

Pet Tidings



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Priscilla, the Dumpster Kitty

The night was dark, with only a streetlight at the end of the alley and a light at the back door of the darkened Sequim Animal Hospital to guide the person walking carefully through the shadows.



He—or she—was bundled up against the cold and carried something in his arms. When he came to the dumpster behind the building he stopped, used one hand to raise the lid, then carefully placed his burden inside. Lowering the lid quickly, he stood for a moment then hurried away and turned out onto the street.

Priscilla lay for a moment on the pile of bags and waste at the bottom of the dumpster, then got to her feet in the absolute darkness. She felt and sniffed her way around the container and stretched as high as she could,

finding no end to the wall. So, being a sensible cat, she lay down to wait for whatever came next, with only a soft mew or two before she slept.

After the sun rose and Sequim came to life, a clinic employee went out to dump the first bag of waste of the day in the dumpster. Priscilla roused herself and meowed inquiringly. Kind hands hesitantly reached down to touch her. When she purred reassuringly they reached down, picked her up and carried her inside.

After an exam and some breakfast in a nice clean cage for Priscilla, a call came

to PFOA's Safe Haven phone. "We found a nice little longhaired cat with a knot in her tail in our dumpster this morning. She'd make a fine pet. Can you take her?"

We couldn't right then, but finally there was a space and she came to one of our foster homes. She loved being in a home again, but she longed for one of her own, without so many other cats around.

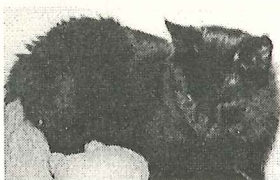
Her dream came true when a caring single person from Sequim, intrigued by her story and looking for a loving companion, came to the home, met her, and bore her away to her "own true home for always."

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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.



Adopted! Kahlua



Adopted! Luigi



Adopted! Baby



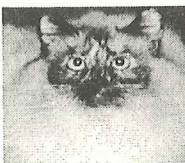
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Adopted! Holly



Adopted! Kitsie



Adopted! Holly



Adopted! Toby



Adopted! Sarah



Adopted! Icy Blue



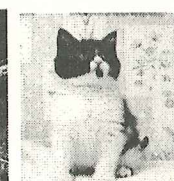
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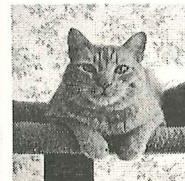
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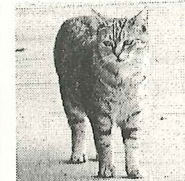
Adopted! Kitsie



Adopted! Parti



Adopted! Rusty



Adopted! Carolayne



Adopted! PomPom



Adopted! Conner



Adopted! Mouse

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PAWS FOR A THOUGHT

As Safe Haven's first building underwent its renovation over the past two years, countless members said, "I'm waiting until the cats are in place before I volunteer my time."

Well, folks, the cats are here.....so where are all of *you*?

There are four large rooms downstairs with 6-15 cats each in them. There are two kitten rooms upstairs, soon to house at least one litter apiece. Boxes need scooping. Floors need sweeping, vacuuming and mopping. Food dishes need filling and water needs changing. Laundry sometimes needs doing. Medication sometimes needs giving. And cats need grooming and socializing.

That's not *all* that needs doing at Safe Haven. There is a critical need for *office* help. Typists, filers, organizers, cleaners, greeters, telephone message takers.....hopefully all of the above!

If you're a PFOA member and have been staying in the background until such time as cats are living at Safe Haven, the time to step forward is now. We especially need people who are willing to do a variety of tasks around the building over a regular 2, 3 or even 6 hour span, once or twice a week....all of which can be interspersed with frequent visits into the cat quarters to play with and love the residents.

If you're not quite sure where you fit in as a volunteer, why not stop by for a visit and check things out. The shelter is open to the public from noon-4, Tuesday through Saturday, and by appointment at other times. Give us a call and let us know you're coming: (360) 452-0414.

There's never been a greater need for volunteers to help keep this place running smoothly. Won't you come forward and be one of them?

—Editor

"The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue."

—Unknown

"Woman and cats will do as they please; men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea."

—Robert Heinlein

Ten Commandments for a Responsible Pet Owner

1. My life is likely to last 10-20 years. Any separation from you will be very painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me—it is crucial for my well being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends and entertainment. I have only you!
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when it's speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, remember that I have teeth that could easily damage your hand, but I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, or I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart may be getting old and weak.
9. Take care of me when I get old. You, too, will grow old.
10. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say, "I can't bear to watch," or "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for **me** if you are there. Remember—I love you!

—Author unknown

BIG SAFE HAVEN GRAND OPENING OVER; CATS IN PLACE AND READY FOR ADOPTION

It was two years in the making, but Safe Haven finally came to fruition on the weekend of Feb. 28 & 29. Several hundred donors and supporters came by to see the culmination of thousands of hours of volunteer and professional work that prepared the building to house up to 65 temporarily "homeless" felines at a time, all of whom are in need of permanent homes in the local community.



PFOA President Janet Harker looks on as Sequim Gazette Publisher Sue Ellen Riesau and PFOA member Donna Criscione cut the ribbon to officially open the first feline building at the Safe Haven sanctuary

Now that the Grand Opening is behind us and the cats and kittens are securely nestled in their new apartments at Safe Haven, the work of finding permanent homes for all these wonderful pets kicks into high gear.

