

# Pet Tidings

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## Together, still and always

By Ann Gilson

Some rare humans are blessed with a friendship that may well mean more to them than any familial affections, or even marital ties, and that last a lifetime. And though it is seldom recognized, so are some cats. Mae and Hiway have been such a pair, from the day they were born.

From that day, it has often seemed as if Fate were trying to separate them, with their intense love for each other their only ally.



**Mae and Hiway were adopted together, remaining as devoted in adulthood as they were in kittenhood.**

They were part of a litter of kittens born to a young mother cat whose owner

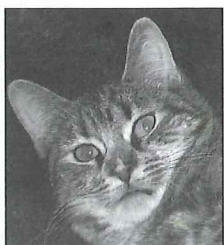
died suddenly when the kittens were only 4 weeks old.

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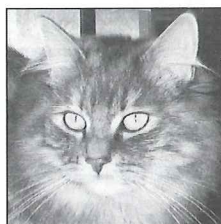
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**Saline**



**Mae**

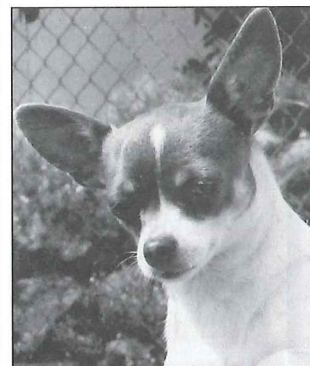


**Braveheart**

**Adopted!**

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## *From the Editor's desk*

**The story of Mae and Hiway,** beginning on Page 1 in this issue, points up one of the differences between our no-kill shelter for cats, Safe Haven, and traditional animal shelters.

That difference is that *every* animal we can accept is valued as an individual and that we put his or her welfare first in everything we do.

Not the convenience of the staff and volunteers. Not the wishes of potential adopters. Not the expense nor effort involved. But first, last, and always, the welfare of the pet who has become our responsibility.

Are we perfect? Sadly, no, indeed! But we do the very best we can to determine what is best for the pet, and then go to sometimes almost impossible lengths to achieve it.

That is where *you*, our friends and sup-

porters, come in. Without your help — without the money and goods and services you donate, day after day and year after year — none of this would be possible.

Safe Haven could not operate, or even exist. We could not offer hope to the thousands of people and pets we have helped and will continue to help. We could not find homes for abandoned pets, nor offer low-cost spaying and neutering for pets, nor help in medical emergencies. Your concern, compassion, and caring are what makes PFOA and all its many programs possible.

*Pet Tidings* is our way of telling you (and our community) what your efforts, channeled through PFOA, are doing to help those who would have no help without you.

It's a wonderful story and we hope to tell it for many years to come.

# Ahhh . . . this is the life!



**Dear PFOA,**

Victoria, left, and McPhee have the run of the house, yard and shop building. They tease the three dogs and two older cats, try to stalk the cockatoo, and bring in shrews and worms.

McPhee is the "Cat Deluxe," and

Vicoria is cutesy-silly. He meows and she talks with kitty noises while flicking her tail and bobbing like Topsy. She also suckles herself.

Thanks for putting us all together.

Sincerely,  
**Randy Okerman**



# Mae and Hiway — in their forever home

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They might have been given away, one at a time, at that young age. Or they could have gone to a shelter and been adopted or euthanized as Fate decreed.

Instead, they were rescued by PFOA, and went as a family to one of our wonderful foster homes to stay until the kittens were old enough to get their immunizations and go on to Safe Haven.

What fun they all had during their stay with Pam and Donna, who gave them all the love and attention any cats could want. But from the very first, everyone noticed that Mae and Hiway had a special bond — Mae outgoing, friendly, and into everything, with Hiway a little shyer and quieter, but just as sweet.

**Their greatest joy** was being together, and while they tumbled and played with their siblings, and cuddled close to Momcat, it was plain to see that each came first with the other.

So plain, in fact, that it was decided that they must not be separated, but adopted as a pair. Since it takes longer to adopt a pair, many shelters do not consider it, but at PFOA we always insist on it if two cats would be unhappy to be separated.

Fortunately, before they could even move to Safe Haven, Momcat and the three other kittens quickly found excellent homes. And then one day a couple came who fell in love with them *both* and took the two happy kittens home with them. All was well.

The new guardians shortly had to



**Mae and Hiway, front, came from a beautiful, part-Siamese cat. Momcat, along with all her kittens, were adopted from PFOA with happy endings.**

move cross-country to the east coast, but Mae and Hiway went right along. Then they moved back here, and the two cats again came along, seemingly unaffected by the many changes in their short lives.

Then, finally another move, and they had to move clear out of the country this time. Mae and Hiway couldn't go.

So last September they came back to Safe Haven, bereft of the home and the people they loved, but still together. Together they adjusted to this latest upset, but Hiway became more dependent on Mae and even less outgoing than before.

Over the next months, several people wanted to adopt friendly Mae, but not the pair. This was not an option for us, so we and the cats kept waiting.

Just as we knew they would, the perfect couple finally came along. Lee and Kim Holt had just lost their beloved 18-year-old cat and came

looking for a pair of cats who would get along and enjoy each others company while the couple were at work.

They looked at all our cats and played with and petted those who approached. Mae was right out in front.

But Hiway was feeling very shy that day and held back. Bless those folks, they understood when they heard the story of all the changes he'd been through. So Mae and Hiway went home with them — together still.

**Of course, we checked** on how they were doing and the answer was "just fine — they made themselves right at home and Hiway is just as sweet as you said."

With PFOA's help, Mae and Hiway have defied the Fate that might have separated them. They are safe and happy with two human companions, and each other — loving best friends, together still.

