



FOREVER HOME

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CASA Mission Statement:

The mission of CASA is to find loving Forever Homes for all of our healthy adoptable animals. We strive to provide quality care and service to the animals and people of our community while encouraging and promoting responsible pet ownership.



Message from the Shelter Manager

Spring has sprung and with that "Kitten Season" is nearing. With all of the work CASA has pertaining to kittens during the warmer months we want to urge everyone to spay and neuter your pets. This is the only way to help end the suffering and homelessness of unplanned litters of kittens. Even if your pets are fixed, you can help by urging others to do the same. It seems so simple when people say they already have people who want a kitten, but the truth is in most cases those kittens will then go to homes where they have a low likelihood of being spayed or neutered themselves and will go on to reproduce more kittens.

If someone is looking for a kitten, please tell them about CASA and the benefits of adopting. All kittens from CASA are already spayed or neutered, current on age appropriate vaccines, wormed, flea treated and microchipped with completed registration. Our \$100 adoption fee for kittens includes all of that and is a huge discount considering just a spay at the vet is around \$70. Not only do you save money when adopting, you save a life. Many of the kittens spend time in a foster home and CASA staff will be able to tell you if the kitten has been around dogs, other cats and even children in some cases.

Another way to help save lives is to open your home to foster kittens until they are ready for adoption. The commitment can be as little as two weeks. To find out more about fostering please visit the shelter in person. We hope to see you soon!

Tegan Locker
Shelter Manager

NO KILL SHELTER - HOW YOU CAN HELP

A "No-Kill" shelter, what does this really mean? By definition (*and our pledge to our animals*), we never euthanize an animal to make space or for convenience. Behind the scenes this means that we all must work even harder to find homes for all of the animals, including those who are hard to adopt or have special needs. Since those pets will be with us longer than others, we strive to make their stay with us a pleasant one while also marketing them more frequently to the public.

Since the beginning of 2012, we have had several long time residents. Recently three of our special needs dogs found homes. Miller a 12 month old completely consumed by Demodex Mange and an additional yeast infection of the skin eventually made his way to Motley Zoo Animal Rescue where he will continue his treatment and eventually go up for adoption. Brinx, an older dog who had a cancerous tumor successfully removed found a home through Old Dog Haven. Dale, an almost completely blind dog, was adopted. In addition, after staying at the shelter for over three months, Diesel and Dunkin were adopted.

Two dogs, Conrad and Bubba, have both been here over six months. They are waiting for that special person who will see beyond their excitable barking while in the shelter kennels through to their true lovable personalities. We have the chance to make their stay enjoyable while they wait for their "Forever Homes." You can help by spreading the word and/or volunteering to visit with them. Look into their eyes and see their gratitude.



Miller, beautiful 1 year old with terrible skin issues and mange.



Here's Brinx, a sweet old boy - he had a large tumor removed.

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Thanks to the Stanwood Chamber of Commerce for distributing spring flower bulbs and to the CASA volunteers who picked them up and planted them.

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Although being “No-Kill” is hard work, it is gratifying knowing we view each animal as an individual. We do not classify them as too sick, too old, too much training needed, not perfect, etc. If it is illness that can be addressed and the animal is given a chance to live happy and healthy, thanks to your donations we work to make them well. If they are a senior pet with typical senior issues we work to make them comfortable and happy while looking for someone who wants to love them in those last years.

Surprisingly, underage kittens and those who need bottle feeding are sometimes euthanized at other shelters. CASA works hard to find foster homes for kittens who need round the clock bottle feeding in their first weeks of life to give them a chance at life. We do not give up on them simply because of their age. Even FIV Positive cats who are otherwise healthy get an opportunity for a “Forever Home” at CASA. These are some of the joys and challenges that come with being a “No-Kill” shelter; we know the animals are worth it.



Lucky Dale, adopted even though almost fully blind.

