

# Pet Tidings

From Peninsula Friends of Animals

**OUR COMMITMENT:** To accommodate spaying and neutering of the greatest possible number of cats and dogs in our community as a solution to the pet overpopulation problem; and, ultimately, to build a modest no-kill sanctuary with associated low cost spay and neuter clinic.

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## ABOUT PFOA

Peninsula Friends of Animals is an independent nonprofit group that is *not associated* with any other animal welfare group or shelter. We are an active, all-volunteer and quickly growing group of your Sequim and Port Angeles area friends and neighbors who have formed with two major goals in mind: 1)to get the pet overpopulation problem under control via aggressive spaying and neutering programs and, 2)to acquire a site suitable for operating a modest no-kill shelter and low cost spay and neuter clinic.

**PFOA** exists because there is a *need*. Many people in our community fail to spay or neuter their animals because they perceive that they can't afford the procedure, don't have the time, or don't understand the importance of doing so.

**PFOA** intends to reach these pet owners by offering low cost spaying and neutering and free transportation services to anyone who needs them, as well as by conducting ongoing humane education programs. Additionally, **PFOA** is committed to having a modest no-kill shelter up and operating somewhere between Sequim and Port Angeles sometime in the next few months.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS!** As a nonprofit organization, your contributions to us are tax-deductible. Please give as generously as you can. You may direct your donations to be used for spaying/neutering and daily expenses of caring for the animals *or* specifically toward the Building Fund. A donation form is printed on the back page for your convenience.

**This is Sammy**

**"before"**

See inside for his story.....



## FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED

**PFOA's** first ever election of a Board of Directors took place at the Aug. 22, 2001 membership meeting. Seven capable and energetic members were elected to serve terms of one to three years.

Officers elected were Janet Harker, president; Nancy Campbell, vice-president; Gary Del Mastro, secretary; Leslee Francis, treasurer. Remaining board positions went to Ann Gilson, Joan Hermanson and Debbie Marshall.

Best of luck to a group that has vowed to work together diligently and effectively to accomplish **PFOA's** worthy goals.

## LATE BREAKING NEWS!

**PFOA** has located an extremely usable piece of property situated between Sequim and Port Angeles. The buy-sell agreement and terms have been mutually agreed upon. The finalization of the sale hinges upon the granting of a conditional use permit which we hope to have in hand by the end of this year.

The property has an existing building which is almost perfectly suited for use as a feline sanctuary. Additionally, it has the space to build a spay/neuter clinic, a dog shelter and an animal retirement home.

Donations to the Building Fund are coming in at a fast pace. Our thanks to each of you!

## BUILDING FUND

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## The SAGA Of SAMMY

Just a faceless, ragged, dirty bundle of fur in an animal control officer's net, shown on the front page of the *Peninsula Daily News*.

That's where Nancy Campbell of PFOA first saw Sammy. Somehow she couldn't get the image out of her mind.

She called Ann Gilson, also a PFOA person and her sometime "partner in crime," and said, "I need a reality check. I don't really need a dog, do I?"

"Of course not," Ann said. "But where is he? When can we get him?"

And so the saga of Sammy, an 11-year old abandoned, starving, nearly deaf and blind tiny Shih Tzu, began.

A call to the Humane Society elicited, "You don't want *him*. He's blind and sick and may not even live. He has no lower jawbone and can't eat. And he's filthy and he stinks—we've never had a worse smelling dog."

Nancy persisted, calling every day. On the third day she was told, "You can come get him at 4:30 today." And she did.

Straight to Dr. Carmen Czachor's she went, where Sammy was welcomed like a little prince and kindly fed by hand. The staff did have to turn on several exhaust fans in the boarding area that night, however!

Then to Little Mount Grooming the next morning, where Vicki was set to clean him up.

When he walked out of the carrier, Vicki took one look and said, "I know that dog! It's Sammy. I groomed him for years until he went to a new home about a year ago. Why, he's lost half his body weight!"

And, indeed, when his coat was sheared off in one solid mat, a mighty skinny little figure stood before them.

Joan Hermanson, gifted photographer and PFOA's "dog person," was there to take "before" and "after" pictures.

She also arranged with friend and neighbor



This is Sammy

"After"

Rita Heywood to foster him for a few days, as PFOA had no dog foster homes at the time.

Dr. Ginny Johnson drove from Port Hadlock to check him over that morning. Later she and Dr. Joyce Murphy provided the medical care that started—and then kept—him on the road to recovery.

Next another friend of Joan's, Sandy Simmons, took over foster duties and devotedly nursed Sammy back to health. Under her care, he regained his former good toilet habits and his lost weight.

Still no one came forward who wanted a little old dog who, though sweet and pretty now, took so much time to feed and clean, medicate daily, and who couldn't see or hear very well. Nancy and Ann began to despair.

Just when Sandy could no longer care for him, Vicki found Barb and Tom, a compassionate couple looking for a very different kind of dog than Sammy for themselves. Meanwhile, they were willing to care for him until someone wanted him permanently.

