

Pet Tidings

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The Long Journey Home

by Kevin Rose

Emmet began his journey in a box. He and his littermates had been placed in a cardboard box and brought to town. Now they were scrambling around, hoping to catch the eye of a nice person who might want to take them home.

Many people stopped and watched the tiny kittens trying to climb out of the box. Finally, a retired lady offered to take one of the kittens. Emmet was a little tired. He hadn't had a nap in at least an hour. But the lady was looking at him. Emmet perked up, sat down, cocked his head and purred. The lady smiled. She picked him up, gave him a hug, and took him home!

Emmet was happy to have a home, but he missed his brothers and sisters. He missed playing with them and curling up for naps together. His retired lady didn't go out much, and she had very few visitors. Emmet became very dependent on her, and he loved



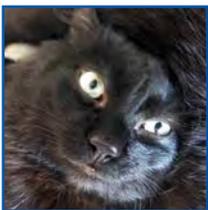
her. Then his lady became quite ill. One day the lady's daughter came and took her away. Emmet didn't know what happened. He just knew he was alone!

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Peninsula Friends of Animals has always been and continues to be an independent group.

OUR MISSION

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



Little Foot

ADOPTED!
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Lila



Newman



Delta



Maple

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Angel

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be the charm?



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From the Editor's Desk

By the time you are reading this, the month of November will be history. Every November is officially designated "Adopt a Senior Pet Month," and there has been a great deal of press lately about adopting a mature cat or dog. Many adoption specials have been advertised, including reduced adoption fees at PFOA and other nearby shelters. Articles and interviews have been published describing the benefits of welcoming a senior pet into your home.

Just because the official month is past does not mean that the need is less. We have continued to learn more and more about veterinary medicine and the diseases of the elderly animals. And the same phenomenon occurs for animals as it has for people: they are living longer, healthier lives.

So, just as we expect to live longer, we can expect our pets to do the same. Adopting an eight year-old plus cat no longer means that we can only look forward to three or four good years. Many cats live to 18 or more years. One of my kitties, a beautiful Burmese, shared my home for over 18 years; her predecessor, also adopted as a kitten, lived to age 22. I miss both of them every day, but rejoice in my good fortune to have shared my life with them for so many years.

As cats age, whether we adopt them as kittens or as mature adults, their needs change. Just as we expect medical costs to rise as we age, we should expect the same with our pets. It's important to remember that, with a mature cat, these costs will be higher than with kittens. But the benefits of a mature cat are many as well: their personalities are set, they are easier to train than kittens, they tend to nap and snuggle more, and they are very grateful to be rescued. All in all, I'd call this a win-win!

- *The Editors*



Mews from the Board

The Gray Area Beyond Eight Years of Age

We often hear that kittens are one of the most vulnerable groups in animal shelter populations, and in many ways this is probably true. Perhaps equally threatened in terms of vulnerability are elderly cats. They often have health issues requiring medical attention that other shelters are financially unable to provide. In some instances these older cats may require daily pills, shots, or subcutaneous fluids. Many prospective caregivers are unwilling or unable to take on this continuing medical attention.

Elderly cats also face the age challenge. Many potential adopters are reluctant to invest their love in an animal which they perceive will only be around a limited amount of time. The reality of life is that we are all here for only a limited amount of time. To share unconditional love with a wonderful cat, even if only for a few years, is a priceless gift guaranteed to enrich your time in this life.

At Safe Haven, we see elderly cats bypassed time and time again in favor of their younger brethren with fewer perceived problems. It is easy to understand why everyone loves kittens: their innocence, playful nature and adorable youthful appearance tugs at the heartstrings of all cat lovers. However, kittens require time-consuming training from their caregivers in order to become well behaved cats. Elderly cats have already learned what behaviors are acceptable to most humans. Most older cats have a laid back, calm nature. This makes them perfect candidates for caregivers looking for the calming influence, warm companionship and love that a cat can bring to a home, rather than the excitement and drama that younger cats often provide.

At Peninsula Friends of Animals, we continually take in older cats who would otherwise face a grim future. We provide them a comfortable stopover on their way to a new forever home. We feel compelled to make it a priority to help this segment of the cat population. Our ability to continue these efforts requires the help of loving people like you to provide forever homes to these sweet and deserving cats.

- *Kevin Rose, President of the Board*

Emmet: shy boy finds love

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After what seemed like days (and was probably just a few hours), the daughter came back. She picked up Emmet and took him to a nice woman who gave him treats. But she had dogs, and Emmet was afraid of dogs. He ended up staying in the woman's bathroom so he wouldn't have to be around the dogs. This was not a good situation for either Emmet or the dogs, and the woman finally brought Emmet to Safe Haven so that he could find a forever home (preferably without dogs). She was very devoted to him, and would visit him often and bring him food.

