

Pet Tidings



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Serenity, the Dream Cat

Marcia Johnson has had cats all her life. When she was a little girl she used to tame barn kittens and make pets of them.

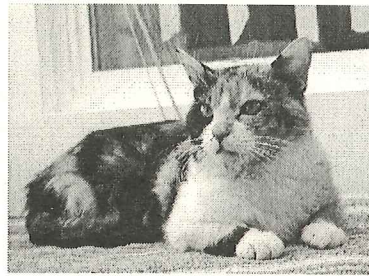
As she grew older a whole series of cats found her—or she them. Last September her beloved Sam, a beautiful Himalayan mix, died at 13 after having spent his whole life with her. He left such a void that for awhile she didn't want to think of another cat.

But toward the end of May, Marcia suddenly began to dream every night of a calico cat—a specific calico cat. She was a soft, pretty calico with a sweet face.

Marcia didn't remember having had a calico cat, hadn't been seeing any calico cats in real life, didn't even want a calico cat.

Every night, though, the cat showed up in her dream. So Marcia began to watch out for calico cats, thinking maybe a real cat was trying to find her. One day she did see one, but it wasn't the dream cat.

Then one Wednesday morning she



opened the *Peninsula Daily News* to the page with the "Pet of the Week" picture—and there was her cat! It couldn't be any other. She recognized her instantly, having seen her every night for so long.

Hurriedly she read, "Serenity.....Peninsula Friends of Animals," and then a phone number. She immediately called, and yes, Serenity was still available. She made an appointment, sure that Serenity was "her" cat.

Finally, on June 11, she met Serenity in real life and knew for sure that she'd found the cat she'd been looking for, the cat of her dreams.

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OUR MISSION

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

UPDATE:

Guess what Sweetie's doing!

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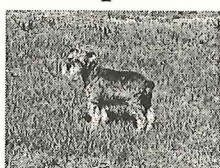


Adopted!



RCA

Adopted!



Buddy

Adopted!



Cuddles

Adopted!



Hannah

Other recent adoptions: (feline) Brodie, Cissy, Colt, Honeygold, Jemima, Johnny, Jolet, Kelly, LeRoy, Marribell, Maximum, Melanie, Paws, Ringo, Serenity, Sweetie; (canine) B.J., Baron, Bonnie, Chico

SUMMER YARD SALE SET! (See Page 3)

PAWS FOR A THOUGHT

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"Animals can bless us by anointing us. When I was small, I took great delight in being the only person able to approach the wild cats in our alley. This delicious sensation of being singled out by these kings and queens of the street is a well-kept special feeling of many animal lovers."—Susan Chernak McElroy in her book, Animals as Guides for the Soul

While I was sitting alone in the Safe Haven offices contemplating a subject for this very column late one Friday afternoon, a woman pulled her car into the parking lot. A large, mixed breed dog sat in the back seat.

Since Safe Haven is not yet open to the public, I was a bit surprised to see a stranger get out of the car and come to the door. In a voice that cracked and quivered with emotion, she pleaded, "I need help."

The dog, it seems, had jumped his fence and gotten into a major fight with the neighbor dog the night before while the woman was at work. One of the neighbor dog's owners, attempting to break up the fight, had sustained injuries that required emergency medical care. In an unpleasant confrontation, the woman at the door had been told by her neighbors that the authorities would be called if she didn't remove the dog from the area immediately.

The woman, nearly in tears, asked "What can I do? He's a very sweet and loving dog. I just can't have him euthanized."

After explaining that there was no dog facility yet in place at Safe Haven, I asked her if the dog was neutered. The answer, as I expected, was a slightly embarrassed, "No." Then she added, "Neither is the neighbor's dog."

The woman had acquired her dog in California over a year ago, rescuing him from near death at the end of a rope. She had brought him back to health and nurtured a loving relationship. Now she was faced with a crisis that seemed to put her canine friend's life in danger.

