



# Pet Tidings

## Bunny and Clyde Meet the Greyhounds

by Alicia Demetropolis

**I**t was October of 2014. Two scared and lonely black kittens were brought to Safe Haven by a kind stranger. Barely three months old, all they'd known was life on the street with their mother, who was nowhere to be found. And now all they had was each other.

In quarantine, their contrasting personalities became apparent. The protective brother defended his sister by distracting visitors with his affection and charm, making demands for petting, while purring and stealing their hearts. His sister hid, nervous and afraid.

Once they were out of quarantine, the sister came out of her shell. The bonded team of black mischief – named Bunny and Clyde – were quickly adopted. In January of 2015, we

gave them a goodbye hug and sent them to their forever home with their new papa.

What a wonderful ending after such an uncertain beginning! And for almost two years, the kittens had everything they could possibly want. Their papa adored them and they were well fed and had a beautiful home where they could sit in the window and watch the birds. Unfortunately, their ideal life came to an end. In October of 2017, Bunny and Clyde returned to Safe Haven. Their papa was moving and he couldn't take them with him.

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## From the Editor's Desk

Due to a number of causes - printing and mailing costs, and time and effort required to produce the newsletter - the Board voted to reduce the number of issues of Pet Tidings to three per year. For those of you who enjoy reading our stories, our website has a new page featuring a few of our favorite recent adoption stories. We encourage you to check this out - it is under Our Rescue Animals on the menu.

That's it for the housekeeping items. Now, I'd like to discuss something about which we frequently receive questions: donating via Amazon Smile.

For people who purchase from Amazon and would like to establish Peninsula Friends of Animals as their designated charitable organization: it's not difficult to do, as long as you have the correct information. We are listed with Amazon as **PFOA**. You won't be able to find us as **Peninsula Friends of Animals**; we are only listed under our initials.

At the very top of each page on our website you will find a link to Amazon Smile. Clicking this link will take you to the proper place so that Amazon knows you are supporting Peninsula Friends of Animals. Our website also contains a Wishlist page, under "How to Help" on the main menu. On that page you will find a list of items that are needed at the shelter, as well as a link that will take you directly to our Amazon Wish List.

Once you have designated us as your charity of choice, Amazon will allocate a small percentage of each purchase you make to Peninsula Friends of Animals. At the end of each month, Amazon sends us a check for the total amount allocated during that month. Best of all, there is no cost to you, the consumer. It's a win-win way to donate. And remember, *it's for the kitties!*

**- Marilyn Ash, Editor**



## Mews from the Board

We are always so excited when new kitties arrive at the shelter! Sometimes it will be kittens that we have known about for weeks and have been eagerly awaiting, and sometimes it is an emergency intake — a kitty whose owner may have passed away or who has been found in a desperate situation and needs to be admitted immediately.

All cats who are brought to Safe Haven spend two weeks in Quarantine to be sure that they are healthy and doing well. During that time, all of their medical needs are taken care of — spaying/neutering, vaccinations, parasite treatment, micro-chipping and disease testing. We are quite saddened when a kitty tests positive for either FELV (Feline Leukemia) or FIV (Feline Leukemia Virus), but as a no-kill shelter, we understand these diseases and know how to properly deal with them.

FIV is a virus that is spread by sexual contact or deep bite wounds, not through sharing of food, water, litter boxes or grooming. FIV positive cats who are not fighters may be safely housed with non-FIV cats. On the other hand, FELV cats have a compromised immune system. They are contagious to other cats and must be housed separately.

We will continue to rescue cats with these conditions, care for them and place them in loving homes. Although it takes extra time, effort and money to care for these kitties, this is how we operate at PFOA. Your generous donations will continue to help us make a real difference for many cats who would otherwise have no future. Remember: *it's for the kitties!*

**- Nancy Campbell, Vice-President of the Board**

## Bonded Pair Get Their Happy Ending

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Their return was traumatic for everyone. With tears streaming down his face, their papa sat in the Safe Haven conference room and filled out the paperwork to surrender the kitties he loved so much. His emotion was contagious – staff and volunteers were sharing his sorrow. Bunny went into hiding, fearful once again at the dramatic change in her life. Clyde went back into protective big brother mode.

We are always grateful that our supporters contact us when unfortunate events prevent them from giving the kitties the “forever” piece of a loving forever home, and we gladly took the stunned pair back into our shelter. A pair of felines this special don’t usually remain long with us. Less than two months later, Bunny and Clyde went home with their new mama.

Eva knew they’d be right for her. “I wanted to adopt two cats. I was looking for young adults that still had a bit of play and the ability to defend themselves against inquisitive dogs, if necessary. Also, I thought black cats might be difficult to adopt, and since I don’t have any preconceived notions about black cats I wasn’t going to let that stand in my way.” It helped that Clyde was affectionate right from the start.

Eva volunteers with Greyhound Pets, Inc., a rescue organization in Woodinville. Her duties include home visits to coach people on how to introduce new pets to their home. She knew how to carefully introduce her two newest rescues to their canine siblings.

