

# Pet Tidings



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## The Magic Acre

By Ann Gilson

There is a magic acre not too far from Safe Haven, where over the years 20-28 "unadoptable" cats at a time have been enjoying wonderful happy lives with a devoted guardian.

Some of them came from PFOA even before we had Safe Haven, and others were adopted after, when it became apparent that they would never find a conventional "forever home."

The house in the center of the magic acre was designed and built to house pets who are incontinent, "sprayers," blind or crippled. There is a lot of room in the house and in the securely fenced yards, with lots of small trees and bushes and interesting places to explore.

Catherine, the first PFOA cat to join the existing cat family, was a sweet old, old Siamese who had been abandoned by her family when she became completely incontinent.

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Lillibel

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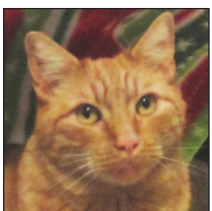


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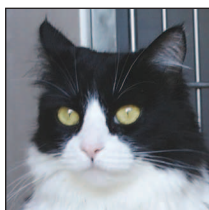
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Lady Bug

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### Christmas Miracle



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## From the Editor's Desk

**As the spring season of new life rolls around once more**, we'd like to sing a spring song of praise for all among us who love and care for those who are "different."

We all know and admire families and individuals who care for children who have serious mental or physical handicaps, often for a lifetime, and we honor their devotion and the sacrifices they make for love. We also honor those who care for older people who may be different or "difficult," as well.

Less visible are the many who make similar sacrifices in similar circumstances for companion animals they love. We at PFOA, and especially those of us who work at Safe Haven, know many people who go to great lengths to ensure the happiness and welfare of hard to place pets they adopt from us.

Older pets, with their often higher rates of illness and disability, are chosen by guardians who see beyond their "defects" to the beautiful souls within. They find joy in spending the money and time it takes to make their pets' last years happy and filled with love and acceptance.

Pets who have chronic but controllable problems such as allergies, diabetes, or

mild hyperthyroidism are adopted by guardians who are willing to spend the time, attention and money necessary to provide the medication, diet and oversight necessary to maintain the health and comfort of their companions.

Even pets who have behavioral problems such as extreme shyness, displaced aggression or litter box problems – even these are sometimes so fortunate as to be adopted by guardians able to accept their behavior and "love them anyway."

And let us not forget the PFOA volunteers who cannot accept total, lifetime responsibility for an adoption-challenged pet, but who provide a loving foster home for many months and sometimes years for both cats and dogs.

We'd like to say "good for you" and "bravo" and "bless you" to all the folks whose circle of love and compassion is large enough to enclose people and pets whose needs are greater than most, and who are able to provide happy, loving homes for "the least among us."

*The Editors*

## Thank You!



Safe Haven wishes to thank everyone who donated food for the pet food bank, various toys, and gift certificates. We also received a brand new hedge trimmer with a spare battery pack, as well as several pet doors for a sliding glass door.

A special thanks to Gil Simon at Sequim Village Glass who answered our appeal for a sliding door insert with a pet door in it. Safe Haven received a beautiful brand new door from him.

We also received a beautiful heated, insulated, two story cat cat condo. It's very solid, very heavy, and on wheels!

And last, but definitely not least, we received a car from an anonymous donor. Our sincere thanks to all of you for helping to support our furry friends!



## A Truly Magical Place

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She spent her last two years in a big open cage without a door, lying on big soft fluffy towels that were changed several times a day, watching the other cats between long, long naps. Happy and content, she loved to be petted, and purred and sometimes would lick a friendly hand in acknowledgment.

Grayson is a big affectionate gray and white fellow who was quickly adopted when he came to Safe Haven as an older kitten. Unfortunately he proved to be an incorrigible sprayer, and a broken hearted family had to return him. At Safe Haven he continued to spray, and fought with other males.

He lives in one of the big “outdoor rooms” on the magic acre, and runs free in the half acre “big yard” with some of the female cats part of each day. He loves to eat, to be petted and to rub his head against his guardian’s face.

Lillibel came to Safe Haven many years ago after a pack of dogs injured her and one leg had to be amputated. She loves to chase the many birds that visit the acre, and can run and jump with the best of the others. She must be handled carefully, though, as she will bite if frightened.



**Grayson**

But a happier, more contented cat is hard to imagine, for she knows she is safe now.

Zoe, beautiful Zoe, was hit by a car one night and brought to Save Haven almost dead. After extensive veterinary care she survived, but is partially paralyzed. Her back legs are useless and she is completely incontinent. She cannot urinate on her own and her bladder must be manually expressed (painlessly) every 4-6 hours around the clock.

Nothing slows Zoe down, though, and she goes all over the place and can turn up among the squashes or under a rosebush, or asleep on her guardian’s bed.

There was also Betty Jo, blind from birth, and now Stevie, almost pathologically shy of strangers – and a sprayer. Also Panuchi, who sprays and must be kept away from Stevie, whom he will attack. And Nell, who is often cranky and will bite her guardian if displeased – she prefers to live outside in the big yard, sleeping on the covered patio in a heated bed on even the coldest nights.

There are many other residents, rescued from PFOA and other places, and no effort is spared to make all their lives as happy as possible. But it is the magic of unconditional love that envelops them all that makes the magic acre a *truly* magical place. ♣



**Zoe**

It is another sad day for PFOA. Beloved Helen Hille, one of our founding members passed away after a valiant battle with heart failure.

Helen was part of our family from the first meeting establishing our organization. She was instrumental in setting up our initial by-laws and was there for every important step along the way. Her quiet intelligent way of getting to the heart of an issue helped us to make good decisions when the way often wasn't so clear.