# A Penny for your thoughts

By Susan Skaggs

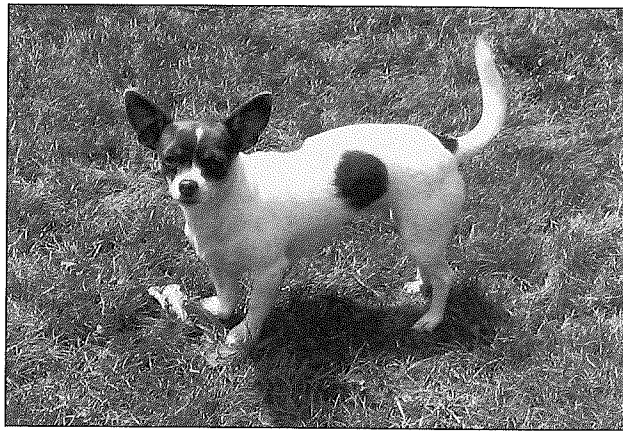
**P**enny, a Chihuahua-terrier mix with a congenital defect in her right front foot, came into PFOA's care when she was a year old. She's a charmer, and Earl Gilson immediately fell in love and adopted her.

Earl spent a lot of time in his woodworking shop and was hoping for a dog who would accompany him there. Penny, however, cowered and peed at the sound of the power equipment. She had other issues, too. She refused to wear a collar, and she wouldn't ride "politely" in a car, but ricocheted from window to window or insisted on the driver's seat. She would also shy away and run when someone (even a trusted friend) tried to pick her up.

**Because Earl was so busy** with his volunteer work and Penny so "unportable," she spent long hours alone at home with only Earl's cat for company. Still, she was very attached to Earl and spent every waking- and sleeping- moment with him when he was home.

A year later when Earl became seriously ill, Penny just didn't understand. She became very insecure and insisted on sitting, walking and lying on him. As Earl's condition worsened, it became an impossible situation. PFOA Adoption Coordinator Nancy Campbell decided it was best to move Penny to another forever family.

The new couple welcomed Penny into their home fully expecting



**Penny never let a deformed front paw slow her down.**

their love and attention to create the dog of their dreams. But Penny's issues were more than they could handle. The husband had a loud voice, which terrorized the little Chihuahua. Even though he always treated her kindly, her skittishness grew. Within two weeks Penny was returned to PFOA.

That's when Nancy brought her to my house. The minute she put Penny down, the little crooked-pawed dog took off running. Her deformity in no way slowed her down as she ran spirographs in my large, fenced yard, with a silly grin on her puckish face.

**The hunt for a new home** for Penny began. The first offer was from a couple who didn't have a fenced yard. I knew for Penny this just wouldn't work. Weeks passed, and as hard as I worked to socialize her, Penny still wouldn't let me pick her up, and if I so much as reached for her, she'd flee.

My husband Chuck and I soon learned that Penny was not only smart, she was very stubborn about her hang-ups. I insisted she wear a collar and eventually was able to

walk her on a leash, but after every bath, it was a battle to get the collar back on. She was determined to sleep with me under the blankets every night, even though she barked and snapped anytime someone touched the spot she was in.

**That bark, too,** was no small matter. Reminding me more of a Jack Russell yammer than a Chihuahua yap, she employed it whenever

anyone or anything passed by. Also, when she was nervous, which was often, Penny "leaked." I spent a good deal of time cleaning spots from my carpet.

Still, Chuck and I enjoyed her company. She was giddily affectionate, and had to be taught the command "No lickies!" to keep her tongue out of our mouths, ears and noses.

**Penny adored everyone,** especially little girls. We began to send her out on home visits, but Penny sabotaged them all. It soon became clear to me: Penny considered herself home and couldn't understand why I kept sending her away. It was heartbreaking, but I could see no way around it. Chuck and I were planning to retire soon and intended to travel. Our own two dogs and two semi-feral cats were already way too many critters for our 24-foot trailer.

It was Chuck who came up with the solution. Why not see if Earl's widow, Ann, who had several cats of her own, would add our two to her pride?

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# Ask PFOA: How can I keep my cat both safe and happy out of doors?

If someone were to ask us what one thing would do most to assure their pet a long, healthy life, the short answer would be "have an indoor-only pet."

The long, and possibly more accurate answer, would be "have an indoor-only pet with controlled access to a *secure* outdoor enclosure."

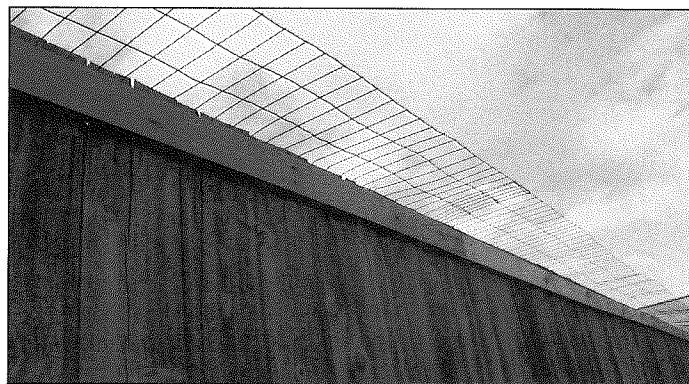
Both options protect your pet from cars, disease exposure, parasites, poisons such as antifreeze and slug bait, fights with other animals, and malicious humans.

Additionally, a safe outdoor enclosure offers the plus of sunshine, fresh air, and entertainment watching and interacting with sights, sounds and smells unavailable indoors.

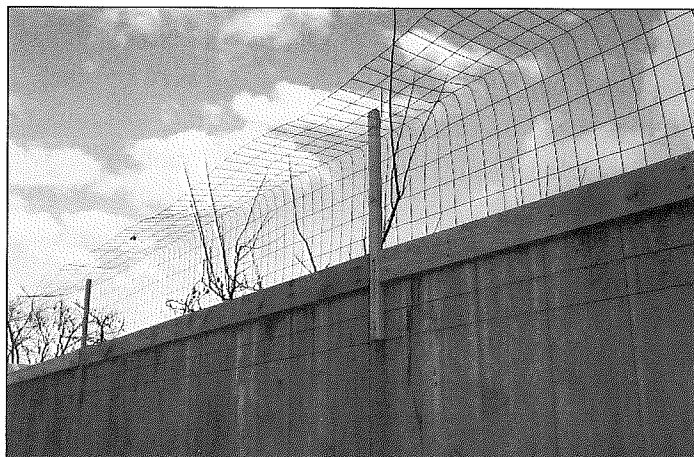
A safe enclosure for dogs is simple enough to provide - a strong high fence that cannot be dug under and is lockable is sufficient in most cases.