“I originally gave them the guest bathroom, and they made a home with some old towels and settled into the tub,” she says. “Eventually, they started to move in and expand their space in the bathroom.” She found Clyde lounging in the sink at one point, which is warm because of the way the heating system is set up.



Left: Bunny, Right: Clyde

Eva expanded their space little by little, and then brought them out individually to meet the greyhounds. They were nervous, but the more she brought the cats out, the more comfortable they became. “Now they just sit and stare at the dogs,” she says. One dog has chosen the safe route and avoids his feline siblings altogether.

Renamed Powell and Hyde after the streetcar line in San Francisco, our two (relatively) fearless felines own half the house and do plenty of exploring when everyone else is in bed. “I’ll wake up in the middle of the night and find a cat just sitting there staring at me,” Eva laughs. She knows it’s important for Powell and Hyde to feel safe, so she keeps their secure area intact. They still have the freedom to go anywhere, but the dogs can’t get to them.

And their personalities have blossomed again: “Hyde loves sitting on my lap as soon as I sit down,” Eva says. Powell is friendly, too, having come out of her shell once more. “They both come running to see me as soon as I pull the kitty gate aside to go see them.”

It seems they know they’ve finally found their forever home, and a well-deserved happy ending. ❀

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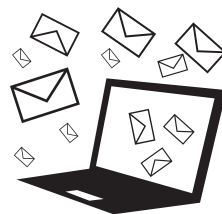
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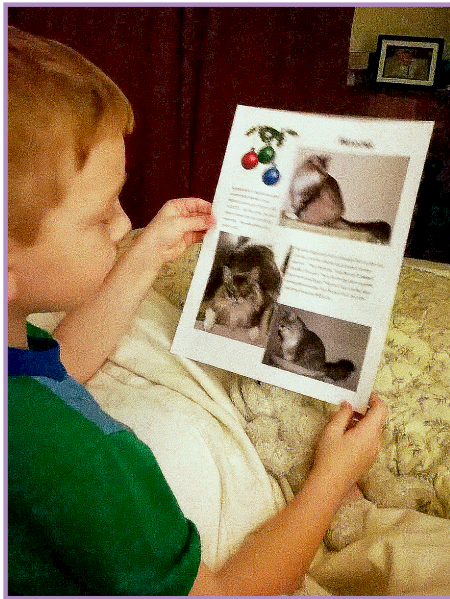
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## On Sponsorship

by Tracy Coyle



In 2004 I adopted one of your cats. He was a big Maine Coon who had a permanent and severe limp in his back leg and half of a functioning kidney. I found his picture on Petfinder and fell in love with him immediately. Fate brought us together, as I already had a

family trip planned to Sequim before I saw his picture. We came to visit him and were told he had been rescued from an abusive situation and had lived at the shelter for 2 ½ years. No one would adopt him because of his limp!

As soon as we met him, I knew I was meant to care for him. The very next day, we became his forever family and named him Charlie. The following year, we adopted a sister for him named Mindy.

In February of 2011, Charlie passed away from an undiagnosed blood illness. He had begun losing weight rapidly. Cats Exclusive ran all the tests for kidneys, cancer, liver, and anemia, but the only thing they could discover was that his white blood cells were killing his red blood cells. He spent four days in the animal hospital while they tried to find the cause. The blood transfusion he received when his red blood cells reached 10% was too late. An hour later he passed away. That was the hardest thing I have ever experienced. No one could tell me what caused his condition or why he died and I felt helpless.

Mindy had been our only cat since Charlie passed. Sadly, she recently passed away after a long illness. We had managed her gastroenteritis and pancreatitis for two years, until she would no longer respond to treatment. She was 14 years old and my princess.

I absolutely love what you do for these cat companions. You fix them up and find forever families for them. You even take them back if it doesn't work out. There is never a cat that you give up on and I feel the same way. PFOA is always in my thoughts. If it had not been for you, I never would have found Charlie and never would have adopted Mindy. She has been by my side through all of my ups and downs, always loving me unconditionally, making me smile when I was sad and keeping me company when I was lonely.

My coworkers have asked me if I will get any more cats, but my heart is so broken from losing my two companions that I just don't have it in me right now to do it. I am still struggling with grief and guilt from losing Charlie and Mindy, even though I know I was a GREAT mom and they had a great life with me - they were certainly spoiled!

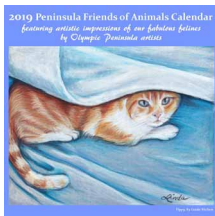
My son, who is nearly seven, was born two weeks after Charlie died. Although he never met Charlie in person, he knows who he is from the photos he keeps in his room. When Mindy died, my son took it extremely hard and would really like to get another cat. But I just can't emotionally do it right now.

So that brings me to why I am writing this. A few years after Charlie died I read in Pet Tidings about a cat you had rescued. His name was Tony and his owner had died in a house fire. I frequently wondered how he was doing and if he was adopted. When Mindy passed away last month and I was left alone, there was a HUGE hole in my heart. So I searched your website and found a page devoted to cats and dogs who need sponsors. Right there at the very bottom was Tony.

