

Pet Tidings



Caruso (Prince Harry) "Sings" His Way Home

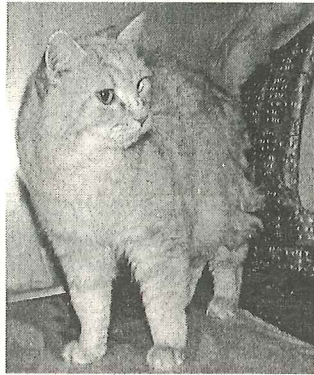
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It was truly devastating to them. Their formerly feral cat friend, Caruso, who had turned into a socialized family member, seemed to have disappeared from the face of the earth.

Biff and Virginia Davidson left on a 5-day motor trip to Oregon last August, leaving a pet sitter to care for Caruso and their pet fish. The news upon their return was anything but good.

Caruso had been born feral, living outside the Davidson's house for over four years. He was a special cat in that his routine cat talk sounded more like singing.....so much so that Biff wrote an operatic song about him in 2002:



Poor old Caruso, poor old Caruso, poor old Caruso, starving waif.

He is a thing of low degree, lives beneath an old dead tree, etc.

Barely skin and bones is he, scraggly from nose to knee, etc.

Alone he wanders endlessly, scraps of food he begs from me, etc.

At night beneath the moon above, Caruso sings his ode to love as sadly as a mourning dove, etc.

Poor old Caruso, poor old Caruso, poor old Caruso, starving waif.

He was less than six months old when the Davidsons found Caruso living under the shrubs next to their house. He was a filthy mess, close to death from diarrhea and dehydration. He had to be trapped and then transported to a local vet for treatment and cleanup.

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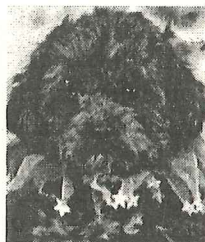
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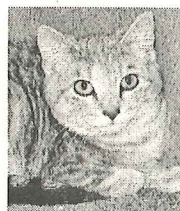
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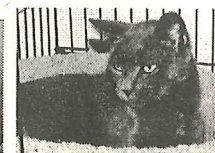
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Adopted!

MICKEY'S LUCKY DAY!



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PAWS FOR A THOUGHT



In case you haven't noticed, it takes a lot of people to put this publication together and get it out each quarter. There are the volunteers who take the pictures, those who write articles and those who help proof-read. There are others who distribute the final product to businesses around the area. There are the advertisers. And there are the printing and mailing services.

Take time to read the names of those who contributed to this particular newsletter in the column to the left. It is good to know that in a community this small so many people are willing to work together for the common goal of helping to showcase the animals that come into our care.

Thank you, each and every one of you!

—Editor

VOICES

Dear PFOA,

Today is Sarah's one year anniversary with us. Thank you all so much for rescuing, fostering and then adopting her to us. You have made our lives much richer and given a wonderful dog her forever home. Bless you all, what you do is appreciated.

—LH, Sequim

Dear PFOA,

Here is my sponsorship check for Jack and Jamie for April, May and June.

It was wonderful to visit all the critters again and meet the new ones. Hope and Tippy look older since we last saw them—and they look so healthy, too!

Thank you for all PFOA and the volunteers do. You are all *so great*. The animals are truly blessed!!

—JS, Seattle

Dear Safe Haven,

Enclosed is a donation in honor of the wonderful foster parents of Punkin and Lena. We thank them for giving Punkin and Lena a chance and for giving us the opportunity to have these wonderful loving fun kittens in our family.

We've enclosed a few pictures of the kittens to share with their foster parents and staff at Safe Haven.

—NN, Port Townsend

Hi Diane,

Just a quick word to say that we are totally in love with this wonderful kitty. He held up great on the long ride home and is slowly getting comfortable here. He spent the night under our bed, used the litter box no problem, and has been sitting in our laps all morning purring and drooling.

He is the best cat in the world—what a prince. Thanks again for all you did to facilitate the adoption.

—SJ, Seattle

Dear PFOA,

I wanted to thank Janet for the wonderful thank you letter! It isn't often we get something like that in the mail.

I don't know if Nancy has mentioned yet that my husband and I are planning a move to your area within a year or so if everything works out with his new job. I figure if I scooped litter boxes for all the cats at Safe Haven for the next 10 years, I still wouldn't have paid back all the support you have given me and Friends of Forks Animals.

Thanks for all you've done for us!!

—PW, Forks

Dear PFOA,

Please use this donation for a special needs cat. I enjoyed reading how well Hope is doing. You people are doing wonderful and rewarding work.

—RR, Sequim

Dear Gary,

We want to compliment you on the most recent "Pet Tidings." It was superb. You hit it on all fours. The positive tone was exciting and uplifting, especially in contrast to publications put out by other shelters. You are doing a great job. Wish that we lived closer so that we could participate more.

—KH, Port Townsend

PFOA Spay-Neuter Total Surpasses Previous Year in a Big Way!

The final figures are in! The year 2004 was a busy one in which PFOA either fully paid for or subsidized 734 cat and dog spays and neuters. This surpasses 2003's total of 542 by a whopping 26%!

Spays and neuters were accomplished in a series of monthly clinics and PFOA's ongoing spay/neuter program, both of which are intended to assist low income pet guardians. The breakdown is as follows: 338 cat spays, 76 dog spays, 236 cat neuters and 94 dog neuters. Total cost for these procedures was just over \$37,000.

Included in the total number of sterilizations were 148 feral cat T-N-R's (Trap-Neuter-Return). A related story on Page 5 explains the huge positive impact of spaying and neutering these particular animals, all of whom were returned to the watchful eyes of willing feeders and caretakers.

PFOA is especially grateful to the local veterinarians who did the vast majority of these surgeries. They are Dr. Brian Marts of Sequim Animal Hospital, Dr. Linda Allen of Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital, Dr. Melissa Smith of

Country Care Vet and Dr. Dennis Wilcox of Angeles Clinic For Animals.

