



# 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.

*We need you...  
become a foster parent*



## Message from the Shelter Manager

Choosing a topic for the Manager Message proved to be a challenge this issue. After all, I want to engage a reader and, after five years of manager messages, I felt like I was going to write about something I've already written about. The hard-to-adopt animals, saving animals with major medical issues, the fact that we still need people to choose CASA when they have a desire to volunteer somewhere are still important. Perhaps I could tell you again why it is so important to have proper identification and a microchip for your pet. Yes, we do the same types of things each year, but the animals are different. There are new kitties that needs your help, new dogs that need your time to help them prepare for adoption, and an increased need for assistance as we care for and save more animals each year.

CASA would not be where we are without you, and with more help we can and will do more. Can you contribute to CASA and help us expand our horizon? We are always in need of funding, but there are very important things that get passed over that don't cost anything but your time. Come help with morning cleaning so the animals have a fresh start each day and our shelter remains clean and inviting, come play with dogs in the dog yard, spread the word about our pets who need homes. Since we are not on a main thoroughfare, you have to remind people the little shelter with a huge heart is out on this gorgeous island and they are missing out if they haven't visited us recently. Where else can you walk right into what feels like a cat sanctuary where a few cats lounging on the front desk is the first thing you see? Be a part of CASA's mission to help animals - don't miss this rewarding opportunity.

~ Tegan Locker

## Above and Beyond

At CASA we believe that every animal matters, not just the young and healthy. We strive to go "above and beyond" to help animals in need of medical care.

**Chevy** came to CASA just hours before she was scheduled to be euthanized. For this family her care had become too expensive to continue. She had a raw and bleeding rash on her back end that was later attributed to poor diet. She was also afflicted with juvenile-onset glaucoma leading to total blindness at an early age. By the time she was 7 years old her eyes were bulging and painful, and were long-overdue to be removed. She was suffering, and it was the decision of the shelter manager to take Chevy under the loving care of CASA and get her the medical attention she needed.



Chevy's personality began to shine.

CASA has a special relationship with Dr. Tim O'Rourke at the Animal Care Center in Mt. Vernon. He's volunteered many hours of free or discounted surgical procedures for CASA's animals in need. He stepped in to remove Chevy's painful eyes. In only a few short weeks she was pain free and her personality really began to shine. She remained in a foster home, coming to the shelter during the days so she could meet potential adopters until she finally went to her forever home in Marysville.



Snowden recuperating at CASA.

**Snowden** came to the shelter badly injured after likely being hit by a car. CASA was contacted when his owner could not pay for the necessary vet care and felt their only option might be to end Snowden's life. Immediately after arriving at CASA he was taken to our

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local vet clinic for an assessment of his injuries and to make him more comfortable. After the initial assessment, he was taken to Dr. O'Rourke for treatment. He determined that Snowden had breaks in two legs, some broken toes in another, and had fractured his pelvis in multiple places. It was his opinion, however, that with surgery on the main leg, some splinting on the other, and strict crate rest for his pelvis, Snowden could live and have a full life. After several surgeries, Snowden has recovered and has been adopted.



Zoey is enjoying her forever home.

In Zoey's case, her allergic skin problem and expensive food diet placed her in the underdog category. She remained at the shelter overlooked by potential adopters for nearly 6 months. Her health began to deteriorate again, and it was time to bring her into a foster home that could offer her relief from the stress of the kennel. With a great deal of patience and perseverance, she was finally diagnosed with a chronic inflammatory skin condition classified as atopic dermatitis along with her food allergies. Because her skin was so inflamed and damaged, she had secondary bacterial and yeast infections that required months of medications to heal. Although her skin issues will always be with

her, Zoey was on her way to a full recovery after years of intractable itchy skin.