When I showed my son all of the sponsor animals, we both knew immediately what we wanted to do. I told my son I wanted to sponsor Tony in memory of Mindy. My son said he would like to sponsor Marcus because he looks like Charlie. We would also like to sponsor two additional pets on the sponsor list, but would like you to select them based on their medical needs/costs.

It would be great if I can get a check to you soon, so that perhaps we can get some photos and information back to share with my son on Christmas morning. He will think this is wonderful and make him feel like he is still able to care for his feline friends. It will also help us both heal from our recent loss. We look forward to hearing from you soon. ❖

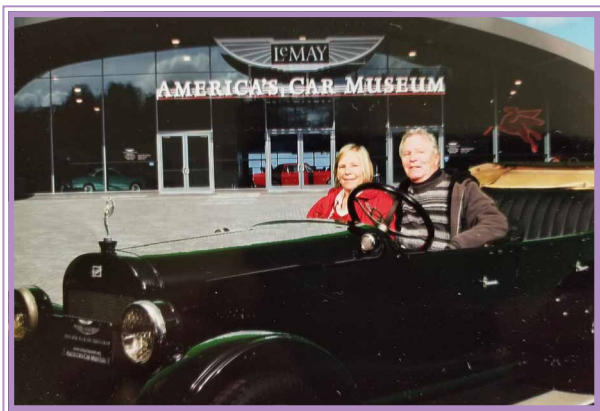
*Editor's note: The Coyles ended up sponsoring five kitties. Tracy's son was delighted to receive their kitty biographies on Christmas morning, 2017. The photo she sent says it all.*



### 2019 Art Calendar

PFOA is creating a 2019 art calendar, featuring artistic impressions of 14 of our fabulous felines by Olympic Peninsula artists. At only \$14.99, this full color, 12" x 12" calendar is a must for animal enthusiasts everywhere, especially cat lovers, and will be a great holiday or hostess gift. Order yours today from Safe Haven. You may pick up your calendars in person, or we will mail your order - an additional \$4.00 covers our mailing costs. Remember: *it's for the kitties!*

## Meet a Volunteer: Linda and Dan Schulz



*By Kimberly Gonzales*

It all started with an invitation to get a hamburger one evening at midnight in 1975 at Evergreen Hospital in Kirkland, WA. It was Dan's inaugural day of running the Medic 23 Paramedic Unit rig and Linda was working in ER Admitting. Linda accepted his invitation for a burger and they discovered they had at least one thing in common - Linda had a 1967 Volkswagen Bus and Dan had a 1967 Volkswagen Beetle. As they say, the rest is history for PFOA volunteers Linda and Dan Schulz.

Linda and Dan have helped PFOA in many ways over the past decade. They currently distribute flyers and over 350 PFOA *Pet Tidings* newsletters to many locations in Port Angeles —

the ferry terminal, veterinary offices and other businesses. Along the way, they empty the donation jars with what Linda described as “a huge ring of keys.” On Wednesdays, they pick up a food donation from Walmart and deliver it to the shelter. And during the holidays, they retrieve items from donation boxes around the area. In past years, Dan has done some handyman work at the shelter. Linda proudly exclaimed that she was known as “Lawnmower

Linda” one summer when she mowed the PFOA grounds.

In addition to the many hours Linda and Dan spend volunteering for PFOA, they also are active at the Sequim Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center. They were both honored with “Volunteers of the Month” in January of 2016. They devote time to the Dungeness Wildlife Refuge Center, pitching in with whatever is needed. And, we all can thank “Santa's Elves” Linda and Dan for helping decorate the corners of Sequim Avenue and Washington Street each year at Christmas.

Linda and Dan moved out to Sequim in 2006 from Redmond, WA after raising their two sons and enjoying camping and

boating with them all over Seattle and British Columbia waters. They travelled the San Juan and Gulf Islands in their 28 ft. Bayliner and enthusiastically shared details about one trip up in Vancouver to Chatterbox Falls. The allure of RVing and boating faded after moving to the Peninsula. And jokingly (no, seriously,) Dan and Linda want all readers to know their RV and boat are for sale, and please call them if you're interested.

Dan and Linda welcomed their third grandchild - their first granddaughter - in June. Of course, they brought out pictures of the kids and the three fur babies they adopted from PFOA many years back. They suffered through the loss of one of the torties, Toulou. But they are still lucky to have Dooley, an orange tabby, and her tortie sibling, Twanda.

Okay, what about the Volkswagens? Dan proudly explained that they have a fully restored German-made “Triple White” 1979 Beetle. I had to ask about “Triple White” and learned it meant the exterior, interior and convertible top are all white. Dan then said, “We take her out only on sunny days and special occasions.” The special occasions have included riding in past Sequim Irrigation Parades as part of a local Volkswagen group. In both 2017 and 2018, Dan and Linda chauffeured a Sequim dignitary in the “Triple White”. If you don't run into them while they are doing one of their many volunteer activities, look for them and the “Triple White” again in next year's Irrigation Parade. ♣

## Farewell to Barbara

On November 13, 2017, PFOA's long-time member and former director, Barbara Swedeen, crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Barbara and PFOA first met in 2005 when she adopted Sadie, the first of our kitties to go home with her. The next year, she adopted her second PFOA “kid”, Freddy. She became a volunteer, working tirelessly on behalf of the rescue animals, and was soon elected to the Board of Directors. After over 10 years of dedicated service, Barbara retired when her term expired in 2016.

