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Mr. Mom and the Candy Kids

by Marilyn Ash

his is the tale of a dedicated foster mom named Aleda, a very sick litter of kittens, and an extraordinary young tabby named Duncan.

Duncan led two lives. He first showed up at the Forks, WA home of Aleda's grandma, hungry and skittish. Grandma fed him and called her granddaughter, who trapped Duncan to have him neutered. Duncan recovered from surgery in Grandma's garage, comforted by a warm bed and regular meals. But then ... he left!

A couple of weeks later, Aleda went to a nearby trailer to rescue an abandoned litter of kittens. She found the litter, the beautiful young Siamese mom, and a young male tabby. But there was one cat missing! A neighbor told Aleda of another tabby that belonged with the cats.



Concerned about the missing cat, Aleda put food and traps out. Three weeks later, she had still not seen the cat, although the food was being eaten.

One day, a neighbor approached her while she was filling the food dishes near the abandoned trailer. After Aleda explained the situation, the neighbor agreed to call her if he could capture the cat.

At about the same time, Aleda was contacted about another litter of kittens across town.

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From the Editor's Desk

First of all, I'd like to express my appreciation to our loyal *Pet Tidings* readers for your patience and understanding. Many of you have expressed concern that you missed the Winter edition. Trust me, you didn't miss a thing! Due to several scheduling issues, we opted to cut back to three issues each in 2015 and 2016.

We regret that this was necessary, because we have many stories to tell and photos to share. This issue is our "catch-up" issue. You'll find 83 photos of adopted cats and kittens, and many special messages from you sharing adoption stories and remembering beloved companions.

By the time you read this issue, our Annual Membership Meeting will be just a memory. With a new year ahead of us, we would like to take this opportunity to talk about the value of PFOA membership. For the annual membership fee of just \$20.00, you become a part of an organization whose sole reason for existence is to benefit the kitties of the Olympic Peninsula.

Every program we maintain, from spay/neuter assistance, adoption services, TNR (trapneuter-return) of feral kitties, to our lifetime care currently in development, benefits the kitties. These programs are supported by donations from all of you. Grants are an additional source of funding which will allow us to achieve our objectives. And one of the criteria many organizations consider when awarding grant money is a healthy, increasing and active membership.

The benefits of membership go far beyond the membership fee donation. As a member, you have the right to vote on Directors and on changes to the by-laws. Opportunities exist for members to serve on special committees formed to analyze issues and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. PFOA regularly communicates with all members about special events, and welcomes members to attend the monthly board meetings.

If you are not currently a member, we hope you will consider PFOA membership. For existing members, we hope you will continue to support us by renewing your membership every year. After all, "*it's for the kitties!*"

- The Editors



Mews from the Board

In May, PFOA's Board lost one of our finest assets-- long-time member, Barbara Swedeen. We first met Barbara back in 2005 when she adopted her first of two PFOA cats. After 11 years of dedicated service, Barbara retired when her term expired this year.

Barbara has been our Treasurer for the past two years, and has been instrumental in helping to update our By-laws and Policies and

Procedures. With her keen intellect and attention to detail, Barbara has helped us to address many important issues that we tend to neglect in the hectic world of animal rescue. She has also been a valued member of the Fund-Raising and Finance Committees, and has helped to organize and work at many events. Barbara has always been there helping to promote PFOA in any way and any time that she could.

Barbara will be sorely missed for her professional skills, her devotion to our animals, and her tireless contributions to the organization. We wish her the best in her retirement, but we hope to enjoy Barbara's wisdom and participation for years to come. Thank you, Barbara, for all your years of service!



These kittens had severe upper respiratory infections, and were lucky to be alive. Although she was fast running out of room at her house, Aleda picked up the litter and brought them home. And sure enough, it never rains but it pours especially in Forks! The trailer park neighbor had trapped the missing cat! Aleda rushed over to pick up the cat.

After seeing the young tabby, Aleda immediately had a strange feeling that she knew this cat. She eventually realized that this was the same cat she had trapped at her grandma's house. She put two and two together, and figured that the cat had stopped going to her grandma's house when Aleda started putting food out at the trailer.

Out of room at her house, Aleda put the new cat (yes - that's Duncan!) in with the sick kittens. The kittens were isolated on one side of the room, and the young male tabby in a crate on the other side of the room. One morning, she came in to feed all the cats. But Duncan was not in his crate! He was sleeping right next to the kittens. She put Duncan back in his crate, but soon found that wasn't going to work. Duncan was stressed, and the kittens cried and cried, trying to get to Duncan.

It took several days of Duncan stressing and the kittens crying to convince Aleda. She let Duncan out and he immediately went to the kittens and started grooming them. And, for the first time, it was quiet. No kittens crying! Even though the kittens were still sick, and there was a risk to Duncan, Aleda didn't have the heart to keep them apart any longer.

Duncan became their mom and dad. He had been very close to the Siamese mom and her litter, and had lost them. Now he had a new family. He even allowed the kittens to "nurse" on him. As is the right of the foster mom, Aleda named them. She loved candy bars! The chocolate brown kitten became Hershey, the black and white kittens were named Twixie, Kit-Kat, and Reeses, and the little tabby was now known as Snickers.

It took several months and many visits to veterinarians before the "Candy Kids" became well enough to be welcomed to Safe Haven. Aleda desperately wanted to keep Duncan, but she knew that he would be happier with "his babies". When that day came, Aleda did not have the heart to separate Duncan from the kittens, and so Duncan and the Candy Kids came to one of the upstairs kitten rooms at the shelter.

