

# Pet Tidings



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## From Safeway to Safe Haven and Points West

by Ann Gilson

**O**range sat huddled in her carrier, that summer day, a number of years ago, when the home and family she'd always known dropped out of her life, and everything changed.

She had been their much-loved companion since she was a kitten, and her only previous outings in the carrier had been yearly trips to the vet. But now she sat on the sidewalk outside Safeway, surrounded



by hurrying feet, in front of her red-eyed grieving owners who were desperately trying to find a *new* home for her. They had to move to Hawaii and could not take her. No friends or family members could or would take her, either. Her owners were afraid to take her to a shelter where, in spite of being so pretty and sweet, she might be euthanized. Orange only knew that something was wrong, and she was afraid.

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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

### It's funny how quickly life comes full circle in a small town.

Just two years ago, I was contemplating living full time in Sequim. Other than my husband, I didn't know a soul, didn't know my way around, and desperately needed to find something to connect me to this place.

My husband walked me in to Twice Loved Books to meet this amazing woman whom he called "one of the best people on Earth", and that's when everything changed. I picked up a copy of *Pet Tidings*, and before I could ask if I could have it, the owner, Karen Klein, was saying, "Take a copy!" Who was this warm and beautiful woman, surrounded by 20,000 books, with dozens of flyers for homeless kitties at Safe Haven and a sign on her door about the too-smart cat outside?

Flash forward to today, and suddenly I'm the co-editor of *Pet Tidings*, I'm sparring partners with Linda Allen, DVM, the martial arts expert and veterinarian who helped us during PFOA's early days, and Karen Klein is saving bottle caps with our dog's name on them.

Yes, life quickly comes full circle in a small town. Remembering this is also a reminder of the extra challenge we face as a small, non-profit in a small town: We don't have a well-known, national name behind us, and we have to work harder for every dollar. We choose not to change our mission to save money; we choose to remain *no-kill and cageless*.

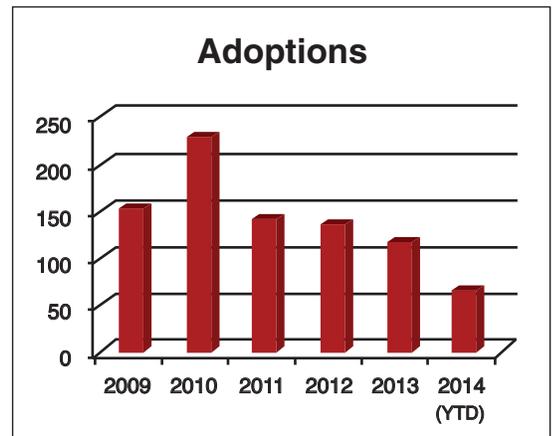
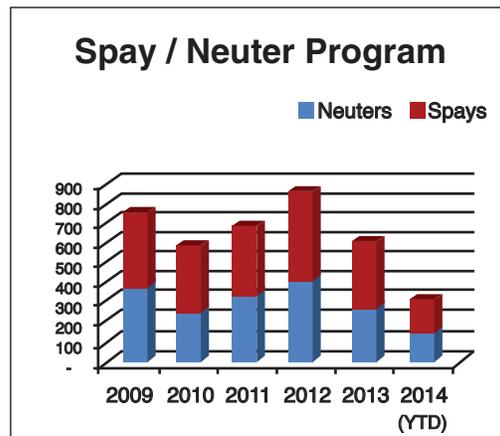
These choices are easy to make, but difficult to maintain year after year when you are a fully donor-supported, non-profit organization in a small community. But we do it with the help of our small town heroes – all of you – and we will keep doing it for as long as there is a need.

If you are reading a hard copy of this newsletter, please share it with others! It's a special issue, full of good news about the kitties to whom we remain so devoted.

As always, thank you for being our heroes, and heroes to our kitties!

*Alicia Demetropolis, Co-Editor*

## Keep up-to-date with PFOA!



The charts above display our progress with our Spay/Neuter Program and Adoptions. They show the yearly Spay/Neuter and Adoption numbers for the past 5+ years.

## Plus one cat; minus one milk

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Helen Hille wasn't looking for a cat – she had one – when she headed into Safeway for milk that day. But the sight of the woeful trio caught her attention and she stopped “just for a minute.” Helen, a founding member of PFOA and a faithful volunteer and lover of cats, was visiting relatives out of town. She left the local Safeway a few minutes later, with Orange in her carrier, and minus the milk she had stopped for. Later, Helen made the journey, with Orange napping beside her, back to her home in Port Angeles.

Lexi, Helen's old cat, was not thrilled with the newcomer, and did not welcome her. The two co-existed, but never really got along, and after a year or so became downright hostile. Neither cat was happy with the situation, nor was Helen. So she asked our Shelter Director, Nancy Campbell, to help her find a more suitable home for Orange.