Helen had a multitude of talents which she graciously and generously shared with us and all of our animal friends. She was computer-savvy long before the rest of us even had answering machines. Helen dragged us kicking and screaming into the modern age of technology, and her fascination with all things technical continued for the rest of her life. She was a gifted photographer, and her animal pictures graced hundreds of newspaper ads and posters that advertised our "kids" across the Peninsula.

Helen wasn't just about technology though - she was also a loving and compassionate foster mom who took in

## Tribute to Helen



dozens of kittens and bottle fed more than one litter. She transported carloads of cats to vet appointments, and for years, took cats to be groomed. Helen adopted numerous cats herself over the years - usually those who had special needs that she felt she would be able to provide with the extra care or expense they required. She sponsored several of our cats, and was always available to help out anonymously when a client needed funding for an emergency.

Helen was there for the animals and she was there for us, as well. The shelter was always supplied with snacks and drinks compliments of her many Costco shopping expeditions. Helen was the first to enthusiastically arrange a birthday party and was at every event (and never empty handed.) Always there when someone needed a hand or just a kind word, Helen rescued stray folks as lovingly as she

took in stray cats. Her generosity funded several PFOA projects, and Helen never waited to be asked - she saw what needed to be done and she stepped up to the plate.

Helen's legacy of compassion and altruism will live on at Safe Haven even though her beautiful, smiling face will be absent. Helen was a gift to the world and to PFOA. She will be missed by us all. ♣

## PFOA Web Presence

*By Alicia Demetropolis*

It's fair to say that everyone who's anyone is on Facebook. So it shouldn't come as any surprise to anyone here that the cool cat, Tippy, is on Facebook, too. (For those who haven't yet met the stud, Tippy believes he's Second in Command in our office. This handsome orange and white tabby lives with palsy and hip dysplasia, but doesn't let that slow him down when it comes to keeping us in line.) When he told us he was going to get his own page, we all agreed that he could not use it to announce and host weekend parties at the center, nor was he allowed to list his relationship status as, "It's complicated." I suggested forbidding him from playing Mafia Wars, but he insisted he wasn't interested in those types of games.

As a compromise, we told him he could instead run our PFOA Facebook page. He has taken charge of the project and even determines the content - there really is a picture of him at the computer up at our page. He posts updates on new arrivals, and tidbits of cool info: Did you know that looking at pleasant pictures improves brain power? Yup. Tippy put up pics of cute cats to help boost your brain! We announce our events as well, such as the food drive and the pictures with Santa event. Won't you take a moment to "Like" our page

at [www.facebook.com/PFOASafeHaven](http://www.facebook.com/PFOASafeHaven). The more "Likes" we get, the better Tippy feels about his pet project (no pun intended).

But the page isn't just about us - tell us how your adoptee is doing and fill us in on any info you think Tippy would like to hear. It's a great way for us all to communicate and share the love!

Don't forget about our web site, either. If you've read our newsletter before, you know that many of our kitties have found their forever home because their new people saw them at our site. Our newsletters are posted there, and beginning with this issue, we'll be putting full color photos in our online newsletter. As you notice in this new full color edition of Pet Tidings, even the pictures sent in with thank you letters from recently adopted kitties and their new people are in color. You get to see their full beauty as you read their heartfelt gratitude and laugh at the stories. You always have the option to help save a tree, too, without needing to join The Audubon Society: We will gladly opt you out of the print newsletter and instead send an email when the (full-color) online version is ready for your perusal! Can't beat that - helping us save animals and helping us save a tree at the same time! ♣





**Joyce Pollack**

*By Kailyn Davis*

**Joyce Pollack** is a relative newcomer to both Safe Haven and Sequim, having relocated from Arizona a mere eight months ago. She has quickly become a valued member of our volunteer family, providing animal transportation as needed, in addition to spending three afternoons a week

## Meet a Volunteer: Joyce Pollack

as a cat socializer. Her face lights up as she describes traits unique to each furry individual. She seeks out the new arrivals, and the shy kitties still adjusting to bewildering circumstances, and soon has them vying for attention and space in her lap.

Joyce's journey began in Los Angeles, then meandered throughout various towns and seasonal resort employment in Arizona. She met her husband, Richard Crowell, at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. Pets entered their lives when a neighbor's cat adopted them. Their next move was to Cornville, where rural life introduced them to cows as neighbors. "Interacting with the cows, and watching cats dream" led to her involvement with the emerging animal welfare movement, as she "realized how entwined we are with animals."

She began volunteering "one day a week, walking dogs and playing with cats. I immediately loved it."

Fostering cats soon followed, as did working for local shelters. At one point, she and Richard converted part of their home into a cattery, as suitable foster homes were scarce. "You have to

remember that this was the mid 1980's, and no-kill shelters were considered innovative models for that time." Those early experiences "showed that you can create long term shelter for animals and have a sanctuary with a compassionate environment."

Joyce also began working with developmentally disabled adults around the same time, integrating pet therapy into that job. "My clients enjoy the animals so much." It is work she continues to do.

Their next move, to the Verde Valley, awakened her to the many dangers abandoned cats face. "White cats especially have difficulty surviving in a feral situation, due to their lack of camouflage day and night." The plight of feral cats further influenced her volunteer work, so she whole-heartedly supports TNR (trap/neuter/return) programs.

"PFOA is successful at adopting animals out. It is great to see that support and networking in the community." Tippy and the others at Safe Haven are glad that Joyce provides love and comfort for animals awaiting their forever homes. ♣

## Goodbye to Mostest

We said goodbye to our old friend, Mostest, on October 31, 2012. Mosty was diagnosed with advanced lymphoma just three weeks before, and went downhill quite rapidly. He had a wonderful couple of weeks eating all the foods he had been denied for the past several years because of his allergies, and getting lots of love and attention from his many admirers.

Dr. Johnson, who had lovingly cared for Mosty for the past few years, came to the shelter and sent him on his way across the Rainbow Bridge. He passed very peacefully surrounded by his friends in the



home where he had lived for the past nine years.

