

Pet Tidings



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'Doctor' Herriot, clinic greeter

By Nancy O'Gorman

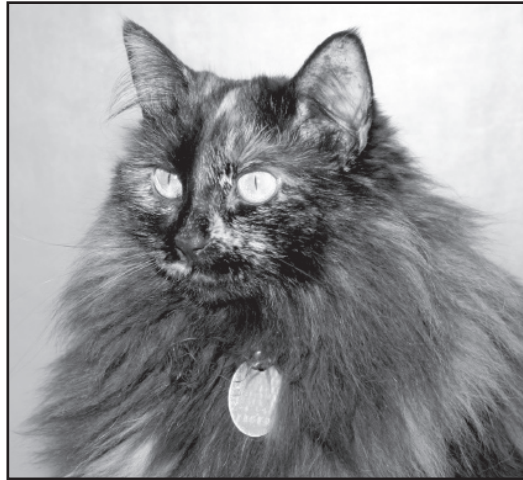
Luck ran both ways the day a kitten named Herriot came to live at Sequim Animal Hospital.

She was rescued three years ago from a feral situation and needed a place to live around the same time Dr. Brian Marts' clinic cat, Tripod, died of kidney failure. Friendly little "Doctor" Herriot, as the kitten was named, fit right in with a place long known for its contribution to the health and well being of animals in Sequim and around the Olympic Peninsula.

Herriot greets patrons and pets alike who come through the door, entertaining them with her antics, while the staff takes care of business.

Both the cat and the staff, however, are known for going above and beyond the call of duty.

First, the humans: After 31 years of practicing veterinary medicine in Sequim,



Herriot went from feral, homeless kitten to clinic mascot and greeter. She bids adieu to one retiring veterinarian but stays on to help his successor.

Dr. Marts is retiring at the end of April and will hand the baton to his successor and business partner, Dr. Heather Short.

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Peninsula Friends of Animals has always been and continues to be an independent group that is not associated with any other group or shelter.

OUR MISSION

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



Alexandra

ADOPTED!



Butter



Peanut



Jelly



Likely

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Frosty and the Snowman melt hearts



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From the Editor's Desk

This is a reprint from our Winter 2003 issue of Pet Tidings by Gary Del Mastro, shelter manager of Safe Haven at the time. We felt it was well written and worth repeating. With Gary's permission, we present it here, six years later but ever so timely.

We're an almost unbelievably diverse group of people: married, widowed and never married; city born and raised to country bumpkin; socially active and loners; Democrats, Republicans and none of the above; smokers and drinkers to non-smokers and teetotalers; employed, unemployed and retired; financially well off to poverty stricken; drivers and non-drivers; dog-oriented to cat-friendly; pro-life to pro-choice; born before World War I, born after the war in Vietnam.

Nothing in the world could have brought some of us together except for our common love of companion animals. Absolutely nothing.

Friendships have blossomed between rich and poor, old and young, ultra conservative and wild-eyed liberal, and staunchly religious to nearly atheistic individuals. Bonds have been created that will last a lifetime, all for the passion and cause we refer to as animal welfare.

If you're not already involved, there is no time like the present to step forward. Local animals and your community need your time, energy and financial donations to help put an

end to the suffering. Individuals are needed to create and post adoption flyers, speakers and information table staffers are needed to educate the public, and foster homes are required to temporarily house animals for whom there is no room in shelters.

Sponsors are needed for unadoptable animals in PFOA's care. People willing to do humane trapping of feral cats and to provide transportation for other animals are necessary parts of any no-kill organization.

Office help is desperately needed, both from computer skilled and computer illiterate individuals. There is a continuing need for aggressive spaying and neutering, and PFOA is often asked by low-income families for financial help with other veterinary care. And there is always a need for volunteer manual labor around Safe Haven's building and grounds.

There are countless ways to aid the animals in our midst. Nearly all of them result in connections with vibrant, interesting, diverse local people who share a common passion for helping otherwise helpless creatures.

It is truly amazing that a single issue is capable of bringing out such similar energy in people who otherwise seem to be so essentially different. Nothing but an intense love and appreciation for animals could have brought us together in this way.

Gary Del Mastro

People stocking the pet food pantry

In our last issue of *Pet Tidings* on Page 2, we published a note about 12-year-old **Annika Pederson** asking her friends to bring pet food instead of birthday gifts to her party. She then donated the food to PFOA.

We have been reminded of others who have made similar efforts to help. **Julia Murphy** asked for pet food for her 80th birthday celebration and sent nearly 150 lbs. of

food to Safe Haven. **Marci Mathieu** held a 16th birthday party for her dog Shelby and provided a jar for donations to be made to PFOA in Shelby's name. PFOA member **Sharon Palmer** asked her friends to send money to the PFOA pet food bank instead of Christmas gifts. And instead of exchanging Christmas presents, **Jay** and **Pam Thornall** purchased pet food, which they brought

to Safe Haven, as did **David** and **Melody Todnem**.

