

Pet Tidings



SWEETIE'S STORY

It was a wet day in the woods early this spring, and Sweetie the Rottweiler was with her family, on the alert for anything that might harm them.

But the harm, when it came, was to her, not them. Jack was taking down a tree, not even a very large one. Something went wrong, and although the tree trunk missed Sweetie, a small branch hit her—hard—across the back.

She went down, and she couldn't get up! For the first time in her nearly 10 years with the Lehsten family, her powerful haunches wouldn't bring her to her feet. She struggled to pull herself up, and couldn't.

Jack and Marianne ran to her, terrified that she was dying. They had loved Sweetie, their constant companion for the five years since she'd come to them from their daughter, whose own daughter's life Sweetie once saved from drowning.

Sweetie weighs about 110 pounds, but they got her home, somehow, and then to the nearest veterinary clinic. They had very little money, but never even thought of that.



After an exam, they heard the verdict—nothing could be done for Sweetie at a price they could pay. Surgery from a specialist was a possibility, but was not likely to do any good, would be very painful and would cost thousands of dollars. Sadly, Jack and Marianne took Sweetie home.

Back in their small trailer in the woods, they nursed her as best they could, one of them always with her. They carried her outside each day to relieve herself, and cried a lot into her fur at night.

Who knows how Sweetie's story—and her life—might have ended? But a friend of theirs, who also loved Sweetie, heard about Peninsula Friends of Animals and called us.

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2nd Annual Yard Sale & Bazaar Set for July 19-20

Make your plans now to attend through all the arts and crafts, PFOA's big annual Yard Sale & Bazaar. participating in various raffles, and It will take place in a large warehouse at choosing from a huge selection of quality 91 Savannah Lane. Don't worry about donated new and used goods. This that address, it's easy to find—right year's happening should be equally as across from the Carlsborg Post Office! festive.

The dates to remember are Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20.

If you attended last year's event, you'll know how much fun it was sorting

If you have items to donate for this year's sale, please call our message center at (360) 452-0414. A volunteer will get back to you quickly.

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OUR MISSION

- To place as many homeless, neglected and/or abandoned pets as possible into good, safe, permanent homes; and to prevent the birth of unwanted pets through aggressive educational and spay/neuter programs.

"The love of all living creatures is the most noble attribute of man."

—Charles Darwin

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TIDINGS Q & A

Q: Some of my friends refuse to buy Yoplait Yogurt because the container is said to be dangerous to pets. What exactly is the danger?

A: The problem is the rim on the popular 6oz. containers. Once the empty containers get into the environment, small animals can get their heads caught in them. Yoplait admits their containers have caused harm to skunks, but won't fess up to the possibility that they have caused aggravation or death to kittens, puppies, squirrels and other small animals.

Perhaps the most troubling issue is that Yoplait has known about this problem for a number of years but has refused to do anything significant about it. The company points to a tiny statement printed on each container that recommends crushing before disposal. How many people have seen this statement? How many are likely to follow it? How easy is it to actually crush these containers unless done with a heavy shoe?

Some consumers have noted that there is absolutely no good reason for Yoplait to continue to design the containers with this type of rim, with or without danger to animals, and choose not to purchase Yoplait products until such time as that rim is redesigned.

Yoplait can be e-mailed at www.generalmills.com/Yoplait. Letters can be sent to Yoplait, c/o General Mills, P O Box 1113, Minneapolis, MN 55440. Their toll free number is 1-800-328-1144.

They will tell you they are working on resolving the problem. They've been saying this for years.

"Painless" Ways to Contribute to PFOA's Work

Here's a couple of easy ways to contribute monetary funds to PFOA without actually ever writing out a check to the organization!

If you already contribute, through a work plan or otherwise, to United Way of Clallam County, you may request that part or all of your contribution be passed on to Peninsula Friends of Animals. United Way charges a seven percent administrative fee on contributions that are directed to non-United Way agencies such as PFOA, and then makes one lump payout for both cash and payroll deductions donations that have been designated to those groups. So you can continue to support United Way, as always, while directing your donation to PFOA, if you choose.

