

# Pet Tidings



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## REMARKABLE RUSTY

He's the biggest cat we've ever seen at Safe Haven—25 pounds of fear, confusion and *love*!

After spending the first eight years of his life with the same family, Rusty, a gorgeous Birman, was given up by his guardians just two days before they were to move into a rental home where pets are not allowed.

Never having lived anywhere else nor having been exposed to other cats, Rusty was terrified by his new surroundings upon arrival at Safe Haven. Each visitor was greeted by a defensive hiss, and efforts to make him more comfortable by stroking and talking gently to him were met with cross-eyed looks of fright and ears pulled back.

Sometimes Rusty would even threaten to use his teeth to show displeasure



with his new circumstances. You see, Rusty was de-clawed at an early age, and de-clawed cats often consider using their teeth to defend themselves once they've been stripped of the primary and most natural means of self protection.

Unwilling to let Rusty remain so scared and unhappy, however, Safe Haven volunteers—one after the other—jumped into action and spent time petting and consoling him. Rusty has responded—albeit slowly—by batting playfully at some of the toys that have

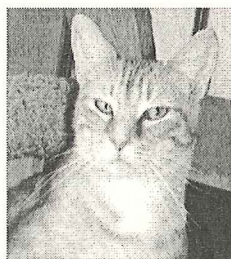
been presented to him, and by purring up a storm.

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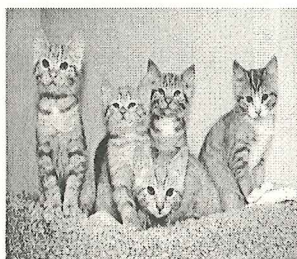
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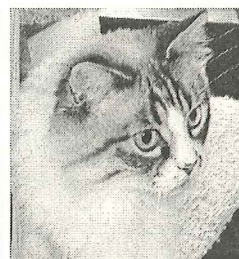
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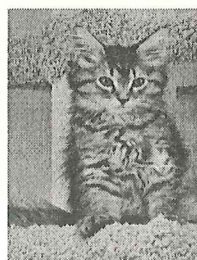
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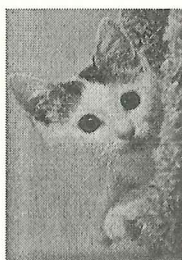
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*Tearjerker with a happy ending: PFOA helps find temporary homes for treasured family pets while father undergoes lifesaving treatment. (See Page 3)*



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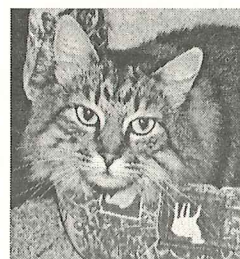
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*"We cannot all do great things: but we can all do small things, with great love."*

—Mother Teresa

## PAWS FOR A THOUGHT



There is something especially satisfying about being able to step forward to help an animal who has been abused by other humans. Turning such a pet's life around, making it joyful and carefree instead of sad and painful, is one of the things for which I am most grateful to those of you who make it possible through your volunteer time and donations.

Eighteen month old Hope, whose rear legs were paralyzed as a result of nerve damage when she was mishandled at five weeks old by a group of unsupervised children, is one such example of pet whose life is full of happiness and love from her human caretakers in spite of what was done to her by less responsible humans.

And there's Jack, the energetic Rottweiler/Husky mix dog who was rescued by PFOA volunteers after having

lived the first six months of his life in a 4'X10' enclosure where he was fed only 1/2 cup of food a day.

Pacino, whose story appears in this issue, is another such example. A vicious chemical attack to his face put Pacino through untold agony until PFOA learned of his ordeal and came forward to help him forget by getting him the medical care he needed—and by returning to him the love and trust he offers in spite of his betrayal by what most of us would consider a heartless human.

It is only because of the support PFOA receives from concerned citizens in our own community and elsewhere that we are able to offer assistance to Hope and Jack and Pacino—and so many others like them. We thank you for making that possible.

## VOICES

Dear Gary and PFOA,

We just got home with our new cat, George, and I have to give you a report. He is already relaxed, rolling around, grooming, and more. I think this is going to be a very easy transition for all of us.

Thank you for the great cat and for doing such amazing work with the animals. It was very apparent in many different ways that your organization truly has the best interest of the pets at heart. I truly appreciate that!

Thank you again!

—CJ, Sequim

Dear Friends at PFOA,

We adopted two very special orange kittens from you. Talk about special! These kitties are so well adjusted to each other and to us.

Thanks for the loving care you give to all your residents. We certainly have a lot to be thankful for. It is quite evident that you at Safe Haven are a dedicated group.

We are looking forward to sharing years of love with these two beauties.

—M&CR, Sequim

## Preliminary PFOA Year End Stats: 2005

Spay/Neuter, domestic pets: 555 (399 cats, 156 dogs); Trap-Neuter-Return, feral cats: 78; Medical assists, domestic pets: 71 (51 cats, 20 dogs); Adoptions: 154 (147 cats, 7 dogs). *All figures subject to verification after January 31, 2006.*



## HEARTWARMER: With a little help from PFOA, 13-year old boy is a hero to his pets in spite of family crisis which will temporarily separate them

It was one of those calls we dread getting at the PFOA message center: someone needed *temporary* placement for one or more of their pets due to a serious family health issue.



*Cadova family teenager Sean instigated the plea for help*

It was very frustrating. Plans are currently in place to have a new building on the Safe Haven property—a lifetime care center for pets—that will include facilities for temporarily caring for the pets of people in emergency situations just like this. But PFOA is still in the

early stages of collecting funds for that building, and until such time as it is in place, there is no space available in the present adoption center for temporary residents.

The original call went something like this: "Hello, I'm a 13-year old boy and I'm looking for a temporary home for my two six months old cats. I have to go away with my family for awhile without the cats, but I'd like to get them back when I return. They aren't spayed and neutered yet, but I know that's important and I can help you pay for that—maybe up to \$5."

A follow-up call to the boy by PFOA's Nancy Campbell revealed a heartbreaking scenario. Omar Cadova, the father, needed to go to Seattle for a lifesaving bone marrow treatment in two days, and the mother (who herself had suffered a brain aneurysm in 2003) and caller Sean and his younger brother and sister, Shayla and Skyler, would be going with the father to live in a sterile house for the next three to six months.

