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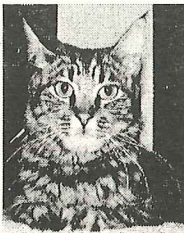


JUDY'S JOURNEY

—by Ann Gilson

It was an ordinary July morning, a bit warm, and PFOA member Judy White was on her way to the dump.

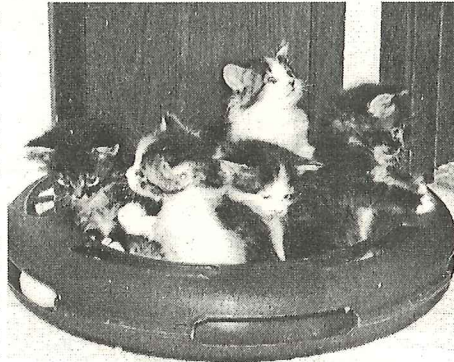
A large box, taped shut, sat in the middle of the road, with other smaller boxes scattered on the verge. Judy spotted them, slowed down, pulled over and braked to a stop. Got out, and even before she could pick up the larger box to move it off the road, heard a tiny cry of distress.



She pulled the box open and a small, but suspiciously round, tabby cat jumped out and climbed into her arms.

"She was sure glad to see me," says Judy, "and was happy to get into the carrier I always keep in my van."

Errand forgotten, Judy hastily checked the other boxes, then called Safe Haven on the phone and was told to take the cat to Sequim



Animal Hospital. When she got there it was determined that Miss Kitty (later to be named Judy in honor of her rescuer) was very much pregnant. —cont. Pg. 15

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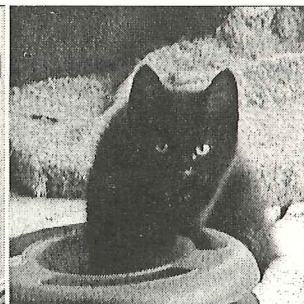
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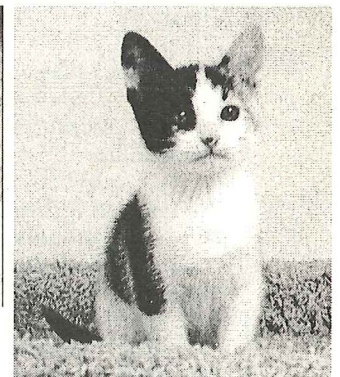
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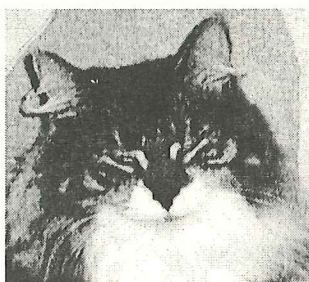


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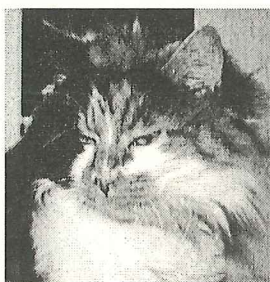


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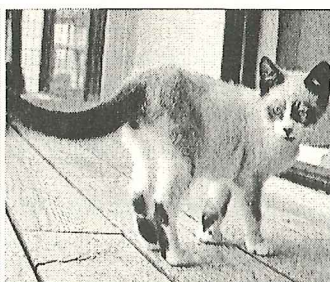
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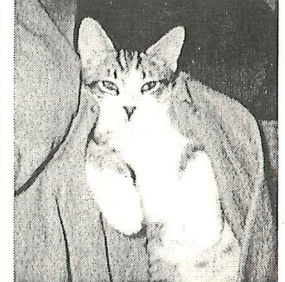
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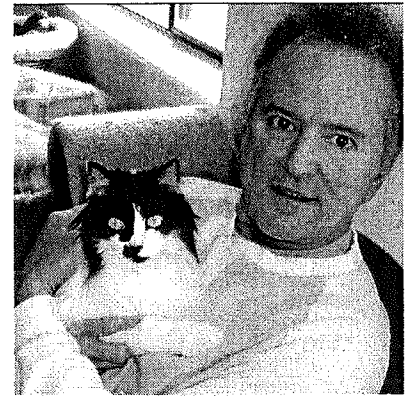
I am completely humbled by the overwhelming positive response that *Pet Tidings* has received and continues to get with each new issue. Your constant stream of notes, letters, e-mails and phone calls expressing your thanks to us for sharing stories of success for the animals we help has been invigorating and energizing.

Pet Tidings, though, is simply a vehicle to showcase the good work that PFOA does (and would do even without the newsletter). Without that work, there would be no heartwarming stories of sick and injured animals healed nor of

abused and abandoned animals being rescued, nor of successful adoptions. There would be no accounts of motherless kittens or puppies being bottle fed to health by human volunteers, or of elderly animals being cared for and loved during their last days, or of lost animals being re-united with their guardians. And there would be no profiles of dedicated volunteers spending hours and hours week in and week out doing everything in their power to help as many needy animals as is humanly possible.

Pet Tidings can only be as good as the work that PFOA is performing. It is entirely because of you, *Pet Tidings* readers and PFOA supporters, that this work is happening and hopefully will continue to take place for a long time into the future. Thanks to each and every one of you for helping PFOA to do the work that causes *Pet Tidings* to be so well received!

—GD



Much thanks to PETCO for allowing PFOA to promote its adoptable pets!

PFOA was invited to use PETCO's built-in adoption center cages to display some of our adoptable pets during the Sequim store's Grand Opening July 28-30, and then again during the entire month of August.

Hundreds of people visited the center during this time, resulting in the adoption of over a dozen Safe Haven cats and one PFOA fostered dog. Most of these adoptions would not have occurred without our presence at PETCO.

Additionally, nearly a dozen people signed up to participate in PFOA's low income spay/neuter program, resulting in the spaying and neutering of over 25 pets.

Many other people picked up PFOA's free bumper stickers, newsletters and brochures, and some bought our t-shirts or made donations.

Store manager Ross Guthner and all the PETCO employees were extremely friendly and accommodating during our time there.

A fun and successful time was had by all. Thanks to all 25 of the volunteers who staffed the information table during the five week stretch. Your help in making all of this possible was invaluable!