Duncan was happy – he had his family. The kittens were happy - they had their mommy and daddy wrapped up into one loving cat. The shelter staff and volunteers were happy - they loved the little kittens and they were amazed that a young male cat would bond with a litter of kittens. Duncan became affectionately known as "Mr. Mom".

We all know that mommies and daddies don't have favorites - right? Right! Duncan's favorite was the smallest

of the litter, a little brown tabby named Snickers. Snickers and his Mr. Mom were inseparable. They slept together, played together, and even while dividing his attention among all five kittens, Duncan managed to give Snickers just a little bit of extra attention.



The kittens began to find their new forever homes. Twixie and Reeses were adopted together. Kit-Kat found a wonderful home with one of the dedicated PFOA volunteers.

Two young women from Whidbey Island called one day - they were looking for a kitten, and saw Hershey on the website. Was she still available? Yes! They took the first available appointment. When they arrived at Safe Haven, they went to the kitten room and immediately fell in love with Hershey ... and Snickers ... and Duncan. And they all went home together, that very day. The tale of Mr. Mom and the Candy Kids ended "happily ever after!" 💠



Some of you have told us that you are not receiving all of our emails. We wanted to take this opportunity to emphasize that it's important to check your spam folders regularly. Different service providers use different filter criteria to detect spam messages. They use different folder names to file the suspected spam. Most email systems provide the ability to "opt-in" or create a filter that will designate messages from a sender as non-spam. So, if you would like to continue to receive emails from us, check into the options available with your email server. If not, just let us know!



Molly Musings

By Molly, with a little help from her dad, Bill Sparling

Hi, everybody. It's me, Molly. At Safe Haven I used to be Nala, but my new humans changed it to Molly. I think that is fine and I have learned to come when I am called (most of the time). Since I came to live with Mommy and Daddy, I have written lots of emails to the nice people back at Safe Haven, and they asked me if I would like to write about my new life here. I had a lot of fun typing it and Mommy got a big hoot out of hearing Daddy read it to her. I thought I did pretty good. I am having trouble doing big letters, though. That takes two feet and sometimes I miss. But Daddy is patient and he helps me a lot.

I came to live with my new humans in December and I was a little nervous. I did a lot of hiding under the comforter on their bed. After a few days of gentle petting and very kind words, I began to come out to see what my new home looks like. It is nice and I like it – except for one thing - - - they have a dog! She is a big Golden Retriever named Whisper – which is a joke because she doesn't know how to "whisper." When the doorbell rings, she ROARS! But she is harmless. I tried to let her know that I am the boss but she didn't seem interested. So, we get along but not too close.

The reason that I am really beginning to feel at home here is that when I was hiding in the bedroom, my new mom and dad brought me breakfast in bed a few times. I understand that kind of love and care. (The food was good, too.) They bought me several kinds of food and finally settled on the ones I like. I got them trained pretty quickly. I don't get breakfast in bed any more but I do have my own special food and water dishes that are on the back of the splash rail behind the sink where that dog can't get to them.

I really have Mom and (especially) Dad trained. In the mornings, I get on their bed and I walk behind Daddy's head and purr as loud as I can. Then I reach out and touch him to sort of wake him up a little more. Finally a few good head bumps on his forehead or his nose wake him up. I know he doesn't mind because when he wakes up, he is smiling and he gives me pets and snuggles. I LOVE snuggles and tummy rubs – lightly, of course.

Sometimes, Dad gives me little treats. A few weeks ago, Dad and Mom were eating some white stuff out of little bowls. When they finished eating it, Dad set his bowl up on the splash rail for me to sniff. SNIFF, nothing! That stuff is good. They called it ice cream and I love it. I don't get it very often but when I do - - - Oh, BOY!

I love to help Dad cook, and sometimes he lets me have a little bite – just to make sure it's good. Today Dad was making tuna sandwiches and I got a little whiff of the tuna. I couldn't leave him alone. He even took the bowl of tuna with him when he answered the telephone. Finally he came back and gave me just a little taste of the tuna. I wanted some more but he told me that was all I was going to get. Maybe next time.

I don't get to go outside because Mom and Dad don't want me to run away or get lost. They say I am so pretty that anyone would fall in love with me and steal me away if I got out. I would love to explore but they leave a couple of windows open so I can sit on the sill and watch the birdies. There is one very small brown bird that comes and eats stuff from a bush right outside one of the windows. He even comes and taps on the window with his nose to let me know that he has come to visit. I would LOVE to teach him how to play my kind of games but Mom and Dad want to keep him safe, too. So we sit and chat through the glass.



I am really feeling loved in my new home and I am so happy to be here. Daddy and Mommy can't walk past where I am "perched" (usually on the back of Mommy's chair) without stopping to pet me and talk to me and give me little kisses on the top of my head. I guess I am a pretty lucky little girl.

Dad needs to use the computer now so I have to go. Besides, my feet are tired from typing. I will try to write some more another time. Bye for now, Molly Sparling *

Meet a Volunteer: Barb Watts

By Alicia Demetropolis

What we love most about our volunteers is that they not only have our best interests at heart, but that they are also constantly thinking "outside the (litter)box."

Meet Barb Watts: This feisty volunteer has been with us about seven years, and first began by socializing the cats. As her schedule freed up a bit, she volunteered to take our recycling to the transfer station - which was a huge help to the staff at Safe Haven. Then Barb came up with the idea to turn in the aluminum cans for extra cash. On top of all that, she approached Rite-Aid, Safeway, Goodwill, and many local gas stations, and asked if she could have the aluminum cans from their trash so that PFOA could benefit from their recycling - and every local business she's approached has whole-heartedly supported her efforts.