We are grateful for the thoughtfulness of *all* who think of ways to help the companion animals in our communities. PFOA provides food for the pets in our care but makes the donated bags and cans available to pets of low-income families. Call PFOA at **360-452-0414** if you would like to donate food for the pets of these families, too!

Frosty and the Snowman

By Susan Skaggs

Two white puppies were dropped off at the Clallam County Humane Society on a cold and blustery Friday night in December. Not an unusual happening, except that these two puppies were apparently both blind and deaf.

PFOA's Canine Adoption Counselor, Nancy Campbell, had been in contact with the owner and had been attempting to arrange foster care when the dogs were relinquished to the humane society. They were the last of a litter of five, the other three healthy puppies having been sold to families in the area.



The Snowman

Dr. Murphy diagnosed the puppies with "merle locus," (a pigment gene that causes them to be albino in color), and as also having "a tendency for the Waardenburg Syndrome."

Among other symptoms, this syndrome can produce small eyeballs, thin retinas, cataracts and hearing loss. Indeed, both male puppies, now named Frosty and the Snowman, had vision deficit and at least partial hearing loss.

"Most of these puppies (with this syndrome) can improve with treatment and age," Dr. Murphy says.

"Most of these dogs can do very well in a home environment and live a nice, happy life. I believe both of these dogs can do that."

Sue Miles, their temporary foster mom, agrees.

"Frosty and the Snowman are in the prime of puppyhood and having a blast," she says. "Their days are full of endless playing, wrestling, chewing and snoozing. They're just like every other puppy except for one thing — they are both blind and the Snowman is deaf to boot."

Frosty and the Snowman were born around Nov. 9, 2008, to a Shih-Tzu mom and a Lhasa Apso dad. Frosty is white with a few tan spots while Snowman is pure white. Their disabilities don't seem to bother these happy little guys, but will present some challenges for a new family. The pups' safety will always be an issue. They can't see

where they're going, and the Snowman can't hear any verbal cues to help him get around. In addition to the usual puppy proofing, special awareness will have to be given to stairwells, doors leading outside, security in the yard, plants, and pointy objects.

Another pet in the home would be wonderful, but only if he/she doesn't mind being bumped into during a nap, while eating, etc. A nurturing, easygoing dog in the family would be a terrific help to these pups.

Frosty and the Snowman also need the basic training any pup requires. They know the command "sit," which is verbal for Frosty, and two taps on the back for the Snowman. Frosty comes when you call him, but this doesn't work for a puppy who can't hear, like the Snowman. While the pups are currently being litter box trained, they will also need to be taught how to take care of potty issues outside.

They need to be handled a lot, brushed daily, taken to the groomer regularly and socialized with other animals and children.

These little guys love to be around people and are incredibly sweet and affectionate, probably even



The Snowman and Frosty

more than "normal" puppies. They enjoy being held and are terrific little lap warmers. They shouldn't be left alone for long periods and need a home where someone is willing to spend a lot of time with them. There shouldn't be small children around them except when supervised by an adult.

Frosty and the Snowman have been dealt a challenging hand in life, but, with a patient and caring family, they will supply some lucky person(s) with many years of love and joy.

Sue Miles contributed to this story.



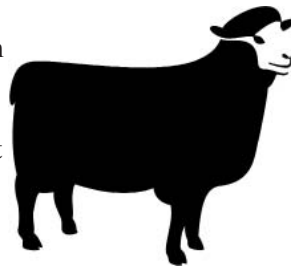
Frosty

Mews from the board

Farming at Safe Haven

The Board, supporters, and members of PFOA are always looking for ways to raise money for our programs, especially in these difficult economic times.

Last fall, Angus Trent, our volunteer property manager, took a look at our 35 acres, much of it unused, and saw a way to create income. He spoke with several farmers and invited Kurt Burres from the University of Washington Extension Service to come over to Safe Haven and



evaluate our soil. It was determined that we have about 30 acres that can be used to grow hay and/or provide grazing.

There is preparation necessary to ready the ground that lay fallow and became full of brambles and bushes over the years. Before the winter, Angus saw to it that it was mowed, low spots filled in, and a great deal of debris cleared away.

The idea is to arrange for a farmer to share-crop the land, prepare it for growing hay and grazing sheep. This would benefit the land, the farmer, and PFOA.

It would also eliminate the fire hazard that the long, dry grass presents in the summer.



Sponsorship: Support for adoption-challenged cats

Are you a pet lover who can't have a pet right now for one of any number of reasons? If so, there is a wonderful way you can still connect with a cat who would love to be "your" pet.

