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## Jeffy's Tale

"The Cat That No One Else Wants"

by *Kailyn Davis*

The majority of cats and kittens who enter Safe Haven are eventually adopted into loving forever homes. However, some of our cats face greater challenges and their sojourn here can last many months, even years. Jefferson is one of those special cats and this is his tale.

Jefferson, known affectionately as 'Jeffy' to those who love him at Safe Haven, entered the world sometime in May 2003. Very little is known about his first year. When Jeffy arrived at Safe Haven, he was fearful and wary of humans. He would cringe whenever



a hand was extended. Still, his deep blue eyes and beautiful coloring brought him attention, and he was subsequently adopted the following year.

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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.



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## From the Editor's Desk

**We wish to thank our many readers who have elected to receive Pet Tidings electronically,** via an email link to the website. Not only does this save printing and mailing costs, which benefits the kitties directly, but it is also beneficial to the environment. There are also benefits to you, our readers. Unlike the printed copy of Pet Tidings, which is in black and white, the version published on our website is in full color, beautifully displaying the photographs of the kitties.

Several of our online readers have asked about sending donations, since they had previously been using the contribution envelopes supplied with the paper copies of Pet Tidings. There are a couple of options available. For those of you who use PayPal, there is a link on our website – the DONATE button in the right column. If you prefer to mail a donation, just print the last page of the newsletter, or write a short note, and drop it in an envelope with your check. Your contributions are critical to the functioning of this organization. Because we are a donor-supported, non-profit organization, we depend on your generosity to help us provide proper care and services for the many animals who need help.

Also critical to our organization are our talented volunteers. They provide the necessary office staff and computer skills to allow the business to function. They spend countless hours socializing the cats and kittens at Safe Haven and transporting animals in need of veterinary services.

Due to our changing society we are finding fewer people who are able to volunteer full time, and so we are constantly looking for individuals who can donate their time and skills for a few hours a week. We hope that those of you who can carve out some time on a regular basis will consider becoming a PFOA volunteer. We will appreciate it, but more importantly, the kitties will benefit. And after all, that's what it's all about.

*Marilyn Ash, Editor*

## PFOA's First Executive Director

We are pleased to announce that Danette Grady has accepted a position as PFOA's first Executive Director. She joined our organization on June 2, 2014, after 18 years with *Living Free Animal Sanctuary*, a no-kill shelter in Mountain Center, California, where she performed a variety of functions, most recently the Public Relations Director. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in public relations, fundraising, and creative marketing. Her teambuilding, interpersonal and networking skills will be a significant asset to PFOA. Danette will initially be concentrating her efforts in the areas of fundraising, volunteer recruitment and management, and increasing PFOA's recognition in the community.



## A “different” boy waits for a home to call his own

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Jeffy’s forever home was not to be, as he was surrendered back to PFOA in 2007, because he was “spraying inside the house and biting and scratching for no reason.”

A trip to Hadlock Veterinary Clinic quickly determined that a reason *did* exist: He was acting out at home because he was miserable and in pain with an untreated urinary tract infection (UTI). Many people

remain unaware that behavioral problems are frequently due to underlying medical conditions. The cat is letting you know that something is wrong. We cannot overemphasize the importance of seeing the veterinarian at the first sign of trouble, as well as having annual check-ups.

Feline lower urinary tract disease (FLUTD) is a common syndrome caused by inflammatory conditions such as infection, bladder stones or crystals, tumors, etc. It can also be caused by physical trauma, congenital abnormalities or even environmental stress. Young cats between the ages of 2 and 5 are most at risk. Common symptoms include one or more of the following: frequent and/or ineffective urination; urinating outside the litter box or in odd places; an inability to urinate; bloody urine; crying when urinating; and licking the urinary opening due to pain. This is a serious health crisis that requires prompt attention.

Many cats respond well to early intervention with medication, dietary changes, and/or environmental enrichment (which minimizes stress), coupled with regular vet visits. Other cats are less fortunate, and become obstructed, which is a dire and painful emergency, as the

cat cannot pass urine at all. If left untreated, the cat will die.

Sadly, Jeffy’s condition had become chronic. He underwent several surgeries and will require vigilance and maintenance the remainder of his life, to ensure that he has no further urinary difficulties.

He also suffers from seasonal allergies, which require steroid injections to ease his symptoms of runny eyes, drop in appetite and general crankiness. Jeffy will most likely spend the rest of his life at Safe Haven, where he likes to spend much of his time outdoors in the safety of

the enclosed patio, taking sun baths.

According to Shelter Director Nancy Campbell, “Jefferson is the current longest resident at the shelter. He has had his share of health issues, but has been doing really well for the past couple of years. While he can be a bit grumpy, we love him dearly and treasure him for his tenacity



and courage. He continues to approach his human friends hoping to hear someone say the magic words, ‘Jeffy, today you are going home with me!’”

This beautiful boy deserves to live his life in peace and dignity. It would take a very special home, as Jeffy would need to be an only cat in a calm environment, with an understanding person who accepts his standoffishness. While Jeffy is definitely not a cuddly cat, he does enjoy companionship and conversation. When he is having a good day, he willingly poses for photos, and will playfully swat at the camera, or at a wand toy.

