

Pet Tidings



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The Non-Story of Benjamin, With No Ending



By Ann Gilson

Benjamin was not born under a lucky star, that night back in May when he and his brother came into the world in an abandoned house used only for storage.

For Benjamin was not like other kittens, from the first moments of life. Something went awry in his brain before he was born, and the world he inhabits is not the same world you and I, or even his brother and mother, live in.

Benjamin doesn't know where things are—he seems to have no sense of direction and knowledge of how to find something. Nursing was a hit or miss proposition for him, and when a kind human found him and his brother alone, crying in the house, he was less than one-half the size of Brother.

The kind human, a PFOA member, took food and water to the kittens, but Benjamin couldn't eat without help. Mom cat didn't return, and a neighbor said that a cat had been killed on the road a few days before.

So the PFOA member took the kittens home and then to a veterinarian. Benjamin needed nursing care.

Then kind human No.2 took the kittens for awhile. Benjamin's eyes were runny and his breathing harsh. So off he went to a second veterinarian. Verdict there was that his eyes were normal but his brain wasn't, and that he couldn't see. Started on antibiotics.

Enter kind human No.3, who adopted him and took him to an excellent veterinary ophthalmologist. Intensive nursing care was needed, so a veterinary technician was hired to give him around-the-clock care for his eyes and the pneumonia he'd developed, and to feed him by syringe. His weight, a pitiful one pound, doubled in ten days of this expert care.

Back then to a fourth veterinarian (the new owner's) and follow-up hospitalization and "take-home-at-night" care. Finally, Benjamin was ready to go to his new home.

He is at home now, weights 2 lb. 4 oz at four months of age, uses his box, and can eat alone but needs to be helped to find the bowl and stay with it until he finishes. He loves to be held, and purrs a lot. He hears well.

But he seemingly cannot see, he does not play, he makes irrational movements that seem to be in response to things he sees that "aren't there" to others. He puts his little black head down on his chest and backs away from things he means to go toward, sometimes. He has crossed wires that may never be uncrossed.

Is it worth the time and effort and money to save and then care for such a "special needs" kitten, possibly for as long as 20 years? Would it be kinder to have let him go, rather than live a less than perfect life? What will his future be?

It depends. If having a pet means enjoying a beautiful, perfectly behaved, normal cat without problems, then no, Benjamin is sadly deficient as a pet. To the eyes of love he is beautiful, but objectively he's quite plain. He's neither completely healthy nor quite normal, nor likely to ever be. His behavior is strange, to say the least!

Does he know all this? Does he care? Not likely. He seems content and if his life is not perfect he does not know it. Those of us in PFOA, and the member who loves and cares for him, believe that Benjamin, and all those like him, are worth saving.

That's why we are, and will remain, a no-kill group. *Every life is precious.*

How will Benjamin's story end? Not as some do, with his finding a permanent, loving home. That is only the beginning of *his* tale, and the real story will be how well Benjamin learns to live in this world that is so confusing to him.

There is hope, for this very day he learned to show affection by licking instead of biting the hand that pets him. Good boy, Benjamin!

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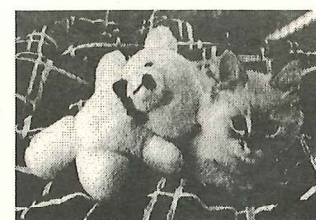
- To prevent the birth of unwanted pets through aggressive educational and spay/neuter programs; and to place as many homeless, neglected and/or abandoned pets as possible into good, safe, permanent homes.

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A Child's Wisdom

A four-year old boy had to come to terms with why his beloved 10-year old dog with cancer had to die at so much an earlier age than humans die.

"Everybody is born so they can learn how to live a good life," the child began, "like loving everybody and being nice, right?" he asked. "Well," he continued, animals already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay around so long."

—*Author unknown*

PAWS FOR A THOUGHT

The response to PFOA's 2004 fund raising calendar (see article, opposite page) has been overwhelmingly positive. Over and over again we hear from people who use words like, "great job," "so creative," "beautiful project," "quirky and fantastic," "way to go," and "wonderful presentation." But once every 10 days or so we hear from someone who suggests that the calendar is in questionable taste. One caller stated, "I am disappointed that you had to do this to raise funds."