Nancy was able to find a very good home without a resident cat, and Orange spent two happy years before *that* owner had to move to a place that didn't allow pets. Then Orange came to Safe Haven.

By this time she was 14 years old and weighed 15 pounds, and though she was still sweet and beautiful, she was no longer very adoptable because of her age.

Orange must have been born under a lucky star, though, because late this summer an older Port Angeles man of 85, still active, hale and hearty, came to Safe Haven looking for



“a cat he'd outlive” and he and Orange fell in love at first sight. He says she is “the prettiest, smartest, and nicest cat in the whole world”, and if she spoke English, she'd say he was the smartest, nicest and handsomest fellow she'd ever met. He expects to outlive her, but if he doesn't, he knows that Safe Haven will be a true safe haven for her again.

So far we've been able to help all the former “Safe Haven Cats” who have found themselves in such dire straits, and we hope to be able to continue to do so. With your help, and that of PFOA's other generous friends, we'll remain a beacon of hope and safety for the hundreds of cats we've rescued and rehomed during the past 10 years, and many, many more in the years to come. ♣

## Mews from the Board



At the May, 2013 annual meeting, our membership approved an addition to the bylaws of a new Sanctuary Program. As a “no-kill” organization, we inevitably find ourselves with animals in our care who may spend their entire lives with us. This program also gives us the option of providing temporary or permanent sanctuary for pets of persons who have made advance arrangements with us.

At present, the animals in the Sanctuary Program are long-term residents of PFOA who have not found their ‘forever home’. They may have medical or physical issues which make adoption too costly for most prospective

parents, or there may be attitude or behavioral issues that result in the pet being “adoption challenged.”

As outlined in our recent fundraising letter, the expenses mount up, particularly for those who have been in our care for years. For a long time PFOA has been fortunate to have generous sponsors for these animals to help defray their costs. More information about the sponsored animals can be found on our website, at <http://safehavenpfoa.org/bios-2/>.

We are grateful to the kind people who provide monthly or annual support. The money is pooled to provide for all of the animals who need sponsorship. Donations to support the sponsored animals may be made by checking the “Sanctuary Program” category on the reply envelopes, or designating the program on your check.

*Ann Gilson, President of the Board*

# The Memorial Wall – Grown from the Garden

By Marilyn Ash

With the purchase of the property that is now Safe Haven, the PFOA Strategic Plan was amended to include the idea of a Memorial Garden. The garden was to be a place where people could memorialize their companion

animals. The ashes of beloved companion animals could be scattered – at no charge – and their human family would have the opportunity of purchasing a memorial stone or plaque.

A committee was formed in 2010. The garden was planned to be built close to the pond at Safe Haven – the most beautiful and serene area on the property. A survey by a local landscaping company brought the bad news: the area is quite boggy and would require a drainage field to be installed. For safety reasons, the pond might have to be fenced. ADA parking and accessibility would also be required. Maintaining the garden would require additional staff or volunteers. The cost of just the drainage field and access was estimated at \$6,000; the total cost was estimated at much more.

The committee quickly redefined itself into a fundraising committee. Funds from the sale of pet sympathy cards, created by volunteer Ellen Morrison, were targeted for the Memorial Garden Fund. Funds from Charitable Art and other donations were also allocated to the fund. The fund grew ... slowly.



In the end, the difficulties of this project far exceeded the benefits. The Board of Directors reluctantly considered removing the Memorial Garden from the Strategic Plan. The Directors still wanted to provide a place

where pets could be permanently memorialized, but this project just wasn't working. And that's when the idea of a Memorial Wall was born.

Many of us believe that our beloved pets cross the Rainbow Bridge and wait for us on the other side. The Rainbow Bridge mural is the heart of the Memorial Wall. Created by artist Marian Morris as a gift to PFOA, the mural is mounted on the outside of Safe Haven near the main entrance. It depicts many animals playing on the sunny slopes at the end of the rainbow.

Memorial tiles commemorating a beloved pet are available for purchase. Order forms are available on the website at <http://safehavenpfoa.org/memorial-wall/>. You may also call PFOA to have an order form mailed to you. The proceeds from the sale of these tiles are a donation for the care and support of PFOA's four-footed residents. The tiles form the frame of the mural, and are set in place by the donor or by PFOA staff. The eloquent verses of the Rainbow Bridge poem are inscribed on a wooden plaque hanging next to the mural.

We hope you will stop by to view the Memorial Wall. It's a wonderful place to visit and honor the animals who wait for us. ❀

## Meet A Kitty Advocate: Karen Klein

*By Alicia Demetropolis*

Long before PFOA had a shelter named Safe Haven, we had volunteers, supporters and advocates with big hearts, big dreams, and a big mission. During this time, about 17 years ago, Karen Klein decided to give up her career in Mergers & Acquisitions and move to this small town named Sequim, with which she'd fallen in love during the 70s. Coming from a family of readers, and being a lifelong lover of books, she thought, "Why not open a bookstore?" – and so Twice Loved Books was born.