PFOA information table at the adoption center just inside the entrance to the new Sequim PETCO store

Savin' Miss Behavin'

—by Susan Skaggs

"Chuck, we're getting another bald Pom," I yelled as I hung up the phone. This would be the second Pomeranian with hair loss issues that we had fostered and, as with every other dog, the excitement of arrival was just as strong this time around.

There were no pictures coming this time. Instead, I'd meet Nancy Campbell, the adoption coordinator, at the vet's in the morning. In previous fosters, Nancy had sometimes been able to email me photos of the dog before it arrived, but it really didn't matter. I'd enjoy working with Miss Behavin' whatever she looked like.

I saw her for the first time in the vet's office, a beautiful tri-colored Pom weighing a mere five pounds. Gorgeous, that is, if you looked at her head-on. From the side she was a weebegone, bedraggled little dog. Her entire abdomen was hairless except for a few wispy strands the only indication of the thick, double Pomeranian coat she should have sported.

Dr. Madelyn Curll, the veterinarian who examined her, couldn't tell us what was contributing to the lack of hair, but a blood draw would start the process of eliminating the most obvious and debilitating of the medical conditions that could account for it. A mouth full of rotting teeth would also have to be dealt with before Missy could go to a new home, and she would need to be on thyroid medication for the rest of her life. As I cuddled her on the way back to my car, I knew my work was just beginning.

Dogs come into my care for any number of reasons: an owner's death, the expense of medical care, a move, or just because someone is no longer interested in them. Most of the time they come to me frightened and hurting. It's my job to take them to the vet, administer medication, get them on a good diet, house train if needed, and, most importantly, give them lots and lots of petting and attention.

The first medical test results came in shortly. Missy didn't have Cushing's Syndrome, and I breathed a sigh of relief. However, her glucose levels were high which meant I needed to "catch her urine" so she could be tested for diabetes. No problem with that, I thought. I'd done it

before with other dogs. I confidently stuck a clean jar lid under her little rear end as she squatted, and she immediately hopped up, cutting off the promising spray with only two or three drops in my receptacle. She refused to "perform" again. So we

returned to the house where, the minute my back was turned, she peed on the floor. This pattern of behavior was repeated twice more, confirming that this little dog had excellent bladder control.

I called Nancy Campbell in desperation. She suggested taping a

ladle to the end of a yardstick so I didn't have to bend over Missy to collect my sample. No luck. Miss Behavin' was as suspicious of that yardstick as she was of my stooping. I finally resorted to an eye dropper, carefully suctioning the remains of her "accident" into a sterile jar. I hoped the urine sample I was bringing to the vet didn't need to be "clean." Thankfully, when the test results came back there was no indication of diabetes.

My attempts to get Missy on a nutrient rich diet also resulted in trauma for her. Her system, poisoned by her rotting teeth and probably unused to better quality pet food, couldn't handle the change. She developed a full-blown case of diarrhea, and I developed "washer woman's elbow" from scrubbing carpet, bedding and kitchen floor. To stem the tide, I put her on a diet of rice, chicken breast and cottage cheese, which she ate with just as much gusto as she had the richer diet. Missy, for all her other problems, was an excellent eater.

Our second trip to the vet was for surgery. Missy had a number of teeth removed and a skin biopsy to determine the reason for her hair loss. She was a

pretty sore little girl when I brought her home. But Miss Behavin' has a sunny disposition. Grab a squeaky toy and squeeze, and she comes running, ready to play. She also loves a walk. Put her on a leash and she prances. I knew she'd make a lovely pet when she was ready.

It didn't take long to find someone who wanted her. Nancy Lawrence, who lives nearby, came twice to visit while Missy was in my care. She was enchanted by this precious little girl. On the second visit she told me: "Please don't take offense, but I think Missy, because she has three colors in her coat, is prettier than either of your Poms since they have solid color coats." I wanted to say: "But Nancy, the dog is bald." I held my tongue. This is the type of devotion we want from people who adopt PFOA animals.

Before Missy left me, the results from the skin biopsy had come in. It was found Missy had Alopecia X, which simply means "unexplained hair loss." It may be she never has a full Pomeranian coat, even though she is re-growing some of her missing hair.

On a sunny morning a little over two weeks after she arrived, Missy went to her forever home. My house seemed emptier without her. In the short time she was with me, she'd already found a place in my heart.

People ask me how I do it: foster dogs and then let them go. I suppose some of the reason is that I know I can't comfortably provide for more dogs than I currently have. I also know that I can help more dogs by fostering than by

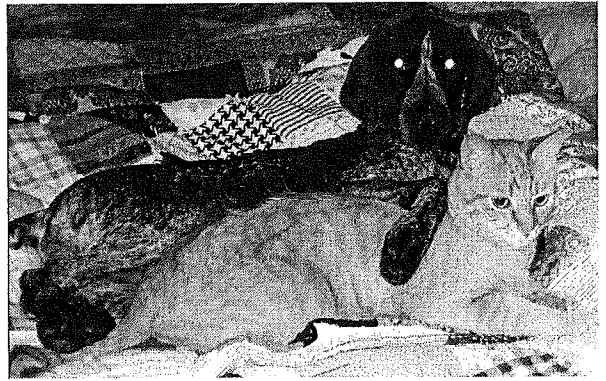
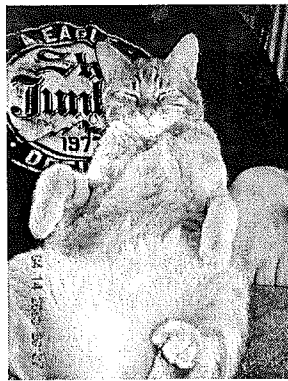
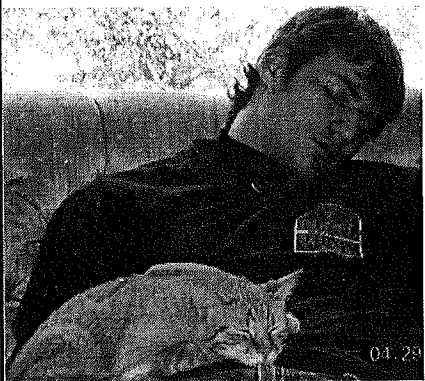
owning. I'm comforted, too, by being involved in the process. I meet the new owners and I see the dogs thrive in their care. And I'm very lucky to have a husband who supports my fostering and seems to enjoy it almost as much as I do. But mostly, the dogs give me back much more than I give them. For the time I have them, they love me with a total devotion that's impossible to find anywhere else in the world.



