

# Pet Tidings

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## SILVER'S SUCCESS!

When an FIV-positive feline comes into PFOA's care, there is always the worry that the pet will be difficult to place. FIV is a relatively rare immune deficiency disease, transmitted primarily by biting, that generally requires a cat with this condition to be placed either with other FIV-positive cats or in a home without other cats at all.

A gray and white six year old—a sweet and wonderful de-clawed cat named Silver—presented just such a predicament.

Silver came to PFOA in March. Her condition was discovered as a result of the blood test that is routinely administered to all new arrivals. Since cats with FIV can live a number of carefree, healthy years after discovery of the disease, the search was on immediately for a good and suitable home.

Luckily, one of PFOA's foster homes was equipped with a comfortable, available room that Silver could use until a permanent home could be found—and another P F O A member stepped forward to sponsor Silver until placed.

As fortune would have it, a call came into PFOA's Message Center from Bridge Builders, an organization whose goal is to "keep our clients as independent as is safely possible while preserving their dignity and right to make their own choices."

It seems one elderly Bridge Builders client was lacking motivation—even to get out of bed every day—but was known to

be fond of cats. Would we have a cat that would be a good match?

Silver was the answer! By the end of April this friendly feline was safely in place with her new guardian.

A recent trip to Silver's new home by PFOA volunteers produced a heartwarming scene. The lady absolutely adores her new friend. Because the cat is a living presence who requires daily feeding and brushing, the lady has found that Silver makes her feel needed. She gives her a reason to get out of bed every day. In fact, Silver's very presence has given the lady a reason to live!

It's one wonderful example of a person and a pet needing—and then finding—each other. Let's see if we can make this happen more often.

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 cats and dogs through progressive spay/neuter and educational programs; and to place as many homeless, neglected and abused animals as possible into good, safe, permanent homes

**"You make a living by what you do; you make a life by what you give."**

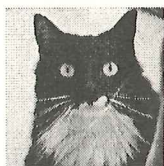
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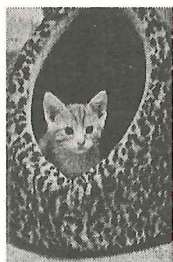
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Look who's been ADOPTED!



Family beset with tragedy reunites with cherished pets. (See page 3)

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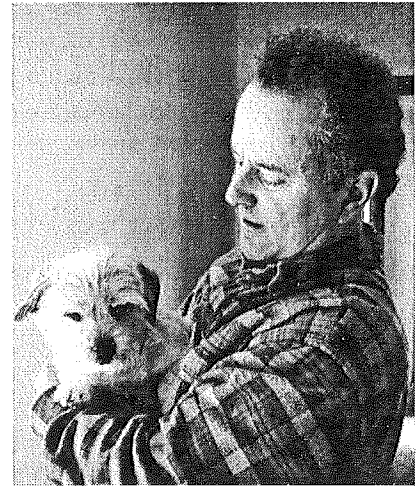
I was contacted recently by a lady in search of an *un-spayed* female kitten. When I asked her why she was specifically seeking a pet who had not yet been sterilized, the woman said she wanted to let the animal have her own litter of kittens before having her spayed.

Not one to mince words, I asked her if she wasn't concerned about the extra burden those kittens would be putting on the shelter workers who spend so much time trying to place homeless animals, as well as on the community at large.

"Oh," she said proudly, "I won't be putting *any* burden on *anyone*. I always place all the kittens myself."

"Yes," I responded, but for every home in which you place one of those kittens, you take away a potential home for animals who are already here on the planet, waiting their turn."

It seems she had never thought about that. Nevertheless, her search continues.—GD



**"No heaven will not ever  
Heaven be, unless my  
dogs and cats are there to  
welcome me." —Unknown**

## VOICES

Dear Safe Haven,

Our visit this morning to your facility was inspiring and wonderful. The care you provide for animals is impressive, and your facility seems ideal.

We enjoyed meeting Thelma and Gary, sitting and chatting, and eating delicious scones. The tour that followed was a thrill—so many deserving, sweet creatures, and living in a place with such intense concern for their well-being!

The enclosed donation may be used in any way needed. We are both delighted to be members of Peninsula Friends of Animals!

—K&C P, Port Angeles

## Volunteers Go to Heaven

Many will be shocked to find  
When the day of judgment nears,  
That there's a special place in Heaven  
Set aside for volunteers.  
Furnished with big recliners,  
Satin couches and footstools,  
Where there's no committee chairman,  
No group leaders or car pools.  
No eager team that needs a coach,  
No bazaar and no bake sale.  
There will be nothing to staple,  
Not a thing to fold or mail.  
Telephone lists will be outlawed,  
But a finger snap will bring  
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners,  
And rare treats fit for a king.  
You ask, "Who'll serve these privileged few,  
And work for all they're worth?"  
Why, all those who reaped the benefits  
And NOT ONCE volunteered on Earth!

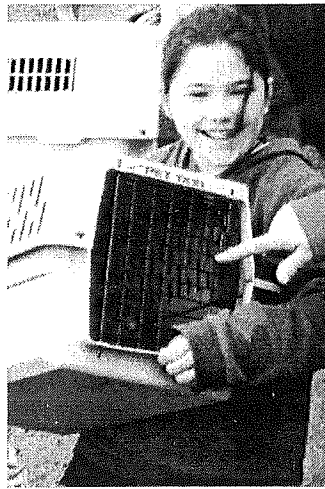
From the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center, *The Interpreter* newsletter, author unknown.



## Jack, Snoop, Princess safely reunited with adoring family

The smiles on the kids' faces said it all: Life was once again going to be good now that they were reuniting with their dog, Jack, and their two cats, Snoop and Princess.

As reported in the winter, 2006, edition of *Pet Tidings*, the children's father, Omar Cadova, was in need of bone marrow treatment in Seattle and the family was packing up to move to the city to live with Mr. Cadova in a pet-free sterile environment during his recuperative period.



