



# Pet Tidings

## The Tale of Toughie Dandy Don



By Alicia Demetropolis

**T**racy DuPuis, our Special Needs Caretaker at Barker House, noticed the big, burly, white and tabby cat a few years ago. At first she suspected he was feral, but after talking to neighbors she realized he'd been left behind by folks who'd moved away long ago. "I figured he'd been homeless for probably two years," Tracy says.

It seemed only natural to start putting food out for him during her usual feeding rounds at the house, and so she did. She watched him as he watched her from a distance. "He'd look at you, but not really at you," she says.

It was Christmas Day in 2017 when she noticed he was limping badly. Skilled as Tracy is, the cat was wily: It took her until February 2018 to finally trap him.

"He was mean," Tracy says. "Mean and angry. Really angry!"

He was a mess. "He looked as though he'd been through a wood chipper," Tracy says. "It was awful. He was so loaded with open sores, the vet couldn't do a flea treatment on him." A puncture wound on his cheek required a drain tube, plus he was horribly cross-eyed, and tests revealed he was FIV-positive. The only really good news was that his limp was likely just a pulled muscle.

Tracy decided to give him the full bed-and-breakfast treatment while he rehabbed. The shed out back served as his home, with a heater, furniture, beds, and a big, screened window from which he could yell at the birds in the yard. "In the beginning, I really thought I'd have to rehab him and let him go," Tracy says.

The cat, however, had other plans: He wanted a home.

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met a stranger**



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## From the Editor's Desk

How many times in the past has this column started out by stating that “this issue is somewhat different?” Fear not – this issue definitely qualifies as “somewhat different.”

Peninsula Friends of Animals, as well as every other business organization, has had to adapt to the “new normal” – whatever that is! The shelter was closed for two months, then open for limited adoptions only. All non-essential personnel has been urged, and then required, to stay home. We have come closer, perhaps than we wish, to “virtual adoptions.”

It seems appropriate that this newsletter be a reflection of PFOA's world as we know it. We hope you enjoy reading about Dandy Don in the cover story – he's quite a guy! As you read through this issue, you will find, rather than additional adoption stories, a number of special articles that describe how our staff, volunteers and adoption families have adapted to the changes in our world.

As many of you know, our primary fundraising activity is the making and selling of our World-Famous Potholders. Because all of our spring and summer fundraising activities had to be cancelled, sales opportunities for our potholders were lost. You will appreciate learning about the contributions made by our potholder team, in “From Potholders to Masks.”

With self-isolation comes the opportunity for reflection. For many animal lovers, the focus is not only about our current animal companions but also those who are no longer with us. You will not want to miss “A Lovely Day” and “Their Eyes Rescue Me,” as well as our regular feature, “Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals ...” – the love letters from our adoption families.”

We hope you enjoy this issue, and that you continue to support Peninsula Friends of Animals. Remember, *it's for the kitties!*

- Marilyn Ash, Editor

## Mews from the Board



Although the shelter has been closed since mid-March due to COVID-19, there has been a lot going on. Our adoptions have continued on a limited basis, observing appropriate distancing and the wearing of masks and gloves. There may not be as many adoptions as we are used to seeing, but the good news is that we have placed nine bonded pairs, and also a bonded group of three, in their forever homes during this challenging time. We have suggested that our volunteers stay home to protect their own health and that of our limited staff who must care for our kitties, as well.

During the past two months, we have greatly limited intakes of new cats, attempting to find foster families instead of bringing the animals into the shelter. We have a small number of kittens in foster homes right now, and have chosen not to bring the kittens into the shelter, but find homes for them while in foster care. And we must ensure that this does not, in any way, jeopardize the health and safety of our foster families who play such an important role in the rescue and adoption processes.

Because of the economic hardships recently imposed on so many of you, donations to PFOA are much less than normal. And yet, our animals must be cared for – safely. The damage to the supply chain incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic has affected animals as well as people. Food and other necessary supplies have sometimes been hard to find, and the cost of many products is rising. Veterinarians have had to modify their procedures to ensure the safety of their staff and customers (including the four-legged ones).

When will life return to normal? And what will the new normal look like? These are questions that everyone is struggling with, and there are no easy answers. At PFOA, our primary concern is, as it always has been, for our animals. We trust that you agree and will continue to support us as you have so generously in the past.

- Board of Directors, Peninsula Friends of Animals



## " I fell in love..."

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"I've never seen a cat go from, 'Touch me and I will kill you and you know I can,' to being just a lovable mush laying in my lap in such a short time. I was amazed. He was just a big baby who loved his belly rubs."

Dandy Don, as Tracy named him, was happy to have her love and loved her back. One day Tracy set a harness down in front of him, and Dandy Don surprised her by stepping right into it. After just a couple of walks around the yard, he started following her during her yard work with no leash and no attempts to run away. Twice, he somehow got out of his shed and came to the front door, asking for help getting back in.

If Dandy Don had been any other cat, we knew he'd be swiftly taken into his new forever home. But FIV-positive



cats have an especially difficult time being adopted, even though this disease isn't contagious to humans and requires only a stress-free living environment and regular medical checkups to manage the condition. They should be kept indoor-only, as

they can transmit the disease to other cats through deep bite wounds.