PFOA has, as all no-kill shelters do, several longtime residents who have not, and perhaps never will be, chosen by someone to share their home and life. These cats will be cared for and loved here at Safe Haven until someone who sees their true worth comes along, or until the natural end of their lives.



Riley

For a very modest monthly donation, you can become a foster parent to one of these sweet, hard-to-place pets at Safe Haven or in one of our devoted foster homes. You'll join a large group of caring souls who love and help these kitties, adding mightily to the happiness in the world.

Won't you sign up today and become a sponsor, a foster "mom" or "dad," to a cat or kitten who needs you?

Monthly sponsorship is just \$10 per pet. A pet may also be sponsored for an entire year for \$120 or for a pet's lifetime for \$500. Just use the envelope enclosed with this newsletter and send it back with your sponsorship payment. We will send you pictures of your sponsored cat along with a story about the pet's history and how he or she came to be with PFOA. (Or call 360-452-0414 for more information).

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PFOA cats who currently have sponsors are: **Annabelle, Betty Sue, Booky, Cinders, Dandelion, Della, Dinah, Dotless, Fagin, Hope, Jamie, Johnny Cat, Lady Jane, Little Joey, Molly Malone, Mostest, Peggy Sue, Princess, Riley, Rutabaga, Sumari, T.J., Thistle, and Tippy.** Please see our web site for more cats that need sponsors at www.safehavenpfoa.org.

Thanks to all of our sponsors for helping PFOA to care for all these precious and worthy beings!

Andrea Aufieri contributed to this story

Cat 'helps' around clinic, vets devoted to spay/neuter

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At 65, Marts is ready to enjoy the good life, which may very well include sailing around the world. And he can look back on more than three decades of service to the people and animals that needed him. In addition to countless cats and dogs that come to the clinic, he has tended to livestock, Olympic Game Farm critters, even bear, elk and otter from Olympic National Park.

But what Dr. Marts has done for Peninsula Friends of Animals, as well as other rescue groups, can only be described as priceless — helping PFOA spay and neuter, at a reduced rate, a few hundred pets each year through a special monthly spay/neuter clinic, not to mention being available for emergency medical care. Add to that his annual participation in the Clallam County Fair “Kiss a Pig” contest (he won last year with proceeds going to the local 4-H Club), and allowing school children to “job-shadow” at his clinic and you’ve got a veterinarian who will be keenly missed.

The spaying and neutering of cats and dogs is important to Marts, which is why he’s been willing to help PFOA reach its program goals every year.

“There are just too many animals,” he said. “Unless you’re a breeder, pets should be spayed. I feel a responsibility to help make life better for the community and for the animals.”

Most veterinarians do “give-aways,” he said, because they feel responsible, they have the knowledge and ability to do so, and they can still make a good living running a business.

Participating in school programs and teaching children responsibility for their pets are all part of the job, he said. And he’s confident the clinic will be in good hands when Dr. Short takes over in May. She will be the fourth owner of Sequim Animal Hospital since Dr. John Stevens opened for business in 1930. Stevens sold it to Dr. George Bell, who



Debbie Dosey, left, Dr. Heather Short, Tina Boulade, Dr. Brian Marts (holding Herriot), Jackie Anderson (and Julie Mowbray, not pictured) comprise the staff at Sequim Animal Hospital.

in turn sold it to Marts in 1978. Marts had the current red-roofed clinic built at 202 N. Seventh Ave. in 1992.

Dr. Short has been working at Sequim Animal Hospital since 2006, after graduating from Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine in Auburn, Alabama. She spent the last few months of her schooling as an intern at the clinic. By the end of the internship, she and Marts realized that Sequim Animal Hospital was the perfect place for her career.

Like Marts, Short believes in the value of educating her clients and reaching out to the community with spay/neuter programs, too.

“When you teach people how to care for their pets, they’re more likely to learn that vaccinations and preventive care are much cheaper than treating a sick animal,” she said.

Originally from Grand Rapids, Michigan, the 31-year-old Short has family in Seattle where she and her husband, Dean, had spent some time in the past. After visiting the Olympic Peninsula many times, they decided it would be a good place to call home and

raise a family. The couple has a year-old daughter, Ainsley, three dogs and two cats.

Dr. Short is in the process of looking for a new veterinarian partner to share duties at Sequim Animal Hospital after Dr. Marts’s retirement — which brings us back to “Doctor” Herriot, the clinic cat.

Oh, sure, Herriot lives the good life as an official clinic cat. Her main job is to look cute and fluffy, let children pet her, and take the dogs’ minds off the reasons they’re there. She is doted on, has toys and the best of care — even her framed photo adorns the office wall like a corporate CEO. And just like the entire staff at Sequim Animal Hospital, even Herriot goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Dr. Marts remembered a day when a woman’s beloved pet had just died and she was sitting in the waiting room, grieving openly for her painful loss. Herriot jumped up, sat down next to her and, ever so gently, touched a paw to the woman’s arm.

