



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

Every day is a new day at the shelter; no two days are alike. The days that really leave their mark are the ones that involve emergency medical care. Often people think we have the same capabilities and staffing as a vet clinic, but we do not. When it comes to emergencies at CASA, they always seem to happen after vet hours or on their closed days. In those cases, the shelter staff must rely on instinct and the basic knowledge they gain from working at the shelter.

Although we are not veterinarians, like the average pet owner, we have the ability to learn basic animal emergency procedures and tips on how to try and get them stable enough to get to a vet. I have a number of "fur-children" at home and I know how important basic knowledge of pet first aid can be. Join CASA for our first Pet First Aid Workshop on October 4th. It may help you save the life of an animal in the future.

Tegan Locker

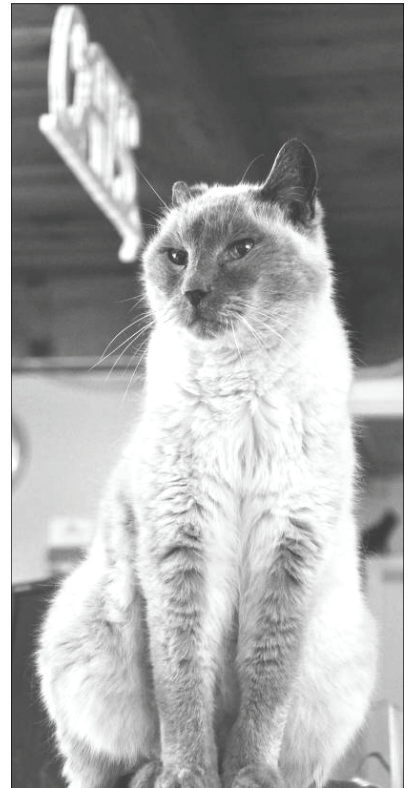
NICODEMUS' DREAM

Nicodemus came to CASA in June as a stray. He was brought to the shelter by a person who lived in the same neighborhood as Nicodemus' former owner. Apparently his owner was an elderly woman who had reached the point where she could no longer care for herself at home alone. Family members arrived and moved her out of state. Unfortunately they overlooked Nicodemus and left without making any arrangements for him. After realizing Nicodemus' situation, this kind neighbor brought him into the CASA shelter.

Nicodemus is about thirteen years old. He's a friendly part Siamese cat with a floppy ear and striking blue eyes. While grooming Nicodemus one day, a volunteer wondered what Nicodemus thinks about the situation he's in now and if this is what he would say.

"Everyone here came to CASA in different ways. Some of us were found wandering, some were surrendered, and many of us were even abandoned. If a cat comes in without a name, he or she automatically is given a new one. At 3 pm every afternoon when the shelter is closed to the public, our 'care-people' here prepare terrific canned cat food meals for all us cats. They never forget it either. But that could be due to all of us gathering in the front room and reminding them what time it is. Sometimes it's a little late but that is rare.

Every day a care-person comes in and scratches me behind my ears and gives me a nice brushing. The thing is, every day the care-person is different. I have nobody to call my very own. I long to find that special person who I will belong to and he or she will belong to me. This is my dream, my only dream. The dreams of the other cats at the shelter are pretty much the same. We don't care about a big perfect house to live in. We don't care if our person is rich or poor. We just want that special person to love us and take us home with



Nicodemus sits waiting for someone to come.

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Before you recycle your newsletter consider sharing it with a friend or leaving it for others to read at the places you visit.

Introducing others to CASA is a great way to help the animals at the shelter.

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Wed - Fri 11 - 3

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them. I'd be happy as long as I could look up at my very own person and meow "I love you" and have them look deep into my eyes and say back "I love you too." They don't have to say it out loud, but I'd love them to send me this message: "I pledge that we will be together forever from now on."

I know the wish of every cat here is that they also could have someone to call their own! So, please everybody! Come on in here and check us out. We love to meet new people and always hope that one of you will fall in love and take one of us home with you."

Won't you come meet Nicodemus and make his dream come true? He's waiting for you!



It is 3 pm, time for dinner.

Did You Know?