Miss Behavin' missing a whole lot of hair prior to medical care



Just weeks later, hair largely restored, and a new name: Kiku

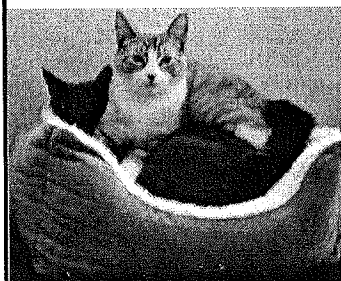


When Pam Fries adopted Snuggles (now re-named Todd) last year, he was a tiny kitten. Now a grown boy, Todd relaxes in the comfort of the Fries home. Whether it's a lap provided by son, Dave, or an arm wrapped around him by puppy, Saydee, there can be no doubt that this feline's forever home is the cat's meow!



Velcro and Marco Polo were just little guys when they left us this summer to go live with the Steebys of Sequim. Little no more, these boys look content as can be!

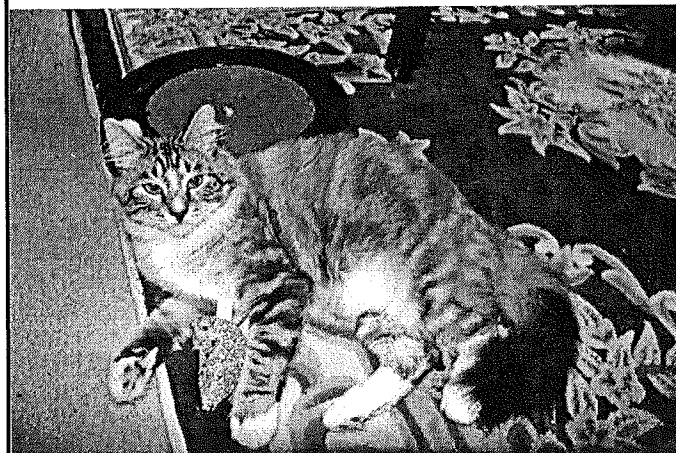
Former Safe Haven residents find love and joy in wonderful new homes of their very own!



It appears that Eli likes his new housemate, Miss Grace, just fine. Each was adopted from different rooms at Safe Haven, and several weeks apart. Adopter Eileen Franson of Sequim says that even though he was the last to arrive, Eli pretty much took over. Really?



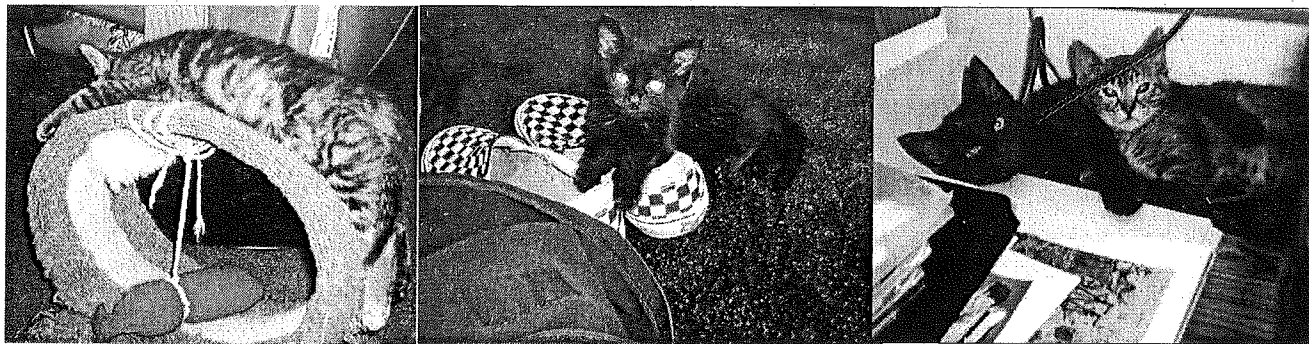
Gail has the look of a cat who's new home is just fine with her in this photo taken by her adopter, Kelli Phipps of Sequim.



People-friendly Curtis, re-named Cody by his adopters, relaxes in his new home. Dan & Mila Brammer of Bremerton adopted Curtis after seeing him on PFOA's web site.



Longtime favorite of the volunteers, Brady strikes an undignified (but immensely comfortable) pose on his new favorite chair in the home of Cherylann & Dennis Schmitt of Quilcene.



Carter—the tabby—and Madison—the black one— (re-named Calley and Halley by their adopter, Michael Tipton of Sequim), haven't had a bit of trouble finding places in the Tipton home to get comfortable!

**"Cats leave nose prints on our glasses
and paw prints on our hearts."**

—Unknown

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

—Unknown



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VET-SMARTZ

—by Dr. Virginia Johnson, Diplomate, American Board of Veterinary Practitioners

THE AGING PET, Part 1

When is a pet dog or cat considered a senior citizen? A general rule of thumb is that a dog or cat ages five years in human years to one year of theirs—with the first year of life being more like ten of ours.

With dogs, these generalizations need to be modified somewhat depending on the size and breed. Small dogs often live much longer lives than large breed dogs. Whereas large and giant breed dogs are often considered old at 10-12 years of age, small breed dogs can live until they are 15-18 years old.

I try to think of three stages of pets' age to help determine general guidelines on health care:

*Pets from birth to five years of age are like people up to approximately 35 years old. They are almost always young and healthy. They can eat foods that are marginally nutritious, can usually have higher amounts of salt and can often live a wild life without a lot of significant negative consequences. Young dogs and cats should have a

yearly health examination and should have annual vaccinations up to the age of three to four years.