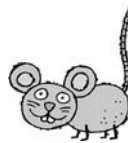
After all, even Herriot has *important* work at the clinic.

Safe Haven ADOPTABLES!

Cats in Black . . .

***Won't catch aliens;
might catch mice***

Chacha



Hokus



Chacha and **Hokus** are 4- to 5-month-old sister and brother. Chacha, the little girl, is a tuxedo kitty while Hokus is all shiny black. These little darlings love to play together and are as sweet and cute as can be.

Disco



Limbo



Disco and **Limbo** are another sister/brother pair of kittens. These two were bottle-fed as babies since their mother died early in their infancy. They are inquisitive and extremely friendly with Safe Haven volunteers. Limbo, the boy, is all black. Disco has an unusual look, with random silver tips on some of her black fur. Together they're a purr-fectly wonderful pair!

Fagin



Thistle



Fagin and **Thistle** are related, and have bonded at the shelter, so they should be adopted together. They both are quiet, large, black neutered males about 5 years old now. Fagin came to enjoy his food bowl more than Thistle did, hence he is on a diet and is working on losing excess weight. They will add elegance and affection to their new home.

Please call PFOA's message line at **360-452-0414** to talk about any of these featured pets; a volunteer will return your call. Or go online to see many others at **www.safehavenPFOA.org**



“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”

Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals,

We adopted Rody in October. We have renamed him Charlie and are happy to report he is doing exceptionally well in our home. He made a seamless transition, quickly reaching a point where we can't imagine our home without him.

Our last cat lived with us for 20 years and we look forward to the years ahead with Charlie — hopefully at *least* 20!

Our daughter, Emily, is particularly fond of Charlie, and he of her. She shares her news with you and has decided to donate a portion of her savings to PFOA. Though the donation is not large, it represents a sizeable amount of her saved funds and, more importantly, represents her heartfelt thanks to PFOA for being there for our beloved Charlie and other cats in need.

Charlie is doing well and has found a good home (with us). And we have found a *wonderful* cat. Thank you! Sincerely, **Kristin Glenn**



Charlie and Emily



PFOA Volunteers,

We appreciate all your hard work, especially after we had visited and checked over the kitties to find our new “charmer.” We love the Russian Blue, “Ritz” (we call him “Max, or “reMax”). We’ll keep you in our prayers for the “new” roof.

Sincerely,
Diana and David Hough

Dear PFOA,

I really enjoyed the winter *Pet Tidings*.
Only wish I could do more.
Adrienne Monro

Love and blessings to all the kitties and to all the hard-working persons at Safe Haven, from **Susan Kreml and Ginger, Gremlin and Jasmine**



Dear PFOA,

Now that Goldie and Lucky have finally achieved the recognition they justly deserve (see “Handy Paw Warmer” on page 4 of the Winter 2009 issue of *Pet Tidings*) — Goldie has decided to branch out into painting, as seen here in “our” studio in Diamond Point.

We *all* loved the article.

Clyde, Patty, Goldie, and Lucky Mowrey

Dear Volunteers at PFOA,

Sadie is thriving. She is 7 or 8 years old and acts like a kitten. She is so much company and a loving companion. Joshua thinks he rules the roost.

**Florence Humpal
and Sadie and Joshua**

To Kim and Angus and all the folks at PFOA,

Thanks for Vallarie—she is *so lovely*. She has her own routine now. She likes me because I control the fridge and have an electric blanket and now she has new toys and is getting two new scratching trees. Keep up the good work.

Linda Blair



"Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . ."

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Brothers **Fergus** and **Dash**, at 7 months old. When I look at these happy, healthy pets, it makes me appreciate what you all do at PFOA — and makes me want to help. Keep doing what you're doing! Blessed be!

Sara Maney

**To all our
friends at Safe Haven,**

Thank you for all the wonderful love and care you give all the furry critters. Our hearts are always with you. Love,
**Betty Brooks, Marci and
Miranda Wilson**

Dear Friends of the Animals,

This is to let you know about our wonderful "Cuddles" whom we adopted in January. She is the most loving, beautiful cat we have ever owned!

She comes to our lap to be loved and petted—always purring, never a threat of biting or clawing. Oh, we love her so much!

Many thanks to PFOA and also to her first owner who loved her and helped her to grow into this precious kitty!

Sincerely, **Helen and Dave Wood**



Dear Friends,

What a wonderful person Cindy Caldicott must be. I enjoyed your write-up on her. God bless you good people.

Sincerely, **Winifred Ostrand**



Dear PFOA,

We appreciate your time, dedication, and hard work on behalf of the animals.