PFOA volunteers stepped forward to help in large numbers! Nancy Campbell did the coordinating, and Roxanne and Bernie Fryer fostered Snoop and Princess. Melissa and Dave Coughlin fostered Jack. Dr. Linda Allen (Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital) worked Snoop into her busy schedule for neutering. Lenora Haupt (Many Paws Pet Grooming) dropped everything in order to get Jack bathed and groomed before going to his foster

home. Hope and Jim Williams, owners of Best Friend Nutrition, agreed to supply all of Jack's food needs while he was being fostered. Joe and Naomi Denhart paid all three animals' medical expenses during the foster period.

Tragically, Mr. Cadova died shortly after his operation and the children—Sean, Shayla and Skyler—and mother Tracy needed to attend to family matters which kept them variously in and out of the state for the past few months.

The reunion with the pets was the happy ending to what would otherwise have been a completely sad story. Lucky to have each other, these pets and this family were surely meant to be together.



## Third annual "Paws in the Garden" set at Vision Landscape Nursery

—Claire Bernards

"Paws in the Garden" is an ARTISTS for ANIMALS benefit that takes place among the beautiful gardens of Vision Landscape Nursery, located at 131 Kitchen-Dick Road along the Olympic Peninsula's Dungeness Scenic Loop. The nursery's stated mission is to support local artists and local animal welfare groups by raising funds for and awareness of both in a fun, elegant and beautiful atmosphere. The event always falls on the second weekend in August and benefits Clallam County Humane Society, Welfare for Animals Guild and Critter Haven, as well as Peninsula Friends of Animals.

**ART SHOW & SALE:** Artists pay a fee (which is pooled and donated to the animal groups) to participate. This entitles each to a 12X12 space where they can gain exposure and keep 100% of the revenue generated from the hundreds of people who come seeking art. Past artists have included musicians, watercolorists, oil painters, copper sculptors, photographers, textile artists, silk screeners, ink block printers and culinary artists. Space is limited, so artists interested in participating should contact Claire@visionlandscapenursery.com or call 683-2855 as soon

This year's event is already fortunate to have lined up animal communicator and psychic Suzan Vaughn, dog/cat/horse massage therapist Dede Milligan, natural healing salves by Highly Natural, and local blues/folk bands.

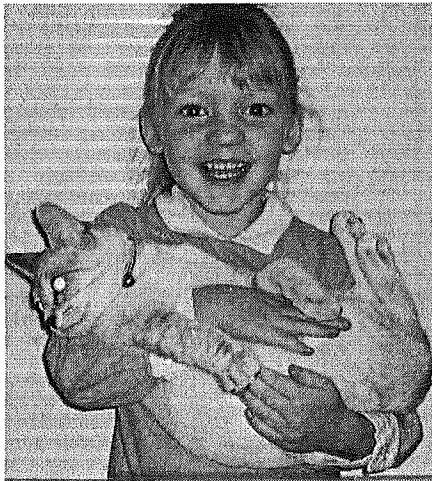
The destination nursery, with its botanical water gardens, garden paths and seasonal displays is nothing short of paradise. A generous portion of the nursery's sales during the weekend will be donated to the animal groups.

Polite and gentle pets are welcome on a leash or carried with doggie poo-poo bags in hand on the back lawn areas and on gravel pathways. Pets must be kept off display areas and plant sales areas, and dogs should avoid the kitten adoption center at the PFOA booth.

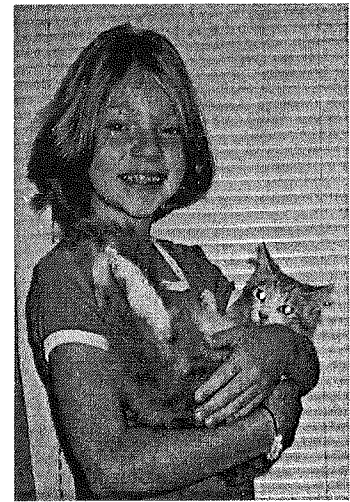
Get ready to enjoy and purchase fine art, listen to live music and nibble on vegetarian delicacies as you meet the artists, experience their art and the animals they are helping.

Mark your calendar now for August 12-13. Then visit [www.visionlandscapenursery.com](http://www.visionlandscapenursery.com) or [www.visionnursery.com](http://www.visionnursery.com) for more details as they become available.

## Bonny and Clyde living it up in their forever home!



*Zowie (left) and Paige (right) Parham hold new family members Bonny and Clyde. Who do you think is the happiest here: the cats or the children?*



## Jason and Jacob (now Yin and Yang!) find life with new “parents” is the cat’s meow

A few months ago an elderly gentleman was forced to surrender two wonderful kittens he had named Jason B and Jason W! To avoid confusion (for the volunteers, if not for the cats!) we changed Jason W’s name to Jacob and put them up for adoption as an inseparable pair.

Less than two weeks later, along came Jim and Linda Spreine looking for just such a pair.

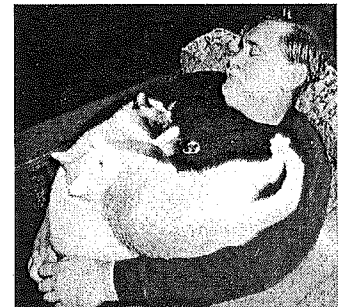
The Sprienes sent us this picture recently, along with the following note:

“We adopted brothers Jason and Jacob on 2/26/06. They got new names the same day: Yin and Yang.

“Your wonderful volunteers have followed-up with us a couple of times to make sure the boys were adjusting to their new home. We thought you might enjoy

this photo which makes it very clear how their adjustment is going.

“Thank you for all you do!”

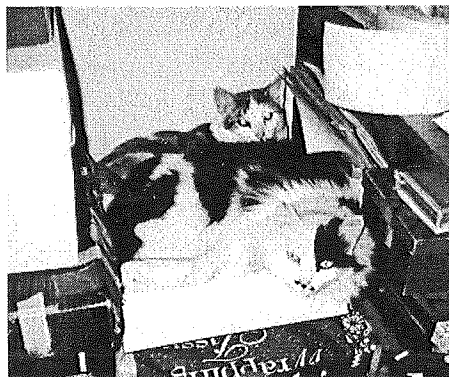


## Meg and Phillip meet and bond in home of new PFOA members

Meg, whose original guardians let her wander five miles from home and then said they didn’t want her anymore, was in Room B-2 at Safe Haven. Phillip (now renamed Jackson), whose young guardian had given away when she had a baby, was in B-4.