Mostest moved into the shelter shortly after we opened, and we quickly determined that this was no ordinary cat. When he bossed every cat in every room downstairs, we moved him up to the offices in desperation. He was the undisputed king of the shelter, and nothing was off-limits for him. He was frequently seen running away with a Cheeto or piece of meat stolen from a volunteer's

unattended sandwich. He was quite a character who lived life according to his own rules, and we admired him for it. We will all miss him terribly! ♣

## Safe Haven ADOPTABLES!

# BLACK BEAUTIES

Is there anything as classic as a beautifully poised black feline? It may be difficult to catch any of these seven beauties posing – they are too busy playing, purring and just being normal kittens and cats. They are all just looking for their forever homes, and would love to have you visit and get acquainted!



**BeBe**

**BEBE** is a lovely little short-haired girl with a swatch of white on her chest. She is just 6 months old, very playful, very active, and very friendly. She loves to play with her feathered toy, but also loves to be petted and loved.



**Clover**

**CLOVER** is a long-haired young gentleman, about 9 months old. He is a very affectionate kitty who loves to be petted and held. He has a triangular face with large ears set wide apart, and he has very nice ear tufts and matching paw tufts.

**MARTHA** is a beautiful short-haired cat who loves to be petted and brushed. She is a little shy at first until she gets to know you, and then she is very chatty. She thrives on attention, and will give you lots of love.



**Martha**

**L'IL BEAR** is a sweet and loving 2 1/2 year old short-hair. He was tested positive for a form of feline leukemia, and would do well as an only cat or in a home with another FELV positive cat. Thus far he has had no other health issues; it is quite possible that he will live a normal life span.



**L'il Bear**



**Sheba**

**SHEBA** is a small, sweet short-haired young female. She was recently rescued from a sad situation, and is still a little shy until she gets to know you. She does like to be petted on her head. Her roommate and good buddy, Mango, is helping her overcome her shyness – check our Facebook page for the latest on this budding “romance”.



**Fagin and Thistle**

**FAGIN** and **THISTLE** are best buddies who need to remain together. Fagin is a large green-eyed, short-haired male. He shows affection with “head-butts” and by leaning into his human and feline friends. He likes brushing and belly rubs on occasion. Thistle is a polydactyl gentlemen with magnificent copper-colored eyes and a sweet purrsonality. He enjoys seeking you out for affection.

Please call PFOA's message line at **360-452-0414** to talk about any of these featured pets; a staff member will return your call. Or go online to see many others at [www.safehavenPFOA.org](http://www.safehavenPFOA.org)



# A Christmas Wish

By Sasha Sterling

More than anything, Benjamin Wright wanted a kitten for Christmas. At age ten, he was ready for a pet of his own. Although he and his mother lived with his grandparents and he could always enjoy their playful Shih Tzu, Gaby, he had a special love for cats. Nevertheless, when Benjamin expressed his wish to his mother, she said “No.” He thought it would take a miracle for her to change her mind.

Benjamin’s mother, Andrea, made a promise to herself when her beloved Ragdoll, Tugger, passed away at the age of eighteen: No more cats. But as Christmas time approached, Benjamin’s grandmother, Paddy Sivretsen, urged her to start looking for a kitten. Reluctant at first, Andrea investigated several animal shelters, but nothing clicked. About to give up, she spotted photos of kittens in one corner of a Sequim Gazette that Paddy was about to toss into the fire. Paddy and Andrea saw that the article was about Safe Haven, which was right up the road from their home. It was an “aha” moment for Andrea, who quickly made a call to Nancy Campbell, Safe Haven’s director.

At the shelter, Andrea looked over the kittens. Undecided, she discovered a room that housed one kitten – a silvery-grey, long-haired kitten named Whispurr. It was love at first sight. He reminded her of Tugger in attitude and temperament, if not in appearance. Nancy said he was alone because he had not yet had his vaccinations. “He doesn’t know he’s a cat. Like many bottle-fed kittens, he’s more likely to bond with humans than other cats.”

Whispurr arrived at PFOA as an abandoned kitten when there was no room at the shelter. Still too young to



**Andrea, Benjamin and Whispurr**

be without a mother, he was sent to foster care with Sherill Allen, who bottle-fed and weaned him and named him Whispurr because he was so quiet as a



**Benjamin enjoying time with Whispurr**

tiny kitten. Two months later, finally at Safe Haven, the name stuck. Full of personality, he charmed the staff as he ran about, leaping and skidding across the floor, “like a waterbug on a pond,” in Nancy’s words.

Andrea visited Whispurr nearly every day for a week, letting him get used to her. With Christmas only days away, she couldn’t wait to see Benjamin’s face when he saw his wish come true. Seeing the love growing between the kitten and his new friend, Nancy thought, smiling, “He’s going to have a wonderful life.”

On Christmas morning, Benjamin had no idea what was in store. In keeping with family tradition, he read aloud from a Christmas-themed book. This year, it was *A Pussycat’s Christmas*.

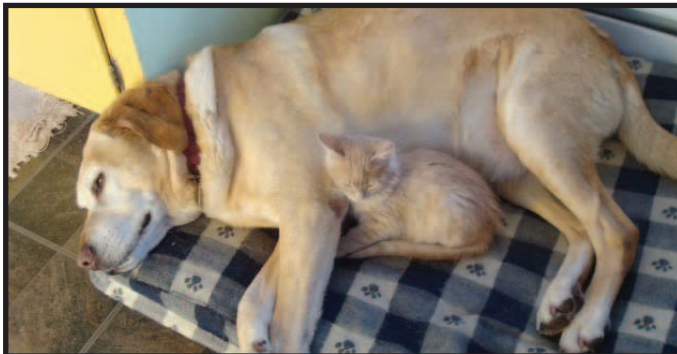
When he finished reading, Andrea led him to her room. When the door opened, what he saw filled him with joy: A silvery-grey, green-eyed kitten with a feisty attitude. “This is Whispurr,” Andrea said. “Oh my gosh, he’s so cute!” Benjamin exclaimed as he scooped the tiny kitten into his arms. “I got my Christmas miracle!”