As a Board member, Barbara wore many hats. She served as Secretary for many years. In 2014, she accepted the recently vacated Treasurer position. She

was instrumental in helping to update our By-laws and Policies and Procedures. With her keen intellect and attention to detail, Barbara helped us to focus on the many important issues that are often neglected in the hectic world of animal rescue. She was also a valued member of the Fundraising Committee and the Finance Committee, and helped to organize and work at many events. She was always there, helping to promote PFOA in any way and donating any time that she could.

Barbara is sorely missed by her family and her many friends. We valued her for her professional skills and her tireless contributions to the organization. Most of all, we valued her friendship, loyalty and devotion to our animals. ♣



## Safe Haven ADOPTABLES!

## They get better with age!

You are walking through the adoption center. The little kittens are being their normal adorable selves, jumping and playing, rolling around on the floor, and looking up at you with those cute little faces. And if you are really looking for a kitten, great! Cats of any age deserve a purrfect forever home. But don't forget about the older, "senior" kitties. At PFOA, we define senior as any kitty ten years or older. Surprisingly, some define senior starting at age seven!

So why adopt a mature cat? Several reasons: Many are overlooked for adoption. They have fully formed personalities. If health issues exist, you know what you are getting into. They tend to be lower key. And, if you now have or are planning to have other cats, the mature cat may be a positive influence and teacher.



**RACHEL** is a very mellow 12 year old longhair brown tabby with Maine Coon-like looks. She loves people and will come running on her petite little feet. She is a wonderful example of why senior kitties should not be overlooked. She knows what she wants and how to get it. Her very effective way of asking for attention is to lift one paw and very gently pat the person's hand or leg. This means "pet me" and she will repeat it as often as necessary.

**LEXI** is a gorgeous, large longhaired tortie. Smart, funny and full of attitude (we call this 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 is in good health and will be a wonderful lap cat and interactive companion. If you can provide her with a loving home in a single-cat environment, then you need to meet Lexi!



**SADIE** is a sweet little twelve year old cat who originally came to us as a shy little kitten and was quickly adopted by one of our most devoted volunteers. While she was very devoted and loving to her owner, Sadie did not often show herself to strangers. She was devastated when her beloved mom passed away at the end of last year. She has now adjusted and is enjoying all the attention she receives while she waits for that purrfect person to take her home.

**SPATZI** and his companion Spanky, while not brothers in the strict sense of the word, are very bonded to each other. Spatzi is a beautiful Siamese mix, 12 years young. He is the more outgoing of the two, often greeting you at the door with a friendly "meow" and a leg rub. Both cats are the textbook example of well-behaved, loving cats, and are two of the gentlest souls you will ever meet.



**SPANKY** has been Spatzi's companion for the last eleven years. He is a very handsome tuxedo cat, and tends to be more laid back, often lounging in a bed or cat tree. He is easily approachable and loves to be petted and fawned over. Spanky has diabetes - he receives twice daily insulin shots which keep him quite well regulated. We hope you will come to Safe Haven and meet these two handsome boys with their purrfect personalities!

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

# Vet-Smartz



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

## DENTAL DISEASE IN DOGS AND CATS

If there is one field of veterinary medicine that has changed significantly in my 38 years of being a veterinarian, it is dentistry for our pets. When I graduated from veterinary school, we were taught how to clean teeth and how to extract them. That's it!! No one ever talked about pet owners brushing teeth or dental chews and toys that help to clean our pets' teeth. There were no veterinary dentists. Horrible tartar and bad breath, decay and gingivitis were common in the mouths of cats and dogs.

Now there are veterinary dentists who do advanced procedures such as placing crowns and doing root canals to save important teeth on some animals. Crowns are usually done on working animals that need those teeth to do their job like police dogs and military dogs. These days it is standard to talk to owners about brushing their pet's teeth. There are sophisticated dental cleaning machines that do sonic scaling, and polishing teeth after a dental cleaning is now the standard of care. We still do extractions when a tooth is decayed or abscessed, but we can also offer deep cleaning that can sometimes save a tooth that is still functional. Dental x-rays or radiographs are offered at most veterinary clinics. Radiographs help us to evaluate the parts of the teeth that we cannot see – the roots. When a root is infected or abscessed, the tooth is in jeopardy and may need to be extracted or may need a root canal.