When Nancy explained that PFOA doesn't yet have facilities in place to temporarily care for pets—but offered to take the cats permanently and find good homes for them—the polite teenager offered, "Thank you, Ma'am. I understand, but no. I'll have to keep making calls."

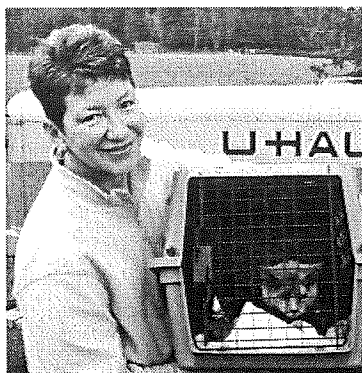
Somewhat shaken, Nancy called Safe Haven to discuss with the volunteers there what PFOA might be able to do to help this very deserving family. It was decided to

rush a mass email to members asking if they would be willing to foster the Cadova family cats until such time as the father and family will be able to live with them again. Additionally, PFOA had learned there was also a year old dog, Jack—a friendly Australian Shepherd/Lab mix—who would need fostering as well.

It wasn't more than an hour or two before two separate and enthusiastic couples came forward. Roxanne and Bernie Fryer of Sequim—who currently have a large dog but no cats—offered to take Snoop and Princess. Melissa and Dave Coughlin, also of Sequim, jumped at the



*Hug-able, loveable Jack (right) will be fostered by Melissa Coughlin of Sequim (pictured) and her husband, Dave. Jack's new housemate and friend is 125-pound Buddy, a malamute.*



*Roxanne Fryer, PFOA member and volunteer, along with her husband, Bernie, will be fostering the Cadova felines*

chance to take Jack as a temporary companion for their own dog, Buddy.

The help for these pets did not stop there. Veterinarian Dr. Linda Allen of Sequim worked Snoop into her busy schedule for a neuter within 24 hours, and dog and cat groomer Lenora Haupt, who operates Many Paws Pet Grooming on Old Olympic Highway, agreed to take Jack right away for bathing and grooming before being sent off to his new foster home. And there's more! Hope and Jim Williams of Best Friend Nutrition in Valley Center Plaza on Hooker Road offered to supply Jack with all the food

he needs during the time that he is in foster care, and late word at press time is that Joe & Naomi Denhart of Port Angeles have offered to pay all the animals' medical expenses while they are being fostered.

It's one of those truly amazing stories of people pulling together to help their neighbors in a time of need, and we're all incredibly happy to have been a part of it.

Good luck, Mr. Cadova....and thanks to Sean for taking the initiative to call PFOA.

## Pacino's Pain a Thing of the Past



*"Before" pictures of Pacino show the devastating effects of a cruel chemical attack on his face*

Despite being the trusting victim of a heartless and cowardly attack with pepper spray, mace, or some other toxic chemical sprayed directly into his face, Pacino is a "wonderful and grateful" cat, says PFOA member—and Pacino's rescuer—Angus Trent.

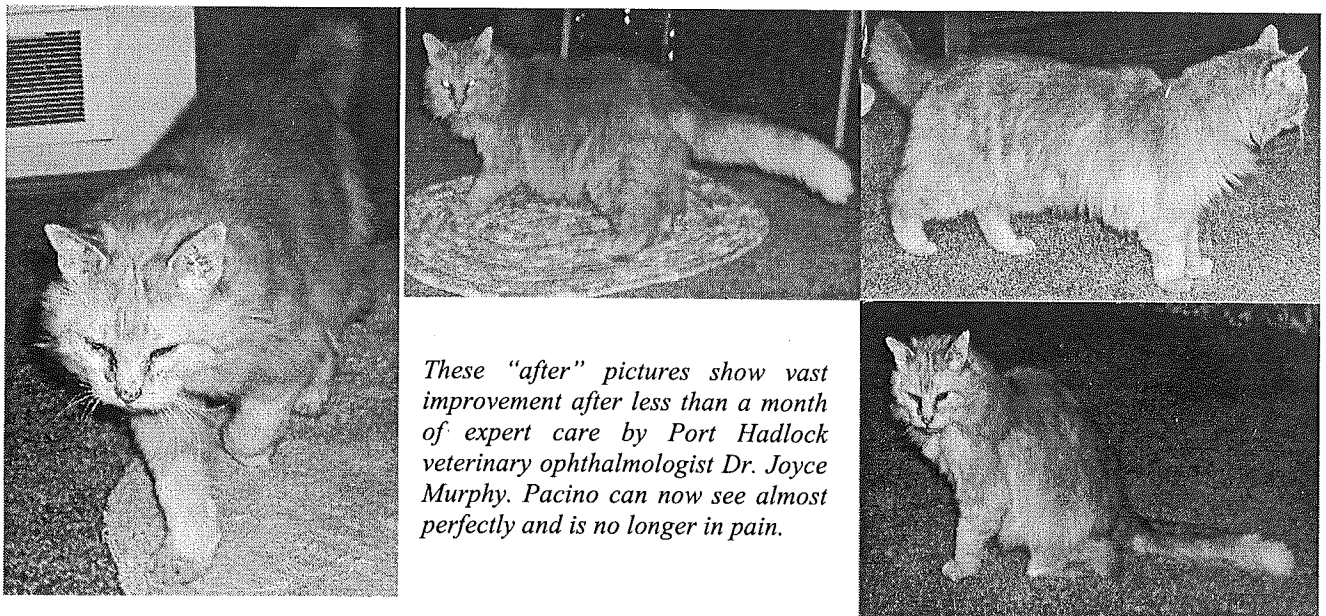
Angus was hot on the trail of the injured animal shortly after Dede Juliussen of Sequim called to report a stray cat who "is 90% blind and whose eyes are almost entirely shut and oozing."

Safely in Angus' hands, Pacino was whisked off to see Dr. Joyce Murphy, the highly skilled and experienced veterinary ophthalmologist who practices in the nearby community of Port Hadlock. In less than four weeks time, Dr. Murphy was able to bring Pacino from a virtually sightless, suffering and unhappy cat to one whose

sight is largely restored and who is friendly and purrs as soon as he is touched. Ms. Juliussen is currently fostering and taking care of Pacino's health needs, but Pacino needs a permanent home.