And don't forget iGive.com. If you're already ordering online from places like Amazon, Barnes & Noble, REI, Tower Records, Drugstore, Martha Stewart and hundreds of other major Internet retailers, you can see to it that part of your purchase price goes back to PFOA. You simply start your shopping by going to iGive.com, specifying "Peninsula Friends of Animals" as your chosen charity, then go directly to the participating shopping site of your choice. Depending on the retailer, anywhere from 1-26% of your purchase price will go to PFOA without costing you anything more than you'd be paying otherwise.

Simple. Painless. And great ways to help PFOA continue to do its work.

“My Pal” *by permission of Jason Miller <Jason@happypets.org*

I never wanted a cat.

But in 1982, we were finally able to buy our dream house. Three days after moving in, Brenda turned to me and said, “Time to get a cat.”

Smoky was a gray tabby kitten, a shelter cat. Soon I was moaning and groaning about twice daily feedings and litter box scooping.

One day while Smoky was sitting on the kitchen table (strictly forbidden), I sat down on the chair in front of him.

“Okay, cat. We’re in this together, so let’s make the best of it. You stay out of my way and I’ll stay out of yours.”

Smoky responded by leaning up to me, blurring, then nipping my nose!

In 1990, a lung infection made me gravely ill. On the way home from the hospital, Brenda told me that Smoky had been absolutely frantic while I was away. I grunted outwardly, but inside I was real happy that he had missed me.

Upon arrival home, Smoky rubbed circles around my legs as I undressed and got into bed. He hopped up and made his way to my side. He laid down in the crook of my arm. I peered down at him. His eyes were narrow and relaxed. I

scratched his ears.

“You’re okay, cat,” I whispered.

He reached up with a paw and rested it on my nose as if to say, “It’s all right. I’m here. You’re only human, after all.”

From that point on, the feeding and litter box were no longer chores, but favors for a friend. Brenda was overjoyed that I had come around to appreciating a pet’s unconditional love.

I had finally come to see my special feline friend for what he was—a valued family member andMy Pal.

GET A DOG *submitted by Sharon Jordan*

If you want someone who will do anything to please you—get a dog.

If you want someone to bring you the newspaper without stopping first to read the sports page—get a dog.

If you want someone who’ll make a total fool of himself because he’s so glad to see you—get a dog.

If you want someone to eat whatever you put in front of him—get a dog.

If you want someone who’s always eager to go out anytime and anywhere you want to go—get a dog.

If you want someone who can scare away burglars without having to keep a lethal weapon around—get a dog.

If you want someone who never touches the remote and watches Monday Night football with you—get a dog.

If you want someone to snuggle up with and keep you warm and who you can kick out of bed if he slobbers and snores—get a dog.

If you want someone who never criticizes you, never complains and loves you unconditionally—get a dog.

And...if you want someone who ignores you when you walk in the room, leaves hair all over the furniture, walks all over you, prowls around all night then comes home to sleep all day and acts as though your main mission on Earth is to make sure that he’s happy...GET A CAT!

VOLUNTEER: Dave Stokely, PFOA's Computer Guru

When faced with the task of setting up PFOA's computer system, the organization's well meaning (but computer challenged!) volunteers turned to Dave Stokely of ALF7 Computers for much needed help.

An animal lover himself, Dave was eager to assist. He offered dozens of hours worth of his time and expertise on a strictly complimentary basis.

Life events and circumstances brought Dave to Port Angeles in 1998. He and wife Brenda share their home with Tuxedo, a striking black and white feline who looks to be pretty much in control of the household.

Dave's animal sensitivities extend to a web site he operates that accommodates adoption or the finding of lost pets. This free service can be accessed at www.my.tenforward.com/dstokely/petrescue-pa.html.