Although traditional donations from local citizens are critical to any nonprofit community organization's ability to exist, those that depend *entirely* on these donations and on yearly garage sales struggle every step of the way.

PFOA has made a decision to stop struggling.

The calendar project was conceived and carried out in the spirit of fun by sensitive and caring people who would go to almost any length to assure the welfare of needy animals and their human caretakers in our midst. These people are to be admired and respected for doing what needed to be done in the interest of the animals for whom we care. The final result was nothing less than an honorable, tasteful, artful tribute to pet guardians and their cats and dogs that is destined to receive national attention.

It seems fair to expect that people who have issues with the calendar's style should be tolerant of those with a healthy attitude toward it. No one was forced to participate in this project. Every volunteer did so out of an intense love for and commitment to animals.

The 20-something to 70-something models who agreed to pose didn't just bare their bodies. They bared their souls.

And they did so for an incredibly noble cause.

—*Editor*

SAFE HAVEN UPDATE

The construction volunteers in the Safe Haven catteries are reporting great progress! The painting is well on the way to completion and the fencing for the outdoor play areas is nearly complete as well.

The flooring still needs to be installed and the entrance to the property on Highway 101 needs to

be improved before the building can be used for housing animals waiting for adoption.

The County Building Inspector has indicated that we need just one more inspection—the *final* one—before we are certified to house pets!

There is a major push to have this job 100% complete before the end of the year.

SUMMER EVENTS RAISE FUNDS FOR PFOA!

For the second year in a row we thank Richard Seamands for allowing PFOA to use space at the **Carlsborg Business Center** to hold our annual garage sale. As usual, the sale was an unqualified success. Thanks also to Rita Heywood for organizing the sale and to all the dedicated volunteers who made it happen.

PFOA also owes a huge debt of gratitude to Claire Bernards of **Vision Landscape Nursery** for organizing the first annual Kitty-Kat Weekend this past August. Claire and husband, Allan, donated a portion of their proceeds for the weekend to the Safe Haven Building Fund. Additionally, PFOA networked with the public, collected donations, sold t-shirts, gained members and adopted a pet or two in the process. Thanks, Vision!

THE MAKING OF OUR NUDE CALENDAR *by Ann Gilson*



Ms April cavorts with two tiny friends

Why did we ever decide to publish a nude calendar? How did we ever manage to do it?

Those two questions have been asked of me more times than I can count during this past year. The short answer is "I wish I knew!"

But actually, I do know. It all started back in November, 2002, with an Associated Press article in the *Peninsula Daily News*. It was titled "The Naked Truth: Calendars Raise Big Bucks."

As one of the PFOA Board members always looking for ways to raise the money necessary to finish remodeling Safe Haven and to care for our cats and kittens and to keep all our other programs going, that "Big Bucks" caught my eye.

The article told of groups smaller than ours, from towns even smaller, who have raised \$30,000 to \$750,000 for charitable purposes. So I said to myself, with rising enthusiasm, "Why can't we do that?"

The Board considered the idea in January, 2003, and said, "Why don't we do that?" So we did.

PFOA KITTEN FOSTER HOME THANKS VOLUNTEERS

Barbara and Everett Stauffer began the Spring rescuing litters of kittens born outside in their Diamond Point neighborhood. Several weeks and twenty-one kittens later, the Stauffers have been providing food, medical care and temporary housing for these lucky little felines all summer long.

Getting volunteers to come and work with socializing these kittens, all born to feral mothers, hasn't been easy. Nevertheless, a precious few individuals have managed to make their way to the Stauffers' home to spend some time with these little guys and

The first and most important step was to find a good photographer, and we found one of the best, Nancy Rudolph. Nancy, who was Feature Editor for the *PDN* until she went off to school last year, had long experience as a photographer and journalist, and she donated her services to the project.

Carolyn St. James, an out-of-town member, came up with our title, "Puss 'n Boots...and Fido, Too," as well as ideas and sketches for many of the "shoots."

