



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.

Kitten Season Is Coming . . .



Message from the Shelter Manager

Spring is here and so is the influx of displaced animals in need of rescue. You may think of CASA as the temporary refuge of homeless cats and dogs, but we are really home to any pets who truly need our help. Even when it seems a little out of the norm, if it needs us we will try and help in some way. At times we are able to find alternative resources for these other types of animals and sometimes that resource is simply us. This is why we have Hansel and Gretyl a pretty pair of juvenile parakeets in the shelter lobby and a four foot ball python named Oskatina in our isolation room/manager's office. A number of years back we even had a goat in the dog kennels. Exotic and pocket pets are not everyday residents here, but we have a habit of helping those who need us - if we can "make it work".

Lately our dog kennel building has been consistently almost completely filled, but when a local police department needed help with a little senior dog and then another little dog lost its owner suddenly, our laundry room became additional dog sleeping quarters and my office area had quite the menagerie now with two little dogs, a python, and a number of cats.

What people may not realize is that in addition to the unplanned intakes week after week, we almost always have animals on a waiting list, waiting for their chance to get help. We also get regular pleas for help from other organizations asking if we have room or have available foster homes litters of puppies. Sadly this is one thing we end up having to pass on regularly and hope someone else can help. We are limited due to the small number of volunteers who are signed up for litters of puppies. Often these are medium to large breed dogs and a litter of large puppies can be a challenge for many. We would love nothing more that to be able to say YES to every animal who needs us, but we need your help to make that happen. If you would like to join our foster home team, please contact the shelter now.

~ Tegan Locker

Lenny's Will to Live

Lenny is a very special cat whose will to live and love of life has brought him through an arduous journey. CASA staff heard about a cat with a traumatic facial injury via Facebook. His options were limited, he was a stray who needed immediate medical help and the Good Samaritan who found him insisted something looked seriously wrong. He was brought to CASA and immediately taken to Camano Veterinary Clinic. The vets believed he was struck by a car with the whole of the injuries to his head. Lenny had clearly been living like this for a little while so the vet felt comfortable putting him on heavy medications and waiting until we could take him to Dr. O'Rourke first thing Monday morning for a sedated assessment.



Lenny's will to live brought him through his journey.

Lenny stayed in the care of a CASA staff member at her home through the weekend. We knew that we may not be able to save Lenny and come Monday we would know more. By Monday it was clear Lenny was full of fight and purrs despite his injuries. His personality and the fact that HE seemed willing to fight made us all want to at least try and give him the chance at life.

Lenny had massive facial trauma. His right eye completely damaged, upper palate split in half, his lower jaw visibly broken in multiple places and about one third of his tongue missing. Dr. O'Rourke agreed that he thought we should do the repairs and try to save him. Lenny had a long surgery and remained at the clinic until they were sure he was stable and able to eat food via syringe. He returned to his foster home with his wired jaw and was fed with a syringe throughout the day. He came to the shelter daily with the fostering staff person so his feeding and observation could continue.

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Lenny underwent another surgery to have his eye physically removed. Dr. O'Rourke had a serious talk with us about the fact that he was still aspirating and refusing to eat anything on his own. He really thought Lenny would have made better progress regaining the function of his damaged tongue. Two weeks later, Lenny made a huge step and began eating on his own. There were tears of joy at this milestone.

He has continued to improve and his personality has blossomed. He eats on his own, but it is as if he does not realize that he can eat and breathe at the same time. As a result, Lenny has had some infections. He will have to be on antibiotics off and on for the rest of his life as his sinuses can become infected with the random aspirations. Lenny will remain at CASA to be monitored while he gains more weight. After that, Lenny will go to his forever home where he can share his love for life with that special person.

We would like to give a huge thank you to Lenny's initial caretaker and finder, Katie, the numerous people who offered to help get Lenny to CASA, Camano Vet for staying open to give him urgent care, his foster mom, Justine, and to Dr. O'Rourke and the staff at the Animal Care Center who always go way above and beyond for our special medical cases. Community teamwork helps animals!



The CASA Facebook header chronicled Lenny's progress.

If you are interested in possibly adopting this special needs kitty please contact the shelter directly. Lenny loves everyone including other friendly cats and dogs.

Share Your Talents

CASA can always use volunteers and we will take any hours you can give us – daily, weekly or monthly. We will be happy to work with your schedule.

Send an email to casa@camanoanimalshelter.org to volunteer or stop by the shelter and complete a volunteer application.