From the beginning of his ordeal, Angus says, Pacino has been extremely cooperative. He allows whomever handles him to touch him anywhere on his body, is always well behaved and uses his litter box perfectly. He does still have a tendency to hold his head a bit low, as his experience sometimes makes him reluctant to expose his face.

Pacino, about five years old, "will be for someone an excellent and enduringly loyal pet," says Angus. "He will need someone willing to give him loving reassuring attention and keep track of his health needs."



*These "after" pictures show vast improvement after less than a month of expert care by Port Hadlock veterinary ophthalmologist Dr. Joyce Murphy. Pacino can now see almost perfectly and is no longer in pain.*

## VOLUNTEER: Marilyn Gilmore

Born in the central Washington city of Yakima, Marilyn Gilmore eventually landed on the Olympic Peninsula via a rather circuitous route.

After marrying, Marilyn and her husband moved to a ranch near the town of Naches. It was there that she was able to have an abundance of animals of all sizes and shapes!

From the ranch, the couple moved to Alaska where they spent approximately 30 years. Marilyn found herself doing all sorts of work that was foreign to her—everything from commercial fishing in Ninilchik and Seldovia to working as a cook, waitress and bartender on off days in Ninilchik.

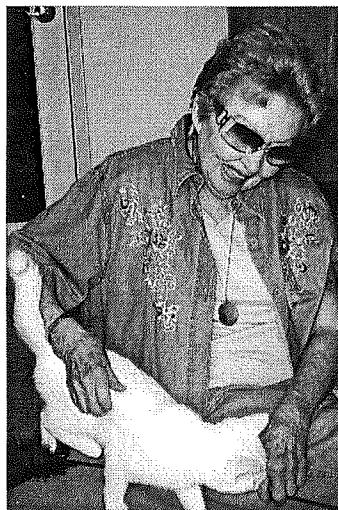
After coming to the conclusion that fishing wasn't really their thing, Marilyn and her

husband moved to Anchorage where she did secretarial work, mostly for the Alaska Railroad and then for Western Airlines.

In 1971 they left Alaska and purchased a campground and RV park in Arkansas. After several years there, it was back to Anchorage and secretarial work. It was during this time that they built their own home where they resided until retirement when they moved to Idaho.

After the death of her husband, Marilyn moved to Sequim

and is presently living in an apartment that *doesn't allow pets!* She often wonders to herself how in the world that ever happened!



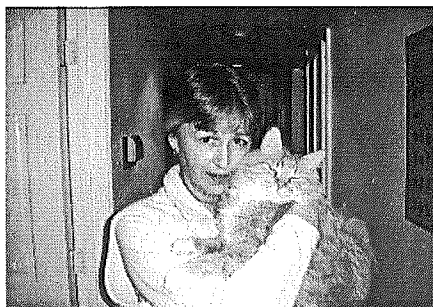
Luckily for all of us, Marilyn read an article about PFOA and decided what she wanted to do with her spare time! And once a week Marilyn comes and spends the day socializing, grooming and playing with *every* Safe Haven resident. Sometimes the other volunteers are amazed to see Marilyn lying on the floor with the cats at their own level—which is

exactly where the felines want her to be!

Thanks, Marilyn! You're purr-fectly wonderful!

## VOLUNTEER: Candy Harris

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Candy Harris has been married to husband, Larry, for 30 years. They met during the 1970's when Candy worked at Casablanca Records, the company Larry co-owned. The couple left for Washington when Larry decided to open a comedy club in Seattle, and they lived in Bellevue where Candy worked for the school district. After their two children were grown, they gravitated to the Olympic Peninsula and have lived in Port Angeles for five years. Candy says, "We absolutely love it here. I go for long walks a few times a week, and I'll never get used to how beautiful it is around here."



Lucky enough to live with dogs and cats most of her life, Candy has been reluctant to be a traveler—a far cry from her days in the '70's when her work with the record label led her to travel to London with the glam rock band, Kiss! She says she would rather

stay home with Larry and their two dogs and three cats. Candy and Larry manage, however, to work in occasional visits to their son in Chicago and their daughter in Seattle.

Safe Haven has been the beneficiary of Candy's desire to stick around the Peninsula since she

has been a devoted volunteer who spends the greater portion of a day once a week doing virtually anything that needs doing at the sanctuary. From laundry and litter box scooping to brushing cats to processing the mail, Candy is pretty much available to do whatever is asked of her. Additionally, Candy and Larry regularly deliver the quarterly issues of *Pet Tidings* to locations all over Port Angeles, and both have helped in the transporting of feral cats in PFOA's Trap-Neuter-Return program. However, she says, "It's *not* my preference to spend time in the office in front of computers."

Candy would rather work hands on with the pets, and she's as devoted to their care as any volunteer that ever stepped through the doors of Safe Haven.

Thanks, Candy! We appreciate you!

## PFOA Membership Continues to Grow at Rapid Pace

Since PFOA's first membership list was compiled five years ago with just over 30 members, paid membership in the group has been growing at a phenomenal rate. The latest compilation of the list shows nearly 450 current members!

New members tell us they have joined for any number of reasons, but the most common one is the wish to be a volunteer at the Safe Haven no-kill sanctuary. (PFOA's insurance company requires that all volunteers have a signed membership application on file). These are often people who have toured or read about Safe Haven's open, airy, cageless rooms with furnishings similar to what might be found in a potential adopter's home and with access to safely enclosed outdoor play yards. Other new

members have told us they've joined in order to continue receiving *Pet Tidings* four times a year or simply to feel themselves a part of the effort to help the hundreds of local cats and dogs for whom PFOA provides shelter or assistance each and every year.

The following new members are warmly welcomed: Sherill & Penny Allen, Lori Anderson, Mary Anderson, Peggy Anderson, Betsy Aurnou, Victor & Nancy Bolan, Barbara Byers, Robert L. Clark, Carol Curcio, Judy de la Cruz, Sharon DeBolt, Dee Renee Ericks, Jane Erickson, Gary Fiege, Eileen Franson, Carol Geary, Pamela Gillen, Gary Gold, Sandra Lynn-Gold, Maryann Grant, Angela Hildebrand, Michael Hildebrand, Carlotta Howe, Candyce Jack, Leslie Johnson, Pat Johnson, Holly Juskevich, Carol Kaald, Robert Lambert, Kathleen Larson, Angela Li Castro, Sabrina La Gambina, Maria Mactavish, Kathy Mahnerd, Jeri Meringer, Marlene Miller, Debra Moore, Lexi Morton, Nancy Ortowski, Nancy Payton, Flora Pfannenstien, Mary Pogue, Rose M. Rose, Cynthia Rue, Roberta Ryan, Kim & Fallon Schneider, Lorita Sherlock, Tim & Joan Snyder, Barbara Swedeen, Terry Wilson & Sarah Necco, Elizabeth Witters and Lia Wolpin.