Dave's heart goes out to truly needy humans as well. He has sometimes provided salvaged computers free, with the only requirements being that the recipient have finished a basic computer class and be willing to purchase, at a reduced rate of about \$40, the necessary operating software.

ALF7's name is inspired by the term, Alien Life Form. (Being a computer "nerd", Dave says he feels like one!) In Jewish mysticism, seven is a lucky number. Hence, ALF7 Computers.

Dave is A+ Certified by the Computer Technology Industry Association. His home based business offers repair and upgrades as well new and used computers, modems, sound and video cards, hard drives, CD/CDRW drives, processors, keyboards and a variety of mouse.

Dave does on site or telephone consultation and offers tutoring and personal shopping service. Rates are reasonable, so if you haven't yet been able to conquer the world with your computer, give him a call. (Monday-Friday office hours, telephone (360) 452-7068; email dstokely@tenforward.com).

Oh, if you call and Dave is out, it's probably because PFOA has dragged him away to fix some "immediate emergency" (more likely an error on the part of the user!)

For free.

Again.

NEW MEMBERS: *PFOA Enthusiastically Welcomes You All!*

PFOA's membership continues to grow by leaps and bounds!

New members are bringing fresh energy and resources to animal-assistance causes on the north Olympic Peninsula that are so important to us all. We are extremely grateful to each and every one of you for your commitment to making

spaying, neutering and shelter available to every cat and dog in our community.

Recent new members are Zoe Brown, Caroline Chaney, Suzanne Dills, Suzanne Eaton, Pete Fridgen, Claudia Fureby, Andrew Gach, John & Lael Lewis, Lisa Ljunghammar, Diana Lusby, Helen Miller, Betty Morck, Stephanie Parrish, Lori Page,

Susan Schmidt, Marilyn Scott, Ralph Shupp, Donald & Lois Sorg, Kristen Springer and Joyce Stilwell.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." —Margaret Mead

COULDN'T BE DONE

by permission of Fran Stone <fransdream@webtv.net

"It can't be done."

That's all you have to say to my friend, Heidi, and she'll find a way to do it—especially when it comes to animals.

Four motherless kittens had been living outside our hospital. They were sustained by handouts from staff but remained untouchable. Administration wanted them out, so local Animal Control was called. We were told they would be "fixed" and adopted out.

When three had been caught, Heidi went to visit. She was told they had been "put down" because feral kittens couldn't be domesticated and weren't adoptable. She left the place in a rage, determined not to let the same fate befall the fourth kitten. She decided to trap that last one herself. Once caught, he was taken directly to her own vet where he was given a clean bill of health.

Heidi's household was already "animal full", so her parents agreed to provide a *temporary* foster home—they had declared they were done owning pets. Or so they thought!

Corky had won them over. Although shy around strangers, he became a wonderful house cat, socializing with the folks and sleeping on the bed with them each and every night.

And what was said "couldn't be done" was done...with love and with patience.

Best Bet to Reduce Stray Cat Numbers: T-N-R

PFOA's ongoing Trap-Neuter-Return (T-N-R) program has made a dramatic dent in the overpopulation of stray and feral (wild) cats in our community.

T-N-R begins with volunteers who trap humanely a stray, abandoned or feral cat. The animal is then taken to a local veterinarian where she or he is spayed or neutered as necessary and treated for any parasites or injuries.

The next step is to return the animal to a willing caretaker (usually at the same location where trapped) who has volunteered to feed and care for the cat.

As of May 31, 2002, PFOA's T-N-R program had successfully trapped and spayed or neutered over 120 feral or stray cats.

Given that one unsterilized female cat can theoretically be responsible (along with her offspring) for over 400,000 kittens born over the course of her reproductive years, thousands of cats have *not* been born in the area over the past two years as a direct result of PFOA's T-N-R program.