For pets that do not need endodontics or crowns, there are still better cleaning procedures that help keep our pet's mouths healthy. We know that dental disease is not just about bad breath. Dental tartar, gingivitis and dental disease can cause problems in our pets' general

health as well. Gingivitis and tartar under the gum line allow bacteria to enter the circulatory system and travel to heart valves, liver, kidneys and other organs. This migration of bacteria can set up small infections. In the liver and kidneys, the immune system jumps in and stops the infection. The same thing can happen to the heart valves, but there will now be scar tissue at all

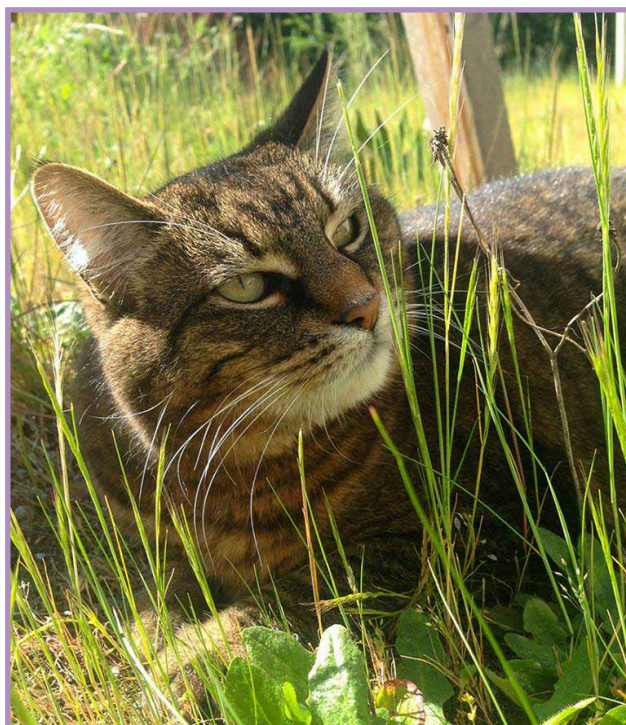
these sites. A little scar tissue can be okay, but if this process continues a lot of scar tissue can replace normal functioning organs, and scar tissue on a heart valve can now make it function poorly. The valve doesn't close well and a heart murmur is now heard. This scarring can progress to heart disease and ultimately heart failure.

Make sure your veterinarian examines your pet's teeth and gums at every veterinary visit. Look at the teeth with him or her and ask questions about the problems you see in the mouth. If your pet has an

anesthetic and a dental cleaning, start brushing the teeth after this to keep plaque – the white soft stuff we floss and brush away – from becoming hard tartar that has to be scaled off with a sonic scaler.

Start brushing your puppy or kitten's teeth at an early age so they can become used to this kind of attention. You will have a healthier and happier pet and you will save money over the lifetime of your pet. Sweet breath and better kisses are a side benefit.

Our job is to help keep your pets healthy and help them live longer. Taking better care of teeth and gums will help to do just that. Please talk to your veterinarian about your cat and dog dental health. ❖





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



Here is a photo of my guy Taz [formerly Eddie] kickin' back on my lap. He has taken to using my legs as a hammock...and just stretches out.  
**Kathy Hough**

Hey PFOA. Here is a photo taken in February of brothers Perry a/k/a Kirby (black kitty) and Jerry a/k/a Hoover (Siamese) adopted in November of 2014. The tuxedo is



Paisan. Uncle Paisan adopted them within the month of their arrival. Thank you.

- **Janet and Bill Atkinson**

*Editor's note: Perry and Jerry were the 1999th and 2000th rescues to be adopted from PFOA.*



Dear PFOA,

The Pet Tidings issue from Fall/Winter '17 has an excellent article about the idea of a “forever home.” There was one aspect of that idea it only hinted at: the “forever home” our cats offer us.

My beloved husband and I adopted three of a litter of eight from a private home in 2008. We'd taken a long time, almost 2 years, to recover from the loss of our shipmate and happy house mate, Galligaskins, who had lived with us from six weeks to become 17 years old. In 2016 my husband became quite ill, and had to move to full time care and less than 2 month later he died. One of his last spoken phrases was “I miss our kitties.”

He was 18 years older than I, and we both knew that meant that he would go well before me. We had both talked to our three, Troilus, Cressida and Puck, about the fact that they would be the ones to see me through my devastating grief upon his death because what little family there is, is very far away. I will never stop missing the love of my life, but our family of kitties has been the reason for me to get up and face another day without him, many, many times. They sometimes have even taken up his place in our bed. They too have had to grieve his loss and showed it in their tender searching ways. But they have been the love sharing, lap laying, paw offering and head bumping backbone of my own, as yet, incomplete recovery. Our kitties have proven to be the heart of my “forever home.”

Thank you for the wonderful work you do.