Enter Ken and Charlotte Patterson, new PFOA members whose longtime feline companion had just passed away.

Ready to give a great home to not one, but two Safe Haven residents, Ken and Charlotte spent an afternoon getting to know all the adult cats residing on the lower level at the



*Although both briefly at Safe Haven at the same time, Meg and Phillip never met until landing together in their new forever home*

sanctuary. Room to room they went, making friends with a far larger number of the cats than their home could accommodate. Into each room, again and again, several of the cats were lucky enough to make “the final cut.” In the end, it would be just two who would have the fortune of going home with the Pattersons.

Meg, in B-2, and Phillip, in B-4, had never met each other before that moment. Off they went—together—to discover the joys of living in their own real home, connecting with each other, and bonding with and being loved by the Pattersons.

Nice going, Meg and Phillip!

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

**Dear Dr. Johnson:** My 12-year old cat was recently diagnosed with too much thyroid hormone in his body. My veterinarian suggested I give my cat pills for the rest of his life or see a specialist in Seattle. What should I do? He seems okay—just skinny, but he is eating better now than he has in four years. —GF

**Dear GF:** Your cat has hyperthyroidism, a condition where a tumor in his thyroid gland in his neck is producing too much thyroid hormone. Thyroid hormone at normal levels keeps all of us on an even keel, and helps keep our temperature, heartbeat and digestion normal. Although this problem is considered a cancer, it is a benign cancer and will not spread through his body and cause his death. Rather, the hormone the cancer produces causes his heart rate and metabolic rate to increase abnormally, which then usually makes him abnormally hungry at the same time that he can lose tremendous amounts of weight. It

can cause vomiting, diarrhea, heart problems, even collapse, and ultimately the side effects of the thyroid hormone will kill him.

Treatments are three: We are very lucky in the area to have the Feline Hyperthyroid Clinic in Shoreline, WA where our cats can be treated and cured with a radioactive compound. The medicine goes directly to the thyroid gland and kills all the tumor cells. Over the next one to three months, most cats do very well and return to having a normally functioning thyroid gland.

This is an excellent treatment and most cats are cured of this problem after receiving it. It is a bit pricey, but the results are almost always excellent.

The second treatment is an oral medicine—methimazole—which must be taken by your cat one to two times daily for the rest of his life. This medicine does

not cure or treat the thyroid tumor, but it does block much of the excess thyroid hormone and help blunt the bad affects of too high thyroid hormone. This drug works well on many cats, but some do poorly and have side effects. Over time, the same amount of money that could have cured the cat with radioactive iodine can be spent on this drug.

The third treatment is done only infrequently. That option is surgical removal of the thyroid tumor or tumors. This requires an anesthetic and can have negative side effects as well.

Ask your veterinarian about the three treatments and decide which is best for you and your cat. This is one disease in older cats that can be cured and these cats, although older when diagnosed, can have many happy and healthy years ahead of them.

Good luck!

## Ginger and Gremlin: Home at last!

—Susan Kremyl

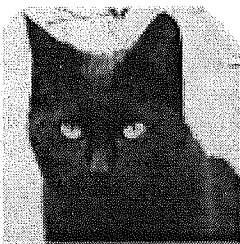
For more than 60 years, my cats have arrived on my doorstep saying, "Here I am. What's for supper?" That is how I ended up moving five lively young cats to Sequim in 1993—without a house yet to live in! Now, only one of those, old and very quiet, remains, and my house was too quiet, the outdoor tree-filled pen empty. So with the passing of my beloved black Peony in May, 2005, I could visit Safe Haven, become a volunteer, and find my new cat family. A strange feeling, to go *looking* for cats, but they were already waiting for me.

In fact, I "picked out" little black Ginger before I even saw her, being attracted by her wistful picture in the newsletter. Wistful because she was still shy and unadopted after four years in foster care and at Safe Haven, then their longest resident. Even if she chose to remain shy and withdrawn all the

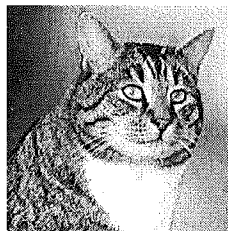
rest of her life, I could provide her a nice place to hide in, at least, and after the intense personality of my departed Peony, peace and quiet and just knowing I would have cats in my home would be enough. When I visited, large gray tabby Gremlin climbed into my lap, so he got adopted, too. Both had "failed" one previous adoption, so mostly I just hoped to give them a quiet place to live, without demands. I was prepared that they would be very quiet and shy for quite a while. Was I wrong!

Their timidity lasted only a few hours, settled comfortably on a screened porch with all the toys and food and bird watching they could want. As soon I came out to the porch, they came to me for petting, and when I let them into the house, it was delightful to watch them explore and find all the neat little kitty places where my five had

so much fun. It was as much fun as kittens, especially watching petite Ginger prance carefully around, tail swishing, eyes dancing. At five years of age, she is kittenish yet, racing around and up on top of the walls, teasing placid Gremlin. And she insisted she be given a special small box on my desk where I can reach over and pet her as I type! Even though they had lived several years before I knew them, coming to a new place gave them a chance to develop richer personalities that have continued to flourish in the six months since they arrived. Now, again, I have two desk kitties to keep me company while I do my editing work at home, and two kitties to share my bed at nights, kitties talking to me and coming to me for love and purring contentedly. Yes, it is different. But now, I can almost feel they have been with me always.



Ginger



Gremlin

## VOLUNTEER: Chet Anderson

Born in California, Chet Anderson ended up on the Olympic Peninsula as a result of being sent here by the Coast Guard. Along the way he held jobs as a paper boy, theater door man, engine room worker, airline freight handler, parcel service worker, airline caterer, helicopter fuel handler, grocery wholesaler, auto freight driver, moving and storage worker, chicken and cattle ranch worker, and dog walker!

Chet is a man who seems to have done everything, so it is appropriate that he found PFOA and Safe Haven (having learned about the group from a girlfriend who had adopted cats from us).