Sincerely,

The Jefferson County Animal Service staff



Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals,

We love our three PFOA kitties, Spats, Trisket and Lewis, renamed Spooky, Sasha and Mouser.

From **Kathryn and Neal Fridley**

To my Friends at the Safe Haven shelter,

I thought I should let you know all about my adventures in my new home. It was pretty traumatic to be put in that cat carrier and then bounced around in a car. When they let me out in the house I shot under the bed in their guest room. I stayed there until 10 that night. I crept out and had a look around.

Boy, what a fun place to snoop. I jumped on the guest room bed and found that very comfortable. Then my new Mom and Dad went to bed. They shut their bedroom door and let me have the run of the house. I could smell that rat that they had been trying to catch. That was interesting for a while but then I got lonesome.

I sat outside their bedroom door and cried until 2 a.m. I heard my Dad say, "What have we gotten ourselves into!" I didn't know what that meant, but he chased me back into the guest room for the night. In the morning they sure looked tired, but I was happy to greet them.

Everything looked brighter as I toured the house and picked out my favorite chairs. My Mom made me two big soft cushions. One is on a chest where I can stretch out and look out the window. I found out that they have nice laps to jump into, too.

Now I patrol the house all night and greet them at their bedroom door when they FINALLY get up. We visit for a while and then I just have to have a long nap under the bed after my exhausting night. I spend the afternoon making the rounds of laps and chairs. I get all rested up for evening. You can see that I have a hard life here.

On the eighth day, I caught the dirty rat. Dad and I had a disagreement about who it belonged to, but I finally gave in to him. I am a BIG HERO now. This really is Cat Heaven.

I miss you all but I think I'll stay.

Thanks for all your love and care!

Your friend, **Max (they call me Maxwell)**



Ask PFOA: How do I introduce a new cat?

By Ann Gilson

First of all, it is *extremely* important not to bring any pet into your home until it has been to your veterinarian.

It should be thoroughly examined, treated for any external or internal parasites it may harbor, be tested for FeLV/FIV and shown to be negative, be given all appropriate vaccinations, and have an Avid chip implanted. It may or may not require bathing or grooming.

Some cats have had some or most of this done prior to coming to you. But if you do not have written *proof* of this, have it done yourself. I cannot stress this too much! However, if your pet needs several different shots, it may be best to have one or two of them done a couple of weeks later, so as not to overwhelm the cat's system. Talk to your veterinarian about it.

Now you are ready to introduce the new cat (or sometimes a pair of cats or kittens) to your house. The way the introduction is done often makes the difference between a successful integration and a disastrous one leading to constant upset, and in some cases to a failed adoption.

If there is no resident pet of any kind the job is much simpler, but still very important. Common sense and patience are the key.

It is very important that the new companion animal be put in a reasonably confined area — a laundry room, spare bedroom, or even a large bathroom is ideal — to begin with. There should be water, dry food (if appropriate) and a large cat box (for an adult) or medium one (for a kitten). If possible, the food and the litter should be the kind the cat is accustomed to. A soft bed or basket on the floor should be provided. Be sure the area is safe — no accessible medicines, cleaning supplies, sharp items, things to tip over or pull down, no rubber bands, string, etc. (think “child-proof”).

Give your pet several hours to several days in this area to get used to the smells and sounds of your home, to the space and to you. Do *not* allow small children, or even older ones, to frighten or tire the new resident. The kitty may hide or run from you at first — or he may decide you're his best buddy and snuggle from the beginning. Let the cat set his own pace.

Once your new cat is comfortable with you and his new quarters, leave the door open and give him a chance to explore, under supervision. Unless you have a very small house, don't open the door and go off for the day, as he may find a hiding place that *you* can't find, and scare you to death

until he decides to come out.

You should be all set now, and if you keep your cat indoors at all times, or in a secure outdoor enclosure on nice days, chances are that you have years of loving companionship ahead.

Now, if you already have one or more feline companions, introductions are more complicated. And if there are canines in your home, they may be even more so.

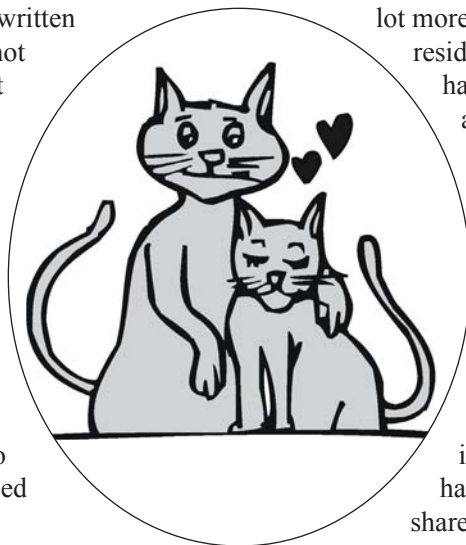
The process is basically the same as introducing a pet into a petless home, only it takes longer and requires a lot more supervision — and luck. If you have a resident dog who hates cats, or has a history of harming them, *do not* attempt to introduce a cat into your home. Not even if it is an outdoors dog and the cat will be indoors only. If your dog is a mellow guy who loves everybody, you can consider him a cat for purposes of introduction.

