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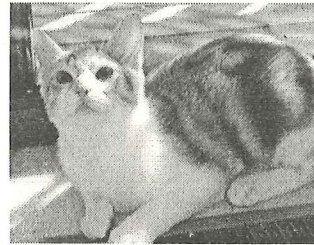
Misty? Or Tippy?

It was a tough decision. Who would be featured on the cover of this edition of *Pet Tidings*? Would it be Misty, "the fire cat?" Or would it be Tippy, the 6-month old kitten who walks a bit "funny" because of a neurological condition? We couldn't decide. So we're featuring them both!

You may have "met" Misty before. Her picture appeared in a local newspaper, showing her being carried away from a burning apartment building—unconscious—in the arms of a fireman. Misty



Rescued from a devastating fire, Misty is still just a bit bewildered by the experience



Neurologically challenged Tippy is as sweet and loving as cats come, and a favorite of the Safe Haven volunteers

was rushed to the nearest veterinarian where she was administered oxygen and where she eventually recovered completely.

The most troubling aspect of Misty's experience

is that the fire was apparently set on purpose. Additionally, her guardians were unable to pay her expenses or to take her back.

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Peninsula Friends of Animals has always been and continues to be an *independent* group that is *not* associated with any other group or shelter.

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



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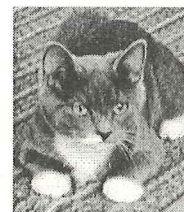
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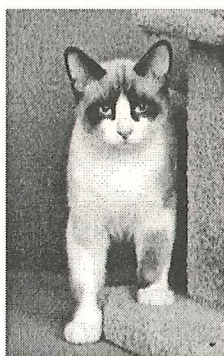
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Riley



Trixie



Luke



Charlie



Violet and Lily

HOPE GETS WHEELS!



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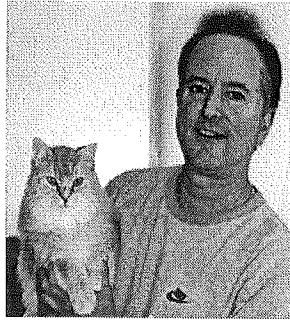
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RAFFLE WINNERS:

Frank Palmer of Sequim won the electrical Christmas tree made of antique jewels. The Palmers used and enjoyed the tree this Christmas and will re-donate it for raffling again next year! Great idea, Palmers!

Dinah Palmtag of Sequim won the handmade quilt as a result of purchase of a single ticket. (Condolences to those of you who bought 40 or 50 tickets in an effort to improve your odds of winning!)

PAWS FOR A THOUGHT



I'm told that it is customary for editors of publications to provide pictures of themselves along with their editorials.

The thought of printing my picture in this newsletter never consciously occurred to me before, perhaps because I was *subconsciously* waiting to find out how this publication would be received before identifying myself inextricably with it. Well, after fifteen quarterly issues since the Spring of 2001, I am finally comfortable enough with the quality of what we're putting out to fess up to being largely responsible for what you read in *Pet Tidings*.

I've also been told that some readers might like to know a little about my background in animal rescue. On the slim chance that that's true, here goes!

It all started in 1960's when I was a university student earning a degree in Communications and working as a film editor for a Seattle television station. Some friends and I decided to help out during the early days of Lynwood's P.A.W.S. We mostly did just the cleaning—dog kennels and cat cages—but doing so made us all feel like we were contributing in a big way toward the care of those rescued animals.

I took a big leap toward becoming a lifetime activist on behalf of animals in the fall of 1972 when I started a group to oppose the ballot issue in Washington that would have legalized dog racing in the state. Citizens Against Dog Racing paled in comparison to another larger, well financed group that came along later to oppose the initiative, but together we were able to send a clear message. The initiative was defeated by a 2-1 margin statewide.

My volunteer work took a hit for 21 years starting in 1974 when I opened a retail business in Seattle that required 18 hours a day of my time, seven days a week. However, when my sister in central California called me one day and asked if I'd want to come down and help her operate a no-kill feline sanctuary in exchange for room and board, I jumped at the chance—selling off part of my retail inventory, donating the rest to charity and moving outside of the Seattle area for the first time in my five decades of life. When I arrived at the Fresno sanctuary, there were 72 cats, seven dogs and a chicken in my sister's care. When I left to return to Washington a year and a half later, there were 400 lucky animals under her watchful eye.

My return to the Northwest in 1998 (this time to the Olympic Peninsula) had me moving to a rural property left behind when my uncle died. About a dozen feral cats greeted my arrival. It was my effort (eventually successful) to see that every one of these cats was humanely trapped, spayed or neutered and returned to the property that brought me into contact with other local people determined to improve the lot of homeless, abandoned and neglected cats and dogs in our community. This group of about half a dozen concerned individuals eventually became the organization we now know as Peninsula Friends of Animals.

I have since served on the board of PFOA, participated in informational events and speaking engagements, coordinated area-wide humane trapping of feral cats, fostered motherless kittens in my own home, helped to run the office at Safe Haven, become the primary caretaker of the Safe Haven cats and put together this newsletter four times a year since its beginning.

It's been an honor and a privilege to do each and every one of these volunteer tasks in the interest of the animals we help. I wouldn't have had it any other way.

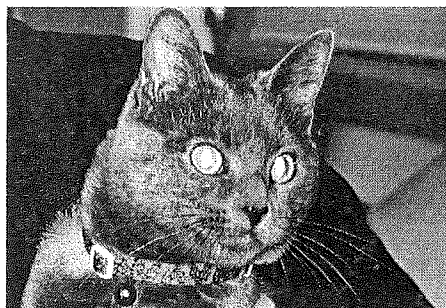
Community (and Beyond!) Inspired by China's Story

—by Diana Lusby

China's life is truly a miracle. She lived without food for 11 days last August in a tree at Salt Creek Park. Then she survived a 60 foot fall onto the rocks below. It took the efforts of many people to coordinate China's rescue and the medical treatment needed for her serious injuries.

