



Pet Tidings

Saving Sylvester

by Alicia Demetropolis

Sylvester and I first met during a visit with Danette Grady, our Executive Director. When I mentioned the recent loss of my mother, the first words out of her mouth were, naturally, "I'm so sorry!" And the second words were, "Have you met Sylvester?" For anyone who knows Danette, this makes perfect sense.

As with most of our rescues, Sylvester has not had an easy life. He was abandoned by his original people, and kind strangers brought him to us in 2014 after they found him living under an apartment building. After some minor dental care and a thorough check up, during which we discovered he was FIV-positive, Sylvester was out of quarantine and ready to meet visitors. With his warm personality and that gratitude which rescue animals commonly display, it's no wonder he was adopted after just one month. He immediately bonded with his new caregiver. Sylvester had the loving mother he'd longed for, and she, in return, had the warm companion she'd been seeking. They were inseparable. He spent nearly three years with her, going with her into hospice, and remained by her side during her last hours.



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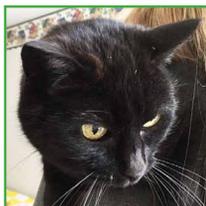
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From the Editor's Desk

For this issue, I would like to address a topic that is generally reserved for the "Mews from the Board" column. I think you will recognize the relevance to Pet Tidings.

Our former President of the Board, Ann Gilson, is retiring from the Board of Directors this month. Since the inception of PFOA, Ann has worked tirelessly in support of our organization. She was the editor of Pet Tidings for more years than she may care to remember, and has written many stories and articles for our newsletter for over ten years. She has been a board member since the Board of Directors was formed in 2000, and served as President of the Board for the 2014-2015 term. Beginning in childhood, she has loved and cared for more than 120 cats, most of whom had special needs. She designed and built her home in Port Angeles especially for the kitties!

Ann has been my mentor and advisor since I succeeded her as Pet Tidings editor. The support, guidance and encouragement she has provided to this novice, first-time editor have been invaluable. When we needed an adoption story – yesterday – Ann would produce, in a matter of hours, a beautifully-written story. When I encountered the dreaded writer's (or editor's) block, Ann provided valuable input that allowed me to refocus.

We have received many compliments about the high quality and professionalism of our newsletter. You, our readers, tell us how much you enjoy reading the stories and articles, and seeing the wonderful photographs of all the animals who have been adopted.

Pet Tidings is truly a team effort. It reflects the creativity of the writers, photographers, editors, and designers. Thank you, Ann, for all the roles you have played to make Pet Tidings a quality newsletter.

- Marilyn Ash, Editor



Mews from the Board

If you are a cat person like I am, consider this. Have you loved your companion cats throughout your life? Do you wish you had been able to help more animals during your lifetime? Would you like to remember your beloved animal companions by helping other animals in need? You can accomplish your wish by naming Peninsula Friends of Animals as a beneficiary in your will, just as I have done. Through a bequest, you can have the satisfaction of knowing that you are expanding your commitment to animals in need beyond your own lifetime.

The welfare of the animals in PFOA's care has always depended upon the kindness and generosity of donors like you. Providing a bequest to Peninsula Friends of Animals through your will or living trust helps to ensure that we can continue to carry out our mission to rescue abandoned animals and place them in safe, loving and permanent homes. Your bequest will also help us to continue to provide spay-neuter financial assistance to low income families.

Remembering Peninsula Friends of Animals in your estate planning will benefit future generations of animals. The federal government encourages these gifts or bequests by allowing an unlimited estate tax charitable deduction. Your bequest can be a specific sum, an estate percentage, or what remains of your estate after you have specified gifts to loved ones and covered expenses. Bequests may consist of money, stocks, real estate, and/or personal property.

There are many benefits of a bequest to PFOA. You control your assets during your life. You may change your bequest as your circumstances change. You can work with PFOA to designate your bequest for a particular purpose. You have the satisfaction of knowing that your gift will be used as you intended to help animals in need.

Thank you for considering naming Peninsula Friends of Animals as a beneficiary in your will or trust. Remember, it's for the kitties!

- Kevin Rose, President of the Board



Old fellow - young spirit

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After her passing, a grief-stricken Sylvester returned to Safe Haven once again. Sitting in quarantine, his nose pressed to the bars in the back of the cage, Sylvester was understandably withdrawn. When we had a chance to examine him, we found he was in need of extensive dental care, but otherwise was still a healthy FIV-positive kitty.

So Danette introduced me to Sylvester, fresh out of quarantine. We sat on the floor in his room, and I peeked inside the cat tree to see this striking Tuxedo peering warily out at me. My heart broke for him. He looked tired and sad and weary.

After a few minutes of hearing his friend's voice, he ventured out. I kept my hands in my lap as he walked over me to Danette for some affection, then walked across my legs. He slowly warmed up to me, eventually letting me pet him and scratch his chin before retreating. I completely understood his desire to withdraw; it's quite common during the grieving process. Let's just say I could relate!

I remember absently resting my hand on the cat tree, my fingers reaching an inch into his hide-away. Sylvester swatted once at my fingers – just a firm gesture to let me know I was invading his space. Sylvester needed the right person – someone who could understand feline communication, especially because of his current emotional state. I hoped he would find that person.