Why is she so dedicated to us? "Capital C-A-T-S," she spells out. "It's all for the cats!" Barb had a good role model growing up: "My mother rescued cats," she says, "and I learned from her how important they are." When Barb's mother was losing her battle with cancer, one of her own cats provided comfort to her, even more proof to Barb of how intelligent and valuable felines are. These days, Barb's home is filled with a German shepherd/Huskie mix, and three rescued cats of her own.

Barb feels that helping people with the cost of spaying and neutering is one of the most important services we offer. She say, "We have to help folks who can't always afford to spay and neuter their cats. It's the best way to help the cats in the long run."

It's easy to think of Barb as a professional volunteer: She also knits baby clothes for Stitches from the Heart; is a member of the Veterans Auxiliary to the VFW (her husband



was a veteran and two of her boys are in the military) and she volunteers four times a month doing outreach for the library. Everywhere she goes, she tells people about PFOA and how proud she is to be a part of our organization.

But if she had one thing to tell anyone reading this article, she would say, "Bring your aluminum cans to PFOA – it's an easy way to help!" (And remember to leave the pop-tabs on, because we can help people pay for dialysis with those – and then even more people can benefit!) �

A Message For Hope



In the early morning hours of Thursday, November 19, 2015, our Hope crossed the Rainbow Bridge to reunite with her Best Friend Forever, Maggie. Hope was with us for what seems like such a short time, and yet, many of us have difficulty remembering when she wasn't here.

Hope's 11 ¹/₂ years were not always easy. Injuries sustained as a small kitten left her near death, and without the use of her hind legs. When she was a little older, she tried to use a cart that had been made for her, but she didn't like it. Eventually she just relied on her ability to drag her back legs anywhere she wished to go.

When Hope was two years old, she met her Mama Linda, who cared for her and loved her for the rest of her life. Mama Linda's golden retriever, Maggie, was also a paraplegic, and Maggie and Hope were inseparable for the rest of their lives. Maggie took the journey across the Bridge six months, to the day, before Hope. We like to think Maggie wanted to make sure everything was perfect for Hope.

We will all miss her, but we are thankful for the 11 ¹/₂ years of her life with us. We will remember her for her strength, loyalty, love of life, and most of all, hope.

Safe Haven ADOPTABLES!

Black is the new Orange

Surveys have suggested that orange cats are thought to have more positive purrsonality traits than kitties of other colors, and black cats are less likely to be adopted than cats with other fur colors. We believe there are many good reasons to adopt a black cat. Ever heard that black is beautiful? It definitely applies to cats. And because of the lower adoption rate for black cats, they try harder! They are loving, sweet, and affectionate. Every black cat has heard of the old wives' tale about a black cat crossing your path. Bad luck? Hardly! The cat just had to get from point A to point B. The most important reason, though, is that black cats are least likely to be adopted.



KONA just dropped in, literally, at Safe Haven one day and told us, in cat-speak, that he wanted a forever home. One of our volunteers came into the shelter and found him, sitting patiently inside the front door, waiting to be noticed. This young Bombay-cross is a very busy boy and keeps himself entertained; he will also reach out to catch the attention of a staff member or volunteer. With his smooth black shiny coat, muscular build and bright copper eyes, he's a stunning youngster who will make a wonderful feline companion to some lucky family! With his dominant personality, he should be the only cat, and should go to a cat-savvy home having experience with a strong-willed and intelligent cat who plans to rule his kingdom!

SHELDON was found hanging out at a local campground with no owner in sight and no microchipping to identify him. He is now awaiting a new home at Safe Haven where he is eating like a little pig and starting to fill in his long, tall frame. Sheldon is SOOO friendly and sweet—all he wants is to be in your lap and he follows you around like a puppy. Probably a year or so old, Sheldon is going to be a HUGE cat!! He is a long-haired black cat with brown undertones, and has a white medallion on his chest. If you are looking for a real buddy, then come out to get acquainted with Sheldon.





CONNIE is an adorable 4-5 month old kitten who arrived at Safe Haven in mid-May with her sister, Frances. The two of them were found in a duct taped moving box on the front porch of the shelter. It's obvious that the kittens are tightly bonded - when the shelter manager opened the box, they were cuddled up, two little kitten souls facing an unknown world together. Connie is a longhair black kitten, and Frances is a Maine Coon-type kitten. They are friendly, well-socialized, and will be overjoyed to find their forever home.

TABITHA is a cute little middle aged gal, who would prefer to be the only cat in a quiet and loving home. However, this feisty little girl can hold her own in a room full of much larger male cats and younger females. Smart and affectionate, Tabitha would be an ideal companion for a retired couple or single person with a laid-back life style. This friendly girl would appreciate a stable environment where she will never have to wonder what happened to her family again!



Please call PFOA at **360-452-0414** and press "2" to inquire about any of these featured pets. Leave a message if you get voice mail; a staff member will return your call. Or go online to see many others at *www.safehavenPFOA.org*





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

PLANNING FOR PET CARE

It is not a very comfortable thing to think about – What happens to our pets if we die. None of us like to think we are mortal or could die, but it is inevitable. As we grow older, we get a little more aware of time passing and that life can be gone, but even young people leave this earth too. When we die, we hope that we have left things settled for our families so that they are not burdened with what to do with our clothes, our homes,

our pets. We can plan ahead and make our wishes known to our loves ones and friends, so they have our help with what our leaving has left for them to do.