Safe Haven's residents come from a huge variety of backgrounds and circumstances. Some were

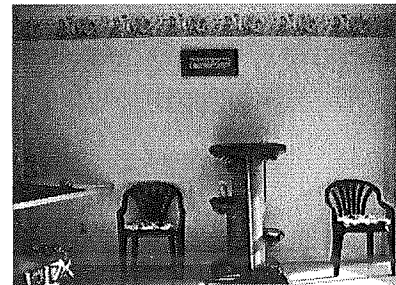
left behind when their guardians died or moved into assisted living facilities. Others were found living on the streets with no apparent human help. One sweet little de-clawed girl was discovered in a parking lot dumpster. Still others came from abusive situations too heartbreaking to recount in detail. Suffice it to say the terror they may have faced in the past is a distant—but often still painful—memory.



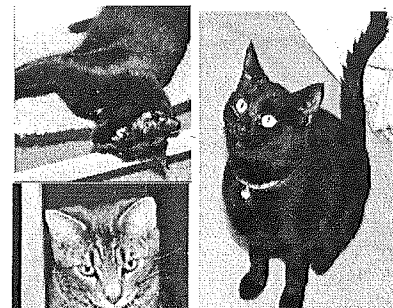
South end of the sanctuary with outdoor cat enclosures to the right

In the four years leading up to Safe Haven's Grand Opening, PFOA has adopted pets out of a network of foster homes spread between Diamond Point and west Port Angeles. It wasn't always convenient for potential adopters to visit all of the animals in which they had an interest. Safe Haven, though, represents an opportunity to house PFOA's most adoptable pets in a single, central location halfway between the two largest communities in our

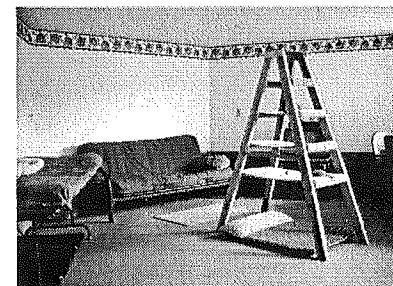
county. It makes it possible for potential adopters to select their new companions from a sizeable group of healthy, friendly, well-socialized, and entertaining felines all living in one convenient location and all ready for their own permanent, loving homes.



North wall of one of two upstairs rooms devoted entirely to kittens



Safe Haven residents Comet, Colette and Dandelion get used to their new digs



A sunny corner in one of the four downstairs cat rooms

eBay Auctions to Replace Yearly Garage Sales

PFOA has made a decision to do away with its yearly garage sales and replace their fund raising potential with sales of donated items on Internet auction giant eBay.

The garage sales were always fun and successful, but the amount of work was often overwhelming. In addition, many of the more valuable items donated for these sales failed to bring anything close to what they were worth in the garage sale setting. Similar items tend to do much better when auctioned to the highest bidder on a worldwide web site

like eBay. Funds raised from just a few of the "high end" donations PFOA receives could exceed the amount raised from hundreds of standard garage sale items.

People wanting to donate items for potential listings on eBay should call ahead to be sure that their donations are within the realm of what PFOA can sell and ship. We hope to be able to list items whose ultimate sale price will be \$50 or more, and to avoid items too large to be conveniently packaged and shipped by one person. Additionally, until we have become experienced shippers we would

like to avoid highly breakable glass items.

Auction items of special interest would be such things as early century World's Fair collectibles, Civil War and WWI items, well made metal toys from the 1920s—1960s, celebrity autographed items, rare JFK memorabilia, Beatles dolls from the '60s in the original boxes, etc.

If you have something you'd like to donate for an eBay auction, please call us at (360)452-0414.

Thanks!

Free and Easy Ways to Help PFOA

Many people who want to help PFOA would like to do so without contributing large amounts of money or time. Two ways to do this are: 1) Do your online shopping by logging on first to iGive.com; and 2) save your empty computer printer cartridges and donate them to PFOA instead of tossing them.

iGive.com represents a unique opportunity for people to donate to PFOA indirectly and without spending an extra penny. The way it works is that the iGive site acts as sort of an online "mall" for hundreds of retailers, many of whom you already know or from

whom you already buy....names like Barnes and Noble, JC Penney, Eddie Bauer, Old Navy, K-Mart, QVC, PetsMart, Petco, Nutrisystem, GNC, Walter Drake, CompUSA, Spiegel, Neiman Marcus, Thrifty Car Rental, Priceline.com, Drugstore.com, Made in Washington, Hickory Farms, Harry and David, Figi's, Swiss Colony and almost 500 others!

Each time you make a purchase from one of these retailers (when accessed via iGive.com), a percentage of your purchase price is donated to the charity of your choice. If that's PFOA, we receive

from 1-26%, depending on the retailer. And you haven't spent anything more to purchase the product than you would have otherwise.

A company called cashforcritters pays PFOA to collect empty printer cartridges which they then refill and resell at a discount. If you're throwing your empty cartridges away, please start saving them for us. We get paid \$1-4 each for them and it all adds up!

Cartridges can be brought to membership meetings, given to a PFOA board member or sent to our post office box. No Epsoms, please!

NEW MEMBERS COMING ON BOARD AT RECORD PACE

PFOA's paid membership now numbers nearly 275, with almost a quarter of that total joining us in just the past six months. The word has spread that the Olympic Peninsula is home to a well organized, effective no-kill animal welfare organization, and more and more people are choosing to be part of the success the group is having.