Board Members

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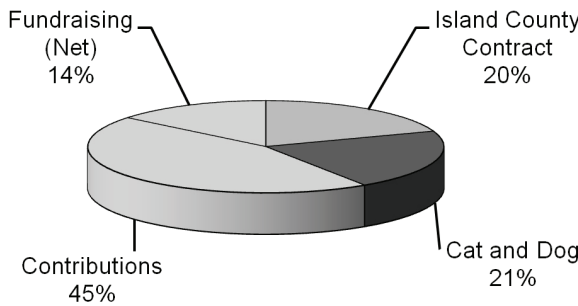
Sheri Rhoads

Brianna Walther

Nathan Whaley

Did You Know?

CASA relies on your contributions and support of our fundraising activities to cover the shelter expenses. We are grateful for our volunteers and to the many businesses and individuals who help us each year.



CASA Income for 2011

Island County Contract funds provided for contracted services

Cat and Dog Income includes stray, surrender and adoption donations

Contributions/Memberships include contributions, donation boxes, memorials and bequests

Fundraising (Net) Income from fundraising activities, Donate for Charity and shirt sales

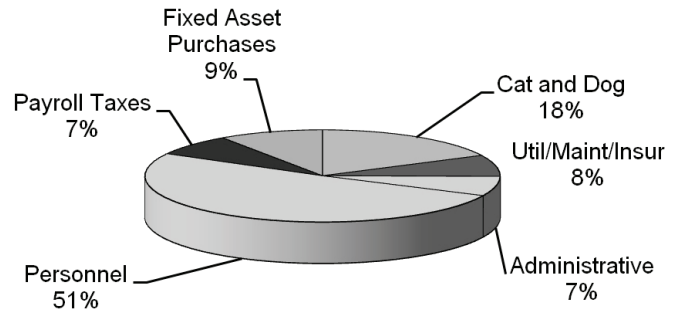
CASA Expenses for 2011

Cat and Dog Expenses include medicine, vaccines, flea and worm treatments, spay/neuter, food, litter and other medical treatment

Utilities/Maintenance/Insurance includes: garbage, security, telephone, internet, insurance

Administrative Expenses include office and paper/cleaning supplies, website, copying
Personnel includes shelter manager and 4 staff animal caregivers (all part-time)

Payroll Taxes - FICA, Medicare, SUI, SDI
Fixed Asset Purchases includes: cat condos, computer, printer and ISO kennel upgrades



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Hours:

Wed - Fri 11 - 3
Sat 11 - 4
Sun 11 - 3
Mon & Tues Closed

Other Income/Expenses

- Island County provides the shelter building, heat, electricity, water and maintenance
- Non-monetary contributions from the public – food, litter, bedding, cleaning supplies and paper products which substantially reduce our expenses
- Fees collected on behalf of Island County and returned to the county – licenses, impounds, boarding, surrenders, adoptions

Mark Your Calendar!

CASA Friends

*First Thursday of each month 7 PM
At the Camano Multi-Purpose Center
Join us as we plan our events:*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bake and Plant Sale

Draw-A-Cat Draw-A-Dog Contest

Saturday, May 12th

Flea Market

Saturday, June 2nd

Car Wash

Saturday, June 23rd

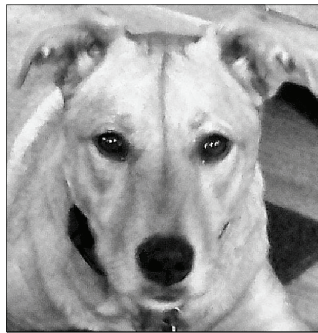
Dog Wash

Saturday, August 18th

**THANK YOU
BUSINESS MEMBERS!**

- AWR Inc. / General Contractor
 - Bee Bookkeeping & Income Tax Service
 - Camano Body Shop, Inc.
 - Camano Island Kennels and Grooming
 - Camano Island Pet Grooming Salon
 - Camano Storage
 - Camano Veterinary Clinic
 - Canine Cozy Care Resort, LLC
 - Cat Nap Inn, LLC
 - CCR Camano Canine Resort
 - Certified Services Auto & Truck Repair
 - Dog Style Grooming
 - Edward Jones - Peggy Burr
 - Geoffrey H. Anderson, D.D.S.
 - Glass Tech Stanwood, Inc.
 - Island Critter Sitters
 - Krista's Pet Spaw
 - Mark's Camano Pharmacy
 - Moonlighting Pet and Livestock Care*
 - Moonswept Studio
 - Northwest Veterinary Clinic - Stanwood
 - Pet Neuter and Vaccination Clinic
 - Pratt Pest Management NW
 - Restoration Dental
 - State Farm Insurance
- Leslie Tripp Agency
 - Thomas Assoc - Insurance Brokers, Inc.
 - TimLabs
 - Ultimate Arch Orthotics
 - U.S. Forfeiture & Seizures
 - Whidbey Island Bank
 - Windermere Real Estate
 - Windermere Real Estate - Linda Evans
- * **Welcome New Business Members**