It is especially important that we plan ahead for our pets. They are living beings that love us and that we have chosen to bring into our lives. We care for them, feed them and make sure they are safe from harm. Our human loved ones know that we have gone and why, but our pets just know that something is wrong and that we are no longer in their lives. Who will take care of them while we are sick and then later, when we are gone? How will the person who takes our beloved animal or animals

pay for their care? Please don't assume that a friend or family member will take them. I have seen horrible things happen when no planning has gone into care for our dogs and cats and other animals. I have seen pets dropped off at the local shelter after someone swore to their loved one that they would take them. I have seen animals left alone in houses for weeks at a time when no one was prepared to take on the care of that pet.

Have a conversation NOW with the people around you about who will care for your pets if you die. Can they afford medications, food and veterinary care for your pet? Do they even want your pets? Will a cat or dog that has been used to being indoors and safe suddenly be put outside to fend for themselves when they have no skills to do this. A while back a client died and the spouse who didn't like the cat put her outside where she could not feed or take care of herself. It took a neighbor who knew the cat to take her in to save her life.

Consider putting care for your pet in your will – either as a yearly stipend or as a fund that can be drawn upon for care that your pet needs. Put someone you trust in charge of whatever funds you set aside for your pet's care so it is safeguarded as the years go by. Some people

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formalize this fund as a trust. This usually requires seeing an attorney and putting such instructions into your will. If you have a trusted friend or family member who loves your pets, start the conversation early so you talk about what you have set up for pet care. Find out if they want your special animal and if they can afford whatever needs your pet has.

When I was growing up, every 2-3 years my parents would sit down with us and tell us what would happen if they died – who would be our guardians and where we would go. I remember at the time being uncomfortable with these talks, but later I realized they loved us and wanted to

make sure we were safe and taken care of. I remember particularly when I turned 21, they told me that I would have to be my sister's guardian if they were both to die. It was a huge burden, but I felt better knowing that they had made arrangements to us both. Do this for your family and friends. Make arrangements. Take care of your loved one – two and four-legged.

Your veterinarian might be someone you can talk to about pet care and what your pet's needs are so you can plan accordingly. I have had some pet owners put money on their account at our clinic so that their pet has a nest egg for veterinary care if needed. Start the conversation and think about who is around you to best carry on and love your animals if you cannot. It may be uncomfortable, but it is so very worth it. �

"Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . ."



We love our Zinnia. She is such a loving cat and just what we needed after losing our special Boycat to heart disease. Thank you to everyone in your organization who cares for these wonderful cats until they find their forever home. - Art & Norma Arrowsmith

Just a note to say how much I enjoy Pet Tidings.

Your articles on cerebellar hypoplasia and the Manx syndrome are very informative. Thank you.

If ever I get to Sequim I plan to visit all of your kitties and your caretakers.

From **Annie** (11 year-old 15-pound gray Calico) and yes, I am spoiled! **& Joyce Stivers**

Keep up the good work – impressive number of cats adopted last year – favorite name, Tommy Twitch, love it. Here's a little help for your continued good work.

- Lila Winters

Thank you for being there for those beautiful creatures that can't take care of themselves!!! Much appreciation to you all for being so kind and giving. Best of luck to all of you.

- Corinne Murray



Mustashio is now named Murray and he has settled into our house purrfectly! He is a wonderful, fun, sweet, cute and smart kitty. Your foster family, volunteers, etc. did a great job

with his development and social skills. A bundle of energy indeed - This was the only picture I've been able to get of him in a resting pose! Thanks PFOA for such a sweet boy. :) **Joy and Tom Bertman**



Just wanted to give you an quick update on Adele. She is doing great!!! She is

really starting to settle into her new home and I think she is starting to realize

that this is her forever home now. She is sleeping on the bed with us at night now and most of that time is spent sleeping on me, which I love!!! She is truly

As you can see from the attached picture, she loves shoe laces. She loves to

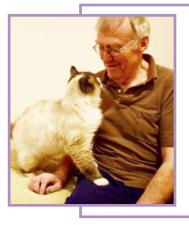
drag my shoes out in the middle of the room and she loves to help me put my

the love of our lives and we enjoy spoiling her as much as possible.

I just had to send you ladies an email and let you know how Frack's first day at home has been. At first he was a little timid, walking around and checking stuff out - now he's running around playing with his toys and seems like he's been here all along He

> even meows for Jacob whenever Jacob leaves the room. Thank you guys so much for all you do! I think he's going to be happy here and so are we.

> Thank you again! Vivian and Jacob Shofstall



Success = exponentially more love in our house.

Thank you again for Adele. - Mike Durand

shoes on in the morning.

Huey and I have landed, after much ferry riding, safely at home. I slept with Irene and Huey climbed deep into my dad's bed where he purred all night long, much to the delight of both of them. Irene is watching Dad's door with great interest while Huey rolls around on the floor. Huey has eaten, used box, consumed water, and has commenced his morning of nonstop leg weaving. My 6th graders submitted a list of names for Huey, plus petition, and unanimously selected Dante Azul. "That's his official name", they said, "but you should call him Blue."

Blue it shall be.

And here is Blue, already bonded with the person of his dreams, my dad. They have eyes only for each other, but who would dream of arguing with love at first sight?

Thank you. You save lives, four footed, and two. **- Kate Small**



Just to update you on Fiona, she has defied all expectations. She is now an indoor-only kitty, gets along with the other cat in the home, loves her people, and sleeps on their feet every night.