Then there were the models—twelve lovely members of PFOA, women 20-ish to 70-ish, stepped forward to bare all for the sake of our animal friends. That sounds as if it was a sacrifice, but actually we had a ball! You never heard so much giggling and joking and general high jinks in your life!

As for our animal models, the dogs were entirely obliging, but the cats were something else. If there is no such expression as "as contrary as a cat," there ought to be! It says a lot for Nancy's skills as a photographer that we have *any* cats in the calendar.

Through all the shoots, Nancy Campbell was a tower of strength, coming up with ideas, collecting hard-to-find props, spending hours on the phone and on the road tying up loose ends and repairing disasters. She worked uncounted hours on every phase of the project, from initial idea to finished product on sale. We couldn't have done it without her.

We also found an excellent printer and his excellent designer who treated our project as if it were their own. Then when the calendar was finally in hand several Board members hammered out how we would advertise and sell it.

Nancy Rudolph designed and set up our website, wrote our news releases, and designed and placed our ads in *Cat Fancy* and *Best Friends* magazines. Nancy Campbell and Judy O'Grady-Tilley made contacts for local sales points in Port Angeles, Sequim, Port Townsend and Forks.

Gary Del Mastro, Gene Tilley, Paul Karkeck, Rita Heywood, Janet Harker and Helen Miller all helped in setting up our sales efforts locally, on-line, and through our 800 number. Other members volunteered to package the calendars and do all the myriad chores that popped up as we went along. Somehow it all came together.

So there you have it, the genesis and development of "Puss 'n Boots...and Fido, Too," a long haul from idea to actualization, using the time and talents of many, many PFOA members, and something none of us will ever forget. Incidentally, sales have been great—it's a real success.

Please buy and enjoy the calendar—buy lots of them for friends and family—and watch as we *finally* finish Safe Haven with the proceeds!

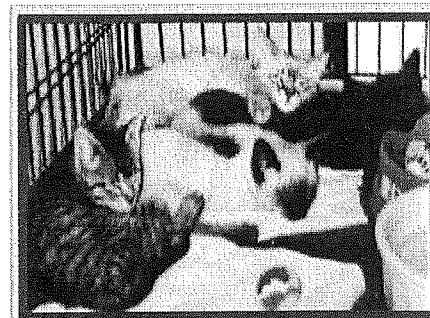
Editor's note: To find out where to buy the calendar locally or to receive it by mail, please refer to the bottom portion of Page 11.

gals to help make them adoptable.

Foremost among these caring people have been Peter Grassi and Shirley McFadden. They have brought quality kitten food on numerous occasions, and Shirley came several times in spite of suffering from serious allergies. The Stauffers are extremely grateful to these two dedicated volunteers and have asked that they receive a special "thank you" from *Pet Tidings*. We salute you, Peter and Shirley!

Other valuable volunteers include Brenda Newman, Rusk Sahnaw, Lori Page and Diane Lopez. You have all

been vital to helping these kittens adjust to life with people!



Stauffer kittens nap after an especially eventful day

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

"Our feral cat has worms!"

Dear Dr. Johnson: What is the correct procedure to rid worms from a feral female with kittens? Worms have been noted on female's back side. She eats very little and is listless. The family is to be trapped, with aid of PFOA, at a later date upon kittens reaching an older age. Note: Female cat no longer nurses kittens, they eat with her. Raymond & Sylvia Gabrioski

Hi there. If the kittens are no longer nursing on mom, then it sounds like the kittens are old enough to be trapped and spayed/neutered. I like kittens to be 8 weeks old and 2 pounds in weight.

Mom cat will be back in heat now or already has been and can be pregnant again even while she is nursing these kittens. You will need to spay her soon. Also - if the kittens are caught soon, they can be tamed and can find homes. That way the kittens at least escape the feral cycle and can live "normal" lives in loving homes. The socialization period for kittens is 5-12 weeks. If they are caught and tamed during that period, they will be fine.