People who donate to PFOA sometimes ask about the difference between being a member and being a supporter. Anyone who helps PFOA in any way at all, whether by financial donation, donation of items, or performance of volunteer duties, is a *supporter*. *Members*, on the other hand, are supporters who have specifically indicated that \$20 of their donation is to be applied to membership—and then who have filled out and returned PFOA's Membership Application form. Anyone interested in receiving the form can get it by checking the appropriate line on the remittance envelope enclosed with this newsletter. Membership assures you of receiving the next four quarterly issues of *Pet Tidings* and also entitles you to vote in the yearly board election.

Thanks to all of you !



*Volunteers are impressed by the fact that Safe Haven residents romp around in nearly homelike quarters*



## Lifetime Care Center Will Offer Temporary Emergency Care, Too

—Janet Harker

I am impressed with the number of calls, correspondence, and questions we are getting regarding the lifetime care facility. This is not just a retirement home, it will also have space set aside for temporarily fostering in emergency situations. As it is now, if your home burns down or you are critically injured in an accident, or you become seriously ill or involved in domestic violence, there are places that will provide shelter for the people involved—but none for the animals. We expect to change that.

The founding members knew from the start that the 1972 two-story residence currently standing on the Safe Haven property was not going to



be suitable for anything more than a *temporary* adoption center. But once we had a new shelter/adoption center built to conform with current animal shelter codes, the original building would make an excellent feline lifetime care facility. From the very beginning, "Phase II" was part of our overall plan. This facility will be limited as to the number of occupants, for it will NOT be a warehouse for animals.

The fund raising for the new building got off to a good start with over \$40,000.00 raised so far, and the building committee met several times last year and got a lot accomplished. We selected our site, and the new adoption center layout

is taking shape. But the overall plan still needs quite a lot of work. We took a break for the holidays, but will be meeting again this month to pick up where we left off. With all the record rain we have been having, we might change our plan and build an "Ark."

For those of you that may be concerned about Phase II interfering with our regular rescue/adoption programs, I assure you that won't happen. This project is over and above our normal activities, and I will keep you posted on our progress.

But remember folks, Rome wasn't built in a day.

*Please contact us if you are interested in providing lifetime care for your feline companions. We will be happy to discuss the different arrangements with you.*

### SAFE HAVEN WISH LIST: *Paper towels always needed!*

Hand-held, bagless vacuum cleaner w/ beater brush and attachments (need several)

Miniature only bagless upright vacuum cleaner (need several)

Small pet scale

Cat mat-cutting scissors

Sponge mop heads (Rollomatic, 1252R or 11212)

Liquid laundry detergent

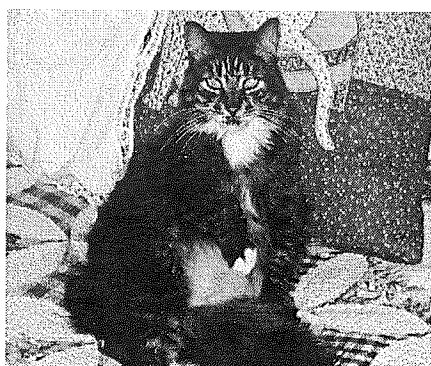
Liquid dishwasher detergent

Liquid anti-bacterial hand soap

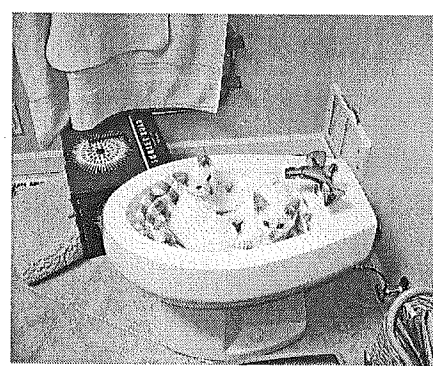
### FORMER SAFE HAVEN RESIDENTS LIVE THE GOOD LIFE IN THEIR NEW HOMES



Clyde, from a PFOA foster home and Judy, from Safe Haven, became fast friends and are moving soon to Japan with their adopter.



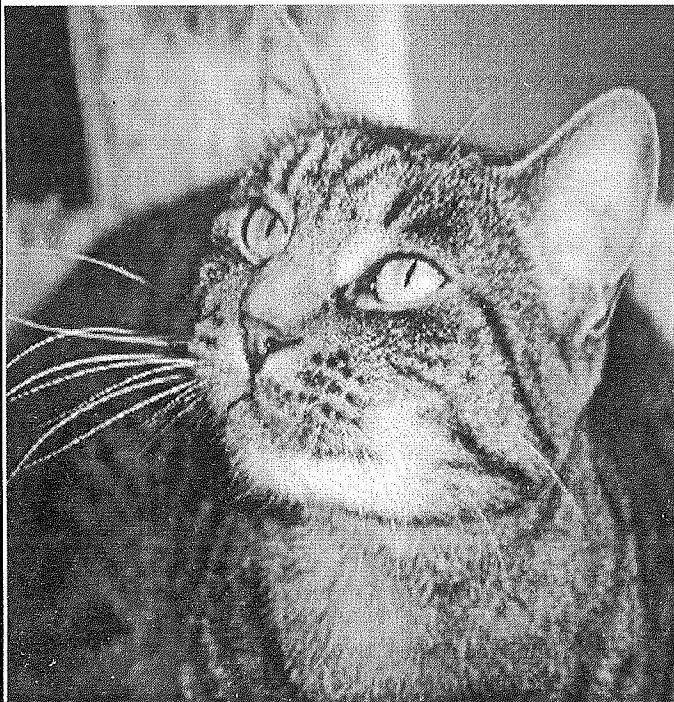
Norman appears to be extremely comfortable (and well fed!) in his Port Townsend apartment.