Special thanks is in order for board member Sharon Palmer who did virtually all of the work involved in coordinating both the clinics and the ongoing spay/neuter program (not including the T-N-R's). The T-N-R's were handled primarily by volunteers Doug and Linda Timmons.

It took a lot of people to make it happen, but once again PFOA has exceeded expectations and set a new record for spays and neuters.

Missy's Happy Ending

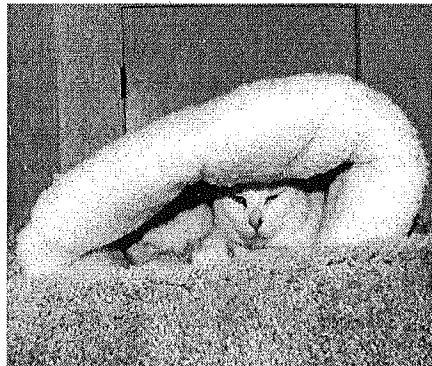
—by Donna Flint

Editor's note: Missy was a long time favorite of the Safe Haven volunteers.

Nothing brings on the smiles or lights up the faces of PFOA volunteers like learning that one of our adoption-challenged cats has found a forever home. Once again, a very special person has come forward and found himself "adopted." (I firmly believe cats have a way of letting these special people know "I am the one you want.") The cat in question this time is Missy, a beautiful white 5-year old who truly needed a home of her own.

Missy's early life was one of change and insecurity causing her to develop some serious personality problems. She was so needy, in fact, that she had to have her own security blanket. Her need for constant attention made her dislike the presence of other cats.

Finding her way to PFOA's beautiful foster home with our president, Janet, Missy lived amid care and love for nearly two years. It



was then decided to bring Missy to Safe Haven to see if living there would help socialize her but it was not to be. She began refusing to use litter boxes being shared by other cats and finally had to be given a room of her own.

Missy's jealousy worsened, however, and she became unpredictable in her behavior toward the volunteers who would spend time with her, trying valiantly to let her know she was loved. One time she would be affectionate and the next time she would be hostile, lashing out with claws. Of course, nobody would

give up on Missy because everyone knew that all she really needed was a home where she was the only cat, with a human who appreciated her and could give her unconditional love and lots of attention. This very special person walked into Safe Haven a few weeks ago, a delightful gentleman looking for a cat with "spunk" and "personality." After 10 minutes with Missy, he knew she was the one for him!

This wonderful man has since reported to PFOA that Missy is happy and an excellent companion, if a bit protective of her turf. It seems she drove off another cat who was walking by in the apartment hallway....Missy brooks no interference with her territory or her human. Both gentleman and cat have found in each other something they each needed. The smiles and happy faces at PFOA reflect everyone's pleasure in another happy ending.

For every pet in our care there is a perfect home and guardian somewhere. Our job is to help them find each other.

A Word From Our President

As I look back on the year just past, I feel we have much for which to be thankful. 2004 was a busy year, but a very productive year and I would like to thank the volunteers that gave so generously of their time and labor. Without their help we could not have accomplished all that we did.

After nearly two long years of renovation work, our shelter finally opened on March 1, 2004, and last year our animals were truly **"Home For the Holidays."** Having animals at the shelter instead of scattered throughout the area in foster homes boosted our adoption efforts, and **126** cats and dogs were placed into new homes last year.

Sharon Palmer, our spay/neuter coordinator, did another fabulous job. At the end of December we had spayed or neutered

734 dogs and cats. This is up significantly from last year's figure of **542**. Our expanded emergency medical program enabled us to help **68** animals, and for several it meant the difference between life and death. Our T-N-R crew (especially Doug & Linda Timmons, Sharon Quesnell and Barbara & Everett Stauffer) spent hours of their time to humanely trap, transport and return to safety **148** altered feral cats. Great going guys, job well done.

Our goal for 2005 is to do at least as much and, if possible, more than we did last year. This is true especially for the spay/neuter programs, for *spay/neuter—not euthanasia—is the solution to Clallam County's pet over-population problem.*

Our group was founded in the winter of 1999-2000, and in just

five short years PFOA has grown from a handful of volunteers working ad hoc out of their homes to a **375+** member group. But as we grow, so does our work load. I would like to appeal to all 375 of our members and to all of the good people that read our *Pet Tidings* for help. Won't you please re-evaluate your lifestyle and see if you can find one day or a few hours per week that you could work for the animals? We desperately need more volunteer help, especially in the office area: basic computer, record keeping, telephone work, forming committees, transporting animals, running errands. These are not hard jobs, most of them are just time consuming.

Won't you please help? The pay is lousy but the rewards are great.
—Janet

"Being Gary": Volunteer Safe Haven Caretakers-For-A-Day Sought

Did you ever think it might be fun to be in charge of the cats, the telephone and the office volunteers at Safe Haven for a day (or half a day) once every two or three months?

Rita Heywood, PFOA board member and coordinator of volunteer Safe Haven caretakers is looking for PFOA members willing to fill in for our round-the-clock-caretaker, Gary, so that he can have one day off each week.

The caretaking takes place weekly on Thursdays, and is known as "being Gary." The volunteer caretaker commits to either a full day shift (7am-4pm) or a half day shift (7am-11:30am or 11:30am to 4pm). Duties are fairly simple: answering telephones, taking messages and referring them, assisting other volunteers in making sure the cat rooms are kept clean, and greeting visitors. Occasionally there might be one load of laundry

that needs doing during the shift, and (rarely) there could be faxing or copying to do. (Anyone can learn to use our simple copier/fax machine in just a few minutes!)

If this sounds like it's the right way to volunteer your help to PFOA, please call or email Safe Haven and leave a message. Rita or Gary will get back to you and arrange for a short training session that will have you all set to "be Gary."

"If a dog will not come to you after having looked you in the face, you should go home and examine your conscience."

—Woodrow Wilson

"There is no need for a piece of sculpture in a home that has a cat."