I think I told you that Fiona decided she did not want to stay in her adopted home, and fled again after I trapped and returned her there. She went down the block and took up residence on a property where Marilyn and Steve live. Marilyn fed her every day and eventually they became friends. The property has several out buildings and a shop where Steve works on cars, so they set up a bed for her and she began to spend the nights inside the shop, hunting mice. They still let her out during the day, but somehow decided that it was time to bring her in from the cold. So she is now an indoor-only cat, and even gets along with the other cat in the house.

Pretty amazing, considering we all thought she was such a free spirit who only wanted to be outside living (and hunting) the wild life. I guess she was just looking for the right home!

-Joyce Pollack





Want more I adopted STORIES? Read more at the Shakespeare bottom of page 10 and (Mac) and our facebook page at: Sir Lancelot www.facebook.com/ (Jack). Both pfoasafehaven of the boys are adjusting just perfectly. I am taking tons of photos of them and thought I would share some with everyone. They are enjoying their new home.

- Amber Beamglitter



Just wanted to let all know that Knit and Purrl turned 4 on May 1st. They are thriving and doing well. They still like to cuddle and groom each other and chase each other throughout the house. Purrl on the left is a lot more relaxed, but sometime jumpy. Not sure why she

gets startled. Knit on the right is the trouble maker and is always getting into something. They do not go outside for their safety, but they do have plenty of windows to watch the birds.

Thanks again, their forever Mom! - Sharel Moody

After living in LaPush, he was appropriately named Jacob at the Forks animal shelter. In 2010, Jacob adopted us at PFOA and we now refer to him as Boss Cat Jacob as he patiently watches and communicates that his needs and our daily schedules are met. Romeo, a part feral, both scrapper and affectionate, and handsome kitty, moved in across the street. Jacob's life moves into territorial whenever Romeo prances in front of our windows.

After twice sneaking out, Jacob's large size against the smaller Romeo ended in nonphysical standoffs, thankfully; although the indoor-outdoor challenge continues for the kitties. **- Betty and Therald Todd**



We had a first great weekend with the two kittens [Frick and Boo]. The entire family has fallen in love with them. They are fitting into our family so well. Here are a few pictures of them!!

Thanks for everything that you do.

- Victoria Jones



Quincy sends his love to all the wonderful people at PFOA who saved his life and found him a forever home. He is a sweet, gentle cat and doing very well. He loves being a spoiled only child.

Best wishes,

-Quincy & his mom Shirley LeBrun





🜺 Dear Rosie & Tony, I wanted to write to you because I know my big brother

wrote to you last year. I'm Cujo, the kitten that drove Toomba crazy.

Thank you for telling him to be patient with me. He was the best big brother I could have ever asked for. He let me clean his ears and snuggle with him and tease him and he pretended he didn't like it but he really did.

Toomba died last week, and I've been horribly lonely. I kept thinking maybe I'd find him if I just looked a little harder or called a little louder, and it made Mama sad to see me like that, but I'm better now. I started eating again after a few days, and Mama and Papa seem happier that I'm better...but I'm still very lonely.

So Mama was talking to a friend of hers last night, and her friend said to come see you guys to choose a new big brother for me. But I want you both to choose my new big brother for them, okay? Pick one who will be patient and loving and generous with me, and one that I can play with and snuggle with, too. And I promise I will love him back. Thank you!

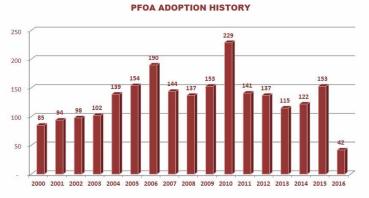
Love, Cujo

Rosie and Tony reply together:

Thank you so much for writing to us, Cujo! We are glad to hear that we were able to help Toomba, and that you had a good life with him. It is so very sad when one of us crosses the Rainbow Bridge - it hurts to be left behind. No one is expecting you to get over losing him any time soon. Take your time to heal. He left you with some good lessons, and some good memories, and you will make a very good little sister for your new big brother!

We promise to talk to Nancy and Linda and have them pick the perfect candidates for us to look over, so that when your mama and her friend arrive they can choose the best one, and you will have the best big brother again. We know you'll love him and welcome him into your home, the way Toomba did for you. Be sure to write us again and let us know how things are going! With love, Rosie & Tony

Keep up-to-date with PFOA!



The chart above display our progress with our Adoptions. They show the complete yearly adoption history since Safe Haven opened in 2000.









Clifford







Kattcher

Scooter





Мас



Mooney













Dakota



Meisha

Lover Boy



Lynxie





Dew Drop

Chancie



Moody



Snickers

Mittens



Adele

Matthew



Look who's been adopted! ---Continued from Page 1



Climber



Cleo



Frack



Pebbles



Duchess



BooBoo



Michael



Hunter



Miss Kitty

Scarlet

Bats

Nigel

Magenta

Dino

Sparkles



Captain Hook



Harper



Duncan







Johanna



Wilma



Hershey

Morgan



Huey



Mustachio



Lil Bear



Colleen



Maizie



Clarence



Midnight



Benny





Blake



Thumbelina

Nellie



Freeman



Peter Pan



Nala



Sydney

Frick





Russell







Carlton

Twixie

Havic









See some adoptable pets on Page 6 and online at www.safehavenpfoa.org

Princess



Emmet



Tinkerbell



Piper



Carla





See Memorials and Honorariums

Memorials given in honor of a deceased pet, in memory of a friend or family member, or Honorariums to thank special friends are a lovely way to say "Thank you" or "I love you" or "I miss you." A public statement of remembrance can help bring closure or soften grief, as well as honor a loved one.