Fast forward one year. Fifteen-year-old Leysha and her mom, Cathy, had just begun their search for a cat to add to their home when they happened on Dandy Don's photo. "I was just looking to see if any special souls caught my eye, and when I saw his photo on PetFinder, I just knew he would fit into our family," says Leysha. "I fell in love with his cute little cross-eyed face," she laughs. She also decided he looked like a Julian, not a Dandy Don.

Cathy says they'd had a friend with an FIV-positive cat, so they were familiar with the condition. Still, they did their research before contacting PFOA, just to be sure they weren't missing anything. "It just wasn't a big deal," Cathy says, "He was going to be an indoor cat anyway, and our little dog is pretty submissive."

It was love at first sight for everyone when they all met at Barker House. "He's the chilliest cat ever," says Leysha,

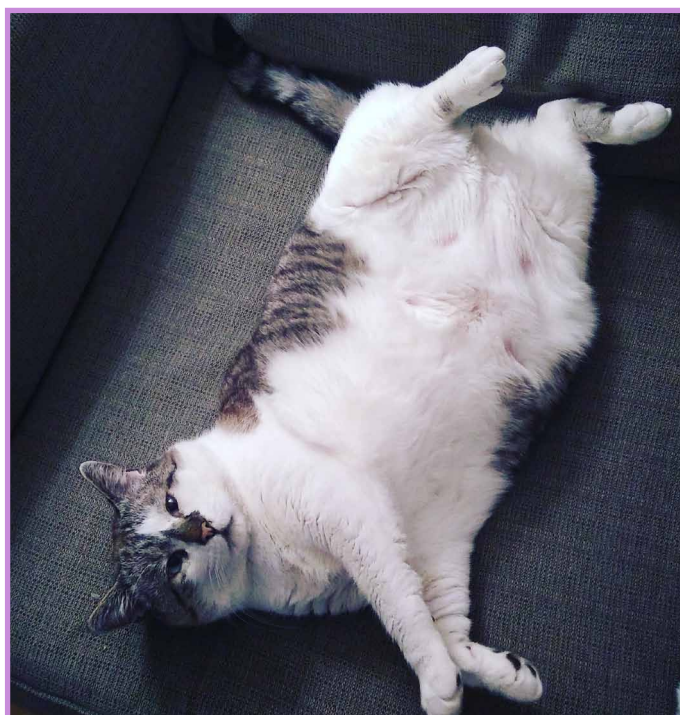


adding that Julian was "just adorable and giant and fuzzy." Both she and Cathy understood exactly why Tracy had fallen head over heels in love with him. "He's got this lion personality. You can tell he used to be a tom, because he just knows he's the sexiest thing alive and thinks he owns the place," Leysha laughs. "But he's just a snuggler."

Julian made fast friends with their little rescued pooch, Charlie. They groom each other, sun themselves together, and sleep together, usually on Leysha's bed. Julian is also learning that boxes can be fun, but Charlie doesn't share that joy.

Julian is also seeing the world more clearly now. For some unknown reason, he's become barely cross-eyed over the course of this last year.

Both Leysha and Cathy are grateful to PFOA for their hard work in rescuing this precious soul. In the end, his FIV status didn't matter. "It was just important to rescue a cat that we could give a good life to for however long the cat has left." ♣



# Trading Potholders For Masks

## *Potholder Central's Fight Against Coronavirus*

*By Marilyn Ash*

For almost 15 years, a group of hardworking, talented seamstresses has produced what is now well-known as PENINSULA FRIENDS OF ANIMALS World-Famous Purrfect Potholders. From their grassroots beginning in 2006, when two founding members made and sold over 500 potholders, a net of \$5,000 for the kitties, the team has expanded to sixteen members. Net revenue from potholders last year



brought approximately \$23,000 to benefit the PFOA rescue animals. Over the last 15 years, this hardworking group has produced over 18,000 sets of potholders. The revenue from these potholders totaled almost a quarter of a million dollars for the kitties!

Now, within the space of a few months, another priority has emerged. Thinking about what PFOA can do to help combat the coronavirus pandemic, several PFOA members came up with the same idea, almost simultaneously: Can the Potholder Ladies make masks instead of potholders? When Danette Grady, our Executive Director, checked with them, she found that a core group of Potholder Ladies was already on it, with one of the team also making gowns.

They had obtained the mask pattern from Clallam County Emergency Department, who is collecting finished masks and distributing them to local first responders and to the hospital. Potholder Central has a supply of donated cotton fabric, but they ran into a glitch trying to obtain the right type of elastic. Not a huge surprise when they found that most places were sold out. However, they found an online source and ordered enough to make a good beginning, with a follow up order in process.

From one yard of fabric and just under 5 yards of elastic, they can produce 12 masks. Working from their homes, they prewash the fabric using hot water and dry it on the hottest setting to eliminate any

future shrinkage. Their goal was to produce 1,000 masks.

In addition, one of the team members made gowns, which are worn by doctors and other health care workers in non-surgical settings.