Having learned some hard lessons early on, Jeffy still has trust issues. After all, he has spent his life being “the cat that no one wants”. Fortunately for Jeffy, not only do we respect his space, we love and want him. Thanks to the support of our community, we are able to give him a loving home at Safe Haven. ❖



## Stormy's Story

By *Alicia Demetropolis*

With that silky, blue-gray fur and those soulful eyes, who can resist a Russian Blue? You half expect them to purr with an accent and bat

their eyelashes at you as they pour you another vodka! Well, if you'd ever met Stormy, a Russian Blue who lives up to her name, you'd probably skip the vodka and instead call for a medic.

Stormy arrived at our shelter in December of 2012, at just 18 months old. Right there, on her intake form, are the words, "biting and scratching." Ouch, in more ways than one! As sweet as she was, if Stormy was done being doted on, she'd let you know in no uncertain terms. This could make finding a new home for her a difficult task.

Still, one brave soul decided Stormy's moods could be weathered, and in January of 2013, she was adopted into a new home – and promptly returned. For the next eleven months, would-be suitors, wooed by her gorgeous looks, would enter her room...and leave soon after. Week after week, Stormy waited, wondering, patient. She was by no means a mean kitty; she just wasn't living up to everyone else's expectations of how a Russian Blue should behave. Stormy was very much her own kitty.

In December of 2013, precisely one year after Stormy blew into our world, Heidi Rutherford decided to make the two hour drive to Safe Haven. This would be her first-ever shelter adoption, and Stormy was her one and only choice, even after we explained her history of biting and scratching. Whereas others were put off by Stormy's personality, Heidi loved her immediately, calling her "lively."

It's now July, 2014, and it's safe to say that Stormy has truly found her forever home. "Stormy is an awesome kitty and we love having her in our family!" Heidi says. Stormy is still as feisty as ever, but Heidi "loves that she has an unapologetic attitude about who she is as a kitty. If she doesn't want to be bothered, then don't bother her. If she wants attention, then she will let you know."

I wondered if a kitty with such a strong personality might settle right in and immediately own the home, calling the shots right away. "It took her about a month to settle in," Heidi says, but now Stormy has her routine: "She has claimed a rug in the living room as her favorite spot to nap at night. During the day, she sleeps under one of the dining room chairs. If you try and move the chairs she will bat at your feet until you quit. Those are hers until she has returned them to you. Accept it and move on with your day."

Stormy even has a new pastime: Attacking brightly colored socks. "I don't know what she loves about them," Heidi says, "but if you're wearing them, watch your toes!" She also has a canine visitor, whom she tolerates until he starts to lick her...then she gets upset. "She's not a fan of the dog, much," explains Heidi. ❖

## Mews from the Board



Our most exciting news is that we have our new Executive Director, Danette Grady, on board as of June 2, 2014, and don't know how we ever got along without her! She comes with a background of 18 years spent with an organization

remarkably similar to PFOA, only larger, and fits in perfectly with all of us.

And not only do we have a new ED, but also a new board member, Leon Lopez, who is a long-time volunteer and energetic supporter of PFOA.

Leon was confirmed at the May membership meeting, as were the other board members seeking re-election. The annual meeting was fun this year, just like old times, and we had a gratifying turnout. Hope to see even more of you there next year.

The board's hard work and many hours of time on financial and budgetary matters this year have really paid off, as we are in better shape than usual for this time of year, and still on track with our spending. We've been helped, as always, by the donations and bequests from you, our members and contributors, and have received two especially generous bequests recently.

Kitten season is here, our busiest and "most fun" time. Check us out on our website and Facebook for our latest updates.

*Ann Gilson, President of the Board*

## Meet a Volunteer: Marion Wagner

*By Alicia Demetropolis*

For this issue, we show off our international side with one of our newest volunteers, Marion Wagner.

Marion hails from Germany, where she worked as a career firefighter for over ten years before moving to the States. While she's previously been involved with animal shelters, she's a bit new to PFOA, but already says she appreciates how well PFOA treats their volunteers.

She originally started off fostering adult cats for shelters, and loves to talk about one cat in particular: He arrived in Marion's home very overweight, so she put him on a diet, with the permission of the shelter. The results? "He lost six pounds while he was in my care! When we adopted him out, he was at 20 pounds, still, so his owners have kept him on his diet – and he's continuing to lose weight."

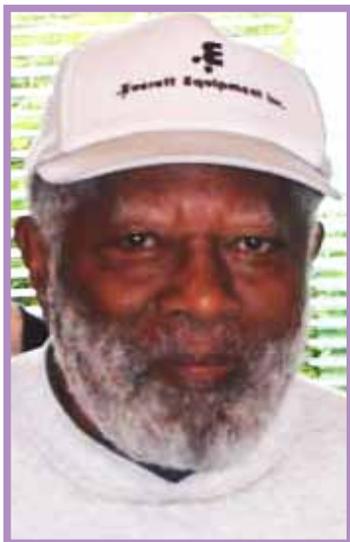
Her newest passion is fostering kittens. "They're so cute," she says, "and it's fun watching them grow up." After handling a few litters of kittens, Marion felt confident enough to try bottle feeding. "I didn't really need any training – it's kind of instinctive. But there's always someone around if I have any questions," she says.