It wasn't long before she began to hear rumors about a new kind of shelter that was going to be established – a no-kill, cageless, fully community-supported shelter. Being the animal lover that she was, she took notice: Several of her regular customers at her book store were involved, and her friend, Linda Allen, DVM, provided veterinary care in those early days.

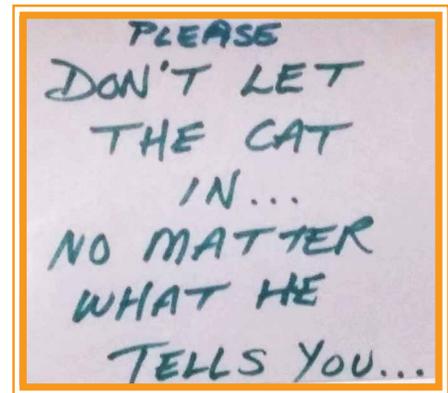
Karen began to put up flyers in her store. She doesn't take the flyers down; instead, she proudly writes "ADOPTED!" across the photos on each one, taping the new flyer on top of the old, so that now piles and piles of flyers have built up on her walls, a tribute to her belief in what we do. Through the years, she's adopted numerous kitties from Safe Haven, and served as an evangelist for our cause in the community. Anyone who enters her book store notices the dozens of flyers standing out amongst her 20,000 books.

A strong believer in trap, neuter, return (TNR), Karen's own TNR

kitty hangs around outside and greets customers as they come and go. She's named him "LG" for Little Guy, and says since she trapped him, had him neutered, and brought him home, he's become her best friend – more proof that spay/neutering reduces stress on animals, since he previously hissed and spit at her. The sign on her front door says it all about just how smart this kitty is, and just how much she loves and respects animals as sentient beings.

It's the story of Maxx, though, that brings out the beauty in this woman's soul: He had repeatedly shown up at her doorstep, begging for food and shelter. At one point, Karen simply told him that he couldn't be hanging around her front door during business hours. He needed to let people in and out and she invited him to come back at 5:00 pm. When she went to the door to close up, there was Maxx, taking Karen up on her invitation. Karen says, "Well, I opened the door and told him that I couldn't just feed him there at the front door, and if he wanted food he'd have to come around to the back door." She closed the front door and walked to the rear door ... only to open it and find Maxx waiting, as ordered. At that moment, Karen realized Maxx was meant to be hers.

I asked her why she felt it's important to pay attention to homeless animals. Her first reaction was to say, "Shame on people for not taking care of them. They have as much right to be here as we do." Karen added that she doesn't want to sound like she's preaching but it



breaks her heart to think that others consider animals as lesser beings: "We are all here to learn lessons and that includes learning from the animals. They can teach us great lessons. We just need to listen." ❖

## Safe Haven ADOPTABLES!

# SMITTEN BY KITTENS

Kittens, kittens, kittens ... what's not to love about a cuddly, playful, energetic, loving kitten. They are trusting, affectionate, and a barrel of fun! Our kittens are well-socialized by our wonderful volunteers and staff, and that's very important. Socialization brings out the best traits and encourages each kitten to develop those habits which will allow it to develop into a well-mannered, loving cat. We are featuring five of our wonderful kittens from two different litters, and hope that you enjoy the pictures and stories.



*Louie*

LOUIE is a very active black short-hair kitten with a white blaze on his chest and big, round eyes. He loves to play, and is fond of his sister, Lucy. He generally takes the lead on new activities, with Lucy watching him to make sure it's OK for her to play also. He is quite a character, and a bundle of laughs.

LUCY is an adorable, somewhat shy black short-hair older kitten who came to the shelter with her brother, Louie. Lucy will sit and watch what Louie does, and when she feels safe, she will emulate her brother. The two of them are fun to watch!

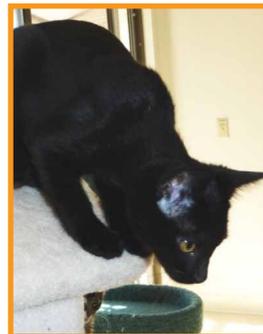


*Lucy*

MIKA is an adorable little tortie-tabby with an apricot blaze on her forehead. She is sweet, loving and very playful. She was born in May, and arrived at Safe Haven with a group of five other kittens—two litters of three each. Lucky girl—she ended up with five brothers and sisters, and only started out with two! She is affectionate, and loves to be petted and held.