Island County Fees Increased

- Island County requires all dog owners to license their dogs every year.
- Effective September 1, a license for a dog that is spayed or neutered went from \$7 to \$10.
- For a dog that *is not* spayed or neutered, the license fee went from \$25 to \$33.
- 65-and-older discount, \$100 group license and the late penalty have been discontinued.
- Overnight boarding fees for impounded dogs increase from \$7 to \$10.
- 2012 dog licenses are still on sale at the Shelter or at the Camano Island Annex on NE Camano Drive.

Learn How to Help Save Your Pet's Life - Attend Workshop

Pet First Aid and CPR Workshop

Thursday, October 4, 2012

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Camano Multi-Purpose Center

141 East Camano Drive (*blue building next to shelter*)
Camano Island, WA 98282

Free to public, but donations to CASA appreciated

ACCES* workshop offers pet owners an overview of canine and feline first aid and CPR. Course topics include basic anatomy, how to obtain vital signs, types and signs of shock, orthopedic injuries, and basic bandaging. The seconds, minutes and hours following an emergency can be critical in determining the outcome.

Learn how to help save your pet's life!

RSVP: vpiper@criticalcarevets.com or call Nancy 360-387-8595

Reservations requested – space limited

* For more information about ACCES, Animal Critical Care and Emergency Services, visit criticalcarevets.com.



Mark Your Calendar!

CASA Friends

*First Thursday of each month 7 PM
At the Camano Multi-Purpose Center*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pet First Aid and CPR

Thursday, Oct 4th

Chili Chowder Cookoff

Saturday, Nov 10th

Santa Pictures

Saturday, Nov 10th

Lights of Love

November/December

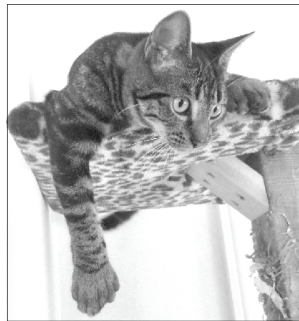
Annual Meeting

Monday, December 10th

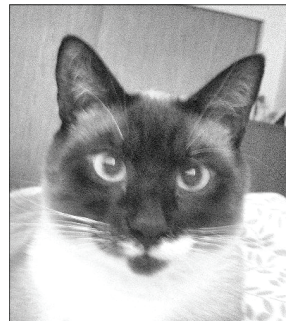
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BUSINESS MEMBERS!**

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 - Camano Island Pet Grooming Salon
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 - Windermere Real Estate - Linda Evans
- * Welcome New Business Members

CASA Alumni



Pascha Crider, January, 2012



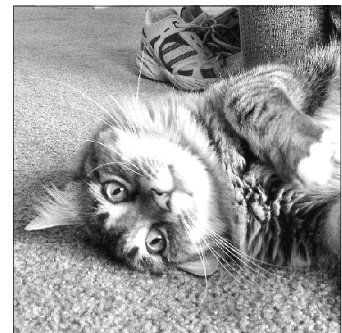
D'Artagnan Plesha,
October, 2011
(formerly Jackie Chan)



Phoebe Sandusky, December, 2011



Oscar & Eddie Foster, January, 2010
(formerly Bobby Ray and Gonzo)



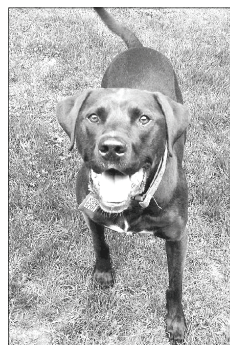
Neko Durham, May, 2012
(formerly Larry)



Conrad Jimenez (right) & Friend
May, 2012



Sophie Barney, May, 2012
(formerly Scruffy)



Lennox Kirchner
April, 2010



Franklin (left) & Friend
March, 2010

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

HAPPY TAILS

Charlie

We wanted to extend our sincere thanks for such a great experience with Camano Island Animal Shelter. Charlie has been a blessing in our family and transitioned seamlessly. Charlie is a mellow dog, who mostly enjoys his afternoons lounging in the sun, waiting patiently for our son to return from school. He absolutely loves going for long walks on our beach and quarry and throughout Moran State Park. He has been friendly and respectful of all people and dogs coming in and out of our home.