The following new members are warmly welcomed

into the group: Phyllis Anderson, Rick Ahrens, Sue Armistead, Barbara Avery, Bob Bacon, Estella Bratcher, Barbara A. Deak, Robin Dougall, Anne Engel, Barbara Enzenauer, Patricia Gaudette, Chrilo von Gontard, Marissa Hana, Christine Heard, Bebe Hubbard, Rose Johnston, Winson Jones, Jay & Marcie Joslin, Gary Konieczny, Annette LaRue, Polly Loggy, Kerry McCool, Sally Palmer, Valerie

Printz, Laurel Rodger, Joanie Schmoll, Rosemary Taylor, Rita Thatcher, Gene Tilley, Angus Trent and Cynthia Turner.

Each and every one of you is needed and appreciated. Thank you for caring enough about the work we do in this community to add your names to the list of those who are willing to stand up for the rights of the precious cats and dogs for whom we care.

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Spring Calendar Of Events



APRIL JN PARJS:

Enjoy French inspired events at our lovely nursery.

Wed. 14th, 1:00 PM: Culinary Arts and Herbs

Thurs. 2:00 PM Lavender Seminar

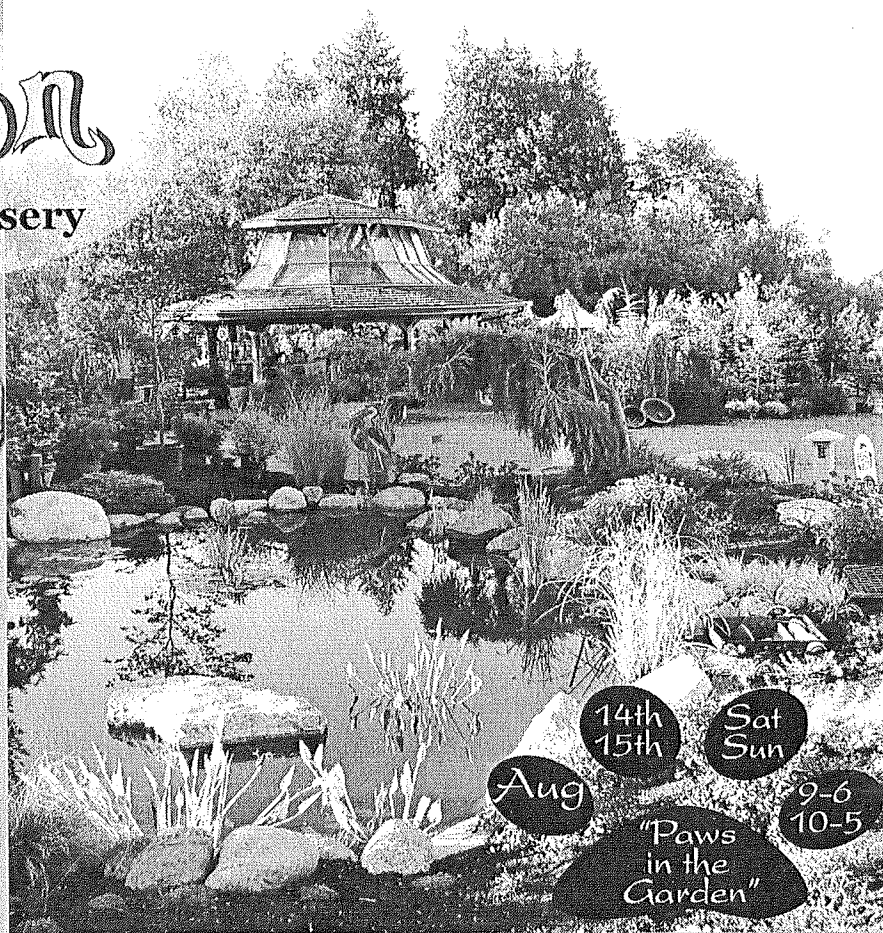
Fri. 1:00 PM French Fables

Sat. 11:00 AM Create a Moss Hanging Basket

Sun. Create a Romantic Container Garden



Sat. June 5, 11:00 AM Create a Container Herb Garden
Sat. June 12, 11:00 AM Local Gardening expert shares her top plant picks for our Sequim gardens.
Sat. and Sun. June 12 & 20, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Bring Dad!
Celebrate Father's Day at our nursery with Walter Massey, local Copper Sculptor will be demonstrating changing the elements of earth into art for the home and garden.



Come help us celebrate our anniversary! On Mother's Day weekend we will be having nibbles, refreshments, and music to celebrate our 4th anniversary. Hanging baskets, ever trees, container gardens and flowering trees will be plentiful. Stop by and say hello!

Claire and her animal friends, Prince, Cleo, Isabella, Luna and the hens say a big thank you to all the saints out there putting the energy and action into helping animals and getting things done at PFOA. Thank you!! We LOVE you at PFOA!



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MEET A BOARD MEMBER: Nancy Campbell

Nancy Campbell wears more hats than any other PFOA Board member, and somehow manages to do myriad jobs enthusiastically and well.

Born in Arkansas, she and husband Dallas, also a lifelong animal lover and PFOA volunteer, came to Port Angeles from California 18 years ago with eight cats.

Besides working early on in their business, Anchor Marine Repair, Nancy set about helping every needy animal that came her way.

In this endeavor she met 11-year old Bosworth, her first dog, who had been tied up nearly all his life. He had two wonderful years with them, and since his death Nancy and Dallas have added four other dogs to their family—Zack, Gracie, Mickey and Sherman. Nancy almost single-handedly runs our successful small dog adoption program.