A couple from Port Angeles visited the shelter one day. They came to see Emmet, and he immediately hid under the couch. But the couple was able to see through the shy, timid



exterior, and they decided that Emmet needed to come home with them. Emmet had a new home! Although it was becoming more and more difficult for Emmet to adapt to new places and people, he was happy to be in his

own home again. The couple was very patient with him, and eventually he began to respond to their kindness. Then disaster struck!

The couple had to move to Oregon. They were not just moving into another house. They would be living in a camper. They were afraid that the change in environment would be too difficult for Emmet. What if he panicked and ran out the screen door? He might be lost forever! They weren't about to risk that, so Emmet came back to Safe Haven.

While he has been at Safe Haven, Emmet has spent a lot of time hiding under the couch when visitors (especially men) come into his room. We suspect this is a result of being around only one person at a time, primarily women. Since I volunteer at the shelter, Emmet sees me all the time. He knows to expect good things like wet food when I come into the room. Yet, he still couldn't quite shake his



fears. Recently, however, Emmet's confidence has grown considerably and I finally seem to have gained his trust. Not only does he not hide upon being approached, he will come when I call him and enjoys being petted.

I love all of our cats at Safe Haven. I go out of my way to see that their every need is being met. Most of our cats seem to sense this quality in me and are pretty fond of me in return. Every year, though, we get a few cats like Emmet who are painfully shy. We expect that these cats will be with us a bit longer than most. You cannot rush them into trust. You have to keep pouring on the kindness and hope they come around as soon as they can.

This is what sets Peninsula Friends of Animals apart from other similar organizations. We are able to give the Emmets of the world the time and the love they need. We watch them blossom from being an invisible cat hiding under the couch into a big, beautiful tabby - so friendly that he captivates your heart and makes you want to include him as part of your family.

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Editor's note: In September, Emmet was readopted by his original family, now in a permanent home. They made an all-day trip from Oregon to Safe Haven to pick him up on a Sunday. A few days after Emmet went home, we received an email from his people:

"We are very excited to report that tonight Emmet came out of his ladder cubby and sat with us to get some much needed petting and brushing...lots of brushing...fur everywhere. He even followed me out into the living room and looked out the patio door. He purred the whole time. He did not even jump when one of us got up to leave his room. But the most amazing thing is that he actually climbed up on our laps to be petted while we were sitting on the floor. He meowed and purred like before." ❀



The Third Time Around

by Marilyn Ash

Visitors to Safe Haven soon find there is a treasure awaiting them. As they open the door to go down to the adult kitty rooms, they are greeted with an enthusiastic “meow”. Waiting at the bottom of the stairs is Lexi, a round, overweight tortie with short legs and a little stubby body.

Born in 2002, Lexi was a stray from Forks. The young mom and her kittens came to Safe Haven to find forever homes. Her three kittens were adopted almost immediately, but Lexi required that special person to find her. You see, Lexi has a healthy dose of torti-tude. She loves people, craves attention, and can’t stand other cats.

In addition, Lexi is weight-challenged. She loves to eat, and in the next two years she ate and ate, and then ate some more. She got fatter and fatter. And her body style didn’t help. She topped out the scales at 16 pounds, and looked more like 20!

Helen Hille was a long-time volunteer at Peninsula Friends of Animals - a wonderful woman who will always

be a part of our organization. She was very fond of Lexi, but had cats of her own. She knew Lexi would have issues with them. Finally, her love for Lexi and desire to help her outweighed her concerns.

About two years after she arrived at Safe Haven, Lexi went home to “Helen’s Fat Farm.” The weight problem was addressed immediately. Helen introduced Lexi to a raw food diet. Eventually Lexi was down to a relatively trim 11 pounds.

For six years, Lexi had it made. She loved Helen, barely tolerated Helen’s other cats, and could eat well and not gain weight. Then her world fell apart. Helen became very ill. After Helen passed away in December of 2012, Lexi came back to Safe Haven.

Lexi is a stunning cat. With her beautiful long orange and brown coat and big round eyes, she is an attention-getter. It’s not surprising that she was re-adopted very quickly. But two years later, her new person died suddenly and very unexpectedly. Lexi came home to Safe Haven again.