This hardworking team of 9 people produced 1007 masks and 20 gowns for Clallam County Emergency Management; 16 of the masks were donated directly to a medical clinic in dire need of masks. They also produced 277 masks for PFOA. Their efforts supported so many individuals in our community and beyond who are on the front lines working to combat this disease. To the team: thank you for all that you do. Stay safe. Stay healthy! ♣



Heartfelt thanks to Cynthia Linden of Best Friends Nutrition in Sequim for the generous donation from the Giving Tree located at the store during the holidays. And thank you, also, to the many individual donors who selected Peninsula Friends of Animals as their charity of choice for the Giving Tree. Our rescue animals appreciate your generosity!



*Quality Control Sleeping on the Job*



## Meet a Volunteer: Jarratt Spady



*By Alicia Demetropolis*

We were impressed with Jarratt Spady from his first day as a PFOA volunteer. But after several weeks, he showed up on our doorstep dressed in full HAZMAT gear (which he'd ordered himself online), complete with respirator.

We fell immediately in love with him.

While most of us, as cat owners, immediately think Jarratt has been assigned litterbox duty, the reality is that this young man was taking his role in working with our newest rescues very seriously. You see, our Quarantine Unit was occupied by recent rescues who had been exposed to kitties diagnosed with distemper, and Jarratt was ready to commit himself fully to his new role as their sole caretaker.

"I'm like most people who have taken care of a lot of cats; one of our closest cats had a lot of very involved special needs, and so I guess there's a translation from him to possibly other kittens or cats that are in the same situation."

Jarratt grew up in the heartland of Nebraska and in the mountains of Colorado before settling in the Pacific Northwest. He's always had animals in his life – cats, dogs, hamsters and birds – but has always been especially drawn to cats.

He recalls having a neighbor, many years ago, whose cat would sit outside. Jarratt would pet Charley while on his regular walks, and while he always loved this attention, Jarratt noticed early on that the cat was not well. Getting the impression the cat was being neglected, Jarratt finally asked the owners if they would like to find a new home for him. Their response? "We were hoping you'd ask."

Charley, whom Jarratt thinks may have been a Brazilian short hair, was quickly brought into Jarratt's fold. After struggling to eat dog food all his life, Charley was finally in a good home with proper food and proper care. Unfortunately, all was not well: During his first veterinary visit, Jarrett

learned Charley was suffering from liver cancer.

"The vet was leaving the decision up to me," Jarratt said. "He was talking about the fact that Charley had two weeks to live and that he'd have to have medication all that time. It seemed like he was kind of leading me towards euthanasia, but I couldn't do it. I couldn't make that decision for another lifeform. I told the vet to just give me the medications and I'd take him home and keep him comfortable."

With Jarratt's love and devotion, Charley lived four more years. "That's when I realized just how important the whole 'no-kill' philosophy is for these animals – and for me."

"Cats are very in touch with their surroundings," Jarratt said. "You have a big impact on them if you understand that. You have to remember that they don't have a voice. They are at the mercy of their environment and at our mercy. Their lifeform is just as important as any humans – and they are at a disadvantage in this world."

Jarratt became interested in the idea of volunteering for us after losing one of his very best feline friends: a Maine Coon named Funny Face. "Life will never be the same without him," Jarratt said.

Funny Face had his own special needs at the end, and Jarratt said, "When you get used to taking care of an animal like that, you kind of feel like if you continue it, your world doesn't completely turn upside down after they're gone."

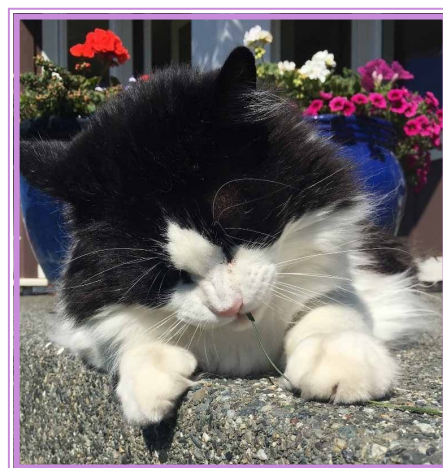
Still grieving Funny Face just three months after his loss, Jarratt visited our website one day, having driven past PFOA for several years. He saw our mission statement and knew he had to visit.

"That's when you realize what you want to do, and that you want to be around caring people, and around people who share your

ideals," Jarratt says. "When you go visit PFOA and meet everyone, you see how accommodating everyone is and how caring they are. You can't help it. You get sucked in."

To borrow a famous phrase, "Resistance is futile."

We are thrilled to have Jarratt in our corner, helping to fight for those who can't fight for themselves, and we couldn't think of a better person to tackle this very special work. ❀



*Funny Face*

## Safe Haven ADOPTABLES!

# Purrfect Pairs

When two cats spend most, if not all of their lives together, there is a very strong bond that develops. The cats may or may not be siblings – the important ingredient is a shared existence and dependence. If one cat is more dominant, that cat will frequently act as protector of the other. With equally social cats, the two form a unit. When the cats are separated, thereby breaking the bond, both are left less than whole – a vitally important part of their lives is missing. Although some cats will adjust to the loss, some will not. And why put them through the pain of separation and loss of their partner? At PFOA, we respect the bond and believe that it is worth the extra time and expense required to keep bonded cats together.