Ari and Naco found this comfortable perch immediately upon arriving in their plush, new Sequim home.

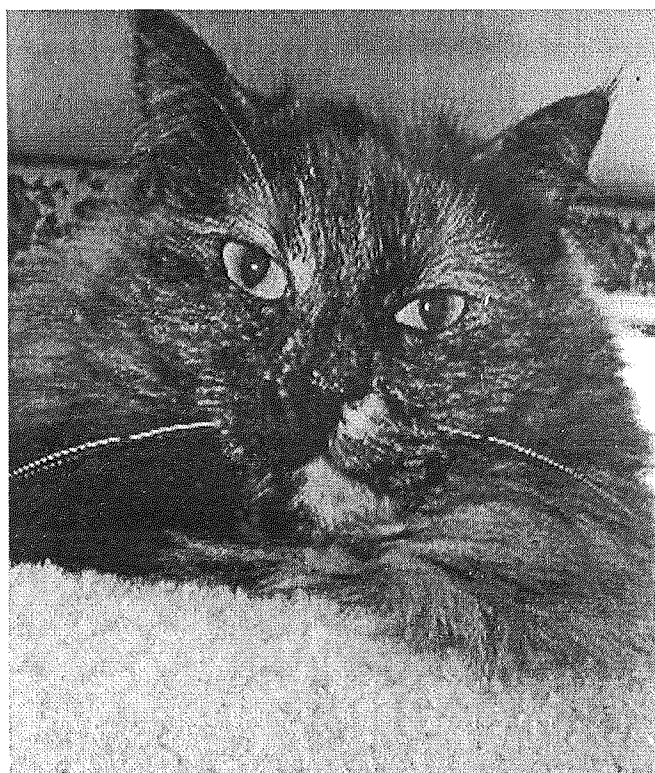
## ADOPTABLES!

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. Adoption fee applies to help defer a portion of the expenses incurred.



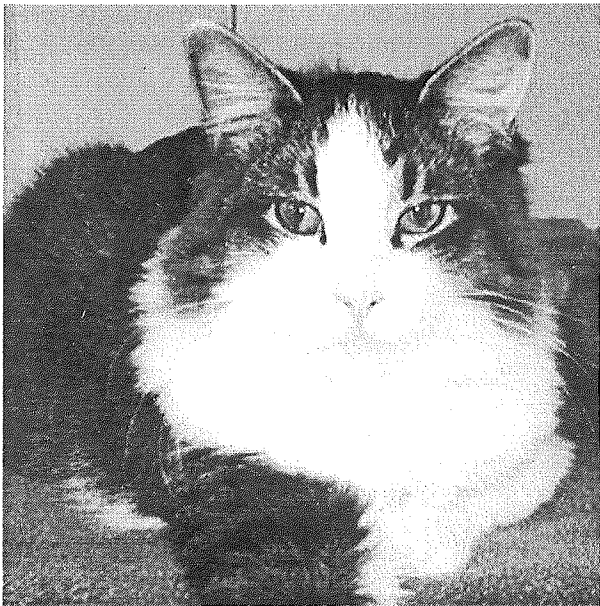
**WILLOW** is a slender, short-haired, brown striped tabby who is spayed and micro-chipped. She was de-clawed in a past life and also has part of one front foot missing, possibly due to being caught in an illegal leg hold trap and chewing it off. As a result, she walks with a noticeable limp, but it doesn't keep her from going anywhere she wants to go!

**LEXI** is a long-haired tortoise shell female who wants nothing more than to be in a home of her very own *away* from other cats and where she will be allowed to sit next to or on her person's lap. She is 3 1/2 years old, spayed and micro-chipped. Lexi will need regular brushing in order to keep her beautiful hair from matting, and her food intake will need to be controlled. If you can offer a loving home where Lexi will be the only cat, please call soon.



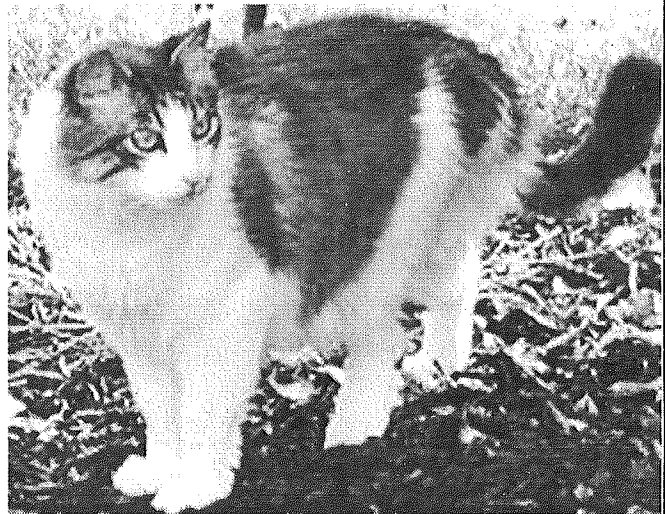
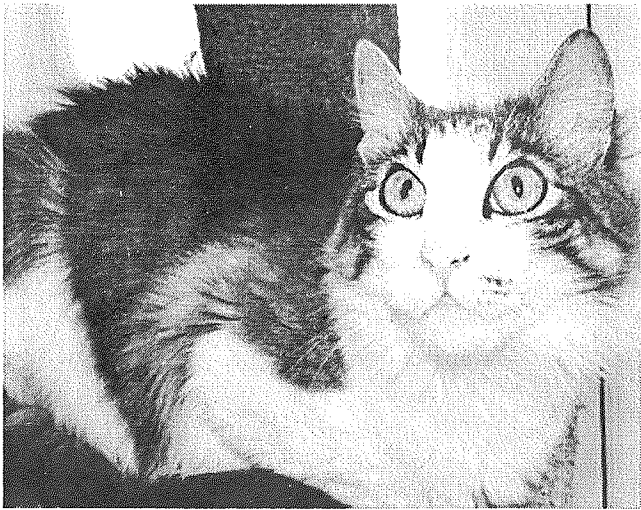


## ***ADOPTABLES!***



**KALYPSO (aka DINO)** is a large youngster who won't turn a year old until late Spring. He is a beautiful, medium hair length, neutered boy who adores people and gets along fine with all the other cats in his quarters. He is just waiting for an opportunity to express his youthful energy in his own home. Maybe yours?

