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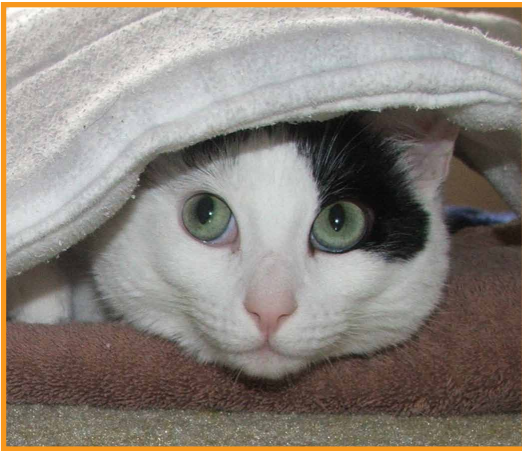
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## A Life of Independence, Filled with Hope



*As told to Alicia Demetropolis*

I was so surprised when Tippy asked if I'd be interviewed for this issue of Pet Tidings! He has been the perfect representative for those of us who are differently-abled, and it's my greatest pleasure to represent all of us here at Barker House.

Hello, everyone. My name is Hope, and I live at Barker House with my caregiver, Linda. I call her Mama Linda. I share the space with a few gentle souls, including the very handsome Marcus, who has some very special needs of his own.

So, a little about me. I arrived at Safe Haven in 2004, in an old cardboard box which had been my living quarters for quite some time. Those earliest kittenhood memories are not the happiest memories for me, but when I looked up and saw the love beaming down from everyone in my new home, I knew I'd be...well, I'd be *safe*. That I'd found my *safe haven*.

Because my hind quarters haven't worked since my kittenhood, I rely on the compassionate care of the beautiful people at PFOA. Mama Linda expresses my bladder every four hours, and my bowels once a day.

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**Peninsula Friends of Animals has always been and continues to be an independent group.**

### OUR MISSION

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



**Tiger**

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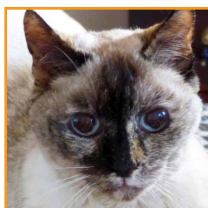
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**Will Lucy find her forever home?**



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## From the Editor's Desk

This issue of *Pet Tidings* is quite different from our past issues.

You will see our normal features – stories about rescue animals, kitties who have been adopted recently, kitties who would like to be adopted, and letters from adopted animals and their new parents about life in their new forever homes. You will read about one of our priceless volunteers. You may tear up as you read the memorials honoring pets who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

The difference is that past issues of *Pet Tidings* have generally focused on adopted animals – their stories, health issues, caring for your adopted pet. But what about animals who are not readily adoptable because of physical or behavioral issues? What happens to these special needs animals?

At Peninsula Friends of Animals, we have a number of these special animals who may never be adopted. We have a special place in our hearts for these animals, and we provide specialized housing and care. Barker House, just east of Sequim, is the home of five special kitties. Linda, our full time caretaker, lives with them, and it's a full time job caring for cats with diabetes, paraplegia and other serious physical conditions. Turtle Towers, at Safe Haven, is home for two kitties with Manx syndrome. Other special kitties reside at Safe Haven and in foster homes.

As you can well imagine, the cost of caring for these special animals is much greater than for our more adoptable rescues. We are fortunate to have a number of individuals who help with the cost by sponsoring one or more of these special animals. Most of our sponsors prefer to set up regular monthly payments using PayPal or other financial resources. This benefits us as well, because the expenses are ongoing.

Sponsors receive a quarterly newsletter, *The Cat's Meow*, which contains information about all the sponsored animals. Our website has a page dedicated to stories and photos of these special animals. You can find out more about sponsorship opportunities on our website, at <http://safehavenpfoa.org/sponsor-a-pet/>.

If you can help these animals by becoming a sponsor, we thank you. And one of our best-known sponsored cats, Tippy, thanks you as well!

*- The Editors*

## Hope Prevails

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I'll admit to being fussy when she has to do it. I'd prefer to be independent the way Marcus and the others are, and just use a litterbox, but I know life could be a lot worse. Mama Linda knows I'd rather be independent, too, so she's patient with me. She also helps to keep me looking my beautiful best, and keeps me clean and fresh.

When my eyes and Mama Linda's eyes first met, we had an immediate connection. I knew I loved her before I even met Maggie, her dog. Mama Linda had adopted Maggie from her neighbors in 2006, after an accident left her paralyzed in her hind quarters, and Maggie's owner said she could no longer care for her.