I suggested that a beginning to the solution might be to board the dog and schedule a neutering. While this was happening, she'd need to prepare her yard in such a way as to contain him. Finally, we'd need to convince the neighbors that the solution was an effective one.

We started making calls in an effort to find temporary placement. We called volunteer dog rescue groups, professional pet boarders and veterinarians. The first question everyone asked: "Is he neutered?" Then, upon hearing the answer, the typical response: "We can't accommodate a large, unneutered dog." We finally found a local veterinary hospital who agreed to board the dog until they could neuter him, and we got some valuable help from one of the premier dog rescuers in our area when that person offered to help put an electric wire around the dog's fencing to deter him from jumping.

When the boarding, the neutering appointment and help with the fence were all firmly in place, the woman breathed a huge sigh of relief.

"It's a miracle," she said. "It's as if angels have helped me. Thank you so much." With tears in her eyes, she hugged me and went out the door.

As she and her dog drove off to their weekend boarding site, I couldn't help but think how easily this could all have been avoided. If the dog had been neutered a year ago right after she had rescued him, there likely would have been no fence jumping, no aggressive behavior, no injured humans and no hard feelings between neighbors. And there would have been no crisis on that day when she put her dog in the car, not knowing for sure just where they were going, and terrified and confused about her best friend's fate over the next few hours.

As I write, there is still the issue of dealing with the neighbors. I can't help but wonder if and when they'll be caring enough about their own dog to get him to a veterinarian for neutering.

—Editor

SUMMER YARD SALE: Make a Date July 18-19!

PFOA's third annual Summer Yard Sale takes place Friday and Saturday, July 18-19, in a warehouse at the rear of the Carlsborg Business Center. (That's the cluster of gray buildings across the street from the Carlsborg post office). PFOA's yard sales have become well known for the large selection, the high quality of the merchandise and the reasonable pricing.

Sale hours are 8am-3pm both days. Early bird shoppers will be allowed entry to the sale at 7am on Friday in exchange for a \$5 donation.

People wishing to donate clean, quality items for the sale can call PFOA's Message Center at (360)462-0414. A volunteer will get back to you and make arrangements for the merchandise to be delivered or picked up.

PFOA members wishing to help work the sale should leave a message on the Message Center phone.



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT: Statistics Don't Lie; PFOA Making Significant Strides

Three years ago when our fledgling group first started we set our goals high, and since then I have often wondered if perhaps they were *too high*. It is only when I look back at our records that document what we have actually accomplished that I realize that we have really made a difference in our community.

Since December, 1999 to year end 2002, PFOA has helped in one way or

another over 600 cats and dogs. And with the help of our local veterinarians we spayed or neutered 467 animals. As of the end of May, 2003 we have helped over 270 dogs, cats and their human companions this year. We have spayed 188 cats, 54 dogs and one guinea pig. This community service has all been done *without using a single cent of taxpayer money* and without an operating facility. Imagine what we could have done if we had a shelter.....

I am pleased to report that at the half way point, PFOA is on target for our goal of at least 500 spays and neuters for 2003.

Contrary to what some people may think, PFOA helps *people* as well as animals. Not once have we ever been called upon for help by a dog or a cat.... it has always been a *person* that calls us.

—Janet

SPAY /NEUTER CLINICS: Effective Tool in Local Pet Population Control

PFOA is incredibly grateful to those local veterinarians who have participated in an ongoing series of reduced cost spay/neuter clinics. The clinics are especially important at this time of year when there is an explosion of kitten and puppy births, and in light of the fact that some of these "youngsters" will themselves become pregnant as early as five months old.

Sponsored by PFOA with the help of grants from the Community Foundation of the Sequim-Dungeness Valley and PetsMart, the clinics are open to anyone seeking assistance with spaying or neutering of cats or dogs.