**PEEKA** and **BOO** are a bonded pair of sisters with an unfortunate history. Trapped as older feral kittens, they were brought to PFOA, where we worked very hard to socialize them so they could find homes. They were adopted as teenagers, but were soon returned when their folks moved. Then, after four years with an elderly lady who loved them and respected their bond, that home was lost when their owner passed away. Their return to Safe Haven was traumatic for both cats, but especially for shy little Peekka. Her sister, Boo, made a much easier adjustment, and has turned out to be a

lovely, social cat who is quite adaptable. She is the rock that anchors her sister, Peekka.

Peekka is still very reserved with people she doesn't know, although after two years at Safe Haven she has become somewhat more outgoing. Aside from her time at PFOA she has lived a rather isolated life with exposure to very few people. She will require a quiet home where she is allowed to blossom and learn to trust again at her own speed. A striking white kitty with her black spots and green eyes, she is somewhat nervous around strangers, but can be friendly with those she knows. If you have the time and patience for this kitty who has had so much change and loss in her short life, you will be rewarded with a devoted friend. Peekka requires a cat-savvy home where she can live with Boo for the rest of her life.



A beautiful pair of black cats seeking a good indoor home, that's our **NYLA** and **PHOENIX**. Originally adopted from PFOA almost nine years ago, the bonded pair was recently returned because of a change in circumstance of their owner. Nyla is the older of the two at 10 years and Phoenix is a year younger. They have been together since Phoenix was a kitten, living together in the tack room of a fancy barn with access to an enclosed catio. From their catio they were able to interact through the fence with livestock and some friendly dogs on the property.

Both of them may seem a little shy upon first meeting them but once they get to know you, they are affectionate and loving kitties that love being groomed and fawned over as they so deserve. Both Nyla and Phoenix really love being brushed and given attention. The two are best buddies and must be adopted together. Come and meet this outstanding pair!



Check our website at <http://safehavenpfoa.org/adoptablecats/> for additional information, including videos of each of the two bonded pairs featured above. Please call PFOA at (360) 452-0414 and press "2" to inquire about any of these featured pets. Leave a message if you get a voice mail; a staff member will return your call.



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



The kittens are doing great! Emerson has sure accepted them into their new home! We couldn't be happier and we think they agree! I'm attaching some pictures for you guys!! We'll send you another update soon; we want to come visit the other kitties as soon as things settle down on our end! Hope you guys are having a great day! **Ami Simons**

Thank you so much for my dear kitty, Carmine. (I call him Big Boy.) He really is a joy and follows me everywhere I go. He sleeps next to me every night and likes to sleep under the covers, too! He likes to lie on his back and have his tummy rubbed and even lets me play with his stump tail.


He cannot meow, because of his embedded collar injury, I am sure, but he does make a little clicking noise. He cannot purr out loud, but I can feel it when I hold him.


He is getting quite fit as he is staying active playing with his new friend, Pixel, and the laser toy. He really likes playing tag and hide and seek with me. He is always gentle and a very sweet kitty.


It was worth breaking my foot over, coming to get him!

Thanks again, **Sandra Cilk**


p.s. I am happy Odie was adopted!


 Love and blessings to all the kitties and you who care for them. Wish I could come see them! Thanks for the pictures. –**Susan Kreml** and Jasmine (from Safe Haven in 2006 and very happy).


 I could not be happier already. Emily is following me around, and has bonded quickly. What a well behaved girl she is too; understands commands, and is simply purrfect. I knew the choice was the right one, as she seems to be Heaven sent. **Linda L Andrusko**

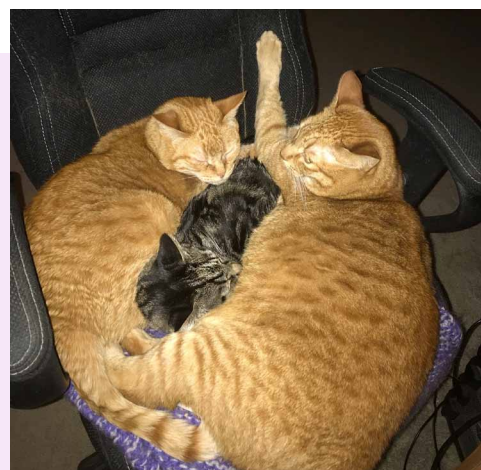
 The girls [Audrey and Marigold] are doing great! They took to the house and the three young (sometimes loud – LOL) boys very well. We were surprised when Marigold and Audrey started making their way out of their room the day after we got them. We thought Marigold would be the more outgoing one of the two, but it turned out that Audrey is more outgoing. The girls have taken well to their new home and everyone is happy. **Jeremy Fowler**

 Thank you for all you do! Stay healthy. **The Murphy's [Dave W Murphy II, Casey L. Blake Murphy]**