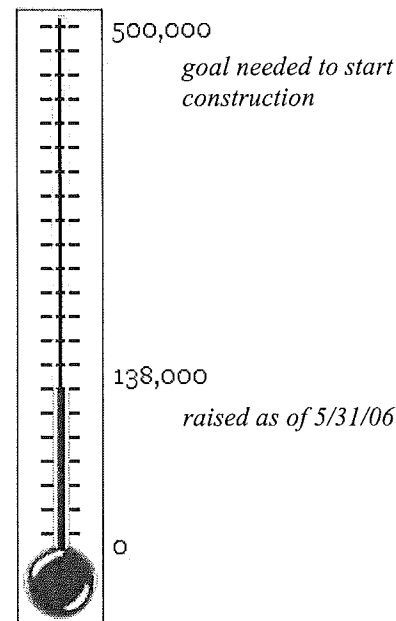


Currently the proud guardian of a cat named Wiley and three goldfish, Chet has had a plethora of pets in his life. They include horses, dogs, cats, a raven, a crow, pigeons, toads, frogs, ducks, chickens and goats!

Regarding his volunteer time at Safe Haven, Chet says, "I love all cats and I like trying to get them to trust people. I also like the attitude of the others volunteers. They seem to understand that all cats are different and a scratch or bite isn't a big deal."

Watching Chet work his magic on the shyer cats at Safe Haven, one would think he were part cat himself! PFOA is fortunate, indeed, to have such a dedicated feline friend as a loyal volunteer.

## Funding drive for new building on steady pace



Construction on the new adoption center will hopefully start no later than 2008. The state-of-the-art building will replace the current Safe Haven adoption building which will then be turned into a lifetime care home for our feline friends whose guardians have provided for them, as well as an emergency housing center for cats in need. The plans are about to go to the architect, where the final version will be rendered.

Sincere thanks goes out to the following recent Building Fund donors: Teri Adair, Mary Anderson, Olive B. Anderson, Aimee Barton, Michele Bash, Dori Beachler, Sarah & John Bird, Henry L. Brahlit, Margaret Brown, Patricia & Jim Bruce, C'est Si Bon, Inc., Sharan L. Childs, Carole H. Coleman, Chris & Claire Cornell, Doris Cromwell, Carol B. Curcio, Michael & Kathy Danley, Esther E. Davis, Bob & Dorothea DeLand, Karen Doran, Barbara Enzenauer, Gary Fiege, Marilyn Freeman, Roxanne & Bernie Fryer, Marie A. Geach, Marie & Dick Goin, Mary Jo Greenberg, Rory Haggerty, Susan Hampel, Barbara & James Hanson, Janet Harker, Lucille J. Harrison, R. M. Hart, Thomas & Patricia Hart, Erika Hamerquist, Thomas G. Honnold, Diana J. Hough, Michael Kaulakis, Gordon & Nancy Kelso, Lynn Kessler, Billie J. Kesterson, Henry & Elsie

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## VOLUNTEER: Barbara Hamlin

When good, dependable volunteers come to PFOA, it's always interesting to learn about the path that got them here.

In Barbara Hamlin's case, it was a circuitous route starting in Chicago, where she was born, and then to southern California, where she spent most of her life before finally following one of her daughters to Washington's Olympic Peninsula.



Barbara has had cats all of her life. Her current companion is 13-year old Thomas, whom she calls "a comedian." Thomas was a shelter cat at one year of age when the two of them found each other. "He's the best cat ever," boasts Barbara, and is "a great

traveler." This benefits both of them as Barbara is able to take Thomas with her on her yearly round trips to California. Thomas is so comfortable in the car that he sometimes goes to their garage and hops in to take his naps.

Barbara spent 27 years working variously as service representative, staff assistant, and supervisor with Pac Tel in Los Angeles before retiring. Her office skills have translated wonderfully to PFOA, as Barbara comes to Safe Haven weekly to organize and file the mass of paperwork that accumulates in a nonprofit organization. She says she feels good about concentrating on doing the filing rather than spending a lot of time directly with the cats. "Otherwise, I'd take them all home with me."

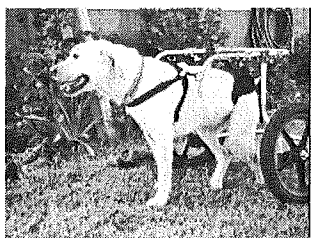
And, from what we hear, Thomas would be none too happy with that.

## New lease on life for Maggie due to donated wheels

PFOA member Linda Kemp's email to a number of animal rescue organizations said it all: "I am writing to you as a last resort for my neighbor's beautiful yellow Lab named Maggie. They are considering putting her down since they are finding it difficult to continue to care for her. Her time is running out."

Five year old Maggie had developed a condition called Fibrocartilagenous Embolic Myelopathy (FCE). Her rear legs were becoming paralyzed and she could no longer use her bladder without assistance.

Having had a paralyzed pet of her own for eleven years, Linda

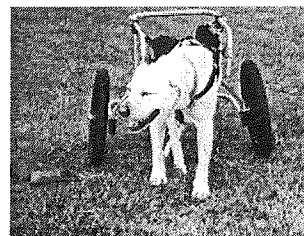


stepped forward to help with expressing Maggie's bladder and to pursue a better place for the dog to live out her life.

Searching the internet for solutions and possible placement, Linda came up pretty much empty.

There was, however, one possibility that looked promising: a cart that would provide wheels to substitute for Maggie's back legs. Carts are expensive though, and Linda would need to find sponsors to help pay for it.

That's when the Safe Haven volunteers remembered that a kind soul had donated *several* wheeled carts of different sizes at least two years ago. The carts were stashed in a corner of the garage while it was being determined how to best



make use of them. A quick trial of all the carts on Maggie proved to produce one that was a perfect fit!



Linda's family has found they can now care for Maggie while giving her a quality of life that was heretofore unexpected. They will eventually be

able to use some occasional help with Maggie's ongoing medical expenses. If you'd like to help, contact PFOA and we'll put you in touch with the family.