*Dogs and cats aged from five to nine years are like middle-aged people. Many members of this group are very healthy and have no physical problems. Other pets in this age group will start to have physical problems of varying severity. This can be affected by breed in dogs since giant breed dogs are senior citizens at these ages, and smaller dogs are merely middle-aged. This is a good time for your pets to have annual health examinations and then diagnostic tests if any problems are found. Vaccinations should be given every two to three years depending on the amount of exposure each dog or cat has to other animals or groups of animals.

Cats or dogs that are ten or older are senior citizens. They are more likely to have health problems than younger pets. Consider having a complete health examination at least annually. If health problems are found, consider having health exams twice yearly to maintain your pet's good health. Many animals in

this age group may no longer need any vaccinations. This is something to discuss with your veterinarian, and depends on your pet's health status and exposure to other animals.

HEALTH PROBLEMS IN SENIOR CATS

Cats are often very healthy as they enter their senior years. Many cats can live to be 16 years old or older and have good health at these ages. Cats do have many viruses that are unique to the feline world, and can have other health problems.

*Probably the most common health problem in older cats is renal/kidney disease or renal failure. Cats with diseased or failing kidneys often drink extra water or urinate higher quantities of fluid. Pet owners often notice that they are cleaning the litter box more often or that the liquid in the box is greater. Cats with kidney disease may have increased appetite with moderate weight loss or they may have decreased appetite with weight loss. Their fur may be ruffled and less healthy than it had been before they had kidney troubles.—*cont. next page*

2007 fundraising calendar set for October release —by Nancy Rudolph

The 2007 fundraiser calendar, "Dogs 'n' Cats...and Artists, Too!" will make its debut sometime the first week of October. It features dogs and cats and women artists from Forks to Port Townsend—a dancer, poet, painter, sculptor, actress, musicians and more grace the pages this time. The whimsical, full-color calendars will sell for \$15 each at select stores (to be announced) and by mail, phone and website (using Paypal).

A calendar signing event is planned for sometime in mid-October along with a publicity campaign.

The calendar committee is looking forward to another successful fundraising adventure to help support Peninsula Friends of Animals and Safe Haven.

To order by mail: Send payment of \$15 per calendar plus shipping/handling as follows: \$3 for the first calendar ordered plus \$1 for each additional calendar.

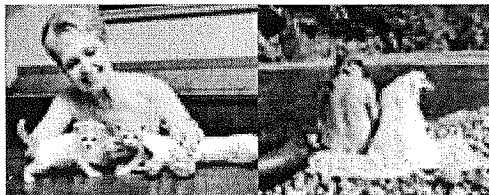
Mail to Calendar, PFOA, PO Box 404, Sequim, WA 98382.

To order by phone: Call 1-800-701-0488 and charge your purchase to your Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express.

To order online using a Paypal account: Go to www.charitycatcalendars.com and click on the Paypal link. Please

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Thanks to all who support PFOA's work via purchases of our 2007 calendar!



The 2004 and 2005 calendars were successful in raising funds that were instrumental in helping hundreds of cats and dogs that came into PFOA care.

VET-SMARTZ: THE AGING PET

—cont. from previous page

*Diabetes mellitus is fairly common in older cats. These cats may present clinical signs very similar to kidney disease. They are frequently dehydrated in spite of drinking massive quantities of water. They often lose weight in spite of having voracious appetites. With time, cats with Diabetes may appear to be very depressed and lose their appetites and then lose even more weight.

*Dental disease is more common in older cats. Since cats do not brush their teeth, teeth and gingiva can become very infected with resulting cavities or tooth loss. If cats have sore teeth, they often will not eat well or not chew their food well enough for it to be digested properly.

*Cancer is more common in older cats than in younger ones. Some cancers can be treated if found early in the course of the disease. Depending on the location or kind of cancer present, the presentation can be variable and tests will help find the problem.

*Many older cats will develop benign cancer in their thyroid glands. These cancers do not kill cats by metastasizing or spreading, but they produce large, abnormal amounts of thyroid hormone.

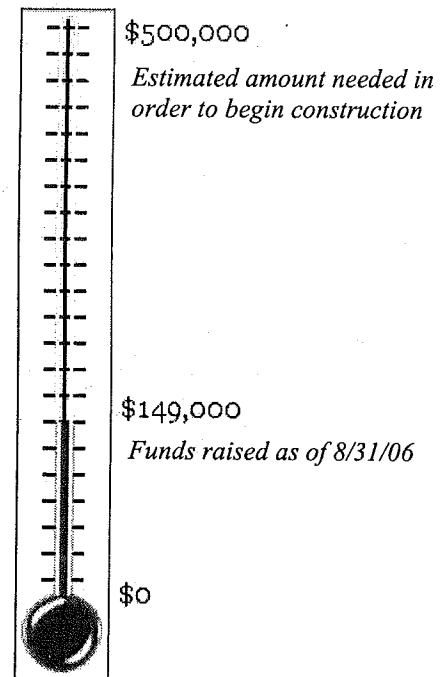
This hormone often causes cats to eat and drink very large amounts, but they lose large amounts of weight. These cats can develop diarrhea and heart problems. They can become dehydrated and can be in very poor health by the time they are seen by a veterinarian.

*Some viruses that cats get earlier in life do not cause problems until old age allows the cat to become more susceptible to the virus' effects in the body. These viruses then can cause dental disease, ocular problems, anemia, and even tumors and cancer.

In order to keep your cat as healthy as possible, I recommend at least an annual health examination, geriatric blood work, urinalysis and possible radiographs. These tests can be tempered depending on physical findings and problems found in each animal. Most health problems found in older pets can be treated and the animals helped if these problems are found early before the animal is severely ill.

Part 2 of this article will appear in the Winter, 2007, edition of *Pet Tidings*

Fund drive to build new adoption center continues



PFOA continues its drive to obtain the necessary funding to start construction of a state-of-the-art adoption center on the present Safe Haven grounds no later than 2008.

The new building will free up the current Safe Haven adoption building to be used as a lifetime care home for our feline friends whose guardians have provided for them. It will also serve as an emergency housing center for cats whose guardians are in crisis as a result of domestic abuse, fire or other unforeseen emergency circumstances.

Donations can be made to this fund by checking "Building Fund" on the envelope enclosed with this newsletter, or by writing those words on the memo line of your check.