Whispurr bonded almost immediately with the whole family including Gaby, but most of all with Benjamin. Although he never purred at Safe Haven, Whispurr started purring almost as soon as he entered his forever home with his family of animal lovers, where everyone wanted him.

Often, it takes many minds, hands, and hearts to make a wish come true; and those who helped Benjamin realize his Christmas miracle found much reason to rejoice this past holiday season. ♣



## "Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals ..."



Irwin is doing really well adjusting to sleeping with humans although he is a very early riser. He has found a new best friend in his brother, Gunnar, the yellow lab. Our older Siamese cat is slowly making friends with him. We love Irwin, he is so sweet and such a charmer! Thank you so much! **Angie Dideum**



Just a little update on Chloe...she's recovering from yeast infection in her ears, has been busy teaching me what kind of food she likes, and has taken over the house quite effectively. She purrs a lot and seems pretty happy here. I'm so glad to have her in my life she is so sweet. **Jackie Messinger**



To **everyone at PFOA**, We wanted to wish all of you a very happy holiday season. Enclosed is a check to be used where needed the most. Thank you for all you do for the community and especially the animals. What a blessing you are to the Olympic Peninsula. With love and gratitude to all.

From **Patty Dearing and Beethoven**



Thank you for all that you do. Happy Holidays. **Christine Estes.**



Just wanted to give you an update about the two cats "Gallahad" and "Quinn" we adopted! They are well settled in and we couldn't be happier! We renamed them to names we felt fit them better and they seem very pleased with their new names. Gallahad became "Beethoven." We named him this because every time we play the piano he gets very talkative and wants to sit on the piano bench and listen! Quinn is now "Plato." He is very mellow and contemplative. We love them and they love us!

Thank again! **Mike Hill and Tony Vetro**



Thank you to **Nancy Campbell** for rescuing me from the beach. I am happy in charge here of the dogs and the cats – Captain and Farley – I'm the big brother. Here's something to help other kitties in the New Year.

Your friend, Mr. Wilson. (**Tara Andrews**)  
P.S. I might be a Pixie Bob.



This donation is to help with medical expenses for Bubba, B.B. and Benson. They are very lucky kitties to be in your care. Thanks for all you do to continue helping us. I don't know what we would do without all of you!

Sincerely, **Pam and Friends of Forks Animals**



To **one and all of you**, for the wonderful treatment to animals and people. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**Susan Strand**



Dear **Ms. Lopez**, I have no idea of the cost to replace a heat pump but am sure that is very expensive. Please use the enclosed check to help with the replacement of a heat pump or food and care for the animals at PFOA. I hope it helps. Schotzi says hello to you, Nancy and everyone else at PFOA. My husband and I absolutely adore her. We try our best to spoil her. Thank you for the good work you do in caring for the animals in need.

Sincerely, **Darla Connelly and Schotzi**

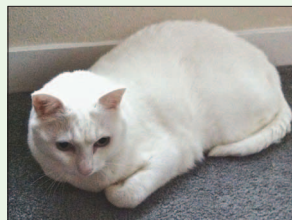


**Nancy** – We are so grateful for the continuing kindness and compassion you share with all PFOA cats...and volunteers. You are priceless. Happy Thanksgiving! Warmly, **Kristin**



Dear **PFOA**, I wanted to let you know that I took a bunch of my handmade items (greeting cards and bookmarks) to work and put them up for sale, proceeds to be split with PFOA and the Humane Society. My co-workers in the lab at Olympic Medical Center raised \$200 with their purchases, and I added some for additional personal donation. I am sorry there isn't more, the need is so great. If I can ever contribute to your fund-raising efforts please let me know.

Thanks for all you do, **Nadine Snover, Taco and Cha-Cha**



Remember Jack of Jack and Jill? He turned into a very big boy and is now named Blue! He is so funny so precious and loving and laid back. Here he is owning one of the heat vents. He usually sits on only half-ish but this morning he completely covered every atom of the vent.

From his spot he can monitor all of the room's activities. He is the only one of the three that lays on a vent. He gives me the biggest smiles. I thought you might enjoy this. **Adrienne Haas**



We adopted Homer as a playful kitten in 2007. I was volunteering at the time when he caught my eye. We renamed him Lionel but my husband started calling him Lil' Guy and that name stuck. In some ways Lil' Guy is more dog than cat. He follows us around the house, comes when he's called and plays with the dogs. At night, when the rest of us are sleeping, he steals as many pens and pencils as he can. We find them all over the house. Oddly enough, he can't jump. We feed him on the counter in the laundry room so the dogs can't get into his food. He can't jump onto the counter so we keep a kitty litter bucket there as a stairway for him. Even with the bucket, he sometimes misses and falls to the floor. It's pretty pathetic. Who knew there are cats that can't jump. Lil' Guy keeps us laughing with his antics. He is a joy in our lives and we feel so lucky to have him. **Denise Cornell**



# “Dear Peninsula Friends of Animals . . .”



Dear **Peninsula Friends of Animals**,  
We adopted our beloved family members, Liz T and Bianca in July 2011. They add so much joy to our lives! Liz T is called “Yen” and Bianca is called “Yang.” It took a couple weeks for our existing one year old, Philly, to adjust to them; but when he decided to, he considered them his little sisters and watched over them and groomed them. Yang is a cuddler, wherever you are is where she wants to be. Yen still loves stick type toys with sparkly ends to play with. We are so thankful to Peninsula Friends of Animals for our kitties!  
With thanks, **Lisa, Chris, Sarah and Kirk Lattin**