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### SAFE HAVEN WISH LIST

**Clothes drying racks, paper cutter, liquid laundry detergent, vinegar (white distilled), paper towels, dry cat food (any brand, for donating to needy pet guardians), cat litter (any brand or style, for donating to needy pet guardians), Max Cat dry food varieties, World's Best Litter (extra strength, multi-cat formula), liquid hand soap, liquid dishwasher detergent, plastic trash bags (13 gallon), black markers and Sharpies, name badge holders**

### See you on the other side

—Submitted by Linda Harer

Close your eyes now, my long time friend,

And let this time come to a peaceful end.

We'll walk together soon, I'm sure, as winter turns to spring,  
When snow gives way to budding leaves and birds begin to sing.

The gentle breeze shall call your name along the water's edge.

For what we shared and what you meant shall never be forgot.

Your friendship spans the years behind, your memory ahead.

You'll always be there next to me, companion and good friend.

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

"There is no snooze button on a cat who wants breakfast."  
—Unknown

"Dogs come when they're called; cats take a message and get back to you later."  
—Mary Bly



## ADOPTABLES!

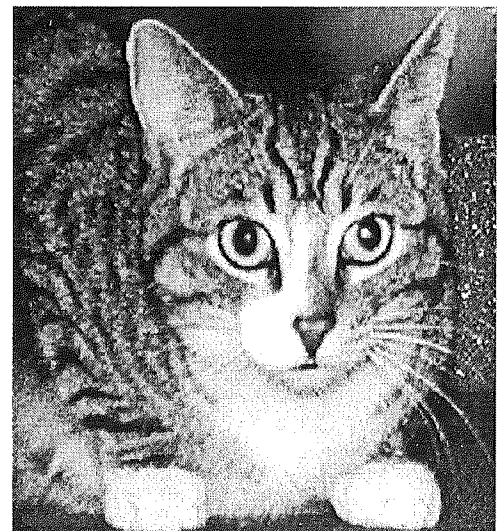
All of these socialized pets have been health-checked and treated, vaccinated and spayed or neutered. Please call our Message Center at (360) 452-0414 if you can provide a safe, loving, comfortable home for one or more of them. Adoption fee applies to help defer a portion of the expenses incurred.

I got a little beat up while out on the street. I'm fairly small and awfully sweet. It's people I love, and not other cats. And I'm short-haired, too, so I'll never have mats! **GRADY**, about 5 years old, neutered silver tabby, micro-chipped and up to date on vaccinations. Talkative, extremely people friendly and definitely ready to go home!



I'm a sweet Russian Blue who was found as a stray; my previous owners just tossed me away. Although I am tiny, two litters had I. But now I am spayed—I would not lie! I do what I'm told and hang out with the throng. But what I really want is a home where I belong. **ELLIE**, 2-3 years old. Short-haired, solid gray except for one tiny white spot. Very active, playful and personable. Is up to date on vaccinations and micro-chipped. Come meet this friendly little girl!

Although I've been at Safe Haven for almost a year, I haven't shown too well—the volunteers fear. I've hidden from adopters, but now I'm ready to start. Won't you help a shy cat find his way straight to your heart? **STEVIE**, one year old on 7-1-06. Nicknamed "Pudge" (offer him wet food and he'll follow you anywhere!) Short-haired, brown-striped tabby. Gets along well with other cats. Is neutered and up to date on vaccinations. What a sweetheart who'll just need a little coaxing in order to find comfort and joy in his new home.





## More *ADOPTABLES!*

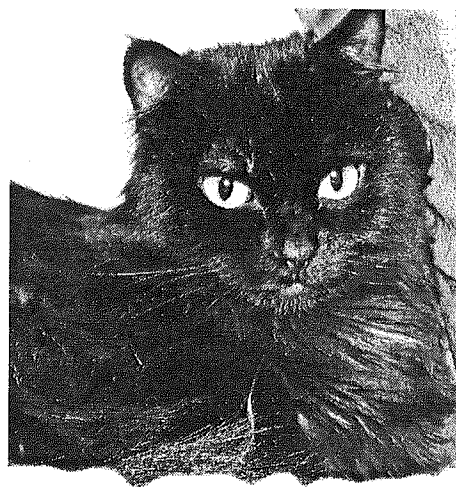
I'm a young Russian Blue like Ellie above. I hope we won't have to compete for your love. Behind a downtown building I was dumped. Two other cats lived there, I feared I'd be jumped. Some nice ladies rescued me, so now here I wait. I long for my forever adopter and a wonderful fate. I'm a bit shy but if you give me a try, I'll become the kind of cat for which others would vie. **ALEXANDRIA**. Likely less than one year old. Short-haired, spayed, up to date on vaccinations, micro-chipped.



At 21 pounds, they gave me away, because I wanted to sit with my owner at night and all day. Too heavy was I for a 95-year old. I didn't know it was a problem. I just didn't want to get cold! They treat me nice here, but it's not really my way. If you come here to get me, it'll make my day! **MITZIE** is a long-haired calico who appreciates frequent brushing in order to keep her beautiful coat from matting. Very easy going, 4-5 years old, vaccinated, spayed and micro-chipped. Tolerates other cats, but would really rather be the queen of your house. Although large, Mitzi carries her weight extremely well; we like to call her "plus-size." If large cats could be models, Mitzi would definitely be one!

## Adoption-Challenged

Although I am sweet, I have been here almost four years. Isn't that enough to bring you to tears? Life's pretty easy here—food, water and just hanging around. But I'd love to be in a home where companionship abounds. I am shy to be sure, but I can't help my past. If you're patient with me, we could make our love last. **SUNNY**, 5 years old, solid black long-haired. Spayed, vaccinated. Born feral, but responds well to tender touches and sweet talk. Needs secure, indoor home.



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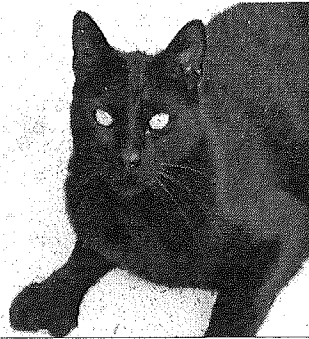
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# Adoption-challenged pets thank their sponsors!