*Mika*



*Tailspin*

TAILSPIN is a sweet little black shorthair male with a very curly tail – thus the name Tailspin. He was named by his foster dad, an aerobatic flyer, for a flying maneuver. Guess the kitten's tail reminded him of what the plane looks like during the stunt. He is now residing at Safe Haven with his siblings, Rainbow and Oliver.



*Oliver*

OLIVER is also a sweet little black shorthair male. He is from the same litter of three kittens as Rainbow and Tailspin, found in a storage cupboard at a local business. After being bottle fed by their foster mom for a period of time, the three kittens arrived at Safe Haven in late June and joined the other kittens in our kitten room.



**Tailspin, Oliver and Rainbow in the "cat plane" made especially for them by their foster dad.**

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)



## *Take Two ... They're Little*

### Part 1 – The Kittens

*By Karen Klein*

You've decided you want a kitten in the house.

You've been looking at all the kittens in ads and on commercials. You fondly remember all the fun a new kitten can be. You've checked online on Petfinder.com and through the PFOA website. All those adorable kitten faces seem to be smiling back at you.

You've called PFOA and made an appointment to visit the kitten rooms so you can bring a new kitten home. You are confident that you have everything in the house kitten-proofed, have even gotten down on the floors to see it all from a kitten's perspective to make certain nothing hazardous is lurking in the new kitten's way. You are ready to take that next step.

On the appointed day at the appointed hour, you drive out to Safe Haven. You are now being escorted by a Shelter Manager into the Kitten Zone. There they are – romping around the room, scurrying up the kitten trees, all the better to see you, too. There, on the first tier of the kitten tree, is the kitten of your dreams – the little adorable whiskered, furry face looking at

you, upside-down. Ahhhhh....you've fallen in love, smitten by this kitten.

You sit down and the whole litter slowly starts to check you out, to explore this new human in their midst. Tentatively, they approach, retreat, approach. First, the bolder ones make their move with the shyer ones holding back. They are assessing you as much as you are them. All the time, you are watching your dream kitten, trying to coax her over. Finally, she scoots over to join the exploration of you.

The PFOA shelter manager tells you their sketchy life story while watching the proceedings. She makes the comment, "They are all really bonded."

You can see the camaraderie and playfulness of the whole group, tussling and rough-housing through the room, batting each other yet licking each other, too. You know for certain which kitten you want, the one that spotted you at the same time you spotted her. You know you will be an excellent cat parent.

But wait – are you ready to become the sole entertainment and playmate to a 10-week-old kitten? Are you ready to play at the drop of a feather? Are you ready to stay up all night when that little ball of fur is crying for her littermates and her

familiar surroundings? Because not only will you be expected to feed, love, nurture, and clean the litter box, she will expect you to be with her 24/7. Look at anyone who has adopted an only kitten and see the scratches on arms and hands, the sleepless look in their eyes, listen to the stories they tell.

Yes, there is a better way! Didn't the shelter manager mention something about "bonded"?

"Your" kitten is romping with a sibling and they look to be having the time of their young lives, chasing and hiding and pouncing on other unsuspecting kittens. Ask anyone who has adopted a pair, especially littermates, and they will tell you about how well and quickly the two adjusted to their new home and new routines. They will regale you with stories about how they entertain each other and play so hard yet curl up with each other when playtime is done.

Practically, kitten care for two is not that much different than with one. Yes, food bills and litter bills are a bit higher. Trips to the vet with two kittens in a carrier may cost a bit more as well. But in the end, you will know the joy that you have two well-adjusted cats who are companions for life. ♣



# “Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”

**🐾** The PFOA newsletter is so welcome. **Kathryn Fridley**  
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**🐾** I moved to S.W. Texas in March for warmer weather. But dearly miss the Peninsula and my two cats, Six Toes and Spotty Boy. I took Six Toes to the Humane Society in P.A. and a neighbor looked after Spotty Boy. The day I left Spotty Boy was on the front porch in early morning and seemed to be saying, “What are you doing giving up all your furniture and me?” I am a retired senior and alone and I’m not allowed to have animals in this apartment. I’m not sure I can stand that for too long. Here is a small gift. You do wonderful work.  
Missing cats, **Richard Rash**  
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**🐾** Our donation we send is for you to use where it is most needed. Thank you for the work you do and the newsletter you send. We share the newsletter with others. My feline friend, a female, was born 9-1-2012 and adopted November of 2012 from OPHS in Port Angeles. Have a nice day,  
**Michael Snyder**  
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**🐾** Dear **Deano**, I am sorry to hear you have had to deal with all this. I hope you are healing and getting up and around better every day. Here is a little help to pay your doctors. I have my own doctor bills right now so know how it is. Much love and lots of hugs to you, **Shaddi, Graci and Gail Mac Neill**



Just thought I would send a note to you with this picture. This is Piper (AKA Anya). Piper continues to do well and is continuing to adjust. She has decided that sleeping with the Dog is OK. Dog isn’t quite as sure, as that is her “Are you kidding me” look. Have to admit this is the first cat we have ever had that cuddles with the dog. - **Steve Johnson**



Hi everyone over there at PFOA,  
We know that we’re a little late with this thank-you but we’ve been so busy learning every nook and cranny of our new home that we almost forgot to write and thank you for rescuing us. AND, what a home you found for us...we’re loving it here. We have the run of two stories, tons of toys, and pretty

cool people to take care of us. There is one BIG cat who lives here too. She sure isn’t very friendly, but we’re working on her (or ignoring her when she’s especially unfriendly.) We’re betting we can bring her around.