Lexi is a very cool cat. She’s feisty, sweet and affectionate. She follows visitors down the hall in an almost dog-like manner. But, in the past four years, she has lacked the carefully supervised meals that Helen provided. Her weight is up to around 14 pounds, and she’s back on her diet. Otherwise, she is a very healthy 14 year-old with some great years left.

Mature cats take much longer to be adopted. They lack the playful nature and downright cuteness of kittens. Prospective adopters express concerns about the relatively short time they will be here. And senior kitties sometimes do have more medical issues. On the other hand, their purrsonalities are set. There are no training issues, no surprises. What you see is what you get.

Lexi longs for a new forever home with a loving person. She waits hopefully every day for that special person who will recognize her many wonderful qualities, fall in love with her, and happily take her home, once more. ❖

Thank
You

The Serenity House Thrift Store in Sequim donated a big bag of gorgeous top quality cottons to the pot holder project recently, and all they asked is a “thank you” in the next PFOA newsletter. Non-profits should stick together, so we want to recognize the Serenity House Thrift Store with a big thank you for supporting our project!

Thank you so much to Cheryl Holland for the new vacuum cleaners in cat rooms B2 and B3. You’ll see in our Wish List that she still needs stick vacuums for B3 and B4.

Meet A Volunteer: Cheryl Holland

By Sasha Sterling

It's easy to see why Cheryl Holland has a reputation as a "cat whisperer". She holds Little firmly but gently in her arms, speaking to him in soft and reassuring tones, "It's OK. You're OK". Little, a not-so-little cat with gorgeous copper eyes and tawny spotted flanks, is one of several formerly feral cats in the process of rehabilitation under Cheryl's tutelage. Now he shares space with other cats in a large outdoor enclosure in Cheryl's verdant backyard. One day this pretty cat will make someone very happy and find his forever home -- if his handler has anything to say about it.

Cheryl moved to the Port Angeles area a little over a year ago after retiring from forty years of teaching high school. Her work with ferals paralleled her teaching career. Homeless cats just started showing up on her property in California's Mojave Desert country. "No cat will go hungry on my watch." was her motto. As kittens came along, she socialized them. Then, as the population

burgeoned, she got involved with trap-neuter-return with the aid of a local rescue organization. After a time, she began to nurture the idea of starting her own cat rescue when she retired.

A couple of months after settling into her new home, Cheryl spotted the sign for PFOA on one of her forays for cat food and supplies. Curious, she visited the shelter and liked what she saw. Aware that the Humane Society was in the process of expansion and seeing what an excellent job PFOA was doing, she decided that the community might not need another rescue organization. So, rather than carry through with plans for her own cat rescue, she started volunteering for PFOA; at first, one day a week, then two, along with transporting cats back and forth to vet visits.

On a typical day at the shelter, Cheryl works her way through the cat rooms, spending time with every



cat. She loves the freedom they have without indoor cages and that they can enjoy the outdoors much as her own cats do during daytime hours without actually going out. She cleans boxes, brushes the cats, and talks to them, taking each one seriously as an individual, as she did her students. "Teaching opened my eyes to possibilities," she says. To her, there's no such thing as "just a cat". "All life has purpose and dignity. It's my job to show what it is, what it can be."

Whether working with ferals, special needs cats, or already-socialized animals, this dedicated volunteer wants to make life better for these animals and their prospective human companions. "I want to make someone's day with a kitty who is ready. That's my goal." ❖

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 oldest kitty, Patch, from PFOA. After over 10 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 Committee, the Finance Committee and has helped to organize and work at many events. She 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!



Safe Haven **ADOPTABLES!** **Second Time Around**

The PFOA adoption process is designed to give our kitties the very best chance for their forever home. And we mean **FOREVER!** We interview prospective adopters for compatibility with their selected feline(s). We provide information on the responsibilities and rewards of adopting a pet. We talk about the financial responsibility, especially as the kitty grows older and requires more medical attention. But, despite our best efforts, occasionally the adoption does not work out. In a number of cases, the adopter becomes ill and can no longer care for the pet properly. When this happens, we request (and encourage) the adoptive parents to bring the kitty back to PFOA so that we may find a new suitable forever home.

In this issue we are featuring four torties who are on their “second time around”. Each of these gals was originally adopted from PFOA and later returned to us for rehoming. While we regret the disruption in the cat’s life, we are grateful to have the opportunity to find each one a new home for the remainder of her life.

HEATHER is a twelve year-old torbie (both tabby and tortoiseshell markings) who was adopted from us ten years ago and recently found her way back to us. She is the sweetest, most delightful girl you could ever meet. If you are the sort of person who wants a very gentle loving lap cat, then this would be your girl. Come and meet this sweetheart and see for yourself just what an incredible gentle soul she is.