A special thank you to **Elissa** for your kind letter informing me of Mostest’s passing. It was a comfort to know that he got to enjoy special foods in his last days and that he received such loving care. Thanks, too, for the picture of Alester. He’s a lucky kitty to have such a wonderful home. With great appreciation for all that you do. From **Brenda Evans**



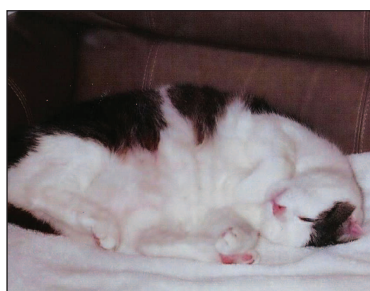
Thank you for finding Jasper a home. We think of him often. We love his brother Jake (who thinks he is a dog and is in love with Annie, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel). From **Nancy Ortowski**



Dear **Nancy and volunteers**, Mr. Spooky would like to thank you for giving him so much press space in the newsletter. Lots of our friends read about him and enjoyed his story. He and Fritz are indeed cuddling on the same sofa, not quite next to each other, but only a few inches apart! Lots of progress made in the dog/cat kingdoms. Keep up the good work. Purrs and furry kisses from Spooky. **Helen Schaaf**



I adopted Loralee (former Loretta) a beautiful four year old calico from your shelter just over two years ago. She’s become a wonderful and loving pet and I’m so happy to have found her. Thank you so much for her and for all you do to help homeless animals find loving homes. Please accept the enclosed as a small thank you and to help take care of animals in need. **Pat Wilson**



Hello to **everyone at PFOA**. We want to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I have been in my new home for two years. I am Queen and rule the roost. I am pampered and spoiled, to say (meow) the least. I have Chris and Darla wrapped around my paw. They think that I am just too cute, especially when I shake my tail and sass back at them. I still do not like to be picked up and held but I know that I am loved very much just the way I am. No matter what I am doing such as sleeping or running up and down the hallway like a lightning bolt, I can always put a smile on everyone’s face. Thank you for taking care of all of my kitty friends. I hope that they too will find a good home. We are very sad for all of the homeless and abused animals. I wish that we could save every last one of them and give them a good home. Thank you again for taking care of as many as you can, of my little furry friends. Merry Christmas to all.  
**Schatzi, Duke and the Connelly’s**



Got my beautiful Black Dahlia from you in July 2009. She is doing fantastic. What a sweetie. She’s my constant companion. I do love her so much. She’s my little social butterfly. Loves to have company. Never does anything wrong. From **Kathy Fratus**.



Dear **PFOA**, Donation enclosed is for Jefferson’s sponsor and also to use for your upcoming low cost spay/neuter program. The prices are wonderful – hopefully it will encourage more people to fix their cats! We hope you and the kitties had a Meowy Catmas and will have a Happy Mew Year! **Linda and Ted Dennis**



Hello **PFOA**, Just to help take care of Fagin and Thistle. Here is an update from Comet their littermate. She is now 9 years old and a big old love bug. Tazz we got about 4 years ago. Happy Holidays, **Rose M. Rose and Renee M. Lambert**.



Here is a photo of our little girls that we adopted from you July 13, 2010. They are the loves of our lives, they are now 2 ½ years old. Thank you for our sweet little Noir and Echo. Always grateful, **Karen and Van Niemi**



Maggie is doing great! She has flown with us to Arizona and back. We love her and in the short time we have had her she has become a special part of our family.  
From **Larry and Jeanne Glenn**.



**Note to Nancy** – Frida is thriving. She has daily doses of lysine and probiotics. She is a wonderful cat! **Judith Pasco**.



Love and blessings to all the wonderful people and dear cats of Safe Haven in a lovely New Year. Thank you for being there. **Susan Kreml and Gengli, Gremlin and Jasmine II**.

## A Little Too Much Fun for Ginger

By Susan Kreml

“Been hanging from the chandeliers again, has she?” said Dr. Wilcox, laughing at me. Clutching my little soft black Ginger kitty, who suddenly was hobbling, using only three legs, I was scared sick. She loves to zoom around the house trailing ribbons, tumbling rugs, leaping up to race along the top of the walls. At this time she was almost 9 years old but believed she was still a part-Burmese kitten. A favorite fosterling of Janet Harker, one of the cats fortunately rescued when her first home was disbanded and the supposed caretaker kicked her out into a yard full of ferals, she was once shy and retiring. She had blossomed after her adoption, after my beloved Peony died in 2005, into a very strong personality: 2 days after I brought her home she was dominating the household! Bouncy, fizzy, busy, zipping all over the house and outside to the pen every day. But now she could barely walk.

When Dr. Wilcox explained she had torn loose both the anterior and posterior cruciate ligaments in her right rear knee, my heart sank even further. “She will be alright,” he assured me. “I can sew her knee back together!”

Three days later she was more than ready to come home after her very successful surgery. Then the fun really began. I had realized she must have slipped when jumping out of the guest room, from the top of the chest onto the top of the wall. Now somehow she had to be restrained from jumping for 6 weeks! So on the way home I bought her a big cage for nighttimes. During the days I would carry her out to enjoy birdwatching on the enclosed porch, which I had carefully prepared to limit her jumping. But of course that first night she evaded my attempt at enclosure: ecstatic to be uncaged

after 3 days in the hospital, she raced gleefully throughout the house, then leaped straight up from the kitchen counter onto the wall and thence onto her high closet shelf retreat while I screamed and wept in fear she would fall or tear her knee again. Eventually, she let me collect her, shakily, and put her to bed. Two days later, the vet had to put her into a collar because she was pulling out her stitches! After the first few panicky days, however, the feisty little thing liked being

tucked up into her cage when I set it on my desk so she could be beside me, as usual, when I was working in the evenings. Trying to nurse her with the cage sitting on the floor had become impossible when she began upchucking her medications into the collar! (When she repeated the performance the next year with the other knee, we had the proper systems already in place.)