SPONSORS OF HOMELESS PETS ARE BACKBONE OF FOSTER HOME NETWORK

PFOA's sponsorship program allows members of the community who cannot adopt or foster a homeless pet to take part in a pet's care while he or she waits adoption (or for the pet's lifetime, if no one adopts). Foster homes of longtime homeless pet residents incur many expenses from food and litter to medicine and veterinary care. It is only with the assistance of pet sponsors that these expenses can be met.

Current sponsors of PFOA homeless pets are Teri Adair, Odette Ballard, Kathy Danley, Marguerite & Louis Evart, Claudia Fureby, Virginia Green, Linda Harer, Florence Humpal, Sharon Jordan, Lael & John Lewis, Lisa

Ljunghammar, Polly Loggy, Helen Miller, Mary Murray, Janet Peacock, Marilyn Scott, Nellie Stokely, Corine Schultz, Dennis & Marian Wajckus and Sallie Williams.

Lucky pets being sponsored are Amy, Andy, Annabelle, Booky, Buddy Boy, Dinah, Gypsy, Jackson, Jemima, Inky, Laddie Boy, Little Joey, Miller, Murphy, Princess, Sheilds, Sumari, Tiger and Tigger.

If you'd like to add another animal's name to the list of those currently being sponsored (especially if you have a place in your heart for a difficult-to-place pet), please do so—BE A SPONSOR!

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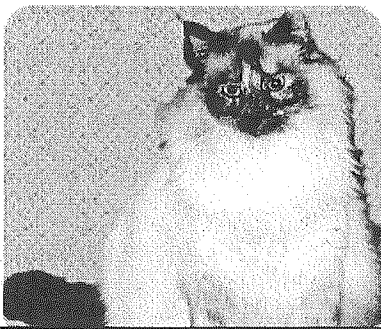
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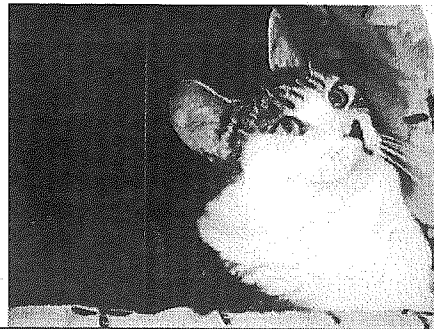
All Peninsula Friends of Animals' adoptables have been health checked, vaccinated and spayed or neutered.

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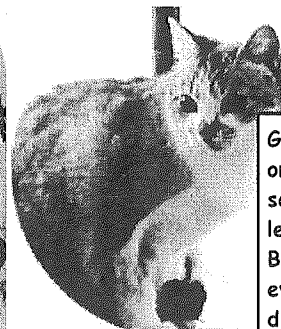
Do you have a safe and comfortable home for these loving animals?



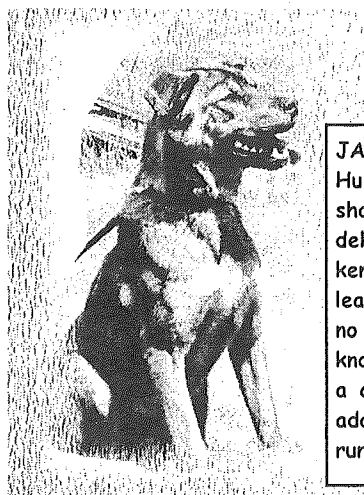
HOLLY. A gorgeous, blue eyed, long haired, tortie-point Siamese. Sweet, affectionate, playful and would love to be your own personal lap warmer.



JEMIMA is a tabby mix with a lovely white mask and bodice. She is spayed and is not quite yet two years old. She is looking for a person or family she can love and who will love her in return. She is a wonderful cat. She is not ready to leap into your arms, but with patience she can eventually become a cuddler. Can you be the one to give her a home and patient attention she needs?