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## Mews from the Board

### Create A Legacy of Caring

As you know, Peninsula Friends of Animals is a donor supported no-kill animal welfare organization, and as such, we are entirely dependent on fundraisers, donations, bequests and grants. Without your generosity, we could not continue our mission of providing spay/neuter financial assistance to low income pet owners and caring for homeless, neglected and abused animals, as well as those with special needs. We are committed to their care, which may be for the rest of their lives.

PFOA is grateful to have been the recipient of a number of bequests from people who believe in what we do and how we do it. They wanted to be sure that we would be able to continue.

Cash bequests without restrictions have helped us to weather the economic downturn and add to reserves to cover future uncertainties, emergencies and opportunities. Barker House, where some of the special needs animals featured in this issue of Pet Tidings are cared for, was also a bequest.

If you, too, want to ensure our mission will continue and grow, would you please include us when you are making or updating your will? A qualified attorney can help you plan your estate so heirs are protected, tax advantages are realized and PFOA continues to receive your assistance in furthering our vital missions of rescue and spay/neuter. We are a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization – tax ID# 91-2127240.

Your legacy can be a set amount noted as unrestricted or specified for a particular purpose. It can be tied to our animal programs endowment or some other means of providing regular income. Whatever type of gift you may be able to devise for PFOA through your will or beneficiary designation, it will be gratefully received and any directions specified will be faithfully followed. Your attorney may call us at 360-452-0414 for further information.

Thank you for your consideration.

*PFOA Board of Directors*

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Maggie and I didn't have to snuggle or play together to be bonded friends, because we understood that each of us needed a certain amount of space. The day Maggie died was the saddest day of my life. It was just a few months ago. Mama Linda said she had no idea we were such good friends. I knew what was happening, and I dragged myself over to gentle Maggie and kissed her all over her forehead and face. I told her how much she meant to me, and that it was okay to cross the rainbow bridge and finally run free again. I told her I'd see her again someday and we'd run and play together and tease the livin' dickens out of Petey, Mama Linda's mischievous kitty.

The night we lost Maggie, I slept with Mama Linda in her room for the first time. We needed each other. I tried to be strong for Mama Linda, but got very sick from grief about two weeks later. She understood I wasn't sick. I was just very sad.

Have I ever tried to use a cart? Yes, in my early days at Safe Haven, my first caregiver, Gary, spent quite a bit of time fashioning one for me to use. It made sense to him, but I didn't like it, and I made it very clear both times everyone tried to gently ease me into it. I knew I was going to be fine just dragging myself around. Dear Gary. He meant well, but it just didn't work out for me.

My favorite thing to do of all? Oh, that would have to be licking Mama Linda's toes. It makes her laugh, and I love to hear her laugh. She lets me groom each one. I know how dedicated Mama Linda is to all of us, and I want more than anything for her to be happy.

I heard Mama Linda tell Alicia, "It's my honor to care for Hope," but I want everyone reading this to know that it is truly my honor to share this space with Mama Linda. She cares for me with the greatest compassion and treats me with love and respect.

I guess I just want everyone to know that the folks at PFOA truly do value life. For those of us who would be deemed "unadoptable" to others, we know that each day is a precious gift, and we thank all of our supporters for allowing us to share our lives with you. ♣





## Loving Lucy



*By Marilyn Ash*

One day, almost five years ago, a sweet, gentle, affectionate little Manx kitten named Lucy was adopted from PFOA. Lucy resembled a very small, very colorful Lynx, with her gorgeous green eyes, pointed tufted ears, and calico tabby markings. It was easy to fall in love with her, and she found the best of homes with a couple who adored her.

What her loving parents didn't know was that some Manx cats are afflicted with Manx syndrome, a spinal disorder. The mutation that causes the loss or shortening of the tail also affects the spine, spinal cord and nerves. As a result, cats with this condition may have problems with bowel and bladder control. The condition generally shows up in kittens by the time they are four months old.

Lucy did not show any signs of Manx syndrome until a year after she was adopted. Of course, by this time, Lucy was a much loved member of her new family. When she began to have little "accidents", they hoped that they were just that – simple accidents. Perhaps she was too far away and couldn't make it to the litter box? Maybe she was asleep and didn't wake up in time?

The accidents continued, with increasing frequency. The couple would spend time every day cleaning up. But they were attached to Lucy. She was so loved. "Maybe she will grow out of it," they thought. "It will just take a little more time."

After considerable more time, they had to acknowledge that Lucy would not grow out of it. Their decision was heart-wrenching, but unavoidable. They contacted Nancy Campbell, the Shelter Director at Peninsula Friends of

Animals. Could PFOA take Lucy back? This was not a decision to be taken lightly. Lucy would require a substantial investment of time and money. However, the shelter had another older kitten, Bobbie Jo, with the same condition as Lucy. They could be playmates. And so, Lucy came back to Safe Haven.