More or less resigned, she healed quickly: by the time the remaining stitches were removed, she was moving quite well and stretching the leg without complaint. Laser treatments enhanced the healing,

and then, freed from confinement, she could again roam the house and venture outdoors to the pen. For some time, she moved more cautiously (about time, cat!), with a slight limp, the right leg still a little stiff. I was saddened by this, but she was not: some months later, her limp was noticeable only when she was quite tired or the weather cold. Now, after 3 years and the second knee surgery, she is only sometimes perceptibly slower! (Then, she gets a small dose of antiinflammatory medication.) A little quieter, even sweeter, not quite as bouncy, nonetheless she still goes “wilding off” and streaks around the house, teasing stolid Gremlin and hassling Jasmine, still ruler of the household—and of me. A very special cat and, always, quite “full of herself.” ❀

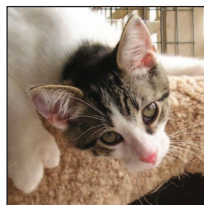


Ginger

## Look who's been adopted!



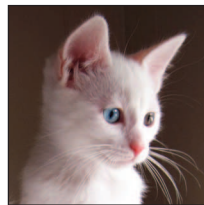
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Wilson



Alisa



Diamante



Roma



Isis



# 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. (Please try to keep memorials to three or four lines or less — about 15-35 words — for space consideration).*

## In Memory of Special People

- In memory of our dearly beloved friend **Helen Hille** from **Diane and Leon**.
- In loving memory of **Helen Hille**, my friend, mentor, and co-conspirator. You will always be a part of me - **Sherry Gyovai**
- In memory of **Helen Hille**. From **Pam and Ray Winney**.
- In loving memory of **Helen Hille**. Those whose lives she touched will never be the same without her. From **Gary Del Mastro**.
- In memory of **Helen Hille** and all she did for PFOA. From **Nancy Dolansky**.
- In memory of **Helen Hille**. From **Kirsten Park**.
- In memory of **Peter**, my husband. From **Susheila Bowen**.
- In memory of **Donald Freeman**. From **Joy Maxion**.
- In memory of **Chris Buell**. From **S. Eugene Buell and Beverly Buell**.

- In memory of **Debra D.**, cat lover. From **Gloria Shepard**.
- In memory of **Margi Kay Renken** and in honor of her **Benny, Sonny, and John Renken**. From **John, Roxanne, Laisi, Sophia, Ann-Margret, Wally, Jack, and Andy**.
- In memory of **Virginia Asivido**. From **Carol Asivido**.
- In memory of **Michael Wanrow**. From **Grace Wanrow**.
- In memory of **Doug Baxter**. From **Marie McCooley**.
- In memory of **Fitu Leoso**. From **Linda Ruffcorn**.
- In memory of my brother **Sam**. From **Irene Wyman**.
- In loving memory of **Margi Renken** who loved cats. Her cats, husband and we miss her very much. From **Arthur and Nancy Goldstien**.
- In memory of **Chris Lyle**. From **Joan Taylor**.
- In memory of **Margi Renken**. From **Sandra Johnson**.
- In memory of **Samantha Money and Bonnie Zellmer**. From **Carol Zellmer**.
- In memory of **Margi Kaye Renken**. From **John Renken**.
- In memory of **Miskat Nielsen**. From **Erv and Kirsten Ruhl**.
- In memory of **Margie Kaye Renken**. From **Charles and Beth Simonson**.
- In memory of **Margie Renken** who passed away on November 28th from cancer. She loved her cats and most all of God's creatures. From **Joyce Stivers**.

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some adoptable pets on  
Page 6 and online at  
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## Look who's been adopted!



**Chaquita**



**Precious**



**Bessie**



**Lucy**



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**Katherine**



**Kokwe**



**Chloe**



**Jasmine**



**Irwin**



**Bogie**



**Hattie Mae**



**Lady**



**Whispurr**



## Memorials and Honorariums



- In memory of **L. Totten**. From **Christine Spitz**.
- In memory of **Marilyn (Cricket) Pardue**, a true friend of animals. From **C.M. and Barbaranell Collier**.
- In loving memory of **Cricket Pardue**. From **Keith Pardue**.
- In memory of **Jack Lewis**. From **Mary Lewis**.
- In memory for **Fitu** in honor of her love for animals. From **Betty Gray**.
- In loving memory of **Pam Schoot**. From **Barbara and Frederick Moritz**.
- In memory of **Chris Buell**. From **Joy, Mike and Jessica Diewald**.
- In loving memory of **Helen Hille**, who was very patient with this newbie volunteer, quick to give praise, and always had a smile on her face. From **Marilyn Ash**
- In memory of **Ragnar**. From **Carolyn Temte**.