PIPPIN (left) and her sister **PRISCILLA**

(below) are technically on their third time around! These sweet tortie sisters have been together their entire lives. Originally adopted from us almost eight years ago as kittens, they were returned in 2013 because their person had to move. They had spent their entire short lives with one person, probably not exposed to many other people, and they had become very shy and timid. Our shelter personnel had a difficult time finding them at first, but quickly learned to look for two lumps under the blanket stretched across the couch.

Eventually, they became more comfortable with their new surroundings and ventured out to see the rest of their small world. With lots of love from our patient staff and volunteers, they started to interact with people, and were adopted a second time in 2014. However, earlier this year, the tortie pair came back to us. These are sweet, well-behaved cats who are used to an indoor/outdoor lifestyle. If you are a lover of torties and are patient enough to get through their initial shyness you will be rewarded with the love and affection of two very special girls by allowing them to share your home.



LEXI is a gorgeous long haired tortie – smart, funny and full of “tortitude.” She is such a joy to be around. Friendly and affectionate, she loves to be the Queen Bee and would prefer to be the only cat in her new home. Lexi was adopted by a long-time supporter and volunteer at PFOA. When her person became ill, Lexi found her way back to us for her “second time around”. Check out her story on page 4 of this issue.

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

Ask PFOA:

Do cats have a hierarchal society the way dogs do?

What do I need to know if I'm adopting several cats?

According to multiple sources, for a long time researchers pretty much assumed that cats did not have social structures – that is, they didn't believe cats developed bonded, stable social relationships unless they were raised together as kittens. Of course, any cat lover would have told the researchers they were wrong...and now the researchers agree that, yes, cats actually do have social structures. In fact, their structures are matriarchal in nature and the oldest female typically takes on the role of the Queen, which some people use to describe the matriarch.

Introducing several cats into a new household can be tricky unless the cats know each other from a shelter, or are already bonded. Cats don't like confrontation, and prefer to establish their dominance by carving out a territory for themselves – in other words, one cat may decide that she likes the purple chair, while another decides that he wants the back of the couch, and the third decides she'd rather be on the rug near the vent where she can watch the other two.

If the cats are bonded, though, the territories will overlap, and you'll likely find two, or even all three cats, snoozing on the purple chair. For new cats, carving out those territories may take some loud communication and batting of paws.

Certainly, introducing new cats slowly is always a good option, and showing them equal attention and love by petting them all frequently is important. But you do have to let them work out their own territories and sort out who is Queen.

There are also other factors to keep in mind, including whether or not a cat does well with other cats. "Alice" adopted a kitten, and when she was a year old, adopted a

five year-old rescued male. "For years we thought it was a disaster because they just always fought." When Alice's father cat-sat for a week, he took pictures of the two cats snuggling on a chair. It turned out that the cats only fought in front of Alice and her husband – they were just fighting for attention. "In hindsight, we realized the male would have been better off as an only cat, not as a big brother," Alice said.

Even the experts can get fooled, though: "Claudia" is an animal behaviorist who can gain the trust of any animal, large or small, but couldn't get a hold on her own rescued brood. "I struggled for years. The Doberman never listened to me and was defiant, the terrier couldn't settle down, the Russian Blue wouldn't come out of hiding, and the calico was always wary around everyone."

The day her 16 year-old tortie passed away, everything changed: "It was like that 'Peace in the Kingdom' picture on a Christmas card!" Claudia exclaimed. That very day, the terrier settled down, the Doberman became the obedient and gracious leader, the Russian Blue started hanging out on the couch for belly rubs, and the calico not only joined the group but started sleeping on the Doberman! "I would have never guessed that Callie [the tortie] had had such an influence on their behavior."

So remember the rule about the matriarch, but also understand the need for each cat to carve out his or her own territory. In the end,

relying on the shelter employees to tell you about each cat's personality is important. A good shelter manager can tell you if a cat should be an only child, or if he or she plays well with others. Adopting bonded pairs, or bonded triplets is a must: Happier cats means a happier household, and that's what makes our lives better! ❀



Josie and Sydney

“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



My husband and I adopted the two little kittens in the background photo [on Facebook] about 6 weeks ago (Hollywood and Chicago, now called Bella and Rosie). They are the sweetest little girls; they were so shy when we first got them but have become trusting and loving. Our beautiful 12 year-old Malamute Sasha died just before we adopted them. I said at the time that we would help them be less afraid and they would help us with our grief. Both things have happened!

Thank you, PFOA.