But for cats more is needed, because cats can climb and jump. It must also keep predators and other cats *out*. However, such enclosures can be relatively simple and inexpensive, especially if one is a handyperson and uses recycled material.

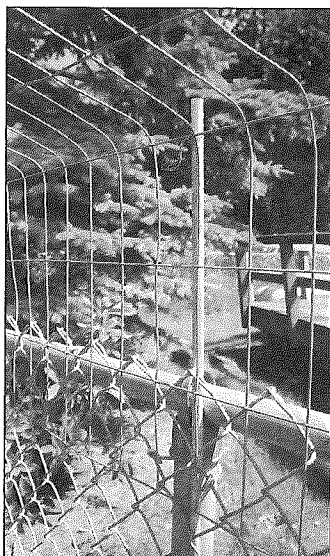
Ideally, cat enclosures can be entered only from the house, but larger free-standing outdoor "rooms" can be made reasonably secure. The pictured enclosures show how some Peninsula owners have provided safe outdoor experience for their indoor-only pets.



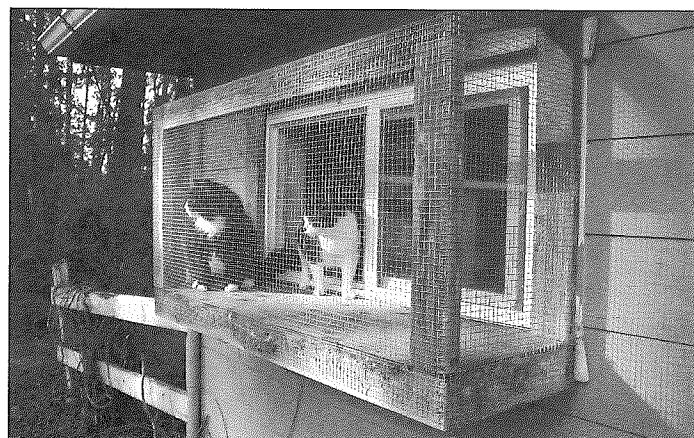
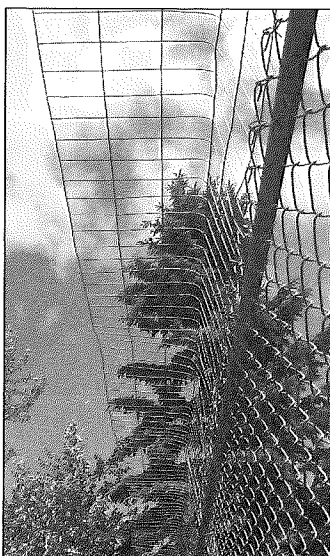
**Bend wire over a fence at a 45-degree angle and secure with strips of lumber. This is enough for a high fence, especially with older cats.**



**Wire can be extended to add height to a shorter fence. Secure with strips of lumber nailed vertically.**

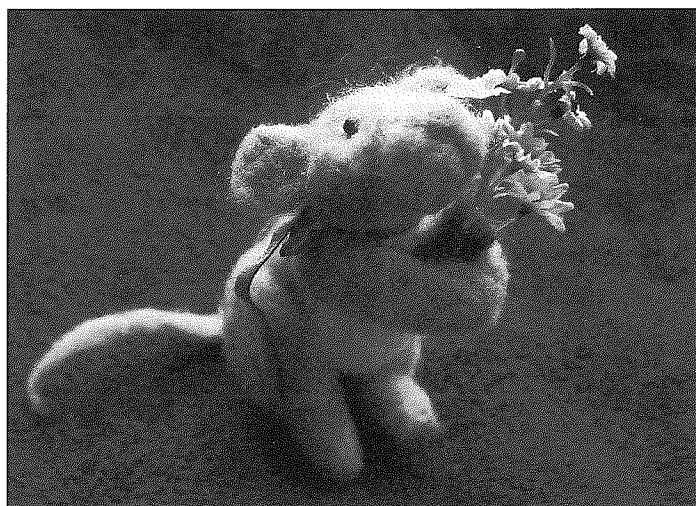


**Wire fencing is bent at an angle and attached to a 4-foot chain link fence with more wire and dowels. Metal rods would last through Northwest rains better.**



**For rental dwellings without yards, or for a low-budget option, enclosures can be built around windows.**

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A little mouse, left, a kitty, and a polar bear, below, are just some of Ellen Olga Lloyd's felt creations.

## Fiber artist donates critter sales

**Ellen Olga Lloyd, co-owner** along with husband John, of Olga's Yurt of Fiber, has pledged to highlight and sell one of her fiber art creations to benefit PFOA each week from May through October at the Sequim Open Aire Market and the Farmers Market in Port Gamble.

Ellen Olga, in addition to processing fiber for area spinners and weavers, creates felt, a non-woven fabric made by tangling wool, alpaca fiber or llama fiber.

One of the processes she uses is called "needle felting" and from

this she creates her "special critters."

Needle felting consists of taking wool or other fiber and sculpting it into an animal by rolling it up and "jabbing" it with a special barbed needle. As she jabs the wool, it becomes matted and more dense.

This matting causes the fiber to turn to felt, and in Ellen Olga's hands, to become delightful little animals just perfect for fundraising.

Look for Ellen Olga and her adorable felt critters at the Open Aire and Farmers Markets, and support PFOA with your purchase!



## Penny: *She knew where she belonged*

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Since Penny is a cat chaser, Ann couldn't take her into her home, so she was eager for us to adopt her. A trade was suggested: Penny, for two kitties.