All was well with Zoey in her foster home until she tore her ACL and required surgery. Once again Dr. O'Rourke stepped in to care for Zoey. Even with a significant discount, Zoey's surgery was an expensive one. Fortunately, through social media and online fundraising, CASA was able to raise the \$2,500 it cost to perform her surgery. Zoey has since recovered and was adopted by her foster parents.

All of these animals had different special needs, but what they do have in common is that they might have died if CASA had not gone "above and beyond." It is the support of animal lovers like you which provides us with the ability to say yes to these cats and dogs who desperately need our help.

### **Volunteer Opportunities – Help at the Shelter**

The shelter has many jobs that must be performed each day and needs the help of devoted volunteers. Do you enjoy caring for pets? Do you clean your house? Do you wash/fold clothes or wash dishes? If you said yes, you may be one of the missing members of our volunteer shelter team! Some of the in-shelter volunteer work opportunities consist of: Morning Cleaning, Dog Walking, Dog Socializing and Cat Socializing. Stop by the shelter to complete a volunteer application or send an email to [casa@camanoanimalshelter.org](mailto:casa@camanoanimalshelter.org). A few hours of your time can make a world of difference.

### **Cats and Dogs and Guinea Pigs too!**



"CASA (Camano Animal Shelter Association) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and no-kill shelter devoted to the care of homeless pets. CASA is an independent organization that cares for cats and dogs as well as the occasional pocket pet."

The "occasional pocket pet" was realized recently when we accepted 4 guinea pigs from the Everett shelter since they were overrun with guinea pigs. The little fellows were found in a box at an Everett park and were seeking a forever home.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**CASA Friends**

First Thursday of each month 7 PM  
Camano Multi-Purpose Building  
Join us to help plan events!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Microchipping at CASA**

Saturday, October 18th and 25th

**Chili Chowder Cook-off**

Saturday, November 8th

**Pictures with Santa (pets welcome)**

Saturday, November 15th

**Lights of Love**

November and December

**Annual Meeting**

Monday, December 8th

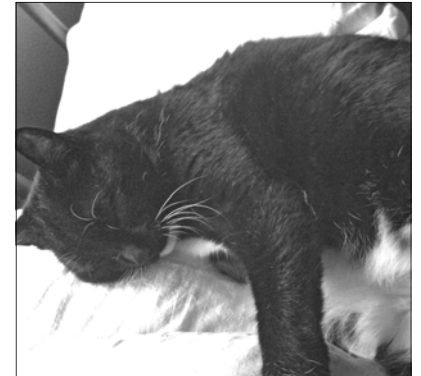
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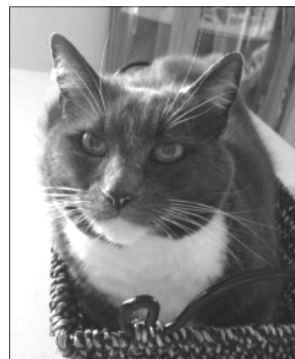
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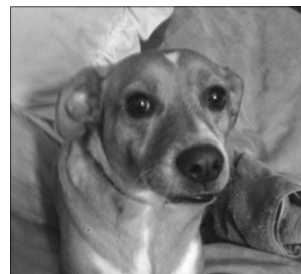
Lucas Butchart  
Adopted Mar 2014



Oreo Swan (formerly Niko)  
Adopted May 2014



Shine Cavanaugh  
Adopted 2001



Robbie Murray  
Adopted Sept 2009



Mutzo Doolittle  
Adopted June 2014



Lucy Nekuda  
Adopted Jan 2014



Ollie Alford  
Adopted 2012



Mudge Harper (formerly Spud)  
Adopted June 2014



Sebastian Butler and friends  
Adopted Feb 2014



Callie Kelley  
Adopted March 2009

Visit [camanoanimalshelter.org](http://camanoanimalshelter.org) to view and read about all of our adoptable animals.

## HAPPY TAILS

### Frankie



Frankie finally found a forever home with her CASA friends.