Midge James

Thank you so much for all of your assistance with the kitties from the Hook. From **Fred & Flora Westfall**



Thank you so much for what you do! Could you open a branch in Shelton/Olympia – I’d love to volunteer.

- **Pat McGreer**



Kudos to Nancy Campbell! - **Tara Sparkman and Mr. Wilson**



Dear PFOA Staff,

Just a note to say we are honored to have you as a customer and take that responsibility seriously. We pray for you regularly. We pray for your continued success, an abundance of volunteers and an everlasting joy!

Blessings,

Christina & Charles

WeDo Fudge



OK, clearly this cat has had experience with dogs -- he may even prefer them to cats. I am house-sitting for a friend who has two dogs and two cats, and it took Blue [formerly Huey] exactly twenty minutes to figure out where he wanted to spend his time!

- **Kate Small**

Hello all at PFOA,

Received your email “news” today. So sorry to hear about the two injured cats. I am sending a small donation to help with the expenses. Wish it could be more but I have had my own “cat” medical expenses with “Gato” and “Danielle.” They are doing okay. I hope my small amount will help. I know from working at a non-profit org. that “many small amounts” help pay the bills.

My best to all there always,

Pat Orella

PS: Thank you for taking care of Pinky & Homer!





“Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”

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 Read more on our Facebook page at:
www.facebook.com/pfoasafehaven



For anyone nervous about adopting a PAIR of kittens, please read the following story....Last September we went to PFOA looking for ONE sweet older cat to welcome into our family. If someone recommended adopting TWO young kittens, I would have laughed at the absurd notion and said they were crazy. However, that is exactly what

the wonderful staff at PFOA suggested when we visited. We ended up adopting Chester and Findlay, five month-old bonded brother kittens. Best decision EVER. They love each other SO much. They play together, which has kept them out of a lot of typical kitten mischief. Don't be nervous to adopt two kittens at once like I was. It will end up being the best thing you've ever done. - **Stephanie Gould**



Thank you so much for making me feel at home today when I returned to Safe Haven after six weeks away in Wisconsin with Gravy & Junior — and Keith, of course. We had a nice time at the cabin, but I missed you all. It's good to be home again. Here's a summer cabin photo of the boys relaxing. This was before the puppy arrived for a week-end visit. Oh my!

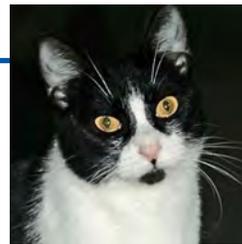
- **Catherine White**



Dear PFOA Folks,
 Thank you so very much for your kind and excellent work with Homer. We were so impressed with your fast work to make him well and find him a forever family.

With sincere gratitude,

Merelene & John Helpenstell



Hello, Richard and Rita here, we are the couple that adopted Kaley and Jersey this last Tuesday. We just wanted to give you a quick update on how our two kitties are doing. We were impressed with how quickly the two adapted to their new home and living situation. Kaley being the more social of the two was the one to adapt the soonest. The second day she was up on our laps the minute we sat down ready for a pet and opportunity to show us her purr. Jersey being a bit more reserved took a couple of days before she was brushing up against our legs, looking for a pet. It was a good choice to get them both together as they are wonderful playmates. They are forming routines and love to chase each other throughout the house. We still limit them to a closed off room at night, but it seems fine to them and they are ready to greet us in the morning. Both are eating very well. They are fairly well behaved and are learning their bounds. A quick strong "No" for jumping on the counter or table or claw sharpening on the rug seems to be working.

So, we tip our hats to all of you for what you do. Rescuing and saving these cats and finding homes for them is a noble cause.



Seniors are so very special! I have adopted several and never regretted it in any way. They truly do seem to know you have rescued them. And if you are hesitating because you might not have them for as long as you like, no animal

comes with a promise of a long time together. I have had a senior live to 20 and a kitten die at a year from liver cancer. Take the chance. You won't regret it.

- **Linda Harer**

Look who's been adopted!

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

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Zeus



Katie Kitty



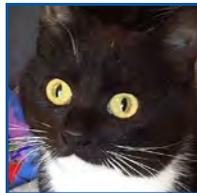
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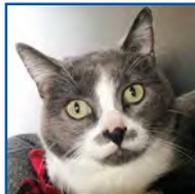
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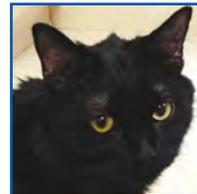
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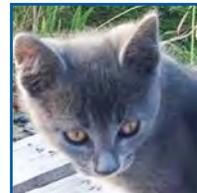
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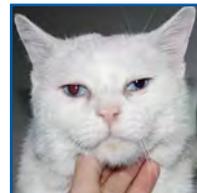
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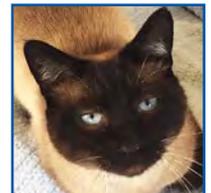
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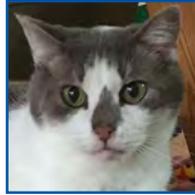
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Memorials and Honorariums

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.