We have not had a single issue with 'accidents' in the house, or chewing, or any other 'puppy' behavior. We like to think he's an old soul. Our hearts go out to his previous owner who had to give up such a wonderful dog. Charlie is starting his basic manners class and our goal is ultimately to work towards Charlie earning his Canine Good Citizens Certification. We looked for over a year for the perfect fit, and feel 100% as though we found him.

- Kala Bloch



Charlie has found his best friend; they are so happy together.

Sammy



Sammy watches from his perch.

Remember the awful snowy winter of 2008-2009? Well, that is when Sammy had been discovered and brought into CASA mid-January 2009, after being attacked by some unknown large animal - his injuries were horrific, left eye, tear-duct, ear, back of neck, legs were covered with wounds. His tear duct was damaged beyond repair, so he weeps and has a droopy eye. Luckily, Camano Vet clinic put in many hours and kept Sammy alive.

Sammy was not my first or second choice, but fate stepped in. Sammy obviously needed to come to our home and I couldn't ignore that bundle of fur just lying in the cat tree any longer. Sammy fell in love with my husband immediately - he also decided after just one hour to come out from under the bed, and take over the house. We have never had a more lovable cat, he is so funny. By the way, when he came home he weighed about 7 pounds, he is probably about 10-12 now, and looks just right.

- Almira Jones

Claire

CASA is a great place to find some wonderful pets. We spotted our Doxie advertised on the reader board and stopped. They were closed, but Claire was outside barking, defending "Her Kennel." It was love at first sight. The next morning we were there when CASA opened and had a great visit with her. We took her home after her surgery where she settled right in, letting us know she was in charge! She is a sweet dog, and loves to go for walks, but her favorite place is to snooze on one of our laps or on her pad in front of the pellet stove.

Claire always wants to go with us in the car. She has her bed in the car and sleeps while we are shopping. She is a great traveler and easily makes friends where ever we are. When the TV is on at home, Claire watches and reacts to what is on. She barks when there is violence or a dog on TV and sometimes will go to the TV to bark up close and personal. We love her dearly and is a joy - a wonderful addition to our family. THANK YOU CASA.

- Phoebe Cadwallader



Claire is always ready for a ride.

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

HAPPY TAILS

Opus and Aria

We originally went to visit Aria, ended up deciding on Opus, partly because of his sweet personality and partly because he has vision issues (*cataracts*) and needs a safe indoor home. Then, Aria took things into her own paws and planted herself in the carrier that Opus was supposed to go home in. So we took that as a sign that Aria had chosen us as her new family and that was that. Each has their own very distinct personality and we can't imagine not having them with us.



Aria is "Head Cat in Charge."

Opus (*formerly Butterscotch, age 3*) is a little cuddle-bug who loves to get right in your face and give kisses and face rubs. He doesn't see really well, but he does fine. The vet said she isn't sure what his long-term prognosis for his vision is, but either way, he'll always have a home with us.

Aria (*formerly Tricia, age 2*), is the elegant, graceful one who is also an excellent ninja wrestler. She loves to have her head rubbed and is the "Head Cat In Charge." Aria has an interesting talent of standing on her back legs, expertly grabbing Opus's head and flipping him onto the carpet. He then flips her over so she starts "caterwauling" as loud as

possible to let us know Opus isn't playing fair. They chase each other around the house, up and down the stairs, and sound like a herd of horses.

So happy we found these two wonderful cats. It's hard to understand why it took so long for these sweet babies to find homes. But then I suppose people want kittens. Thank you for being there and giving them a safe and happy place to live until we came along and fell in love with them.

- Mary and Steve Howe



Opus relaxes.

Saying Good Bye

At CASA we receive many messages, but this heartfelt note about Piper, a border collie, exemplifies the depth of love we feel for our animals and how much a shelter animal can give back if given the opportunity.