As a full time volunteer, she does much of our buying and procurement, handles our emergency food shelf and is a tireless promoter of PFOA. She and Dallas fostered PFOA cats for more

than two years, and Nancy served as our Treasurer two years—the list goes on and on. Nancy helps with just about every money raising event or project we have, and is a fabulous adoption counselor. Very smart and very hard working. That's Nancy. —AG

"I hold that, the more helpless a creature, the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty of man."

—Mahatma Gandhi

VET-SMARTZ by Riverside Veterinary Services, Ashburton, New Zealand

Editors note: We thought it would be fun to hear from a veterinarian in another country on some particular problem that effects pets no matter where they are in the world. Ashburton, New Zealand's Riverside Veterinary Services provided this article on the issue of cat sunburn.

As sunlight intensifies during the summer, remember that animals can be affected by sunburn as well. This is especially true for white cats and dogs.

In dogs and cats, the sunburn usually affects the ears and nose. The symptoms are largely the same as in people—redness, blistering, etc. Also as in people, chronic sun exposure can produce cancerous changes in the skin. In cats, at least, which seem to be most commonly affected, chronic sunburn will become cancerous. The result is that vets often have to amputate the tips of white cats' ears, and also put to sleep cats in which the lesions are advanced.

So during the summer let's think about our animal friends when we put on shirts, hats and sun block. Sun block (Filta-bac cream) is available from vet clinics and "shirts" can be made for some animals that will tolerate them. Above all, shelter and shade has to be provided.

Tattooing cats' ears seems to help in some cases and is an option you may wish to discuss with your vet.

PFOA Sets Up Emergency Medical Fund

What happens to a suffering cat or dog whose low-income human guardian cannot afford to go to a veterinarian for help? Much too often the pet lingers in pain or sickness, a simple injury turns into a major one or the pet even dies needlessly.

That's why PFOA is establishing an Emergency Medical Fund to help such pets and people in distress. From the jobless person who finds an unknown and

critically injured dog in his yard to the single mom with four kids whose cat has developed a life-threatening blockage in his urinary track, PFOA gets several calls weekly from people who desperately need help for suffering animals whose conditions are *serious and urgent*.

PFOA's Emergency Medical Fund is intended to help people and pets in just these kinds of circumstances. You can be part

of the solution by penciling in a category—"Emergency Medical Fund"—not yet printed on the donation envelope inserted into this newsletter. Then the next time you send a contribution to PFOA, put a check mark next to that category and your donation will be applied toward helping animals with these kinds of serious medical needs.

People and pets alike will be immensely grateful.

ALL ABOUT SPONSORING AN ADOPTION-CHALLENGED PET

A certain percentage of the pets who have come to be cared for by PFOA are generally thought to be unadoptable or "adoption challenged." Of course, there are a few extra special people out there who might potentially adopt a longtime Safe Haven resident with special needs. But most of these pets will continue to be in PFOA care for many months or years, or even for their entire lives.

Anyone can sponsor one of PFOA's adoption-challenged pets for as little as \$10 a month. Yearly sponsorships are \$120, and lifetime sponsorships are \$500. Just fill out the form on the donation envelope that came with this newsletter and send it back with your payment. In return you'll receive pictures of your sponsored pet and a biographical history.

Current sponsors of pets in PFOA care are Teri Adair, Claire Bernards, Sheila & Peter Bowen, Blair Burns, Sara Ann Courtney, Lori Crow, Kathy Danley, Gale Enger, Charlene Erickson, Marguerite & Louis Evert, Donna Flint, Claudia Fureby, Virginia Green, Rod & Linda Grubb, Louise-Jayne Haddaway, Linda Harer, Tom & Patricia Hart, Dennis Haven, Lacy Hennessey, Carolyn Howard, Sylvia June Kahan, Maureen Kelly, Lael & John Lewis, Lisa Ljunhammar, Polly Loggy, Helen Miller, Alice Mitchell, Lee & Linda Moench, Janet Peacock, Catharine Reed & Andy

Swartzbacker, Richard & Sally Ruud, Nellie Stokley, Mary Sweetser, Jean Marie Szeles, Judy O'Grady-Tilley, Diana Vance, Dennis & Marian Wajckus and Kari Walter.



Semi-feral and half-tailed Inky has recently found a sponsor

Pets being sponsored are Annabelle, Azure, Booky, Catherine, Dallas, Dinah, Donovan, Gypsy, Inky, Jack, Jamie, Jim, Johnnycat, Little Joey, Mama's

Cat (Peach), Missy, Murphy, Oreo, Peggy Sue, Princess, Rutabaga, Snickers, Spot Nelson and Sumari.

Thanks to all of you sponsors for making these pet's lives just a little better!

Safe Haven WISH LIST

Items

RECEPTION DESK for front entry

TV RABBIT EARS for cats' tvs

BOOK CASES

PLASTIC PATIO FURNITURE

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FISHING POLE TIPS for hanging cat toys

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Volunteers

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CAT ROOM CLEANING PEOPLE

OFFICE HELP

"My husband said it was him or the cat...I miss him sometimes." —Anonymous

"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself."