You called me “Elsie” but I’ve renamed myself “Sydney”... just more fun than sounding like a cow. And my sister, “Lacey”, is now “Gracie”. It just rolled better off my tongue (no pun intended.) We’ve learned all kinds of things: untying shoes; shredding those big papers our people bring out every day; finding spaces in between cabinets that we could crawl into; climbing screens; and “watching” other screens. All in all, it’s a great life here.

Our people mom calls us colts...what are colts? Apparently it has something to do with our legs and bodies. She can call us anything she wants as long as she keeps providing that great food and a clean litter box!

So anyway, thanks again.  
Purrrrrr, from **Sydney and Gracie**



Just wanted to drop you all a quick picture of Russell – as you can see, he’s settled in nicely! [He was originally Homer, and renamed Russell after Russell Wilson.]

**Chelsea Ramsey**

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



I'm sending some photos I've taken of Sitka this week. She is so happy and relaxed, and I'm head over heels for her. It took her all of five minutes to jump out of her carrier after we got home to explore, and she's been following me around ever since.



Every day when I get home from work she runs to the door and chirps at me, and every night she sleeps in bed curled up against my side. She even loves when I have friends over! Much to my surprise, she is very sociable (more people = more head

scratches). My apartment is on the third floor, and one of her favorite spots to sit is on the windowsill pressing her face against the screen to menace the passing pigeons. She is just such a sweetheart.

I honestly couldn't have asked for a more perfect companion – thanks so much for taking care of her and letting me bring her home!

- **Nicola**

Hi There Everybody,

My name is Mr. Mittens! You probably remember me as “Eldon” before I was adopted by the Schreiner Family. I'm writing to let you know that the adoption has worked out very well. Of course, it took me a month or so to get things squared away around here; but, I've taken charge now and I rule this household with an iron paw! After all, we cats must always show our basic individuality.

Life is calm, quiet and peaceful here, just ideal for serious napping. I have a wonderful selection of easy chairs, soft beds, window sills, and other comfortable places for a good nap. Speaking of naps, I think it is time. So, say hello to my old buddies and tell them to have patience. Their time will come.

Meow, **Mr. Mittens**



I'm dropping you a note to let you know that we love Adam and Davey so very much. We renamed them Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn (as we are homeschooler geeks who love books). They have fit in just fine with our five-year-old female cat named Tiger and our newly adopted male cat named Pippin. Pippin appears to have a bit of Savannah in his background, so even though he is around 18 months old, he still acts like a kitten. Between Pippin and the kittens, most everything has been knocked off the shelves by now...but, I needed to dust those shelves anyhow.



Here are some pictures. Thomas likes to sleep on the chair next to my 10-year-old while he does his schoolwork. Well, he sleeps for a while, but Thomas loves pencils. So, he will eventually come up on top of the table to “help.” Huckleberry is very mellow (my favorite of all our cats) and will laze about all over the house. He has become my lap cat. When the two aren't sleeping, they are usually playing with Pippin. It's interesting, the kittens are a lot better at laser play than Pippin (who was in a kennel at Petco so didn't have the opportunity to interact with people like the kittens). Tom is certainly the most agile and amazes everyone with his laser-tracking skills. Huckleberry cries the most pitiful sad song when we put the laser away. They also have scratchers and toys all over the house (as well as a multitude of litterboxes both upstairs and downstairs). With the extra

cats, I bought two Litter Genies and am pretty happy with them. I also found that Amazon has a good price on the Fancy Feast through their Subscribe and Save program. Thanks for letting me know that the canned food is now considered the best choice. Pippin obviously was fed canned at PAWS. He can hear the sound of the tab being pulled on the can from a dead sleep on the other side of the house and will rush into the kitchen and up on the counter so fast that everything goes flying. (We've learned to prepare for that!)

We have lots of windows with nice views of the farm and orchard, as well as two fishtanks. So, Tom and Huckleberry have lots of “kitty TV.” The cats all get along. They eat together and sleep close to one another. I expect that once it starts getting cold, they'll actually snuggle up to each other. Oh, and they get along just fine with our house dog, a mellow Llasa Apso.

Thank you so very much for letting Adam and Davey join our family...the best birthday present ever!