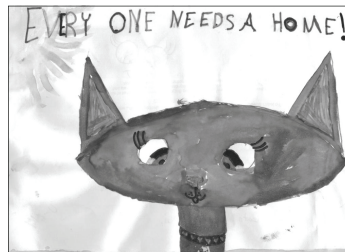
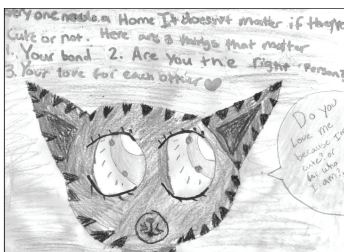
"This morning our companion forever, Piper, was put to sleep so she could rest in peace by Dr. Rosie and not suffer. We have had many pets over eighty years, but there was no other companion like her. Not once did she show anything but love and friendship to anyone.

She knew before we did what we wanted her to do and she was happy to do so. There will never be a perfect friend such as she has been. She was life to us and many others. She had no equal. We thank you and God for putting her in our lives."

- Ken and Ruth White

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

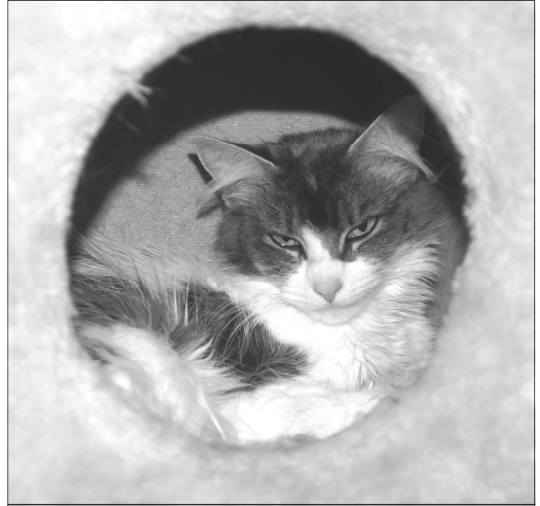
Utsalady students' artwork was enjoyed by customers at the CASA Bake and Plant Sale. Best in Show - Madison T., People's Choice-4-5 Melody W., People's Choice-3 Kiki R.



SHY CATS

Quite often, when you look at the write-up on a cat waiting for a home, you'll see him or her described as "shy" or "skittish". What does this mean? Will the cat get over it and become draped-over-the-shoulder friendly? Could be you've already adopted a cat and found him unexpectedly frightened when you got him home. How to bring him out of his shell? Or perhaps you've had a cat for years who has remained exceptionally shy. Was she abused by people when she was young?

Why shy? Shy cats fall into two categories: scared now, but really a normal (*whatever that is!*) cat once they feel safe; and cats that, like timid people, will forever remain shy to a greater or lesser extent. The explanation often lies in early learning, although, as with human babies, each kitten seems to be born with an already established personality that can be influenced but not completely altered. A kitten that has no contact with humans for the first 8 weeks or more may retain a certain wariness of people. Alternatively, a kitten that was handled a great deal and established a bond with people but who was then abandoned and spent months or even years living like a feral cat will also be initially shy. Yet he is likely, once trust is re-established, to surrender any wariness.



Hidey hole provides safety for a shy cat at the shelter.

What we can't forget is the importance of each cat's basic nature. Any foster parent will tell you that every kitten in a litter has a distinct personality. The environment is the same; he was born different.

Cats are not adaptable creatures. Common sense says that, while he is a hunter by nature, he's also quite small and therefore vulnerable. The need to be aware of his surroundings, to avoid surprises, is innate. What that means in a household is that routine is all-important, whatever that routine may be. A cat's understanding of what's safe is established early in life.

Imagine the shock for one that has spent ten years indoor-only in a tiny apartment with an elderly owner who rarely had visitors, to suddenly find himself at a shelter! The temporarily shy cat will hide when you first take him home. He may not eat for two or three days. He may dive under the bed and not venture out for some time. He just needs time, kind voices, patience. The cat whose very nature is shy is likely to seek affection at certain times and places and often hide. Such cats establish their own routine - the timid calico discovers that if she sits on the back of a certain recliner, you'll pet her every time you walk by. Yet if you approach her when she's lying in the middle of the living room, she'll run. She learns that you sit quietly every night to watch the ten o'clock news, so that becomes a safe time for her to join you for her snuggle.