—Wesley Bates

T-N-R: PFOA Makes Significant Dent in Local Feral Cat Population

PFOA volunteers successfully coordinated humane trapping of 148 feral cats in our community during 2004. Each was spayed or neutered, treated for any illness or injuries, and returned to the care of willing guardians.

To gauge the impact of this many T-N-Rs (Trap-Neuter-Return) it is helpful to remember that just one unsplayed female cat can have two litters of an average of five kittens each over the course of one year. If just five of those ten kittens are female, they can each deliver their own litters of five kittens around the age of six months and another litter of five each by the age of one year, bringing the total offspring from the original female to 55 at the end of the first year.

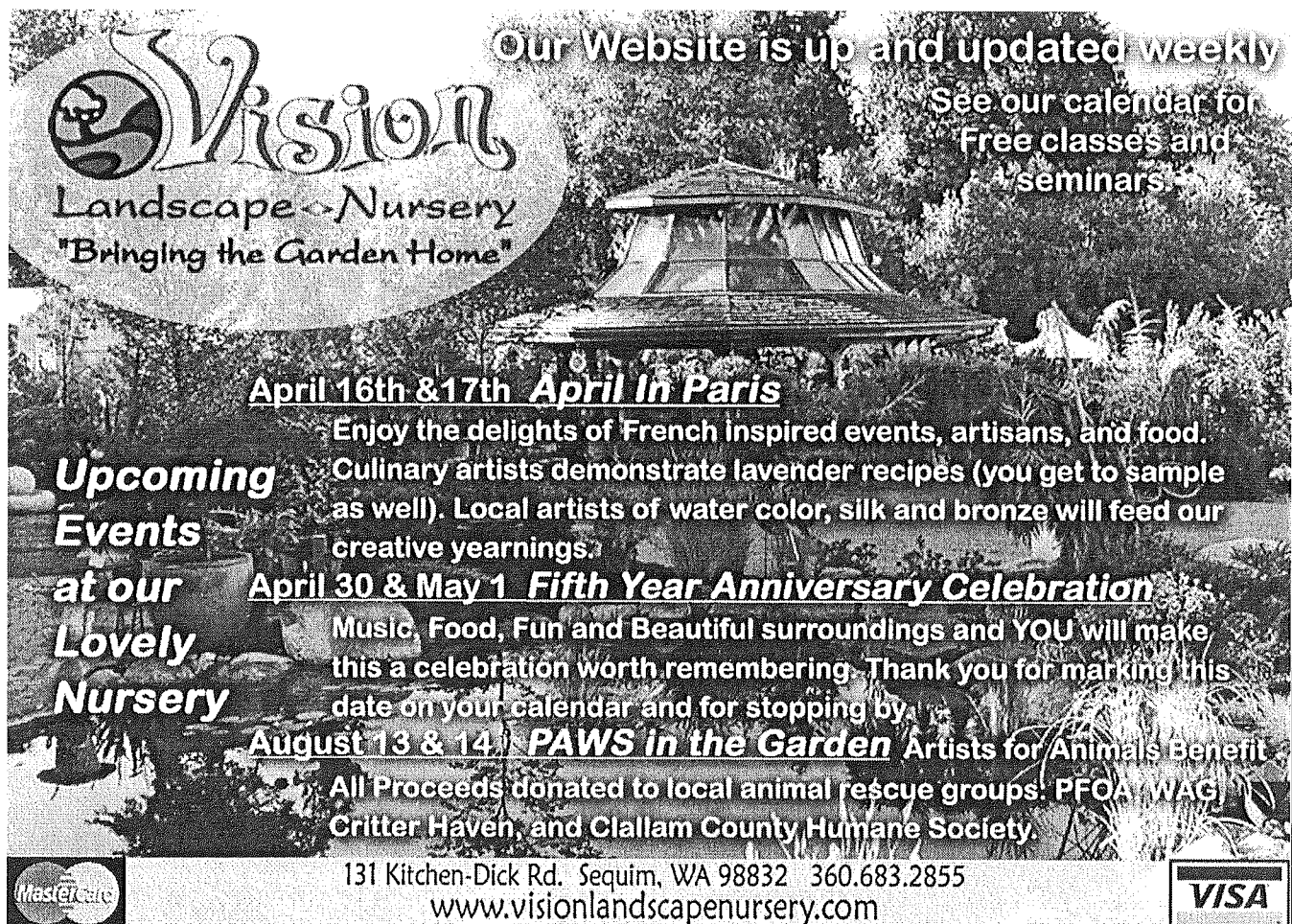
During the second year, each of the female kittens plus original mom cat now number about 28 female cats who can have two litters of five kittens each, for a total of 280, 140 of whom are females who will also produce two litters of five each of their own—bringing the total number at the end of the second year to a mind boggling 1,540 (1,400 offspring of the female kittens plus the male kittens already born).

If you're still following this, you can imagine what the numbers will be like at the end of the third year! (Hint: there are four digits in this number, and the first one is a 7!)

T-N-R is hard work, and PFOA is especially grateful to volunteers Doug and Linda Timmons for doing the brunt of it in 2004.

Doug and Linda do pickup and delivery of the cats—often transporting from as far as west of Port Angeles to Sequim and back. They show the cat caretakers how to use the traps, act as their telephone contact and keep the traps in working order. We couldn't have operated the T-N-R program without them in 2004.

Special thanks, too, to the two Sequim veterinarians who handled nearly all of our T-N-Rs this year: Dr. Brian Marts of Sequim Animal Hospital and Dr. Melissa Smith of Country Care Veterinary and Acupuncture Service. Dr. Marts and Dr. Smith have each gone out of their way to accommodate T-N-R trapped cats on little notice in spite of their busy schedules. They can't be thanked enough.



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MICKEY'S STORY

—by Nancy Campbell

He was just a scruffy little terrier face in the Humane Society ad—a face I couldn't resist. Something about his wild eyes haunted me, so I called the shelter to get some information. As it turned out, he wasn't a terrier at all but a Cocker Spaniel with a really bad hairdo. He and his companion dog had been left in the overnight drop box with little information except for their names and ages.