When China's story was covered by the press, many people around the country learned of her courage and her predicament. Donations to assist with China's medical bills came from as far away as Florida and amounted to more than \$3,000. Over 100 generous people contributed not only monetary support, but also moral support with their "Get Well" cards.

When I brought China to our home in September, we soon discovered that she had untreated



injuries and was in a lot of pain. In addition to a broken hip and damaged foot, X-rays revealed that China has a bullet lodged in her spine. At some point in her life, someone actually shot China. Her gentle and loving nature amazed me, considering what she had been through, and brave little China just tugged at my heart.

In October, China underwent surgery to repair her broken hip. The surgeon also amputated two toes and shaved the bone on her left leg, which had been protruding through the bottom

of her foot. China had a rough go of it for awhile but she is now healing nicely. The doctor hardly recognized her when she went in recently for a checkup. She has gained three pounds and is feeling much better. Despite her limp, China gets around quite well.

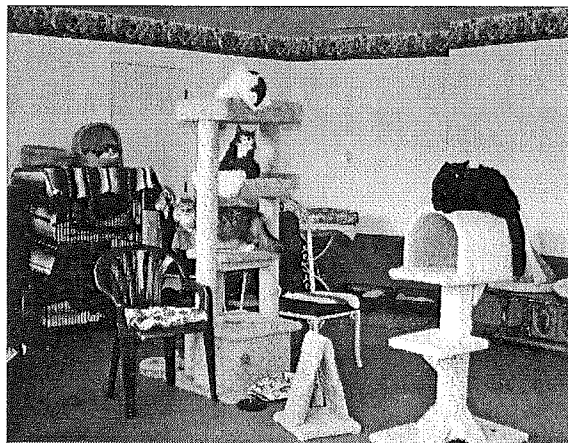
China has now settled in nicely as an honored member of our family. She has explored our enclosed "cat porch" where she can survey the world from the safety of the deck.

It has truly been an inspiration to see the outpouring of love for this one little cat. With the contributions received, PFOA was able to pay China's medical expenses and help other needy cats as well. My wish for the New Year is that many more cats find the love and help that China received. God bless all the wonderful people of PFOA for their dedication and hard work!

Life Good for Safe Haven Residents in "State-of-the-Art" Shelter

Visitors to the Safe Haven sanctuary are often amazed by the design that many of them call "state-of-the-art": open, airy rooms with sunny windows, furniture, televisions, cat trees and ladders, and access to completely enclosed outdoors play areas. Safe Haven is a virtually "cageless" facility, except for one overnight cage in each cat room used for introducing new arrivals to the other residents in the area in which they are to stay. Each of six separate living areas houses from three to fifteen cats, all of whom have the freedom to roam their rooms and the adjoining outdoor enclosure at will.

Many of the "extras" that differentiate Safe Haven from traditional shelters were put in place for added safety and disease control. A fire sprinkler system protects both the caretakers and the pets. Separate rooms and divided outdoor patios help keep any disease outbreak contained to one room only. Exhaust fans in each cat apartment provide ventilation and increase the number of times per hour that fresh air completely replaces previously existing air. The downstairs floor is a completely seamless lifetime material that is easy to clean and disinfect often. Sun screening is in place outside the upstairs kitten apartments. Shade trees are



planted completely around the outdoor patios. A surveillance camera on the property keeps the residents safe and prevents the sanctuary from becoming a depository for found, unwanted or inconvenient pets.

Tours of Safe Haven are available by appointment only. To schedule a visit, please call (360) 452-0414 and leave a message indicating your interest. A volunteer will return your call and make the necessary arrangements.

PFOA STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Beginning in December of 1999 and for several months, the founding members held numerous meetings for the purpose of forming an animal welfare and rescue organization. It was deemed necessary that we establish the basic principles and standards under which we would conduct our affairs and incorporate into our by-laws.

The following is a copy of the original hand written draft as drawn up by the founding members and still represents the basic principles, standards and long range purpose of the above named group or by whatever name it eventually takes.

1. To insure and preserve the original intent of the founders, the organization will be established and forever remain an independent, privately held and privately funded animal welfare/rescue group and will not become associated, affiliated or part of any other private, local, state or national animal group.
2. The principle purpose and objective of the organization is:
 - A. To reduce the companion pet overpopulation humanely through spay/neuter programs.
 - B. To provide homeless, abandoned or abused animals with shelter and sanctuary until they can be adopted into good, permanent homes
 - C. To preserve and protect all animals' right to life, and where needed to elevate their quality of life to the highest level possible within the limits of our physical and financial ability.
3. The founding members do hereby resolve that this organization will be now and forevermore a "no-kill" animal rescue group. "No-kill" is to be defined as follows:
 - A. No healthy or adoptable animal will be euthanized.
 - B. No animal will be euthanized to make room for another animal.
 - C. Euthanasia will not be used as a means to control animal population.
 - D. Euthanasia will not be used to "cull" or dispose of animals for reasons of age, gender, color, breed, or minor sickness, handicaps or disabilities.
 - E. Euthanasia will only be employed if it is in the best interest of an individual animal as determined by a qualified veterinarian, and with the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.
(Example: an animal is suffering from an incurable or terminal illness, one injured beyond medical help, or if one's quality of life has greatly diminished or no longer exists).