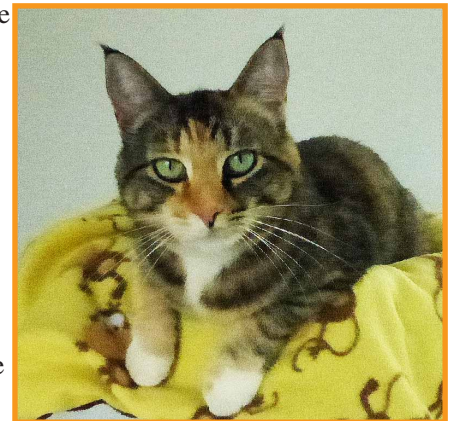
Nancy and her staff set up a special area for these two kitties – it's called Turtle Towers. A generous gift from a very special supporter allowed PFOA to renovate the living area to accommodate both kitties comfortably. Lucy and Bobbie Jo each have their own space, with steps leading up to comfortable platforms at window height, just right for bird and squirrel watching. The platforms, built by a talented volunteer, are a relatively new addition to their home. A common cat door allows access to the large, fully enclosed yard.

And Lucy's family? They became sponsors, and contribute regularly to the cost of her care. And they miss her terribly. They communicate often, wanting to know about the kitty they wish they could have kept. Is she well cared for? Is she

happy? We share photos of Lucy with her family – she is very photogenic. We let them know how she's doing.

Unfortunately, it is highly likely that Lucy will remain at Turtle Towers for the rest of her life. There are very few people who have the type of facilities, and the time, money and dedication needed to provide a good home for her. PFOA is committed to providing Lucy with the best quality of life possible. We are grateful to her family, and to the rest of the sponsors who contribute to the care of our special needs animals.

That said, we are always on the lookout for a home for Lucy. The volunteers and staff at Safe Haven all recognize that she would be happiest in her own forever home. And while we would all miss her terribly, we would rejoice for Lucy and her new family. ❖



## Meet a Volunteer: Sharlene Busch

*By Marilyn Ash*

Sharlene Busch has always loved cats. “We’ve had cats since I was a kid. That’s where my heart is,” she says with a smile.

Shar retired several years ago. After 30-plus years of work, most of it as a loan officer, and 22 years in retention and recruiting for the Army Reserve, she was ready for a new challenge.

At her very first Lavender Festival, Shar spotted a booth with large displays of colorful, handmade potholders. And ... photographs of kitties. Lots and lots of kitties. This was her first introduction to Peninsula Friends of Animals. She talked with one of the volunteers and brought home a newsletter.

The concept of a no-kill shelter was what pulled her in. She came to Safe Haven looking for volunteer opportunities that fit with her

interests. After talking to the volunteer coordinator and taking a tour of the facilities, she was ready to sign up – to work in any capacity that was needed. She now coordinates the microchip records when animals are adopted, making sure that the animal is registered and the new owner receives the certificate and tag. And for fun, she joined the Potholders group, and now sews between 10 and 16 pairs of PFOA’s world-famous potholders each month.

But volunteering at Safe Haven has its own challenges, including the most common one: falling in love with one, or often many, of the four-footed residents. For Shar, it was sad,

sweet 13-year-old Siamese named Hannah, who lost her home when her human mom had a stroke. She didn’t understand why she was in this place called Safe Haven. When Hannah was diagnosed with glaucoma, renal distress and a urinary tract infection, the amount of care and expense she needed allowed her to be placed in foster care.

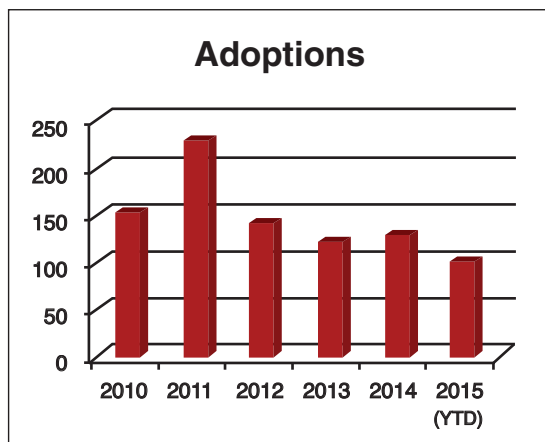
Shar and her husband, Ed, had always adopted through a shelter,

but had no experience with fostering. Now Hannah lives with Shar, Ed and their 14-year-old adopted cat, Jackson. It’s been a couple of months since Hannah came to her new home, and after two weeks of eye drops twice a day, she no longer has glaucoma. Hannah sleeps with Ed and Shar, displacing Jackson. Understandably, he has his nose out of joint.