Danette shared my concerns, as did Tippy on our Facebook page. We could only hope that someone would be able to look past Sylvester's grief...but his age was a drawback, and being FIV-positive might make an adoption even tougher for him. (Being FIV-positive means that he needs to avoid contact with non-FIV cats who could become infected with the virus.)

We didn't need to worry very long. Within a few weeks, Sylvester's new papa walked in, and Sylvester walked right out of his hideaway into his heart.

"I wasn't looking for a cat," Sylvester's new papa said recently. "I'd just had mine put to sleep from cancer, but my sister suggested PFOA. So I figured, 'Why not go visit?'" Sylvester went right up to Robert, but Robert wasn't quickly sold: "I went out there every day for a week, and it just got to the point where I figured I'd better take him home."

He was grateful for the time to make a decision. "You guys were so patient. You run your business right. I spent a week going out there and saw how well you take care of the animals. Thank you for that."

During those visits to Safe Haven, Robert learned of Sylvester's background. "I felt sorry for him. Once I heard his story, I knew he'd be worth saving because some people tend to avoid FIV cats, plus he was 10 years old. Most everybody would have passed him by. They wouldn't even have given him a chance."



Sylvester spent the first few days behind the couch, then came out to claim his home – and Robert's lap. And to play. "He's a wild man," Robert says, laughing. "He thinks he's two years old. He's really something else. And he'll tell you exactly what he wants. If he wants to play, he'll come sit right in front of you and look at you. This morning he wanted breakfast at –" Here, Robert refers to Sylvester for the correct answer: "Five a.m.? Yeah, five a.m."

Hearing Robert's joy reminded me once again that we are in the business of saving people as well as animals: Robert, still grieving the loss of his wife, and the recent loss of his cat, found solace with Sylvester – a kindred spirit, also deeply grieving. As we frequently ask in this business, "Who rescued who?" ❖

A Letter from Lovey

with updates from Candyce Jack

Things continue to improve with Lovey. Besides his indiscriminate use of the cat box and stalking/attacking Bubba all else is well. He spends a lot more time downstairs with us now and we all enjoy that. I think he enjoys always to be able to find a body to lie next to. I had to do some shaving because, as you know, he hates to be brushed but his fur mats in seconds. He looks a bit silly, but he actually seems much more comfortable. He is quite spunky chasing cat toys and is very vocal. He is chatting all the time with cute little noises when he is walking around or when we enter a room. He has discovered that when I am making dinner if he sits right at my feet he just might get a little piece of cooked meat. I switched him back to the Royal Canin Fiber Response that you were feeding him- he is still often constipated so hoping that gets things moving again as he was doing well on that diet at the shelter.

I am finally at the point where I feel he is happy here and he will enjoy the end of his life. I always say it takes a good 3 months for a cat to settle in and we are only at 7 weeks.

We know Lovey had quite a list of volunteers that adored him so we thought he should write them a letter. Maybe it can be posted in his old room for them to read. :)

Thanks, Candyce

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To all my adoring admirers,

I have now been gone for almost two months and wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for your time and attention that you gave me over the last 18 months. I am thankful for the couple who originally picked me up and brought me to you. You gave me all the health care that I needed and made sure all my needs were met. And the attention... all the petting and hours of love I received from so many wonderful volunteers. They each have a heart of gold and I appreciate them all.

As much as I adored my time at PFOA I had something else I needed to do. See, there is a family that needed my love and attention as well. It is a family of 6 and although it is a busy job trying to spread my attention to everyone I seem to

be managing it all. My mom has a fuzzy blanket up by her pillow where I sleep each night and of course have moments when I wrap my whole body around her head. I think her ears might get cold. The kids in the family all have a lot of homework to do each day so I make sure I keep them company by snuggling in the middle of their things or head butting their hands when I think they have been writing for too long.

I have some cat and dog siblings that I have had to put in their place. They all seem to understand now that I am in control. They are still baffled as to why I get fed whenever I want and they are rationed to twice a day. I have even had to remind my family I am in control. They tried to brush me daily with every grooming tool available, but I quickly and repeatedly let them know that I don't allow that. I think I shocked my mom with how quick I could swat, but she still keeps trying. I also

seemed to have found my spunk again and love to play with toys around the house and sometimes even like to play with things that no one else can see. My family thinks it is hilarious.

So as you can see- I have sure been busy since leaving PFOA. It is a lot of work loving on all these people but I am doing my best and we are all happier for it.

Warmly, Lovey



Meet a Volunteer: Kathy Hough

By Marilyn Ash

Oceanography is her profession. Photography is her passion. And animals ... well, especially cats, are her love.

Kathy has been passionate about photography all her life. In January of 1996 she moved to Cordova, Alaska, and was looking for postcards to send to her friends. She found exactly one postcard, which was about 10 years old. And she thought, here's an opportunity! For the next ten months she took photographs of the local wildlife and landscapes. She displayed framed photographs, and the people in Cordova saw her work and got excited. And she knew this was an opportunity.

In addition to her framed art, Kathy created five postcards, letting local businesspeople pick the images. Soon, she had expanded to 12 different images, with descriptions to match. The venture was successful, and she expanded the business to Kodiak, where local residents and tourists readily bought her photographs. However, photography didn't cover her expenses. Thus, the need for her profession.