### *In Memory of Beloved Companion Animals*

- In memory of **Tig**, much loved feline companion of Lisa and Mark Bohman, who initially fostered and then fell in love with him. He was a shelter cat who found one of the best and loving forever homes. From **Sharon Palmer**.
- In memory of **Mostus** whose home at Safe Haven he allowed me to share with him for three fantastic years. From **Gary Del Mastro**.
- In memory of Irene and Walt Downs' special feline companion, **Bud**, who was such an important part of their lives for so many years. From **Gary Del Mastro**.
- In memory of **Rub-insky**, my beloved first cat. From **Paula Strouf**.
- In memory of **Rhody**, Marie McCooley's beloved Dobie. Rhody was loved by all who knew her and will be missed by all of us. From **Faye Hayden**.
- In memory of Jeannine Allen's wonderful dog **Maggie**. We loved her. From **Faye Hayden and Botai**.
- In memory of **Cody and Molly**. From **Lorri Gilchrist**.
- In memory of **Ganny**, beloved cat of Matt Chagnon. From **Joy Maxion**.
- In memory of **Gidget**, beloved cat of Andy and Angela Brister. From **Joy Maxion**.
- In memory of **Robbie**, beloved cat of Lorna and Charles Smith. From **Joy Maxion**.
- In memory of **Blackie**, beloved cat of John and Karin Webb. From **Joy Maxion**.
- In memory of **Simon**, beloved cat of Jack and Carol Barnes. From **Joy Maxion**.
- In memory of **Baxter**, beloved cat of Bob and Mary Stearns. From **Joy Maxion**.
- In memory of **Sunshine**, beloved bird of Jean and Sterling Epps. From **Joy Maxion**.
- In memory of **Kiri**, beloved cat of Tony Beecher. From **Joy Maxion**.
- In memory of **Kanga Lang**, loving family member and companion of Pat Lang. From **Carla Michaels & Karen Niemi**.
- In loving memory of **Kanga**, the best cat brother a dog could ever have. From **Beau**, Pat's sweet rescued Red Heeler.
- In memory of **Charlie Stewart**, loving family member and companion of Kit Stewart. From **Carla Michaels & Karen Niemi**.
- In memory of **Sierra**, beloved dog of Sherry Ramirez. From **William and Dale Stellman**.
- In honor of **Sweetums**. From **Jo Ann Bergmans**.
- In memory of **Meg**, beloved dog of Jim and Ann Ford. From **William and Dale Stellman**.
- In memory of **Annie**. From **anonymous**.
- In memory of **Buddha**, a mighty hunter and feline friend of Olive Powell for 20 years. Buddha was her loyal and surprisingly articulate companion. From **Dave, Julie, Tim and Joanna Jackson**.
- In memory of **Molly**, beloved cat of Peggy Brummet. From **Bill and Carol Follmer**.
- In memory of **Heidi**. From **Kenneth and Kristin Phillips**.
- In memory of our beloved **Neva Marie**, and in honor of our new kitty, **Halle Marie**. From **Victoria and George Esquiro**.
- In memory of **Tanker**. From **Keith and Lynn Kessler**.
- In loving memory of my sweet **Abby**, whose many years with me were all too short. She will not be forgotten, as long as memory lasts. From **Ann Gilson**.
- In memory of **Tula** (aka **Josie**). From **D.E. Schultz**.
- In memory of **Rhodie**, loving companion of Marie McCooley. From **Leon and Diane Lopez**.
- In memory of **Bob, Max and Vinnie**. From **Connie and Tom Herber**.
- In memory of **Booky**. From **Theresa Adair**.
- In memory of all the cats I've loved and lost over the past 66 years. From **Gail Gorden**.
- In memory of **Bumbles**. From **Gary and Deborah Heaton**.
- In loving memory of **Alvin**, my beloved kitty. He came to me in 2005, just a 4 week old kitten yet he filled my life with love and joy. He has now crossed the Rainbow Bridge and I will miss him terribly. From **Lauren Richards**.
- In memory of **Sully Baby**. From **J.A. Murphy**.
- In memory of my dear **Molly**, gone to heaven 12/17/2012. From **Margaret Brummet**.
- In memory of **Boo**. From **Patricia Orella**.
- In memory of **Missy** our rescue dog. From **Thomas and Sandra Shields**.
- In memory of **Cleo**. From **Faye Cook**.
- In memory of all my cats over the past 60 years. From **Camille Lewis**.
- In memory of **Scooter**. From **Marilyn and Michael Zimmerman**.
- In memory of **Jasmine**. From **Ruth Krull**.
- In loving memory of rescued kitty **Baxter**. From **Cherie and Jim Pickett**.
- In memory of **Mostest**. From **Brenda Evans**.
- Honoring our beloved friend **Gizmo**, our first cat. From **Thomas Davis, Jr.**
- In memory of **Cindy and Abby**. From **Harold Turner**.
- In memory of **Freyr**, my friend Greg's loving companion for over 23 years who is greatly missed. From **Jacquelyn Faucette**.
- In memory of **Caliban**, a loving and treasured companion and friend. From **Walter Trial**.
- In memory of **Skye**, Diann Dickey's very special dog friend. She will be missed not just by Diann. She was loved by all who knew her. From **Faye Hayden**.
- In memory of all our lost pets, four dogs and three cats. From **Dr. Carol Reiss and Brian Reiss**.





## Memorials and Honorariums



■ In memory of **Bear Bear**. From **Sidney and Evelyn Olsen**.

■ In memory of **Sky**, the beloved companion dog and friend of Diann Dickey. From **Martha Carle**.

■ In memory of **Duncan**, companion of Jerry Durham. From **Martha Carle**.

■ In memory of **Kimba** and **Stealth**. From **Donna Heien**.

■ In memory of **Jake**. From **Nancy and Bill Anderson**.

■ In memory of **Clive**. From **Anne Knauff**.

■ In memory of **Boo**. From **Patricia Orella**.

■ In honor of **Pretty**. From **Wally and Warna Kohl**.

■ In honor of **Kosh (Kilo) Kitty**. From **Stephanie and Vincent Michael Self-Bence**.

■ In memory of **Pouncer**. From **David and Julia Jackson**.

■ In memory of **Murphy**. From **John and Kim McBride**.

■ In memory of **J.C.**, beloved cat of Joanne and Jim Hallett. From **Dr. Sandra Smith, DVM**.

■ In memory of **Mostest**. From **Dennis and Eileen Franson**.

■ In memory of **Smokey and Fire**. From **anonymous**.

■ In memory of my beautiful girl cat **Chloe**. From **Joanne Eagan**.

■ In memory of **Dodie**. From **Craig Andrews and Tara Sparkman**.

■ In memory of **Mostest (Seth)**. He found his forever home with us all. He wasn't about to go and live with just one person when he could have us all to love him. We will miss him so much and I wish him bowls of Cheetos and unattended plates of sandwiches to his heart's content at the bridge! From **Linda Harer**.