I've worked with Marion for quite a few months over at SARC, and she's a little reserved, with a shy smile, but always quick to laugh and crack a joke. When she talks about TNR, though, the smile fades and she's not so reserved: Her more forceful, serious side comes out. She's begun to get involved with the Ediz Hook programs, saying, "It's bad. There are over 60 cats out there. People just dump them



and the shelters are full. TNR is so important – it helps everyone involved." How does she think we're doing? "Overall, we're doing good with the TNR programs [around the Peninsula]. We're doing much better than California. We're getting better, too."

Marion is a kind of super-woman: She is a volunteer firefighter as well as a volunteer at PFOA and another shelter. Marion also works part time, and seems to be able to do all of this with ease. We're very happy to have this dynamo on our team! ♣



## Welcome Board Member Leon Lopez

Our newest board member, Leon Lopez, was elected during our annual meeting in May. He and his wife, Diane, moved to Sequim in 1988, after Leon retired from a career in broadcast engineering with RCA, and built their geodesic dome home. Leon has been a PFOA volunteer for many years, and has provided a variety of services for the animals. He has assisted with a number of building and repair projects, both at Safe Haven and Barker House, and has provided transport for PFOA animals. Over the years the Lopez' have fostered several litters of kittens in their home. Leon and Diane live in Blyn with their two elderly Maine Coon cats and Leon's many koi.

## Safe Haven ADOPTABLES! *Purrfect Pairs*

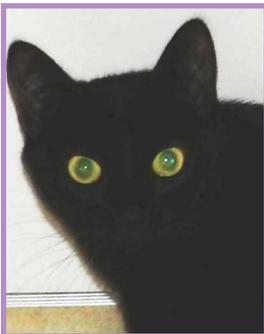
Although most cats arrive at Safe Haven as single, individual cats, we do have a number of PFOA cats who are so dependent upon each other that it would not be in the best interests of the cats to split them up. We therefore make every effort to adopt each set of these bonded cats to a single home. Sometimes this takes longer, but it is definitely worth the extra effort to make sure that the bonded pairs are happy with their new families.

We are pleased to announce that Karen Klein, owner of Twice Loved Books and a longtime supporter of PFOA, will be submitting an article on this subject for the next edition (Fall, 2014) of *Pet Tidings*.



*Louie*

LOUIE is a black shorthair teenager. He and his sister, Lucy, were a little shy when they first arrived at the shelter. Louie is now the more outgoing of the two. He will sit at the glass door watching for visitors, and is always happy to see his friends.



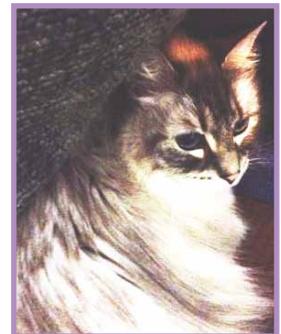
*Lucy*

LUCY is a black shorthair teenager. She is a little timid, and is bonded with her brother, Louie, and will often sit and watch him play or “chat” with visitors before joining the fun. It’s fun to watch the two of them together, and they would love to be adopted together.



*Charlie*

CHARLIE is a charming and handsome Lynx Point Siamese. He is very devoted to his companion cat, Sammie, and acts as her protector. At about 10 years young, he is a very sleek fellow who enjoys being petted and loved.



*Sammie*

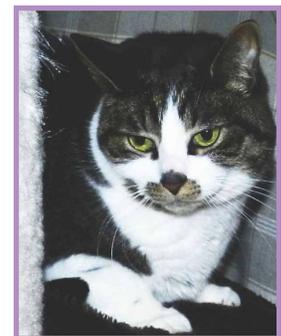
SAMMIE is a very sweet, very shy long-haired Siamese-cross. As you can see, she’s an absolutely gorgeous cat. She is a little timid, and is very dependent on her companion cat, Charlie, who acts as her protector. She is about 9 years young.



*Gato*

GATO and DANIELLE are possibly the most strongly bonded pair of cats we have seen at Safe Haven in a long time. Gato is a very outgoing, affectionate shorthair black and white tuxedo who loves to lie in your lap and be scratched and petted. He has been declawed, but is very playful and active. Jumping and purring are two of his favorite activities.

Gato is Danielle’s self-appointed guardian cat, protector and overall best friend. Danielle, a sweet little brown tabby with adorable head and face markings and thick, bright white bib and paws, is very shy. She doesn’t come out from her perch on the cat tree very often, and if she feels uncomfortable with a situation, Gato immediately senses it and jumps up on the tree with her to comfort and protect her.



*Danielle*

Please call PFOA’s message line at **360-452-0414** to talk about any of these featured pets; 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

## HERE'S TO LONG LIVES FOR OUR DOGS AND CATS

We all know that our pets will not live as long as we do. Many of us who have reached our own senior status have said goodbye to many fine animals during our lives. It never gets easier to lose our pets, so how can we keep them healthy and with our families as long as possible – that is a question we have all asked as our pets near the ends of their lives. Here are some tips for keeping our dogs, cats and other pets with us and healthy for as long as possible.