Our reverence for life has greatly determined the course, direction, and policies now established. Individually and as a group we will defend and uphold these principles and moral standards for as long as the organization continues to exist.

CAT HAIKU

—submitted by Wendy Detrick

The food in my bowl
Is old, and more to the point
Contains no tuna.

Seeking solitude
I am locked in the closet.
For once I need you.

Am I in your way?
You seem to have it backwards:
This pillow's taken.

There's no dignity
In being sick—which is why
I don't tell you where.

Tiny can, dumped in
Plastic bowl. Presentation,
One star; service: none.

My brain: walnut sized.
Yours: largest among primates.
Yet, who leaves for work?

Hope Getting Bigger, Stronger....and Doing Wheelies!

So many people have contacted PFOA to express how profoundly touched they were by the story of Hope, the tiny kitten who suffered rear end paralysis at the hands of well meaning children who hadn't been trained to properly care for her. Hope now lives with two back legs which don't work properly and which she drags behind her, and suffers from the inability to void her



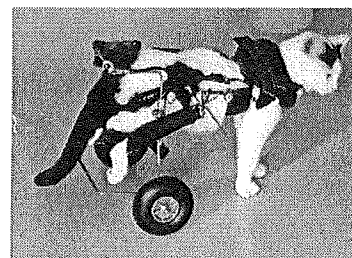
Hope's new cart allows her access to her room's enclosed outdoor balcony from which she was previously banned due to the danger of picking up splinters

own bladder—leaving her to be manually expressed four times a day by Safe Haven caretakers.

Among those inspired by Hope's will to live as normal a life as possible were PFOA members and volunteers Shirley McFadden and Peter Grassi. The couple paid for a cart for Hope, custom made by K-9 Carts of Oak Harbor, Washington. Hope traveled to company headquarters with PFOA volunteers Angus Trent and Bob Bacon so that she could be perfectly fit for the cart. She now spends an hour or so a day in the cart, whizzing right past the other residents of her quarters!

Hope proved to be such a good traveler during the trip to Oak Harbor that she was invited to spend Thanksgiving in Seattle with the parents of one of Safe Haven's caretakers. She absolutely loved the trip! For Hope, life is an adventure full of fun and beauty and love.

For those of us who care for Hope, SHE'S the fun—SHE'S the beauty—and SHE'S the love!



View from the side: easy roll wheels provide suitable substitute legs



Hope beds down after an especially long and exciting session in the cart

SAFE HAVEN WISH LIST

- Heavyweight trash bags (13 gallon size)
- Paper towels
- Heavy duty mister bottles
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Rubber backed throw rugs and runners
- Packaged snacks and canned or bottled juice for the volunteers
- Electric 10-key calculator
- Wellness canned kitten food
- KMR kitten formula (powdered only)
- Canned cat food (Friskies, Fancy Feast, Nine Lives)
- Dry cat food for donating to low income community pet guardians and feral cat feeders (any brand)
- Cat litter for donating to low income pet guardians (any brand/style)
- Factory-new cat toys
- Gift cards:
 - Costco
 - Home Depot
 - Wal-Mart
 - Staples
 - Clallam Co-op
 - Safeway
 - Best Friend Nutrition
 - Patricia's Pet Store
 - Pet Town
 - Pet Smart

A HEARTFELT THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN HELPING TO FULFILL THE SAFE HAVEN WISH LIST!

Every time PFOA has asked for any kind of help it has needed, you have come through with flying colors! It has been true for each and every one of our twice yearly fund raising letters, our appeal for sponsorship of less adoptable pets in our care, and our calls for help with transporting residents for veterinary care and with cleaning and computer work at Safe Haven.

It's been no different for the Wish List published quarterly in *Pet Tidings*! You have responded in a manner we didn't expect, donating the vast majority of items we have requested. It has been incredibly helpful to the volunteers who do the day-to-day duties at Safe Haven, because these are the items needed there *every day*. Your donations have saved both *time and money*.

Your Wish List donations are appreciated more than you probably know. We thank you from our hearts for helping to make our work here easier and less expensive.

VOLUNTEER: Donna Flint

Born in Reno, NV, Donna Flint has lived in Tacoma, Chicago, Florida, Connecticut, Germany and Enumclaw, WA.

How lucky we are that Donna Flint and husband, Jim, landed permanently on the Olympic Peninsula! The Flints have spent much of the past year doing many excellent and wonderful things for PFOA.

Donna's interest in reading led her to a university degree in English Literature. Her interest in books led her to own and operate a bookstore in Enumclaw where she and her family lived from the mid '70s to the late '90s. Over that period of time, the Flints provided a home to over 20 rescued felines, all of whom they had spayed and neutered, of course. One of them,

Charlie, was a Siamese found scavenging in garbage. Charlie blessed the lives of the Flints for 14 years and is thought have been about 24 years old when he finally died.

Donna does a plethora of tasks for PFOA. She seems to always be there when an animal needs to go the vet, whether it be for emergency or for routine vaccinations. She and Tom are forever creating attractive mailing labels and cards for use by PFOA. (Their recent Christmas card, sent to sponsors of PFOA pets, drew rave reviews). And Donna has put in both the time and effort to see that the Sponsorship Program runs smoothly and that sponsors are receiving appealing pictures and stories about the sponsored pets.



Donna says, "It is a privilege to volunteer time with an organization as wonderful as PFOA...great people doing great, necessary work."

And none has been a greater asset than Donna Flint.

LIVING LOVE

If you ever love an animal, there are three days in your life you will always remember.

The first is a day, blessed with happiness, when you bring home your new young friend. When you bring that chosen pet home, and watch it explore, and claim its special place in your hall or front room—and when you feel it brush against you for the first time—it instills a feeling of pure love you will carry with you through the many years to come.