It's hard to write just about Frankie our calico because her buddy, Oliver, wants to steal the show. When I first saw her picture a couple years ago on the CASA web page I thought she's SO cute she would be placed quickly. When I dropped off some donations one day, I asked who had been in the shelter the longest and was told it was poor little Frankie. So I sat down near her and watched the hustle and bustle going by her as she curled herself up as small as possible trying to hide.

The staff were very connected to her and tears fell while they said their goodbyes as I took her home. I set up our office for Clyde our Maine Coon with hyperthyroidism and hoped she would adjust with him because he had spent six months at CASA before we fostered and adopted him. I opened the door of her carrier and when I went to check on her she had disappeared. I thought, how can a cat disappear in a home office? I eventually found her scrunched in between an old computer and the office supplies. I managed to extract her only to have her panic and dive under a very low desk where she wedged her frightened self against the wall. Over the week, I went to a pet store and searched for any ideas. Lo and behold I found a new cloth cat bed with a zipper top and a fuzzy base. After I cleared off the top of a desk, I set it on top and then crawled around on the floor to slowly get frightened kitty out of her squashed wedge and set her on the desk. She instantly dove into her new hovel.

That was the beginning of her blossoming into brave kitty who can't let any other kitty get petting without her getting her just share. I think her success is because the CASA staff gave her lots of love and she remembered Clyde and Oliver who are her buddies and showed her how to feel safe. Kudos to my husband who gives her lots of petting but learned the hard way that Frankie panics (and scratches) if you try to pick her up. She is a very special part of our family and we're both glad CASA had faith in her.

~ Pat Bostwick

### Abby

We live in Seattle and have a cabin on Tyee Beach. For 5 years I have been trying to convince my husband to stop at CASA and look for a dog to replace our beloved dog Beau Jackson. On February 21st he agreed to stop but waited in the car. I fell in love with Abby at first sight and after my hubby saw her he also fell in love with her and we took her home. We love and adore our precious Abby.

We discovered after adopting her that she is a designer "Dorkie", a cross between a Yorkie and Dachshund. Since we got Abby, we are walking everyday. Our lives have been greatly enriched. I couldn't imagine life without Abby. She is so loving, caring, and gentle. She loves to snuggle in pillows, get her belly rubbed, and lick her Daddy's toes. She is a people dog and perfectly behaved. In our 32 years of marriage we have had 5 dogs. Abby stands out as the "best of the best" our most beloved dog and family member. Thank you CASA for making it possible for us to experience the joy of adopting Abby.

~ Lavene and Carl LaFontaine



Abby is the "best of the best".

### Our Shelter Wish List

**PET SUPPLIES:** Non-clumping/clay cat litter or pellets (our greatest need)

**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 puree meats)  
Royal Canin "Babycat" and Kitten dry food, Dry Kirkland Dog/Cat Food, Grain-free dry dog food,  
Soft treats and grain-free treats

**AMAZON.COM Wish List:** Visit [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) or [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) and enter "Camano Animal Shelter" to see our Wish List

## Beta and Misty

Our family recently adopted Beta. She is such a joy. Who knew she talked so much! She spends her mornings sending the kids off to school and her afternoons sitting on their homework demanding petting. She clearly loves children, everyone actually, especially if they are bringing food. She has a spirit about her that is just incredible. She walks into a room with my two mastiffs and two border collies and walks past them with more confidence than most people I know! She sleeps at my feet every night. She is loving, patient, sassy, funny, talkative and a perfect companion. We have no idea why she was passed over. Maybe she was waiting for our family. We love her and her little lightening bolt shaped tail.



Beta is loving, sassy and talkative.



Misty, senior girl

When we met Beta, we couldn't help but notice the beautiful senior girl, Misty. I never considered myself a cat person not to mention a TWO cat person. But something about this beautiful girl stole my heart. So I went home with two cats. Misty amazes me. She is so loving. I was surprised she gravitated toward the children as much as she did! She sits with them (and naps on their beds) while they play. She loves her afternoon cuddle kneading on you to show her love.