## **Adoption-Challenged**



**SPIRIT** spends most of his time in the cat-fenced yard of a PFOA foster home because he is too shy to be at Safe Haven where most of the cats are considered adoptable exclusively for indoor homes. He needs to make his home in a safe indoor/outdoor environment or a secure barn. If you think you might have the right situation for Spirit, give us a call and we'll talk about the possibilities.

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In memory of **Grace Albrecht**, my wife of 55 years who loved animals as much as I do, **from Lyle Albrecht**

In memory of **Elma Deane Ericks**, **from Dorothea Coe**

In memory of **Deanie Ericks**, **from Joan Dahl**

In memory of **John Gorman**, best friend for 70 years and a fellow dog lover, **from Louise Galliani**

In memory of **Bertha Robinson**, and thank you for giving her "Smoky Joe" kitty, **from Roberta Galvin**

In memory of **Lucille Galyean**, the best pet sitter ever, **from Allen & Sue Herlyck**

In memory of **Carol Castle**, who died on Dec. 29, **from Dottie Hopkins**

In memory of **Henry "Harry" Hughes**, who passed away June 6, 2005, **from Judy Kelly & Bill Karas**

In memory of **Harold "Bud" Schmidt** who passed away Oct. 14, 2005, **from Herb Kottler**

In memory of **Deanie Ericks**, **from Judith & Don Perry**

In memory of **Adrienne Drake**, **from Ellie Schmidt/Sunny Farms Inc**

To honor **Elma Deane Ericks**, **from Julie & Andy Schneidkraut**

In honor of **Deanie Ericks**, **from Maureen Sprague**

In memory of **Harry Kierch**, **from Carolyn Stark**

In memory of **Win Wood**, who passed Nov. 12, 2005, **from Elizabeth Thacker**

### *In Honor of Special Friends*

A Christmas present to **Carolyn & James Hoffman**, **from the Hoffman & Hathaway family (Laura, Kevin, Tyler & Sarah)**

A Christmas gift to **John Zey**, **from Louise F. Hope**

On behalf of **Barry & Thelma Sullock**, **from Diana Lusby**

On behalf of **William E. Bloor**, **from Diana Lusby**

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A Christmas gift to **Ianthe Moul**, a very special woman, **from Charlotte & Ken Patterson**

In honor of **Karen Klein's 50th birthday**, **from Susan Phoenix**

In "honor" of **Miriam Robinson**, **from Marijo Page-Robinson**

In the name of **Alicia Crawford**, **from Joanne & Thomas Thoma**

In the name of **Ruth Krull**, **from Joanne & Thomas Thoma**

In the name of **Lynn McGuire**, **from Joanne & Thomas Thoma**

### *In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals*

In memory of our beloved **Benny**, once lost but found, with lots of love, **from Sue Armistead**

In memory of **Lil Bit**, entrusted to **Janet & Jess Harker's** care by **Maizie Maloney**, and loved by them all, **from Ann Gilson**

In memory of **Jake**, beloved dog of **Dale & Virginia Jepsen**, **from Barbara Hamlin**

In memory of **Little Bit aka Granny**, **from Janet & Jess Harker**

In memory of **Allie Watson**, **from Candy & Larry Harris**

In memory of **Bruce & Lori Page's Kitsie**, **from Janet & Jess Harker**

In memory of **Paul & Mary Karreck's Simon**, **from Janet & Jess Harker**

In memory of **Linda Harer's Jake**, **from Janet & Jess Harker**

In memory of **Wolfgang**, who was my mother's friend **Lisa Fredsti's cat**, **from Darcy Hudgens**

In memory of **Charlotte**, a special kitty friend, **from Carol Kittrick**

In memory of **Molly**—a Heintz variety lovely dog who had been adopted from the shelter—and lived across the street from me, **from Jan McIlroy**

In memory of **"Benks Go Wild,"** beloved member of the **Bierbaum family**, **from Dave Neupert**

In memory of **Simon**, brave and true friend of **Paul & Mary Karreck**, **from Dave Neupert & Claudia Huston**

In memory of my friend **Kay's Golden Retriever, Molly**, a really sweet dog, **from Roxine Oak**

In memory of **Anna Manildi's dog, Ellie**, **from Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital**

In memory of **Wolfe**, a wonderful Blue Healer and companion to my good friend **Margie**, who is very missed yet his spirit is thriving, **from Michelle Ramauro**

In memory of **Melvin**, **from the Safe Haven volunteers**

In memory of **Omega**, **from the Safe Haven volunteers**

In memory of **Sugar Pie**, **from the Safe Haven volunteers**

### *In Honor of Special Animal Friends*

In honor of my two kitty boys, **Nikko & Dante** (both PFOA rescues), who bring much love to my life, **from Susan Phoenix**



## ABOUT PFOA

A privately held and privately funded 501(C)3 nonprofit companion animal welfare and rescue organization.

### No-kill is our standard.

\*No healthy or adoptable animal will be euthanized.

\*No animal will be euthanized to make room for another animal.

\*Euthanasia will not be used as a means to control animal population.

\*Euthanasia will not be used to cull or dispose of animals for reasons of gender, color, breed or minor sickness, handicaps or disabilities.

\*Euthanasia will only be used if it is in the best interests of an individual animal as determined by a qualified veterinarian, and with the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors

## May I remember....COMPASSION

—author unknown

That the “jerk” who cut me off in traffic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children.

That the pierced, tattooed, disinterested young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year old college student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester.

That the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot every day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that I can only imagine in my worst nightmares.

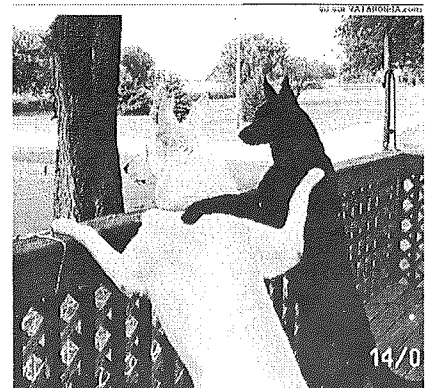
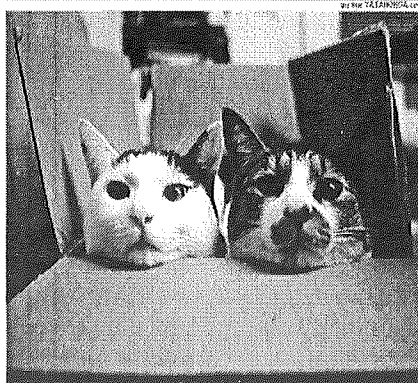
That the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they have to go shopping together.

