierra, for the joyous ride. We will meet you at the bridge. Donna and Pam.

In memory of their dear friend, Marcus (16 Mar 1998-27 May 2004), from Galina & Harry

In memory of Margo, the beloved poodle and companion of Bette Leffle, from Sandy Goldstien

In memory of Ann Gilson's Benjamin. Although his life was brief, he was loved and will never be forgotten. Janet Harker

In memory of Ann Gilson's Dilly & Benjamin, from Karen Klein & Rhonda Callaway

In memory of Pansy from Susan Kreml

In memory of Romelle Wasden's beloved dog, Rufus, from your OMC and PFOA friends Pam Miller & Carol Kittrick

In memory of Thelma Gleason, Linda Gleason's beloved feline companion, from Janet Krantz and The Cat's Pajamas

In memory of Abby Jenkins, faithful friend and companion to Don & Janice Jenkins (and who will forever be a "queen" in their hearts), from Janet Krantz and The Cat's Pajamas

In memory of Toby, a dear little friend, from Margaret & Ross

In memory of Mr. Steve Brown's beloved pet dog, Jake, from Richard & Helen Page

Memorials and Gratitudes

In loving memory of Karen & Rhonda's Gemma from Pam & Donna

In memory of Gemma, beloved pet of Karen Klein, from Susan Phoenix

In memory of Gemma, Karen & Rhonda's beloved Schnauzer, from Cora M. Pond

In loving memory of Pam Foss' & Donna Criscione's Sierra from Rhonda & Karen

In honor of Sierra, who was the luckiest dog in the world to have Pam as her master, from Ellie Schmidt

"One of the most important ways that animals have blessed me has been in showing me a path to my own spirituality."

—Susan Chernak McElroy

For Mo, whose company I enjoyed for 18 years, from Natalie Spiegel

We will always remember and cherish Sierra's joyful greetings, from Vicki & Sherry

In Honor of Special Pets

In honor of Tippy & Buttercup from Betty L. Brooks

In honor of Sammy, Prince & Callie, from Richard & Sandalinda Tarbuck

REMEMBERING CAROLYN MURPHY: We are sad to report the passing of PFOA member and volunteer Carolyn Murphy. Carolyn knit kitty pads for Safe Haven cats, participated in the Santa pet photos, handled adoption follow-up and donated pet food and other items. She will be greatly missed both within and outside PFOA.

Tribute To a Great Man

I met Earl Gilson in the fall of 2001. Little did I know at that time how instrumental he would be in getting our shelter open.

Our very first hurdle was the Conditional Use Permit application. Like all government forms it looked like a manuscript and baffled and confused us. Earl, in his casual down-to-earth manner said, "That's no problem, Little Lady, I'll fill it out for you." And he did.

And so it continued for nearly two years and countless hours. This wonderful man worked tirelessly to finish our renovation project. He took every problem or obstacle in stride solving them as they came. He was here from dawn to dusk, and without his labor of love Safe Haven would not be open today.

Earl was one of those rare people that dedicated his life to helping both people and animals. The world would be such a better place if there were more people like Earl Gilson.

It is with a sad and heavy heart that all of us at PFOA pay our last respects to Earl Gilson, a truly great and honorable man.

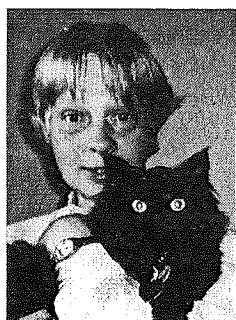
It was a privilege and honor to know Earl, and he will be greatly missed by all of us, and most especially by me. —Janet Harker

VOLUNTEER: Lynn Calhoun

When Lynn Calhoun came to PFOA to adopt a cat last year, she could not possibly have known how that action was about to make her one of the most regular of the regular volunteers at Safe Haven!

Lynn had recently lost her beloved cat, Mike, after 18 years together with him. Mike's death to kidney disease had been absolutely devastating to Lynn, but one look at PFOA resident Drambuie and Lynn knew she had found her new companion!

Lynn was born in Bremerton and eventually went to live on a farm in Olalla and then to the Port Orchard area. Her father provided her with two horses, one (an Appaloosa) which she used for trail riding and the other (an Arabian) which she used for showing. Although the horses were long ago sold, Lynn's interest in them translated into collecting model horses, nearly 80 of which are



Lynn and PFOA adoptee Drambuie are finally together and inseparable for life.

currently sitting in a curio cabinet in Lynn's living room.

Lynn's original adoption of Drambuie coincided with plans for a move from a house to an apartment, so she decided to bring him back to Safe Haven to stay while she finalized her plans. During those many weeks, Lynn came to Safe Haven to be with Drambuie two or three times a week, usually for five or six hours at a time. She got so used to being around the other cats and helping out with the routine

chores that once she got permanently moved this summer and took Drambuie home with her, she found that Safe Haven had become a part of her life and she couldn't stay away!