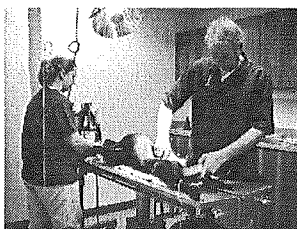
Dr. Brian Marts of Sequim Animal Hospital has already spayed and neutered over 100 local pets as part of the clinics. Also participating in the

clinics has been Dr. Linda Allen and the staff of Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital, and Dr. Mike Tyler and the staff of Greywolf Veterinary Hospital. Together, they have made a huge impact on controlling local pet population.

To make an appointment for a cat or dog at an upcoming spay/neuter clinic, please call (360) 683-4697.



Spay/Neuter Clinic coordinator Sharon Palmer signs in a client.



Dr. Marts and assistant shave canine patient in preparation for spay surgery.



The phone rarely stops ringing and the paperwork is endless in a busy animal hospital.

VET-SMARTZ by Dr. Virginia Johnson, Diplomate, American Board of Veterinary Practitioners

Dear Dr. Johnson: I have a 15-year old cat that has decided not to use the litter box anymore. Do you have any suggestions on getting him back into the cat box and to stop using the rug? My vet said there are no health problems.

Peggy

Dear Peggy: With a 15-year old cat that is not using the litter box, my first thought would be that he may be having trouble getting into and out of the box. This could be because he is arthritic, or has a weakening disease such as kidney disease or diabetes. Have blood tests been done to look for and rule out these kinds of health problems? If not, blood and urine tests should be done soon.

If a good health examination has been done, and laboratory tests have been done and are normal, I would worry about old age physical problems that do not show up on laboratory tests. Arthritis might be difficult to diagnose, but could cause difficulty with the litter box. You can use aspirin with cats and that would be an excellent over-the-counter drug to try on this 15-year old cat. The dose for most cats would be one-half tablet of an 81 mg (low-dose or "baby") aspirin tablet every other day to every three days. A bigger cat might be able to take one whole 81 mg tablet every 2-3 days. You can coat the low-dose aspirin with butter to help it slide down easier if you like.

The other big area of concern when a cat is not using the litter box is that there might be behavioral problems. Have you recently changed the type of litter you are using? Have you introduced a new cat into the household? Have you moved the litter box to a new location? If so, any of these changes might cause your cat to dislike using the litter box.

There are other physical problems such as bowel problems or urinary tract infections or stones that might play havoc with your cat's bathroom habits. Please write back and let me know if your cat is avoiding the litter box for urination, defecation or both. That might give me more clues in how to help you with your cat.

Dr. Ginny Johnson

Cash for Critters: Save Those Empty Printer Cartridges! PFOA to Get Paid for Recycling Them!

If you have a printer that uses ink jet or laser cartridges, please don't throw those cartridges away when they stop printing!

PFOA has just signed on with an organization called Cash for Critters that will donate from \$1-\$4 to us for each acceptable cartridge we send them (No Epsom brand cartridges, please.) They even pay the postage!

Recycling cartridges helps both the animals and the environment. Please help us start collecting them by bringing them to our monthly meetings or to Safe Haven, or by mailing them to our post office box or calling for a volunteer to pick them up. (Message Center phone: 360-452-0414).

Just don't throw them away!

Things I must remember when I come back as a dog: 1) I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, etc. just because I like the way they smell; 2) The garbage collector is not stealing our stuff!

Safe Haven: Steady Progress Toward Possible Late Summer, Early Fall Occupancy



Things are continuing to happen at the Safe Haven sanctuary!

The dry wall is now in place in the downstairs feline housing, as is the plumbing and the electricity. Excavation of the ground next to the house where the outdoor fencing will be has been finished, and the concrete should be poured by the time you read this!

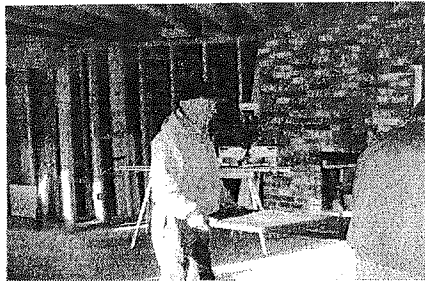
Still to come is installation of the fencing (which is already in our possession) for the outdoor feline exercise area and the laying of commercial grade flooring in all of the cat areas. We need to buy and install eight full light interior doors. Painting, of course, will be one of the final jobs. We also need to asphalt an additional approach to the main driveway.