I asked Shar what she does for fun – other than sewing potholders and caring for senior animals. She and Ed have traveled extensively. Last year, they went on safari in Africa, living out in the bush. They saw animals in the wild on a reserve. “The leopards were very elusive – typical cats. They didn’t want to be seen. Riding in an open Range Rover, a man on my left spotted a leopard right beside the wheel. The leopard got out of there fast!” What a great experience for a woman who has always loved cats! ❖



## Keep up-to-date with PFOA!



The chart above display our progress with our Adoptions. They show the yearly Adoption numbers for the past 5+ years.

## *Safe Haven ADOPTABLES!*

# *Special In Every Way*

Special needs animals are unique and very special. They may have gone through some hard experiences in their lives. They may have physical disabilities or behavioral issues. Because they have special needs, they generally have a more difficult time finding that special family or person to love and care for them. What is not generally known, except among their caregivers, is that animals with physical or behavioral disabilities are remarkably resilient and adaptable. They deserve the chance to be loved and cherished.

Here are five of PFOA's special needs kitties. They enrich the lives of our staff and volunteers. Each one is special to us.

**MARCUS** is a beautiful and extremely sweet 14-year-old Maine Coon who came to PFOA when his owner could no longer care for him. He is so gentle and kind — a special kitty who just wants a loving home in which to live out his life. Marcus lives at Barker House, and receives daily medication to keep his diabetes under control. He's had some rough knocks in his life, but still maintains his wonderful disposition. This big guy is just a sweetheart and so easy to love!



**BOBBIE JO** is a black Manx. She arrived as a tiny kitten, close to dying, but she had no intention of doing so - this little girl is a fighter! At almost three years old, she is now quite healthy, but she has the bowel and bladder control problems common with some Manx cats. She requires special care and attention, and will probably do so for the rest of her life. She is funny, affectionate and full of energy, and she needs to be with a loving family. She is well worth the effort she will require!

**TIPPY** is a beautiful orange and white tabby with a sweet personality. He came to PFOA in 2004 as a kitten, with Cerebellar Hypoplasia. He walks with a wobbly, unsteady gait, but it doesn't slow him down. He has become Safe Haven's office cat, as his extra care make it unlikely that he will be adopted. We think he prefers it this way. He has been placed twice, and returned both times because he was unhappy away from Safe Haven. In Ask PFOA, Tippy tells about living with CH, on the following page of this issue.



**FAGIN** and **THISTLE** are brothers and best buddies who came to Safe Haven in 2003 as kittens. Thistle, a sleek, polydactyl male with gorgeous copper-colored eyes, is a diabetic and receives regular insulin shots. Fagin is a green-eyed black shorthair who is best described as a "big lug" full of love. He is under dietary restriction to lose his excess weight. The brothers are a package deal: they are firmly bonded. They live at Barker House.

Please call PFOA at **360-452-0414** and press "2" to inquire about to talk about any of these featured pets. Leave a message if you get voice mail; a staff member will return your call. Or go online to see many others at **[www.safehavenPFOA.org](http://www.safehavenPFOA.org)**



## Ask PFOA: *Tippy Talks About Cerebellar Hypoplasia*



Hello, my name is Tippy. I am an orange and white tabby cat at Safe Haven, a no-kill shelter for cats near Sequim, Washington. Many visitors to Safe Haven often feel sorry for me because I stumble and fall down a lot due

to having feline cerebellar hypoplasia, also known as CH. Cats like me are born with CH. This is a non-progressive, non-contagious neurological condition resulting in walking and balance problems, due to having an underdeveloped cerebellum at birth.

With most CH cats it is likely that our mothers had the feline panleukopenia virus while they were pregnant or we suffered some other trauma while still in the womb.

Having CH has resulted in me having a “drunken sailor” type walk, which is why CH cats like me are often endearingly referred to as “wobbly cats.”

The severity of CH can vary greatly from cat to cat — even amongst litter mates. We recently had a trio of CH cats at Safe Haven. Two siblings, Darby and Wylie (formerly Fay and Ray), and their older half-brother, Tyler, all had varying degrees of mobility impairment because of CH. Darby has almost no impairment, whereas Wylie has a slightly wobbly gait and Tyler has a very noticeable wobbly gait.

My own mobility is quite impaired. I stumble and fall down a lot, but despite my ups and downs I am still a very

happy cat living a good life at Safe Haven. Many CH cats are worse off than I am when it comes to their mobility. Some may have significant trouble getting around, if they are even able to walk at all. Even with cats that have such severe cases of CH, it is important to remember that they are not sick, weak or hurt - just uncoordinated.