CASA Alumni



Ginger Vess (formerly Gracie)
adopted November, 2011



Paloma Platis
adopted in 2002



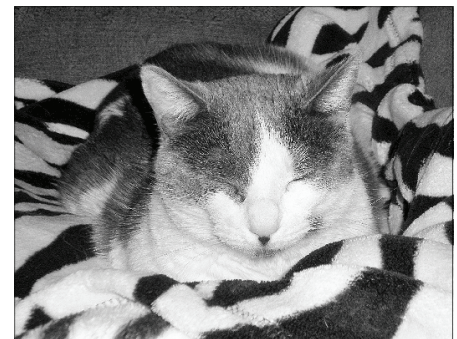
Hannah Vess
adopted in 2005



Ripples Haworth-Rodriguez
adopted June, 2010



Ike Washo (formerly Sonny)
adopted June, 2011



Juju Washo (formerly Duchess)
adopted March, 2011



Minnie Worley
adopted December, 2011



Doogie Weller
adopted August, 2011

Visit camanoanimalshelter.org to view and read about all of our adoptable animals.

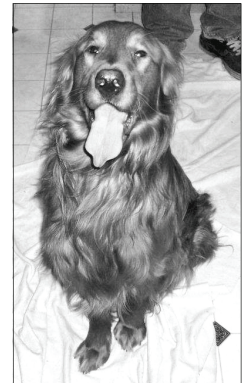
HAPPY TAILS

Willie

Zena, our 3 year old Golden Retriever had lost her male companion Boomer about 4 months prior to us finding Willie. She was so bored and lonely. We knew we had to find her a new friend. I think fate had something to do with finding Willie on CASA's website on Christmas Eve! Willie was called Kramer at CASA but we renamed him. As soon as we brought Willie home, Zena came alive and the two of them ran around our property. They were friends from the start! They sleep on the same dog bed sometimes and one of them will put their head on the other's chest on occasion too. They really are extremely well suited for each other and they have compatible energy levels. They love coming to work each day and meeting new people of all ages.

- Sue James

(Visit Willie at Glass Tech in Stanwood, CASA Business Member)



Here's Willie.
Isn't he beautiful?

Ariel



Ariel is the little one looking right at the camera while Roxy is sleeping away.

I just wanted to write a quick letter to inform you that the kitten I adopted in January is doing just fine and wonderful. You guys had named her Sparrow, but that had to be changed, as I thought she was such a beautiful kitten, she needed a beautiful name, so she is now called Ariel, or Ari for short. She has made herself quite at home here. It helps that she is doted on all the time and just so you do know, she has bonded not only with me, but my other cat Roxy. I am enclosing a couple of pictures of her, one of just her, being the little princess she is, and also another one with her cuddled up and laying on Roxy. This house is fairly quiet, and I think that has helped her come out of her shell.

Again, thank you so much. Since I fell in love with her before even laying eyes on her, she definitely landed into a forever home. I could not imagine being without her right now or ever.

- Shawna Schloe

Po

Kodie had been in shelter care for a very long time when we came along on Mother's Day, 2011. My Mom, my son and I stopped in to have a quick look. Kiera, our Alaskan Malamute, had recently lost her mom and was lost herself. She wasn't eating, she laid around and simply lacked the life and energy she once exuded. When we walked into CASA, all the dogs were barking wildly and in a quick fleeting moment we connected with this black lab that "smiled" at us. He had this look that told me that he knew we would be back for him. We were in CASA for all of 5 minutes, but couldn't stop talking about "Kodie."