If you have a cat who is extremely territorial and possessive and who is boss of her world, or one who is very shy and dependant on you, it would be best to proceed very, very carefully if you need to take in another cat. If you have a choice, *don't*. Not if they have to share any space.

On the other hand: if your cat or cats are the friendly, laid back sort, adding a new cat (especially a stray who needs a home, or a shelter cat) can be a wonderful thing for everyone.

The main difference in the introduction process is to take *plenty* of time, to introduce the new cat very briefly and only when you can be physically present and paying close attention. The new cat should be ready to come out of its room on its own, and exposure be limited to only 15 minutes or less to begin with, unless it is obvious that both animals are relaxed and at ease. Take several weeks of such successful encounters before leaving them alone together. Sometimes catnip, Feliway (a calming, pheromone substance) or even the drug acepromazine can be used to calm the cats before or during their first encounters. Ask your vet for help if there seems to be any fear or animosity operating.

All this sounds like a lot of trouble, and it is not always necessary. But many an adoption has failed, cats have been emotionally or physically traumatized, and family members upset and disappointed, because proper care was not taken. Look at it from the new cat's point of view and that will help guide you. Oh yes, and be sure to add another cat box for each new cat, in an easily accessible place away from the existing one(s).



Look who's been adopted!



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Comet



Juno



Morris



Oscar



Meyer



Weiner



Lucky



Dyson



Pokus



Trilby



Jackson



Cookie



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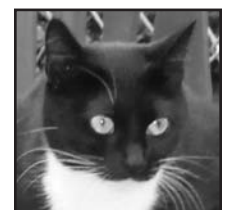
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J-Lo

Peninsula Friends of Animals ~ celebrating 10 years of service to the community and 5 years since opening Safe Haven's doors.

A special thank-you to everyone who has helped in so many ways: Volunteers, financial contributors, members, supporters, advertisers and many more!



Look who's been adopted!



Flora



Gretel



Hansel



Chip



Joy



Bindy



Rudolph



Donner



April



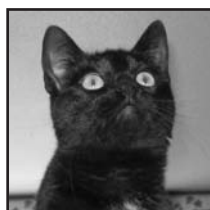
Momba



Augustus



Be-So



Lucinda

Not pictured:

Tutti
Paisley
Finny

Kramer
Rody
Billy Bob

Mikey
Colors
Meow Meow



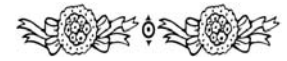
Lillian



Thanks to Robin Moreau for her original cartoon



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 try to keep memorials to three or four lines or less — about 15-35 words — for space consideration. We do not publish photos of pets here).

In Memory of Special People

- In memory of **Dick Chapman**, husband of Sharon Quesnell, from **Helen Hille**.
- In memory of **Bertha Beavert**, from **Della and Len Floyd**.
- In memory of **Bertha Beavert**, mother of Nancy Campbell, from **Sue and John Miles**.
- In memory of **Arleen Clausen**, from **Sue and John Miles**.
- In memory of **Jim Mueller**, husband of Brenda Mueller, from **Sue and John Miles**.
- In memory of **Michael True**, son of Teri and Bill True and brother of AJ True, from **Sue and John Miles**.
- In memory of Sharon Quesnell's husband, **Richard Chapman**, from **Jess and Janet Harker**.
- To honor the life of **Marion Sheldon** who passed away Oct. 13, 2008. From **Vernon Thomson**.
- In memory of Skip's mother, **Nancy Lindgren**, from **Skip and Carol Treat**.
- In memory of **Michael**, from his mom, **S. Tara Sparkman**.
- In memory of his mother, **Esther Davis**, from **Mike**.
- In memory of **Don Rhyme**, from **Dottie and Don Clark**.
- In memory of **Dick Chapman**, from **Fred and Jeanette Morris**.
- In memory of **Barry Sullock**, from his friends at **Olympic Gentle Paws**.
- In memory of Sharon Quesnell's husband, **Dick Chapman**, from **Jeanne Iversen**.
- A loving donation in memory of Sharon Quesnell's husband, **Dick Chapman**. From **Dave and Francie Loudon**.
- In memory of **special people**, from **Mike Davis**.
- In memory of our good friend **Dick Chapman**, from **Orton and Joyce Johnson**.
- In memory of a good man and good neighbor, **Mr. Richard Chapman**, from **Thomas Pitre**.
- In memory of **Nel Jones**, from **Sondra Blair-Bond and K. Lawrence Bond**.
- In memory of **Dick Chapman**, loving husband of Sharon Quesnell. Dick brought beauty to the world with his paintings and music. He was kind and loving and will be missed by all who knew him. From **Diane and Leon Lopez**.
- In memory of **Lloyd Johnson**, from **Mary Kennedy**.