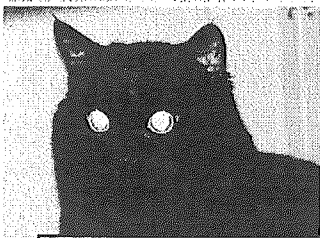
GYPSY is 12 years old and once shared her life with a senior citizen that had to leave for a nursing home. Bewildered, she was eventually rescued from her dilemma and is now in foster care. Serene and gentle, please let her share her love with you.



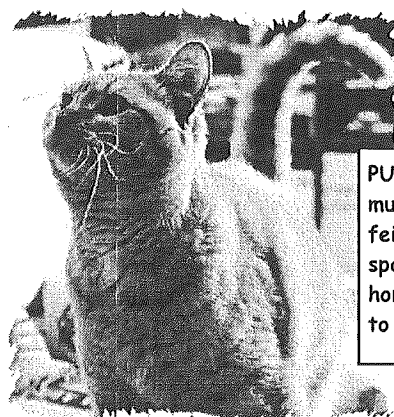
JACK. 1 1/2 yrs. old, a neutered male. Husky, Rottweiler, Chow Mix. Rabies shots until '03. Rescued from starving, dehydration and living full time in a 6'x9' kennel in his own waste. He is a fast learner, but had no training and almost no human contact. Ready for a knowledgeable trainer, or will be ready in a couple of months for less experienced adopters. Needs a fenced area for running and playing.



SHEILDS is a two-year-old neutered lad that is an elegantly marked tabby! He has a lopsided asymmetrical face because when he was younger his jaw was broken in two places and it healed badly. For all that, Shields is a very sweet, affectionate cat. He needs an indoor home because he has been de-clawed. He is looking for a loving family to call his own. Won't you adopt Shields and make him the feline king of your castle?



MOON PIE. A handsome, shiny black male. Smart and playful, but a bit shy. He would quickly become a devoted loving companion to someone who would give him a forever home.



PUMPKIN PIE is named for her coloration. She is a muted orange tabby who has shown herself to be a feisty cat, able to deal with other animals. She is a spayed tiger stripe kitty. Now ready to go to her new home, this inquisitive and fearless feline will adapt well to her new surroundings.



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VOLUNTEERS: The LaLondes artisans extraordinaire!

Pam and Paul LaLonde are very active in PFOA. You'll see them at the various bazaars in this area at a table where you can place an order for the personalized items they craft, from luxury dog collars to custom T-shirts. They usually reserve a corner of their table for a PFOA "information booth" and donate a portion of their animal-related sales proceeds to PFOA. They designed PFOA's logo T-shirts, sweatshirts, mouse pads and drink coasters. PFOA's Helen Hille recently talked with Pam.

PFOA: Why did you choose this little corner of the world for your home and business?

Pam: This area offers all of the luxuries we were looking for and much more: most importantly, very little rain, the magnificent mountains, the cleansing smell of the ocean breezes coming up off the Straits almost in our backyard, peace and quiet away from big city life and best of all, the most wonderful neighbors anyone could ask for.

PFOA: Do you have any pets?

PAM: We share our home with four cats and four dogs -- all rescues of course. And of course they're all spoiled absolutely rotten!

PFOA: What brought about your involvement with PFOA?

PAM: Actually a good friend, Mary Murray, asked if I'd like to attend a meeting with her and, of course, this led to my immediate involvement and later on, Paul's, too. After all, to us, any animal cause group rates right up there with food and water.

PFOA: About your business, as design artisans... Mountain Magic Ltd?

PAM: We have three definite divisions in our business: 1) Luxury Pet Items; 2) Leather Goods; 3) Custom Printing. Paul and I together have found that we can design and create almost anything.

Custom T-Shirts are our #1 thing here. Send us a nice photo, either hard copy or by email, and we can put it on a T-shirt, mouse pad, coaster, apron, tote bag, soda can cooler. We do computer-generated printing, giving us full color spectrum printing capabilities.