Honorariums (Person)

- In honor of Peninsula volunteers. From Terry Mathews
- In honor of Doris Cosman. From Scott Cosman
- For my Mom's birthday. From Kathryn McFadden
- In honor of Chuck Livingston's birthday. From Roberta Hairfield
- In honor of Nancy Campbell & Barbara Swedeen. From Diane & Leon Lopez
- In honor of Cass. From Johnjoseph Pajor
- In honor of my mother Jan Reichl's birthday. From Tina Lewis
- In honor of Cathy Krout. From Aurora Krout

Honorarium (Pet)

- In honor of my pets, Nellie and Mr. Feathers. From Judie Sharpe
- In honor of my pets, Gato and Danielle. From Patricia Orella
- In honor of my pet, Sweetums. From Jo Ann Bergmans
- In honor of three wonderful years with Reggie and Tux. From Dianne Whitaker
- In honor of my pet. From Faye Hayden
- In honor of Leopold's and Wolfgang's birthdays. From Marilyn Eveland
- In honor of my pets, Magic and Mystic. From Kristi Li Fight
- In honor of my pet Clara. From Lee Raymond
- In honor of my pet Katrinka. From Mike Dahmer
- In honor of my cat Fancy Summer. From Michael Snyder
- In honor of my Best Boy Arnie. From Suzanne Schmidt
- In honor of my cats, Princess and Eugenie. From Jean Collinson
- In honor of my pet Tucker. From Karen Crouse
- In honor of my 4 cats, 1 Chihuahua, and 3 ducks (one who gives hugs). From Helen Bucher
- In honor of all my best friends. From Elizabeth Newlon

In Memory of Special People

- In memory of Donna Hubner. From Karen Doran
- In memory of Tami Berggren. From Joe & Roberta Hairfield
- In loving memory of Shirley Menasco, dearest friend and animal lover of all things furry. From Jacqueline Petersen
- In memory of Susan and Michael. From Lois Sorg
- In memory of Ann Bordin Acosta. From Judith LeConte
- In memory of Nathan. From Linda Ruffcorn
- In memory of Carole Doerschlag. From Connie Rene Smith
- In memory of Joseph Baron. From Jack McEwan
- In memory of Diane Grier, lover of animals and beautiful daughter of Ed and Nancy Grier. From Peter & Darlene Granlund
- In memory of Bonnie McAdoo. From Richard Lieb
- In memory of Diane Grier. From Lee & Gwen Porterfield
- My beloved spouse, Irene R. Weiss, died on October 14, 2016. She was ninety years old and had been a supporter of your work for many years. Thank you for all that you do to contribute to the well-being of animals. From Michelle de Beixedon

- In memory of Aimee Barton. From Wendy Nordaune
- In memory of our dear friend and animal lover, Karen Postma. From Jean Schuver and Dave Chalmers
- In memory of Nathan Paulson. From Linda Paulson
- In memory of sweetheart Nina Trent-Benning who touched many lives. With much love from Judy Palumbo-Gates
- In memory of Audra Kungel. From Andrea Alstrup
- In memory of Ivan Johnson. From Christine Spirz
- In memory of Michael Anderson. From Lori Oberlander
- This donation is in honor and memory of my friend Grace Marton who died at age 69 after coping with RA for 45 years. Grace loved cats and had been a volunteer at her local shelter. While in Hospice care, the shelter brought two kittens for a home visit to give her final moments some joy. Rest in peace, Grace! From Pat Nix