- In memory of **Patty Hart**, from **Thomas Hart**.
- In memory of **Lloyd Johnson**, from an **anonymous donor**.
- In memory of **Dorothy Lewis**, from **Clyde Stice**.
- In memory of Nancy Campbell's mother, **Bertha Beavert**, from **David and Francie Loudon**.
- In memory of **Tony Breen**, from **Dottie and Don Clark**.
- In memory of **Lloyd E. Johnson**, from **Terry and Mary Warner**.
- In memory of **Marc McGovern**, beloved son of Carol McGovern, from **Gloria Shepard**.
- In memory of **Bonnie Ferguson**, wife of Joe Ferguson, from **Ellen McLean**.
- In memory of **Richard Chapman**, from **Carla Martin**.
- In memory of **Richard Chapman**, Sharon Quesnell's husband, from **Shirley McFadden and Peter Grassi**.
- In memory of Sharon Quesnell's beloved husband, **Dick Chapman**, from **Ann Gilson**.
- In memory of **Madeline Lang**, from **Dorothy Haidal**.

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In memory of **all the felines** who have shared our home, from **Shirley McFadden and Peter Grassi**.
- In memory of **Andy**, the True family's wonderful, sweet golden retriever, from **Sue and John Miles**.
- In memory of our two dear Yorkies, **Max and Molly**, brother and sister, who passed away within 30 days of each other in December. They would have been 11 years of age on 14 February 2009. From **Lois & Joe Williams**.
- In memory of my beloved cat, **Wolfie**, who died 12/4/08. From **Claudia Engstrom**.
- In memory of four of my cat clients who recently passed away: **Hoppelene Campbell, Oreo Cummins, Kiwi Freeman, and Max Stearns**. From **Joy Maxion of Kitten Sittin' Cat Care**.
- In memory of Carol Kittrick's kitty boy, **Dexter**. His sweet face will be missed. From **Dr. Sandy**.
- In memory of **"Max" Kowitz**, from **Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital**.
- In memory of **Smoke** (formerly named Davey), from **Linda Larsen**.
- In memory of **Raisin**, the unforgettable Dachshund, from **John Krause and B.J. Frew**.
- In memory of **Maggie and Shadow**, from **Don and Sally Gregor**.
- In memory of **Sophie**, companion of Phyllis Koch for 17 years. From **Diane and Leon Lopez**.
- In memory of **"Smidge"**, Dr. Melissa Smith's beloved friend. Her sweet face will be missed by all who visit the

Memorials and Honorariums

clinic. Rest well, Smidgie. Peacefully, **Patsy Simpson**.

■ In memory of Jane Elyea's beautiful Belgian Shepherd **Keeoma**, from **Karen Groves**.

■ In memory of Dr. Melissa Smith's **Smidge**, from an **anonymous donor**.

■ In memory of Helen Hille's sweet little purring machine, **Kiki**, from **Diane and Leon Lopez**.

■ In memory of **Lady and Spirit**, Janet and Jess Harkers beloved fosterlings, from **Diane and Leon Lopez**.

■ In loving memory of my beloved little companion of almost 14 years, **Rob the Dog**. Yay, Rob! From **Mrs. R. H. Whitters**.

■ In memory of dear **Lady**, Maisie Maloney's beloved old cat, who spent her last years in the loving care of Janet and Jess Harker, from **Ann Gilson**.

■ Remembering their much loved **Spirit**, whose too-short life was spent happily with Janet and Jess Harker, from **Ann Gilson**.

■ In memory of **Kiki**, my sweet little tortie of many years. She is missed by Orange, Spencer, Bitsy, and Lexi, too. From **Helen Hille**.

■ Old and ill, **Orange Soda** spent his last months with Janet and Jess Harker, given love and care a king's ransom couldn't buy. Would that there were more like them, from an **admirer**.

Honorariums

■ In honor of **Denise Cornell**, from **Julie and Leland Harris**.

■ In celebration of **Tiger** (formerly known as Oliver) who is a total joy, from **Linda Larsen**.

■ In honor of **Brooke Carnahan**, from **Kenny Johnson**.

■ In appreciation of **our clients**, from **Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital**.

■ In honor of my sister, **Michelle Anderson-Smith**, a true cat lover. From **Camille Headrick**.