A central concern for healthy bodies – human or animal – is to eat well. There are many brands on the market for good dog and cat food. I recommend people look over the offerings in supermarkets and pet stores and **READ THE LABELS**. If the first five ingredients are real food and not some “meal”, “by-products” or chemicals with long names, and if it sounds like something you might eat, it is probably of pretty good quality and healthy for your pets. Look at the quantities of protein, fat and carbohydrate, and see how many calories are in the food per volume. The last thing to look at is the price. A more expensive food is generally of better quality than a cheap food. Using all of these criteria together helps you get the best food that you can afford for your pets.

Have a good working relationship with your veterinarian. This means that you should see a veterinarian through the puppy or kitten years for examinations and vaccinations. This gives your pet a good start in life and gives you a place where you are welcome with your questions and concerns. You can buy vaccinations at pet stores, but you might not be getting what you really need for your pet and sometimes these vaccinations can be dangerous for your pet. The time spent with a veterinarian also gives you a relationship with your pet’s professional so that if you need advice or emergency help, you have

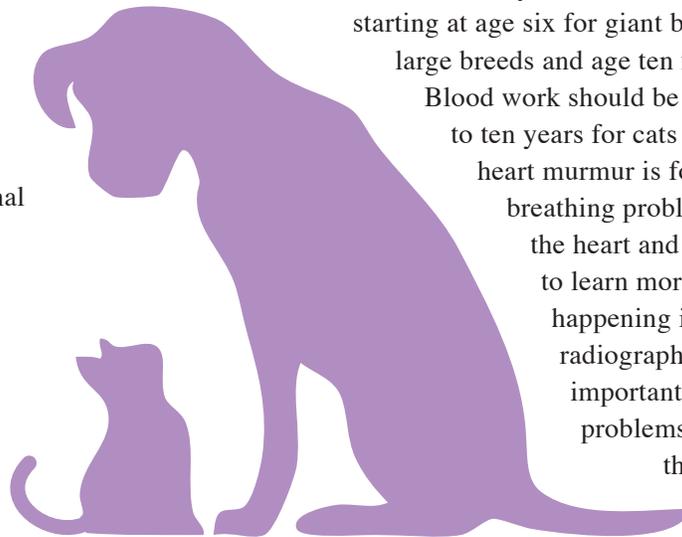
someone who knows you and your pet and can give you real information about your pet instead of general information.

As your pets enter their senior years, I recommend a health examination every six to twelve months, depending on your pet’s health issues. Senior dog blood work and a urinalysis should be done at least annually starting at age six for giant breeds, age eight for large breeds and age ten for smaller breeds.

Blood work should be done initially at nine to ten years for cats in good health. If a heart murmur is found or your pet has breathing problems, radiographs of the heart and lungs should be done to learn more about what might be happening in the chest. Abdominal radiographs and ultrasound are important tests to do if there are problems with the organs in the abdomen – the liver, kidneys, spleen, urinary bladder or adrenal glands.

Dental care and good hygiene are very important to keep your pet healthy. Abscessed or infected teeth or gums are not just a bad breath problem. Dental disease can lead to heart or valve disease and heart failure. Bacteria from the mouth can travel in the blood to kidneys, liver or bladder and cause infections there. I have seen many pets suffer with an infected tooth and not show its guardian signs that he or she is in pain and suffering. I have found many rotten or damaged teeth in pets that never show signs of their problem to their people.

Yes – bad things can happen even to animals that get the most love and the best care, and sometimes they leave us too early. By giving our pets a balanced and healthy diet, good veterinary care and lots of love, we hope to provide them with their best chance at a long and happy life. They still leave us too soon, but hopefully we get to love them and keep them longer with good care. ❀



# “Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



 What wonderful work you do and inspiring stories you write! Because of medical issues I do not visit your facility. I could not care for an animal, and it would be too hard to view these precious kitties and not take one home. Again thank you for all you do. **Connie Rene Smith**



 I just wanted to say that I love my Cat “Shadow” that I adopted from your wonderful organization. You are a great organization! The way you care for your Cats and the environment of affection, peacefulness, and fun you provide for your furry little charges is exemplary and inspirational. Please keep up the awesome work. I hope this additional \$\$ helps you stay running and spreading your wonderful gift of love. Sincerest thanks and well wishes, **Will & Shadow Crossin**



 I am the “retired gentleman” who came into Alester’s life. Or rather he came into mine. I liked the piece on him in the newsletter. He was a great cat, maybe the best of the 7 cats I have had in my adult life (I had one as a child). My family who met Alester during their visit late last year all agreed with that assessment and were very sad at his passing. Thank you for remembering him.

I am now with my 8th cat, Hannah. She has the same coloring as Alester but is half the size and of course a female. After a few introductory problems we have settled in, and I now have a “shadow” who also likes to sleep on my chest. She is helping (?) me write this message; her favorite trick is to stand in front of the computer screen. Cats are good company but sometimes strange. - **Bob Grower**



 Hi everyone. Thanks for all the great work you continue to do. **Tara Demers**



This is just to let all know that Knit & Purrl are now 2 years old. Their birthday was on May 1st. They are such loving sisters. This is one of my favorite pictures of the two enjoying their afternoon nap. Knit is on the left and Purrl is on the right. Every time I show anybody this picture I get the same reaction: “Aww ... how sweet.” That just sums it up; they are so sweet. I’m a proud mother of these 2 fur babies. I show their pictures off just like people show their human kids’ photos. Thanks again from their forever home.