His buddy had been adopted right away, but Mickey—older, confused, and frightened—still waited at the shelter. At nine years of age and with many health problems, his prospects for a new home looked slim. I hoped against hope that someone else would take Mickey; after all, I already had twelve cats and two dogs. Every day I called back and every day I got the same response—no home for him yet. With two litters of puppies also left there, the shelter could no longer keep Mickey. So he came to live with us.

Mickey required immediate and extensive medical treatment: teeth cleaning, blood work, and eye



surgery. His heart didn't work properly, his ears and skin were bad—the list was endless. But more

than physical problems were Mickey's emotional issues. For two weeks he pawed at every door in the house, hoping that his former family would appear behind one of them. He ran excitedly to every car, hoping that his people were inside. He growled constantly at our cats and two other dogs. Mickey's whole world was lost, and so was he.

With lots of kindness and attention, though, Mickey soon bonded with me and more slowly with my husband. It took more than a year for Mickey to stop growling at the other animals. He was initially terrified at the groomer's and still refuses to be put in a crate. He has fears and phobias we will never understand.

Three years later, however, Mickey is once again a happy dog. He loves us, and he loves to eat. He has become an expert thief, stealing the cats' dinner from the breakfast room table and ours as well, if our attention is diverted momentarily. He delights in chasing "intruders" with the other dogs along our fence and rolls on his back in our bed, grunting and squealing like a puppy. He is a treasured and much loved member of our family.

Mickey was once a "throw-away" dog like many of the animals we rescue at Peninsula Friends of Animals. But he's a good example of the countless success stories we help create, too. The next time you are thinking of a new pet, please consider adopting a "second-hand" dog or cat. They make wonderful companions and are eternally grateful for the second chance. You, in turn, will be blessed for your generosity by constant love and devotion.

Even though our time with Mickey may be short, we are thankful for every day with him and hope to enjoy his grumpy little ways for years to come!

Welcome new members! New members continue to join PFOA at a phenomenal pace! Latest totals show paid up membership soon to approach 400! The following members have joined since the last newsletter and are warmly welcomed into the group: Jim Adolphson, Patricia Hudon Anderson, Donna Barker, Kay Bennett, Phyllis Blakely, Deidre De Roia, Kelly Gorden, Barbara Hale, Judy Huggins-Hall, Barbara Hamlin, Diane Harrison, Gayleen Hays, Carolyn Hoffman, James Hoffman, Leslie Hormell, Jeanne Iversen, Diane Lawrence, Mary Margolis, Dorothy Lewis, Jan McIlroy, Lee Ann McManus, Lou Nevaril, Charles Paye, Jacquelyn Paye, Elizabeth Plevritis, Sharon Railey, Gary Rogers, Robin Rogers, Nancy Sageser, Jeanne Shold, Gleana Trano, Deborah Nelson Willis and Pam Winney.

MONTHLY MEETINGS take place the fourth Wednesday of every month. They are held at the Lazy Acres Mobile Home Park clubhouse, 111 Dryke Road, Sequim. (Lazy Acres is located the equivalent of a city block off of Highway 101, across from Lumberman's). Meetings start at 6:30pm and are usually over by 7:30. Attendance is normally between 20-35. Meetings are informal, relaxed and fun. Refreshments are included. *New members are especially welcomed and encouraged to attend!* Come and meet others who feel the same as you do about animals!

VOLUNTEER: Polly Loggy

Safe Haven office volunteer Polly Loggy grew up in Massachusetts and moved to Missouri for college and then to Utah where she became a registered Medical Technologist. This prepared her for a career working in medical laboratories, which she did in Arizona, Colorado and Alaska. She and her Forest Service husband retired and moved to Port Angeles in 1995.

Polly had met her husband at Colorado State University where they were both studying—David in Range Management and Polly working on her Master's Degree in Plant Science. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this past St. Patrick's Day.



The parade of pets through the Loggy home started with a black Labrador Retriever puppy, Jerry, and was soon followed by a Beagle pup to keep Jerry company. Over the years they provided homes to other dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, gerbils, fresh-water aquariums and two children along the way. The

Loggys currently share their home with two Shih Tzus and a Field Cocker Spaniel.

Polly's love of animals eventually led her to PFOA in search of volunteer work. Starting out doing odd cleaning jobs at Safe Haven, Polly soon discovered that there was a crucial need for help in the office. First thing you know she was recording the Daily Intake Logs, the Spay/Neuter Clinics and the Spay Neuter Programs on the computer. "It's incredible how much paperwork one pet generates," she says amazingly!

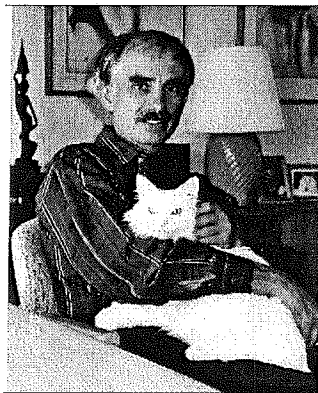
Polly is also busy with church activities, college plant courses, gym exercise and Weight Watchers.

Thanks, Polly, for all you do! Your work for PFOA is valuable and appreciated.

MEET A BOARD MEMBER: Angus Trent

Hailing from England, Angus moved to Hawaii in 1962. His first job was picking pineapples on Molokai. That same year he started his flying career and was soon hired by a local airline while still a member of the Hawaii Air National Guard.

Flying was interspersed with frequent global travels, and by 1983 Angus had decided that "local" flying was too confining. So he took on the international arena in a big way. He went "solo" and purchased his own training at American Airlines in Boeing 707s and at Braniff in 747s. For the next 20 years, Angus was based in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Central and South America, flying numerous types of Boeing aircraft to or through more than 110 countries. Although he moved from Hawaii to Alaska in 1987, he spent more time commuting to work halfway around the globe than living in our 49th state!