Nancy Campbell brokered the deal. Soon Penny was officially ours and our kitties were happily

living at Ann's — a win for all involved. Almost two years later, Penny is a dear and loving addition to our family.

I can pick her up whenever I need or want to. She rarely springs a leak and wears her collar with a jaunty flair on our walks. Her bark remains as imperious as ever, but she's learned the "no bark" command and can actually soften her

voice to accommodate.

Chuck has completely broken her of licking his face. I enjoy her lavishings of affection too much to work as hard on that as I should.

It took us a long while to discover what Penny knew from the beginning.

Our home is hers, and she belongs here.

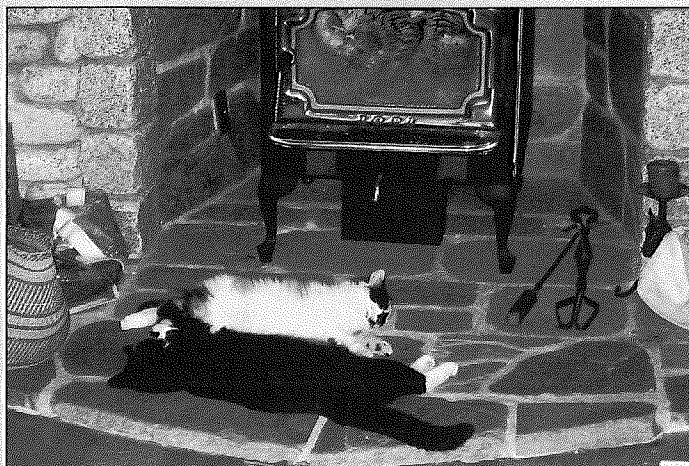


**Dear PFOA,**

Just a quick update to say how much we love our kitties, **Gizmo and Susu.**

Here is a picture of them at rest. They deserve it, as they have a very busy day that starts early and goes late.

Thanks and Happy New Year,  
**Wendy Whittmore**  
and **Chris Burke**



Paige, left, snuggles with her buddy Max (just her size!) at the Troy and Ida Last household in Sequim. Paige was adopted from PFOA in September and fit right in.

Helen's Hille's cat, Mr. Kitty, peers at a visiting deer in Sequim through the window in January. Mr. Kitty is 13 years old, first fostered by Helen, then adopted by her.



**Holly, the boxer,** got her name because she arrived at her forever home the day before Christmas several years ago.

Loved by the Olson children and an integral part of her new family, Holly's life should have been perfect. Unfortunately, Holly escaped from her yard and was hit by a car on Dec. 10, 2006. It was a particularly bad time for her family to have another large bill.

Luckily, PFOA was there with its Emergency Medical Fund to help with a portion of the cost of vet care. Holly is now recovering and should be good as new.

The family writes: "Thank you for helping our dog get better. We really appreciate it.

Forever, **Arika.**

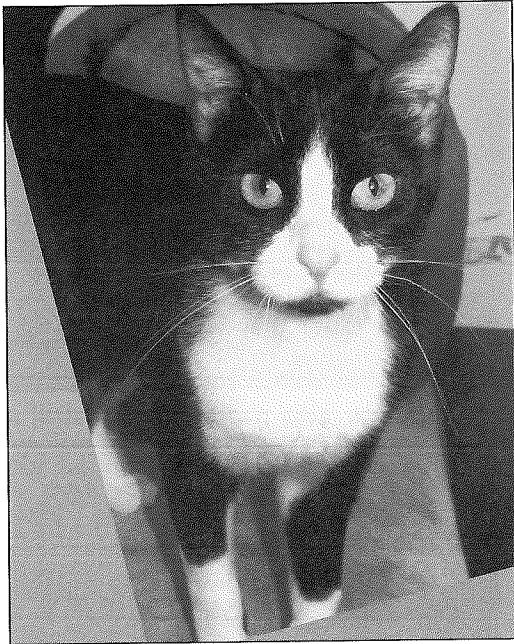
Love, **Bria.**

Thank you, **Kaylee."**

Mom and Dad (**Eric and Roxie**) add: "We really appreciate your organization! Especially at this difficult time for our family."

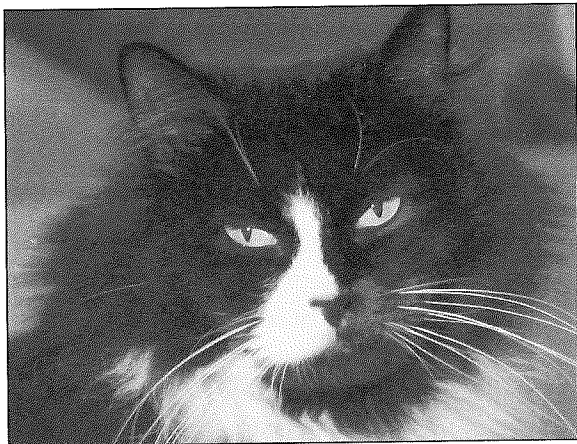


## Safe Haven **ADOPTABLES!**



**Fancy**

**FANCY** is a tiny beauty. A mere 7 pounds, she has overcome some serious health issues in her young life, but has now regained her weight and is ready for her forever home. Fancy is enthusiastically affectionate, frequently asking for pets and cuddles.