Kathy spent eight years on research ships as an oceanographic survey technician. She worked for NOAA as a crewmember in the survey department, collecting and doing quality assurance of survey data. Most of her sailing time was spent on the Bering Sea from Alaska. Afterwards, she was ready for new challenges, and accepted a position with the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. She is a member of the crew deployed

from La Push, obtaining and performing quality assurance on temperature, salinity, and oxygen level readings.

For over 20 years, her best friend was Flipper, a gorgeous, loving Maine Coon. Kathy and Flipper camped together, traveled together, and shared unforgettable experiences in Alaska and a few other states. Flipper even crossed the Gulf of Alaska four times on one of the ships! And then the inevitable heartbreak happened – Flipper passed away.

Kathy first came to Safe Haven in the fall of 2015. She was looking for a place to do volunteer work with animals to help cope with her loss. (She found it – that wasn't hard at all!) She started as many of us do – socializing the kitties. Combining her passion for photography and love of animals was a natural, and she soon moved from socializing to photographing.

Kathy was volunteering at least twice a month at Safe Haven, photographing the kitties. She spent a lot of time with the cats, getting to know them, and making friends. Although she had never done animal photography before, it seemed to come naturally. Saturdays would find Kathy sitting cross-legged on the floor of one of the Safe Haven cat rooms, feather toy in one hand and camera in the other.

One day I was visiting the downstairs kitties, and found Kathy taking photos of a handsome light orange cat named Eddie. As Kathy



would email her photo files to me, more and more of them were all about Eddie. She told me how similar Eddie's personality was to Flipper's.

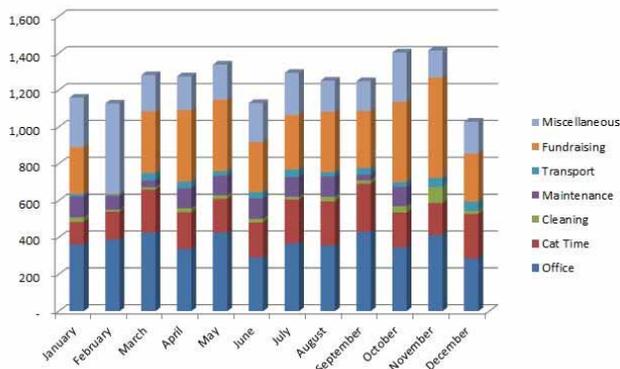
And after several more visits, Eddie went home with Kathy. Although they haven't camped yet, Eddie, now Taz, likes to ride in the car with Kathy (as long as he doesn't have to be in the dreaded carrier). And he gets along well with Kathy's foster black Lab, Asher.

We are thrilled that Taz has fit in with Kathy's and Asher's life so well. So much good comes out of one volunteer, and one adoption -- and that's what motivates us to keep working, every day.

Thank you, Kathy! ❀

Editor's note: Be sure to read A Letter from Taz, on page 10, for a cat's eye view of his new life!

PFOA Volunteer Hours, 2016



Our dedicated volunteers are involved in almost every aspect of shelter business. They socialize and groom the cats and kittens, sweep floors, clean litter boxes, transport animals needing veterinary services, pick up supplies, staff booths at festivals, provide numerous services for fundraising activities, and maintain shelter grounds. One of our most important and consistent fundraisers is our world famous potholders, organized and staffed by volunteers. In 2016, our volunteers donated almost 15,000 hours of service to Peninsula Friends of Animals. We wish to recognize and thank the many individuals who contribute their time "for the kitties".

Safe Haven ADOPTABLES! **TOTALLY TERRIFIC TORTIES**

Anyone who spends much time interacting with a variety of cats is probably familiar with “tortitude,” that unique set of qualities that makes up the purrsonality of tortoiseshell cats, affectionately known as “torties.” Of course, every cat is an individual, and not all cats with the beautiful tortoiseshell coloring will exhibit the tortie traits. However, the majority seem to live up to their reputation: beautiful, headstrong, and short-tempered. Most people feel that any special treatment these beauties require is repaid tenfold in kitty love.

These five lovelies (all female, as genetically it is very rare to see a male tortie) represent the full spectrum of tortitude. They would love to find their forever homes where their purrsonalities can be fully appreciated.



WHITNEY is a beautiful long-haired tricolor tabby with gorgeous light green eyes and extra toes on her front feet. Technically a torbie, she has both tabby and tortoiseshell markings. She is one of our newest kitties at Safe Haven, and has a sweet, loveable personality. She is probably three to five years old, and visitors and staff alike have fallen for her charm and loving ways. Come and meet this sweetheart.

JULY is a very nice little tortie who was returned to us when her caregivers could no longer take care of her. She was adopted from PFOA about six years ago. At about eight years of age, she has developed arthritis and has some significant back pain. We have her on a special diet and are giving her medications to help with the pain. She would be perfect for a single cat home where she can curl up in an easy chair with her special person and happily purr away.



PIPPIN (left) and her sister **PRISCILLA** (below) have been together their entire lives. Originally adopted from us almost eight years ago as kittens, they were returned in 2013 because their person had to move. Having spent their entire lives with one person, they had become very shy and timid. Our shelter personnel had a difficult time finding them at first, but quickly learned to look for two lumps under the blanket stretched across the couch.

Eventually, they became more comfortable with their new surroundings and ventured out to see the rest of their small world. With lots of love from our patient staff and volunteers, they started to interact with people, and were adopted a second time in 2014. However, earlier this year, these sweet, well-behaved torties came back to us. If you are patient enough to get through their initial shyness you will be rewarded with the love and affection of two very special girls by allowing them to share your home.