Changes in the aviation world after the events of 9/11 left Angus with decisions to be made. One of those was to follow the suggestion of a fellow pilot friend who had retired to Sequim. That friend encouraged Angus to leave Alaska's long and dreary winters long enough to visit Sequim and consider a move there. By end of 1999 the mission had been accomplished!

In 2001, Angus and his wife, Marjorie, discovered PFOA in their search for a cat to adopt.

That endeavor, too, was successful, and there are now two permanent resident cats and two PFOA foster cats sharing Angus' and Marjorie's home and hearts.

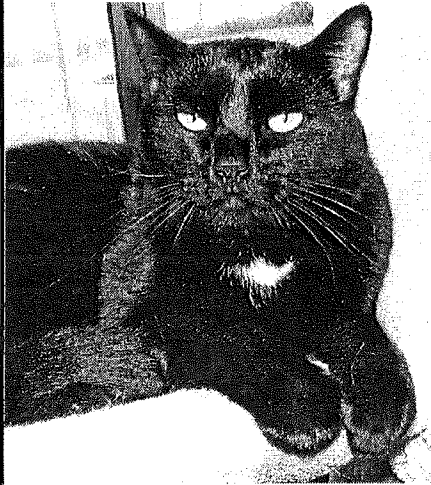
Angus fulfills the duties of Medical Officer for Safe Haven, keeping track of all medical treatment and routine veterinary care required by the sanctuary's residents. And in the best style of a former airline pilot, Angus has created (and keeps current) a detailed "Tracking and Progress Chart" that allows all to see at a glance all the necessary information about each and every Safe Haven resident.

The travel in Angus' blood has carried over also to a willingness to transport Safe Haven pets to and from wherever they need to be....especially if it's a trip of some distance!

Thanks, Angus. We all agree that it's great having you on board.

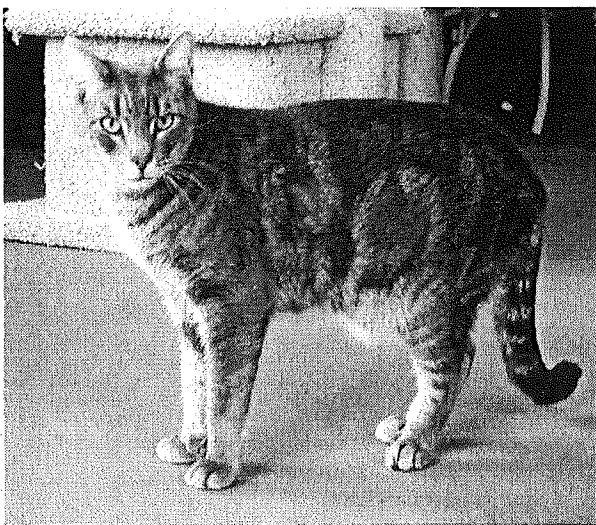
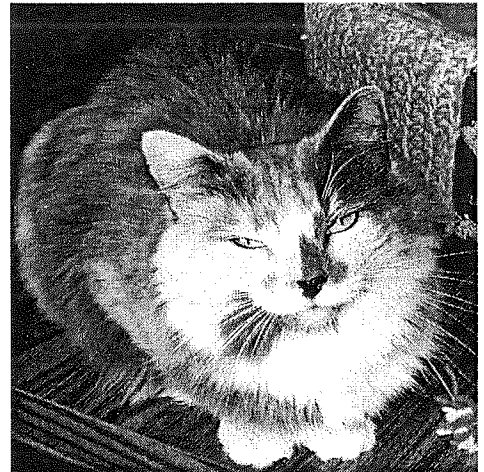
ADOPTABLES!

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. Adoption fee applies to help cover a portion of the expenses incurred.



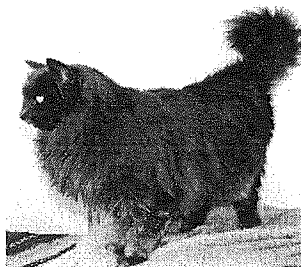
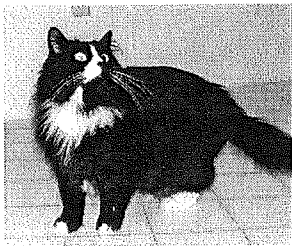
MOON (affectionately called *Mister Moon* or *Moonie* by Safe Haven volunteers) is a BIG 4-year old who has been in PFOA care since he was a small kitten. Moon has developed into an incredibly sweet, loving and docile young guy. He likes nothing more than to lie down on a table and be brushed for as long as the brusher is willing! (He is very short haired, so he really doesn't *need* it, but he won't tell you that!). Moon's perfect home would be one where he is kept safely inside and where there are no dogs to make him feel insecure. Other cats have not been a problem for Moon, but their presence is not required.

5-year old **WILLOW** was companion to a very important PFOA member who passed away. This gorgeous girl is looking for an indoor home where she can be either the only cat, or perhaps co-exist with a smaller, younger male cat. Willow is moderately long-haired with tortoise shell coloring. A favorite of the volunteers, she is extremely friendly and personable with her human guardians and would be someone's "perfect" cat. If you are Willow's perfect guardian, please call.



Triangular faced and magnificent silver tabby **DANDELION** has finally discovered the joys of human contact! Born feral and domesticated as a kitten, it has taken Dandy nearly a year to come out of his shell (and out from under the futon in his Safe Haven quarters!) He now allows people to pet him and even to pick him up, although he still needs to be approached slowly and quietly. If you have a home where Dandelion would be allowed to come around on his own terms (and in his own time), please let us know.