Deworming: There are several dewormers on the market. I think what will be easiest for this feral cat is for the vet to give an injection of Droncit under the skin while the cat is anesthetized. This de-wormer kills tapeworms. For roundworms and hookworms, a

liquid de-wormer, Nemex, can be mixed with her food while she is caught. There are other de-wormers. Drontal tablets kill tapeworms, roundworms and hookworms. Also, she should have a dose of Revolution placed on her back/skin while she is trapped to keep fleas off her. This medication also does keep some roundworms, hookworms and ear mites off the cat.

Those are the options. Hope she and her kittens do well. Please write again if you need more information.

Dr. Ginny Johnson

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE?

Beginning this fall, membership renewal notices will be mailed about 30 days before memberships expire.

FOUNDATION GRANTS AIDING PFOA PROJECTS

Grants from several different foundations have aided PFOA over the past year.

The Community Foundation of the Sequim-Dungeness Valley awarded PFOA a grant to be used exclusively for spay/neuter, as did the PETsMART Foundation. Wal-Mart's grant to PFOA funded general operating expenses. The *Peninsula Daily News* awarded a grant to help with the expenses for pets of low income pet caretakers. The Handsel

Foundation issued a grant to be used for help in completing the renovation of Safe Haven.

Special thanks also goes out to the directors of the Mary Jo and Hank Greenberg Animal Welfare Foundation for their personal donation this year for pet medical assistance and medical emergency costs, and to the Cern Foundation in a previous year for help with general operating expenses. In addition, as we go to press we are just

learning of a significant anonymous (at this time) donation that will allow PFOA to *complete* the feline residence building at Safe Haven *soon* and will provide a major start on funding for the canine facility.

PFOA is extremely grateful to these foundations and individuals for enabling us to provide community services we would not be able to perform without this funding.

VOLUNTEER: Dale Stellman

After 19 years as a bookkeeper at a school district in southern California, Dale bid a "fond (?) farewell" to her computer when she retired. She and her husband of 32 years, Bill, packed up and moved to Sequim. Leaving family and friends behind, Dale was feeling lonely after settling into the area. She saw a flyer asking for volunteers to help socialize cats and thought it sounded like fun and good therapy, as she'd always loved cats.....thus her involvement with PFOA.

Born in Maywood, CA, Dale grew up playing in orange groves in rural Los Angeles county. She was always surrounded with animals of one kind or

another. There was Tippy, a shepherd mix who loved herding baby chicks when they would get separated from their moms in the tall grass, or he would be Dale's pretend



horse who pulled the big red wagon full of dolls. There was the Banty hen who preferred to lay her eggs in the dog house or the cat's bed on the back porch. Then there was the duck, Friday, who followed her everywhere

through the orchard. Dale also enjoyed parakeets, fish, horses and numerous cats.

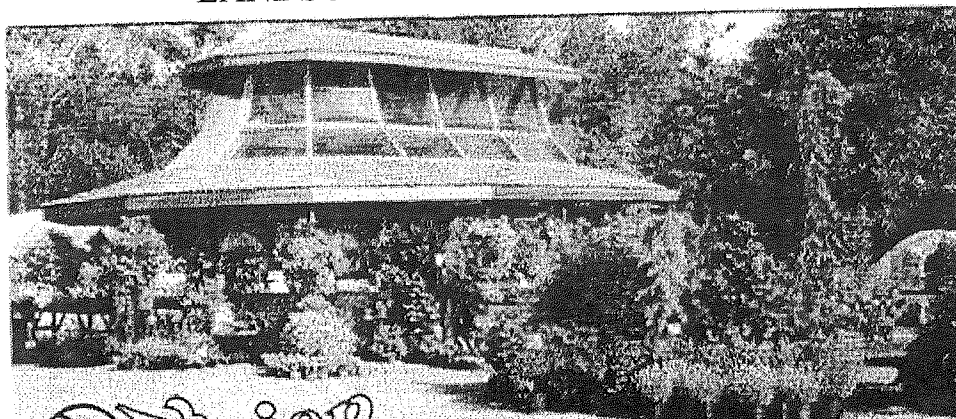
So years later after marrying, raising two children and working for a school district, it was exciting to think PFOA offered the opportunity to get back to being around animals again.