■ In memory of **Dinah**. Dinah was one of my first sponsored cats. She will be missed by her foster mom and dad who loved her just as she was. From **Linda Harer**.

■ In memory of **Frieda**, the adorable Tortie companion of Utah, Esther Leidolf and Ann Niederkorn. I'm so glad I got to play catch and snuggle with this special kitty. From **Diane Lopez**.

■ In memory of **Annie**, beloved cat of John and JoAnne Alford. From **your friends at Safe Haven**.

■ In memory of **Mostest**. From **anonymous**.

■ In memory of **Auggie** and **K.C.**, beloved cats of Erik and Kathy Mahnerd. From **Connie Rene**.

■ In loving memory of **Kanga**, my loyal companion for 12 years. He brought me comfort and happiness. From **Pat Lang**.

■ In memory of **Missy** and **Amber**. From **Muriel Kierch**.

■ In memory of **Hino** and **Sasha**. From **Adrienne and Bruce Monro**.

■ In memory of **Tia**. From **Kristin Warner**.

■ In memory of **Faith**. From **John Joseph Pajor**.

■ In memory of darling **Faith** and my beautiful mare **Savannah**, both of whom were much loved and taken far too soon. From **Lori Crow**.

■ In memory of **Bear**, beloved dog of Susan and Chuck Skaggs. From **Joy Diewald**.

■ In honor of **Davi Parrish** who donated all of her birthday money to PFOA. Thanks to **Davi** for all her hard work trapping feral cats. From **Donald and Casi Fors**.

■ In honor of **Diane Lopez**. From **Esther Leidolf**.

■ To my friends at PFOA, Here is my annual end of year contribution for your facility. For the past 6 years, my business, Kitten Sittin' in Sequim has asked each and every client to add a dollar onto their invoice, knowing that I will donate it to PFOA and that I will match their gift as well (up to \$100). This year's donations were the best ever! I did a full match of \$100.00, my clients contributed \$106.00 and I am happy to send a check to you for \$206. This year's donation is sent in memory of my previous cat clients and friends, a feathered client and a gentleman client that passed on in 2012. Thanks, **Joy Kennedy Maxion, Kitten Sittin'**

■ In honor of **Tiimi**. Thank you so much PFOA! We love "Tiimi" formerly Timothy so much. He is extremely happy and loved. From **Philip Morley and Llory Cay Wilson**.

■ In honor of **Gretchen Dabel**. From **Dorothy DeLand**.

■ In honor of **Sharon Palmer**. From **Ruth Seelye**.

■ In the name of **Pam Davee** to honor the work of **Barbara Swedeen**. Thanks for all you do! From **Karen Effrem**.

■ In honor of **Mike** and **Jeanne Williams**. From **Robin & Jody Rush**.

■ In honor of **Nellie (Penelope)**. From **Judith Sharpe**.

■ In honor of **Twyla** and **Bess**, the prettiest black cats in eastern Pennsylvania, and their human, **Steven Max Miller**. From **F. Koski**.

■ In honor of **Sharon Palmer**. From **Lisa and Mark Bohman**.

■ In honor of **Dena Gouras**. From **Beverly Mizuta**.

■ In honor of **Terry Vogel**. From **Anne Hines**.

■ In honor of **Duke** and **Daisy**, PFOA alumni. From **Rebekah and William Grant**.

■ In honor of **Paulette Willson**. From **Christopher and Kathleen Duff**.

■ In honor of **Doreen Hunt's** birthday. From **Deborah La Perche**.

■ In honor of **Mr. Stubbins-Webb**. From **Glenda and Kenneth Webb**.

■ In honor of **Mary Lawrence**. From **Kendall and Kenneth Holtgrewe**.

■ This donation to PFOA is a gift in the name of **Jan Reichl**, who made our Christmas by helping us find Bogie and Bessie! Merry Christmas and thanks for all you do. From **Kenneth Lewis**.

■ In honor of **Joyce Pollack's** birthday. You are all doing wonderful work. From **Richard Crowell**.

■ In honor of **Nancy Campbell**. From **Susie Pollock**.

■ In honor of **Chuck** and **Linda Livingston**, Merry Christmas. From **Joseph and Roberta Hairfield**.

■ In honor of **Diane Stenzel** and **Sammie**, Merry Christmas. From **Paulette Wilson and Christopher Duff**.

■ For **J. Berkey** who loves all animals. From **David and Janet Reichl**.

■ In honor of my mom **Shirley McFadden** and **Peter Grassi**. From **Kathryn McFadden**.

■ In honor of **Scooter (David)**. From **Scott and Charlotte Devore**.

■ In honor of **Mike** and **Carol Howard**. From **Rita and Tom Thatcher**.

■ In honor of **David** and **Francie Loudon**. From **Bob Loudon**.

■ In honor of **Bert** and **Ernie**. Hoping you will find a great home like I did. From **Grover (and Mervene Felty)**.

### Honorariums

■ We want to make this donation in the name of **Carol** and **Mike Howard**. They do so much for the love of animals. Thank you for all you do. From **Mousey, Mee Mee, Max and Susan Houghton**.

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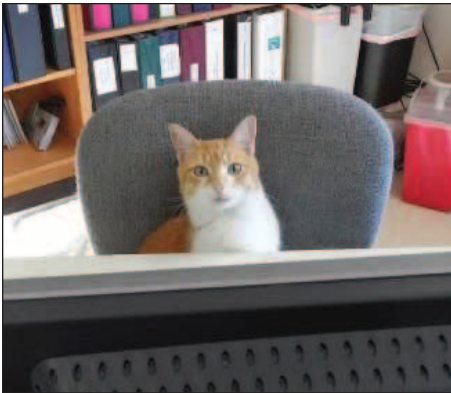
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