LEXI is a gorgeous long haired tortie – smart, funny and full of “tortitude.” She is such a joy to be around. Friendly and affectionate, she loves to be the Queen Bee and would prefer to be the only cat in her new home. Lexi was originally adopted by Helen Hille, a long-time PFOA supporter. When Helen became ill and passed away, Lexi came back to Safe Haven, and was readopted very quickly. Sadly, her new person died unexpectedly, two years later, and Lexi came back for her “third time around.” Lexi is a very cool cat: feisty, sweet and affectionate. She is waiting for that special person to take her home, once more.

Please call PFOA at **360-452-0414** and press “2” to inquire 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

Ask PFOA: *Where does the money go?*

As we close out 2016 and look back on all the achievements we were able to make due to the generosity of our supporters, we realize that many Pet Tidings readers may not be familiar with everything we do here. So we have decided to answer the oft-unasked question, “Where does all the money go?”

Since we are a no-kill, cageless shelter, the overwhelming majority of your support goes to Animal Program Expenses. Traditionally, almost 70% of our revenue has been directed to animal care expenses. In 2016, these expenses were approximately \$186,000, including veterinary expenses (\$48,000), and medicines (\$5,800).

Let’s begin by breaking down the cost of animal care:

- **Medical/dental care for adoptable cats:** During the intake process, adult cats are quarantined in order for us to evaluate their medical and dental health. After a thorough veterinarian exam and evaluation, any treatments necessary, including dental cleaning and extractions, are performed, and special health needs identified. Remember that cats are good at looking perfectly healthy; it requires professional testing to determine their true condition.

For example, we just received an outgoing, bonded set of brothers, Spanky and Spatzi. They appeared perfectly healthy, but a trip to the vet revealed that Spanky is diabetic and Spatzi has renal issues and hyperthyroidism. While these health issues are quite manageable (as humans with diabetes, kidney or thyroid problems know), we would not have diagnosed them without a thorough exam. Spatzi is now on a special diet to stabilize his renal values and both brothers are receiving necessary medications before they can be ready for adoption.

Even cats who come to us from the most well-intentioned, loving owners frequently arrive with dental issues. Many people don’t think that a cat or dog needs to have its teeth cleaned or checked, even though we get our own teeth cleaned and checked twice a year. Often, pet dental care is postponed because of the expense. Consider that Sylvester had the most loving, caring mom any cat could ask for, but he still required several hundred dollars of dental care and extractions when he returned to Safe Haven.

Your support covers the medical and dental costs during quarantine, and any medication or special food needed while these patient felines wait for their forever homes.

- **Special needs cats:** Along with Spanky and Spatzi, we have other special needs cats, some of whom are currently at Barker House. Thistle, a diabetic, and his brother Fagin are a closely bonded pair. When we first took them in, Fagin was so overweight he couldn’t even walk across the room! With patience, love, and dedication from Barker House’s live-in caregiver, plus a healthy, restricted-calorie diet, the now-slim Fagin has a new favorite exercise: jumping straight up to the top of the cat tree. Beautiful Lucy-Alice, a calico tabby Manx, is another Barker House resident. She suffers from relatively mild Manx Syndrome, a condition which results when the tailless gene shortens the spine and causes damage to the spinal cord and nerves, and problems with bowels and bladder. Since Lucy-Alice didn’t display any symptoms until she was about 18 months old, she was brought back for rehoming when her broken-hearted parents realized they could not provide the type of home she needed. It is easy to love



Lucy-Alice, and she patiently waits at Barker House for her new mom or dad to love her as much as we do.

Of course, everyone knows our popular office kitties, including our British senior advisor, 16-year old Tony, and Tippy, our 13-year old Facebook Administrator. Stately Tony requires daily fluids, and free-wheeling Tippy requires medications to manage his various medical conditions.

Your continued support provides these cats, and others, quality lives while waiting for their forever homes.

- **Building(s) and maintenance:** We choose to be cageless. We choose to give our charges the best home life possible, including large, comfortable rooms with secure, 24-hour indoor/outdoor access. The evidence of these superior choices is clear in our successes and in the physical and psychological health of our cats. Just as our own homes require maintenance and upkeep, your donations assist with the expense of maintaining home-like settings so that we may honor our promise to you, to the community, and to the cats in our care.
- **Bonded animals stay together:** We deeply respect the emotional well-being of the cats in our care. To that end, bonded cats stay together because it is the right thing to do. It can take longer to find a home for bonded pairs, though, because they are usually older and often one cat has special needs. Would it be an easier adoption process to separate a now-healthy Fagin from his diabetic brother, Thistle? Sure it would, but respecting the animals in our care also means not causing unimaginable trauma on top of their already-difficult experiences. When you support PFOA, you tell the community that you agree.

Your donations also support our community service programs:

- **Assistance for spay/neuter services:** Did you know that we provide a co-pay spay/neuter program for low-income cat and dog owners in Sequim and Port Angeles? All year long, we offer a low cost co-pay through several veterinarians in both locations. People can make their appointments through our Spay & Neuter Coordinator, Sharon Palmer, who can be reached at (360) 683-4697. She will coordinate with the veterinarian in your area. In 2016, we facilitated spay/neuter services for 224 cats and dogs. **This means your donations helped prevent the birth of nearly 1,200 unwanted kittens and puppies during the first year alone.**

As you can see, \$85 for an adoption doesn’t even come close to covering even the most basic veterinary costs for these cats.