So twice a week every week we still see Lynn for several hours of volunteer work with the Safe Haven residents, even though Drambuie is no longer here. Not to worry, though. We hear that Drambuie—an only pet—sees to it that he gets Lynn's absolutely undivided attention whenever she is at home!

Sponsor a "Hard-To-Place" Pet; It's a Great Way to Help!

Love pets but can't have one because of allergies, travel requirements or a lease agreement? Want to help a local pet without physically adopting one? If the answers are "yes", then PFOA's sponsorship program is just the answer!

For just \$10 per month (or \$120 per year, or \$500 for an animal's lifetime), you can sponsor a pet in PFOA's care who is "hard-to-place" or "adoption challenged" due to physical problems, age, illness, behavior oddities or fear of people.

Current monthly, yearly or lifetime sponsors of PFOA pets are Teri Adair, Sue Armistead, Claire Bernards, Sheila & Peter Bowen, Blair Burns, Sara

Ann Courtney, Lori Crow, Kathy Danley, Gale Enger, Charlene Erickson, Louis & Marguerite Evart, Caroline & Erik Flint, Donna Flint, Claudia Fureby, Kim & John Gilman, Virginia Green, Marissa Hana, Linda Harer, Tom & Patricia Hart, Dennis Haven, Lacy Hennessey, Bea Holleck, Carolyn Howard, Sylvia Jane Kahan, Maureen Kelly, Max Krueger, Lisa Ljunhammar, Polly Loggy, Helen Miller, Alice Mitchell, Lee & Linda Moench, Susan & Gary Mortimore, Rebecca V. Neason, Catherine Reed & Andy Swartzbacker, Sally Ruud, Nellie Stokely, Mary Sweetser, Jean Marie Szeles, Carolyn Temte, Judy O'Grady-Tilley, Diana Vance, Sharon Vander Weyden, Dennis & Marian Wajckus, Kari

Walter, Judith Zwick and one anonymous sponsor.

Pets who have sponsors are Azure, Booky, Catharine, Cinders, Dallas, Donovan, Hope, Inky, Jack, Jamie, Jim, Johnnycat, Little Joey, Mama's Cat aka Peach, Missy, Murphy, Oreo, Peggy Sue, Princess, Rutabaga, Snickers, Spot Nelson, Sumari and Tigger.

To sponsor a pet, fill out the envelope enclosed in this newsletter or the form on back of it and mail it in with your payment. In return, you will receive a picture of your sponsored pet along with the story of how that particular pet came to be with PFOA.

Meet a Board Member: Diane Lopez

On the PFOA Board since February, Diane Lopez spends most Wednesdays at Safe Haven helping out where the most critical need for that day seems to be. "I might forward medical information to new adoptive 'parents,' help to get the paper work into a system or sort crates, donated materials and pet items into the garage. I've written a grant, cleaned a cattery and taken cats to the vet for treatment. There is always so much to do! Probably the most important

job, while not the easiest, is being one of the folks who respond to calls from people interested in adopting a cat or kitten. Most of that I do from home."



Diane and her husband, Leon (also a member and volunteer) moved to Sequim from New Jersey in 1988 when Leon retired from RCA. Diane worked in Sequim schools for 15 years as a counselor until her 2003 retirement. Originally from Philadelphia, Diane

has also lived in California, Oregon and the U.S. Virgin Islands. "We always had a dog while I was growing up, but it wasn't until 8 years ago that I responded to my desire to have a few cats." The Lopez' have two Maine Coons (Chaco and Kizzie), a British Shorthair/mix (Polaris), and a Portuguese Water Dog named Raven, who is often with Diane at Safe Haven. The Lopez' live in a geodesic dome in Blyn that Leon designed. They have a large pond with 17 koi (quite safe from the indoor-only cats.)

Sarah's Adopted Family Writes

Dear PFOA (especially Nancy Campbell, Sarah's foster mom):

I just thought I would send you an update on Sarah. She is a true joy and, believe me, couldn't be loved or wanted more.

Every day we see Sarah becoming more and more the dog she was always met to be. From the quiet, withdrawn dog with the saddest eyes in the world, she now sparkles. Her coat is shiny and silky, her eyes twinkle, and she has even shown us a very stubborn side.

She greets me every morning with full tail wags, dancing along with me to open the drapes and start the day. She patiently waits while I get dressed so we can go to the park for our daily walk and socializing with her new friends, both dogs and humans.



Then it's back home for breakfast and a full day with Grandma. Sarah loves to help Mom garden! She loves to play with

mom and me, and will even get us with us in the swing if we promise not to rock it!

Sarah is as beautiful inside as out. She has filled a huge hole we weren't even aware was there. Please thank her rescuers, the vets, and her wonderful foster mom, Nancy, for bringing her to us—and, of course, PFOA. Our lives would be much poorer if we hadn't seen her sad face on the web site. Thank you all so much for believing in us when we said we felt she needed us. We just didn't know how much we needed her, too!