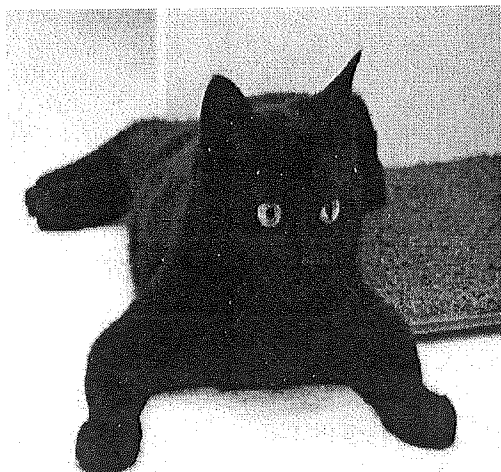
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HELEN & REDDY are presumably sister and brother found wandering a local neighborhood looking for food. They are large, long-haired cats who are extremely comfortable around each other but are quite irritable in the company of other cats. They are very people-friendly and can hopefully be adopted together. Helen and Reddy are estimated to be over one year (but under two years) old. Both need daily brushing, as they are prone to mats if not attended to regularly. These two cats are absolutely full of attitude and personality! If you are interested in adding two big, gorgeous felines to your household, this might be the pair for you.

Adoption-Challenged

BUTTERS and **WONKETTE** got off to a bad start, having been born in the concrete jungle of a super store parking lot. These short-haired cuties have been living in one of the kitten rooms at Safe Haven since December, and are about six months old. Butters, the champagne colored sister, and Wonkette, the deep orange tabby brother, are still somewhat shy and frightened in spite of ongoing efforts of the volunteers to socialize them. Butters is spayed, Wonkette is neutered and both are up to date on their kitten shots. If you are up to the challenge of turning once feral kittens into trusting, loving companions, why not give us a call and chat with us about the possibility? Our Message Center phone is (360) 452-0414.



BLACK BART is as sweet and playful a little guy as you will ever encounter. At just six months of age, Bart has the distinction of being the first Feline Leukemia positive kitty to ever come into PFOA care. Although he is currently perfectly healthy and may continue to be for years to come, his disease could be communicated to other cats in close contact—so he is living by himself in a building not attached to the main Safe Haven house. Bart needs to go to a home with no other cats, or one that has only other Feline Leukemia positive cats. If you can help Black Bart, please call as soon as possible.

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Sincere gratitude to those of you who continue to contribute items on Safe Haven's Wish List. Your donations of these items have been immensely helpful to both the resident pets and the volunteers. **THANK YOU!!**

Vinegar (distilled white, gallon size)

Liquid laundry detergent

Liquid dishwasher detergent

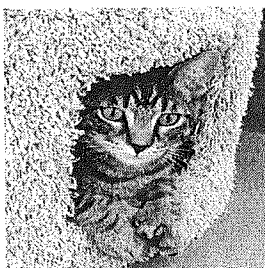
Liquid anti-bacterial hand soap

Paper Towels

Heavyweight trash bags (13 gallon)

Factory-new cat toys

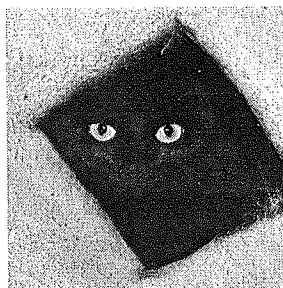
Dog or cat food, any style or brand, for donating to low-income pet caretakers and feral cat feeders



Snowshoe thanks you!

KMR kitten formula (powdered only)

Canned kitten food



Martha thanks you!

Gift cards:

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Clallam Co-op
Best Friend Nutrition
Patricia's Pet Store
Pet Town
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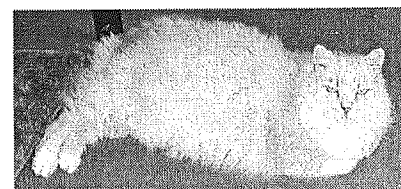
Cat litter (any brand/style, for donating to low income pet guardians)

Rubber backed throw rugs, runners

Futon with frame (small preferred)

Disposable plastic gloves

Disposable shoe covers



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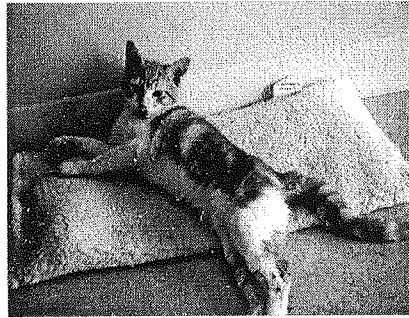
HP Inkjet Printer Cartridges (Black #s 27, 45 & 56; Color #s 23, 28, 57 & 78)

Postage stamps (37 & 23)

SPONSORSHIP: Helping PFOA's Adoption-Challenged Pets

Monthly sponsorship of PFOA's less adoptable pets help pay for ongoing expenses of animals who may be in the organization's care for many months, years or a lifetime. You can get your sponsorship started by filling out the form inside the envelope enclosed or using the form on the back of the newsletter.

The following PFOA pets currently have sponsors: Azure, Booky, Cinders, Dandelion, Dinah, Donovan, Hope, Inky, Jack, Jefferson, Jim, Lady,



Neurologically-challenged Tippy

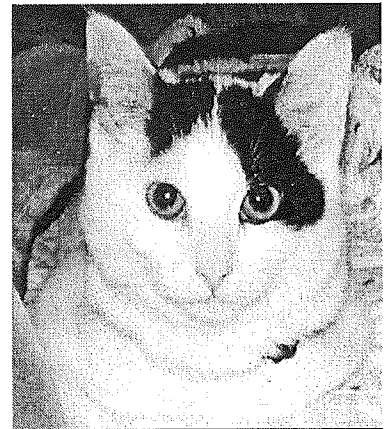
Little Bit, Little Joey, Mary Lou, Murphy, Peggy Sue, Princess, Rutabaga, Snickers, Spot Nelson, Sumari, Tigger and Tippy.