Successful completion of the project by late summer or early fall is largely dependent on having funds available to finish the remaining jobs.

VOLUNTEER: Louis always there to do it all, whatever needs doing

After several decades of harsh winters and hot summers, Louis Evart and his wife, Marguerite, moved five years ago to the milder climate of the north Olympic Peninsula. Lucky for PFOA they did! The Evarts are active members of PFOA and also are yearly sponsors of one of our adoption-challenged foster pets.

A retired inspector of 35 years for the Washington State Department of Transportation, Louis jumped at the chance to be of assistance in the early construction phases of Safe Haven. Whatever needs doing, Louis is there to do it. Sawing, patching, hammering, covering, cutting, sweeping....Louis does it all! The first to arrive in the



Louis hard at work—as usual—on the basement level at Safe Haven

morning and the last to leave in the evening, Louis' presence has been invaluable to PFOA.

Louis and Marguerite always had pets—mostly dogs. In fact, Louis' volunteer shelter experience started at Spokane's city run animal facility. Today the couple lives with two cats, Boots and Lady (the latter

being a PFOA rescue!) in their south Sequim home.

Grateful, indeed, we all are to Louis for his dedication and consistency. Without him, we dare say, Safe Haven's progress to this point could not have occurred.

Stray Cat By Francis Whitham

Oh, what unhappy twist of fate
Has brought you homeless to my gate?
The gate where once another stood
To beg for shelter, warmth and food
For from that day I ceased to be
The master of my destiny.
While he, with purr and velvet paw
Became with my house, The Law.
He scratched the furniture and shed
And claimed the middle of my bed.
He ruled in arrogance and pride
And broke my heart the day he died.
So if you really think, oh cat,
I would willingly relive all that
Because you come forlorn and thin.
Well...don't just stand there...
Come on in!

*"If mankind could be crossed
with the cat, it would improve
mankind but deteriorate the
cat."* —Mark Twain

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome!

Welcome new members! The following new members are warmly welcomed into the organization: Jacqueline Burnett, Robert Caso, Sharan Childs, Byron Childs, Bert Fraleigh, Evelyn Bays Jones, Carol Kittrick, Linda Kongsle, M.C.Richmond and Joyce Sabol.

ALL MEMBERS: Are Your Dues Up To Date?

Not sure just when your PFOA dues date falls? Just check your mailing label! The numbers listed after your name on the label represent the date your membership expires. The first two numbers stand for the month; the next two for the day; the last two for the year. Example: 032104 is March 21, 2004.

UPDATE: Sweetie's Story, Next Chapter

"Hello, Nancy? This is Marianne Lehsten. We'd like to return Sweetie's cart to you. She doesn't need it anymore."

Nancy Campbell's heart sank. Sweetie, the old Rottweiler with the paralyzed hind legs that she and PFOA had helped last spring must be dead.

After Sweetie's cart had arrived and been fitted for her she had to be able to move about on her own when in it. So that the Lehsten's didn't have to carry her out of their little trailer down to it, one of PFOA's volunteers had even gone over and built a ramp so the dog and cart could go up and down together. Everything had been going well when Nancy had last heard.

"Oh, Marianne, I'm so sorry," she said. "What happened?" Nancy's voice was sad.

"No, no, nothing is wrong. She doesn't need it anymore because SWEETIE CAN WALK now!"

After further exclamations of joy and disbelief and reassurance, the next chapter in Sweetie's story was revealed.

Sweetie had grown to dislike her cart more and more, Marianne said, but with a sling to help hold her hindquarters up, they had been able to take her up and down the ramp easily. And for the past year one or the other of them had slept beside her on the floor at night and every day they had both worked at massaging and exercising her legs.

They hadn't really ever had any hope she would walk again, but they kept working anyway. And then, on March 14, after they'd gotten her to her feet, she took her first unaided step. What joy!