—Linda J. Harer

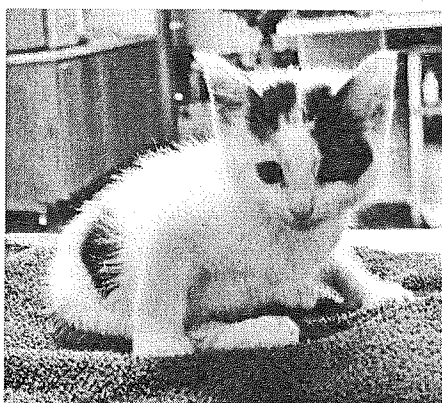
Hope For Hope, cont.

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Hope was rushed to a vet, who immediately gave her fluids and cleaned her up—but it was still questionable whether she would live. Then, finally, Hope began to eat...and eat...and eat...

It was her own will to live that decided her fate.

Hope now lives at Safe Haven, where she is given the love, attention, and care missing from her earlier life. Despite all that has happened to her, Hope has responded to love, with love, endearing herself to everyone.



Hope will always be small. Her injuries and their continuing complications will quite possibly shorten her years, but (if not

adopted) she will be allowed to live them out at Safe Haven. Make an appointment to come and meet her, and let her touch your heart, too.

Yet, although she is now safe and cared for, her trials are far from over. Hope's back end will probably always be paralyzed. Her bladder must be manually expressed three to four times daily, because she cannot empty it for herself. This

problem may cause repeated bladder infections. Her bowel control is irregular also, and will probably remain so.

Hope's medical expenses will always be high. She has a few sponsors, but she will need

many, many more—now, and through the rest of her life. But this sweet, gentle, loving and inspiring kitten is well worth the effort.

Further thoughts about Hope

All of us whose lives have been touched by Hope will never forget her and her ordeal. Were her injuries caused by maliciousness? Probably not—but they were caused by something just as terrible: the intolerable cruelty of ignorance.

Before bringing any animal into the household, there are many things to find out. What does she eat, and which is the best brand to meet her needs? What vaccinations does she need? How often does she need to see the vet, and which veterinarian is the best? What are this animal's grooming needs? What are the dangers and illnesses to watch for? The list goes on and on, as every responsible pet owner knows.

But—in order to avoid any other animal having to suffer Hope's fate—before you consider bringing an animal into the house, please imprint these beginning "rules" on your mind, and into your heart.

#1: No kitten or puppy should be taken from its mother until it is 8, 9 or even 10 weeks old. These extra few weeks will make for a happier, healthier animal.

#2: NO ANIMAL IS A TOY! They are living beings who can feel joy and contentment—or who can suffer, who can feel both physical and emotional pain. They are NOT here to amuse and entertain, but to be loved and cared for, *gently*.

#3: Children, even teenagers, must be TAUGHT how to handle and care for an animal—and young children should NEVER be left alone with an animal, especially a baby, who cannot defend herself. NEVER!

These "rules" apply not only to kittens and puppies, but to rabbits and turtles, goldfish and guinea pigs—to any animal you are thinking of making part of your family. That is what a pet is—part of the family—and caring for one is a serious task, especially in our hectic, runaround society. So please, consider carefully before you decide to bring this little life into your home.

The responsibility of adopting a pet is great, true. But when it is done correctly, with love and gentleness, the rewards are even greater.

—RN

PAID UP MEMBERSHIPS NOW NEARLY 300!

By the time you read this, PFOA will be over 300 members strong! That's 300 people whose yearly membership dues are paid current, contributing in a big way toward funding the organization's many daily expenses. To become a member or to renew an expired membership, just fill out and return the flap on the envelope that came with this newsletter or the form on the back page.

Recent new members are Chester Anderson, Amber Armeni, Elizabeth Brahams, Marle Brandt, Christine Brown, Lynn Calhoun, Denise Cornell, Angelika Forker, Kim Gilman, Ann Hairston, Creta Hendricks, Dorothy J. Hicks, Darcy Hudgens, Susan Hudgens, William J. Kamps, Cheryl Layton, Maria Morgan, Gary Mortimore, Susan Mortimore, Verlane Mullins, Brenda Pawling, Dave & Ann Salmon, Bob Starks, Sharon Swenson, Susan Tonini, Carmelinda Wiley, Joan Woods and Virginia Wuebold.

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I am making a tax deductible donation in the amount of \$ ____ to be used for
____ Daily expenses (food, litter, medical care, utilities, insurance, etc.);
____ Building Fund; ____ Spay/Neuter Program; ____ T-N-R program;
____ Emergency Medical Fund

I would like to sponsor a homeless pet who is currently in your care. I will
receive a photo and history of that animal and may receive occasional updates.
____ \$10 per month; ____ \$120 per year ____ \$500 for the animal's lifetime

I would like to become a member. Please send me the Membership
Application. ____ I am prepaying my \$20 yearly membership fee.

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