Four special people are *lifetime* sponsors of PFOA pets! They are Charlene Erickson, Heidi Harrenstein, Beatrice Holleck, and Lisa Ljunhammar. PFOA is also extremely grateful to the following monthly and yearly sponsors: Teri Adair, Phyllis Atkinson, Sue Armistead, Michael Bahan, Blair Burns, Janet Cattano, Lori Crow, Kathy Danley, Patrice Davis, Deirdre De Roia, Susan Dornbush, Gale Enger, Louis & Marguerite Evert, Johanna Farrell, Caroline & Erik Flint, Donna Flint, David M. Fritz, Claudia Fureby, Kim & John Gilman, Barbara Hamlin, Linda Harer,

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Slightly rambunctious Jack



Partially paralyzed Hope

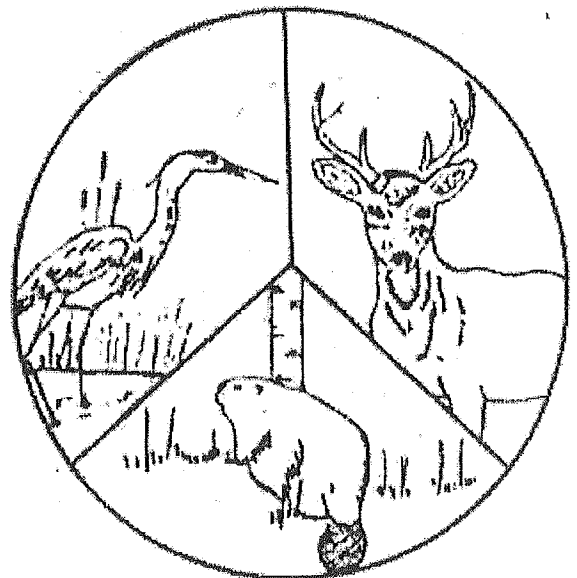
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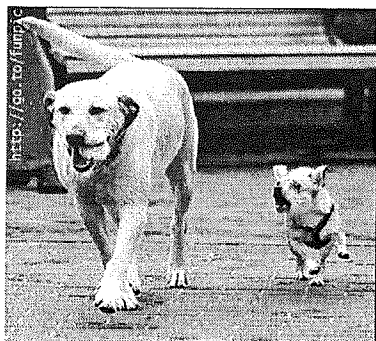
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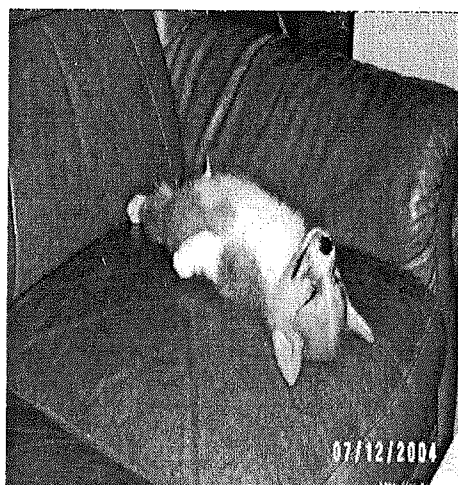
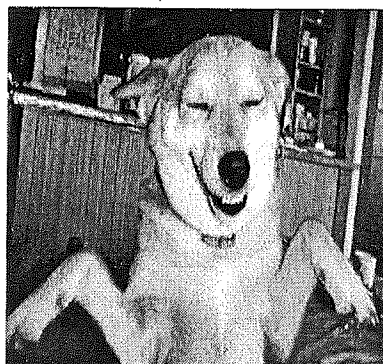
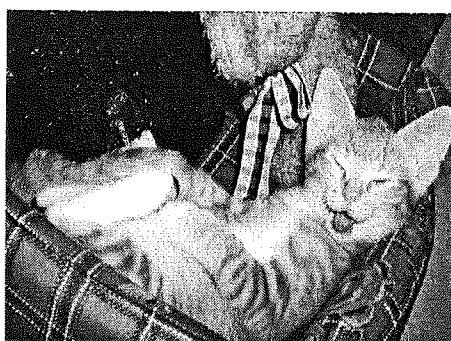
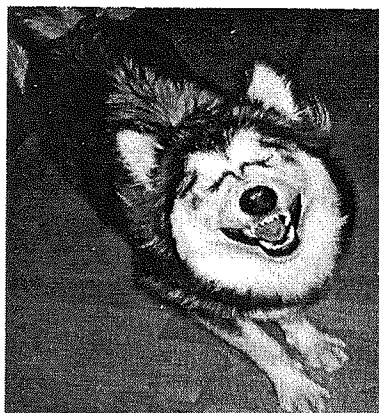
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Memorials and Gratitudes

In Memory of Special People

In memory of Richard Kester, from Norma D. Bryan

In memory of Ray Still, from Sue Burns and Jeff Carpenter

In memory of Earl Gilson, from Sue Burns & Jeff Carpenter

In loving memory of Dick Kester, a good friend and outstanding person, and honoring Kitsie, who was adopted from PFOA and served faithfully as Dick's "fuzz" therapist through a trying battle against cancer, from Sue Burns & Jeff Carpenter

In loving memory of Dick Kester, a great friend and human being, from Susan & Marvin Cheyno

In memory of my dear friend and fellow animal lover, Eleanor Foster, from Ann Gilson

In memory of Earl Gilson, from Sue & John Miles

In memory of Mary Ellen Hubley, from Kathryn Schreiner

In Honor of Special Friends

In the name of Sudawan and Stephen Carras, in honor of their wedding January 21, 2005, from Barbara & Ted Atkins

Given in the name of Stephen and Sudawan Carras, from Cheryl Challain

In honor of my pal, Dawna Zullo, from Shary Flenniken

As a thank you to Cathy McNally for checking on my cat, Kanga, from Pat Lang

In honor of a special friend, Ruth Krull, whose birthday is March 2, 2005, from Lynn McGuire

In honor of the wonderful foster parents of Punkin and Lena, from Nancy Naslund & family

In honor of Debra & Brad Wood, from Helen & Dave Wood

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

In memory of Bruce and Lori Page's beloved cat, Boots, from Dallas & Nancy Campbell

In loving memory of Ann Gilson's special kitties Catherine, Jessup and Bunny, from Dallas & Nancy Campbell