When I got home and told my husband, he suggested I take my son and go back to the shelter to see if he was compatible with Kodie. My son Riley is 4 years old and commands our 150 lb. Alaskan around. When I asked to take "Kodie" to the play yard with my son, they cautioned me that he had been returned due to his aggressive nature with children and that this may not be the dog for us. I convinced them to give us 5 minutes. We then spent 40 minutes in the yard playing with our "new dog"... "Po." The staff was amazed with how gentle and attentive "Po" was with my son. When Riley threw the ball for him, Po excitedly returned it and sat at my son's feet. (something he hadn't done for anyone since he had been taken in.) Po and Riley connected! As soon as Po got home he and Kiera bonded and as you can see by the picture they are partners in crime and the rest is history.

- Candi Tallquist



Po is on the right and Kiera is on the left.

Have you adopted from CASA? Send us an email message with a photo of your pet and we'll include it in our next newsletter! Please be sure to include the full name of your pet and the month/year adopted. Have a Happy Tail? Send that also. CASA's email address is casa@camanoanimalshelter.org. Be sure to put "For newsletter" in the subject line of your email.

HAPPY TAILS

Lucy

Lucy is a Cocker Spaniel / Poodle mix who came to CASA with two other small dogs. Their owner was moving and could not have pets at her new home. They had lived together and rarely went out to meet people or other dogs. As a result, when they arrived at the shelter they were scared and nervous. Lucy in particular shook, growled and did not want to be touched. My grandma, Jeanne, came into the shelter to bring me lunch and she fell in love with Lucy's cute little face. I took Lucy home to foster and work on her socialization.

She joined us for our family Christmas get together. The way that my grandma was showing her off to the rest of the family, I knew Lucy had found her forever home. She now lives with my grandparents, my cousin, and of course me. She also lives with two dogs (*Hanna & Gage*) and three cats (*Peaches, Nancy and Ness*). Lucy spends most of her days laying in her bed next to the fireplace or chasing the squirrels with Hanna and Gage. She jumps up and wags her tail every time we come to the door. She fits very well next to my grandma on the couch, watching movies and begging for treats. Lucy loves her new home and family. My grandma is so glad to have found her. She reminds us of the Cocker Spaniels that we used to have. I see everyday the joy she brings to our home and how she makes a wonderful, new, companion in our family.

- Justine Doggett, CASA Staff



Cute little Lucy loves her new home and family.

Bake and Plant Sale ~ Saturday ~ May 12th

CASA's sale will take place one day only, Saturday only, May 12th, from 10 am to 5 pm at the Camano Multi-Purpose Center (*blue building next to the shelter*). Please stop by – there will be some wonderful homemade baked goods, hot dogs, and lots of plants to enjoy and motivate that gardening urge everyone gets this time of year.

~ *Free coffee will be served all day long* ~

Draw-a-Cat or Draw-a-Dog Art Contest

Elementary school students are participating in CASA's Draw-a-Cat or Draw-a-Dog Art Contest. All entries will be displayed at our Bake and Plant Sale. Stop by to vote for your favorites.



Flea Market ~ Saturday ~ June 2nd

CASA will sponsor a Flea Market at the Camano Multi-Purpose Center (*blue building next to the shelter*) between 9 am and 4 pm.

Hot dogs will be available from 11 am until 3 pm.

SALE ITEMS NEEDED: Spring is coming. Time to clean out the house and garage. To donate gently used items for our Flea Market (*no clothes, please*), contact Sheri Rhoads at 360-631-5258, email rhoadsdusty@gmail.com.



Adopt-A-Less-Adoptable-Pet

PetFinder.com

AN INDOOR CAT IS A HAPPY CAT!

As a responsible cat owner, you know that cats need a caring home to be healthy and happy. Keeping them indoors is a critical part in providing that caring home. We often feel that there is something “wild” about our beloved cats; but in fact they are domestic animals, not wildlife. Every time that they visit the outdoors, they are at risk for a host of dangers. By keeping our cats indoors we protect our cats, protect wildlife, and are better neighbors.