Dale has socialized cats, worked the "Pet Photos With Santa" event, helped with Trap-Neuter-Return of feral cats, worked garage sales and has set up an identification system for tracking the animals that come to PFOA. So once again Dale is sitting at the computer only this time it seems like the purr...fect place to be—cat toys, flying fur and all!

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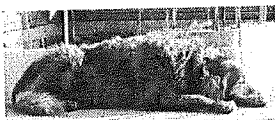
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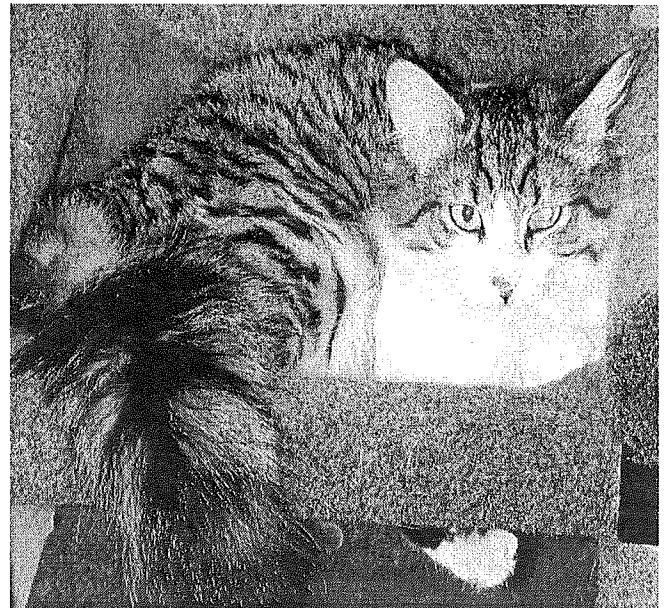
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Adoption-Challenged

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*Sponsoring a cat or dog is a great way to guarantee that pet will have a wonderful home for a month, a year or a lifetime. With your support of \$10.00 a month, a cat or dog will receive the care and love he or she deserves.

PFOA requests a \$75.00 adoption fee per animal to help cover the expenses of spaying/neutering, vaccinations, medical care, food, etc.

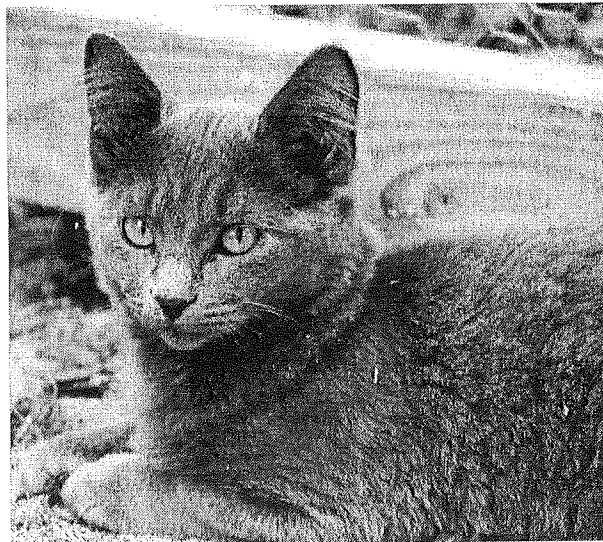
ADOPTABLES!

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 pet to help cover the expenses of spaying/neutering, vaccinations, medical care, etc.