That the cat who urinates outside the box in what seems like an act of defiance is actually crying out for medical attention due to a painful urinary track infection.

That of all things, the greatest gift is love. May I be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love.

## SPOTTED ON THE INTERNET!

—submitted by Janice Rozzano, Wendy Detrick, Mary Margolis and others



## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR DOGS AND CATS

—suggestions from *Petfinder.com*

When the heartbreaking stories of pet suffering that came out of Hurricane Katrina became apparent, it got many of us to thinking about whether or not we were prepared to assure the safety of our own pets in time of emergency. Both the Humane Society of the United States and the ASPCA have recommended that if you need to evacuate, your pets should be evacuated with you. After all, if conditions aren't safe for you, would they be for your pets?

Although we here on the Olympic Peninsula probably won't ever need to consider leaving in advance of a hurricane, there are a number of other disasters which might very well effect us. We have learned that parts of our coastline might very well feel the effects of a tsunami. We have riverfront homes that are subject to flooding. During a hot, dry summer there is the possibility of out-of-control brush and forest fires. We all know that the "big" earthquake is overdue in this area and could cause devastation never before experienced. And, in this day and age, we must even consider the possibility of a chemical, biological or nuclear attack that might make evacuation necessary.

The following is a detailed list of items with which pet owners should be prepared, just in case the unthinkable becomes real. Given the disaster on the Gulf Coast, we can't ignore the possibility.

### DISASTER PLAN/SUPPLIES FOR *DOGS*

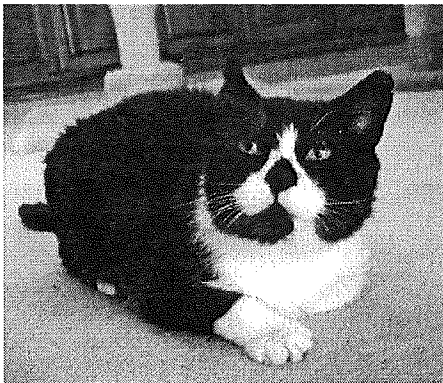
1. **FOOD.** Keep on hand always at least a one week supply of the brand of food your dog is used to eating. Store in air tight container and rotate regularly. Include food dishes, a hand crank can opener, and a spoon with your disaster supplies.
2. **WATER.** Keep enough bottled water on hand to last at least one week for each of your dogs. Remember that if tap water is unsuitable for humans to drink, it's also not suitable for animals. Rotate bottled water regularly.
3. **SANITATION.** Have a proper scoop and plastic bags for picking up after your dog.
4. **CLEANING SUPPLIES.** Include with your supplies a container of soap for washing out your dog's food dishes, and paper towels for drying dishes and other items.
5. **COLLAR AND TAG.** Have a proper fitting collar and ID tag on your dog at all times, and carry a spare of each in case they get lost. Also keep a proper fitting harness and at least a 6-foot long leash for walking your dog. A frightened dog can slip out of a leash, but not a harness.
6. **TEMPORARY CONFINEMENT.** You may want to purchase a plastic airline crate or a wire collapsible crate to transport your dog should you have to evacuate and/or keep the dog contained during a disaster. Be sure it is large enough for the dog to lie down in comfortably and that it has room for food and water bowls.
7. **FIRST AID KIT.** Besides anything recommended by your veterinarian, suggested items for your first aid kit are a first aid book for dogs, conforming bandage, absorbent gauze pads, absorbent gauze roll, cotton tipped applicators, antiseptic wipes, emollient cream, tweezers, scissors, instant cold pack, latex disposable gloves and a proper fitting muzzle.

### DISASTER PLAN/SUPPLIES FOR *CATS*

1. **FOOD.** Keep on hand always at least a two week supply of the brand of food your cat is used to eating. Store dry food in an airtight, water resistant container and rotate the food regularly. Include food dishes, a hand crank can opener, and a spoon with your disaster supplies.
2. **WATER.** Keep on hand enough bottled water to last each cat at least two weeks. Rotate bottled water regularly.
3. **SANITATION.** Have a small litter box and scoop in your supplies, and a supply of cat litter to last at least two weeks. Have some plastic bags for disposing of the litter.
4. **CLEANING SUPPLIES.** Include with your supplies a container of soap and paper towels for cleaning and drying dishes and other items.
5. **COLLAR AND TAG.** Have a proper fitting break-away collar and tag on your cat at all times, and keep an extra one in your supplies in case the original gets lost.
6. **HARNESS AND LEASH.** Have a proper fitting harness and leash in your supplies so that if you have to keep your cat confined for long periods of time, you have a secure way of taking the cat out of the cage to get some exercise.
7. **TEMPORARY CONFINEMENT.** You should have a cage or carrier large enough for your cat to spread out, and for food/water bowls and a litter box.
8. **FIRST AID KIT.** Besides anything recommended by your veterinarian, suggested items for your first aid kit are a first aid book for cats, conforming bandage, absorbent gauze pads, absorbent gauze roll, Q-tips, antiseptic wipes, emollient cream, tweezers, scissors, instant cold pack and latex disposable gloves.
9. **MEDICATIONS.** Keep at least a two week supply of any long term medication on hand at all times. Keep the cat's medical records with your disaster supplies.
10. **PICTURES.** Keep current pictures of your cat—some taken with *you* in case you have to show proof of ownership if your cat is lost and then found—with your disaster supplies.