How can I help at the shelter?

At the shelter, volunteers can assist the staff in the daily cleaning of the shelter and dog yard, washing dishes and doing laundry. Under staff guidance volunteers walk and socialize dogs and socialize cats. Greeters are needed to provide a friendly welcome to visitors. Animal foster homes are always needed and greatly help in placing animals in successful homes.

How can I help with fundraising and marketing?

The Friends of CASA is a group of volunteers who meet monthly and plan and participate in fundraising and outreach events. Volunteers are needed for staffing upcoming events. We are also looking for volunteers to help with marketing, publicity and social media – these are projects you can do from home. We need volunteers proficient in the Microsoft Office suite and in particular, someone with knowledge of *Mail Chimp* software.

Are there other opportunities to share my expertise and talents?

If neither fundraising nor helping at the shelter suits you right now, consider sharing your talents on an as needed basis. If you have experience in animal photography, carpentry, plastering, electrical or construction or can provide pro-bono nonprofit financial or legal advice, your talents can be used. Consider sharing your talents to help the animals at CASA.

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

Mark Your Calendar!**CASA Friends**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS**Bake and Plant Sale and Art Show**

Saturday, May 9th

Flea Market

Saturday, May 30th

Car Wash and Pet Food Drive

Saturday, June 20th

Dog Wash

Saturday, August 15th

**THANK YOU
BUSINESS MEMBERS!**

Advantage Accounting & Tax Services
AWR Inc. / General Contractor
Bennet and Bennet Law
Camano Body Shop, Inc.
Camano Canine Resort
Camano Island Pet Grooming Salon
Camano Pet Sitters *
Camano Storage
Camano Veterinary Clinic
Cat Nap Inn, LLC
Certified Services Auto & Truck Repair
Coastal Community Bank
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Windermere Real Estate
Windermere Real Estate - Linda Evans
* New business member

CASA Alumni

Lily Solbek (formerly Lyla)
Adopted Oct 2014



Duchess Buran (formerly
Abby) Adopted Feb 2014



Zeus Sovia
Adopted Mar 2015



Gertie Rhoads (formerly Zoey)
Adopted Mar 2015



Cooper Meekma
Adopted Dec 2014

Happy Cat, Happy You

Crazy for Catnip - One out of two cats craves catnip, the fragrant herb from the mint family. The plants' buds contain an essential oil called nepetalactone that evokes such feline antics as chin and cheek rubbing, rolling and kicking, and even leaping into the air. Opt for organic, it's the most potent.

Embrace the Power of Petting - Scientists report that people who pet their cats experience an increase in Theta waves, a brain wave pattern that shows reduction in feelings of anxiety. Petting your cat for just a few minutes releases a healthy amount of positive biochemicals, those "feel-good" hormones such as dopamine, oxytocin, prolactin and serotonin. Research shows that good feelings work both ways, meaning that your cat benefits as well.

Head-to-Tail Checkup - Devote a hands-on petting session weekly to scrutinize your cat's entire body, looking for lumps, bumps, sore spots, or changes in fur and skin. Don't forget to check her eyes, ears, and mouth. Your observations may help to catch a medical problem in its early stages.

~ Excerpts from Happy Cat, Happy You by Arden Moore

Long-time Business Members

Thank you to these local businesses that have supported CASA with their business membership donations since 2008 - 2009.



Camano Body Shop



HAPPY TAILS

Astrid (now Zoie)



Zoie relaxing with friend

We have enjoyed receiving your newsletters and wanted to update you on the kitten we adopted. Her shelter name was Astrid, and we renamed her Zoie. She is such a beautiful cat! We love her short tail - it makes her special. Anyway, last summer we were looking for a kitten for a few reasons. When we vacation, our adult cat is all alone and we thought it would be nice for her to have company. Also, our sweet long haired Chihuahua rescue was diagnosed with congestive heart failure at the same time our oldest daughter was leaving for a year on a mission trip to Santiago, Chile. We felt our younger daughter needed something exciting to look forward to.

We looked at many different shelters in the area trying to find the "perfect" kitten for our family. We saw little Zoie the first time we visited Camano Animal Shelter and thought she was

adorable. When we went back the second time, we picked her up and she cuddled into us. She cuddled for the entire hour we were there! Needless to say, that was the perfect thing for her to do to get a forever home with us! She has been such a joy - she is so cuddly and sweet, but she still has a wild side to her that makes her very fun.