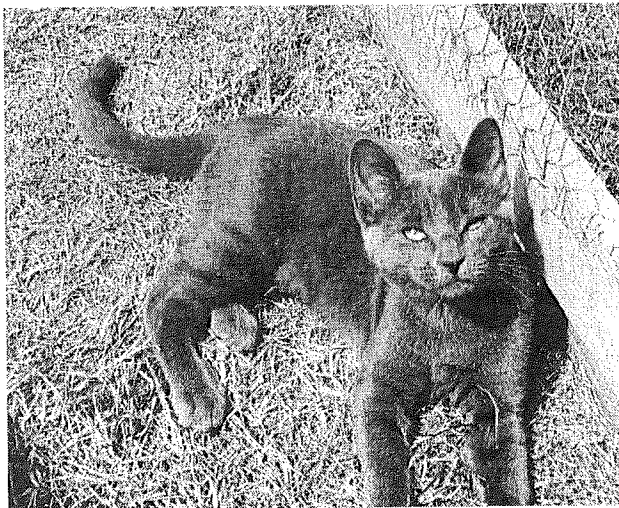


Della is the shyest of these three young litter mates. However, like Riley and Stella, she is an entertaining clown of a kitty. Della also has the same loving personality as her siblings. She just needs a little extra attention to bring her completely out of her shell. All three of these kitties are about five months old and have all been spayed or neutered. Call us if you have the time for Della.

Riley, with his Russian Blue appearance and engaging personality, will be a great addition to any loving family. He loves riding and sitting on shoulders, as well as playing with and grooming hair. Riley is waiting for his forever home. Please call us if you are ready to adopt Riley.



Stella is the most outgoing of this trio. She loves playing and clowning around with both cats and humans. Stella has plenty of love to give and is ready for her forever home. She also has the Russian Blue coloring that is so appealing. Please call PFOA if you are interested in Stella.



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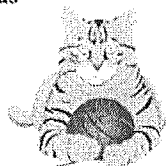
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We are often asked the question, "Will Safe Haven be the site of a pet cemetery?" Due to restrictions that protect large portions of the Safe Haven property which are wetlands, a pet cemetery is not in Safe Haven's plans. However, there are other options not far from home for honoring your deceased pet and there may be still another one in the years to come at Safe Haven as well.

The nearest pet cremation services are offered by Jefferson County Animal Services. (360-385-3292). Cremations

are private (\$31-132) or communal (\$15-46). Ashes may be brought home or taken to the Bulis Pet Memorial Garden for spreading in a peaceful resting place on Old Fort Townsend Road near Highway 20. It is a natural forested setting that is meant to be preserved in its natural state unfettered by markers or gravestones. Contact Jefferson Land Trust for options (360-379-9501).

Pet cemeteries are located in at least three western Washington communities.

In Skagit County there is Country West Pet Cemetery in Burlington (360-757-2671). In King County there are two choices: Kent has Pet Haven Pet Cemetery (206-878-7292), and in Bothell is Mill Creek Pet Cemetery (206-483-1698).

PFOA members have discussed the future possibility of a memorial garden on Safe Haven property that would feature a place to store ashes and mount plaques memorializing pets who have passed on. We will keep you posted as any plans for this project develop.

MEMORIALS AND GRATITUDES

In Memory of Special People

In memory of Murlen Schreiner, from Madelaine A. Bader

In memory of Murlen A. Schreiner, from Esther Bean

In memory of Alice Marie Icard, a truly lovely person, the kindest person I know to animals, from Dottie E. Clark

In memory of James Bergman Dupuis, from Dorothy H. Johnston

In memory of Murlen Schreiner, from Rosemary Kane

In memory of my dear friend Murlen Schreiner, from Julia A. Murphy

In memory of Linda Coleman, from Ellie & Roger Schmidt

In Honor of Special Friends

Thanks to Ann & Earl Gilson, for giving Lady a home, from Eleanor Foster and son, Karl Canter

Thanks to Ellen & Milt Patrie for their kindness and concern for animals, from Natalie Spiegel

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

In loving memory of Bentley, beloved pet of Ruth Grine, from Maryann Barron

In memory of John & Eileen Herring's Conan and Pagen, from Drs. Linda Allen & Cheryl Adaska and staff

In memory of Leslie Harrington's Alex, from Drs. Linda Allen & Cheryl Adaska and staff

In memory of our two loving pets, Louis and Chloe, from Sheila & Peter Bowen

In memory of Frank & Sharon Palmer's little poodle, Bo, and special kitten, Sable, from Nancy & Dallas Campbell

In memory of Ann Gilson's beloved cat, Natasha, from Nancy & Dallas Campbell

In memory of Squeak-E and Dylan, from Maureen Ford

In memory of Sharon & Frank Palmer's Bo, from Janet and Jess Harker

In memory of Sharon & Frank Palmer's special baby, Sable, from Janet and Jess Harker