*Follow-up: In June, Misty passed in her favorite sunning spot. She laid down to sleep in the sun and just didn't wake back up. It was (and still is) hard to lose her. But we were honored to spend time with her.*

~ Gina Lucchesi Lewman

## Lena



Lena's diploma

Our doggie was named "Tulip" at CASA, but that name did not suit her. She is now Lena and a real character. She has a stuffed football that she plays with outside. She tosses it in the air, runs after it and does the same over and over. We've never had a doggie that could entertain themselves all alone. When she gets in trouble, she rolls over on her back and I swear she smiles at us so we find it hard to be mad or angry at her. She is a lovable and sweet little girl.

She went to doggie school for six lessons. She laid on the floor each lesson and watched the other dogs do the tricks or lessons. So she got six more lessons and again she laid on the floor thinking how dumb these dogs were to do all the silly sits, lay, rollover, stay, stop, etc. One day she sat for the teacher. It was really funny to watch her. The teacher did not know what to do with her, so she just let her graduate. We really love her and are so glad we adopted her from CASA.

~ Mavis and Jack Bush

## Marvin and Caly

My sister and her husband adopted Marvin and Caly, two wonderful dogs, at least a year ago or longer. They have settled in like they belonged there all along. Caly is still that timid dog that was at the shelter. She is my sister's shadow.

Marvin is just the happy go lucky dog he's always been. He loves living on a farm and hanging out with his Dad down at the barn with the cows and the bunnies. He likes to chase them on occasion which he knows is not allowed. He is so funny; he and Caly love each other. He tends to bother her a lot but when she's had enough she lets him know. My sister said when she saw Caly at CASA in the corner of the cage scared, she knew she was taking her home.

~ Stephanie Phelps



Marvin and Caly enjoy life together.

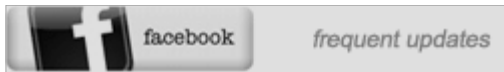
### Have you adopted from CASA?

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](mailto:casa@camanoanimalshelter.org).

## CASA Reaches Out

While striving to fulfill the CASA Mission to “find loving Forever Homes” for our animals, new outreach activities are underway. The CASA website, [www.camanoanimalshelter.org](http://www.camanoanimalshelter.org), showcases our adoptable animals, offers volunteer opportunities and provides information about the shelter and additional resources.

Facebook provides frequent updates and promotes our animals. CASA posted Chevy's incredible story on Facebook where Seattle Pets Examiner, an online news blog, picked it up and wrote an article helping Facebook views soar to over 30,000!!! Follow CASA on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/camanoshelter](http://www.facebook.com/camanoshelter). Did you know that you can access Facebook from the website? *You do not have to belong to Facebook to view the postings.* From the website Home Page, scroll down and click on the facebook button; you will be taken to the CASA page.



While visiting the website, view pictures of previous events via our photo album. Celebrate the dedication of the volunteers and community support. Click on the flickr button and then go to the Events folder. View the recent Dog Wash photos along with the many other activities this year and past years.

New CASA Pet of the Month posters will be displayed at Camano Island and Stanwood businesses to bring attention to our long-term residents. Our new Opt to Adopt board filled with pictures and bios of adoptable animals is now on display at the Camano Plaza IGA. Stop by and view the pets. CASA is truly reaching out to promote our animals. In the future, in addition to this hard-copy newsletter, we will offer an eNewsletter email with upcoming events and news. Watch the website and Facebook for information on how to subscribe to this eNewsletter. News from CASA will come directly to you!



Adoptable Animals are displayed on the IGA Opt to Adopt board.

## Reasons Why You Should Not Use a Retractable Leash

A retractable leash is not so much a leash as it is a length of thin cord wound around a spring-loaded device housed inside a plastic handle. The handles of most retractable leashes are designed to fit comfortably in a human hand. A button on the handle controls how much of the cord is extended. Retractable leashes are popular primarily because they aren't as confining as regular leashes, allowing dogs more freedom to sniff and poke around on walks. But unfortunately, there are downsides to this type of leash.