 I really enjoyed the Pet Tidings issue with the article about my friend, Judi Norton. Thank you for all your kindness and dedication caring for these beautiful creatures. Warmest regards, **Wendy Maura**

 Hi – Just sharing some of my stimulus money with some furry heartbeats. **Karen Holden**

 Thank you to Kimberly Gonzales and all your volunteers who are making masks! And thanks for all you do for animals! **Paula Simpson Barnes**



Clearly DC, Boop (formerly known as Aurora) and Milo don't understand the concept of social distancing! Congrats to Flicka and Franklin on your adoption! Thanks for taking over their duties, Merry. Take good care of Tippy! We have always rescued our kitties and Todd said “We've hit the jackpot every time!” I agree. They bring us such joy. With much love to all of you from all of us. DC, Boop and Milo's parents, **Debbie and Todd Erickson**

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



Here's Buttons - she came from Peninsula Friends of Animals 12 years ago. You guys do amazing things.

**Kym Morgan-Monroe**

We are hunkered down and hangin' in, as I am sure you and the kitties are! Kattcher got a new cat cave (boiled wool felt) for Christmas from Santa! I was relieved to see her hop right into it! Kattcher sends hi-7's to all of you, and I send prayers and blessings.

**Lauretta and Kattcher**



Albert is doing fine. He spent the first three days hiding under my couch. Then he came out from under the couch and started exploring the house for another three days. After that he decided my Golden Retriever was not so bad and that the house meets his requirements. Today you never saw such a happy cat. He enjoys everything and is a buddy with my dog. **Clinton Laird**



Thank you to all for taking care of all the “critters”. My cat Sweetie (a/k/a Danielle) is doing well. We are keeping each other company in this time of stress. She is a godsend. **Pat Orella**

Thank you so much for asking about Lexi [Dalia] and Leah [Whistler]. They have settled into their new forever home well. For Day 6 at their new home they are doing super well. We have adjusted them into a large bedroom with attached bathroom. They have many toys, cat tower similar to their mother's, multiple cat beds with soft blankets.

They are each eating a half a can of festive feast four times a day. They have the Blue Mountain dry food available to them. You are very correct in assessing Lexi/Dalia that she needed Leah/Whistler to be with. She is very shy and looks for her sister often. To my surprise she has joined me on my bed for a couple of short naps! In a couple of weeks they will be able to explore the remaining rooms in the house. I am just making sure they are very comfortable prior to opening up so much space.

Thank you so much for providing Libby and her kittens good homes. All the best, **Michele Davis**



Almie and I just noticed these two pictures of Molly. The first picture was one taken [in August of 2015] at PFOA before we adopted her. The second picture is one I took of her on 11/21/18, perched on the back of Almie's recliner. Do you notice the looks on her sweet face between those two pix? The original face shows apprehension and uncertainty.

The one I took three years later shows a decided look of peace on Molly's face. It is astonishing.

So, as you and your companions try to get across to your adopters, your kitties NEED forever homes and they can make such a difference for those precious little lives. We bless the day that this little girl came home with us. She is an amazing addition to our lives and we love her to pieces.

Best wishes to you all. **Bill, Almie & Molly Sparling**

Jack is just wonderful! What a character he is! He is so much fun. He has blended right in. Warmed my heart this morning, when all three cats were eating in the kitchen. He has found his favorite spots. The new tunnel I got is a great favorite of his. He likes the top tier on the cat tree by the window. He watches birds and whatever else interests him. I couldn't have ordered a more perfect cat for my little family. It is going exactly as I had planned. Milo loves him, and Jack and Francis chase each other at full speed. Milo observes and enjoys the high activity of Francis and Jack. Jack plays little jokes on both of them...he is quite the fur baby. He carries a toy frog that croaks. I can hear it in the middle of the night.

He follows me around during the day....kind of like a feline supervisor. He makes sure I do everything correctly. I have even started leaving all three of them alone when I go to the grocery store. He sits at the window and watches me leave. I have lots of windows at my house; I live on a corner, so he always has something that intrigues him. I feed wild birds, so lots of bird activity too.

Thank you for having him at PFOA...I am so blessed to have Jack. **Barb, Milo, Francis and Jack**





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



Coco thanks you, PFOA! She became a part of our family a few days before we all got shut in. I am so lucky to have her as part of our household right now. She has given us so much joy and lifts our spirits during this

time of isolation. She is a wonderful part of our family now. We love her. She is sweet, playful and so affectionate! We are very lucky. Thank you PFOA! **Cathy Rawlins**



Recently I had the misfortune of fracturing my femur. This resulted in a healing period of two months in an assisted living home. Fortunately, I was allowed to have my kitty with me. I had adopted Luna from Safe Haven about a year ago, soon after my husband passed. It was very important to me to have her as a companion during this time (even though I had all the love of my family around me.)

Luna let me know the first night she was not pleased. She meowed, paced and generally was not ready to accept this change. The second night was a little better, and after about a week she became resigned to her new life. In fact, she was the official greeter to whoever came into the room, whether it be the staff or visitors, enjoying all the petting and attention.