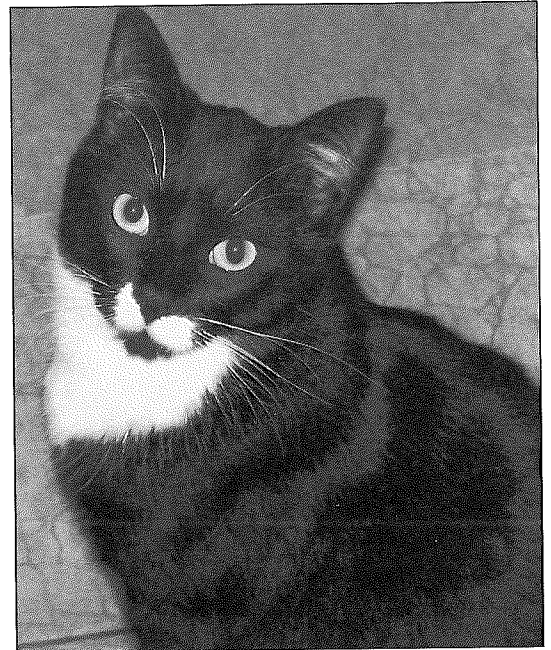


**Helen**

Five-year-old **HELEN** came to PFOA with her brother and both were adopted. Unfortunately her owners returned Helen and kept the brother. She's been at Safehaven 2 1/2 years and desperately needs a home of her own. She's a long-haired tuxedo beauty who's quite shy. She doesn't care for dogs and would prefer to be an only kitty.

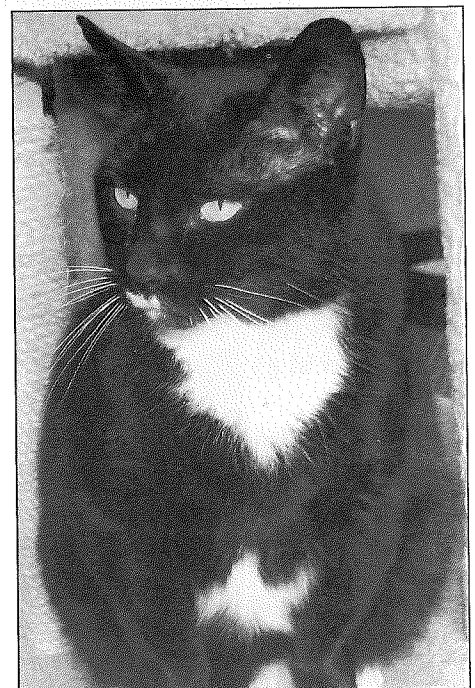
All dressed up with no place to go: PFOA's "Tuxedo kitties" need forever homes

**BEAU**, nearly 2, is a dapper young cat who will have that perpetual kitten look long into adulthood. With a "got milk?" mustache and a sleek, shiny coat, Beau gets along with his fellow felines, but enjoys his own space, too. He is playful with toys on a sitck – the "old mouse" being his current favorite. Beau brings joy to all who know him.



**Beau**

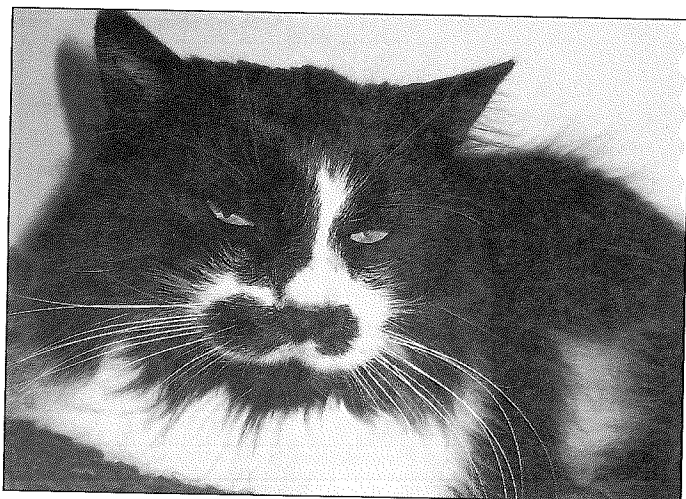
**BARRY** is one of our 5 tuxedo kitties. He's dignified and dapper as a middle-aged gentleman should be. He's a large, short-haired black and white kitty who was originally a neighborhood stray. He's quietly affectionate and enjoys the company of both adults and children. He's used to being outdoors, so a safe indoor/outdoor environment will need to be provided for this former "man-about-town."



**Barry**

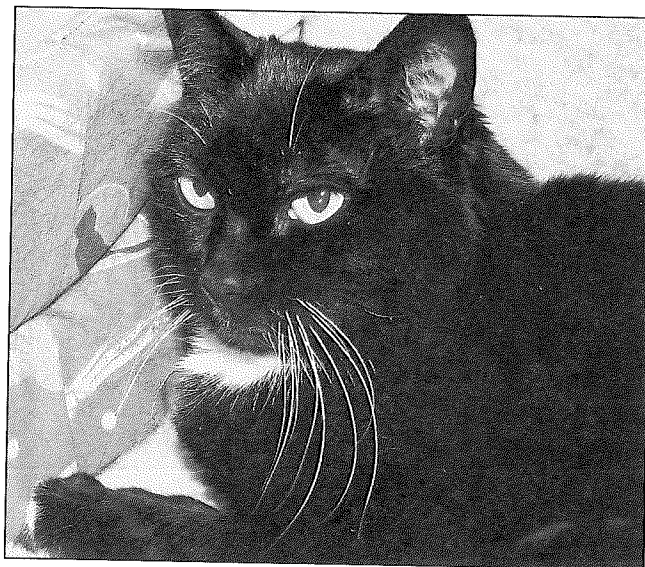
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## *Safe Haven ADOPTABLES!*



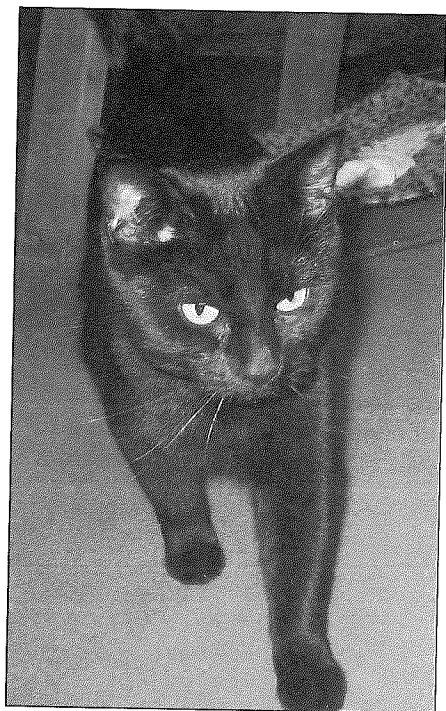
**Spencer**

**SPENCER** came to us from another shelter since he had been at that establishment the longest of all their kitties. Now at Safehaven, he's one of our "old-timers." He has longish hair, a short tail and a friendly disposition. Middle-aged, Spencer doesn't mat or shed as much as other cats. He had a chance at a home almost two years ago when an elderly couple took him to what should have been a forever placement. Unfortunately they moved to assisted living where he wasn't welcome, so he came back to us. Like the other tuxedos, he's a handsome cat. He gets along well with his roommates, but not with dogs.