Soon Sweetie could take a few steps to her food dish, then a few more to the door. Later, she managed to walk down the ramp. Now she can go, slowly and with an occasional fall, most anywhere she wants to.

But Sweetie is old, and she doesn't want to go far or often. Mostly she just wants to be with the two people who love her so, in their snug little home in the woods.

Marianne says that without the ramp Sweetie would never have learned to walk again, and that without PFOA's help this latest, happy chapter of Sweetie's story could never have been written. Who says that miracles can't happen, with a little help?
—AG

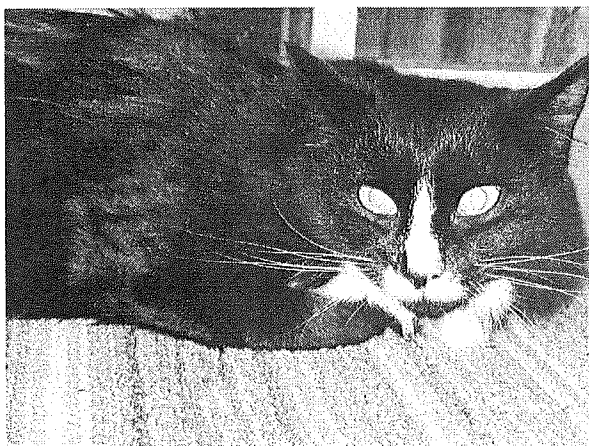
Adoption-Challenged

Special pets with special needs looking for special homes with special people



Hi....I'm Azure...beautiful, sweet and have gorgeous blue eyes! I'm 8 years old and in the early stages of kidney failure...so my health care expenses will start rising. However, the love and companionship I will give you is worth my weight in gold. Please contact the PFOA message center at (360) 452-0414 if you are ready to share your life with me or if you would like to help sponsor me.

Spot Nelson was found abandoned under a porch with his siblings. All of the others found their forever homes, but Spot is painfully shy and prefers not to let people too close. Unless you are the one person who can help him trust people again, he will probably live out his life at Safe Haven. If you have the patience to take on this sweet guy or would like to consider sponsoring him, please give us a call.

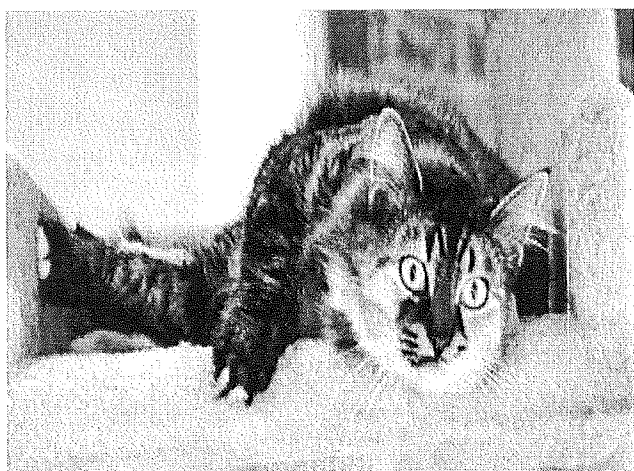
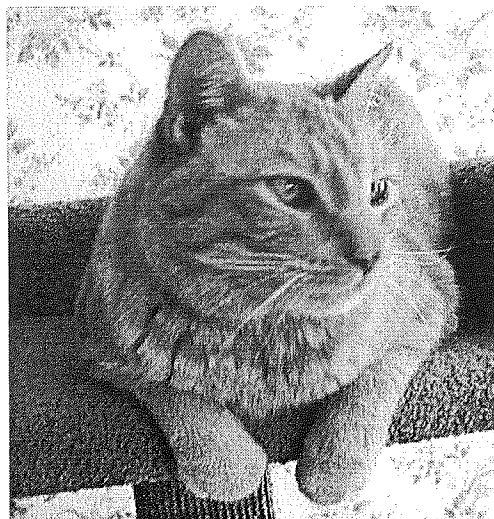


Jimmy is another sweetie who is afraid of people. He likes to hide under warm blankets and is hard to show to prospective families as he runs and hides. Jimmy would need someone with tons of patience and a special kind of love if he is to break out of his shell and become a loving, trusting kitty. Call if you would like to adopt Jimmy. (360) 452-0414

ADOPTABLES!