The second day will occur eight or nine or ten years later. It will be a day like any other. Routine and unexceptional. But for a surprising instant, you will look at your long time friend and see age where you once saw youth. And you may feel a growing fear deep within yourself, which bodes of a coming emptiness.

And you will feel this uneasy feeling, on and off, until the third day

finally arrives. And on this day—if your friend and God have not decided for you, then you will be faced with making a decision of your own—on behalf of your lifelong friend, and the guidance of your own deepest Spirit. But whichever way your friend eventually leaves you—you will feel as alone as a single star in the dark night.

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If you are wise, you will let the tears flow as freely and as often as they must. And if you are typical, you will find that not many in your circle of family or friends will be able to understand your grief, or comfort you. But if you are true to the

love of the pet you cherished through the many joy-filled years, you may find that a soul—a bit smaller in size than your own—seems to walk with you, at times, during the lonely days to come.

But there will be, I assure you, a fourth day when—along with the memory of your pet—and piercing through the heaviness in your heart—there will come a realization that belongs only to you. It will be as unique and strong as our relationship with each animal we have loved, and lost. This realization takes the form of a Living Love—like the heavenly scent of a rose that remains after the petals have wilted, this Love will remain and grow—and be there for us to remember.

It is a love we have earned. It is the legacy our pets leave us when they go. And it is a gift we may keep with us as long as we live. It is a Love which is ours alone. And until we ourselves leave, perhaps to join our Beloved Pets—it is a love we will always possess.

"We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man ever made." —M.Acklam

—by Martin Scot Kosins

2006 FUND RAISER: Cookbooks to Replace Calendars; PFOA in Search of Recipes for People and Pets

PFOA's 2006 fund raiser will be a cookbook of the North Olympic Peninsula's best recipes, according to volunteer project coordinator Helen Hille.

Helen is busily collecting recipes for what will probably be a 300+ page book suitable for both personal use and gift giving. She is asking for community members to submit three or four of their favorite recipes for consideration by a volunteer cookbook committee. It is hoped that the book will be published and available by September.

Helen says the book will include a section of recipes for

people and another with recipes for pets. She asks that recipes be submitted by mail, email or to Safe Haven, and that they be typed or handwritten neatly. All recipes submitted should include name and town (which will be included in the book with each recipe that is printed).

All profits from the cookbook, Helen points out, will help PFOA's animals in three ways by supporting 1) the low-cost spay/neuter program, 2) the emergency medical fund, and 3) the shelter/sanctuary, Safe Haven.

Helen envisions a book that will be the most loved and

most frequently used cookbook that any of us will own. She believes that it should be capable of supporting PFOA projects for many years to come.

If you would like to submit either people or pet recipes for this purr-fectly wonderful cookbook, please either mail them to PFOA/Cookbook, PO Box 404, Sequim, WA 98382; or email them to pfoacooks@gmail.com; or drop them off at Safe Haven. The deadline is April 30.

Then watch for your name and recipe to be in publication sometime late next summer or early next fall.

UPDATE: The Divine Miss M(ouse) Becomes Ship's Mate!

Sharon Swenson writes to update us on Miss Mouse, a black and white tuxedo kitty adopted from PFOA last winter. It seems this little girl has become quite the seafarer!

It started out as a week's cruise from Sequim Bay Yacht Club to various ports of call. "The Divine Miss M", as she is referred to by those who know her best, earned her sea legs on her very first trip and then quickly took a second one—this time all the way through the San Juan and Gulf Islands! Next thing you know, Miss Mouse was on still another boating trip,

this time a three week cruise all the way to Canada's Desolation Sound!

If you should find yourself feeling startled at the idea of a cat on a boat, don't! Most of the Divine One's time is spent safely inside a covered cabin. Nevertheless, Mom and Dad take turns watching over Miss Mouse every second of the trip to be sure that all of her activities aboard are absolutely safe. Just as a precaution, though, nets are kept on board and ropes that dangle in the water are tied to the side of the boat so that the Divine Miss M

is guaranteed a safe return from every one of her adventures!



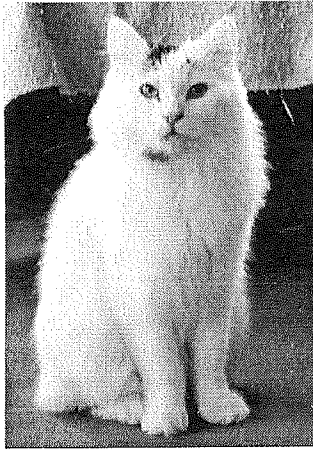
Chris Swenson and Miss Mouse navigate area waters aboard "Second Love"

"What is man without the animals? If all the animals are gone, men would die of a great loneliness of spirit. For whatever happens to the beast, soon happens to man. All things are connected."

—Chief Seattle

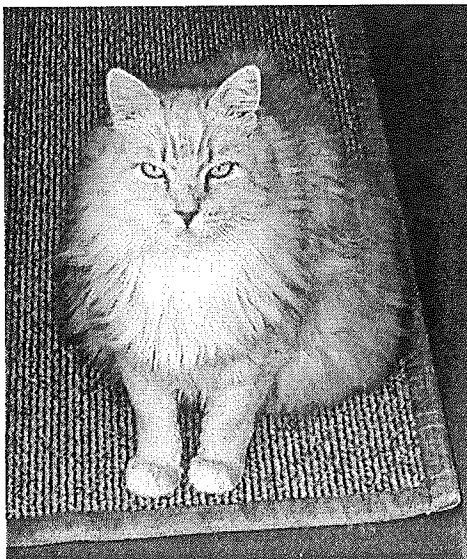
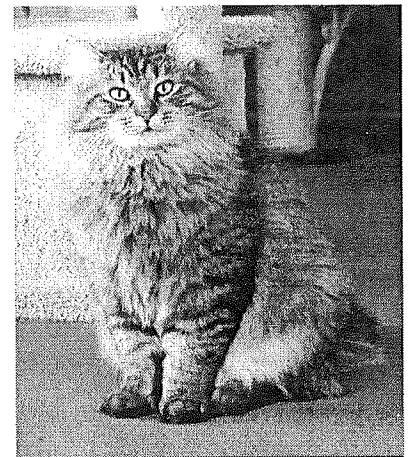
ADOPTABLES!