- **Sharel Moody along with Knit =^..^= and Purrl**



Edie is a little sweet pea [she was renamed Sweetpea]. With her new brother Fritz, the two cats are tolerating each other and at this point all is going as expected.

- **Stephanie Noblin**



High praises to PFOA and Sharon Palmer for arranging for low cost spay and neuter for these beautiful babies and mama.

With your help and the existence of “Spay to Save” (thank you to Sue and Kate), these kitties all have homes. My friend, a real estate agent, found this crew of kittens with their mom in a foreclosed home, which hadn’t had power and had been abandoned for 2 months. Somehow, “Catrina” managed to give birth to and feed her babies until they were found – miraculously healthy with their eyes already open, so at least 2 weeks old. My friend brought them home after a call to me, and from there neighbors Rusty and Garl agreed give them a temporary foster home. 10 weeks later, all are adopted after being spayed and neutered. “Thank you” from the bottom of our hearts from Catrina and kittens Josie, Bob, Hiccup, Ray and Fluffy! And also me (I took Josie), Rusty and Garl (kept Bob and Hiccup), and all who agreed to take Catrina, Ray and Fluffy.

What a blessing PFOA is! We’re very fortunate to have you in our area.

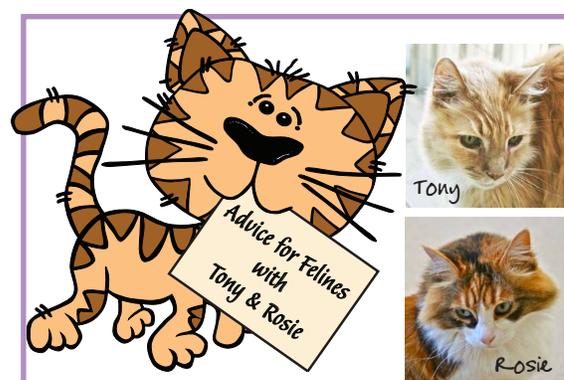
- **Maralyn Hillhouse**

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We just thought we would give you a quick update...Tina and I got married last August and since then we have now almost completed our "catio." We basically built a patio cover on our condo and added fencing to it so our "kids" can go outside and watch the birds and squirrels in the back yard in safety (they don't get to go outside on their own.) It's cat-proof now, so I only need to finish with some trim, and gutters ... and some kitty play stuff, of course. Bogie and Bessie are doing great! Bessie figured out the cat door and went in and out of it repeatedly like it was a game. Bogie is happy to go outside and eat bugs.

- Ken and Tina



 Dear Rosie & Tony,

I happen to have a very unusual problem. My mommy is trying to write a book. The only problem is that she is THE WORST WRITER. I'm not kidding. The writing is tired and trite, the plot is vague, the entire story is dragging on with no ending in sight, and her dialogue is stilted and juvenile. I try to distract her when she's at her computer, and when she prints it off to read, I do my best to mess up the papers and get her attention, but I'm not having any luck. The biggest problem is that when her friends come over, she gives it to them to read and they pretend they love it! I don't want her to be embarrassed, but I don't know what to do - I hope you can help! Thank you so much for your advice column! I love you both!

Love and purrs,

Henrietta (but my friends call me Etta)

**Tony:** Dear Henrietta, I do understand your predicament and your pain. It is hard for us, as felines, to watch our caregivers make mistakes. We know what's best for them, through our infinite wisdom, and a millennia of evolution, and we still are unable, sometimes, to guide them onto the appropriate path. We have to let them make their own mistakes. We have to let them learn the hard way. Then, when they are hurt during the learning process, our role is to be there to comfort them in their grief. This is an important part of your evolution, my dear. Be patient and offer love when the time comes.

**Rosie:** Patience?! It's time for action! Have you tried barfing on the printed pages? Surely you can barf on command like the rest of us, yes?



Thought you would enjoy this picture of Patty Cakes. She is doing well and she and Tigger are still getting along well. Took Tigger to the vet for his checkup and also took Patty Cakes so both of them could have their toenails clipped. She sure doesn't like her toenails clipped but likes it that she doesn't catch them in everything. Amazing how fast they grow back.

They have their moments where one will "pick" on the other but I think that is natural. They love to chase each other around the house, sounds like a herd of elephants.



I've had Berry for two years now and I just love her so much!!! I wish I could adopt all the cats, but Berry was such a perfect match for us.

- Corinne Gaydeski



*By Sasha Sterling*

Losing a pet is heartbreaking, but it can be equally devastating to a cat who loses your loving care and companionship through your death or disability. Cats grieve too, and you want their transition to a new home to be as easy and painless as possible.

But, because it can be uncomfortable to contemplate death, sometimes animals are left without resources when their people die. Cats may end up in a type of shelter where they will most likely be euthanized. Or they might be abandoned to a feral state and not survive long. But steps can be taken to see that none of these, or other tragic scenarios, take place.