Zoie

We are grateful to Camano Animal Shelter for all of the kindness and help they gave as we were searching for our sweet new family member. It didn't take her long to adapt to being indoors all of the time, getting loved 24/7 and running the house! Thank you!!

~ Jon, Amy, Alex, and Naomi Holland

Samson and Gideon

I have always been a dog lover, but having children didn't allow for much time for having dogs. That being said, we had some intruders come on our property which scared me enough to know God thought it was time to have a dog. I wanted one for protection, for a companion for not only me, but my children as well. I grew up with dogs and know how powerful their loyalty can be.

I spent a week looking at the local shelters when I looked online at the Camino Animal Shelter, that's where I first saw Samson and Gideon. It was love at first sight. We drove up there that day from our home in Lake Stevens and met them. My plan was not to get two dogs, but when my family went out back to play with them, everyone instantly fell in love. The kids could not contain their smiles and I'm pretty sure Samson and Gideon felt the same. The choice was not hard to adopt them both and have them join our family.



Samson and Gideon's family

As I write this, I am filled with tears of joy as to what these two dogs have brought to our life. They spend their days following me around the house, enjoy walks nearly everyday, snuggles with our kids and as much love as possible from their new family. My heart is forever grateful for God placing these two dogs in our lives.

~ Jennifer Otto and family

CASA FLEA MARKET SALE ITEMS NEEDED:

Please remember the CASA Flea Market (Saturday, May 30th) when you start your spring cleaning. Your unwanted items may be repurposed and become someone else's treasures!

- All donated items must be in good, working condition
- We welcome items that can be moved easily
- Clothing new or "gently used" on or with hangers preferred.
- No heavy furniture, TV's, computer screens, or large outside items.

For more information, please contact Rochelle Skinner,
206-919-8074; email: catterrific@gmail.com



Zoey (now Joey)

Oops - Zoie loves books

I have had Joey, a nine year old American Bulldog mix, for about three months now. The "Honeymoon" is over, he now feels that this is HIS house and HIS car. He is stubborn, digs under the fence, claims the furniture and is very possessive of his toys. I work nights so while I work he sleeps, when I sleep he checks on me every hour or so until I get up and pay attention to him. I have discovered that if I take him to the little off leash dog park by my house for 1/2 hour or so to chase his ball, I can sleep for about six hours.

The only hiccup is that he likes to chew up books and when left in daughter's garage, he thought it would be good idea to chew on some furniture. He has so many good points, he loves everybody, does not beg, loves car rides and even gets along with other dogs - as long as they don't try to get his ball. Joey is such a sweetheart that my friends 19 year old autistic son, who wants nothing to do with dogs, actually asked for Joey to be on his leash so that he could walk him around his house. ~ Lori Lund

Jewel (now Penny)

After undergoing surgery during her first 5 days in her new home, and another week recovering, Penny began to turn the corner as her spirits were clearly lifted. Her favorite activities involve doing anything with her Mommy, especially cuddling. Her kitty cat brothers love when she wags her tail, as it gives them something to play with. She even plays fetch, and has learned how to shake hands.

Penny has a charm that is quite evident to anyone who catches her eye, as we can never go anywhere without someone coming up to her and commenting on her emanate beauty and loving personality. Even the veterinary clinic was ready to adopt her as she remained incredibly loving through her infection.

She has graduated from basic obedience class and will then have surgery to get her entropion (eyelid) fixed. Then she will continue her quest for doggie knowledge in another dog training class (a class specific to her needs, i.e., how to correctly interact with other dogs). When we first got Penny she weighed 55 lbs, and has gained 15 lbs bringing her current weight to a healthy 70 lbs. Along with gaining the necessary weight, she continues to gain confidence! Penny is doing great!

~ Taylor Hennessey and Nathan Wohlgamuth



Penny goes to school

Maggie

I want to thank you for taking good care of me the short time I was at CASA. My new parents have welcomed me into their home and hearts and are treating me like a princess. They have been very easy to train and I now sleep with them at night. I bring a number of toys for playing when I can't sleep.

The male does all my feeding allowing me to pick and choose which entree I shall have each evening. He also cleans daily and changes weekly, my huge litter box. It is located in my very own private bathroom. I enjoy sitting on his lap in his recliner and really like it when he gets up and leaves the warm leather for me to snuggle into. The female does most of my grooming She gives me a pedicure and manicure often which I allow as it seems to make her very happy. Brushing me is another of her favorite pastimes.