PFOA adoption fee is \$75 per cat, \$100 per dog. 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.



DAVID is among the friendliest of cats we've ever known! He gets along with virtually everyone, and with all other cats as well. In fact, David is so trusting of other animals that we think he'd probably go up and try to kiss a coyote! That's why it's very important that David go to a safe *indoor* home.

SCOTTY was abandoned in a trailer park, left to fend for himself in competition with dozens of other feral and abandoned cats in the same area. In spite of that, he is fine around other cats and as sweet as can be. A real "people cat," Scotty is just waiting patiently to be picked out and taken to a loving, permanent home. To pick Scotty as your very own, please call (360) 452-0414.



PLEASE HELP MOSTUS FIND A SINGLE CAT HOME WHERE HE CAN BE ON A DIET.....SOON! We've featured Mostus in these pages before, but (at nearly 20 pounds) he seriously needs to go to a home where his diet can be controlled.

You see, four year old Mostus is not happy living with other cats his own age, but does like (and fancies himself "surrogate Daddy" to) the younger cats who live in room B-2 at Safe Haven. The only problem is that Mostus spends most of his time either eating the community food that has been put down for the cats who live in that room or sleeping it off after eating it. The result is an overweight Mostus!

No one likes the thought of banishing Mostus to a cage or tiny room by himself so that his food can be controlled, but EVERYONE likes the idea of him being adopted to a loving home where his weight can be reduced by the control of eating times and portions.

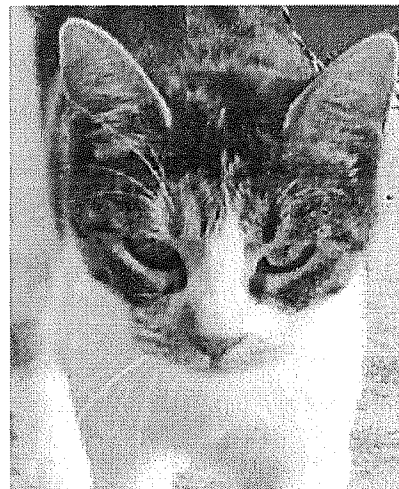
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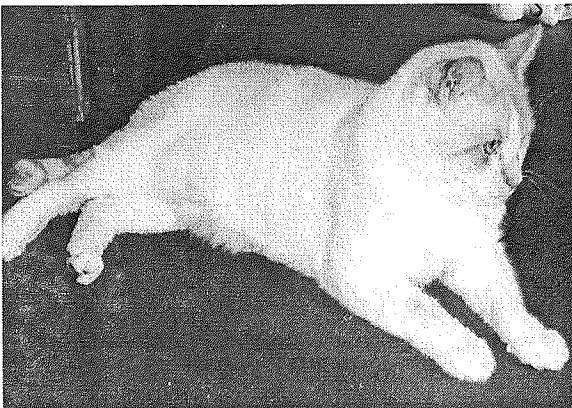


KAHLUA is an absolutely magnificent long haired black cat who is as "people oriented" as cats come. He and his litter mates were left as tiny kittens in a sealed box outside a liquor store last year. They all grew up to be beautiful big boys, and all (including Kahlua) were adopted immediately. Unfortunately for Kahlua, his guardian passed away so he is once again looking for a home. Can you give Kahlua the home he's been missing?

PATTY is a petite calico. She is a very sweet young lady, about a year or two old. She tends to hiss at other cats who cross her path and would prefer to be the only cat in her human's presence but can learn to live with other cats over time if necessary. If you like a kitty that will rush up to greet you when you walk in the door, then Patty is the cat for you! To see Patty, call (360) 452-0414 today.



Adoption-Challenged



JEFFERSON is a great 2-3 year old flamepoint Siamese mix who came to PFOA in very poor shape and required LOTS of ear and eye medication. Now healthy, Jefferson went through so much medicating that he still thinks he's going to be medicated every time someone puts their hand up to pet him. As a result, he swats at people (claws in) when they do! We believe that Jefferson may be easily reformed with time and patience. If you think that you are the person to make Jefferson into the relaxed cat he once was, please call. (360) 452-0414

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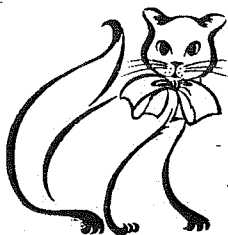
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VOICES

Dear Friends at PFOA,

Your newsletter is always welcomed reading...you folks do so much and are appreciated. Your story of Hope had me in tears and I love her so much! Here I sit crying for all the little Hopes that we never hear about. God's blessings to all of you who are in this for the animals. I truly believe that with the care of all of you at PFOA, she may someday walk on her own.

I'll be anxious for the next newsletter. It's a work of art.
—JS, Auburn

Dear *Pet Tidings*,

Sincere thanks to PFOA for being there to help Hope. We are eternally grateful to you for coming to her rescue, and are forever in our thoughts and prayers for doing so.