We want you to know that we wouldn’t be here without you, and – believe it or not – the cats know that, too. So thank you for your support. YOU make a difference! ❀

“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



🐾 Thank you for the pictures of all the kitties that now have homes because of PFOA.
 I had no idea it was so many! Wow! Thank you for being so caring.
Charlotte Patterson

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🐾 Thank you for helping me with spay/neuter of some “alley” cats in the past. They are all still with me as indoor cats. I am so glad to have them, as all my older cats are now gone. - **Marsha Tucker**

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🐾 I just wanted to drop you a note to say thank you. Thank you for caring for the animals in our community. I know it's hard work. I know you're not thanked often enough for all of the little things you do. So thank you! You are making a difference. Keep it up!
 Thank you! - **Erika Phillips**

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🐾 Dear Nancy and Danette,
 Re: 119+ adoptions! Wow!
(Ed. Note: 137 as of the end of 2016!)
 You guys run a wonderful “ship.” We think you operate the BEST cat sanctuary in the USA! Our adopted Rosalie has finally decided to play tag with Loretta (after around 20 months with us), who must wear a glove to avoid claws. It's a joy to watch!
 Happy Holidays to you both and your staff.
 Love from Sequim,
Loretta Flanders & Dick Hahn

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🐾 This donation is for all your good work and the fun newsletter! - **Donna LaRocca**



Climber and his brother Junior relaxing after dinner.
 From **Eddie and Tracy Babauta**



Bluey (now aka Blueberry Girl) is settling in. We're still feeling our way. Neither one of us is the easiest creature to get along with.

She still hates raw food and loves her Fancy Feast. She will turn her nose up at even premium foods--she's completely on canned now--even if she's hangry. No, hangry is *not* a misspelling.

I had a little luck giving her the Instinct frozen raw nuggets (radcat = no bueno)--but they have to be well coated with Fancy Feast. That said, it could always be worse--had a dog that used to suck all the gravy off and spit out the kibble.

Took her to the vet. No mites but a lot of brown gunk. Pretty healthy 11 pound kitty.

She lets me clip the tips of her claws, but WILL NOT let me look in her ears. Tussled this morning. Hope she's forgotten because round two is tonight--ear drops. Still working on picking her up. Vet trauma / pet carrier did not help.

Not a lap kitty, probably not ever, but she'll sit with me wherever I'm at in the house.

Also. VERY vocal. And will meow incessantly until I play with her--she can convey SUCH disappointment in a meow.

Then pick up again 10 mins after we stop. Ay. I think at this point she has every toy I can Amazon in. Like I said, work in progress.

Wanted to let you know she's (mostly) happy. I think.
 - **Lynda Wong**



Just a couple pics showing how Max is adjusting to his new home. Tonight is the 1st night he's come out and wanted to be a part of the family. He really is an awesome cat. Thank you for my new friend.
 - **Grant Ritter**



“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



Let’s just say “Tilly” arrived home and absolutely knew that’s where she was. . . . home! She made herself comfortable and is very at ease. She is been extremely interactive; shadowing us around the house just to keep track of what’s happening. She is very content to curl up when a lap is available and snuggle down when it’s bedtime (usually). Her mouse that came

with her from PFOA gets regular workouts; flying through the air often! All and all, we believe that she and we were meant to be!!!

Thank you so much for your efforts to create this connection, as well as all the others that come to be, **Penny and Martin Cahoon**



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Just wanted to give you an update on the babies. They're doing really well. Bella (Hollywood) is very brave and adventurous. Rosie (Chicago) is still a little shy but doing better every day. David built a little cat retreat that's just outside our bedroom. They can enjoy the outdoors but still be safely contained. Thanks for everything!! We just love them.

- **Midge James**



Dear Friends at PFOA,
Here is a donation for whatever needs it may help you meet.

Since my husband died, Kattcher has been such a comfort to me! Her affection and companionship have helped me to begin the present chapter of my life.

Thank you for all you do for Kattcher’s friends at the shelter. She sends meows and trills.

Affectionately, **Lauretta Ehling**

Hi to All at PFOA,

Noir and Echo here . . . it is hard to believe that we are now six years old; life has been so good to us. Mommy and Daddy got silk pillow cases and we love them, they are such fun to play on. When we climb up on them we slide off and then run around back and try it again. We can do it for an hour or more if we want, or we can just lay back and rest against them and take a nap.

But the reason for the letter is that it is that time of year again to be grateful for what we were blessed with, and we would like to do like we did last year. We are not going to get extra presents again this year and instead donate the money to all of you at PFOA to help all the animals like us. We were

so blessed that you took us in and cared for and loved us till Mommy and Daddy came and adopted us. We were so lucky as we only had to wait 10 weeks before we were adopted. We know though that some of the fur babies and older animals have a long wait to find that forever home. Yet it doesn’t seem long as you care for and love each and every one of them till they find their forever home.

So please find enclosed a check (Mommy and Daddy wrote it for us), and use it to give all the animals a very Merry and Blessed Christmas. Also, as you so deserve it for all of your good works for the animals throughout the year.