—Josh Billings

Letter to a feline foster mom from an appreciative adopter

Hi from the Swensons and Miss Mouse! We just wanted to give you an update. We just love her so much and she seems to be returning the feelings! She now has complete run of the house and enjoys racing around when she's feeling especially frisky. This morning she really made some progress—from our point of view. Though she had been placed and invited to come on the bed many times, today she jumped up on her own and slept between us for about 45 minutes before bounding downstairs to have breakfast! She had been sleeping under the bed for a week, but this was the first time she came up on her own to join us for a nap. Cool. She's quite the cuddler, too. When she wants attention, she really lets us know! She rubs up against our legs and even blocks us from walking in a different direction! Smart kitty! She also likes to be held

and petted, even enduring some kisses. One of her favorite spots is to sit on the desk with "Dad" while he surfs the 'net. A Daddy's girl, indeed!

I just wanted to thank you for socializing her so that she's not too afraid of humans. Our next challenge is to introduce her to our boat, so she can travel with us. This will happen in the next few days. Wish us luck!

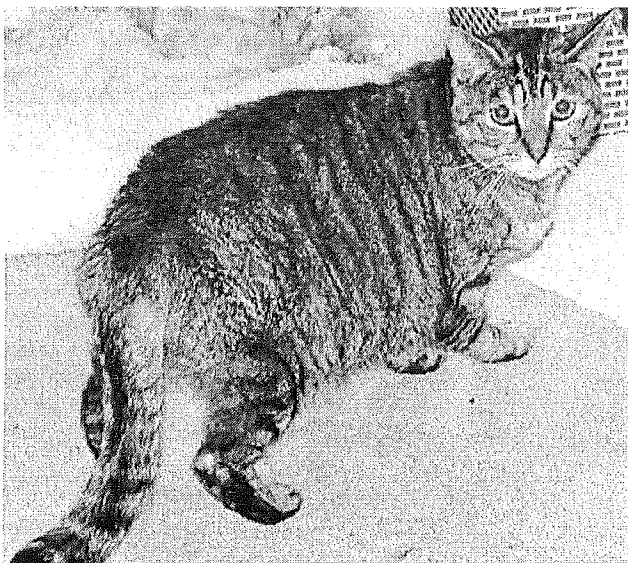
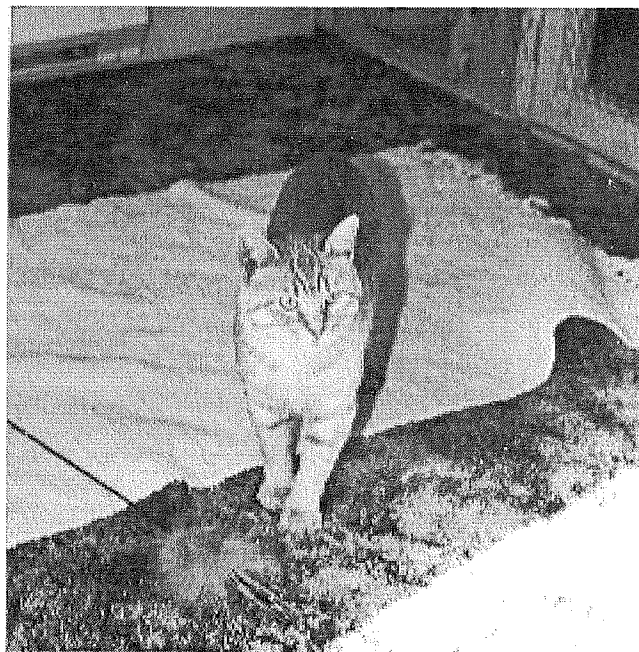
So thanks again. The adoption process was easy. I would encourage other critter-searchers to go with Peninsula Friends of Animals. You folks really care and it shows. That was a nice piece in the newspaper about the opening of your new shelter. We wish you the best of luck!

Sincerely,
Sharon & Chris Swenson

Adoption-Challenged

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

Peaches (aka "Mr Peach") was rescued from a trailer park early last year. Obviously abandoned, this loving cat just wanted back indoors with his own family. Peaches has a health problem which may make him hard to place, but his playful and loving spirit make up for everything. Call PFOA if you are interested in either adopting or sponsoring Peaches.



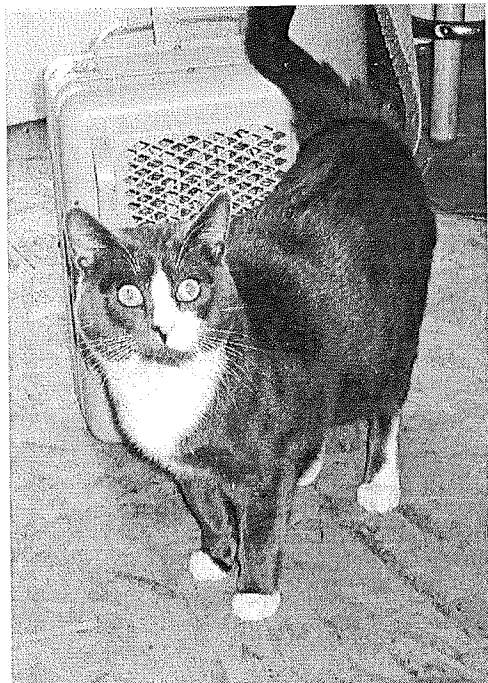
Auntie has been with PFOA for about four years. This is one of the first pictures we have of her. She pretty much distrusts everyone, but occasionally watches TV with her foster Dad. She does sleep indoors, but hides out most of the time. Once she moves out to Save Haven, we hope she will start warming up to the animal caretakers. While she may never be adoptable, she will always have a home with PFOA.