We truly enjoy and appreciate the opportunity of fulfilling the requests of all of our customers.

PFOA: And we truly appreciate Pam and Paul LaLonde, spreading the word on PFOA wherever they go. —HH

Sweetie's journey from paralysis to mobility

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PFOA volunteers Nancy Campbell and Kelly Thomas loaded up the car with food and a sling to help lift Sweetie, and headed east the next day. When they arrived, they found Jack and Marianne and Sweetie, plus nearly a dozen stray cats whom they had also somehow found a way to feed.

Sweetie, true to her guarding nature, wanted to drive off these intruders, but Kelly knows dogs and sat down beside her on the floor. When she finally put a hand out, Sweetie clamped her teeth on her arm, but Kelly kept talking and Sweetie gradually relaxed.

Jack and Marianne had wished for a cart that is used for paralyzed dogs and cats, so that Sweetie could be independent again. PFOA made arrangements to get one, and also put the Lehtsens in touch with the Jefferson County Humane Society Auxiliary who have a T-N-R program similar to PFOA's. The cats are now in the process of being trapped, spayed or neutered, and returned to Jack and Marianne, who will continue to feed and watch over them.

It took awhile to get Sweetie's measurements, get the cart ordered, and then have a skilled veterinarian do the final adjustments on it. But on a recent lovely June day, Sweetie became the owner of new "legs"—her very own cart from Doggone Wheels.



Her head was up, and Kelly and Nancy swear there was a smile on her face as she took her first unaided steps in a long, long time.

The last they saw of her as they headed back to Safe Haven was that good old dog proudly leading Jack and Marianne down the trail to the woods. —AG

Memorials and Gratitudes

Edith K. Coe in memory of Jeanne Denhart

George G. Fowler in memory of Thomas F. Frewen

Nancy & Sandy Goldstien in memory of Moose, beloved and internationally traveled cat of Deborah Rambo

Virginia H. Green in gratitude to Odette Ballard, "The Pet Nanny", for her help with Virginia's kitty, Lola

Virginia H. Green in memory of her dear friend, Elizabeth Meiring

Virginia H Green in thanks to Carrie Kalina for clipping Lola's nails

Helen E. Jarvis in memory of Jeanne M. Denhart

Arlene Overton Kennedy in memory of Jeanne Denhart

Patricia R. Lang in memory of Cathy McNally's cat, Russell

Bud and Betty Morck in memory of Jeanne Denhart

Cora M. Pond in memory of Karen Klein's longtime friend and companion, Domino

Ellie Schmidt, in memory of a fine old friend, Graybee

Natalie Spiegel for the kindness of Ellen & Milt Patrie

Mary Steen in memory of Jeanne M. Denhart

Attention Members: Please don't forget those monthly pledges!

A few months ago at PFOA's General Membership Meeting, most of those present agreed to provide a regular pledge to help pay monthly expenses at the new Safe Haven sanctuary. Although not yet open to the public, Safe Haven is already generating expenses like water, electricity, telephone and insurance.

Some of those who pledged to send a monthly contribution have forgotten to do so! As a result, payments for these expenses are coming partially from the Daily Expenses fund which is desperately needed for such things as pet food, litter, cleaning supplies and office materials.

If you pledged (or would like to), please either bring

your pledge to each monthly meeting or send it to PFOA, PO Box 404, Sequim WA 98382.

With your regular and continuing assistance, PFOA will be able to carry on its valuable work until such time as it begins receiving grants that will help ease the burden of these expenses.

BUILDING FUND DONORS. PFOA thanks the following individuals for recent donations to the Building Fund: Theresa Adair, Barbara & Thomas Pellet, and Sherri Lewis & Kelly Thomas.

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Please allow 2-4 weeks for delivery.

Safe Haven Update

PFOA continues to work with Clallam County at the process of gaining the right to begin remodeling construction at the existing building at the Safe Haven sanctuary site.