Two months later and some six months after Nancy first saw his picture, Sammy was formally adopted from PFOA by Barb and Tom. The joyful ceremony was attended by his "parents"—Nancy, Ann, and the two veterinarians who'd done so much for him.

Sammy looked spiffy in a bright new color, his snowy white coat gleaming, snuggled in Barb's arms—home at last.

### MEMORIALS

Dick & Marie Goin in memory of  
Leila D. Price

Jess & Janet Harker in memory of  
Irene Downs' Maggie

B.N. & Eleanor Morehead in memory of  
Leila D. Price

Gary & Melba Morrow in memory of  
Sweetie

Trudy & Douglas Rittenhouse in memory  
of Leila D. Price

## **“NO-KILL”:**

### **WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

Some people have expressed confusion over the term, “no-kill”. Would a terminally ill animal be kept alive even though he or she was in excruciating pain? Would an animal seriously injured beyond the ability of a veterinarian to fix the damage be required to suffer until death?

The answer, of course, is “NO!”. In relation to animal sanctuaries it means that *healthy, adoptable*, animals are allowed to live happy, normal lives in comfortable and loving surroundings regardless of whether or not someone actually adopts them. The key words here are “healthy” and “adoptable”. A cancer patient in incurable pain might well need to be euthanized, as might an animal badly injured in an accident. “No-kill” doesn’t mean “never euthanize”. Rather it means no euthanasia of healthy, well adjusted animals just because no one has yet stepped forward to adopt them.

Over 700 shelters currently operating in this country now consider themselves to be “no-kill”. The reason the concept has become so popular is that, in conjunction with aggressive spay/neuter campaigns, it works! Communities that support such shelters and programs are reaping the benefits: less killing, reduced pet population, more humane treatment and less expense of handling unadopted animals.

No-kill” is a good concept and--- we hope you’ll agree—the right one for this community.

## **YARD SALE & BAZAAR A SPECTACULAR SUCCESS!**

Thanks to dozens of volunteers and many hours worth of time, PFOA’s July 7 - 8 Yard Sale & Bazaar was a huge success! Almost \$5,200.00 was raised to continue our spaying and neutering programs here on the north Olympic Peninsula. Nearly 90% of the merchandise that was donated was sold.

Sincere appreciation to all of you who contributed a steady stream of fresh homemade baked goods and also to the artists who donated a large variety of arts and crafts. Nearly 100% of the baked goods and 80% of the arts and crafts were sold.

Our thanks also to Dr. Linda Allen for contributing half the funds garnered from a vaccination clinic held on the site on the second day of the sale. Approximately 50 dogs and cats were vaccinated by Dr. Allen and Dr. Brian Marts.

The raffle table was busy both days. Raffle winners were Juli Elofsen of Port Angeles (big stuffed dog), K. Smith of Sequim (stuffed cat), Sue Peerce of Sequim (Many Paws small dog groom), Lynn Wilson of Sequim (Many Paws medium dog groom), Helen Hille of Sequim (Dancing Dog gift certificates) and Lisa Ljunghammar of Sequim (Wayne’s Nursery Chair planter).

The event was a lot of work but great fun for all!! Several dozen local animals are already benefiting as a direct result of this effort.

### **HOW CAN I HELP?**

#### **Make a cash donation to support:**

**1) Daily expenses.** Nearly every animal that comes to us costs a minimum of \$80 in veterinary expenses plus the expense of food and care until adoption or for life.

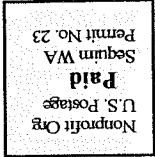
**2) Building Fund.** We are actively pursuing a site for our no-kill sanctuary and low cost spay/neuter clinic. With your help, they could be up and operating within the next few months.

**Become an active member.** If you have the desire and ability to get out into the community and work actively on our programs, we need you! Active memberships are only \$10 per year.

**Sponsor an animal.** For \$10 a month, you can sponsor a homeless animal that we are sheltering. You will receive a picture and history of that animal.

**Donate supplies.** We are constantly in need of the following items: pet food, both dry and canned; kitty litter; bleach; towels; stamps; envelopes; good quality copy paper; printers; computers. Please call ahead for pick up or drop off time.

*(Please use form on back page to make your donation)*



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I am making a donation. I understand that my donation is tax deductible for charitable purposes. Donation is for \_\_\_ Daily expenses; \_\_\_ Building Fund

Amount: \_\_\_ \$5 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_ \$5,000 \_\_\_ \$10,000 \_\_\_ \$25,000 \_\_\_ \$50,000

I would like to become an *active* member. I can help with one or more of the following: animal rescue and placement, computer work, fund raising, making and posting adoption flyers, telephone, animal socializing, errands, etc. \_\_\_ I am pre-paying my \$10 membership fee. Please send me the Membership Application.

I would like to donate food or supplies. Please call me. \_\_\_

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