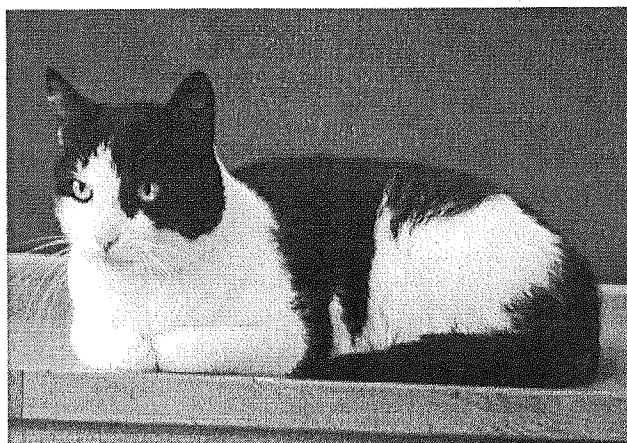
All of these socialized pets have been health-checked and treated, vaccinated and spayed or neutered. Please call our Message Center at (360) 452-0414 if you can provide a safe, loving, comfortable home for one or more of them. PFOA requests an adoption fee of \$75 per cat to help cover the expenses of spaying/neutering, vaccinations, medical care, etc.

Rusty is a lap warmer waiting for a good lap. He is personality plus and is ready for a loving companion and comfortable home. Rusty gets along well with some cats, but would prefer being the king of his own castle. Being Rusty's loyal subject comes with the benefits of his unconditional love and playful attention. Come see Rusty today!



Gabby is a beautifully-marked young female calico/torti mix. She is an even-tempered, sweet gal who does enjoy a game or two with other cats. Gabby is a friendly, professional lap warmer and would make a wonderful addition to any family. As always, she has her shots and is spayed. Come and see her today.

Mr. Nibs was abandoned and so hungry that he was found meowing at a neighbors door. Now in foster care, he is thriving and ready for his own home. Mr. Nibs is a little shy at first, but with a little love and patience, you will be rewarded with a cat who loves cuddling and sitting on your lap. He has had his shots and is neutered. Call us if you need this charming lap warmer.



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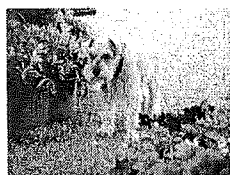
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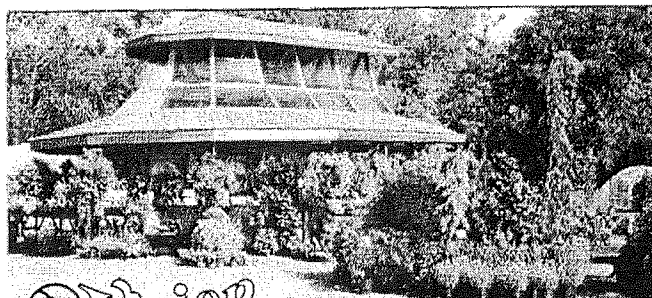
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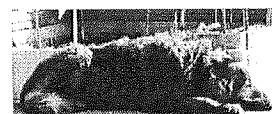
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Isabella



Luna



Cleo

EASY FUNDRAISING: How Everyday Shopping Can Benefit PFOA

If you do online shopping, chances are you buy from merchants who are willing to automatically donate a portion of your purchase price to PFOA! This is the result of an incredibly simple (and FREE) program that has the potential to be a major source of funding for PFOA.