Growing pains

—by Diane Lopez, President

Attention please, members and volunteers:

PFOA has grown, and we are facing the need to re-define and re-assign the increasing work load. Our Shelter Manager, Gary, has taken on more responsibilities than are reasonable to expect from one person and it is time to make some changes.

Beginning in September, Gary will be "on duty" at Safe Haven from 4pm each afternoon until 10am the following morning, doing many of the chores he already does. But he will leave the premises during the day, and a Daytime Shelter Manager has been hired to handle the daytime program and the issues that come up during those hours.

This is an important step we need to take. We have outgrown our "totally run by volunteers" status. There is simply too much for one person to do, and volunteers alone cannot guarantee the consistent presence needed to keep things running smoothly.

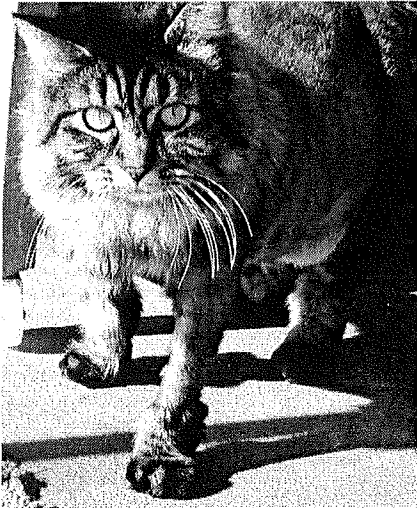
Needless to say, financially this will be a challenge, but it is one we must meet if we are to remain viable as an effective animal rescue organization with the many programs we maintain.

As part of the reorganization, Safe Haven will be closed on Sundays to everyone except the early morning cleaning people and the caretaker. If that is your preferred volunteer day, please contact Gary at pfoa@olypen.com to arrange an alternate day. One thing for sure is that we don't want to lose any of our devoted and valuable volunteer workers!

We will keep you posted as things evolve and changes are made. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions!

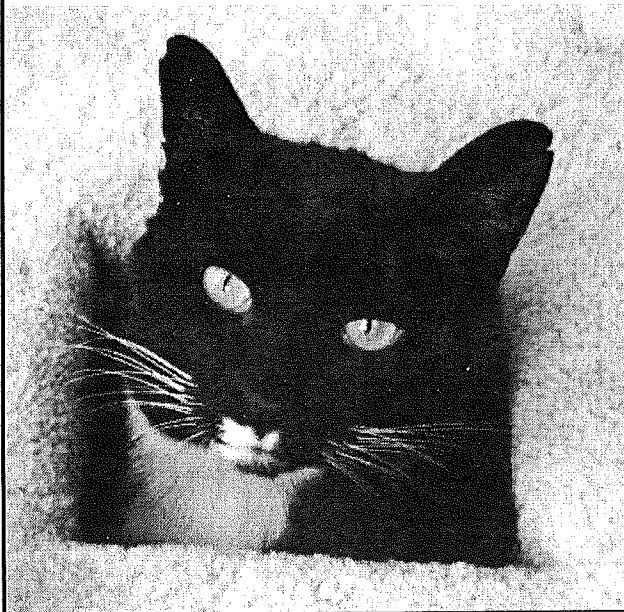
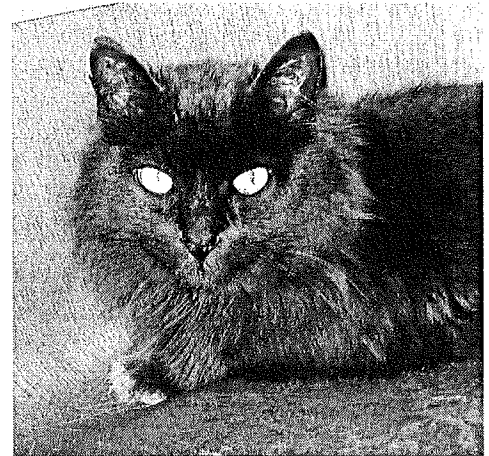
Safe Haven ADOPTABLES!

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.



MAGGIE is a wonderful spayed and micro-chipped female with classic Maine Coon looks who arrived at our vet's clinic in pretty horrific condition. She had mats and maggots, but is now completely free of both as she has been medically treated and shaved in a "lion cut." In spite of the neglect she has experienced, this is one of the most people-friendly cats we've ever had at Safe Haven. At 19 pounds, she is a bit on the obese side, so her new guardian may need to control her diet. And when her hair grows out, she'll need daily brushing in order to keep her looking beautiful and mat-free. Maggie is believed to be about two years old so will provide many years of loving companionship to her lucky adopter.

ARNOLD is described by his fosterer as "a very fine boy who just needs a little time and attention." He is an intensely dark gray, long-haired, neutered young cat (believed to be about two years old) who is up to date on his vaccinations and has been micro-chipped. Arnold appreciates human contact and tolerates other felines but isn't all that crazy about having to live amongst *so many* unknown cats. He would probably do best as an only cat, or one of a maximum of two others. Call soon! Arnold is a gorgeous guy who won't likely be here long.



BARRY is a big, incredibly sweet and friendly, neutered black and white male. He is mellow and non-aggressive with other cats, and just waits patiently in his room for the next human to enter. He is micro-chipped and up to date on his vaccinations. We estimate him to be about five years old. Just look at that face—who couldn't love this boy who wants so much to be *someone's* own? Could that someone be you?

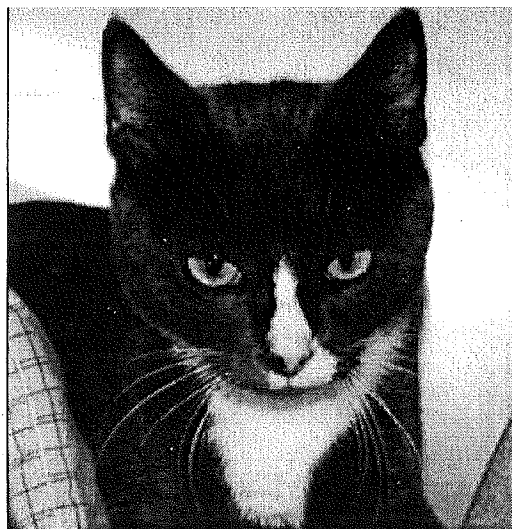
More Safe Haven ADOPTABLES!