Some CH cats also experience head tremors, which is the uncontrollable shaking of our heads while trying to focus. Again, some cats may not have tremors at all, while others experience mild shaking and others are subject to more severe shaking.

Unless a CH cat has other health issues, our life expectancy is the same as a cat’s without CH. Since the condition is non-progressive, it will never get worse — and some owners say that their cats have become more capable over time.

One of the great things about CH cats is that we don’t seem to know that we are different from other cats. While we CH cats think we are normal, we often

have to learn how to do things differently than other cats do. For example, I don’t have the coordination to jump accurately – so instead I have become very adept at pulling myself into things by using primarily my front legs.

While there is no treatment for CH, everyone I know with a CH cat, like my friends at Safe Haven, will tell you there doesn’t need to be one. They will tell you how their CH kitties are some of the sweetest cats




ever and that what we lack in coordination we make up for in personality.

Since my condition is poorly understood, and because most shelters don’t adopt out special needs animals, many cats with CH are needlessly euthanized every year. Unlike them I was fortunate to end up at Safe Haven where I am cared for and well loved. ♣

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




 Hi PFOA! Wylie (Ray) and Darby (Fay) checking in! We are doing great! Getting big and playful as ever. Our mom keeps telling us we're goofballs. We are not sure what that means, but we do know how to pose for the camera ;-)

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 Thank you, feline loving people! For all you do.  
- **Kathie & Gene Blanton**

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 Thank you for caring for these injured animals!  
- **Leann Barber**

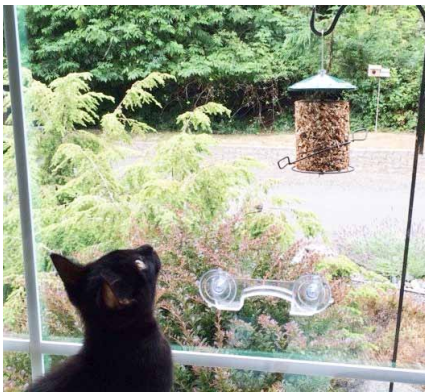
### Dear PFOA friends,

I want to direct this letter to your volunteer, Betty Gordon, who wrote me such a kind letter, thanking me for my contribution in memory of my cat, Bear. She enclosed a beautiful poem which contains many references which are so true to this day.

I would like to also mention that Bear's story was written by me and published in your book "Tails From The Heart" under the title "Precarious Beginnings" on page 35. This book came out a few years ago and was a fundraiser for your wonderful organization. I am happy to know that my Bear is immortalized in that book!!

Thank you again and keep up your good work.

Sincerely, **Ann Chang**



Right now Billybob is learning all there is to know about Red Shafted Flickers. Bird watching is so important from this window that he often naps right in front of the window so that he can continue watching when he is rested.


- **Karen Herman**



As transcribed to his human: "Dear PFOA, I wanted to say thank you for rescuing me and to let you know I'm doing great! There's lots of food to eat, toys to play with and catnip! I love catnip. And warm laps and good scratches and chests to sleep on.

The cranky girl cats are even tolerable. Life is good here. I love sitting in this window to watch the birds and squirrels in the feeders outside. Really wish these people had remembered to clean this window though. Head butts and purrs to all at PFOA, Clark."

As told to **Lori Crow**

 Chester (now Bentley) and Findley are doing fantastic! They have brought so much joy and laughter to our home, and for that we are extremely thankful! We still have a hard time telling them apart sometimes, but their personalities are shining through more and more and that helps us distinguish them. Bentley is more confident, calm, and snuggly. Findley is more curious, playful, and into everything! ☺ We love them so very much and cannot imagine our home without them. When we went to PFOA we were looking for one, older adult cat. I never would have dreamed of bringing home TWO KITTENS. But, it has worked out so well and they have proven to be wonderful companions (for each other and for us). Thank you so much for all that you do.

Sincerely, **The Gould Family (Shawn, Stephanie, Katherine, Bentley, and Findley)**

Ever since I adopted a little kitten about 9 years ago (I named him Tsunami), I've been coming back to visit all the cats at the cat shelter. Some years I was only able to come and visit a few times. Other times, I visited every single weekend for years in a row. I love spending time with the cats, every time I go I make sure I visit every cat so they all get the attention they need. I wish I could just adopt all of them!

One thing I really love about PFOA

is that it's a no-kill shelter, which means every time I come back the cats have either gotten adopted or they are still there waiting for a home. Playing with the kittens makes me so happy that it's impossible to have a bad day. This might be the last time I visit this summer before I leave to go to college, which will be at the beginning of August.