In memory of Bill & Glenna Trano's little Miss Ellie, from Janet & Jess Harker

In memory of Cubby, from Marilyn Lilienthal

In memory of Mari Bilsborrow's Gus, from Dave Neupert & Claudia Huston

In memory of Jennifer, who gave me 16 years of pleasure in her company, from Natalie Spiegel

In memory of Lena, Mickie & Bob Vail's beloved canine friend for more than 14 years, from the Zolnoski Family

In memory of Mac, Jack & Harriet McEwan's smart and loving poodle, who was a friend to all, from Michele & Robert Vail

In remembrance of Lena Vail, faithful companion of Bob & Mickie Vail, from Joanne L. Legere-Vail & Theodore M. Vail

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! PFOA extends a warm welcome to the following new members: Nancy Lee Bain, Michele Bash, Patt Doyle, Clover Gowing, Parker Gowing, Madeline Harrington, Shirley McFadden & Peter Grassi, Candy Harris & Larry Harris, Lacy Hennessey, Cindy Horsfall, Carolyn Howard, Linda Konglie, Marilyn Lilienthal, Susan Marbut, Cindy McClain, Sharon Quesnell, Mikki Reidel, M.C. Richmond, Marijo Page-Robinson, Kirsten Ruhl, Erv Ruhl, Leslie Spotkov, Edith Taylor, Ben Thacker, Elizabeth Thacker, Mickie Vail, Hope & Jim Williams

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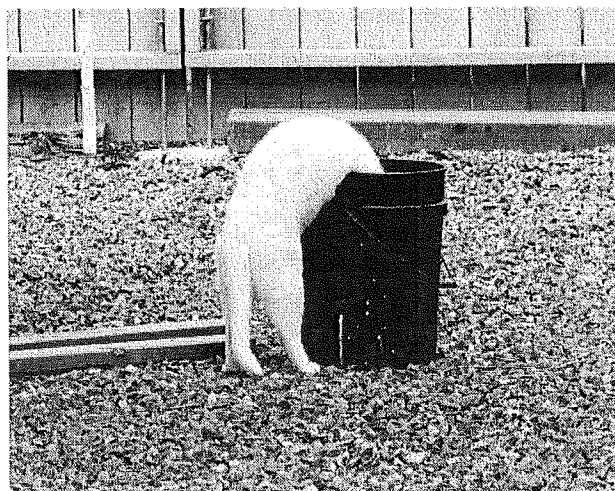
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PFOA foster cat, Missy, checks out the contents of a pail in her cat-fenced outdoor play area

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MEET A BOARD MEMBER: Ann Gilson

Ann Gilson can't remember a time when animals weren't an important part of her life. Early photos all show her with pets—cats, dogs, rabbits, goats, chickens, goslings, horses. For more than 50 years she's always had at least one dog, until the recent death of her little blind Rambeau.

And cats! Goodness, well over a hundred have shared their lives with her, and each one is remembered by name and by face, even after seventy years in some cases.

So it is no wonder that Ann was one of the early volunteers, when PFOA was still Sequim Friends of Animals, and has devoted her time, talents, and a few dollars ever since.

Ann, a Texan by birth, has always helped animals on her own, but began her work with rescue organizations some 30 years ago when she and her husband, Earl, lived in Wisconsin.

She first served on the Board of Adopt-A-Pet, a private organization that functioned much as the local Humane Society does here. Then she served on the Board of a two-county Humane Society that was more similar to PFOA, and was its president for two terms. She is very proud of the fact that during her tenure not a single animal was ever euthanized except for the animal's own sake when it could not be saved. Since she retired from the University of Wisconsin to come here that same

Society has built a shelter and still maintains an adoption rate of over 90%, though it takes in every animal brought to it.

"I'm so fortunate," Ann says, "to be able to work with a wonderful, compassionate, caring group like our PFOA members. And PFOA is very fortunate to have the community support and appreciation that it does."

Ann's efforts have helped build that support, and she says that at 76 she hopes she still has several more years to do what she loves best—help animals in every way she can.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."-Gandhi

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