Please note that there is almost a two month lag between the cutoff date for receiving memorials and honorariums and the date that Pet Tidings is published and delivered to your home. All remembrances not received by the cutoff date will be printed in the following issue.

<u>Honorariums (Person)</u>

- In honor of Linda Livingston. From Roberta Hairfield
- In honor of **PFOA**. From **Tara Sparkman**
- In honor of Barbara Swedeen. From Gerald Swedeen
- In honor of Nancy Campbell. Love, Jessie (aka Phoebe), Janet, Shogi,
- Palmer and praises be, only three. From Laurel Rodger
- In honor of **Drs. Virginia Johnson** and **Joyce Murphy**, who have spent their lives helping animals. From **Ann Gilson**
- In honor of **Chris Creasman**. From **Joyce Bima**
- My Christmas gift to Diane Stenzel and Sammie. From Paulette Willson
- In honor of Alicia's birthday. From John Magee
- In honor of Doris Cosman. From Scott Cosman
- In honor of my Mom, **Shirley McFadden**, and **Peter Grassi**. From **Kathryn McFadden**
- In honor of Joyce Serguinia. From Jomarie Meade
- In honor of Karen Herman's birthday. From Virginia Thompson
- Given for Cheryl Holland's Christmas present. From Maureen DePuy
- In honor of Mike & Carol Howard. From Thomas Thatcher
- In honor of Barb Swedeen. From Pam & Bob Davee
- In honor of **Paulette Willson**. From **Christopher Duff**
- For Joyce Pollack, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! From Richard Crowell
- In honor of Lois Sorg. From Gloria Shepard
- In honor of **Terry Vogel**. From **Anne Hines**
- In honor of **Tracy & Brian Bettinardi**. From **Horst & Diana Gerhardt** ■ In honor of **Ann Gilson** for all of her support of PFOA and our friendship. From **Karen Klein**

Honorarium (Pet)

- In honor of my pet, Little Bit. From Wally Kohl
- In honor of my pet, Bruce. From Janet MacDonald
- In honor of my pets, Wylie & Darby. From Sara DeBiddle
- In honor of my dog, Molly Coats. From Karen Coats
- In honor of Danette's & Dani's pets, Mr. Perkins & Hudson. From Connie Rene
- In honor of my pet, Shana. From Lois Sorg
- In honor of my pet, April. From Leonard Pezzano
- In honor of my pets, Tiger & Sally. From Sylvia White
- In honor of my pets, Sassy & Pete. From Linda Redford
- In honor of my pet. From **Joan Carr**
- In honor of my pet, Keiko. From Mary Morris
- In honor of my pet, Clara. From Lee Raymond
- In honor of my pet, Sadie. From Kathy Larson
- In honor of my pets, **Trixie & Sophie**. From **Terry Mathews**
- In honor of my pet Luna (Stickers). From Colleen Rowe
- In honor of our cat, Rosalie. From Loretta Flanders & Dick Hahn
- In honor of my rescue pet, Mr. Feathers. From Tom & Judie Sharpe

- In honor of my pet, Misty. From Anne Storch
- In honor of my pet. From **Barry Kirkpatrick**
- In honor of my pet, Sweetums. From Jo Ann Bergmans
- In honor of my pet, Johnny Red. From Mary & Robert Stearns
- In honor of my pet, Sasha. From Charles Call
- In honor of my pet, **Rupert**. From **Donna Heien**
- In honor of my pet from PFOA, **Squeaky**, our little love bug. From **Betty Brooks**
- In honor of my pet, Daisy Mae Zellmer. From Carol Zellmer
- In honor of my pets, Shadow, Sylvester & JoJo. From Nancy Oman
- In honor of my pet, Herman. From Priscilla Messner-Patterson
- In honor of my pet. From Carole Neidhardt
- In honor of Rosalie and Simba. From Loretta Flanders and Dick Hahn

In Memory of Special People

- In memory of Chris Buell. From Adrienne Gonzalez
- In memory of Don Clark. From Glenn & Tracy Lassus

■ In memory of **Janet Dodge**, a special lady. I'm glad I got to know her! From **Maureen Sprague**

- In memory of David, Missy & Amber Kierch. From Muriel Kierch
- In memory of Bill Miller. From Bill & Nancy Anderson
- In memory of Vicki L. Foszcz. From Roger Foszcz
- In memory of Jenn LeRoy, our daughter. From Rory Haggerty
- In memory of Shirley Lackman. From Carla Howe
- In memory of Elizabeth Burnley. From Laurie Nichols
- In memory of Llory Boynton. From Naomi Denhart
- In memory of Bernice Peterson. From Chris Spirz
- In memory of Gary's father, Tony Del Mastro. From Lori & Bruce Page
- In memory of Chris Buell. From Gene Buell
- In memory of Karin M. Stout. From Ann Wolfe
- In memory of Andrea Huntsman Vandiver. From Janice Gormley
- In memory of Ragnar Temte. From Carolyn Temte

■ In memory of my father, **Tony Del Mastro**, who pretended not to care for cats but who had tears in his eyes when it came time to euthanize our family's first cat, Bombo. From **Gary Del Mastro**

- In memory of Bonnie Jean. From Laurie McElroy
- In memory of Marzee Wade & her cat Kringle. From Sylvia White
- In memory of Don Clark. From Tina Capos
- In memory of Don Clark. From John & Connie Miller
- In memory of **Don Clark**, such a caring gentleman who will be missed.
- From Pru & Mike Nathan
- In memory of Scott Flickinger & Jim Gertz. From Leonore Kilmer
- In memory of Scott Schneider. From Linda Schneider
- In memory of Don Clark. From Renee Fiorentini
- In memory of Uncle Don Fraits. From Kathie, Lee & Deb LaPerche
- In memory of Margi Renken & her two cats Benny & Sonny. From John Renken