I want to thank the shelter and everyone who works at PFOA for

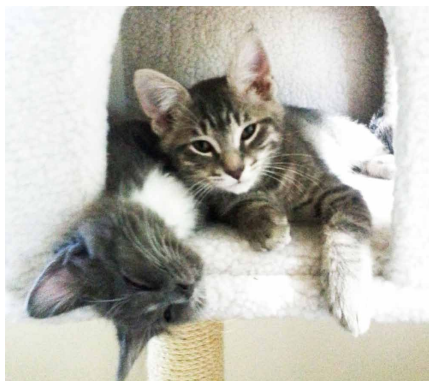
letting me be a volunteer for so many years! It has been an unforgettable experience and has had a big impact on my life. I am really sad that I will be leaving Sequim come August, but whenever I'm back in town I'll be sure to visit, you can count on it! Make sure you tell all the kitties "Hi" for me once in a while! Thank you for all the wonderful memories, I will miss all of you and the shelter very much!

**Love, Mesa Maddux**





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



Malcolm and Maggie, formerly known as Marshmallow, are doing great. Our pit bull is loving them. He has become their nanny/friend. The three of them play with the

shoestring together, so cute. He likes to lick them and check on them when they're wrestling around. Our older cat is tolerant of them. They are spoiled.

- April Bobier



Kelly is loving her new home ... she OWNS the house, the yard and her very own person (me!). She's as sweet and affectionate as can be. We're both so lucky

to have found each other, thanks to Candyce Palmer Jack. I am so in love with this kitty, and she obviously feels the same about me. You are wonderful for taking her in and giving her a good home with loving care until we found each other. Clarabelle (formerly known as Kelly) is set for life now.

Fondly, **Rebecca Wanagel**



hang out with me and is always near me. When company comes he is the first one to make them feel welcome. He is a friend to everyone. I'm truly blessed that I found him at PFOA. Thank you all! **Ed Minturn**

Noir and Echo here, sorry it's been so long since our last letter, time flies when you're being loved. Today is our fifth anniversary of our adoption by Mommy and Daddy. We know we were very little when we were adopted, but we remember all the wonderful care and love you gave to us till our forever parents came and brought us to our home.

Hard to believe a year has passed since our last letter, but you can never say thank you enough to a wonderful group of people who love, care for and protect all the little furry ones like us. Again this year, instead of presents for us, Mommy and Daddy said we could send you the money, and that you would do good works with it. For as you can see we think we have everything we need. Mommy and Daddy that love us, great food, and our (o.k. it's really Mommy and Daddy's) huge bed to sleep and play in. In all a Happy, Healthy and Loving life, all thanks to you. Please keep up all your good work and we hope our little gift helps.

Thank you for caring,

**Noir and Echo Niemi.**

And a special p.s. Thank you from **Karen & Van Niemi** for our little ones. They are such a joy to us, and each year only gets better.



Darby and Wylie are both doing great. Darby is getting sweeter by the day, and Wylie is continuing to be a great source of entertainment and laughter. The other day, I walked into the bathroom, opened the lid of the toilet, and here comes Wylie at about 50 mph. He jumps right into the toilet! And right back out again! Thank heavens it was flushed, lol. He was slightly soaked but otherwise no worse for wear. What a little nut! (see page 7 for a photo of these two kittens)

- **Sara Mel**

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## North To Sequim: Piper's Story

*By Margaret Carr*

On a sunny day in late June, a stunning, soft furred gray and white cat arrived at Safe Haven. His name was Piper, and he was originally a semi-feral stray living in California. A family spotted him near their home, and tried for a long time to make friends with him. The best they could manage was to provide food and water. Gradually, Piper became more comfortable with them. Eventually, he would regularly sit in his mom's lap and be petted.

After six years, the family was planning to move and there was no way they could take Piper with them. The couple was concerned that, if they left him, Piper would have a difficult time by himself. They wanted to make sure that this kitty, whom they had cared for as best they could, would be safe. Although he was still semi-feral and barely tolerated new people, Piper was special to them. And so, Piper and his foster dad made a special trip, BEFORE THE FAMILY MOVED, all the way from California to PFOA in Washington. Talk about dedication and responsibility! The PFOA questionnaire was completed, and Piper was introduced to Safe Haven. He was characterized as an affectionate lap cat, fearless and independent, and very vocal.

I first met Piper two months ago. He had socialized, to a limited extent, with the other cats, but he was fearful around people he didn't know. Yes, there was that same gorgeous cat I'd seen in the pictures, curled up deep in his cat tree cave. But because he didn't know me, he was nervous, with one deer-in-



the-headlights eye peering around the corner. No amount of sweet talk or coaxing would make him move a muscle.