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

- In memory of Mr. and Mrs. J.W.M. Schorer's pet, Man. From Donna Campbell
- In loving memory of beautiful Beatrice, who came to me for only the last one of her seventeen years, wherein we forged a bond of love and trust that is eternal. Be well, my beloved Honey Bea. From Ann Gilson
- In memory of my pet Tippy. From Bruce Johnson
- In memory of Smokey, so loved by Gary Del Mastro. From Andy & Jan Meyers
- In memory of my pet, Stitch. From Janet Mocker
- In memory of my beloved cat, lost to kidney failure. From Judith Hoxsey
- In memory of Cosette Hughes, beloved cat of Barbara Hughes. From Judith LeConte
- In memory of Gary Del Maestro's Smokey. From Martin Rolls
- In memory of my pet, Cosette. From Barbara Hughes
- In memory of Smokey, Gary Del Mastro's handsome gentleman cat. Gary rescued a pregnant feral cat 17 years ago and adopted her and two of her litter. Smokey was one those babies. He has joined his mama and sister. They are much missed. From Karen Groves
- In memory of Sammi, beloved dog of Lorri Gilchrist. From Susan Daily
- In memory of our beloved cats Bailey and Billy. From Susan Pressman & Phil Merlin
- In memory of Cosette, a cat belonging to Barbara Hughes. She was her close and dear companion. From Paulie Mills
- In memory of Ozzie, Mike and Kathy Smith's 20 year-old longhaired orange tabby. He was everyone's friend and loved to walk through the fields with his family, dogs and horses. You will be missed, sweet boy. From Karen Groves
- In memory of Cherie Westfall's and Bruce Cutter's Hoover. From Donna Campbell
- In memory of my pet, Smokey. From Judith Vilkelis
- In memory of my pets, Murphy and Sandy. From Carol Asivido
- In memory of my pet, Tabby. From Linda Ruffcorn
- In memory of my pet, Sunny. From Sandra Pinckert
- In memory of Lady. From Fred & Flora Westfall
- In memory of my pet. From Anne Goetzman
- In memory of my pet, Snooki. From Terry Mathews
- In memory of Gary Del Maestro's Smokey. From Nancy Dolansky
- In memory of Kevin & Teresa Cassidy's Stolli, our community's Olympic Discovery Trail dog friend at Hendrickson near Priest. From Tammy White
- In memory of Kevin & Teresa Cassidy's Stolli. From Rick & Jeannie Munhall
- In memory of Kevin & Teresa Cassidy's Stolli, who lightened the lives of so many users of the Olympic Trail, as well as those just driving by. From Jacqueline & Brooks Petersen
- In memory of Kevin & Teresa Cassidy's Stolli. From Sharon Palmer
- In memory of Kevin & Teresa Cassidy's Stolli. From Elaine Bezdicek
- In memory of Ron Figueroa's Brandy. From Bill & Carol Follmer
- In memory of Eleanor. From Pat McCreer

- In memory of Kevin & Teresa Cassidy's **Stolli**. Many precious pets will be waiting as you cross the "Rainbow Bridge." You will be greatly missed. From **Connie Rene Smith**
- In memory of Pam Nelson's **Midnight** and **Lily**. From **Tammy White**
- In memory of Sally Renee's **Bo**. From **Tammy White**
- In memory of AJ & Lindsey Wooten and kids' **Cooper**. From **Tammy White**
- In memory of JP Persall & Diana Wickman's **Boo**. From **Tammy White**
- In memory of Kim Treece & Nicki Sexton's **Keela & Murphy & Wanda**. From **Tammy White**
- In memory of Diana & Eldon Lusby's **Tessie**. From **Tammy White**
- In memory of Sandy Long's **Sam**. From **Tammy White**
- In memory of Gary DelMastro's **Smokey**. From **Tammy White**
- In memory of Marilyn Beech's **Josephine**. From **Tammy White**
- In memory of Ely & Linda's **Scooty**. From **Tammy White**
- In memory of Donna & Steve Saunder's **Mocha**. From **Tammy White**
- In memory of Sandee & Ron Freeman's **Luke**. From **Tammy White**
- In memory of Christine Strange and Walt & Irene Down's **Beau**. From **Tammy White**
- In memory of Dick & Loie Lindner's **Kodi**, an exceptional, beautiful and kind dog, a true companion to his "parents." From **Kirsten & Erv Ruhl**
- In honor of the life of Hailee Harrington's **Boogie**. From **Sharon Jensen**
- In memory of the Debbie Chalk family's **Obend**. From **Darlin Beach**
- In memory of **Gizmo**, who taught us how to love animals and each other. From **Tom & Donna Davis, Lucy, Smokey, & Darby**
- In memory of **Fizzy**, rescued by Sandy Lamb two years ago when he was sick and labeled unadoptable. Fizzy was given his final years being loved and cared for . . . and happy. From **Michael Hill**
- In memory of Patti See's **Mama Kitty**. From **Karen Niemi & Carla Michaels**
- In memory of **Cody Fleming**. From **Timothy & Carol Fleming**
- In memory of **Nina**, our friend Marjorie Benning's dear pet cat. From **Peter & Darlene Granlund**
- Great memories and our love to **Maggie**, our PFOA dog. Love, **Sue & Jeff Burns**
- In memory of **Montegue** and **Allegra**. From **Adrienne Gonzalez**
- In memory of **Suzie**, Kathy & Mike Smith's gentle nearly 20 year-old silver tabby. She loved everyone, and her dogs and horses, and was loved back by all. She is so missed. From **Karen Groves**
- In loving memory of **Hector**, my dear old Pixie Bob who finally found his forever home with me after years of change and insecurity. He seemed to know that he was not being abandoned again as he went peacefully to his eternal home. From **Ann Gilson**
- In memory of sweet **Penny**, Earl's little dog, who has had twelve wonderful years with Susan and Chuck Skaggs, who loved him dearly. My grateful thanks to them always. From **Ann Gilson**
- **Mysterious**, the Jewish kitten, has crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. Her mommies, Ellen and Lee, were there with her, talking to her and petting her as she went. We all felt the Lord's presence as He guided her across. I wish the Rainbow Bridge had visiting hours. From **Ellen Morrison**