Love to all,
Noir and Echo Niemi

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Herman, who came to live with us six years ago this spring. He is loved, has a kitty friend to pal around with, and they both are indoor friends. He can keep track of the hummingbirds at the feeders outside the windows and sleep in the sun in the studio. We are so happy to have him!

Please accept this gift on behalf of Herman to share with all of those in your care.

Kind regards, **Butch & Priscilla Patterson**



Dear Rosie & Tony,
Greetings from
Marrowstone Island. I am

a seven year old pacifist vegetarian Maine Coon. My people appreciate my superb catch and release skills (my people do the releasing part somewhere near our neighbor's yard).

For Christmas, my Uncle Derrick gave me a battery operated toy mouse, suggesting that I could perhaps "sharpen my mousing skills." I was not amused. I resisted sharpening my claws on his pants leg.

Aside from "releasing" it across his bed as he slumbers during his next visit, do you have any thoughts on making my displeasure clearly felt?

With kind regards, Carmine

Tony replies:

My first suggestion would be to simply let it sit... in the corner or under the couch or in a drawer. Perhaps your uncle will forget about the whole issue?

Apparently, though, you have reason to believe that his memory and persistence is quite good, so my second suggestion requires a bit of patience on your part, but I believe it will wear him down eventually: Pick up the mouse and continually bring it to him, placing it at his feet. Do this ten, twenty, even one hundred times, and do it constantly -- when he's watching t.v., eating breakfast and dinner, visiting with your people, brushing his teeth and, yes, while sleeping (placing it on or near his pillow would be ideal). When he loses his patience, just give him The Look. You know the one.

Rosie replies:

A...vegetarian? Did I read that right? Vegetarian? We are carnivores! We need meat to survive. Could someone help me with that one?

A Letter from Taz



February 14, 2017

Dear PFOA,
Taz the Spaz, a.k.a

Eddie, here. I've been with my new momz for almost 7 months now. Sorry shez been so bad about sending an update on me.

I'm livin' it up large... lots of toyz to play with, windows to watch birdies thru, my very own furniture to scratch, and a nice warm lap to curl up on whenz Momz watches the bube tube.

Therz been some weird things lately tho. There was a bunch 'o white stuff that fell out of the sky. Momz brought some of it inside to show me. I touched it quickly, then wasn't so sure about it. Gave me goose bumps!

THEN she brought this other thing into my house. Itz all blak, even itz tongue, and haz 4 legs and a tail like me. But its MUCH bigger than me and kinda has breathe that smells like Momz shoes (pheeewww!). Momz said it would keep me company, but it doesn't pay any attention to me... even tho I tease it by walking by it and running right under its nose (holding mine)!



Momz got it a squeaky toy and gave it a nice, big bed the other day. Theyz all MINE !! I'm ready for Valentine's Day now ... bow tie and red bed! It can have the couch (well most of it).

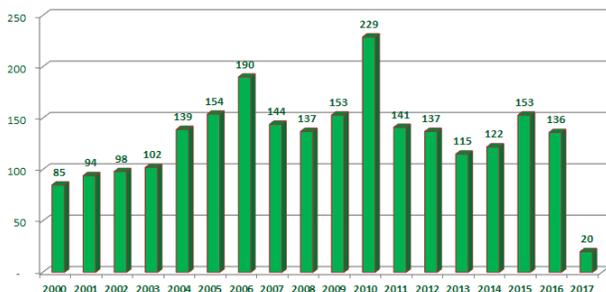
Haha! I just woke it up ;) And I'm trying to tell Momz itz time for food and Zzzzzzz's. Gotta run.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY PFOA!

Luv, Taz

Keep up-to-date with PFOA!

PFOA ADOPTION HISTORY



The chart above display our progress with our Adoptions. They show the complete yearly adoption history since Safe Haven opened in 2000.

Look who's been adopted!

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See some adoptable
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Memorials and Honorariums

Memorials given in honor of a deceased pet, in memory of a friend or family member, or Honorariums to thank special friends are a lovely way to say "Thank you" or "I love you" or "I miss you." A public statement of remembrance can help bring closure or soften grief, as well as honor a loved one.

Please 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)

- In honor of **Frank Torres**. From **Rex Olsen**
- In honor of **Linda Livingston's** birthday. From **Joe & Roberta Hairfield**
- In honor of **Nancy Campbell**. From **Tara Sparkman**
- In honor of **Doris Cosman**. From **Scott Cosman**
- In honor of the folks at PFOA who help the cats. From **Colleen Crawford**
- In recognition of **Kelli at Dungeness Ranch Pet Resort**. Kelli provides outstanding care for all animals but especially for PFOA rescue kitty "Mr. Mittens" (formerly Eldon)
- In honor of **Catherine Jean Peters**. From **Johnjoseph Pajor**
- In honor of **Diane Stenzel & Ms. Shady**. From **Paulette Willson**
- From **City of Sequim** in honor of **David Garlington** achieving 5 years of service to the city.
- In honor of **Nancy Campbell**. From **Carolyn Beavert**
- In honor of **Terry Vogel**. From **Anne Hines**
- In honor of **Daniel Anderson**. From **Matthew Cohen**
- In honor of **The Moffits Family**. From **Jim & Ruby Crose**
- In honor of **Marilyn Teorey**. From **Matthew Teorey**
- In honor of **Linda Penwarden**. From **Joan Marsh**
- In honor of **Reynaldo & Rosita Lopez**. From **Leon & Diane Lopez**
- In honor of **Mike William's Family**. From **Robin Rush**
- In honor of **Tracy Bettinardi**. From **Horst Gerhardt**
- In honor of **Bina Iversen & Danny Cannon, David & Haifa Iversen, Mike & Pam Dick, Levi & Isaac Rooks, and Mary Sue Brancato & Ed Bowlby**. From **Jeanne Iversen**
- To mark the joyful occasion of my friend **Nancy O'Gorman's** marriage to **Al Robinson** October 22, 2016. With love from **Ann Gilson**
- In honor of **Cal & Lu Mogck**. From **Jerrie Tideman**
- In honor of **Sharon Palmer**. From **Lisa Bohman**
- To commemorate the marriage of **Paul Manihugh & Rhonda Wentzel**. From the **Whitmans - Jay, Krissy, Lisieux & Poipu**
- In honor of **Charlotte Patterson**. From **Ianthe Moul**