AS AN INDOOR CAT

What would your cat gain?

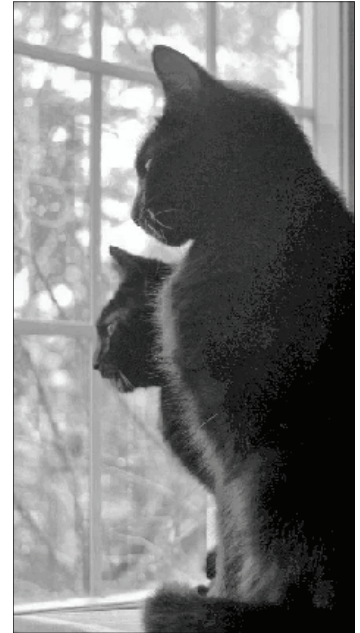
- As many as ten to fifteen years of additional life, on average
- Better daily health
- Drastically fewer injuries, infections, and illnesses
- A safer, more comfortable environment

What would you gain?

- A healthier cat and fewer veterinary visits
- Reduced risk of transmittable diseases especially to pregnant women
- A flea-free zone
- Appreciative neighbors
- Peace of mind knowing your cat is safe

What would your cat miss?

- Being hit by a car
- Being killed by drinking anti-freeze and other commonly accessible poisons
- Contracting serious or incurable diseases like feline leukemia, distemper, or FIV
- Being killed by predators such as coyotes or even eagles or owls
- Being trapped, deliberately poisoned, stolen, or inhumanely treated
- Illnesses, such as tularemia and toxoplasmosis, from consuming a wild bird, mammal, reptile, or amphibian



ENRICHING INDOOR LIVING FOR THE CAT IN YOUR LIFE

Resting perches: Make a resting shelf or high perch by a window so your cat can see outside.

Outdoor Enclosures: Animal shelters and veterinarians have plans for safe outdoor enclosures (*or search “Outdoor Cat Enclosure” on the web*).

A Clean Litter Box: Scoop your cat’s litter daily to provide a clean, happy “bathroom”.

Open a Screened Window: Access to the smells and sounds of the great outdoors can provide hours of enjoyment for your cat.

Toys: Keep lots of different kinds of toys to intrigue different parts of your cat’s brain.

Include bags and boxes, “chase” toys (*balls, small objects, etc.*) and “kill” toys (*catnip animals such as stuffed mice*).

Rotate the toys, and store “out of play” toys in a large jar or a bag with some loose catnip.

Hide toys and treats around the house.

Get lots of “interactive” toys like fishing poles with toys on them and play with your cat regularly.

Suspend toys from tables.

Get your cat microchipped:

Just in case your indoor cat gets outdoors, a microchip will help ensure your cat comes home safely. Licenses for cats are not required in Island County but may be required elsewhere. Be sure to check about cat licenses in your municipality and provide them for your cat if needed.

Helping an Outdoor Cat Become An Indoor Cat

Provide gradual adjustment time. Bring your cat in for an increasingly longer time each day.

Don’t Feel Guilty

If you are absolutely convinced that the indoor life simply does not fit your cat’s lifestyle, pledge to make your next cat an indoor only cat. And make sure that all of your cats are spayed or neutered. Your next cat will thank you!

And Our Wild Friends are Pretty Happy Too!

There are more than half a million cats in the Puget Sound area. If each cat caught one bird a month, six million birds would be killed in our community alone every single year. An estimated 20 percent of all injured animals brought into the PAWS Wildlife Center were injured through attacks by cats.

Cats Are Predators

A cat’s instinct is to hunt, stalk, and kill. Just because you don’t see evidence in your backyard doesn’t mean they haven’t been killing wildlife.

Well Fed Cats Still Hunt

Our cats’ urge to hunt and chase is located in a different part of their brain than their urge to eat; it doesn’t matter how hungry they are. Bells don’t help; cats learn to walk soundlessly.

By keeping our cats indoors we protect our pets, save wildlife, and are better neighbors.