- **Melinda Weer**



*By Sasha Sterling*

Now that you've secured the funds for your cat's ongoing care, it's time to choose your cat's new companion and caretaker. You're way ahead if you already have a family member or friend who loves your pet and is willing to take over when you're gone. Of course, it's equally important that the cat likes and trusts that person, who must be someone you're certain will be a loving and responsible caretaker. If you don't have anyone like that in your life, it may be time to cultivate some new friends.

An excellent way to meet other cat lovers is to volunteer at a no-kill shelter such as Safe Haven. Many who have done so have made lifelong friends. Shelter volunteers know how to approach cats and make them feel at ease. It's possible that you could find your pet's new companion this way.

Another way to meet like-minded people is to attend cat

## *When Cats Lose Their People*

### *Part 2: Finding Your Cat's New Best Friend*

shows. Although these events are intended primarily for breeders to show off the best of their pedigreed animals, they are open to the public, and often include a division for non-pedigreed cats. You'll find a wealth of cat-related information as well as make acquaintances who may help you find a potential caretaker. Although we at PFOA feel that the breeding and marketing of pedigreed cats reduces the adoption possibilities for shelter cats, you will not be pressured at a cat show to purchase a pedigreed animal. In general, breeders are a friendly and informative lot, and the atmosphere of a show vibrates with the love of cats.

Other avenues to investigate include veterinarians, pet sitters, pet boarding facilities, animal welfare organizations, and your social network – any or all of which may be sources of referrals. Some branches of the Humane Society and other similar groups offer lifetime pet care programs which include foster care and a search for a permanent loving home. Some of these operate within a limited geographical area, while others, such as [bide-a-wee.org](http://bide-a-wee.org), have national outreach. Costs vary from a few thousand dollars to the high five figures. Inquire through ASPCA and the national branch of the Humane Society for a list of possibilities

which you can then investigate more thoroughly. You'll want to be certain your cat won't spend the rest of her (or his) life in a cage.

Naturally, the further afield the search for your pet's new home, the more thorough you'll need to be in describing her personality and requirements. A careful study of your relationship with your cat will help you make a comprehensive list that can be inserted into your legal documents. A guide to making your list may be found on our website at <http://safehavenpfoa.org/lifetime-care/>.

After your documents have been prepared to your satisfaction, it will still be necessary to review them from time to time in case changes need to be made. For example, a new caretaker may need to be named in case your original choice is no longer available.

No one can truly replace you in your cat's life. Your scent, your voice, your gentle touch, the way you move are her home and security against the uncertainties of the outside world. However, if you've made the effort on behalf of your pet to ensure that food, shelter and love will continue without interruption, you can rest easy, knowing that you've done your best for your special feline friend. ♣

# Look who's been adopted!

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



Gus Gus



Hannah



Sitka



Lacey



Alex



Junior



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Sheba



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Piper



## Birthday Donation

Maddie McKeown decided that instead of birthday presents this year, she would ask people for donations for PFOA. She contacted the shelter to find out what items were needed the most. Her birthday party was August 10 and she ended up getting lots of donations. She was very excited that she was able to generate so many donations for the cats. After the party, Maddie was able to visit the shelter and meet the current residents. Thank you, Maddie, for your wonderful contributions for our animals!

## Memorials and Honorariums

*Memorials given in memory of a deceased pet, friend or family member, or Honorariums to thank special friends or honor animal companions, 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)

- In honor of **Allison Teague**, happy birthday! From **Jeanne Noyes**.
- In honor of **Dr. Linda Allen**, DVM for seeing us on a Sunday afternoon. From **Gerard and Joanne Murphy**.
- In honor of **Patricia Roberts**. From **Robert Roberts**.

### Honorarium (Pet)

- In honor of **Charlie and Sammie**. From **Lorena Strickland and Edwin Tiley**.
- In honor of **Trilby**. From **Gene Woodruff**.
- In honor of **Spirit and Simba**. From **Loretta Flanders and Dick Hahn**.
- In honor of **Sweetums**. From **Jo Ann Bergmans**.
- In honor of **Ms. Fluffy**. From **Bobbie Hairfield**.

### In Memory of Special People

- In memory of **Rozella Lindsley**. From **Ronald and Margo Garton**.
- In loving memory of **Tom Hart**. From **Susan Tonini**.
- In memory of **David Sigsbee**. From **Betty Conger**.
- In memory of our son **Nathan**. He would be 18 this year. From **Linda and Scott Paulson**.
- In memory of **Don Sorg**. From **Lois Sorg**.
- In memory of **Matt Schneider**. From **Linda Schneider**.
- In memory of **Toby Tyler**. From **Catherine Harper**.
- In loving memory of our dear friend and PFOA supporter **Flora Pfannin**. From **Diane and Leon Lopez**.