Honorarium (Pet)

- In honor of my pet, **Maximillian**. From **Joan Carr**
- In honor of my pet, **Willow**. From **Carolyn Coy**

- In honor of my pets, **Lilly, Daisy & Phoebe**. From **Helen Ernst**
- In honor of my pet, **Tessa**. From **Faye Cook**
- In honor of my pets, **Molly, Penny & Buddy**. From **Peggy King**
- In honor of our pets, **Kona, Ziggy & Benji**. From **Gary & Wendy Taibbi**
- In honor of my pet, **Sweetums**. From **Jo Ann Bergmans**
- In honor of my pet, **Carson aka "Psy."** From **Jennifer Dowell**
- In honor of my pet. From **Dianne Williams**
- In honor of my pet, **Chuckie**. From **Terry Mathews**
- In honor of my pets. From **Sharon Hollatz**
- In honor of my pet, **Luna aka "Stickers."** From **Colleen Rowe**
- In honor of our pets, **Simba & Rosalie** (formerly of PFOA). From **Loretta Flanders & Dick Hahn**
- In honor of my pet, **Sadie**. From **Kathleen Larson**
- In honor of my pets, **Maggie & Lorelei**. From **Patricia Wilson**
- In honor of **Shana**, the cat, shared by Victoria Shepard and Lois Sorg. From **Gloria Shepard**
- In honor of my pet, **Missy**. From **Sandra Shields**
- In honor of our pet, **Herman**. From **Butch & Priscilla Patterson**
- In honor of my sister Anita & David Colvin's cats, **Gelato & Columbo**. From **Barbara Gilbert**
- In honor of my pets, **Princeton, Kiki & Zora**. From **Carol Novis**
- In honor of my pet, **Paisley Cat**. From **Cynthia Knudson**
- In honor of my pets, **Domino & Ramses**. From **Carol Reiss**
- In honor of **Fancy Tail Summer**. From **Michael Snyder**
- In honor of **Kartman**. From **Doug & Grace Schulz**
- In honor of my pet, **Simcoe**. From **Joni Cervenka**
- In honor of **Chuy**. From **Scott Cosman**

In Memory of Special People

- In memory of **Irene Weiss**. From **Marcia Kawahara**
- In memory of **Karen Postma**. From **Sue Block**
- In memory of sister **Susan**, who never saw a cat she didn't love. From **Marion Burns**
- In memory of **Chris Buell**. From **Eugene Buell**
- In memory of **Susan**. From **Lois Sorg**
- In memory of **Mari Andrus & pet Jessie**. From **Irene Wyman**
- In memory of **Ragnar Temte**. From **Carolyn Temte**
- In memory of **Virginia Asivido**. From **Carol Asivido**
- In memory of **Nathan Paulson**. From **Linda Paulson**
- In memory of **Dorothy**. From **Richard Atteberry**
- In memory of my aunt **Irene Weiss**, who passed away in October at age 90 and had her entire life a great love for animals. From **Amaroq Weiss**
- In memory of **Dick Newlon**. From **Elizabeth Newlon**
- In memory of **Reta Barras**. From **Linda Schneider**
- In memory of **Diane Grier**. From **Wende Porterfield**
- In loving memory of my parents, **George & Mary Demes**. They would have wanted this money used to provide for the care and feeding of your special needs, older cats. From **Alicia Demetropolis**
- In memory of **James Arthur (Jim) Batson**. From **Robert Pier**
- In memory of **Jim Batson**. From **PacBay International**
- In memory of **Bill Crow**. From **Jennifer & the Insync Team**
- In memory of **Richard Knadle**. From **Anne Goetzman**
- In memory of **Jack Thornton, DVM**. From **Marvin Applbaum**

- In memory of **Joan Smith**. From **Tara Sparkman**
- In memory of **Gabe Ornelas**. From **JoAnne Alford**
- In memory of **Ben Thacker**. From **Darlin and "Bob" & "Tux,"** Ben & Elizabeth's two rescue kitties