Although PFOA never set out to acquire among its Safe Haven sanctuary residents pets who are not easily adoptable, it was inevitable that several would come our way. Hope was one of the first, arriving with paralyzed rear legs due

to mishandling by unsupervised children. Thistle, Dandelion and Fagin, although potentially adoptable to a very special home with very patient people, were born feral and have fairly deep-seated mistrust of humans that has been difficult even for the Safe Haven volunteers to overcome. The same is true of sisters Mary, Martha and Sunny.

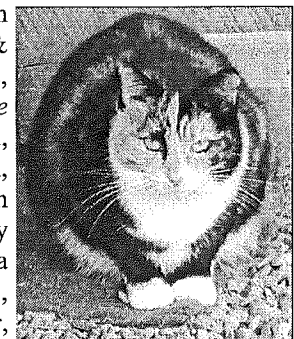
Then there is Tippy, the neurologically challenged kitty whose health would be perfect if it weren't for a permanent and severe balance problem that is likely the result of having been exposed to a virus in utero or perhaps getting into some poison as a tiny kitten. And there's Zoe, who was hit by a car and left beside the road with rear leg paralysis.

Additional to the adoption-challenged pets residing at Safe Haven are an even greater number who are being cared for in PFOA foster homes. These pets are more difficult to adopt because they are older, or have medical issues, or were rescued too late in life to be perfectly well socialized to humans.



Every adoption-challenged pet is potentially adoptable to a very special home and very special people. They often require more work and more patience, but the rewards of establishing trust and companionship nearly always make it worth the effort.

In the meantime, as these pets await their special adopters, each needs a sponsor (or sponsors) to assist in providing his or her ongoing care. PFOA is proud that the following people have offered to be sponsors of pets in our care: Teri Adair, Susan Armistead, Dana Avila, O. Wallace Bacon, Patricia Bartlett, Claire & Allen Bernards, Sandra & Lawrence Bond, Lorell Bonnet (*lifetime sponsor*), Blair Burns, Denise Cornell, Kathy Danley, Patrice Davis, Deirdre DeRoia, Susan Dornbush, Charlene Erickson (*lifetime sponsor*), Lauren Erickson (*lifetime sponsor*), Barbara Enzenauer, Donna Flint, Marilyn Freeman, David Fritz, Claudia Fureby, Carol Geary, Kim & John Gilman, Ann Gilson (*lifetime sponsor*), Gail Gorden, Peter Grassi & Shirley McFadden, Linda & Roderic Grubb, Barbara Hamlin, Linda Harer, Heidi Harrenstein (*lifetime sponsor*), Tom & Patricia Hart, Creta Hendricks, Beatrice Holleck (*lifetime sponsor*), Carolyn Howard, Kathy Jones, Sharon Jordan, Horst Kimmerlee, Kathleen King, Max Krueger, Kathy Larson, Angela LiCastro, Lisa Ljunhammar (*lifetime sponsor*), Polly Loggy, Helen Miller, Naomi Mitchell, Lee & Linda Moench, James & Carol Nelson, Deborah Nelson-Willis, Roxine Oak, Sharon Rand, Sara & Richard Reed, Kendra Rudolph, Sally Ruud, Katherine Schenkel, Susan Schmitt, Joyce Serquina, Sequim High School Living Skills Program, Virginia Soderlind, Nellie Stokley, Mary Sweetser, Jean Marie Szeles, Lorraine Thibault (*lifetime sponsor*), Jay Thornall & Pam Macas, Sharon Vander Weyden, Diana Vance, Sharon Vera, Dennis & Marian Wajckus, Kari Walter, Irene Weiss, Suzette Williams and Judith Zwick.

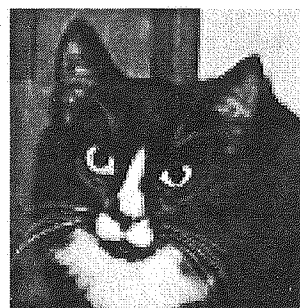
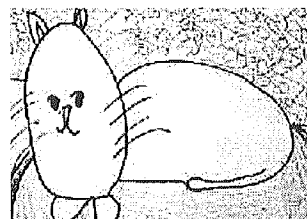


## Cat Pounce

—Kelsey Feten

As published in "Tideposts 2004," the Olympic Peninsula Arts and Literary Magazine

I wake in the night  
A cry in the dark  
Soft paws climbing  
The cat crouches  
Down slowly.  
She pounces  
And slinks under the covers,  
Fur against my arms,  
I fall asleep again.



## CAT NIPS

—Karen Groves

There are five important rules to remember for peacefully co-existing with cats.

One: Don't let them outnumber you.

Two: Show them you are in control.

Three: Provide them proper nutrition.

Four: Arrange an exclusive safe snoozing place for them.

Five: Encourage exercise and supply extravagant store-bought entertainment equipment for them.

There are five critical facts to remember regarding the important rules.

One: Cats always outnumber you no matter your number or theirs.

Two: Cats never truly relinquish control, they only allow you to think they have.

Three: Cats eat what and when they want.

Four: Cats sleep where and when they get the urge.

Five: Cats play with anything that beckons any time of day—or night.

Additional valuable information:

Cats are powerful natural tranquilizers, polite listeners, cozy coverlets and adept speed bumps.

They take investigating cupboards and closets very seriously and do not appreciate it when you mindlessly close the door while they are inside working.

Stepping on a kitty tail or toe is always your fault.

When you use a can opener, you must show a cat what you opened to satisfy him/her that what you opened is indeed kitty-yucky.

Be prepared to share your tuna or popcorn—or expect to be ostracized for a random amount of time.

Cats graciously lead you through chores and quite often jump right in to assist.

They seldom throw up on vinyl, opting for carpet or furniture.

Alert to the slightest of changes, cats are unbeatable early warning systems.

Cats happily redecorate your rooms and furniture and create confetti out of unimaginable materials.

Your clothing will forever be artfully furry, announcing to the world that you are owned by cats.

Cats require that you submit to a thorough inspection when you return.

They can be annoyingly independent and maddeningly demanding.

Cats are politically correct, age appropriate conversation topics. They practice unconditional love and accept you no matter how you look, smell or sound and they forgive your unreasonable crankiness.

Offering kitty candy is the quickest, surest way to atone for your shortcomings with your little pal.