**Blackberry**

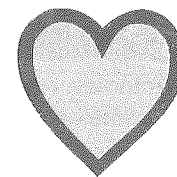
**BLACKBERRY**, a 7- or 8-year-old tuxedo, was originally thought to be adoption challenged. She was labeled as antisocial with other cats. However, since moving to her new room at Safehaven, Blackberry has proven that she can get along with other kitties. The younger occupants in her room are even seeking her out for special nurturing. Blackberry has been at the shelter for almost three years—far too long for this beautiful, loving girl.



**Avis**

## *Adoption-Challenged*

**AVIS** (our non-tuxedo kitty featured here) is a long-haired black beauty. He was a stray who came to a PFOA member's house. He's a bit standoffish, but friendly, loving and playful when you get to know him. He has a nurturing spirit and took painfully shy Stevie under his wing, and now they're best buddies. It would be wonderful if someone would consider adopting Avis and Stevie together.



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At a Peninsula residence, a large "playpen" was built to allow kitties safe access from inside the house to outside climbing steps, perches, and trees. Cats get fresh air, exercise, and remain safe from cars and predators.

**For more cat enclosure ideas, go to:**

<http://catnet.stanford.edu/articles/enclosures.html>  
<http://www.cat-world.com.au/cat-worldenclosures.htm>  
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Or Google "cat enclosures" online.  
Or check out "Cat Fancy" magazine at your local library, where many good articles on cat enclosures can be found.

*Peninsula*



# Meet a volunteer: Barbara Swedeen

**A**s a young woman, Barbara Swedeen didn't have pets. She was too busy working and saving money so she could travel the world.

She's been all over Europe, to Egypt, Morocco, Peru, Bolivia and Sri Lanka, to name just a few of the places her wanderlust has carried her. Now that she's retired and living in Sequim, she has two feline companions sharing her home: Sadie, a semi-feral two-and-a-half-year-old, and Freddy, not quite a year old, who she met in the PFOA kitten room.

Barbara had put on protective booties before she entered. Freddy snagged one with his front paw and let her pull him around the room. He's still like that, she says — full of mischief and into everything.

Barbara's retirement has been a busy one so far. Her house is decorated with photographs and beautiful glass vases and paperweights she's collected over the years. Her yard is filled with flowerbeds, fruit trees and berry bushes that require hours of her time.

Barbara was born in the Midwest and has lived and worked all over that area and as far east as New York. Her last job was as a systems analyst and program manager for IT Manufacturing in South Bend, Indiana. She's brought that experi-



**Barbara Swedeen is collection coordinator for PFOA and also makes earrings for Safe Haven's gift shop.**

ence to her volunteer work at PFOA. She's "Collection Coordinator" which means she's responsible for the PFOA money collected in stores.

Barbara has devised a system that allows her to keep track of everything that comes in both by item type and location. Whether it's donation cans, cookbook sales or money for calendars, Barbara accounts for it all.

Barbara says she's never lived in a small town before and that she's impressed by the number of volunteer organizations in our area.

In addition to rounding up money from stores on the Peninsula, she also generates funds by making and donating beautiful earrings for sale at Safe Haven's gift shop.

We're honored she chose to give her time, talent and expertise to PFOA. Thank you, Barbara!