### In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- To PFOA: This donation is in memory of our dog **Sophie**, a loyal shepherd/lab we had for 13 years and miss so much. From **Linda and Scott Paulson**.
- In memory of **Missy**, Fred and Karen Spring's wonderful old English Cocker Spaniel. From her buddies, **Chuck, Sue and Penny Skaggs**.
- In memory of **David, Missy and Amber**. From **Muriel Kierch**.
- In memory of **Prissy**, owned by Sally Bird. From **Mark and Jacquelyn Witte**.
- In loving memory of **Bruce**. From **Janet MacDonald**.
- In memory of **Pandora Bear**. From **Mary Williams**.
- In memory of **Sonny**. Sonny was a brother to Bennie who died in July. They were adopted together several years ago by John and Marge Renken, they spent several years in a very special home and will be missed greatly. They are together again now. From **Joyce Stivers**.

- In memory of **Jeffy**, so sorry to hear that Jeffy passed. From **Terry Mathews**.
- In memory of **Jefferson**. From **Roger Stefano**.
- In memory of **Tippy**. From **Bruce Johnson**.
- In memory of **Prissy**, a lucky cat who finally found a loving home. From **John and Sarah Bird**.
- In memory of **Squeakie**. From **Gail Short**.
- Please find the enclosed donation in the name of our good friend Sandy Lamb who just lost her sweet dog **Cookie**. Cookie was a special needs dog and Sandy did everything to give Cookie a loving and happy life. We appreciate all the good work you folks do and we love our two cats (formerly named Gallahad & Quin) that we adopted from you folks two years ago. Sincerely, **Mike Hill & Anthony Vetro**.
- In memory of our grey girls, **Saki, Sushi and Grace**. From **Dennis and Eileen Franson**.
- In loving memory of little **Rory**. From **Suzanne Hadley**.
- In memory of **Bennie**. From **Joyce Stivers**.
- In memory of **Ginger and Gremlin**, beloved companions of Susan Kreml and Jasmine. From **Diane and Leon Lopez**.
- In memory of **Giovanni**. From **William and Lydia Holman**.
- In memory of **Tazz**. From **Brenda Newman**.
- In memory of **Midget**. From **Martha Carle**.
- In memory of **Tucker**. From **Chery Ingersoll**.
- In memory of **Sasha**. From **Adrienne Monro**.
- In loving memory of sweet **Gremlin**, gone to be with Ginger on the other side of the veil. From **Susan Kreml**.
- In memory of **Lacy**. From **Terry Mathews**.
- In memory of **Teddy**, the sweet and gentle companion of Karen Pritchard. Teddy was a very happy cat. We are sorry for Karen, our sister in the Lord, because she loved her Teddy so much. And thank you PFOA for all the good work you do for our animal friends. From **Claudia Huston and David Neupert**.
- So sorry to hear of **Jeffy's** passing! So glad to hear he had a home where he was taken care of and loved. Sincerely, Diana Hough. P.S. The enclosed is to help with your work and great compassion of cats!



In memory of our beloved **Bentley**, 160 lbs of Cane Corso love tub who adored his kitties. He was an expert snuggler, great at breaking up cat fights/disagreements, and staunch defender

of all he considered to be family. Lost far too soon to osteosarcoma at 4 1/2, he has left a huge hole in all of our hearts. The kitties will miss snuggling up to his big warm body on those cold winter nights.

From **Bill and Lori Crow**.

## Mild Kingdom

*When a bear and a cat are pals,  
it's enough to give you paws*



The orange kitten was hungry. The grizzly bear was lonely. The man was apprehensive.

"This cat weighed no more than 10 ounces when he slid under the fence into the bear's pen," says Dave Siddon, 64, founder of Wildlife Images, an animal rehabilitation center in Grants Pass, OR. "I was almost in a panic. I thought the bear would swat him and kill him. Grizzlies are omnivorous, you know. They'll eat baby fawns, baby moose, baby elk, baby beaver."

But not, as it turns out, a certain baby cat.

The grizzly, whose name is Griz, had come to the center in 1990, when he was just a cub. Hit by a train while foraging on a railroad tracks in Montana, he suffered severe head injuries and was deemed unfit ever to be returned to the wild. "He's the gentlest, sweetest thing you ever saw," says Siddon. "He's sort of the Forrest Gump of bears."

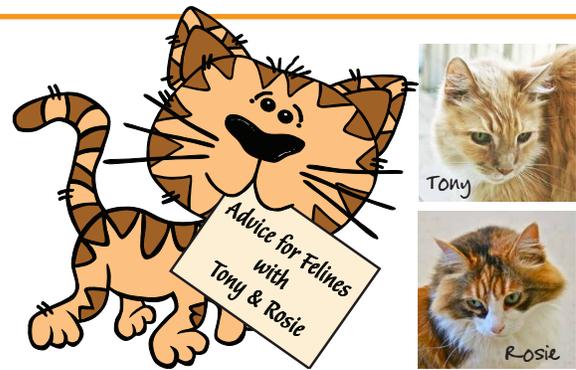
The kitten, whose name now is, simply, Cat, was one of four kittens abandoned at the center early last summer. Volunteers were able to trap and find homes for the rest of the litter. But Cat somehow eluded them.