In exchange of your hospitality and generosity, cats provide priceless entertainment and unlimited purring, kitty kisses, kneading and wonderful smiles.

Thanks to them, you smile and laugh spontaneously and exercise your endorphins regularly.

I am very grateful mine have kept me.

Waiting in line at the grocery store some time ago, I spied a book titled, "How To Talk to Your Cat."

I anxiously await the sequel: "How To Get Your Cat to Listen."



## NEW MEMBERS: Welcome!

PFOA enthusiastically welcomes the following new members: Marilyn Austin, Michelle Eastman-Murdock, H.A. Fender, David M. Fritz, Rory Haggerty, Pam & Robert Kauffman, Sharlene Miller, Maria Morgan, Meredith Roline, Nancy Rothwell, Virginia Soderlind, Sheryl Stansbury, Kathy Trainor

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## MEET A BOARD MEMBER: Kim Pruitt

If you've ever heard the term, "Been There, Done That," then you'll be able to understand and appreciate the experience of PFOA's newest board member, Kim Pruitt!

Born in Texas, Kim grew up in the southwest and went to college in New Mexico. She moved to Colorado to work in ski areas in the winter and in the National Parks in the summer where she was a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician.

In the late '80s, Kim was offered at job at Kalaloch Lodge on the Olympic Peninsula, and then one at Lake Quinalt

Lodge as a group sales/marketing coordinator. It was during this time that Kim vowed to make a permanent home here in "God's country." But first it was back to New Mexico to connect with her family and meet her husband-to-be.



Kim's persuasive abilities came to the forefront when she talked her husband into selling everything they owned and returning to the Peninsula to live in a 5th wheel while they saved up to

buy a house.

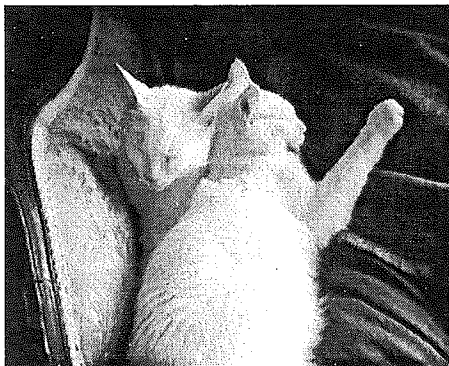
In the meantime, Kim was building up a huge base of experience working with animals. She was showing horses professionally. She was a member of 4-H, raising virtually every farm animal in existence. She had pet dogs, cats, pigs,

goats and a duck—all of whom lived in the house much of the time!

Kim and husband Darryll, having opted not to have children, currently provide a home to four dogs, two cats and three birds. The couple has also fostered kittens for PFOA on numerous occasions. Kim credits her mother's compassion for animals and PFOA board member Nancy Campbell's encouragement for getting involved with the organization after she "had lost a very dear pet and was grieving beyond words. It was the best therapy in the world.....It was one of the best things to happen in my life."

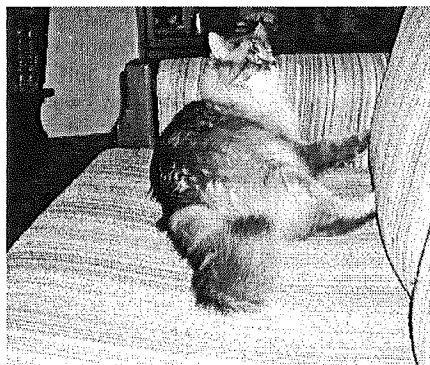
And you, Kim, are one of the best things to happen in *ours*! We thank you for agreeing to serve on PFOA's Board of Directors. Your experience and empathy with animals make you a valuable addition!

### Comfort and devotion define new lifestyle for Frosty and Blizzard



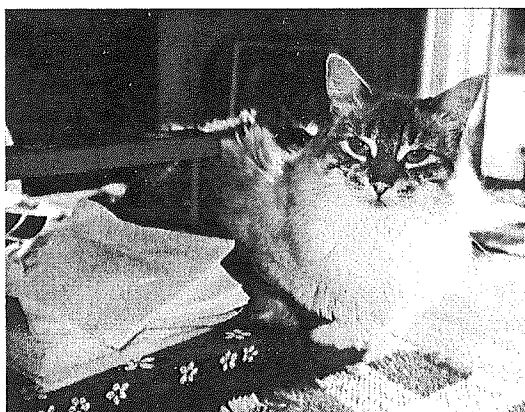
*These two sisters are now safely situated with their Port Townsend, WA family, the Pierces. We are told that the two beauties are "crazy and wonderful."*

### Max adjusts to (takes over!) new home



*In spite of not having lived with other cats before—and then going to a home where he'd be the fourth!—it took Max only a few minutes to find this comfortable perch in his new home with Karen Groves.*

### Kristy enjoying the comforts of new home



*Lovely, gentle Kristy, who came to PFOA from a home full of noise and stress, finally gets some peace and quiet in her new, permanent home with PFOA member Sandra Johnson*

### Connie and Gloria settle in



*From the group of seven orange kittens called "The Orange Tornado," Connie and Gloria had no trouble at all getting comfortable with the resident cat in their new Oregon home. Thanks to PFOA member Sharron Fogel, friend of the adopter, for keeping us posted!*

## *Memorials and Honorariums*

### *In Memory of Special People*

In memory of Frances Grace McLean, from George & Jennifer DeBrayn

In memory of Barbara Avery, from Barbara & Jerry Enzenhauer

Given in memory of the late Larry Hoffman, from Betty J. Hyde

In honor of my beautiful daughter, Andrea Romaine Swift-King, who touched many lives and loved animals, from Norma Marshall

In memory of William C. Harris, from Martha Pattison

In memory of Bryant Butterfield, from Cherie & Jim Pickett

### *In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals*

Marge, I'll miss you, you sweetheart. From a heartbroken friend

In memory of pets Jasper & Sluggo McCollum, from Carrie & her critters

In loving memory of Thud Pickett, much loved and missed by Cherie & Jim, from Carrie & her critters

In memory of our special Golden Retriever, Pal, who is dearly missed, from Dorothy & Ed Fitzpatrick

In memory of "Margie," who curled herself around my legs and my heart, from Karen Groves

In memory of Large Marge, who knew she was loved, from Linda Harer

In memory of Raspberry, my faithful companion, who I had to have put to sleep, due to cancer. She will be greatly missed by many. From Judy Huggins Hall.