—JJ, Port Angeles

Dear Hope,

I am sending some help just for you. I want to provide some comfort for you—us humans care and want to make life better for you. I have your pictures on my desk—you know, the ones on the front page and on Page 15 of the last *Pet Tidings*!

—KS, Puyallup

Dear PFOA,

I have a friend who is sponsoring Hope. I just saw her little face in your Fall 2004 issue of *Pet Tidings*. This little darling needs all the help she can get. I am asking God to bless and keep her safe and make her well as she can be. Watch for my contribution in the mail.

—SR, Bellevue

Dear Friends,

Here is a donation for China, the cat who got trapped in the tree and then fell onto the rocks. Such a sad story, but how wonderful that you have cared for her. Thank you so much for your love and care of all animals. God bless you all and many thanks for what you do.

—AM, Shoreline

Dear PFOA,

I heard a news report today on Seattle's KOMO-TV about the need for funds to provide medical care for China. I am sending a check. I hope many other viewers will respond as well. If my check is not needed for China's expenses, please keep it and use it for any of your other deserving animals. And thank you for helping the animals!

—CN, Bellevue

Dear PFOA,

Hope you will keep us updated on China's condition. Thanks for all you do for our little friends in need!

—J&BH, Port Hadlock

Dear PFOA,

Please keep the public updated on China's progress. I'm sure there are many wonderful families willing to include China in their lives. I'd be happy to have her join my three cats and me in our home.

—ML, Port Townsend

Dear PFOA,

Please accept our donation for little China on the stipulation that this little cutie NOT be returned to the family who so carelessly and thoughtlessly endangered her life. Here's hoping she makes a miraculous recovery. —S>, Sequim
(Editor's note: China was released by the original guardians—who didn't want her back—and ultimately adopted by the people who rescued her. See story on Page 3).

Dear Gary,

Thank you so much for caring for Barnaby, and please thank the foster family. He is a wonderful companion, sleeps with us and entertains us with his antics.

We were much impressed with your facility—the Hyatt Regency of shelters!

—A&VM, Sequim

Dear Friends,

Read of your *good* work while on vacation in your beautiful part of the country.

Please accept this small gift in appreciation of your efforts, particularly on behalf of the more difficult to adopt kitties!

—SW, Newport Beach, CA

Dear PFOA,

We will forever feel a gratitude to you for (a couple of years ago) helping us get our Kitty which then was just about to be taken to the pound. It is good to see your phenomenal growth which, of course, reflects the good work you are doing. Many thanks.

—R & BR, Sequim

Dear *Pet Tidings*,

I feel the need to congratulate you on your wonderful publication! My husband and I have been so impressed with it that we read every single word of every single issue! Sometimes we even read them through twice or three times!

The articles and layout are of such quality, we really feel privileged to be receiving regular issues of this exceptional newsletter. Thank you for helping the animals, and thank you for keeping us informed about your wonderful work!

—T&V Simpson, Sequim

Memorials and Gratitudes

In Memory of Special People

In memory of Richard Owens Jr.,
from Joanne & William S. Allan

In memory of "Mac" Bruska, from
Patricia Bruska

In memory of Fred Michalscheck,
from Dottie & Don Clark

In memory of Earl Gilson, from
Mike & Paula Doherty

In memory of David Stewart, from
Janet Krantz and The Cat's Pajamas

In memory of Sue Collins' sister,
from Janet Krantz and The Cat's
Pajamas

In memory of our friend, Roy Muao,
from Eryn Martin & B.J. & OR'N

In memory of Murlen Schreiner,
from Julia A. Murphy

In memory of Dick Owens (Richard
Owens Jr.), from Peggy Owens

Honoring Earl Gilson, from Bill &
Marion Prentiss

In memory of Ray & Nancy Still,
from Helen & Norm Schaaf

In memory of Earl Gilson, from
Jean & Ted Singley

In honor of Earl Gilson, who valued
PFOA so much, from Maureen
Sprague

In memory of Earl Gilson, who
loved all animals, from Diane &
Elmer Wicklund

In Honor of Special Friends

In the name of Liz & Scott Heiser,
from Martha Carle

A Christmas gift for Jim & Carolyn
Hoffman, from Laura Hoffman &
Kevin Hathaway

Thank you to Cathy McNally for
checking on my cat, from Patricia R.
Lang

Merry Christmas to the Cosmocos
family—Cheryl, Nick, Tom &
Nikki—from Jerry McClinton

In the name of my friend, Katherine
Grinnell, from Barbara Pelett

A Christmas gift for the Whitaker
Family, from Erik & Peggy Splawn

In honor of Ms. Jane Callahan,
Valerie & Gale Johnson, Larry Sund
& "Dude", Bob & Peg Redding,
Dick & Joanne Meloni, Marge &
Mel Collier, Peggy Junk, Carole &
David Palmquist, David & Pat
Ireland, Helen & Paul Stratton,
Ronald J. Spridgeon, Ms. Mildred
Bachelor, Jim & Rosemary Hanley
and Mrs. Helen Heil, from
Geraldine Whitters

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

In loving memory of brave, loyal,
sweet Jenny, from Banner and her
family

In memory of all the pets who have
passed through my life, from Loraine
Gau

In memory of Dallas and Nancy
Campbell's dear Roger, sadly missed,
from Ann Gilson

For Wesley, Nancy and Dallas
Campbell's never-to-be-forgotten,
loving companion for many years,
from Ann Gilson

For Gemma, who loved Karen Klein
all her long life, from Ann Gilson

In memory of Ann Gilson's Dustianna
and Quania, from Janet Harker

In memory of Karen Klein's little dog,
Gemma, from Janet Harker

In memory of "Mischief," my beautiful
beloved cat of 15 years, from Florence
Humpal