■ In memory of Karen Winters & Don Clark. From Chuck & Marian McGilvra

On behalf of a man named **Daniel**. From **George Tsihlas**

• Our very dear friend **Bertie Favre** passed away a few weeks ago. She loved animals and always surrounded herself with them. In her memory we would like to make a donation to your spaying and neutering program. From **Renate Ortmann and Family**

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

A love-filled New Year in memory of our **Captain Kitty**. From **Tara Sparkman**

- In memory of our pet Wesley. From Bill & Nancy Anderson
- In memorium: Lost but not forgotten **Braveheart**, we hope you are on an
- incredible journey and find your way home. From Robert & Katherine Carter
- In memory of our cat **Thumper**. From **Patrick & Carol Thomson**
- In memory of Gracie, most special and beloved dog of Nancy & Dallas
- Campbell. From Leonard & Della Floyd

- In memory of my pet Kiku. From Lisa Turnpaugh
- In memory of Linda Carpenter's sweet Simon. From Tammy White
- In memory of Rose Rose & Renee Lambert's Comet. From Tammy White
- In memory of JP Persall & Diana Wickman's Tibby. From Tammy White
- In memory of Maxine & Mike Boucher's Merlyn. From Tammy White
- In memory of Anna Marie & John Lovett's Baby. From Tammy White
- In memory of Kim Treece & Nicki Sexton's Tucker. From Tammy White
- In memory of Debby Smith's **Pepper**. From **Tammy White**
- In memory of Pat Nix's Lucy. From Tammy White
- In memory of Pepper & Neil Gamroth's TeaCake. From Tammy White
- In memory of Carleen & Steve Godwin's Pippin. From Tammy White
- In memory of Joy Kennedy Maxion's Marble. From Tammy White
- In memory of Reed Griffin's Duce. From Tammy White
- In memory of my friend's pet, Buster. From Susan Milburn
- In memory of my pet **Roxy**. From **Beverly Johnson**
- In memory of my pet **Tippy**. From **Bruce Johnson**
- In memory of my pet **Zooty**. From **Lorraine Main**
- In loving memory of **Rory**, waiting at the bridge. From **Suzanne Hadley**
- In memory of my pet **Babycakes**. From **Irene Weiss**
- In memory of my dear, sweet, Siamese cat, Princess. From Karen Crouse
- In memory of Pat & Kim Loafman's Cedar. From Patricia Milliren
- In memory of Karen Crouse's **Princess**. From **Mona Garling**
- In memory of **Tugs**. From **John Hankel**
- In memory of my dogs Zoe & Hector. From Grace & Joel Yelland
- In loving memory of Gracie Campbell, a most perfect dog and loving companion of Nancy & Dallas. From Diane & Leon Lopez
- In memory of **Hope**, PFOA's very special cat who loved her home at Barker House where Linda cared for her with devotion. From **Diane & Leon Lopez**
- In memory of our beloved Maine Coon Chaco, who died of cancer. We're sure he has joined all the Lopez critters who have graced our lives over the years. From Diane & Leon Lopez
- In memory of **Obie Obrien**, the very special cat of Jean Obrien. From **Judith LeConte**
- In memory of our pets Leo & BB. From Diane & Jerry Hayman

■ In memory of my Manx cats Rocky, Groucho, Max Cat, and Blueberry. From Jeannine Harrington

■ In memory of my pets **Buddy & Shaddi**, my beloved babies who brought me so much love and laughter and will forever be with me. From **Gail MacNeill**

- In memory of my Annie dog. From Elaine Burns
- In memory of Boss, my best friend. From Daniel Margolis
- In memory of my pet K.C. Too. From James Steik
- In memory of Dennis & Marjorie's little Princess **Hariett**, a small, wellloved feline whose questionable mental wanderings were left behind when she took her turn crossing the rainbow bridge. From **Michael & Little Fancy Summer**

■ In memory of Diane Lopez's cat Chaco. From Donna Criscione & Pam Foss

■ For **Frieda**, a dear old cat dying of cancer, who was adopted into the loving home of Genevieve Gilson & Erik Bauer and cared for tenderly for the last few months of her life. She was in a home of her own, dearly loved, and happy to the last. From **Ann Gilson**

■ In memory of **Chaco**, dear old friend of Diane and Leon Lopez for more than 16 years, and the last of many cat companions who have shared their lives. From **Ann Gilson**

■ In loving memory of my beloved **Halcyon**, who came to me as a pregnant kitten twenty years ago. We've spent every day since then bound by an unfailing love, which binds us still. From **Ann Gilson**

In memory of Diane & Leon Lopez's last cat, Chaco. From Susan Kreml
 In memory of Gracie, Nancy & Dallas Campbell's incredibly sweet little

- canine family member. From Gary DelMastro
- In memory of my pet Murphy. From Carol Asivido
- In memory of Leo. From Elizabeth Newlon
- In memory of Paulie Mills' pet, Sunshine. From Judith Leconte
- In memory of my pet **Hillary**. From **Sandy Pinckert**

■ In loving memory of **Roxie**, Tracie & Eric Hedin's Shih Tzu companion for 16 wonderful years. To know her was to love her, and her sweet personality reaffirmed the positive effect our animal friends have on our lives. Thank you for all you do! From **Barb Weekes**