Here's how it works. Just go to www.iGive.com, enter your email address and select, "Join Now!" Then select Peninsula Friends of Animals as

your favorite cause. Once done, you can shop any of hundreds of major and smaller merchants in the iGive.com "mall." You probably already shop with some of these merchants anyway! Included are 1-800-Flowers, Barnes & Nobel, Lands End, Blair, Dell, Office Max, Drugstore, LL Bean, Amazon, eBay, Comp USA, Old Navy, Payless Shoe Source, Toys R Us, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Columbia House, Brooks Brothers, Adidas, Proflowers, Expedia, Office Depot and many, many more.

Each of these merchants will donate a portion of your purchase price to PFOA *without charging you anything extra!*

Just remember that in order for PFOA to benefit from your shopping, you need to start each shopping trip with these merchants at iGive.com.

A number of local online shoppers are already participating in this easy program, and PFOA is already reaping the benefits.

Thank you!

PFOA LOGO MERCHANDISE: Easy to Obtain by Mail



PFOA has t-shirts, sweatshirts and other items—all available with the excellent PFOA/Safe Haven dog and cat logo. Some of the other items are barbeque aprons, wraparound can coolers, drink coasters and computer mouse pads. You may request an order form by calling (360)452-0414, emailing pfoa@tenforward.com or mailing your address to PFOA Merchandise, PO Box 404, Sequim, WA 98382. An order form will be mailed back to you immediately!

COLLECTING PET FOOD LABELS? Friskies (no); Max Cat (yes)

The Friskies Corporation has discontinued its promotion involving proofs of purchase from its packaging in exchange for free cat food. PFOA thanks all who have been diligently collecting the labels.

The Nutro Corporation is still offering one free bag of Max Cat for every 10 bags purchased. Since Max Cat is the food of choice in PFOA's foster home network, the community is encouraged to save

Max Cat UPC/Proof of Purchase codes and send them to PFOA or give them to a board member.

Thank you for your continuing effort in regards to these promotions!

FREE BROCHURES: Just ask and they're on the way!

PFOA has on hand a number of helpful three-panel brochures that are free for the asking.

"Finding the Right Home For Your Companion Animals" details safe and successful ways of going about the process of placing a pet in a new home. The pamphlet answers questions regarding behavior problems, financial difficulties and housing that may be helpful in allowing a person to keep a pet previously thought to be a candidate for a new home. Further, this pamphlet deals with how best to

handle adoption screening in the event that the only option is to place the pet in a new home. It also covers planning to provide for your companion animal in the event of your incapacitation or death.

A second pamphlet, "T-N-R (Trap-Neuter/Spay-Return): A Program For Feral Cats" explains what PFOA and other similar organizations worldwide are doing to control and reduce the population of feral (wild or abandoned) cats—simply, effectively and *humanely*.

Third, "PFOA Programs and Community Services" summarizes all of PFOA's numerous programs and services.

You may request any or all of these brochures by telephoning, emailing, or mailing us your address. The telephone Message Center can be reached by calling (360)452-0414. Email should be directed to pfoa@tenforward.com. Write to us at PFOA Brochures, PO Box 404, Sequim, WA 98382.

Thank you!

MEET A BOARD MEMBER: Janet Harker, President

From a cold homestead in Alaska to the sunny climes of southern California, PFOA President Janet Harker and husband, Jess, have made their homes back and forth along the west coast. How extremely fortunate we are that they eventually decided to settle permanently right here on our very own Olympic Peninsula!

It was largely Janet's vision of a community with no euthanasia and no more homeless pets that has brought PFOA to where it is today. Her extensive experience in office management, financial budgeting, banking, personnel, inventory purchase and control, and market advertising have resulted in PFOA's ability to "cross the t's and dot the i's"



every step of the way toward its various goals.

Having shared her home with dogs and cats all of her adult life, Janet realized early in semi-retirement the need to become active in animal rights issues. In addition to contributing financially to a number of animal welfare groups, she regularly wrote letters on behalf of those organizations to protest animal experimentation and abuse.