Even with a limited budget, it is possible to provide your animal companion with a financial foundation for his or her future well being. First, you'll need to figure your annual costs such as food, vet visits, occasional boarding,

## *When Cats Lose Their People*

### *Part 1: Funding their Future*

medications, toys, furniture, and any incidentals, and then multiply that by your cat's projected life expectancy. If you have already made a will, be certain that it includes your cat. If not, the next step is to seek out an attorney who is well versed in animal law to assist you with a document that spells out how much money will be allotted for your pet and details your wishes for his or her welfare. Since the Yellow Pages and the Internet are glutted with ads for attorneys, it's good to get a recommendation if you can. One drawback of a will, however, is that it may take too long to release the funds to your cat's new companion if things get tied up in probate.

Perhaps a more certain route is to establish a pet trust. Although resources are available online to help you set up a trust on your own, it may be worth the cost of an attorney with expertise in animal law who can lead you through the intricacies of the different types of trusts and help you decide what will work best for your cat's needs and your budget. With a trust, it's easier to access funds as soon as needed than with a will, where complications may arise. Also, if you have an account with an investment firm, your adviser can help you set up a "mini-trust" from which a portion of your assets can be

released immediately to a designated caretaker. For more information on pet trusts, see [www.aspca.org](http://www.aspca.org)

Occasionally, people rely on pet insurance to cover their animal's needs after they're gone – a risky option, since these policies often become void when the animal reaches a certain age

Another possibility is to create a special bank account that can be easily accessed by whomever you've chosen to care for your pet, thus avoiding the formalities involved with wills and trusts, which require that you designate a trustee to oversee disbursement of funds to a named caretaker for your pet or pets. Alternates for both positions must also be in place, and detailed instructions provided for all concerned.

Whatever route you choose to ensure your cat's financial future, it's important to have some kind of legal document to back up your wishes and to give you peace of mind.

Perhaps the most challenging aspect of planning your cat's future without you is finding that trustworthy new human companion who will provide him or her with a loving home. ♣

*Next Time: Finding Your Cat's New Best Friend*

# Look who's been adopted!

See some adoptable pets on Page 6 and online at [www.safehavenpfoa.org](http://www.safehavenpfoa.org)

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Orange



Gemma



Sylvester



Edie



Gordita



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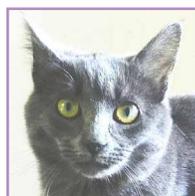
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Scotty



Walton



Douglas



Harlan

## Happy Endings – Charlotte's Story



*By Joyce Pollack*

One day in late March, a little grey bunny suddenly appeared in the PFOA parking lot. After several days, Betsy, one of the PFOA cat caregivers, was able to get her into a large cat carrier. The folks at PFOA know that I have bunnies and asked if I could help out. I took her to my house and called my rabbit-savvy friend, Elaine Miyabarra,

who immediately offered help with a quick inspection to determine that she was a she, as well as providing me with some supplies to ensure that this homeless waif would have suitable housing. I soon had her set up with a nice pen in the garage. Charlotte was clearly used to people, although just a little shy. My husband cut some holes in a cardboard box and put it in her pen to give her a little hidey hole if she got anxious or scared. Soon, however, she was hopping about in her pen, enjoying her pellets, hay, veggies, and daily human companionship.

PFOA graciously sponsored her spay surgery and featured her as one of their "adoptables" on their website. In late May, North Olympic Rabbit Rescue got a call from Chrys Westcott who wanted to adopt a small bunny to keep her lone bun, Baby BooBoo, company. NORR told Chrys about Charlotte, and Chrys thought Charlotte

and BooBoo might make a good match. I took little Charlotte to Chrys' home in Port Angeles for a play date and possible sleepover. The two bunnies met, noses touched and the two bonded right away. Bunnies are social animals and really thrive when they have a bonded companion.

Charlotte got the perfect home, Baby BooBoo got a bunny friend, and Chrys and her husband Will have the pleasure of watching these two play and enjoy life in true bunny style. Will has built Charlotte her very own condo which is across the sofa from Baby BooBoo's, so the two can meet in the middle of the sofa. He has also built the two of them a beautiful outdoor hutch so they can enjoy the sunshine together.

It's a wonderful story, and shows that when everyone pitches in to help out an animal in need, good things happen! ♣

## 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.*

### Honorariums (Person)

- This is a birthday gift for **Tina Lewis**, kitty mom of Bogie and Bessie! From **Kenneth Lewis**.
- In honor of **Tina Lewis**. From **Janet Reichl**.

### Honorarium (Pet)

- In celebration of **Gus** and **Mr. Perkins**, both adopted by good friends into their loving forever homes. From **Connie Rene Smith**.
- In honor of my pet, **Christmas**. From **Linda Campbell**.
- In honor of our 4th birthday; we are loved and cared for every day, let our gift help others to be loved and cared for, too! From **Wolfgang** (Wolfie) & **Leopold** (Leo) (& **Marilyn & Wayne Eveland**).
- This is to celebrate our one-year anniversary with **Reggie & Tux** (aka Kenny & Bennie). What a joy these boys have brought to our life. From **Dianne & Dan Whitaker**.
- In honor of **Lucy**, my sweet "old lady" calico cat. From **Pat Perry Nix**.
- In honor of **Max** (aka Julius), adopted from PFOA earlier this year. From **Teri Hansen**.
- In honor of my **Little Bit**. From **Wally Kohl**.
- In honor of **Trudy**. From **Virginia Johnson**.
- In honor of **Nellie**. From **Judie Sharpe**.