Very tentatively, I reached in and touched his head. As I removed my hand he hissed softly, as if to say, "I don't know you, and I really don't want you to touch me."

With time, he has formed attachments with a few people that he sees regularly. PFOA's Animal Caretaker, whom he sees daily, has spent a considerable amount of time with him, and he now comes and sits on her lap in the sunshine of his outdoor patio. His previous owner visits regularly, bringing treats and spending time to help him adjust to his new environment.

Piper needs a secure home, a loving and patient family and, probably, nurturing resident cats in order to regain some modicum of trust. Because he was able to bond with one family, it's conceivable and probable that he could do it again. After all, he's only seven years old!

And with all that he's been through, Piper deserves a happy ending! ❖

Editor's note: We are pleased to report that Piper found his forever home. It's an ideal place in the country, with a loving couple and one cat with whom he can make friends. His new family has demonstrated the desire and ability to work with Piper to allow him to feel safe and loved. We are all very happy for him, and wish him a long and peaceful life.



I wanted to let you know how Percy is doing. He adapted to his new family quite quickly. He is best buds with RumTum (aka Quilcene) but plays with everyone, including the Corgis, like he's always been with us. The way he is around the dogs, I wonder if he thinks he's a Corgi. They have no tails and are the same color, so who knows, but it's so funny to see them all lounging around the living room together.

It took about a month for him to venture into the outdoor enclosure but now he's the first one waiting for the cat door to be opened in the

morning. With the weather we've been having, they've all been basking in the sun or the walkways and decks out there. His favorite thing, however, is when I turn the water on for a second in the tub. He loves to get in the tub and play with the drips.

So things couldn't be any better. He is truly a unique cat and we couldn't be happier with him. He is easygoing and interactive with everyone and has certainly found his forever home. Thank you for bringing us together.

Thanks for all you do, **Susan Schnatterly**



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*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 note that there is almost a two month lag between the cutoff date for receiving memorials and honorariums and the date that Pet Tidings is published and delivered to your home. All remembrances not received by the cutoff date will be printed in the following issue.*

### Honorariums (Person)

- The enclosed donation is in recognition of the work **Tom Huntington** has done on behalf of homeless kitties in our neighborhood, and also to thank PFOA for the support and help you have provided in this effort. Thank you! **Mary Mira**
- In honor of **Judy**. From **Susan Kaiser**
- This donation is made on behalf of **Carol and Mike Howard**, Sequim, WA. Happy birthday Mike. From **Peter Howard**
- In honor of **Kevin Rose's** birthday. From **Pat Fernandez**

### Honorarium (Pet)

- In honor of my cat, **Miss Fancy Summer**. From **Michael Snyder**
- In honor of **Lord Rufus**. From **Glee Hubbard**
- In honor of **Teddy, Cassie and Heidi**. From **Joanne Eagan**
- In honor of **Larz**. From **Will Crossin**
- In honor of **Mr. Perkins and Hudson**. From **Connie Rene Smith**
- In honor of my pets, **JoJo, Sylvester and Shadow**. From **Nancy Oman**

### In Memory of Special People

- In memory of **Jerry Hartley**. From **Tom & Sandi Shields**
- In memory of **Bonnie McAdoo Bryner** who passed away on August 24, 2015. From **Tom & Michelle Day**
- In memory of **Bonnie McAdoo Bryner**. From **Alcoa Industrial Relations Team**
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■ In memory of **Bonnie Bryner**. From **Susan & Kenneth Boone**

■ In memory of **Bonnie Sue McAdoo Bryner**, of Covington, WA. From **Dick & Janet Burig**

■ In memory of **Donna Miller**. From **Bill and Nancy Anderson**

■ In memory of **Bonnie Sue McAdoo Bryner**. She was a lovely, loving person who especially loved animals. From **Freda (Georgia) Kohl**

■ In memory of **Bonnie Sue McAdoo Bryner**. From **William and Jo Reynolds**

### In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

■ In memory of **Hollywood**, Harriet Hopgood's precious old guy who was a trooper until the end. From **Gary DelMastro**

■ In memory of **Neil and Jane's Border Collie, Tucker**, friendly canine greeter at McComb Gardens Nursery. From **Gary DelMastro**

■ In memory of **Mia**. From **Marie McCooey**

■ In memory of **Sampson**. From **Tom & Sandi Shields**

■ In memory of **Santiago and Rugby**. From **Johnjoseph Pajor**

■ In memory of **Gypsy**, cat of Beth Hufnagel. From **Gail Kramer**

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■ In memory of **Murphy**. From **Carol Asivido**