SNOOP and PRINCESS are two young cats you may remember from their story in previous editions of *Pet Tidings*. They were the beloved pets of a family in medical crisis, and were fostered by PFOA volunteers last year while those issues were being resolved. The cats were reunited with the family this past spring, but a recent move made it impossible for the family to continue to provide the pets with the quality of life they deserve. Reluctantly, they have decided to give the cats over to PFOA in the hopes that a more stable home can be found for them.

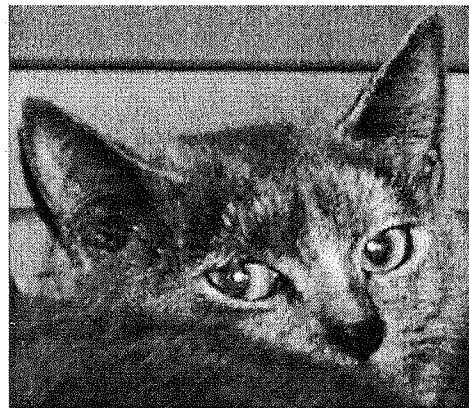
Snoop is a neutered male, a friendly and sometimes talkative little guy. He is short-haired, mostly gray with plenty of white markings. Princess is a smallish short-haired spayed tortoise shell, sister to Snoop, and is a sweet and friendly girl.

These cats have been through a lot of change and upheaval in their lives. They are very bonded as a result of their experiences. They deserve to settle permanently in a peaceful loving home, and we think they deserve to go to that home *together*.

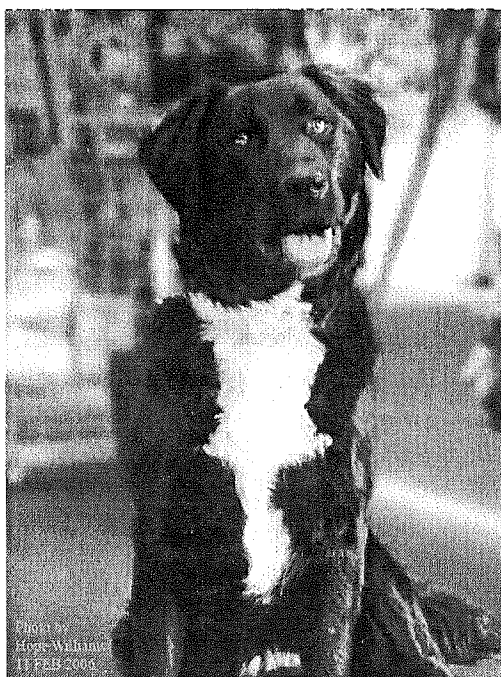
If you have room in your home and your heart for Snoop and Princess, we would like to hear from you.



Big brother, Snoop



Little sister, Princess



JACK is the large breed dog who has always lived with Snoop and Princess, above. He, too, is being surrendered, albeit reluctantly, by the family who believes that he will find a better, more stable home than they are currently able to provide. Jack is a neutered and micro-chipped young lad, not quite two years old, and his vaccinations are current. He is mostly black with a white chest. Jack is super friendly and wonderfully "goofy." He is the right choice for just about anyone who desires a near perfect incarnation of man's best friend.

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SPECIAL THANKS goes out to **Dave Oldenkamp**, owner of **Dave's Heating & Cooling Service, Inc.** for fixing the heat pumps at Safe Haven so that the air conditioning works properly!

Thirty or so regular volunteers and nearly twice that number of feline residents are grateful indeed!

A day in the life of a shelter manager

—by Mary Margolis

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live with 55 fantastic felines? What would a typical day be like?

Resident Manager Gary Del Mastro cares for the Safe Haven felines and the building in which they live. When asked what he does on a "typical" day, Gary said, "I do feeding, medicating, grooming, litter box scooping, general cleaning and straightening-up, laundry, dishes, disinfecting of cages/traps/litter boxes, email communication, phone answering, appointment scheduling, document faxing, internet research, database entry, proofreading, mail processing, tours, adoptions, volunteer supervision, newsletter editing and publishing, and sometimes

transporting of cats, food or supplies."

Gary's day starts early, at 4:00 a.m. "By 4:00 p.m., I'm starting to get pretty tired and cranky," Gary jokes that "the volunteers are usually happy to bid me adieu at the end of the day!" But Gary is grateful for those volunteers, whose presence often allows him to get a few hours away.

As most of us feel, one can't have too many cats. Gary agrees. He said, "No number of cats is too many, as long as the building in which they live can accommodate them without an undue amount of stress. We have found that the stress level starts to kick in when we are around 55, so we've managed so far

never to exceed that number." Having volunteer foster homes has been especially helpful.

"I feel that the important part of my work is directly attending to the cats," Gary said. He is not especially fond of having to spend valuable time on building maintenance issues or excessive paper work.

"Although I've had to sacrifice some things in order to do this job," Gary stated, "I don't regret anything. Helping animals in need makes it all worth it. I am incredibly passionate about cats and their well being. Doing this job feels natural and easy."

One thing is for sure: Gary is wonderful at his job. His work is much appreciated. He is an "ins-purr-ation!" to us all!

VOLUNTEER: Joan Woods

Joan Woods has been a volunteer at Safe Haven for three years since moving to Sequim after retiring from her position as Chief Financial Officer of Media Aviation at Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, California.

Joan has always had a great love of animals. Moving to Sequim gave her the opportunity to become more active in this pursuit. She was introduced to alpacas during one of the annual area farm tours and promptly brought home two male half brothers, Sunny and



Joan with chiropractor Marc Ferrin's dog, Frisco

Stormy, who immediately became members of her family. The other family member ("the boss") is Topaz, a 12-year old Himalayan that has been with Joan since kittenhood. In addition, Joan's Sequim house purchase included two barn cats,

Daisy and Thomas. Joan says Daisy helped her meet her new neighbors, as Daisy is good friends with all the people in the neighborhood including their cats and dogs.