Two months finally passed. We were allowed to go home. After I opened her carrier door, Luna gingerly came out to cautiously see where she was. It didn't take long for her to realize this place is familiar. I could almost sense she knew she was really home.

I read an article that stated a pet can provide some of the same companion benefits as human friendships. This has proven true for me.

**Raema Roark**



I want to commend you for putting out another wonderful newsletter. In these unprecedented times, we all need to smile and laugh, and your cat tales certainly did the trick for me! I hope every animal lover will continue to help you continue your wonderful mission.

We have started a little ritual with our three PFOA-adopted cats: when weather permits, we take a 45 minute walk, usually in single file, never a herd! The neighbors are getting quite a kick out of watching our little posse. And the cats eat, sleep and behave better after their exercise. Thank you for all you do. **Lony Huff**



Bowie, one of our PFOA kitties. **Kimberly Gonzales**



My two girls [Jasmine and Chai] are from PFOA too! I don't know what I would do without them! **Patsy Hauser**



Our little girl was adopted from you last May. She's hiding her favorite toy from her brother.

**Lyn Gunselman**



Dear PFOA folks & critters: We hope and pray that you are all staying well during these trying times. We fear that this is only the beginning. Thank you for the good work that you do. We will keep helping as much as we can. Take care, **Laurie & Mike** (hibernating here in Lynnwood) March 24, 2020



Thank you for hanging in there. This is a small drop in the bucket, so no response needed. My last Safe Haven cat Jasmine (Rochelle) is alive and happy at almost 15!! We snuggle.) Love at a distance, **Susan Kreml**

## A Lovely Day

It's a really lovely day here in Sequim.  
 The sun is high in a bright blue sky.  
 It's warm – but not too warm.  
 A gentle breeze is blowing.  
 Birds singing in our tree out front.  
 It is just the kind of day he loved - - -  
 Lying in a sunny place on the porch  
 Or under his favorite bush at the edge of the lawn.  
 If he were in the house he would be curled up  
 On mommy's chair or the east end of the sofa  
 Or wherever else he might choose to take a nap.

He loved to sleep on mommy's lap while she read  
 And make himself into a soft, fuzzy book rest.  
 In the evening, he crawled up on daddy's chest  
 And flipped over on his back to be a baby  
 While daddy gently rubbed his soft tummy.  
 He asked for little and gave so much  
 To make sure that mommy and daddy  
 Got all the love they needed to keep them going.  
 He was a wonderful little guy and he and his big sister,  
 Whisper, our golden retriever loved each other  
 From the first day we brought her home.  
 They slept together and ate together and just  
 Hung out together. It was a beautiful thing.

Almie and I loved him like no other kitty  
 We ever had – a “One in a million” kitty  
 As he was so many times referred to.  
 Everyone who ever met him,  
 Loved him instantly – at first sight.

So it is a lovely day – just the kind he loved –  
 A perfect day to take a long nap in the sunshine.  
 Kelly said goodbye to us all  
 At 3:46 this afternoon –  
 A really lovely day in Sequim - -  
 Except for his passing.

We will sorely miss you, our little buddy  
 But maybe someday, if, as God's Word tells us  
 ‘Lions will lie down with lambs’ –  
 You can climb up on mommy's lap  
 Or onto daddy's chest to “do babies”  
 And purr yourself back into our lives once again –  
*Forever.*

Goodbye for now, little buddy.  
*We loved you dearly.*

**Kelly Sparling: April 24, 2000 – June 23, 2015**  
*By Daddy*



## – the back story

*By Bill Sparling*

I am pretty sure that Kelly came from PFOA to Linda Allen and she had kept him until he and Coco, her big Siamese cat, got hostile and she needed to find a new home for Kelly. When we stopped by to let them know that we had lost our previous cat, Danielle [Linda's assistant] said that Linda had a cat who needed a home. She asked if we would like to see him. After she brought Kelly out, he and I got acquainted a bit and Danielle asked me to open the door so we could take him out to the car to meet Almie. We got within about 10 feet of the car and Kelly exploded out of Danielle's arms, hit the sidewalk on the run and bounced onto Almie's lap. He rolled over for a tummy rub and the connections were made – instantly. Kelly spent ten wonderful years with us and we loved him dearly.

Some dear friends in California had come to visit, and they were here when Kelly had to leave us. We excused ourselves and put Kelly in his carrier and headed for Linda Allen's hospital. While we were gone, Sarah, the granddaughter of our visitors, drew a picture of Kelly, seated on a cloud with a halo over his head and holding a little harp in his paws. So, we got to cry twice. Right after we got home I wrote “A Lovely Day.” Kelly was really a very special kitty – to everyone. He had been a favorite of Linda Allen and he greeted everyone who ever came here to visit. Everyone who knew him, loved him. He never met a stranger. ♣