In memory of our little dog friend, Bingo, who was a beloved member of the Rimov family, from Dorothea De Land

In memory of dear old Jessup, who happily spent the last 18 years of his long life with me, from Ann Gilson

In memory of sweet Catherine, who spent the last 2 years of her long life with me, but never stopped longing for the family who abandoned her, from Ann Gilson

In remembrance of Bunny Bun-Bun, whose course on earth is run and who waits in Paradise for Ann Gilson

In memory of my Catherine whom I loved very much, from Janet Harker

In memory of Ann Gilson's Jessup and Bun-Bun, from Janet Harker

In memory of Bruce & Lori Page's Boots, from Janet Harker

In memory of Rinny, the beloved German Shepherd and companion of three generations of the Merrilee & Ernie Lingren family, from Nancy & Sandy Goldstien

In memory of Tigger, noble kitty friend to Pam Miller. He had a long, fine life and is with his friends on the other side. From Carol Kittrick

In memoriam for Max—my mom's dog of 14 years, from Diane Lopez

For Susan Smith and her loyal and beloved dog, Belle, from Carol Kittrick and Pam Miller

In memory of my beloved cat, Tigger, from Pam Miller

In memory of Boots, from Bruce & Lori Page

In memory of our black Lab, Muskie, from Dave & Ann Salmon

Honoring Fergie, our calendar Corgi. Her jolly good cheer and precious spirit remain as we smile through our tears. From Judy & Gene O'Grady-Tilley

In memory of my 28+ year old Quarter Horse mare, Bar-Bee. She was deeply loved, will be greatly missed, but never forgotten!! From Kris & Tony Wright

In memory of Buddy and Taffy, loyal and loving friends of Jeanette Gault, from Judy Zwick

For Barnaby, and for Charlotte, each of whom touched numerous lives in the short time they were allowed to be among us, from a few of their friends

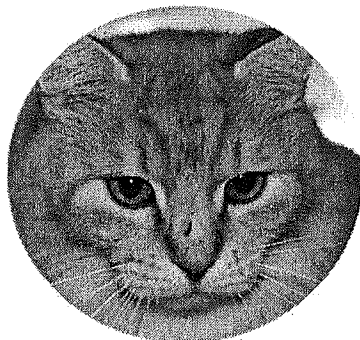
Caruso "Singing" the Joys of Being Back Home

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Freshly groomed, Caruso pulled at the heartstrings of the Davidsons. His permanent presence on their property and in their lives was welcomed and, in fact, cherished.

So it came to be that the Davidsons left Caruso in the hands of the pet sitter while they took that quick motor trip to Oregon. Upon their return home, they were horrified to learn that their special singing friend had disappeared while they were away. As it turns out Caruso was not in any danger, but the Davidsons could not have known it at the time and began the long process of grieving their loss.

During that few days the Davidsons had been in Oregon, a neighbor found what she believed to be a stray cat roaming her property. Unable to care for the cat herself, she asked PFOA to help. Caruso was brought to Safe Haven after going to a vet to be neutered, vaccinated and health checked. It was during that check up that a cancerous tumor was found and removed from Caruso's scrotum. Back at Safe Haven, the cat was first named Prince (for his



"princely" nature). However, since there was already another cat named Prince at the sanctuary, the name was changed to Prince Harry—a reflection of his reddish-orange coloring.

Prince Harry was noted by all at Safe Haven as being a chatty guy who talked more than any of the other feline residents. It was a different kind of cat talk, almost like singing. Matter not the time of the day or the circumstances of the moment, Prince Harry always seemed to have something to vocalize!

It was mid-January when Prince Harry was featured on one of PFOA's adoption flyers posted at a local restaurant. Biff Davidson

walked by that poster and could hardly believe his eyes. Prince Harry looked exactly like Caruso!

Without telling his wife of his discovery, Biff called PFOA and made an appointment to come and see Prince Harry. He came with a 2002 poster of Caruso in hand, along with the words of the song he had written about him. He was prepared to pay every one of PFOA's expenses for this cat if, indeed, he turned out to be Caruso.

Upon entering the room where Prince Harry was staying, the cat looked directly into Biff's eyes and blurted two staccato like sounds. To those who witnessed the reunion, those sounds had the following tone to them: "Just where the heck have you been all this time?"

Smiles abounded, and off went Biff and Caruso to surprise Biff's wife at work. (We hear this was a tearful reunion, indeed.)

A recent follow-up call to the Davidsons confirmed that, even after five months away, Caruso settled in immediately and continues to sing his way around the couple's household and into their hearts!

Last Chance to Submit Recipes for 2006 Fund Raiser Cookbook

PFOA's 2006 fund raising cookbook is nearing completion, but last minute recipe submissions will be accepted as late as April 30.

Helen Hille, cookbook project coordinator, says that this will be "the most loved and frequently used cookbook any of us will own." Recipes are being solicited in categories of Brunch, Salads-Soups-Appetizers, Main Meals, Bread-Rolls-Pastries, Desserts-Cookies, Quick Snacks, and For Pets.

Sales of the cookbook will benefit PFOA's low-cost spay/neuter

program, the Emergency Medical Fund for pets of low income community members, and the Safe Haven sanctuary.

Those submitting recipes should feel free to send three or four favorites. They should be typed or handwritten neatly. Each recipe selected for the cookbook will include the name and town of the person submitting it. Recipes may be mailed to PFOA/Recipes, PO Box 404, Sequim, WA 98382; emailed to

pfoacooks@gmail.com, or delivered to Safe Haven.

PFOA's fund raisers for 2004 and 2005—those slightly controversial calendars featuring women and cats (2004) and men and dogs (2005) are still available, and each is now discounted significantly. The 2005 calendar, "Dogs 'n Wheels....and Fluffy, too!" is now priced at \$7.00 each, and the 2004 calendar, "Puss 'n Boots....and Fido, too!" is available for just \$5.00 each. Shipping price is \$2.00 per calendar.

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