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

Sponsoring a cat or dog is a great way to guarantee that a pet who doesn't get adopted will have a wonderful home at Safe Haven for a few months or for a lifetime. Your support of just \$10.00 a month will help assure that an unadopted animal will receive the care and love he or she deserves.

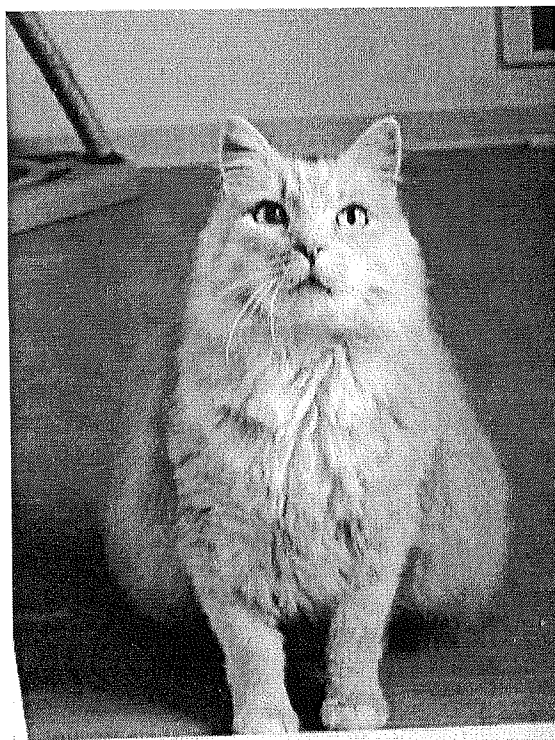
ADOPTABLES!

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.



Leo is about 3 years old, a dark gray and white cat. He is a quiet and affectionate fellow who enjoys exploring his surroundings and is quite playful. He also loves sitting on laps and subjecting himself to daily massages. Leo gets along well with the other foster cats and enjoys playing with the kittens. Leo will be a welcome addition in any family. Call about Leo today!

Mostest is a wonderful medium haired orange tabby full of love and companionship. He has been a fabulous surrogate "Dad" to the kitties at his foster home. Now it is time for someone to take care of him. He is somewhat overweight and needs to be in a one cat household where he can be kept on a diet. This cat deserves the care it will take to keep him a healthy, happy cat. Please call PFOA today if you would like to adopt Mostest.



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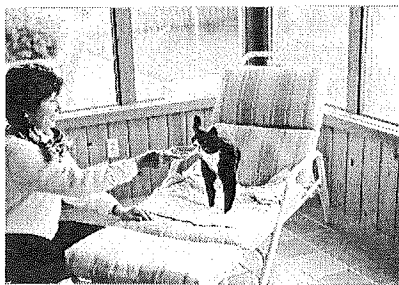
VOLUNTEER: Judith Hatch

From one corner of the country to the other, Judith Hatch has made a positive impact on the people and animals in her life.

Born and raised outside of Boston, Judith's early jobs were as a nanny. She always had cats, and early in life considered being a veterinarian. Her care and concern for others carried over into her post high school years as she attended nursing school in Massachusetts, Illinois and California before becoming a registered nurse.

Time spent as a flight attendant was just a hint of Judith's passion for travel. She has visited over 35 countries and this spring will be off hiking in Italy.

Speaking of hiking, it was during a backpacking trip to our area that Judith fell in love with the Olympic Peninsula and decided to settle here. She and husband Martin share their home



Judith offers a meal to one member of her feline family

with three cats—Jere, Joey and 15-year old Diva (who is every bit the name!)

Judith is also a Master Gardener who tends to a one acre organic garden at her home, and is an usher for the Port Angeles Symphony. Additionally, Judith manages to set

aside time each week for dance aerobics and for yoga.

With all those things going on, one might wonder how Judith finds time for PFOA. Well, for four years she has been there to help at garage sales, pet photos with Santa and informational events. She has participated in feral cat trapping. She routinely puts together and sends out welcome packets to all new members. She distributes PFOA's quarterly newsletter, *Pet Tidings*, to 32 locations from one end of Sequim to the other. Judith was even one of the volunteer models in PFOA's hugely successful 2004 fund raising calendar, "Puss 'n Boots...and Fido, Too!"

Olympic Peninsula humans and animals alike are fortunate to be recipients of Judith Hatch's energy, positive attitude, drive and compassion....and her smile!

Thanks, Judith!

VOLUNTEERS: Bruce & Lori Page

Originally from the Midwest, Bruce and Lori Page met through a mutual friend and got married during Bruce's leave from the Coast Guard.

Lori modeled sports clothes in New York while Bruce was stationed at Staten Island and later worked as a florist in North Carolina when Bruce was stationed there.

It was during an RV trip that Bruce and Lori discovered Sequim, fell in love with it, and.....well, you know, the rest is history!

Besides being active members of PFOA, Bruce and Lori are supporters of the Clallam County Humane Society, WAG, and Best Friends of Kanab, Utah.

Over the years, the Pages have had two Siberian Huskies and seven cats. All but the present two cats, Boots and Kitsey, are buried at the Best Friends Pet Cemetery. The cats have all been little strays that found their ways into Bruce and Lori's homes and hearts.

During the 17 years that Bruce was stationed in San Francisco, Lori was active in Palo Alto's Wildlife Rescue. Since coming to Sequim, they have raised and released to the wild

motherless raccoons, and they routinely feed squirrels, birds, stray cats "and anything else that comes along."

While living on Adak Island in the Aleutians, Lori became foster mom to two newborn kittens that were rescued from a burning building. She raised them and found places for them in loving homes where they both lived to ripe old ages.