# Look who's been adopted!

See  
some adoptable pets on  
Page 6 and online at  
<http://safehavenpfoa.org>

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Hans



Heidi



Dubs



Jackie



Coco



Blue Belle



Blue



Hollis



Ariel



Brewster



Durango



Carson



Annie



Oakley



Hannah



Big Kitty



Miss Pepper



Spenser



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Franklin



A class from Stevens Middle School in Port Angeles visited Safe Haven recently. They were accompanied by their teacher, Dan Lieberman, who teaches science and a community service elective class. The students chose Peninsula Friends of Animals for their project, making cat toys and purchasing food and supplies for our kitties. One of the students who toured Safe Haven and socialized with the kitties wrote a thank you note, which was signed by all thirteen students who visited the shelter:

*To: Friends of Animals*

*I'm glad I got to go and [see] you all. I'm very thankful that you let us pet and take photos of all the cats. I loved all of them. I enjoyed every second.*

*Sincerely, Edwin S Hunter*

Thank you to the class for your interest in our shelter. We hope your visit was as memorable for you as it was for us. We appreciate all that you did for the kitties! ❀

## 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 **Danette Grady** & all the other wonderful workers at PFOA. From **Connie Rene**
- In honor of **Peg Buell**. From **Eugene Buell**
- In honor of **Nancy Campbell**. From **Philip Pollock & Susan Pollock**
- In honor of the **PFOA Potholder Ladies** for making masks. From **Lorri Gilchrist**
- In honor of **Judy Nord's** birthday. From **Francie Loudon**
- In honor of my friend **Sharon Maguire** [anonymous]

### Honorarium (Pet)

- In honor of my cats, **Bunny & Clyde**. From **Jim Toepfer**
- In honor of my cats. From **Roxane Hildebrand**
- In honor of **Tux's** 7th birthday. From **Dianne Whitaker**
- In honor of our cat, **Blanca**. From **Juanice Reyes & John Acklen**
- In honor of our cat, **Molly Marie**. From **Bill & Almie Sparling**
- In honor of **Shana**. From **Lois Sorg**
- In honor of my cats, **Buster & Chinunu**. From **Heather Richardson**
- In honor of **Elohim**. From **Johnjoseph Pajor**
- In honor of our cats, **DC, Boop & Milo**. From **Todd & Deborah Erickson**
- In honor of our cat, **Zoey Sue**. From **Bob & Sharon Gavin**
- In honor of my dog. From **Nancy Anderson**
- In honor of my cat, **Fancystail Summer**. From **Michael Snyder**
- In honor of **Emma** and **Cora**. From **Christie Cram**
- In honor of **Clallam & Baye**. From **Beby Bloomfield**

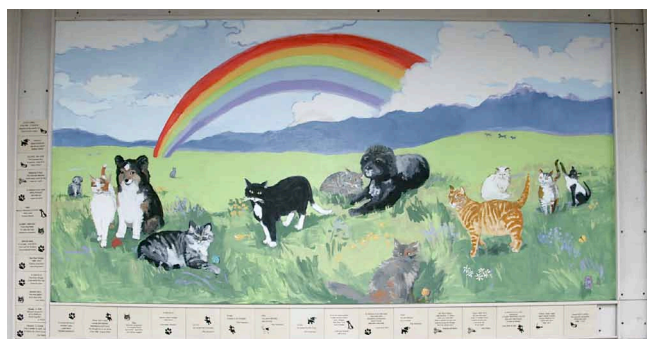
### In Memory of Special People

- In memory of **Michaela Hildebrand**. From **Neil & Roxane Hildebrand**
- In memory of **Bill Bohny**. From **Walter Classman**
- In memory of **Ann Brewer**. From **John Brewer**
- In memory of **Darcy Toepfer**. From **Jim Toepfer**
- In memory of **Lynne Sharp**. From **Dee Chivers**
- In memory of **Don Stevens**, a Vietnam veteran, survived by his wife, Kathy Stevens, and his two dogs, Sparkle & Nikki. From **Ed & Susan Bauer**
- In memory of **Leonard Floyd**. From **Sharon Maguire**
- In memory of **Barbara Swedeen**. From **Gerald Swedeen**
- In memory of Janet Norman's father-in-law, **Frenchie Scallan**. From **Julie Turnell**