- **Kristen Larson**



On behalf of our family, thank you for the touching article about Sadie and Sammie in your recent newsletter. We laughed and cried when we read it. My father-in-law still misses the cats and talks about them often. We appreciate that you kept Sadie and Sammie together and especially that they are now reunited with Callie. Your care and compassion are much appreciated! **Debby Short**



My thanks to Safe Haven for bringing Nigel and Squeaker into my life. I lost my two old kitties to cancer three weeks apart last September. Then I found Nigel, who ended my loneliness at home. In November, I lost my son's husband also to cancer. After spending 4 months in Arizona with family and Nigel, I returned to Sequim and Safe Haven to find a friend for Nigel. That is when Squeaker came into our lives and not only ended the loneliness in my home, but brought friendship immediately to Nigel and lots of craziness, purring and love. Squeaker lost his family due to the owner's death from cancer. Cancer takes away from us all ..... Safe Haven brought me such joy. For this I am so grateful. I thank you. - **Sharron Fogel**







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



Juliette slept curled under my arm last night. The kinks with our feline family are settling out rapidly. Thanks for sharing this life force with us.

**-Sharon Jensen**

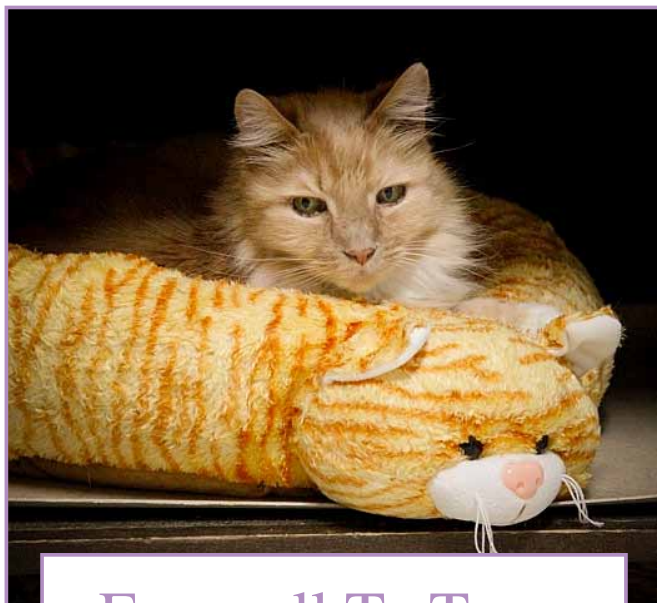


Paisley has settled in so well! She seems very happy and feeling at home. Thank you for matching her up with us - she's perfect! I don't think Paisley slept a wink all last night. She went from my pillow to Jack's pillow purring loudly the entire night. It was almost

like she was afraid that if she fell asleep she would wake up to find out this all was a dream. She definitely needed some cat naps today! She was too excited to eat much yesterday, but she ate her normal amount today. What a sweet kitty! **Marilyn Walsh**

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### Farewell To Tony

May 18 was a very sad day at the shelter as we said goodbye to one of our beloved office cats, Tony the Tiger. Tony came to us five years ago after his owner died in a tragic fire, and it was believed that Tony had perished as well. Amazingly, Tony, minus one of his nine lives, surfaced a few days later covered with grease and soot, and came to live with us at Safe Haven.

Tony was quite depressed upon his arrival and refused to eat. We soon discovered that his English caretaker had fed him only people food, and Tony felt that he should continue with that menu! After some negotiation, we worked through the diet dilemma, and Tony settled seamlessly into shelter life. With the exception of a short adoption when Tony “peed his way home,” he spent the rest of his years at Safe Haven. His days were spent sunning himself on the deck and lounging on the love seat or in his heated bed, receiving pets and love from all comers. Kind and mannerly, Tony was a shelter favorite and a wonderful companion to Tippy and then Lexi, as well.

Shortly after coming to us, Tony was diagnosed with early kidney failure. Due to the best vet care and wonderful support provided by our staff, we were able to keep Tony doing well until the end. Always a sweet and gentle cat, Tony departed this life as gracefully as he lived — in his home and surrounded by those he loved most. In spite of our sorrow, we celebrate his life and the joy he brought to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed. ♣



# *Look who's been adopted!*

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## Molly and the Telephone

*By Bill Sparling*

One day, Almie and I decided to go to Dairy Queen for some soft serve. When we returned home, Molly was on one of her favorite perches – the back of Almie’s recliner. We busied ourselves making a pot of decaf and getting things ready for our movie evening. I picked up our living room wireless phone to put it in the charger and when I looked at it, the statement, “Line In Use” was showing. I punched the off button but nothing happened. I put the phone to my ear and said, “Hello.” Nothing. I listened and heard what sounded like voices in the background. I pressed the off button again. Nothing. Okay, let’s find all of the phones and see which one is holding up the line.

We checked the office phone. Nothing. Then the master bedroom. Nothing. Next the kitchen phone - - - “Almie, where did you put the kitchen phone?” We could not find it anywhere. Okay – last resort time. I went to the master station in the kitchen and disconnected it from the phone jack and pulled the power plug from the outlet. I watched the system “die” and plugged everything back in. Okay, Almie, see if you can hear the intercom on the kitchen phone. I punched the intercom button and then number three for the kitchen phone.