### In Memory of Special People

- In memory of **Willard Myer & Kenton Myer**, who both LOVED cats. From **Syd Bergeson**.
- In memory of **Dr. W. M. Danley**, who loved and introduced me to many types of animals. From **Michael Danley**.
- In memory of **Penny Johnson**. From **Gary & Leona Huff**.
- In memory of **Helen Holtzheimer**. From **Karen Sisk**.
- In memory of **Candy Olmer**, a true friend forever. From **Pam & Ted Bedford**.
- In memory of **Helen Hall**. From **Pam Winney**.
- In memory of **Judie**. From **Shelley Morgan**.
- In memory of **Gary Del Mastro's brother**. From **Martin & Judith Hatch**.
- In loving memory of **Joe Lucus**. From **Leon & Diane Lopez**.

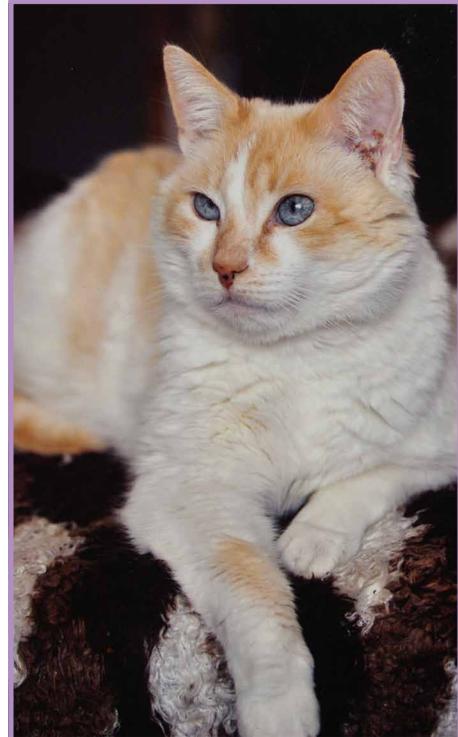
### In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In loving memory of **Harry**, the last of "the three white boys" rescued so many years ago from a collapsed building, and lovingly care for ever since by Dallas & Nancy Campbell. He and his brothers will always be remembered by those who knew them. From **Ann Gilson**.
- In memory of **Katzo**. From **Lance van Merlin**.

- In memory of **Bogie**, Sally Bird's cat, the last of her litter of three boys – Gabee, Cooper and Bogie. From **Jacquelyn Witte**.
- In loving memory of **Maxie Grubb**, beloved companion of Linda & Rod Grubb. From **Susan Tonini**.
- In memory of **Cookie**, a very special Corgie who liked cats! She and her person would walk the streets of Solmar, greeting friends, picking up trash, and generally making life better. She will be missed by all her friends and neighbors. From **Norma Herbold**.
- To remember **Socks**, loved and cared for by Theresa and Lloyd Shugart for more than 19 years. He shared their life on land and on sea and will always be sadly missed. From **Ann Gilson**.
- In memory of **Sasha**, my sweetpea. From **Pamela Mirrer**.
- In memory of **Bogie**, a great cat. From **Sarah Bird**.
- In memory of **Bud** and **Molly**. From **Shelley Morgan**.
- In memory of our sweet **Lady**. From **Fred & Flora Westfall**.
- In memory of my **Tippy**. From **Bruce Johnson**.
- In memory of our Maine Coon, **Kona**. From **Gary & Wendy Taibbi**.
- In memory of sweet dog **Auzzie**, friend and companion of Ed & Mary Crumley. From **Judy Price**.
- In memory of **Sunny Boy**, adopted from PFOA. He was a wonderful cat, and we miss him tremendously. He was mischievous, fun, and a fantastic mouser. From **Sheila Kee & Stu Hemstreet**.
- In memory of my beloved **Phoebe**, who shared her life and love with me for seventeen years, and has now gone on to our eternal home. From **Ann Gilson**.
- In memory of Kimmie Pruitt's sweet dog **Piggy**. From **Susan & Chuck Skaggs**.
- In memory of **Cappie Cat**. From **Margaret Apple-Jones**.
- In loving memory of my precious sweet **Ginger** kitty, now cavorting past the veil with Peony, ever in my heart. From **Susan Kreml**.
- In memory of Sharon Palmer's wonderful little poodle **Peaches**. From **Susan & Chuck Skaggs**.
- In memory of Dave & Connie Holtz's **Merlin**. From **Irene Wyman**.
- In memory of Marian Olivares' dog **Sparky**. From **Jacquelyn Faucette**.
- In memory of my **Boots**. From **Don Gerber**.
- In loving memory of **Max Grubb**, beloved dog of Linda & Rod Grubb. From **Susan Tonini**.
- In memory of Faye Hayden's **Sassy**. From **Marie McCooey**.
- In memory of our **Charliedog**. From **Robert & Kathleen Ninneman**.
- In memory of my **Cocoa**. From **Christine Spirz**.
- In memory of my **Ya Chai**. From **Janet Pearson**.
- In memory of my **Bubbles**. From **Catherine Harper**.
- In memory of my kitty **Brandie**. From **Claudia Davis**.
- In memory of Vannia Evans' & Denise Templeton's **Spooky**. From **Judith Palumbo-Gates**.
- In memory of **all our cats** over the years – past, present and future. From **Jeannine & Tom Harrington**.
- In memory of **Holly by Golly**, our beloved cat. From **Jean Collinson**.