Then one day in July, Cat, about 6 weeks old, turned up in Griz's pen. Afraid to do anything that might alarm Griz, Siddon just watched, expecting the worst. Then, as the 650-pound grizzly was eating his midday meal – a five-gallon bucket of kibble, meat, fruit, vegetables and road-kill venison – something extraordinary happened. "The bear very gently picked out a chicken wing," says Siddon, "and dropped it, by his own forepaw, for the cat." The two proceeded to do lunch.

Since then, Griz and Cat have become something of a slapstick animal act. "Cat will lay in ambush, then leap out and swat Griz on his nose," says Siddon. "Sometimes, Griz carries Cat around in his mouth. Cat will ride on Griz's back. Sometimes Griz licks Cat."

As word of these antics has spread, the number of visitors at the nonprofit refuge has doubled, and donations have soared. But Siddon values Cat and Griz's unlikely friendship for other reasons. "It's so pure and simple," he says, "an example of Mother Nature at her best." ❖

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 Dear Rosie and Tony,

It is my pleasure to write to you today. I am an eighteen year old tuxedo, who has had a long and good life. I enjoy resting during the day and sleeping during the night. Earlier this year, we lost my sister, and my parents and I grieved tremendously. It was a very difficult time for us, but we got through it together.

Last month, my mother decided to surprise my father and me by bringing home an eight week old tortie. Mother named her Charlotte. I have named her Cujo. The only place I can find escape from the chaos is the bathroom rug because she is unable to gain traction in the turn and always misses the doorway. None of us have had a good night's sleep in a month, and my normal good nature is wearing thin. I am hoping you will have advice for a feline of my advanced age as to how to deal with this new situation. I don't recall ever being this destructive as a youngster.

With warmest regards, Toomba

**Tony:** My good man, I heard your mild frustration and feel your pain. Each of us was different as a young kitten, and our personalities were reflected even at such a young age. Certainly this newest generation is the most different of all previous generations. While your mother meant well, she may not have noticed Charlotte's more outgoing personality, or simply may have overlooked it. It seems that you have found a safe harbor wherein to wait out the hurricane of youth. I fear this may be all you can do at this time.

**Rosie:** Oh, sweetie! Yes, as Tony said, your mother meant well. She wanted so much to cheer you, perhaps, or bring some younger energy into the home to heal the wounds of your recent loss...but an older and calmer sister may have been a better fit for you. Still, you are where you are, and Charlotte is there as well. This is an excellent opportunity for you to pass along wisdom and insight to the youngster...when she slows down enough to hear you. Good luck and keep us posted!

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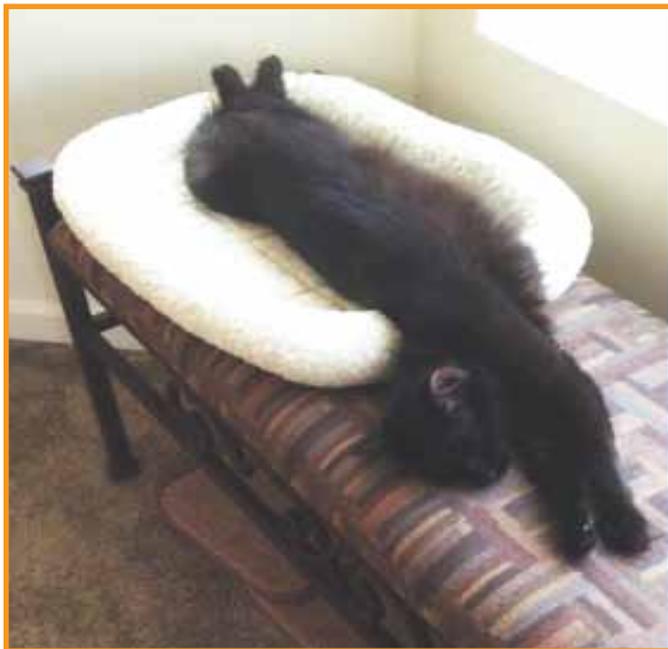
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I shared this photo on Sunday at St. Luke's for Blessing of the Animals. This is Shadow [recently adopted from PFOA]. She's a great kitty and has easily adjusted to our home.

- Patricia Roberts

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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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- Down Home Holiday Bazaar, Sequim High School Gym, Nov 28-29 (10am-4pm)
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