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.



Dear Rosie & Tony,
I'm so happy to tell you that I love my new

forever home! My new Mommy and Daddy love me and adore me – and I'm also happy to finally have an older sister to play with and learn from. Cujo is totally awesome!

The only problem is that she keeps chasing me off and complaining about "kids these days" and then she shouts something like, "Now I know what Toomba went through!" I know Toomba was her older brother but I would think she'd like having me around to play with now but mostly she just hides in the bathroom. I always miss the turn when I'm racing around the corner too fast and she just laughs at me.

What do I do? I want to be the best baby brother ever, but she doesn't want anything to do with me! Can you help?

Love, Poco

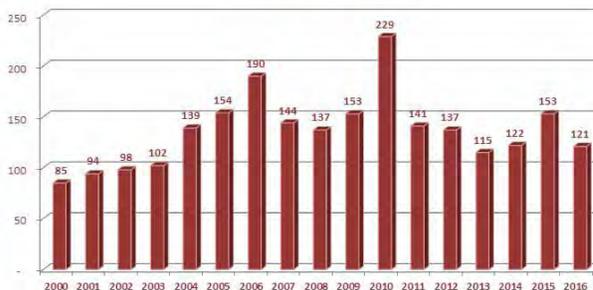
Rosie and Tony reply together:

It's so good to hear from you, Paco! You know, Toomba wrote to us about two years ago to complain about his new younger sister – her name was Charlotte before Toomba named her Cujo. Back then, Toomba didn't know what to do with himself because of your sister's crazy antics, but just a short time later, Cujo was writing to tell us how close they'd become and how much she missed him. And that trick about hiding in the bathroom? Cujo learned that from Toomba. We suspect that one day you may be using the same trick on your new baby sister.

Change is hard for everyone, especially for Cujo in this situation. Just remember to keep loving her and being yourself. We have a feeling that she'll come around very soon.

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

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- **Canned Cat Food:**
 - Fancy Feast – Broth Pouches (all flavors)
 - Fancy Feast – Gravy Lovers Chicken Liver
 - Fancy Feast – Pate (all flavors)
 - Friskies – Turkey Giblet, Ocean, Mariner’s Catch
- **Miscellaneous Cat Items:**
 - Cat treats
 - Feather wands
 - Catnip toys
 - Cat beds
 - Round cardboard scratcher
 - Futon mattress
 - Gently used couches and end tables
 - Rugs / Mats / Runners
 - Medium top loading crates
 - 3-tier push cart
 - Vertical IV stand
- **Household Items:**
 - High efficiency laundry detergent
 - Liquid dishwasher soap
 - TP / Paper towels / Lint rollers
 - Bleach
 - Bottled water
 - \$10 Safeway Gift Cards
 - Trash bags (13 and 33 gallon)
 - Plastic laundry baskets
 - Waste basket liners
- **DARE TO DREAM**
 - 12 x 8 Rubbermaid or wood storage shed
 - Intercom system
 - Computer

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE:

PFOA potholders are available at the following local businesses:

- **Birds of a Feather**, 825 W. Washington St, Sequim, (360) 477-4343
- **Forage Gifts & Northwest Treasures**, 121 Washington St, Sequim (Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 11am-4pm) (360) 797-1018
- **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
- **Old Post Office Sweets & Gifts**, 751 Carlsborg Road, Carlsborg (Tue-Sat, 8am-5pm) (360) 681-8014
- **Safe Haven** (Tue-Sat, 11am-4pm)
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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.

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