Maggie thanks CASA

I have more toys than a toddler. My adults like to join me in playing. I think I help them feel young. Thank you for caring for me and my fellow felines.
~ From Maggie (courtesy of Frank and Betty Peak)

Shelter Improvements Help Our Animals

Major improvements are underway at CASA, made possible by the bequest from the estate of Roberta N. Gill. In the past, the lack of overhead protection in the dog yard limited the amount of times dogs could be outdoors in inclement weather. A free-standing structure with clear, UV resistant roof panels from American Patio Covers has been installed. This permits the light to come in and allows dogs to be in the yard every day. Most importantly, prospective adopters can meet and greet the dogs, regardless of the weather.

Inside the covered dog area, a new enclosure has been constructed for the cats, a catio. The catio with its solid lower walls (to keep the dogs from the cats) and upper wire screening allows the cats access to the outdoors in a safe secure enclosure. Work still continues on the catio.

A sliding glass door replaces the old window in the purple cat room and gives people access to the catio to spend time with the cats who might be lying in the sun. Even when the door is closed, the cats will be able to enter the catio via a cat door in the wall. A wooden door with glass insert into the cat room allows the public to see the cats from inside the shelter without entering the room. This will be particularly helpful when the room is used as a recovery room if cats have to be separated due to illness, i.e., they are still viewable.

In the purple cat room, the cats enjoy the Kuranda bed towers donated by thoughtful supporters. Thanks also to a generous donation from the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians there are now new cat condos. These cat condos are similar to the ones in the office that were also made possible by the Stillaguamish. The glass-front condos provide a cheerful home for cats with dietary restrictions and, if needed, include a storage area for a private litter box or special foods. While a free-roaming cat colony is the goal, there are times when the cats need to be separated for their well-being.

These improvements are still underway. Follow us on Facebook to track the progress and learn more about how the catio will be furnished. Meanwhile please stop by to see the progress and enjoy the animals.



- Cat Room improvements include cat condos and the sliding glass door to access the catio.
- Dog yard cover is visible from the front of the building.
- Kuranda beds provide views from on high and are easy to keep clean.
- Covered dog area allows dogs to play outside regardless of the weather.

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.

Paws for Applause to

**Bequest - from the Estate of Sandy Murphy
Camano Island Garden Club**

Garden design and maintenance

**AAA Camano Heated Storage and Camano Storage -
Donating storage units for CASA Flea Market**



Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians - Cat Condos for Cat Room

BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!

The local businesses who display our donation collection boxes are appreciated!

**Featured location this period:
Doilies 2 Doorknobs**

Wish List

GENERAL SUPPLIES

Liquid Bleach
Dawn Liquid Laundry Detergent

PET FOOD

KMR - Kitten Milk Replacement
Baby Food - small jars of puree meats
Royal Canin "Babycat" & kitten dry food
Canned Cat and Kitten Food

PET SUPPLIES

Non-clumping/Clay cat litter or pellets

VOLUNTEERS

Foster Homes
Dedicated Shelter Volunteers
(Training will be provided)



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In memory of departed pets:

- ♥ Angus Gunderson
- ♥ Boo Kitty Pearson
- ♥ Gwyn and Hulk Doggett
- ♥ Lionel Perkins-Ochsner
- ♥ Shasta Chalmers



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CASA ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF FOREVER HOMES



Our newest shirt design, Island Love, showcases our beautiful island and our love for animals. CASA Logo and Island Love shirts and hoodies are available for sale at the shelter and at most outreach events.

Tamaria would do best in a home with no other cats. "Cat savvy" dogs might be okay. Someone who knows the importance of grooming long hair cats would be absolutely wonderful for her! Her list of requirements is a little long, but she will be worth it to the right home! Please come to meet Tamaria.



Bart is a loving companion and can be a bit tenacious when he decides he wants to do something. Bart is chatty like most Beagles so apartment life should not be in his future. He is looking for a true scent hound lover who longs for everything these breeds provide.

Rikki is a friendly 70+lb lap dog who is looking for a home that has no other animals to take attention away from him. Please come by and visit Rikki and all of the great adoptable dogs at the Camano Animal Shelter soon!



Bagheera, is an easygoing guy. He loves to snuggle or set out on adventures on his own. He gets along well with most of the cats here at the shelter and all of the humans. Does he sound like the kind of cat that would fit your home?

DONATE YOUR CAR

Our vehicle donation program is made possible by 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



... See Lenny's story.



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