Progress has been slow but steady and positive. We believe it is only a matter of days or a few short weeks before every requirement set forth by the county has been satisfied and work can begin.

The hope is that once remodeling construction has begun, it will be only about 90 days before animals currently residing in scattered foster homes can be brought together in one location under the Safe Haven roof.

It is going to take more money than we currently have in our Building Fund to make all of this happen. Among other things there will have to be a sprinkler system, handicapped access, a firewall

between the caretaker's quarters and the rest of the house, completion of the basement, and outdoor cat fencing.

If you would like to be part of the effort to make Safe Haven fully functional in the shortest period of time possible, you may contribute by using the form on the back of this newsletter or by simply sending a check marked, "Building Fund".

You will make the difference!

PFOA Thanks Hosts to Collection/Donation Cans

If you see our donation can in a business in Sequim or Port Angeles, it is because a person who owns or manages that business has graciously allowed PFOA to "set up shop" on their counter.

In addition to dropping loose change in the cans, you can help support their presence there by thanking the business for helping the animals and by patronizing it regularly.

Sequim businesses currently hosting PFOA's cans are Animal Medical Center, C&W Productions, Dancing Dog, Greywolf Veterinary, Hair Trix, McComb Road Nursery, Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital, QFC Pharmacy, Sequim Animal Hospital and Sunny Farms.

Port Angeles businesses displaying the cans are Anchor Marine, Copies Plus, Evergreen Collision, Espresso Etc., Mount

Pleasant Country Supply, Mount

Pleasant Texaco and Patricia's Pet Store.

Thanks goes out to all these local business people and community members for helping the cause in this manner. We know that counter space is in short supply in most businesses, so we are extremely grateful that you have allowed us to be there!

HOW TO GIVE A CAT A PILL

submitted by Theresa Adair

If you've ever tried to give a cat a pill, you know how difficult it is. The following instructions are absolutely fool proof.....maybe!

1. Pick up the cat and cradle it in the crook of your left arm, as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth, pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.
2. Retrieve pill from floor and cat from under chair. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.
3. Retrieve cat from bedroom and throw soggy pill away.
4. Take a new pill from foil wrap. Cradle cat in left arm holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten.
5. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse in from garden.
6. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between the knees. Holding front and rear paws, ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold cat's head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.
7. Retrieve cat from curtain rail, get another pill from foil wrap. Make a note to buy a new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines from hearth and set aside for gluing later.
8. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with its head just visible from beneath spouse's armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force cat's mouth open with pencil and blow down straw.
9. Check label to make sure that pill is not harmful to humans. Drink glass of water to take taste away. Apply Band-Aid to spouse's forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.
10. Retrieve cat from neighbor's shed. Get another pill. Place cat in cupboard and close door onto neck to leave head showing. Force mouth open with spoon, flick pill down throat with elastic band.
11. Fetch screwdriver from garage and put door back on hinges. Apply cold compress to cheek and check records for last tetanus shot. Throw T-shirt away and fetch new one from bedroom.
12. Call the fire department to retrieve cat from tree across the road. Apologize to neighbor who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil wrap.
13. Tie cat's front paws to rear paws with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining room table. Find heavy duty pruning gloves from garage. Force cat's mouth open with small trowel. Push pill into mouth followed by a large piece of fillet steak. Hold head vertically and pour ½ pint of water down throat to wash pill down.
14. Get spouse to drive you to emergency room. Sit quietly while doctor stitches finger and forearm and removes pill remnants from right eye. Stop by furniture store on the way home to order a new table.
15. Arrange for vet to make house call.

PFOA GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES all of you who responded to our recent appeal for help with the Spay/Neuter Program. The need continues. However, as a direct result of the contributions we have received, we will be able to spay and neuter literally dozens of local animals over the next few weeks. Thanks so much for helping the animals and our community.

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

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