## PFOA board meets — Safe Haven shelter hours

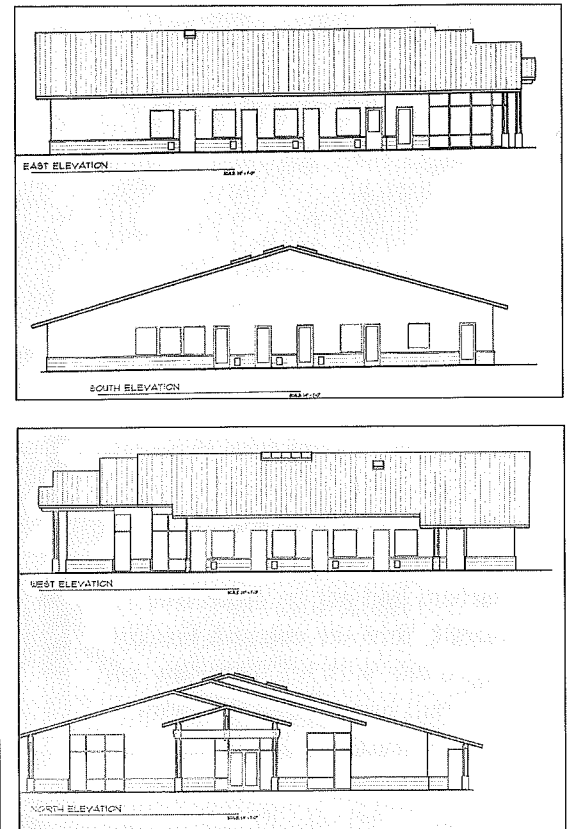
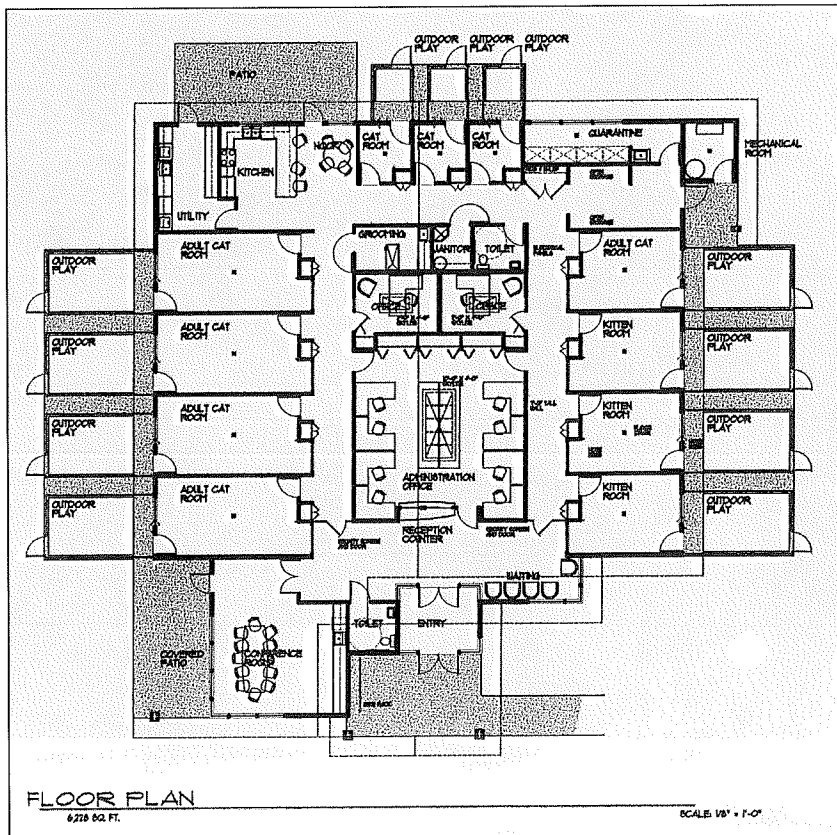
**The PFOA Board meets** at Safe Haven from **noon until 2 p.m.** on the third Wednesday of every month. The public is welcome to attend. Members who are

interested are greatly encouraged to come and observe.

Safe Haven shelter is open **Tuesday through Saturday** from **noon to 4 p.m.** It is closed

Sunday and Monday. Please call 360-452-0414 to leave a message if you would like to visit, as appointments are required. A volunteer will return your call.

# New adoption center plans take shape



Safe Haven's future shelter plans have been drawn up by the architecture and planning firm Lindberg & Smith of Port Angeles. The floor plan, above left, features cat and kitten rooms with attached outdoor play areas, an office, conference room, quarantine room, grooming areas, kitchen, and reception counter. Drawings, above right, show what the exterior of the building will look like from all four sides.

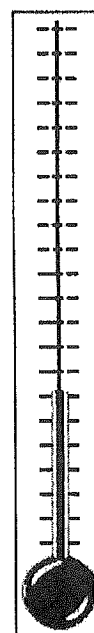
## Fund drive keeps going with eye on 2008 groundbreaking

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.



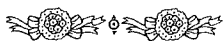
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*Estimated amount needed in order to begin construction*

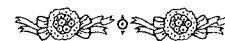
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*Funds raised as of 2/28/07*

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# Memorials and Honorariums



*Memorials given in honor of a deceased pet, in memory of a friend or family member, or Honorariums to thank special friends are a lovely way to say "Thank you" or "I love you" or "I miss you." A public statement of remembrance can help bring closure or soften grief, as well as honor a loved one.*

## In Memory of Special People

In loving memory of **Robert C. McCormack**, from **R. Mildred LaPerche**

In memory of **Nancy Thomas**, from **Katherine Hart**

In memory of **Norma Shonig**, (mother of **Barb Oldfield**) from **Jean and Richard Wyatt**

In memory of **Nancy Thomas**, from **Faye Hayden**

In memory of **Carl Hille**, from **Gail Anne and Jerold Wollman**

In memory of **Betty Blodgett**, from **Ronnie and Carol Coleman**

In memory of **Frank Palmer**, a true cat lover, from **Sue Burns and Jeff Carpenter**

In memory of **Ruth Westfall** from **Jess and Janet Harker**

## In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals

In memory of **Kramer**, a longtime feline companion to my niece, from **Robin and Jody Rush**

In loving memory of **Diana and Eldon Lusby's** mama cat, from **Thelma and Barry Sullock**

In memory of my sweet **Patches**, who shared my life for 16 years. She gave me two wondrous gifts, her trust and her love. I miss you, my Patches, from **Linda Harer**.

In memory of **Maggie and Nellie Cougar**, from **Penni L. Allen**

In memory of our **Gina**. Every day of our short five months together you showed us both how much you loved us, worrying that one of us would feel left out or less loved. We miss you, and are so glad you could share our lives, even if for such a short time, from **Bruce and Linda Harer**  
In memory of **Chloe**, our sweet, quiet lap cat. We miss

her, from **Marilyn and Don Freeman**

In memory of **Marie McCooley's** sweet **Scotty**, from **Diane and Leon Lopez**.

In loving memory of **Marie McCooley's** beloved cat **Scotty**. He will be missed by all who knew him, from **Patricia Dearing**.

In memory of my cat **Scotty**. I miss him so much. From **Marie McCooley**

In memory of **Rhonda Callaway's** beloved cat **Luna**, from **Susan Phoenix**

In memory of **Mike and Kathy Danley's** kitty, from the **Safeway Pharmacy Crew**

In memory of **Joan Worley's** and **Jess McKenzie's** wonderful and loving Rottweiler, **Baby**

In memory of **Ozzie**, the **Allen family's** beloved dog, whose spirit was pure love, from **Ann Gilson**.