### In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In memory of my cat, **Hugo**. From **Heather Richardson**
- In memory of **Elsie**. From **Lois Sorg**
- In memory of our cat, **Boonie**, who passed over the Rainbow Bridge in October. From **Marylou & Dan Tatum**
- In memory of my cat, **Tippy**. From **Bruce Johnson**
- In memory of **Kona, Ziggy & Benji**. From **Wendy Taibbi**
- In memory of our sweet **Barnaby**. From **Michael Moss, Betty Gordon & Zoe**
- In memory of David Whiting's dog, **Molly**. From **Sharon Longo**
- In memory of my dog, **Stanley**. From **Janet Norman**
- In memory of my pet. From **Nancy Anderson**
- In memory of **Little Bit**. From **Wally Kohl**
- In memory of my beloved **Zoe**, adopted from Safe Haven nearly 20 years ago, a young beautiful paraplegic. Still beautiful, and sweeter than ever, she passed away purring as her eyes closed for the last time on the home and companions she loved. From **Ann Gilson**
- In memory of **Dudley**, Charlotte and Gerald Pierce's much-loved poodle companion. He was a special dog who made friends with everyone he met. From **Marilyn Ash**
- In memory of my cat, **Comet**. From **Renee Lambert**
- In memory of PFOA's resident kitty, **July**. From **Catherine White**
- In memory of my cat, **Simba**. From **Mary Johnstone**
- In memory of my cat, **Teddy**, much loved and much missed. From **Beverly Brown**
- In memory of my cat, **Lexi**. From **Alex Luschen**
- In loving memory of my dog, **Dudley**. From **Charlotte Pierce**
- In memory of my dog, **Panda Bear**. From **Charlotte Patterson**
- In memory of my cat, **Teddy**. From **Beverly Brown**
- In memory of **Barnaby**, Betty Gordon and Michael Moss's much-loved kitty. From **Marilyn Ash**
- In memory of **Barnaby**, cherished feline family member of Betty Gordon and Michael Moss. From **Danette Grady**
- In memory of **Zoe**, Ann Gilson's beautiful, sweet kitty, who almost made it to her 20th year. She will be very much missed by all who knew and loved her. From **Marilyn Ash**
- In memory of Ann Gilson's well-loved **Zoe**, a special needs kitty with a courageous spirit. From **Danette Grady**

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.







## *Their Eyes (Rescue Me)*

by Bill Fay

Their language is subtle,  
Sweet, soft, and low,  
The sound of the lute  
On a blanket of snow.  
But their eyes say Rescue Me.

The fur may be matted,  
Tangled, and teased,  
Like a forest at midnight,  
The wind in the trees.  
But the eyes say Rescue Me.

He may be a youngster,  
Or showing his age,  
The thoughts of the innocent,  
Or wise as a sage.  
But his eyes say Rescue Me.

She may be a mother  
Protecting her young,  
Or a sweet little spinster,  
Whose song is still strong.  
But her eyes say Rescue Me.

You know they are calling  
You home to your heart,  
You reach out to touch them  
And you feel the spark.  
Because your love has Rescued Them.



 Dear Rosie & Boo:

Hi. My name is Budgie Blue, but Mom mostly calls me Blue Boy.

So I want to say that I love my mom. I don't want people to think I don't. And I know she loves me, and I want people to know that.

She used to always let me out at night and I know what you're going to say. But I had the best time. I had so much fun. There are so many smells and so many things to do. And stuff to explore.

Okay. So last week I was out and everything was fine except that I heard the coyotes and they were, like, far away. So I was being really careful. But I heard a noise a few feet away and everything happened so fast. I don't know how I got away. He moved so fast. I didn't know I could be so scared in my life. I got myself up a tree near the front door and wanted to scream for Mommy but she was sound asleep and I don't think I could have made a noise anyway I was so scared.

So now Mommy keeps wanting to put me back out at night and she thinks there's something wrong with me. I don't know how to tell her I never want to go out there again. I just scream and run when she opens the door.

I hope you can help. I still have nightmares about that coyote and I'm afraid he's going to come in and get me sometimes. I'm still so scared.

Thank you, Budgie Blue

### **Rosie replies:**

Oh, my dear Budgie,

I am so happy to hear you're safe and I am so very sorry you had that scare. I've had my own close calls, too. I grew up on the streets, and had nightmares for a long time after PFOA saved me. Please know that your mother is getting the hint, and that she will stop trying to put you out at night. As for the coyote, he has moved on. He's forgotten about you. Most importantly, your mother will never let him come in after you. Stay inside, as your instincts tell you, and you will be safe and always loved.

### **Boo replies:**

Oh, Blue Boy, what an awful experience.

My sister, Peek-a, and I were both strays when we were very young. I remember being scared all the time and it took a while to not be scared anymore. But you have a good mama and she will understand. The good thing is that whenever you have a nightmare, just crawl into bed with your mama and that will help you feel safe again. Please write back. We're here for you.



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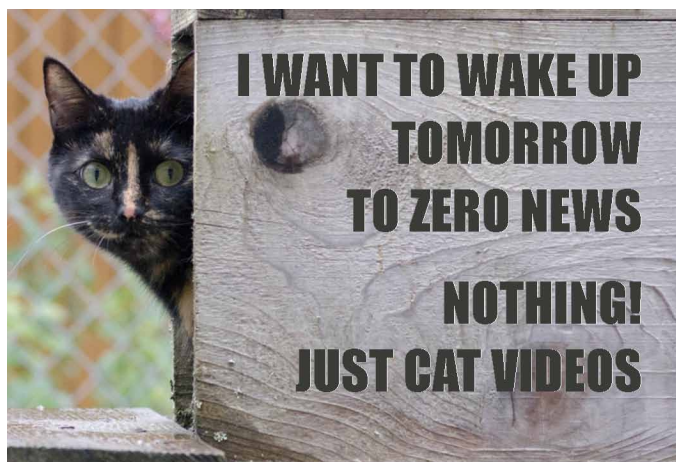
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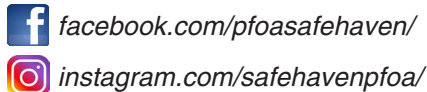
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