- The length of retractable leashes, some of which can extend up to 26 feet, allows dogs to get far enough away from their humans that a situation can quickly turn dangerous. A dog on a retractable leash is often able to run into the middle of the street, for example, or make uninvited contact with other dogs or people.
- If pet is being approached by an aggressive dog, it is nearly impossible to get control of the situation if the need arises. It's much easier to regain control of – or protect – a dog at the end of a six-foot standard flat leash than it is if he's 20 or so feet away at the end of what amounts to a thin string.
- The thin cord of a retractable leash can break – especially when a powerful dog is on the other end of it. If a strong, good-sized dog takes off at full speed, the cord can snap.
- If a dog walker gets tangled up in the cord of a retractable leash, or grabs it in an attempt to reel in their dog, it can result in severe injuries.
- Dogs have also received terrible injuries as a result of the sudden jerk on their neck that occurs when they run out the leash.
- Retractable leashes are an especially bad idea for dogs that haven't been trained to walk politely on a regular leash. By their very nature, retractables train dogs to pull while on leash, because they learn that pulling extends the lead.



Retractable Leashes have a downside.

Excerpts from <http://www.healthypets.mercola.com>, article by Dr. Becker

**Donate Stock to CASA - NEW!**



Support CASA's mission to find "Forever Homes" for our animals by donating stock and with careful planning be rewarded with a reduction or total elimination of the federal capital gain tax. Please contact CASA at [casa@camanoanimalshelter.org](mailto:casa@camanoanimalshelter.org) to learn how to gift stock to CASA.

**Donate Your Car**

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



**Island Love**



Our new motif, Island Love, showcases our beautiful island and our love for animals. The new motif appears on our Facebook page. CASA Logo and Island Love shirts and hoodies are available for sale at the shelter.



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.

**BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!**

The local businesses who display our donation collection boxes are appreciated!  
Featured location this period:  
**IGA - Plaza Texaco**

**In memory of departed pets:**

- ♥ **Abbey Rommel**
- ♥ **Bernie**
- ♥ **Claire Becker**
- ♥ **Clio Carter**
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**CASA ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF  
FOREVER HOMES**



Van Gogh, a 2 year old Turkish Van mix, is a handsome soul who enjoys a human with ample time. He loves having a lap to sleep on and a hand to pet him all the time. Come visit him and he will be your muse for the rest of his life.

Amanda is a 3 year old snow white British Shorthair Mix. She has a spontaneous attitude, is playful, quiet, and loves DOGS. She spends most of her time looking out the window watching for birds. Amanda loves to visit the staff and help them at the desk. She'd love to be a part of your family.



Oscar was rescued from a California shelter 7 years ago. His owner recently became unable to keep him when a new heavy work schedule became unfair. Oscar is now 9 yrs old and has been very well cared for. He is a big goof, a massive love bug, and a typical Boxer. Oscar does have some issues which will make his placement criteria quite firm.

Lucy is a very sweet girl, but is deeply afraid of strangers and children. When she warms up she will sit on your lap. Lucy is used to making choices for herself and is looking for a home who will allow her that luxury. She is an older girl with particular needs so her adoption fee will be just \$35 to the right home.



Sharkey's family moved and could not take her or her sisters. They have since been adopted, but Sharkey is still waiting. She loves attention, but may not seek you out. She likes CASA, but would rather have a home of her own with soothing words and a comforting hand. Please come and visit her.

Tink (AKA Squirrel) came to CASA in October. She loves to run and play, but most of all she likes to be in the sink when the water is trickling. She's a bit of a princess, oozing personality and cat-titude everywhere she goes. Tink gets along with dogs if they are well behaved. Come meet Tink, you'll be glad you did.



*See their story.....*



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