Bruce does a fantastic job keeping PFOA's membership roster up to date, sending out dues renewal notices, creating and printing brochures for PFOA's various programs and putting together wonderfully detailed database lists of the group's supporters.

Lori does whatever needs doing around Safe Haven, from socializing with the resident cats and cleaning their quarters to laundry and disinfecting of carriers and traps. Both of the Pages seem to be there whenever they are needed—which is often.



Bruce & Lori cruise Alaska in 1999

When asked what drew them to PFOA, Bruce observes "a more solid foundation, better organized, a brighter future, the personnel, opportunities to help (especially for the handicapped) and a goal within reach."

In addition to their animal welfare work, this active couple also has membership in the Sequim Elks and the Sequim Senior Center. And oh, by the way.....Bruce works part time in the Clallam County Sheriff's office!

We're grateful, Bruce and Lori, for all you do!

Memorials and Gratitudes

In Memory of Special People

In memory of Norma McCormack, from Anna S. Alwine

In memory of Jody Hirleman, from an anonymous friend

In memory of Norma McCormack, from Frances C. Burch

In memory of Donn Steen, from Dottie & Don Clark

In loving memory of Norma E. McCormack, from Linda & Victoria Douglass

In memory of Dorothy (Dot) Johnson, from Employees Association of PUD No. 1 of Clallam County

In memory of Jody Hirleman, from Stephanie & Lowell Grage

In memory of Jody Hirleman, from Janet Harker

In memory of Bob Harris, who has gone to be with Tiger, from Wilma Harris

In memory of Dot Johnson, from Valerie E. Hilken

In memory of Denyce Pine, who loved all animals, from Marjorie A. Holmes

In memory of Dorothy Johnson, from I.B.E.W. No. 997

In memory of our friend, Denyce Pine, from June Kahan & Marion Kopecky

In memory of Mr. Donn Steen, from Geraldine Lovett

In memory of June McGuire, a good friend who loved animals, from Earlene Merritt-Borah

In memory of Dorthy Loftus, from Margie A. Movius

In memory of Norma McCormack, from John E. Rowlett, Jr

In memory of Norma Elaine McCormack, from June Young Shell

In memory of Denyce Pine, from Bill & Dale Stellman

In memory of Dot Johnson, from Jack & Dolores Stewart

In memory of Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, from Harry & Janet Sundby

In memory of Denyce Pine, from Ann Wagener

In memory of Norma McCormack, from June Windish

In memory of Norma McCormack, who loved animals and will be smiling down on us, from Joan & Bob Young

In Honor of Special Friends

A big purr to Donna & Pam from Kona, Tiger, Cheddar, Blue & Bailey Detrick

In honor of Cathy McNally for cat sitting, from Patricia R. Lang

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

In memory of Ann Gilson's Dilly, from Janet Harker

In memory of my wonderful, magical cat—Ishkabibble, from Ann Hairston

In memory of Dr. & Mrs. Michael Crim's noble little Beagle, Manabay Bailey—a good and true friend—from Bill & Peg Harris

In memory of our seven lost and beloved pets—Lucky, Cry Baby, Bear, Blackie, Sam, Lady, Buster—all dearly loved and not forgotten, from Harry & Ruth Lindley

In loving memory of Mr. Kat, my best friend ever, and Dee Dee, a real mommy's girl, from Jerry McClinton

In memory of Sweetums, a gentle companion and friend to Gloria Shepard, from Victoria Shepard

In memory of Tedo, a best friend to Carrie, Rick & Corin from Walter Trial

In Honor of Special Pets

In honor of my little Mocha, a happy cat whose company I am so grateful for, from Jeanne Colley

In honor of Bonnie, who has such a good life, from Gary & Carol Zellmer

Remembering Jody Hirleman

PFOA member and volunteer Jody Hirleman passed away March 21 from complications arising out of a battle with cancer.

Jody and husband Frank have helped at PFOA garage sales and other events. Jody was

one of PFOA's volunteer 2004 fund raising calendar order processors during the busy early stages of sales of that item.

PFOA members who were fortunate enough to know Jody were extremely fond of her. She will be missed.

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MY NAME IS MIKEY

by Betty Gregory

One day I wandered from my home
Not knowing how sad I'd feel to be all alone.
I'd been loved and fed—even had my own bed,
But the wanderlust just went to my head.

I had so much fun just snooping around,
But suddenly was lost and seemed headed for town.
Soon I spotted some trees and houses galore
And couldn't believe I spied an open door.

I boldly ventured in, only to find
An animal of my very own kind.
Much larger was he and he didn't want me there,
So I ran and I hid 'cuz he gave me a scare.

Soon a very nice man, his owner perhaps,
Came to my rescue and saved me from his grasp.
Then he went to the phone and called a lady nearby
And I heard him say, "A dilemma have I."

"It seems a stray cat has found his way in
And Frack has gone crazy and will surely hurt him.
Can you help me out and give him a home?
He's cute and he's cuddly and so all alone."

Soon the lady came by and fell in love with me
And she took me home and named me Mikey.

THIS OLD CAT

—author unknown

I'm getting on in years, my coat is turning gray.
My eyes have lost their luster, my hearing's just okay.

I spend my day dreaming of conquests in my past,
Lying near a sunny window waiting for its warm repast.

I remember our first visit, I was coming to you free,
Hoping you would take me in and keep me company.