~ Courtesy of Puget Sound Cats Indoor Coalition ~

Donate Your Car

Our vehicle donation program is made possible through our partnership with Donate For Charity. When you are ready to donate your vehicle, you may call Donate For Charity toll-free at (866) 392-4483 or donate online at their website: www.donateforcharity.com.



Love animals? Volunteer!

Our volunteers devote hundreds of hours a year tending to the needs of animals and raising funds needed to keep our doors open. We can use extra hands for animal care and shelter maintenance. Animal care includes socializing cats, walking dogs or just sitting with dogs. Fostering is a personal way to help. Come to our Friends meeting to help with fundraising and community outreach or volunteer at our events. Don't like meetings, but have some time to help with clerical tasks, there are volunteer opportunities. Just send an email to casa@camanoanimalshelter.org and we'll be in touch.

BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!

The local businesses who display our donation collection boxes are appreciated!
Featured location this period:
Elger Bay Store

WISH LIST

GENERAL SUPPLIES

- Liquid Bleach
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- Liquid Dish Soap (*no antibacterial*)

PET FOOD

- KMR - Kitten Milk Replacement
- Baby Food - small jars of pureed meats
- Royal Canin "Babycat" & kitten dry food
- Canned Kitten Food
- Dry Kirkland Dog/Cat Food (*Costco*)
- Soft dog treats

PET SUPPLIES

- Non-clumping/Clay cat litter or pellets



Visit Amazon.com and enter "Camano Animal Shelter" to see our Wish List

In memory of:
Dan Holiday
Dedicated CASA shelter volunteer & supporter

In memory of departed pets:

- Millie, Nitro and Beau Green
- Ender Helm
- Emma Parks
- Midge Pearson
- Misty Peterson
- Juneau Piercy
- Gilda Sonsteng



----- YES . . . I WANT TO HELP THE ANIMALS AT CAMANO ANIMAL SHELTER -----

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of:

\$15 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Single Membership (\$15) Family Membership (\$25)

Business Membership (\$100)

My donation is in Memory/in Honor of a person or pet
(Please include a note with honoree's name and contact person if you want the gift acknowledged)

Please send my gift receipt via e-mail so more of my contribution can go toward helping the animals
(Please provide e-mail address on the form to the left.)

I do not need a receipt for my donation.

My employer will match my gift. Enclosed is my completed matching gift form.

I am interested in becoming a volunteer.

CASA does not share/sell donor information, and every dollar you give makes a difference. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit animal welfare organization. Federal Tax ID #91-1913293

CASA appreciates your generosity. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



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**CASA ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF
FOREVER HOMES**



Here is a sweet older cat named Marcus. He would love to have a nice warm lap to nap on. He doesn't mind being around other cats. He can't wait to be loved and brushed by his new owner. Please visit him soon! He'll be waiting for you.

My name is Conrad and I am a two year young, handsome man awaiting my "Forever Home." Although I seem full of life at times I really am quite mellow and would do well with another calm dog of similar energy. However, I need a home without cats. I enjoy fetching tennis balls and love to cuddle. If you would love a dog like me, please visit me soon!



Here's Bubba. He loves people and spending time with them, especially kids - playing and receiving pets and belly rubs. He may look like a big, tough guy but he is a real sweetheart who will try to please his people and do anything to make them happy. He is 2+ years old, walks well on leash and obeys many commands. Come on in and spend some time with Bubba - you will fall in love and be impressed too.



Kiara is a declawed lady who needs a new home. She spent her first years with a very large family and now is looking for a "Forever Home" where she can be the grand lady of the house. Sleeping in the warm sunshine or on a warm lap and playing with catnip toys are what she would like to do. Come visit please her.



Kevin is a striking black and white boy who is approximately 7 years young. He can be on the shy side. He didn't have a lot of human one on one attention before coming to CASA, but it is clear that he really wants to be someone's friend. His best feline friend at the shelter is Leia. They would love to go home together.

Pazy is a sweet little 2 year old girl with lots of personality, She loves to be held, belly rubs, ear scratching, and just lots of attention. She lives at CASA for now but she loves people and wants to find her special someone. Come in and visit Pazy - you won't be sorry. She may be the perfect cat for you.



See Their Story



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