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In memory of our cat, **Obie**. From **Colleen Huntley**
- In memory of our pets "**Gummy Bear**" & "**Long-E.**" From **Andrea LaFollette & Ted Eade**
- In memory of my pet, **Tippy**. From **Bruce Johnson**
- In memory of my pets. From **Brenda Newman**
- In memory of my pet, **Henry**. From **Carol Hess-Davis**
- In memory of my pet, **Suzy**. From **Joan Taylor**
- In memory of **Trevor, Vinnie, Santi, Ruby, Galen, Mungo & Emma**. From **Johnjoseph Pajor**
- In memory of my pet, **Little Bit**. From **Wally Kohl**
- In memory of my pet, **Cooter**. From **Lois Marquart**
- In memory of my pets, **Molly & Farley**. From **Sharon Gavin**
- In memory of my pet, **Maggie Mae**. From **Nancy Anderson**
- In memory of my pets. From **Audrey Hetherington**
- In memory of **Charlie**, the big loving and devoted canine companion of Pat & Steve Resende. From **Leon & Diane Lopez**
- In memory of Cindy Sites' sweet and beloved kitty, **Rusty**. From **Mike Hill & Tony Vetro**
- In memory of Cherie Westfall's & Bruce Cutting's pet, **Baby**. From **Donna Campbell**
- In memory of Margaret Young's pet, **Shilo**. From **Paulie & Barry Mills**
- In memory of my pet, **Bella Nina**. From **Lisa Turnpaugh**
- In memory of my pets, **Maggie & Brodie**. From **Sharon Kaulakis**
- In memory of Suzanne Hadley's dog, **Mr. Weenie**. From **Patricia Milliren**
- In memory of my pet, **Cocoa**. From **Christine Spitz**
- In memory of my pet, **Vaquerito**. From **Karen Lewis**
- In memory of my cats, **Missy & Amber**. From **Muriel Kierch**
- In memory of my pet, **Pearl aka Tussie**, adopted 8 years ago from PFOA and gone much too soon. From **Mark Ford**
- In memory of my pets, **Benny & Sonny**. From **John Renken**
- In memory of my pet. From **Bertha Gerber**
- In memory of **Aster**, at the shelter for such a short time but in our hearts forever. From **Danette Grady**
- In memory of Johanna Sculley's pet, **Frito**. From **Kathy Sculley**
- In memory of my pet, **Sunny**. From **Sandy Pinckert**
- In memory of my pets, **Leo, Bear & BB**. From **Diane Hayman**
- In memory of my pet, **Heidi**. From **Ken Phillips**
- In memory of my pet, **Tanker**. From **Lynn Kessler**
- In memory of my pet, **Butchie**. From **Beverly Brown**
- In memory of my pet, **Bobo**. From **Sharla Fox Fraker**
- In memory of my pet **Rufus Rub-insky**. From **Paula Strouf**
- In memory of our sweet Chihuahua, Penny. We miss you. **Susan, Chuck, Willy & Annie Skaggs**
- In memory of Bob & Kali, kitties from **CVAR** that I loved! From **Brigid McCarthy**
- In memory of Becky's sister Pam's and her husband Herm's dog **Brown**. From **Becky & Dan Morgan**
- In memory of Marie McCooey's cat, **Gizmo**. From **Faye Hayden**
- In memory of my pet, **Annie**. From **Elaine Burns**
- In memory of Dallas & Nancy Campbell's canine companion, **Buddy**. So lucky to have been loved and cared for at Campellot. From **Gary Del Mastro**
- In memory of **Jetson Gruner**, Barb Gruner's beloved cat. From **Bonnie Mayfield**

- In memory of Pat & Steve Resende's big boy, **Charlie**. What a big hunk of love he was. From **Gary Del Mastro**
- In memory of Marie McCooey's cat, **Gizmo**. From **Gail Kramer**
- In memory of Deby King's pet, **Precious**. From **Maria Miller**
- In memory of **Lucky**, sweet and gentle canine family member of Brent Kellogg & Jan Nutting. From **Gary Del Mastro**
- In memory of my pet, **Blue**. From **Ethel Stratman**
- In memory of Dan & Joanne Edwards' cat **Timothy**, a very gentle, sweet boy whose blue eyes would always brighten my day. I miss seeing Timothy. From **Joy Kennedy Bertman**
- In memory of Kline & Jane Wilson's cat **Hi-Purr**, a lively, intelligent and handsome boy, who also had beautiful blue eyes of steel. My very first Kitten Sittin' client way back in 2006, I spent a lot of time with this playful guy! From **Joy Kennedy Bertman**
- In memory of Ruth & John Weston's cat **Tinker**, a gorgeous tuxedo boy that was playful and affectionate with his mom and dad. I wish I could have gotten to know you better. From **Joy Kennedy Bertman**
- In memory of Carolyn & Alan Plutzik's **Sumo "T,"** another beautiful black and white classy cat. She lived to a ripe old age of 20, but that didn't make it any easier to say goodbye . . . you were one cool cat! From **Joy Kennedy Bertman**
- In memory of Barb & Ed Gruner's **Jetson**, a sweet and wonderful cat. Handsome in his gray and white coat, he was guaranteed to steal your heart away with his playful nature and inquisitive mind. I will miss you, my friend. From **Joy Kennedy Bertman**
- In memory of Tony & Kath Beecher's **Bashful**, a shy cat with a gentle nature. Bashful was appropriately named, but once he got to know you he was friendly and inquisitive. From **Joy Kennedy Bertman**
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- In memory of my cat, **Tigger**, who passed one year ago. From **Ruth Worley**
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