## Memorials and Honorariums

- In memory of **Maribel Mittens**. From **Janet Pearson**
- In memory of **Faith**, beloved companion of Gordon and Nancy Kapke. "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God." Luke 12:6. From **David and Claudia Neupert**
- In memory of **Tippy**. From **Bruce Johnson**
- In memory of **Philo Vance**, neighborhood patrol cat and member of the Bilsborrow clan. He was as ornery of a cat as they come and we loved him for it. From **David and Claudia Neupert**
- In memory of **Angel**, Gary DelMastro's beloved cat. Love **Jan & Andy Meyers**
- In fond memory of dear old **Buddy**, who loved people, cats, and other dogs, but his devoted guardian, Hannah Wittenburg, most of all. From **Ann Gilson**
- In memory of **Julian**. From **Lois and Donald Sorg**
- In memory of Linda Nielsen's sweet paraplegic dog, **Maggie**, to whom she gave many years of devoted care. Maggie runs free now in the sunlight beyond the Rainbow Bridge. From **Ann Gilson**
- In memory of **B.C.**, our beloved Border Collie. From **Lucille and Jess Goodman**
- In memory of **Angel** who was born in my bathroom 16 years ago to a feral mother I had coaxed into my house only hours earlier. From **Gary DelMastro**
- In memory of **Scooter**, 17-year-old shy feline family member of Jan Nutting and Brent Kellogg, operators of The Cat's Pajamas. From **Gary DelMastro**
- In memory of **Pepper Marie and Casey Leann**, kitties of Jeannie Rodrigues. From **Maggie Philichi**
- In memory of **Angel**, Gary DelMastro's 16-year-old tabby. Her heart-shaped-face and spunky personality will be missed. From **Karen Groves**
- In memory of **Chaco Lopez**, a special neighbor, a good soul and a friend of Lucy's. From **Erv and Kirsten Ruhl and our Yorkie Lucy**
- In memory of Diane and Leon Lopez' 16-year-old **Chaco**, a truly wonderful and stunning Maine Coon for whom I had the pleasure of pet sitting in his younger years. From **Gary DelMastro**



 Dear Rosie and Tony,

I'm writing because I need to know how to deal with my new people. I spent eight years on my own outside, surviving some really long and freezing nights. I can hunt for myself and fight or hide from predators.

I just got adopted by some people. They're fine. They leave me alone. They feed me and I'm safe and warm – no more freezing nights alone. I get it. I appreciate what they did for me. It's just that I'm not going to be their little lap cat, you know? I just want to be left to do my own thing because that's what I want to do.

I guess I don't know what you can say. I mean, I want to know what to do about them, but I guess you really can't help with that.

Signed, Oscar

**Tony replies:** My dear Oscar, thank you for writing to us. I do believe that your new family understood your history and your personality before they welcomed you into their home. Perhaps there are no expectations of you, as you suspect, and they love and respect you just as you are. Your previous life has been difficult. I imagine you've always been on your guard and rarely had time to relax. Now, dear Oscar, is that time. Relax!

**Rosie replies:** Oh, Oscar! I'm glad you're safe now! So, here's what I think. You don't say that they're trying to force you to be petted or coax you onto their laps. You say they're fine. So I have to agree with Tony. They knew who you were when they adopted you. When they first met you, I'm sure you didn't jump into their laps, purr uncontrollably and shed fur on their pants legs! No, of course not. You were yourself. And they still wanted you! How wonderful is that?! Enjoy the safety and warmth of your new home, Oscar...and do relax! Please write to us soon and let us know how things are going. We would love to hear from you again!

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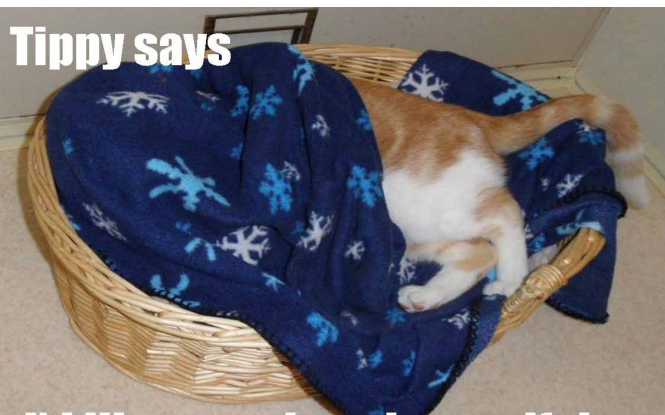
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