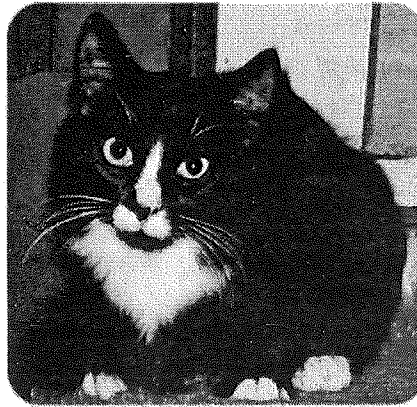
## SPONSORSHIP: Support For PFOA's Less Adoptable Pets

Over the course of time that PFOA has been in existence, a number of pets have come into the organization's care who—for one reason or another—have turned out to be hard-to-adopt, or "adoption-challenged." The reasons for pets being less adoptable have to do with age, illness, injury, trauma, shyness or a variety of other conditions. Luckily for PFOA and these particular pets in its care, many caring people in our community are stepping forward as monthly sponsors for special needs residents of Safe Haven and PFOA foster homes. A few have even become *lifetime sponsors* of pets who are expected to be in PFOA care for an extended period of time, or perhaps even for their entire lives.

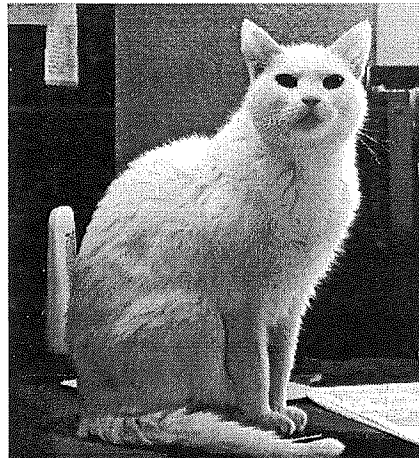


*Donovan needs sponsoring due to a medical condition that requires more treatment than the average pet guardian is willing or able to provide.*

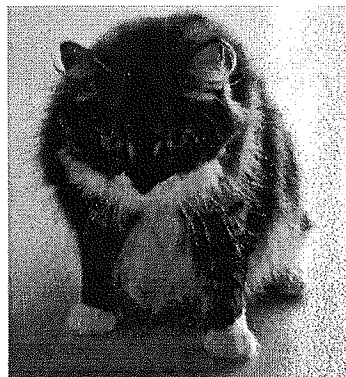
Current sponsors of PFOA pets are Teri Adair, Dana Avila, Patricia Bartlett, Claire & Allan Bernards, Sondra Blair-Bond, Blair Burns, Denise Cornell, Kathy Danley, Patrice Davis, Deirdre DeRoia, Susan Dornbush, Charlene Erickson (lifetime sponsor of one cat), Barbara Enzenauer.



*Jim was born outside under a trailer. He is painfully shy, making it difficult for potential adopters to get to close enough to him to get to know him.*



*Azure is in the early to middle stages of kidney failure, thus difficult to adopt.*



*Zoe was left at the side of the road after being hit by a car and paralyzed. She is hard to adopt due to her inability to use a litter box.*

Also sponsoring: Donna Flint, Marilyn Freeman, David Fritz, Carol Gearey, Kim & John Gilman, Peter Grassi & Shirley McFadden, Linda & Roderic Grubb, Casey Hagiwara, Barbara Hamlin, Linda Harer, Heidi Harrenstein (lifetime sponsor of one cat), Tom & Patricia Hart, Creta Hendricks, Beatrice Holleck (very special lifetime sponsor of three cats), Carolyn Howard, Kathleen & Shawn Jones, Sharon Jordan, Horst Kimmerlee, Kathleen King, Max Krueger.

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Pets being sponsored are Zorro, Snickers, Princess, Tippy, Tigger, Lady, Fagin, Hope, Zoe, Willow, Little Joey, Annabelle, Rutabaga, Murphy, Booky, Inky, Smudge, Jim, Sumari, Mary Lou, Oreo, Mavis, Dandy Lion, Jamie, Peggy Sue, Murphy, Dinah, Riley, Spot Nelson, Sunny and Azure. *Martha* *Stella* *Donna*  
Heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you!!



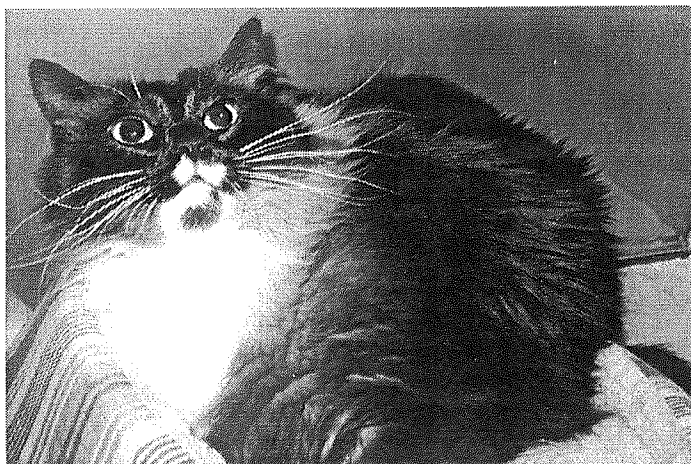
## Remarkable 25-pound Feline Needs Tender Love and Care

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Rusty's diet has been improved dramatically, having been switched from the poorest quality grocery store cat food to a high quality, weight control food available from veterinarians. Careful control of what he eats from here on out bodes well for his future health.

Rusty needs a home where he can be the *only* cat. To see this remarkable bundle of love, please call our Message Center phone: (360) 452-0414.

**UPDATE:** Just as *Pet Tidings* was going to press, Rusty was adopted into a wonderful family where he will be receiving all the TLC that he needs. Thanks, adopters!



*More than just a bit confused as a result of the changes in his life, Rusty needs a secure, loving environment where he'll never have to feel the fear of being cast off again*



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### RAINBOW BRIDGE

—author unknown

"Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water, and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

"All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind. They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; his eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

"You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face, your hands again caress the beloved pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

"Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together."

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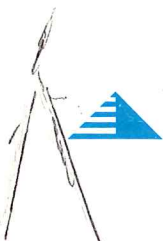
### I WANT TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!

I am making a tax deductible donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used for  
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\_\_\_\_Building Fund; \_\_\_\_Spay/Neuter Program; \_\_\_\_T-N-R program;  
\_\_\_\_Emergency Medical Fund \_\_\_\_HOPE Fund for PFOA's handicapped pets

I would like to sponsor a homeless pet who is currently in your care. I will receive a photo and history of that animal and may receive occasional updates. \_\_\_\_\$10 per month; \_\_\_\_\$120 per year \_\_\_\_\$500 for the animal's lifetime

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