In memory of **Ozzie**, Dr. Allen's dog, from **Jess and Janet Harker**

In memory of dear **Ozzie**, beloved dog of the **Allen family**. What a wonderful life he had with a family who accepted and loved him with all his issues. And what a blessing and inspiration he was to everyone who knew his story!!!! **Dallas and Nancy Campbell**

## Honorariums

In honor of **Patricia Finley**, from **Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital**

In honor of **Sheryl Cass** from **Walter Rector**

A Christmas gift honoring **Jeanne Williams**, from **Robin and Jody Rush**

A very late Christmas gift for **Jim and Carolyn Hoffman** from **Kevin Hathaway and Laura Hoffman**

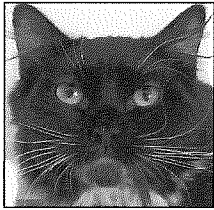
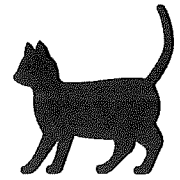
A birthday gift in honor of **Ruth Krull** from **Lynn McGuire**

In honor of **Dr. Linda Allen** and her staff from **John and Karen Donlon**

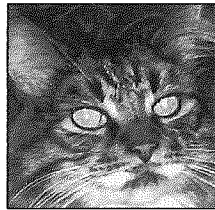


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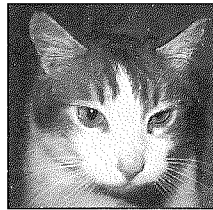
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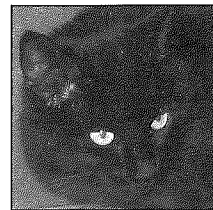
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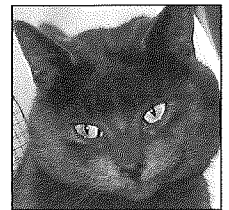
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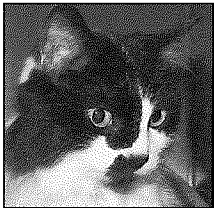
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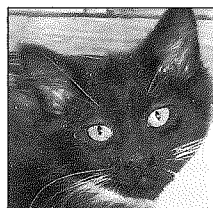
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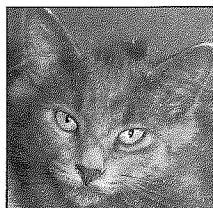
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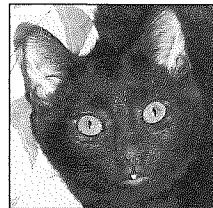
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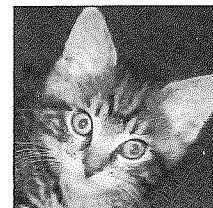
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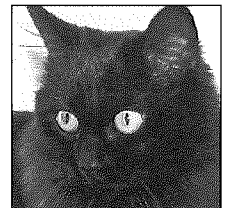
**Sundance**



**Dino**



**Rameses**



**Teddi**

## When I Am an Old Cat

When I am an old cat I shall wear  
a diamond collar and leave my footprints  
on white couches: I shall drink my cream with  
a touch of brandy and spit out my vitamins;

I shall sit on the laps of dog people  
just to irritate them; I shall nap on top of the  
neighbor's petunias and perch on top of  
birdbaths and grow charmingly chubby.

But for now I must tolerate the dog  
and use my litter box and not sharpen  
my claws on the sofa, so no one can doubt  
the truth that cats are superior to dogs.

But every once in a while I wonder  
if I should be naughty now and then  
and nip a few toes, so my humans  
won't be too shocked when suddenly

I become an old cat and  
start to wear a diamond collar.

**Author Unknown**

## Wish List

**In January, PFOA** had to make  
an emergency purchase of a washer  
and dryer when one of our two sets  
failed. Cost of repair was prohibitive,  
so the Board authorized the purchase  
of a commercial-grade washer/dryer  
to be used for the bulk of our kitty  
laundry.

For the quarantine and isolation  
rooms, a normal, family sized set is  
sufficient, and PFOA volunteers con-  
tinue to use the working washer and  
dryer that have been so generously  
donated. All that remains now, is to  
pay for those new machines!

Also needed: a two-step stool with  
safety bar, a small ladder (8 ft.), 6-  
foot-high sections of chain link fenc-  
ing, Fancy Feast cat food, and any  
brand of high-efficiency laundry  
detergent.

# CAT NIPS

-- By Karen Groves

## Body Language

When my kitty smiles at me  
I've done something great;  
When my kitty glares at me  
I'm either thoughtless or late.

When my kitty meows at me  
I must stop and visit;  
When my kitty stares patiently  
I'd best ask, "What is it?"

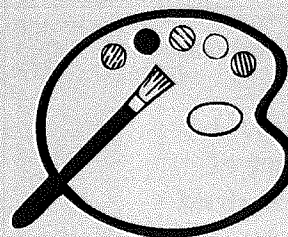
When my kitty grumbles at me  
I need to back off and listen;  
When my kitty licks my face -  
Ahh! That's "I love you" kissin'!



## Contest deadline draws near

Don't forget!

You only have until **April 30** to get your entries in for our Writers and Artists Contest. To get contest rules, look on our Website: [www.safe-havenpfoa.org/contest.html](http://www.safe-havenpfoa.org/contest.html); check the last issue of "Pet Tidings," or call the PFOA message line at 360-452-0414.



## Spotted on the Internet . . .

Submitted by Nancy Campbell



Laugh  
and the world laughs with  
you, snore and you sleep alone.

Anthony Burgess  
(1917-1993)

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## I WANT TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!

Web site:  
<http://safehavenPFOA.org>

I am making a tax deductible donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used for  
\_\_\_\_\_Daily expenses (food, litter, medical care, supplies, utilities, insurance, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_Building Fund; \_\_\_\_\_Spay/Neuter Program; \_\_\_\_\_T-N-R program;  
\_\_\_\_\_Emergency Medical Fund \_\_\_\_\_HOPE Fund for PFOA's handicapped pets

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

I would like to become a member. Please send me the Membership Application.  
\_\_\_\_\_I am prepaying my \$20 yearly membership fee.

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