Reassuring the shy cat. Whether he's a newcomer to your home or has been with you for years, the key is to remember how important routine and unchanging environment is to him. Dragging him out from beneath the bed for cuddles at your convenience will traumatize him, while he'll find joy and comfort in those same cuddles if he seeks them out at a time and place that feels safe to him. Provide the timid cat with hidey holes (*cats often like high spots*). Understand how much it will upset him if you move furniture or his litter box or food bowls. If change is necessary, make it as gradual as possible. For a new cat in your household, set aside your expectations and let him expand his world at a speed comfortable for him. Start him in a small room; open the door and let him come out to explore and meet other family members when he's ready. Do the same for any cat if a move becomes necessary. Try to set up a room with familiar furniture, bedding that retains his (*and your scent*). Let him know that his routine hasn't changed.

For the very scared cat, consider herbal remedies reputed to be soothing, or, in extreme cases – discuss medications with your veterinarian. Antidepressants are very effective in cats and can reduce anxiety drastically a move, with the arrival of a new baby, or during any other life change.

When you consider adopting think long and hard about your own needs and expectations. If you want a cat with a "dog-like" personality, you won't be happy with the retiring tabby, no matter how cute she is. Look for the brave kitten when you adopt; perhaps the outgoing adult cat begging you to stop and visit. But perhaps your life is fairly quiet; maybe you understand how it feels not to be the life of the party. You might love to offer reassurance and gentle affection. If so, you can provide the perfect home for the cat who needs to feel safe. She may remain shy, but never, ever, any less lovable.

~ Courtesy of Purrfect Pals, www.purrfectpals.org

Special thanks to:

Ima Rented - Home Storage Solutions, *homestoragesolution.com* for providing the storage shed next to the shelter to store shelter supplies.



Camano Storage, *camanostorage.com* for providing a free unit to store the CASA outreach supplies (*tents, etc.*) and another unit for our Flea Market.



Bartell's Card Benefits CASA

CASA supporters may obtain a B-Caring card from Bartell Drugs. When you use the card, up to 4% of the total purchase amount made at Bartell Drugs will be donated to CASA. (*Percentage based on amount spent in a given month.*) The card may be picked up at the local Bartell Drugs. Be sure to write in CASA – Camano Animal Shelter Association as your preferred charity.



BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!

The local businesses who display our donation collection boxes are appreciated!
Featured location this period:
Krista's Pet Spaw

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



Becoming Friends

Camano Animal Shelter Association, CASA, has a presence on Facebook! Come visit us at:
facebook.com/camanoshelter

In memory of departed pets:

- Moose Pearson**
- Piper White**
- Prince Brown**
- Sadie Estep-Lund**
- Salty, Pepper and Walter Mitchell**



----- **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: _____

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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.

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I am interested in becoming a volunteer.

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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**



	<p>My name is Sookie and I love to cuddle with my sisters. I am shy but eager to find someone to love. You can usually find me laying in the sunlight. I wouldn't mind being an only child, but I would love other feline company. Come visit me soon.</p>	<p>Hi there, I'm Arlene! I love to take cat naps during the day. I enjoy playing with my sisters, Sookie and Tara. They would love to accompany me, but I don't mind making new friends. I can't wait to have lots of attention and love in my new home.</p>	
	<p>Guinness is a playful pup looking for someone to give her a loving home. She is good with children, has lived with cats and knows some commands. She is ready to go on walks, play ball and run. She is house broken, crate trained and likes car rides. Great dog, come see her today.</p>		<p>Here's Rosie. She's a shy timid girl looking for someone to help her gain more confidence. She is friendly, likes to play ball, run, jump and just be a puppy. She would like to have a nice fenced yard in which to run and play. She loves walks but needs someone to teach her doggie manners. Rosie is a great puppy with lots of love to give.</p>
	<p>Sarah is a beautiful young adult Persian Mix with both personality and charm. She loves all the attention she can get and will seek you out if you call her name. This sweet girl would make a wonderful indoor addition to any home. Please come meet her at the shelter.</p>	<p>Betty is a petite little girl waiting for a soft lap on which to relax. She came to CASA with two kittens who have been adopted and now it's her time to find a home. She is soft, loveable, purrs and loves to be held. Funny little tufts coming out of her ears give her the appearance of a regal queen.</p>	

... See Nicodemus' Story...



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