In memory of a wonderful Golden
Retriever named Ivy, who was a good
soul—*like all animals*, from Carol
Kaald

In memory of Samantha, a lovely black
and white cat, from Jan McIlroy

In memory of Amanda, Lorraine
Baldwin's long time pet, from Melba
M. Morrow

In memory of Kit Kat, an older feline
friend, from Melba M. Morrow

In memory of Muffin, from DeeAnn
Nelson

In memory of Mickey, beloved pet of
Larry & Kitty Byrne, from Dave
Neupert

In memory of Grizz, beloved pet of
Paul & Janet Weitz, from Dave
Neupert

In memory of Clare & Don Hatler's
special friend, Brittany, from Mickie &
Bob Vail

RAY STILL has passed away. Ray and his wife, Nancy, who died in 2002, were gracious hosts for PFOA's monthly membership meetings at Lazy Acres Mobile Home Park. Ray left behind three feline companions whom he adored, and all of whom are now in PFOA foster care.

New members: largest ever three month total

As PFOA expands its activities and influence in the community, new members continue to come on board at a record pace! Nearly 75 new people have joined since the fall newsletter, bringing total paid membership to around 375.

Warm and enthusiastic welcomes go out to Mary L. Anderson, Sarah Bird, Molly Buhler, Cynthia A. Caldicott, Diane Crall, Jodie L. Cripe, Elinor Cutsforth, Patrice

Davis, Florence L. Deitz, Betty Dodge, Susan Dornbush, Charlene G. Erickson, Sue Ferronato, Janet Fisher, Sharron S. Fogel, Barbara Fowler, David M. Fritz, Natasha Gerberding, Beverly A. Hay, Gail Hebrank, Helen A. Holtzheimer, Muriel Huggins, Peter Ignatjev, Mary S. James, Don & Janice Jenkins, Mary J. Jensen, Ruth S. Joern, Eloise W. Johnson, Pamela Johnsen, Shawn & Kathie Jones, John & Nancy Jost,

Gordon & Nancy Kelso, Linda Kemp, Eugene Kridler, Terry Kush, Linda Larsen, Robert W. Madsen, Tara McBride, Helen Mitchell, Barbara Moore, Teresa R. Mulvaney, Mystic Realty, Pat Perry Nix, Candace C. Olmer, James R. Parker, Sharon Rand, Carolyn A. Ruhs, Jeffery Rushton, Carol Shepherd, Linda Sweda, Nancy Lee Thomas, L. Turnpugh, Katherine M. Wagoner, Lila Winters, Cathy Wright.

More About Mikey —Betty Gregory

I'm very content now that I've found a nice home
And a Mommy and Daddy I can call my own.
But I'm most undeserving of their loving care
As I behaved so badly when I first arrived there.

I shredded curtains and furniture, too,
And jumped on the mantel and precious what-nots
flew.
I jumped on the wall unit and knocked photos down
And the glass was shattered when they hit the ground.

I ponder at times why I'm allowed to live here
And can't believe my Mommy still thinks I'm so dear.

I'm treated like royalty and have the run of the house
And Daddy never complains when I bring him a
mouse.

My destructive behavior (if you haven't already
guessed)
Turned this very nice house into a real mess.

I occasionally behave badly and can't account for that,
So will only conclude I'm a cat—and that's that!!!!

*"I have studied many philosophers and many
cats. The wisdom of cats is infinitely superior."
—Hippolyte Taine*

Monthly Spay/Neuter Clinics Overwhelming Success!

PFOA's volunteer spay/neuter coordinator, Sharon Palmer, reports that the monthly clinics being held at Sequim Animal Hospital have proven to be an unqualified success. Nearly 270 dogs and cats were spayed and neutered in these clinics during 2004. Thanks goes out to Dr. Brian Marts for setting aside one day a month to perform these PFOA subsidized surgeries.

Adding the clinic totals to the spays and neuters of PFOA fostered and Safe Haven sheltered pets, as well as those performed through PFOA's ongoing spay/neuter program, the final number of spays and neuters paid for or subsidized by PFOA in 2004 will prove to be somewhere between 650 and 700. This is a significant gain over 2003's final total of 542 and testimony to PFOA's commitment to spay/neuter as the ultimate solution to local pet overpopulation.

SPONSORS: Key to Providing for Adoption-Challenged Pets

PFOA's pet sponsorship program makes it possible for people who can't have pets (allergies, rental regulations, travel, etc.)—or who just want to help more pets—to provide for those pets on a monthly basis. For just \$10 a month (\$120 per year, or \$500 for the lifetime of the pet), community members can sponsor a hard-to-place pet being sheltered by PFOA. (Hard-to-place pets may be extremely shy, born feral, older, or have injuries or illnesses that make finding homes for them difficult.) In return, the sponsor receives pictures and the story of the sponsored pet, and may also receive periodical updates as well. (This year our sponsored pets sent Christmas cards expressing thanks to their sponsors.)

People currently sponsoring pets are Teri Adair, Sue Armistead, Blair Burns, Janet Cattano, Lori Crow, Kathy Danley, Patrice Davis, Susan Dornbush, Gale Enger, Charlene Erickson,

Louis & Marguerite Evart, Caroline & Erik Flint, Donna Flint, David M. Fritz, Claudia Fureby, Kim & John Gilman, Linda Harer, Heidi Harrenstein, Tom & Patricia Hart, Dennis Haven, Lacy Hennessey, Bea Holleck, Carolyn Howard, K. Connelly Jones, Kathie & Shawn Jones, Maureen Kelly, Max Krueger, Brenda Landstrom, Lisa Ljunhammar, Polly Loggy, Helen Miller, Alice Mitchell, Lee & Linda Moench, Susan & Gary Mortimore, Mary Murray, Rebecca Neason, Sharon Rand, Catherine Reed & Andy Swartzbacker, Sally Ruud, Joyce Serquinia, Nellie Stokely, Jean Marie Szeles, Diana Vance, Sharon Vander Weyden, Dennis & Marian Wajckus, Kari Walter, Judith Zwick and two anonymous sponsors.