I wasn't young or handsome, two years I'd roamed the street.
There were scars upon my face, I hobbled on my feet.

I could sense your disappointment as I left my prison cage.
Oh, I hoped you would accept me and look beyond my age.

You took me out of pity, I accepted without shame.
Then you grew to love me and I admit the same.

I have shared with you your laughter, you have wet my fur with tears.
We've come to know each other throughout these many years.

Just one more hug this morning before you drive away,
And I know I'll think about you throughout your busy day.

This time we've left together is a treasured time at that.
My heart is yours forever. I promise—This Old Cat.

Still not convinced that spay/neuter reduces euthanasia?

A subsidized spay/neuter clinic was opened in Santa Barbara in 1975. Within 10 years, the number of animals euthanized at the city shelter fell by 80%.

The San Francisco SPCA began a subsidized spay/neuter program in 1975. By 1991, the organization had stopped euthanizing *all* adoptable dogs and cats.

Since 1992, King County's spay/neuter legislation has reduced the number of animals euthanized by 52%.

The Minnesota legislature found that for every \$1 invested in municipally operated spay/neuter clinics, taxpayers would save \$18.72 in future animal control costs over a 10-year period. Similar findings: The Denver Conference on Dog and Cat Control.

Spay USA says an unspayed female cat, her mate and all their offspring, producing two litters per year with 2.8 surviving kittens per litter can total 11,606,077 cats in only 9 years; dogs, 67,000 in 6 years.

Basic Rules For Cats Who Have a House to Run

DOORS: Do not allow closed doors in any room. To get a door opened, stand on hind legs and bammer with forepaws. Once door is opened, it is not necessary to use it. After you have ordered an outside door opened, stand halfway in and halfway out and think about several things. This is particularly important during very cold weather, rain, snow and mosquito season.

WORK: If one of your humans is sewing or writing and another is idle, stay with the busy one. This is called helping, otherwise known as hampering. Following are two rules for hampering: 1) When supervising cooking, sit just behind the left heel of the cook. You cannot be seen and therefore stand a better chance of being stepped on, picked up and consoled; 2) For book readers, get in close under the chin between the human's eye and the book—unless you can lie across the book itself.

HAIRBALLS AND RUGS: If you have to throw up, get to a chair quickly. If you cannot manage in time, get to an Oriental rug. In no Oriental rug, shag is good.

GUESTS: 1) When walking among dishes on the dinner table, be prepared to look surprised and hurt when scolded. The idea is to convey, "But you allow me on the table when company isn't here." 2) For sitting on laps or rubbing against trousers, select fabric color which contrasts well with your fur. For example, white-furred cats should go for black wool clothing. 3) Quickly determine which guest dislikes cats the most. Sit on that human's lap. If you can arrange to have Friskies Fish Glop on your breath, so much the better. 4) Always accompany guests to the bathroom. It isn't necessary to do anything. Just sit and stare.

Priscilla: One Person's Trash, Another's Treasure, cont.

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The folks at PFOA marked another case closed, another successful rescue and placement of an abandoned pet. As always, they wondered what had happened to a cat before she came to PFOA with no known history. So many come that way.

Where did she come from, and why? Did her owner love her, but had lost his job? His marriage? Was he dying? Mentally or physically ill? Did he think her chance for rescue in the dumpster was the best he could give her? Or did he care nothing for her, and not want to bother to even take her to

the Humane Society, so left her to become someone else's problem?

We won't ever know. But our dear dumpster kitty is safe now, and our mission, "to place as many homeless, neglected and/or abandoned pets as possible into good, safe, permanent homes," is accomplished one more time. —AG

LITTLE PAWS

—Unknown

This is a prayer for little paws
All up and down the land.
Driven away, no friendly voice,
Never an outstretched hand.

For weary little paws of beasts
Torn and stained with red,
And never a home and never a rest
Till little ones are dead.

Oh God of homeless things, look down
And try to ease the way
Of all the little weary paws
That walk the world today.

"Am I a member?"

There has been some confusion about what constitutes a PFOA *member* as opposed to a *supporter*.

Anyone who helps PFOA in any way, whether by financial donation, donation of items, or performance of volunteer duties, is a supporter. Members are people who have specifically indicated that \$20 of their donation is to be applied to membership—and then who fill out and return the Membership Application form. PFOA has over 1,000 supporters, 275 of whom are members.

If you are not yet a member but wish to be, just check the appropriate box on the contribution envelope that is inserted in this newsletter the next time you send a donation of \$20 or more. Then fill out, sign and return the Membership Application you will receive in the mail. You will then be assured of receiving the next four quarterly issues of *Pet Tidings* and will be entitled to vote in Board of Directors elections.

It May Be Spring, But Popular PFOA Calendar Still Available!

It's not too late to get copies of "Puss 'n Boots....and Fido, Too", PFOA's wildly popular (and mildly controversial!) 2004 fund raising calendar.

The 2005 calendar is already in the works, so this year's calendar is bound to become a collectors' item. To order copies, send a check for \$14.95 per calendar (plus \$1.00 per calendar for shipping) to: PFOA, PO Box 404, Sequim, WA 98382. To order by telephone using your credit card, call our toll free number, 1-800-701-0488 or our Message Center phone, (360) 452-0414. Copies may also be purchased at Safe Haven during regular office hours (12-4, Tues-Sat).

New email and website addresses; please update your records!

Some of PFOA's contact information has changed. The mailing address and message phone have stayed the same, but the email address and website address have recently changed. Please update your records if necessary. Thanks!

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