- In memory of Barb Maison's cat Mr. Bigg. From Joy Kennedy Bertman
 In memory of Sally & Bruce Savaglio's cat Riley. From Joy Kennedy
- Bertman

In memory of Tom O'Brien's dog Austin. From Joy Kennedy Bertman

In memory of Kathleen & John Mantz's cat **Teddy**. From **Joy Kennedy** Bertman

■ In memory of our cat **Marble**, a dear sweet and gentle soul. She is dearly missed by all that had the pleasure to know her and to love her. Thank you Marble for being such a good friend and our kitty for 12 years. From **Joy & Tom Bertman**

■ In memory of David & Sherri Brande's dog Nitro. From Joy Kennedy Bertman

■ In memory of Carolyn & Alan Plutzik's cat **Rocky "Boy" Plutzik**. From **Joy Kennedy Bertman**

- In memory of Linda Hebert's cat Buddy. From Joy Kennedy Bertman
- In memory of our pet Heidi. From Ken & Kris Phillips
- In memory of my pets Santiago, Rueby, Galen, Vinnie, Trevor, Darmody, Emma & Mungo. From Johnjoseph Pajor
- In memory of my friend's pet Rocky. From Brenda Evans
- In memory of my pet **Heathcliff**. From **Robbie Varney**
- In memory of my pet Vaquerito. From Karen Lewis
- In memory of my good pet Halo. From Irene Wyman
- In memory of **Gracie**, beloved member of the family of Nancy & Dallas Campbell. From **Susan Pollock**
- In memory of Diane Lopez's cat Chaco. From Phyllis Koch
- In memory of my Kouni, the best cat ever. From Debra Hamilton

■ In loving memory of my dear **Sidney**, who followed me home from the library some 17 years ago and stayed until death came for him. From **Ann Gilson**

■ In memory of the four cats my four friends lost last year. From **Deborah Heaton**

- In memory of Leon & Diane Lopez's Chaco. From Karen Holden
- In memory of Linda Nielsen's Hope & Maggi. From Karen Holden
- In honor of the passing of **Spencer Carrick**, beloved cat friend of Helen Carrick and Elaine Gardner. From **Sharon Jensen**
- Missing Captain. From Tara Sparkman

■ In memory of Santiago, Trevor, Galen, Vinnie, Ruby, Mungo and Emma. From Johnjoseph Pajor

■ In memory of **Hope**, a sweet cat who overcame all odds to live a wonderful life with her loving foster mom. From **Linda Harer**

■ In memory of my sweet **Carmen**, smallest but alpha, loving and feisty, a wonderful mom to Casey and the 3 kittens she gave birth to just hours after arriving at Safe Haven. You are so missed. From **Linda Harer**



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

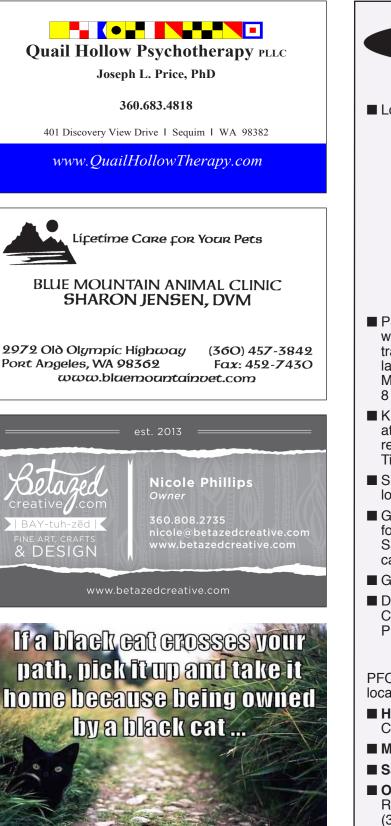
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- Kids n Pets (stain & odor remover available at WalMart), Advantage flea treatment, round replacement scratchers and flat scratchers. Tippy loves these!
- Small, medium and large (for multiple cats) top loader carriers.
- Gift cards to Safeway, Costco and Wal-Mart for various shelter items, \$10 gift cards from Safeway or QFC for volunteers who transport cats to/from Hadlock Veterinary.
- Gently used couch for conference room.
- DARE TO DREAM: Storage Shed for Cozy Cottage, 6-foot fiberglass ladder, 7,000 watt Propane Gas Electric Start Portable Generator.

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE:

PFOA potholders are available at the following local businesses:

- Hair Trix Salon, 21 Valley Center Place, Carlsborg (Mon-Fri, 9am-12pm) (360) 681-3749
- Mia Bella, 130 N 3rd Ave, Sequim (360) 460-0947
- Safe Haven (Tue-Sat, 11am-4pm)
- Old Post Office Sweets & Gifts, 751 Carlsborg Road, Carlsborg (Tue-Sat, 8am-5pm) (360) 681-8014
- Wild Birds Unlimited 275953 Hwy 101, Gardiner (Mon-Sun 9am-6pm) (360) 797-7100

You may purchase these wonderful potholders in many colors and patterns for only \$14 a pair. All proceeds benefit the PFOA animals!

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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 to 4, closed Sunday and Monday. Call (360) 452-0414 and press "2" to make an appointment; appointments required.

■ Lavender Festival, Jul 15-17, Fri/Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 9am-5pm

Harbinger Winery, Jul 23, 6-8pm

■ Port Angeles Farmers Market, Aug 13, 10am-3pm

■ PA Arts and Draughts, Sept 24-25, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm

■ CrabFest, Oct 7-9, Fri 12:30pm-6:00pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm

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