Pets who are lucky enough to have found themselves sponsors are Azure, Booky, Cinders, Dandelion, Dinah, Donovan, Hope, Inky, Jack, Jamie, Jim, Johnnycat, Kahlua, Lady, Little Bit, Little Joey,

Mama's Cat, Missy, Murphy, Oreo, Peggy Sue, Princess, Rutabaga, Snickers, Spot Nelson, Sumari, Tigger and Tippy.

To sponsor a pet, please fill out the flap on the envelope enclosed with this newsletter (or the form on the back page) and mail it back to PFOA with your payment for a month, a year, or a lifetime. A pet who needs a sponsor will be selected for you and you will receive that pet's picture and story by return mail.

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MEET A BOARD MEMBER: Sharon Palmer

A native Washingtonian, Sharon Palmer's beginnings were in Yakima and Spokane. However, she eventually found herself in Seattle where she lived for 40 years. Sharon worked as a receptionist, bookkeeper, secretary and office manager.

Never having had cats of their own, Sharon and husband, Frank, fostered 16 litters of kittens for the King Country Humane Society over a period of two years.

In search of quality small town living, the Palmers made their way to Sequim in 1998. Sharon *thought* they were retired, but soon learned that activities here would keep her busier than she'd ever been at any other time in her life. In addition to PFOA duties—which find her coordinating the organization's entire ongoing spay/neuter program



program and all of its monthly clinics as well—Sharon volunteers for the Sequim Hospital Guild, belongs to canasta and domino groups and is also a Red Hatter! She also found time to model for PFOA's highly successful 2004 fund raising calender, "Puss 'n Boots...and Fido, Too!"

The Palmers continue to foster litter after litter of kittens for PFOA, keeping them in their home until they

are ready to come to Safe Haven. They also now provide a permanent home for two dogs and two cats.

We don't know how you do it, Sharon, but we're glad you do!

Misty or Tippy?

—cont. from Page 1

Tippy's story couldn't be more different than Misty's.

According to 12-year old Miranda Wilson, one of a three-generational family who fostered Tippy, it was an overcast day in June when she and mom, Marci, drove into the Safe Haven parking lot with the intention of becoming members and volunteers. As they parked, they could see—in the back of someone's car—two kittens who had just been brought in from a nearby mobile home park. Tippy and Buttercup could not be admitted to Safe Haven due to policies that require kittens to be fostered outside of the sanctuary for a number of weeks while they are given vaccinations and otherwise treated by veterinarians. With no foster homes available, and unable to bear the thought of the kittens being taken to "the pound," Miranda and Marci called Grandma Betty to see if she would be willing to let them use the family home to foster the



Tippy's is sometimes described as looking a bit like "a drunken sailor."

kittens until they were old enough to enter Safe Haven.

From the beginning, it was evident that Tippy had a neurological problem not shared by his brother. Perhaps from his mother suffering distemper when she was pregnant, or from poisoning, or from a condition called Cerebellar Hypoplasia, Tippy could take only a few steps, fall down, get back up, and repeat the

process. It was not so much a problem for Tippy as for those who were watching him walk.

After four months of superb foster care by these three special ladies, Tippy and Buttercup were ready to come to Safe Haven. It took only days before they both won the hearts of the Safe Haven volunteers, and only a week or two before Tippy was walking nearly the entire length of his room without falling down (as opposed to the three or four steps he was able to take when he first came to be with the Wilsons). Veterinarians believe it possible that this happy, full-of-life, loving, playful kitten may eventually gain the ability to walk almost normally.

Buttercup was recently adopted, but Tippy still awaits the perfect home.....as does Misty.

Misty or Tippy? Two great cats, two incredible stories. Both in need of safe, loving homes.

PFOA Presents 4th Annual Pet Photos With Santa

A fun time was had by canines, felines and humans alike as PFOA held it's fourth annual Pet Photos with Santa event at Best Friend Nutrition in Sequim on Dec. 11.

Special thanks to photographers Jim & Suzanne Arnold and to Pam & Paul LaLonde, who printed the pictures; and to Hope and Jim Williams for allowing PFOA to use their business to promote the event. Dozens of people and their pets took advantage of the opportunity to sit with Santa (aka Angus Trent this year).

Pet Photos with Santa is PFOA's longest running yearly fund raiser.



SILENT AUCTION: Local Pet Sitter Offers Services to High Bidder

In honor of PFOA's rescue of China, the cat who was tree stranded for 11 days and eventually fell to the rocks 60 feet below (see article on Page 3), Sequim pet sitter Julie Murray has donated \$150 worth of pet sitting services to the highest bidder.

Julie's business, Pets Happy At Home, specializes in care of dogs, cats and livestock. Julie has done pet sitting for horses, llamas, goats and chickens as well as the usual dogs and cats.

To bid on this service (which translates to 10 individual visits to check on your pets), write your offer on a piece of paper, insert it in an envelope and mail to PFOA, PO Box 404, Sequim, WA 98382—or bring it to Safe Haven. The deadline for submitting your bid is March 31, 2005. Winner will be notified on April 1.

Julie requests that only Sequim area residents participate in this particular auction.

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