In memory of Laci, who shared my life so briefly but will be loved and remembered forever, from Janet Harker

In memory of Marge, from Janet Harker

In memory of all the kitties who came here for a bite to eat, from Roxanne Hildebrand

In memory of Minnie, cherished friend of Collette Shoeman and Mickey, from Claudia Huston

**"The cat and dog have too much spirit to have no heart."-E.Menaul**

In memory of Glacier, from John & Nancy Jost

In loving memory of AnnaBelle, Julie, Gray, Peaches, Sara, Sherlock, Tigger, Tucker & Wiskers, from Laurie McElroy

In memory of Caesar, from Laurie McElroy

In memory of Laci Harker, from Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital

In memory of Large Marge, from Bruce & Lori Page

In memory of Jawbreaker, Gary's beloved Barr Road feral tabby of eight years, from Sharon Quesnell

In memory of Missy Goldstien, from Deborah Rambo

In memory of Ginger, from Deborah Rambo

In honor of Frisco Ferrin, from Katherine Wagoner

In memory of sweet, brave Muffy, from all the Safe Haven volunteers who loved her

In memory of our dear doxie, Bonnie. In her too short 16 years she showed everyone she knew about loving and living well. We miss you so, little clown! Your persons, Gary & Carol Zellmer

## **Local 15-year old volunteer an inspiration to others**

"Where did all these new cat toys come from?," asked the Safe Haven shelter manager upon spotting several bags of unopened toys one day when he came back from running an errand.

"A nice young girl stopped by and just left them with us," offered one of the office volunteers.

It turns out that nice young girl was Ashiyah Cays, 15-year old Sequim High School ninth-grader. Ashiyah is Worthy Advisor in the International Order of Rainbow Girls. As an animal lover, she decided to do a service project that involved encouraging members of the public to buy new pet toys and then

give them to her, after which she would divide them up and give them to Peninsula Friends of Animals and the Clallam County Humane Society.

The fete was accomplished by standing outside of a Wal-Mart store and asking shoppers on their way in to buy the toys. The result was dozens of toys donated and a lot of happy cats at both Safe Haven and CCHS.

Your deed is greatly appreciated, Ashiyah, both by the other volunteers who admire what you did and by the cats who benefited as a result of your efforts.

## Too busy to volunteer at Safe Haven, but want to do *something*?

No one can do everything, but everyone can do something!

If you're one of the many people in our community who wants to help the animals but can't come to Safe Haven to do it, here are some suggestions. These are quick and easy ways of helping out without leaving your home or work place.

**Do your personal shopping at iGive.com.** It costs not a penny extra, and you can shop with hundreds of merchants you already know and trust. The best part is that a portion of your purchase price will be donated to PFOA if you name us as your charity of choice when you register with iGive. Just remember to *start* your shopping with your favorite merchants by logging on *first* to [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com).

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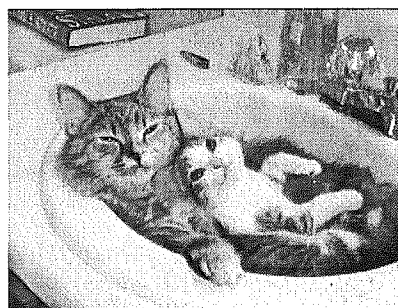
**Sponsor an adoption-challenged pet:** Just \$10 per month assures continuing quality care for one of PFOA's less adoptable pets. (PO Box 404, Sequim, WA 98382; designate "Sponsorship.")

**Make a donation to PFOA's Daily Expenses Fund.** Donors to PFOA most often remember the Spay/Neuter Fund and the Emergency Medical Fund but often overlook the one fund on which we depend the most: Daily Expenses. This is the fund that pays for all the pet food and litter that is used at Safe Haven. It pays for any veterinary care required by Safe Haven residents. It pays for cleaning supplies used on the premises. It pays for the water and electricity, the taxes, the insurance, and the telephone—all of which are vital elements when it comes to taking care of the animals. To participate, simply use the envelope that comes with this newsletter and check the line next to "Daily Expenses" when you make your next tax-deductible donation. You'll be contributing directly to all that goes into taking care of the animals who find their way to PFOA and Safe Haven.

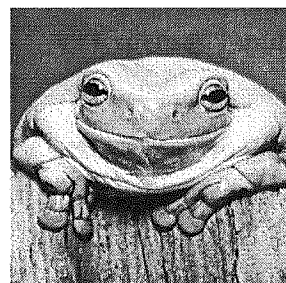
## SPOTTED ON THE INTERNET! —Submitted by Nancy Campbell & others



*What part of quiet don't you understand?*



*We is friends.....*



*Has anyone smiled at you yet today?*

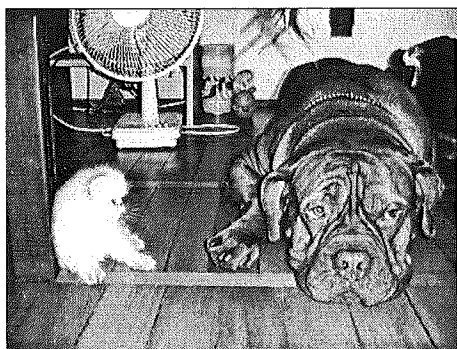
**"If you want the best seat in the house, you have to move the cat."**

—Unknown

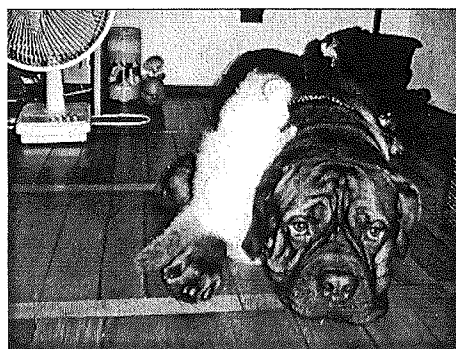
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