Joan's hobbies include barbershop harmony, in which

she and her family have been involved since the mid 1950's. She also enjoys hosting parties, playing Charades, and generally being social and friendly with all the people and pets who come into her life.

At Safe Haven, Joan's responsibilities include answering telephone calls, referring messages, contacting veterinarians for information and appointments, and faxing orders and authorizations to the various veterinarians with whom we work. And Joan wouldn't be caught coming to Safe Haven without her iced tea and wasabi peas to help her pass her day!

We love you, Joan!

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Special People

In memory of **Frank Palmer**, from **Dana M. Avila**

Helen, in memory of **Carl**, who loved cats as you do. With love, **Michelle Bash**.

In memory of **Colonel Frank S. Palmer**, from **Oliver C. Bateman**

In memory of **Uncle Frank**, from **Patricia J. Bippes**

In memory of **Frank Palmer**, from **Lisa Bohman's Qwest Co-Workers**

In memory of **Carl Hille**, from **Boo-grrs, Kiki and L'il Bit**

In memory of **Carl Hille**, beloved husband of Helen, from **Dallas & Nancy Campbell**

In memory of **Frank Palmer**, beloved husband of Sharon and a true friend to animals, from **Dallas & Nancy Campbell**



Frank holding 8-week old kittens Kyoto, Iching & Maling

FRANK PALMER, husband of PFOA board member and volunteer spay/neuter coordinator Sharon Palmer, has died of a stroke at the age of 86.

From his days as a military hero (he was one of the famed Flying Tigers) to the end of his life, Frank was a lover of animals. Those of you who have adopted an especially well socialized pet from PFOA might very well have gotten one that Frank and Sharon lovingly fostered in their home at one time or another.

Among the PFOA pets that the Palmers fostered are Ole, Olga, Drambuie, Kahlua, Ouzo, White Russian (Rushy), Tia Marie, Carrie, Serenity, Sassy, Chloe, Oprah, Romeo, Pacino, Camille, Clyde, Colleen, Claire, GG, Jules, Pearl, Nils, Lester, Luke, Leo, Kyoto, Iching, Maling, Fred, Ethel, Riley, Sheba, Hope, Gracie, Andy, Peter, Randy, Ricky, Roger, Ichiro, Starsky, T-Baby, Pat, Mike, Boris, Ivan, Tooter, Melanie, Colt, Ringo, Hazel, Jasper, Winnie, Lucy, Desi, Eli, Peaches and Frankie.

It was always especially difficult for Frank to part with his foster pets, and he was greatly admired and appreciated by PFOA for his kindness toward those animals.

Although he will be missed by we humans, it seems likely that Frank is now surrounded by all the cats and dogs he could ever wish for, and that he will never again have to say goodbye to any of them.

In memory of **Frank Palmer**, from **Marlene K. Churlin**

In memory of dear **Carl Hille**, from **Sara Courtney**

In memory of **Frank Palmer**, from **Mr. & Mrs. Don Dahl**

In memory of **Frank Palmer**, from **Betty Dayton**

In **Carl's** memory from **Ed & Dorothea**

In remembrance and honor of **Mary Gregory**, from **Betty F. & Julius H. Gregory**

In memory of PFOA founding member and wonderful feline foster dad **Carl Hille**, from **Janet Harker**

In memory of **Frank Palmer**, a wonderful feline foster dad who will be missed by all of us, from **Janet Harker**

In memory of **Frank Palmer**, from **Janet Heath**

In memory of **Carl Hille**, a true friend of animals and mail carriers, too. From **Lacy Hennessey**

In memory of **Frank Palmer**, from **Helen & Carl Hille**

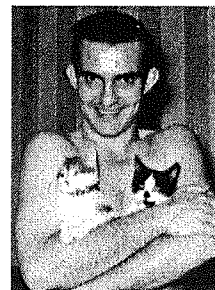
In memory of **Frank Palmer**, from **Dorothy A. Hutt**

CARL HILLE, who along with his wife, Helen, was a PFOA founding member and longtime kitten "foster parent," died at home on July 24 after an extended illness.

Carl was the ultimate family man, and his big smile was always most prominent when in the company of his two daughters or any one of his wavering number of cats.

Helen (PFOA webmaster/photographer) says Carl's mother would never let him have pets of any kind. So two weeks after they were married, he came home with felines Baby Doll and Squirt. "I knew I had married the right man," Helen says.

PFOA is fortunate, indeed, to have been able to experience Carl's friendliness and compassion—even though for not nearly enough time.



Carl at age 23, holding his and Helen's first two kittens, Baby Doll and Squirt



Carl and former Hille foster cat (and later Safe Haven resident) Kahlua, in 2004

more Memorials and Honorariums

In memory of **Lawrence Hoffman** (our brother-in-law), from **Donnette Hyde & Chris Leon**

In memory of **Frank Palmer**, from **Stephanie J. & M. Richard Johnson**

In memory of **Frank Palmer**, husband of Sharon Palmer, from **Marilyn Kottler**

In memory of my beloved neighbor, **Bill Adair**, from **Kerry McCool**

In memory of **Frank S. Palmer**, from **Dorothy V. Nichols**

In memory of **Frank Palmer**, from **Pauline F. O'Connell**

In memory of my cousin, **Frank Palmer**, from **Lloyd A. Palmer**

In memory of **Carl Hille**, from **Sharon Palmer**

In honor of **Carl Hille** of Sequim, from **Kirsten Park**

In memory of **Frank Palmer**, from **Robert E. Resch**

In memory of **Carl Hille**, from **Ellie Schmidt** (Sunny Farms Country Store)

In memory of **Frank Palmer**, from **Geraldine Whelan**

In memory of **Col. Frank Stuart Palmer**, who will be sorely missed by all who knew him and served with him, from **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Williams, Jr.**

In memory of **Frank Palmer**, from **Pam Winney**

In Honor of Special Friends

My grateful thanks to **Angus and Marjorie** for their devoted care for Ahab while fostering him. Two very special people. Thanks. **Ann Gilson**.