■ In honor of **Paulette Willson**, from her sister, **Kathleen Duff**.

■ In honor of **David and Francie Loudon**, from **Robert Loudon**.

■ In honor of **Mike and René Boulware's** 40th wedding anniversary, from **Janet Gianakis**.

■ In honor of **Kathy Larson** on her birthday (Nov. 17), from her mother, **Mabel Burton**.



Photo by John Gorman

"We who choose to surround ourselves with lives even more temporary than our own live within a fragile circle, easily and often breached. Unable to accept its awful gaps, we still would live no other way. We cherish memory as the only certain immortality, never fully understanding the necessary plan."

*from Separate Lifetimes,
"The Once Again Prince,"
by Irving Townsend*

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IMPORTANT STATISTICS! — This year, PFOA spayed or neutered **659** cats and dogs bringing our total, since we were founded, to **4,155**.

- We adopted **137** animals into safe, loving homes, bringing our total to **1,140**.
- **96** feral cats were spayed/neutered and returned to the safety of their colony and caregivers for a total of **727**.
- PFOA provided **71** animals with medical emergency assistance for a total of **916**.
- The average number of animals in our shelter and foster homes ran about **125** most of this year — a little above our previous years of 100 annually.
- Bottom line: Since our founding in 2000, **we have in one way or another helped 6,938 animals** and their guardians.

Annual meeting date

Peninsula Friends of Animals' annual membership meeting will be held at Lazy Acres Mobile Home Park at 111 Dryke Road (near Sequim, off Highway 101) on **Wednesday, May 27, 2009**.

A social hour will begin at **5:30 p.m.** in the community room and be followed by the meeting beginning at **6:30 p.m.** It will be brief but important.

Join us for fellowship and good food and drink!

Painting party time!

On two beautiful days in early October, volunteers washed and painted the front and side of the exterior of Safe Haven. Parts of the garage had never been painted and the eaves were in need of scraping. A sign was put up at Safe Haven asking folks to donate \$20 for a gallon of paint — we needed about 13 gallons for this part of the project — and enough money was donated to purchase rolls and brushes and enough paint to complete the remainder of the painting in the Spring.

Angus Trent — our volunteer property manager — organized the event, purchased the materials, supervised the work and provided much of the labor. Mike and Carol Howard also donated their labor and washed the entire building while Diane Lopez knocked down years worth of cobwebs and Angus did the taping. The next day, Angus, Diane, Sherry Creech and Susan Kremlin painted away!

Thanks to all who supported and participated in this effort. Let us know if *you* would be available for this type of volunteer work. There is always maintenance needed to keep Safe Haven up to par. And you'd be surprised at how much fun can be had in the process!



Susan Kreml, left, and Sherry Creech painting Safe Haven.

NOTICE

PFOA will not be having a giant garage sale this year. If you have helped in the past and are planning to have a sale of your own, please consider giving a portion of your sales and/or having a donation container to help the animals. It would be most appreciated.

THE CLASSIFIEDS

■ **PFOA WISH LIST:** Wet and dry dog and cat food, any brands (for pets of low-income community residents), Fancy Feast canned cat food, clumping clay cat litter, bleach, vinegar, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish detergent, new brooms and mops, postage stamps, decorative bark for front flower beds, new hooded cat beds.

DARE TO DREAM:

Farm tractor: Are you planning to upgrade your farm tractor? If you would consider donating the old one to PFOA, please call us at **360-452-0414** and leave a message for Angus.

WANTED ~ VOLUNTEERS:

■ **WRITERS** — to write very short pieces for *Pet Tidings*, published four times per year. Also needed are more typists to simply put text into a Word document and e-mail it to the editors. Can work from home. E-mail at pettidings@olypen.com.

■ **THREAD AND FABRICS** — Regular sewing thread such as Coats & Clark Dual Duty, any color, any size spool, even partially used. 100% cotton fabric in dog and cat patterns only. Contact below.

■ **SEWERS** — the famous “potholder ladies” are looking for another “potholder lady” who would be interested in doing “production” — someone willing to make potholders on their own in between monthly Sewfests. They would not have to commit to it on a permanent basis. If interested, call for more details: **360-461-0348** or **360-457-1605** between 7-9 p.m.

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Dates to remember:

■ **The PFOA Board meets** at Safe Haven from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the **third Wednesday of every month**. The public is welcome to attend. Members who are interested are encouraged to come and observe.

■ **Safe Haven shelter is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** It is closed Sunday and Monday. Please call **360-452-0414** to leave a message if you would like to visit; appointments are required.

■ **The Annual Meeting is set for Wednesday, May 27**, at Lazy Acres Mobile Home Park community center, 111 Dryke Road, Sequim. Social hour is **5:30 p.m.**, snackluck is at **6:30 p.m.**

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