After settling in Sequim in 1980, Janet became involved in the early stages of what has now become PFOA. She is largely responsible for oversight of office procedure, money management, accounting, tax and corporate records. She is instrumental in creating advertising and promotional material for the group. Additionally, Janet and Jess provide and maintain the largest foster home in PFOA's foster home network.

Local pets are fortunate, indeed, to have Janet Harker on their side. Both they and the community at large are benefiting immeasurably as a result of her drive, determination, empathy, talent and passion.

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Memorials and Gratitudes

In Honor of Special Friends

In honor of Melba Morrow for cat sitting, from Carl Bowman

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

In loving memory of Beanie, Len & Della Floyd's beloved black kitty, from Nancy & Dallas Campbell

In memory of Lady, our 21-year old cat, from Sue & Hank Cram

In memory of Della Floyd's Abner, from Janet Harker

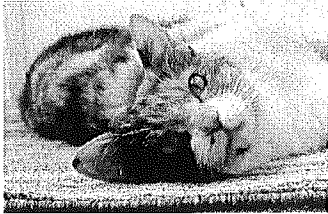
In memory of Abigail, a beautiful 13-year old Australian Shepherd and loving companion of Richard & Doris Terril, from Rolland & Diane Kenitzer

To Joy & Ed Rutherford's Skippy, a good friend who brought joy to everyone he met for 17 years, from Carol Kittrick

In memory of my beloved friend and very close companion, Sheba, from Alice Mitchell

A Dream Comes True; Marcia Finds Serenity

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"She's as sweet and soft and pretty as I knew she'd be," says Marcia. "I'm so glad we found each other."

Did Serenity (now Serena) dream of Marcia, as well? We'll never know, but she was

searching, too. She obviously had a home once, but her owners were not responsible and didn't get her spayed, and they probably abandoned her when she became pregnant.

She showed up at Serenity House in Port Angeles, friendly, pregnant, and hungry. They fed her and she lived in nearby woods. A staff member there called PFOA for help.

PFOA was full at the time, but a member who was especially fond of calico cats took her in temporarily. Soon a space opened

up and she went to a foster home only one day before she had seven kittens.

In due time the kittens were weaned and adopted. Serenity was spayed and moved to our main foster home. There were a lot of changes in a short time for a little calico cat, but her hope and trust didn't falter.

Then finally, one last change. On June 11 she found her heart's desire, *her* dream, and went to a home of her own with Marcia. Her long search was over at last. —AG

"The significant problems of the world cannot be solved at the same level of consciousness at which they were created."—Albert Einstein

"Man hath no preeminence over the beast." —Ecclesiastes 3:19

T-N-R VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED IN CLALLAM COUNTY

Due to the recent elimination by Clallam County of the entire staff of hands-on animal control officers (and the subsequent suspension of stray animal pickup by the Clallam County Humane Society), the burden of controlling feral (wild and abandoned) cat colonies in the county now falls heavily on individual property owners and PFOA.

Experience in other communities our size has proven that the simplest, least expensive, most effective and most humane way to deal with feral cats is Trap-Neuter/Spay-Return. Humane traps are placed in areas where willing human caretakers have agreed to feed and watch over the animals. Cats that are trapped are then taken to local veterinarians where they are spayed or neutered, treated for any injuries or parasites, and then returned back to the area they were trapped. Studies show that T-N-R immediately stabilizes the population of those feral cat colonies where it

is being used, and results in eventual decline in numbers due to natural attrition. The feline residents of those colonies also become much healthier due to the decrease in fighting resulting from the spay/neuter surgery.

PFOA needs people who can volunteer from one to three hours per week to pick up cats in traps, deliver them to veterinarians, and return them to their human caretakers after they have been sterilized. The area covered is roughly just east of Sequim to just west of Port Angeles. Trap pickups are done 8am-9am Tuesdays-Fridays and the cats are returned either late afternoon the same day or sometime the following morning.

If you've been looking for an exciting, satisfying and hands-on way to work with the animals that PFOA helps, this is your opportunity to become involved!

Please call now! (360)452-0414.

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