Beeeeep! - - - Beeeeep! I could hear the intercom alert beeper on the kitchen phone. But where was it coming from? It was coming from Almie’s end table, but when I got to the table, there was no phone to be seen. But now the Beeeeep was coming from my left near Almie’s chair. I looked all around the area but no phone. Molly looked up from her recliner perch and yawned, sleepily, and looked at me like I was cuckoo. (By this time, I almost was.) But what was that? The Beeeeep sounded different. I gave Molly a pet and a scratch and she rolled on her side. The Beeeeep got louder.



I looked at Molly. Molly looked at me as if to say, WHAAAT?!! And then I noticed a tiny orange light coming from under her cute little tummy. I yelled for Almie to join me. When she was at my side, I slid my hand under Molly’s tummy and pulled out - - - the kitchen phone, of course. Molly had been lying on it. Almie had used the phone earlier and had absentmindedly set it down on the back of her recliner in the little trough between the hard back and the upholstered front. Molly had jumped up on the chair sometime after we left and was sound asleep on top of the phone. Somewhere along the way, she must have moved and hit the “ON” button. Strangely (well maybe not for Molly), the “off-hook” tones didn’t deter her nap and she simply hunkered down and smothered the sound until it quit.

Almie and I had a great laugh over the whole thing. And Molly? Well, she is still asleep on the back of Mommy’s chair. She shifted a bit when I removed the phone and then went right back to sleep. She is now semi-comatose and we have watched an entire movie, a half-hour of David Jeremiah and most of the 9:00 o’clock news.

CATS!! There is no figuring them, at least not this one!

P.S. from Molly: I hope all of the nice people at PFOA are happy and doing well. I do LOVE it here in Sequim. I am a very happy kitty. ♣

*Editor’s Note: Molly, a beautiful and unusual tortie/Siamese mix with gorgeous blue eyes, was originally called Nala. She was adopted from PFOA by Bill and Almie Sparling in December of 2015.*

## 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 could be up to a four-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 our wedding. From **Zoe & Tobin Cattolico**
- In honor of PFOA staff and friends. From **Johnjoseph Pajor**

### Honorarium (Pet)

- In honor of **Bunny & Clyde**. From **Jim Toepfer**
- In honor of **Hummingbirds**. From **Anne Goetzman**
- In honor of **Reggie & Tux's** 5th birthday. From **Dianne Whitaker**
- In honor of our beloved **Bentley**. From **Syd Bergeson**
- In honor of **Fancy Tail Summer**. From **Michael Snyder**
- In honor of **Tommy & Bertie** (adopted in May 2015). From **Janet Pearson**
- In honor of **Gracie & Millie**. From **Nancy Oman**
- In honor and remembrance of our dear little **Molly** whom we have been so blessed to have these past couple of years and many more, we hope. From **Bill & Almie Sparling**
- In honor of my cats, **Pippin & Priscilla**. From **Kathy Cunningham**

### In Memory of Special People

- In memory of **Darcy Toepfer**. From **Jim Toepfer**
- In memory of **Joanne Shay**. From **Maureen Wild**
- In memory of **Irene Rose Weiss**. From **Michelle de Beixedon**
- In memory of **Donna Thompson**. From **Wilma Murray**
- In memory of **Scott Renner**. From **Donna Wallace**
- In loving memory of **Carolyn Hempel**. From **Joy Kennedy Bertman**
- In loving memory of **Darcy Toepfer**. From **Joy Kennedy Bertman**
- In memory of **Thomas Burke**, and with sympathy for his beloved cat, **Marble**, who misses him. From **Ann Gilson**
- In memory of **Barbara Swedeen**, a woman of intelligence and unimpeachable integrity, whose many years of service to Peninsula Friends of Animals made a huge difference to countless lives. She is irreplaceable. From **Ann Gilson**
- In memory of my husband, **Bill Larson**. From **Kristen Larson**

### In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In loving memory of **Patty Jones' Tuna & Phoebe**. From **Joy Kennedy Bertman**
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- In memory of my dog, **Mouchie**. From **Corrine Murray**
- In loving memory of our Maine Coon, **Bobbie**. He talked to us and trained us all the while he was with us. Dances and Purrs. From **Elizabeth Thacker**
- In memory of my cat, **Tippy**. From **Bruce Johnson**
- In memory of **Danette Grady's** and **Dani McLaughlin's Mr. Perkins**. From **Dolores Chivers**
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- In memory of my **Rub-insky**. From **Paula Strouf**
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- In memory of my cat. From **Audrey Hetherington**
- In memory of **Bongo**. He was also known as **Gato** when I adopted him and his sister **Danielle**. We miss him so much. From **Pat Orella**
- In memory of my dog, **Panda Bear**. From **Mary Williams**
- In memory of my beloved **Callie**, who spent only the last year of her long life with me but forged an eternal bond. From **Ann Gilson**
- In memory of my precious cat, **Shadow**. From **Marilyn Kraus**
- In memory of my cat. From **Dianne Williams**
- In memory of **Loree & Nathan Deboer's dog, Noel**. From **Paulie & Barry Mills**
- In memory of my cat. From **Judy Hoxsey**
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- In memory of **Max**, a beautiful, snuggly kitty who happily lived all of his 15 years with **Della Floyd**. From **Marilyn Ash**
- In memory of **Lovey**, PFOA foster dog lovingly cared for by **Nancy Campbell**. From **Marilyn Ash**
- In memory of **Callie**, PFOA rescue kitty, who was fortunate to spend the last part of her life with **Ann Gilson**. From **Marilyn Ash**



The memorial wall at Safe Haven. Memorial tiles honoring a beloved pet are available for purchase. They form the frame of the Rainbow Bridge mural. It's a wonderful place to visit and honor the animals who wait for us.