A birthday present to honor **Dr. Milton Patrie**, from **Natalie Spiegel**

**"When one tugs at a single thing in nature,
he finds it attached to the rest of the
world."**

—John Muir

In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

In memory of **Hannah**, from **Tom & Lynda Bailey**

In memory of **Betsy Boone**, our precious, furry daughter, from **Mom and Dad**

In memory of **Ann Gilson's** beloved cats **Dandelion, Parsnip, Aberdeen, Gilligan, and Ahab**, from **Dallas & Nancy Campbell**

In loving memory of **Claire Bernard's** most special friend, **Prince**, from **Dallas & Nancy Campbell**

In memory of sweet, quiet **Dandelion** who walked beside me many years, from **Ann Gilson**

For **Parsnip**, beloved black kitty who rejoined his companion and brother, **Greenleaf**, at long last this June, from **Ann Gilson**

In memory of **Aberdeen**, dear companion of my soul, from **Ann Gilson**

In memory of **Captain Ahab**, from **Janet Harker**

In memory of **Claire & Allan Bernards' Prince**, from **Janet Harker**

In memory of **Sharon Palmer's Peaches**, from **Janet Harker**

In memory of **Nancy & Dallas Campbell's Betsy**, from **Janet Harker**

In memory of **Ann Gilson's Dandelion, Parsnip, Gilligan and Aberdeen**—so many of her family lost so quickly—from **Janet Harker**

In memory of **Graybee**, loving companion of **Peggy DeBroux**, from **Claudia Huston**

In memory of **Stacey Rose**, missed by her neighbors **Jim and Jan**

In loving memory of **China, Peony, Pansy, Scrap and Muffin**, my five Fern Court/WoodsHaven cats, who gave me such love and joy from 1990-2006, with gratitude. **Susan Kreml**.

In memory of **Ann Gilson's Dandelion, Gilligan & Parsnip**, from **Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital**

In memory of **Beth Norris' Ozzie**, from **Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital**

In memory of **Suzi Schmitt's Fritzie**, from **Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital**

In loving memory of **Little Boy**, who will be dearly missed by **Gloria Shepard**, from **Victoria Shepard**

In memory of **Gloria's Little Boy cat**, from **Lois & Don Sorg**

Popular way to help: Sponsor an adoption-challenged pet!

More and more of the supporters of organizations who help animals are stepping forward to sponsor "difficult to place" animals in those groups' care. PFOA is fortunate to have dozens of people in our community who are willing to help in this way.

Sponsoring an adoption-challenged pet is as easy as can be! Simply check the appropriate line on the donation envelope that came with this newsletter (or on the form on the back page) and enclose the monthly donation of \$10 (or the yearly or lifetime donations if you so choose) and you've become a sponsor! You'll receive back in the mail pictures of your sponsored pet along with that pet's story, and you may even receive occasional updates when there is news to share about that particular pet.

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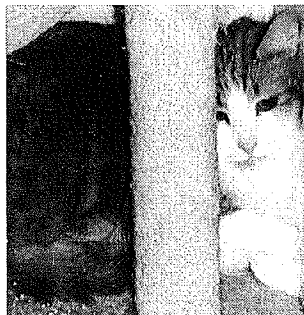
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Thank you sponsors, one and all! You are all very important and special to PFOA and the pets you sponsor.



Rutabaga endured early life traumas that have caused him to be shy and wary of most people

CAT NIPS

CONFESSION:

I admit it.

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and a priceless colorful furry coat.

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—by Karen Groves

Safe Haven WISH LIST

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Paper towels
Plastic trash bags (13 gallon size)
Sharpie black markers

For the community:

Dry cat food (any brand, for donating to needy pet guardians)
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For the volunteers:

Bottled water
Individually packaged snacks
Name badge holders

"Dare to Dream" wish:

High speed laser jet printer/copier

Judy's journey leads to new beginning and six lives saved

—cont. from Pg. 1

So much so, in fact, that about two hours after arriving at the hospital she gave birth to five black and white kittens.

Well, now what? The call went out to PFOA's volunteers, and Sandra Johnson agreed to foster mom Judy and babies until they were old enough to come to Safe Haven for adoption (about eight weeks).

Sandra has a dog and a cat of her own, but this is her first fostering experience and she loves it. Her pets

have hearts as big as hers, it seems, for they have not been upset by this invasion of their home.

They seem to enjoy the very active 7-week old kittens who climb and tumble and wrestle and run everywhere. It's a pretty lively household right now!

Sandra thinks she'll really miss having them around when they move to Safe Haven. "I can give them up only because I know they'll go to really good homes. But it will be hard to say goodbye to these fluffy, friendly, little guys and their mom."

The end of the story of Judy and her kittens, which might have ended under the wheels of a truck on the road to the dump, is now up to the loving adopters who will eventually discover that Judy or one of her kittens is *their* dream kitty.

Only because of PFOA's many members and contributors, this little family may now all find happiness and long lives in place of the abandonment and death they so narrowly escaped.

Annual "Paws in the Garden" event is fun and successful for PFOA

Vision Landscape Nursery's annual "Paws in the Garden" weekend in August to benefit local animal groups was another wonderful opportunity for PFOA to network with the community and raise funds for the organization. The two day celebration netted hundreds of dollars for each of the five groups that were represented and was an



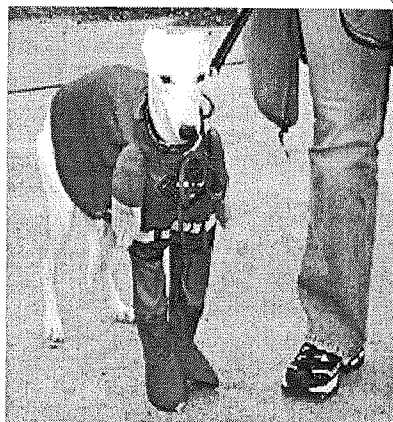
extremely pleasant way for the volunteers, artists and musicians to spend a good weather weekend.

Special thanks to Claire and Allen Bernards for allowing us all to get together for the art, music, free refreshments, information, and fun! We all look forward to participating again next year!



SPOTTED ON THE INTERNET ("Ready for Halloween!")

—submitted by Nancy Campbell, Don & Janice Jenkins, Barry Sullock, Mary Margolis and others



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