## Memorials and Honorariums

- In memory of **Alley**, Claudine Rand's beloved cat of nine years, who passed away April 2, 2014. From **Sharon Rand**.
- In memory of **Buster**, a special and very handsome cat, who for almost 17 years brought much happiness to his owners Cindy Weston & Kelly Olson. From **Joy Maxion**.
- In memory of **Toby**, sweet little canine companion of Bob & Dee Darst. From **Gary Del Mastro**.
- In memory of our sweet **Munchkin**, a great little Pom who shared 10 years of her life with us. We miss you, girl. From **Susan, Chuck & Penny Skaggs**.
- In memory of Nancy & Dallas Campbell's **Harry**, the last of their white kitties. From **Susan & Chuck Skaggs**.
- In memory of **Auggie** and **K.C.** From **Connie Rene Smith**.
- In loving memory of **Luna**, Dee Bohonis' wonderful Rottweiler. He left this world far too soon but spread happiness and joy to everyone who knew him. From **Michael Moss & Betty Gordon**.
- In memory of Jan & Andy Meyers' beloved **Simon**, bottle fed as a baby and raised as a family member. From **Gary Del Mastro**.
- In memory of **Ginger** and **Gremlin**, beloved companions of Susan Kreml and Jasmine. From **Leon and Diane Lopez**.



## In Memory of Jeffy

As this edition was going to press, Jeffy became very ill. We rushed him to the veterinarian, and after several tests and procedures, he was diagnosed with an enlarged heart. We brought him back to Safe Haven, the only home he had known for most of the 11 years of his short life. It was our hope that he would continue to do well on his new medications and have more good years with us. This was not to be. Regretfully, our Jefferson passed over the Rainbow Bridge on the afternoon of July 12. He was in the home he loved, surrounded by people who loved him. He will be greatly missed by PFOA staff and volunteers who cared for him all of his life.

## Remembering Helen Hall

She was a tiny little woman who always had a scarf tied under her chin and wore an old wool coat and a pair of black rubber boots--summer, winter and fall. A cross between your grandmother and a diminutive lumberjack, Helen Hall was a strong and independent woman! Having divorced one husband and buried another and her only child, she had lived a hard life in the woods cutting shakes and running a junk yard. She belonged to PFOA, and since I resided in PA where she also lived, I was recruited to drive her to our monthly membership meetings.

I grew to have great fondness and admiration for Helen over those years of shared trips. She loved to dance and she loved to go for drives. She loved chocolate and the KONP trivia contests, and she loved her tiny old home. But most of all she loved animals. Every few months, Helen would hand one of the Board members a few rolled up bills with the instructions to spend this for the animals and to keep it quiet. We were amazed by the magnitude of the gifts--sometimes two or three hundred dollars. Helen lived an incredibly frugal life, and each of these donations represented a huge percentage of her income. The rest of her discretionary funds went to buy food for the many strays she fed that lived on her property and the neighbor's cats, as well.

Helen died on April 22nd, and she left her small estate to PFOA. We are honored by the trust she placed in our organization and humbled by her generosity. We are so blessed to have known this little lady with the big heart. The world has lost a true "friend of animals."

- Nancy Campbell, Friend of Helen Hall

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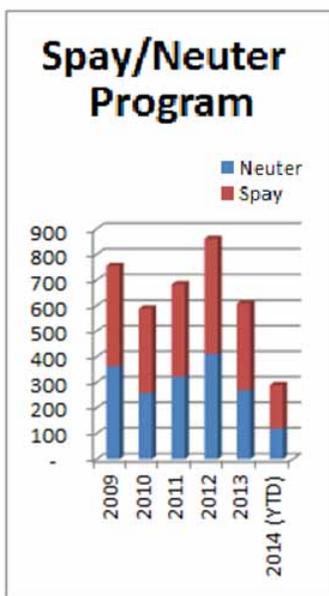
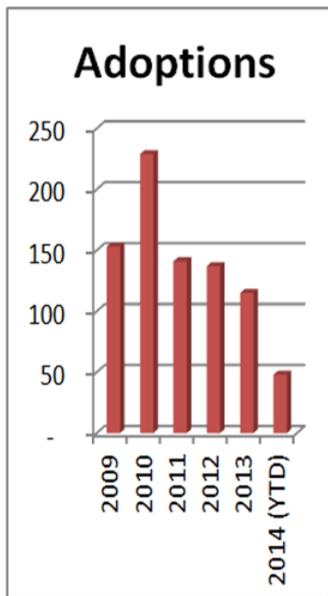


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■ **Safe Haven shelter** is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12 to 4, closed Sunday and Monday. Call **360-452-0414** to leave a message; appointments required.

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