Peninsula Friends Of Animals extends our deepest appreciation to the Ben and Myrtle Walkling Memorial Trust for their generous \$2,000 grant used to purchase a sturdy 8'x 12' Tuff Shed Storage Unit to house our Pet Food Bank for low income pet guardians in crisis situations. These individuals can't afford to feed their companion animals and we are able to help due to donations of cat and dog food from local businesses.

Our Pet Pantry serves a critical need in our community with 148 pet households receiving our help in 2017. PFOA distributed over 5,500 pounds of dry food and 540 cans of moist pet food to needy animals.

We are also grateful to the Sequim Sunrise Rotary Team who donated their time and skill to install the shelving in our new Tuff Shed. With their invaluable help, the Pet Pantry is now fully functional.



From left to right – Danette Grady, Charlie Johnson, Cliff Brehan, Jack Tatom, Chris Coolures.

Our sincere thanks to Rhonda Cays and members of the Sequim Rainbow Girls who conducted a pet food and toy drive at Petco to benefit the PFOA felines.



A very large “thank you” to Mary Mira and Serenity House for your continuing donations of fabric to our potholder project. You have found some terrific fabrics. We are lucky to have you helping us!



Dear Rosie and Tony,

My name is Stuart and I wrote to you back in April of 2015. Thank you for answering me in your column!

I want you to know that I took your advice and cuddled up with Papa and purred my heart out. I was scared at first, but I remember you said he was scared, too, and that helped. Papa was so happy when I curled up with him that he cried and then I wasn't scared anymore. Mom and Dad were so happy when they first saw me do it they cried, too, and Papa loved every time I curled up with him. I know you said felines have healing powers and I believe it now. Papa started to smell better and started to talk a little, too. It made all of us very happy. The better he got, the more I wanted to stay with him and wasn't scared at all.

Papa died in his sleep just a few weeks ago and I was with him. I woke up Mom and Dad and they came running in at the last moment.

We are all very sad, but we have each other and I feel very grown up now, knowing that I helped everyone, especially Papa.

I wish every kitty and every mommy and daddy could read your article! You guys are the best! Thank you for helping me when I needed you! Mucho bigtime love, Stuart

### Rosie and Tony reply together:

Dearest Stuart,

We are so happy to hear from you again! How sad that you lost Papa, but we are both happy that you were there, and that you woke up Mom and Dad so they could be there, too.

You are an amazing young kitty. We both know that you have more greatness to achieve in this world.

Thank you for letting us know – and for letting our readers know – about your journey.

Big love back to you, Rosie & Tony

*Editor's Notes: To read Stuart's original letter, see Pet Tidings Spring, 2015 issue. This column was written almost three months before Tony crossed the Rainbow Bridge. It will be the last "Rosie and Tony" column, although Rosie plans to continue in Tony's memory. Our tribute to Tony appears on page 9 of this issue.*

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## In Honor of Janet Harker

It is with great sadness that we honor the passing of Janet Harker on July 10, 2018. Janet was a wife, a mother, an Alaskan homesteader, a successful businesswoman, and an extraordinarily hardworking and talented woman. But first and foremost, Janet was a lover and rescuer of animals.

At a time when animals were being euthanized at an alarming rate in Clallam County, Janet believed that we could save most of those animals through intense spay/neuter efforts and no-kill sheltering. And, with her leadership and the support of a group of equally devoted folks, Janet changed the face of animal rescue in our area. We chose the name of Peninsula Friends of Animals, and then the hard work began. Initially housing animals in foster homes, we soon purchased a wonderful property, and with Janet's financial support and vision, Safe Haven came to be our new home.

Janet was dedicated, far-sighted, and focused in her desire to save animals. Her attention to detail, from the remodeling of the shelter to the day-to-day operations of PFOA, helped us set up a well-run organization that still benefits today from her business acumen. Her generosity helped us through many tough times, and her willingness to put her money where her heart was, helped us to survive those first years when many non-profits fail.

Over the past twenty years, almost 4,000 cats and dogs have been rescued and rehomed by Peninsula Friends of Animals. Without Janet Harker, that remarkable accomplishment would never have occurred! Janet could never turn away an animal in need, and she never turned her back on a suffering or neglected kitty, fostering dozens of cats in her own home throughout the years. Her compassion and love for those furry kids no one else wanted was unwavering.

The work that Janet was instrumental in beginning will continue on throughout the Olympic Peninsula. Our success is a tribute to the woman that Janet Harker was and the friend she was to animals. She will be greatly missed. ♣





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