



# 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 . . .  
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We love to share photos of our animals and updates on events. Post your photos too!

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## Message from the Shelter Manager

As supporters of CASA, you are fundamental to the work we do. Each year we set out to help more animals than the year before and we accomplish this. We help animals in so many ways, whether it be by providing them refuge when they become lost, giving them a second chance through adoption when they need it most, providing much needed medical intervention, or simply helping an owner find ways to keep the animal they love when they thought they were coming to give them up.

Generous contributions to our shelter enable us to extend our reach even more while also aiding in growth and improvements that positively impact our shelter animals during their stay. While we had exciting additions to the shelter this year like covering our dog yard and constructing a "Catio" we still have some notable goals to achieve before this year comes to a close and we need your help in making them happen.

One of these items is free public microchip clinics for cats and dogs but emphasizing cats. Shelters take in a very large number of cats each year and we can tell you first hand that very few are ever microchipped. We want to change this. Insuring more cats are microchipped will help make our job easier while reuniting these animals with their owners quickly. Missing cats also become hard to set apart from other lost cats. Unlike dogs, most owned cats are simply domestic shorthair, not a breed which has clear characteristics. So coloring is often the only identifying factor. We are seeking sponsors for this events. Please contact the shelter or our website to find out how you can become a sponsor. You can also help by spreading the word about the importance of microchipping pets. Thank you for helping us help them.

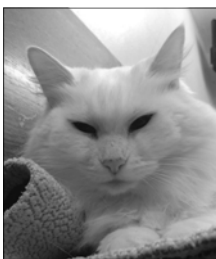
Tegan Locker

## The Mosaic That Is CASA



Lenny

When you come into CASA on any given day, you will find dogs and cats who are waiting for forever homes. Just like humans, there is more than meets the eye when you first meet them. They all have individual stories and paths that led them to our safe haven. These individual stories fit together in a kind of mosaic, each of them representing one or more of the many services provided by CASA.



Tamarina

One such story is Lenny, a cat who was featured in the spring newsletter. He is one of many animals who have come to us desperately needing urgent, extensive, life-saving surgeries. Thanks to CASA, he was able to receive the type of "above and beyond" help he needed, and has now recovered. There are the cuddly kittens, who without the foster care our volunteers provide, would not come back to us happy and healthy, ready to be quickly adopted. Another story is of Tamarina, a gorgeous long-haired white cat, who needs just the right home. Because CASA is a no-kill shelter, she is safe until that perfect owner comes along. One more story is of CC, who at age 13 is approaching her golden years. She will also be loved and cared for until she is adopted, just like the 186 cats who have come to CASA this year, either as strays or because their owners can no longer care for them.



CC

Dogs also contribute their stories and journeys to our mosaic. There is Tasha, one of the 179 dogs taken in by CASA. Tasha survived Hurricane Katrina, but her most recent owner could no longer care for her. She, like

**Mark Your Calendar!****CASA Friends**

First Thursday of each  
month

7 PM

Camano Multi-Purpose  
Building

Join us to help plan events!

**UPCOMING EVENTS****Doga by Movement Arts**

Saturday, Sept. 19th

**Microchip Clinics**

Saturday,

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**Santa Pictures**

Saturday, Nov. 14th

**Lights of Love**

Nov. and Dec.

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our kittens, is being fostered until she is ready to be placed. CASA also works hard to find homes for dogs who may need more specialized care, partnering with other rescue groups in the greater community. These dogs come to CASA, either to avoid euthanasia, or to try a new environment. Or there are harder to place dogs like Marshall, a pit bull, who only after he came to us we found he had a long involved story. While Marshall is known for being an escape artist who is not good with other dogs, he is still safe and secure until the right home is found for him. It is not optimal for dogs to remain in care too long, but we have good luck with adoptions.

Another story is of Big Mac, who like CC, is getting on in age and is hoping to find a home to spend his final years in. We partner with Old Dog Haven to ensure older dogs like Big Mac receive additional adoption exposure. Stray dogs also contribute to the mosaic; coming to CASA for five day holds to hopefully be reunited with their owners. To date 65 animals have been returned their owners. Nevasca, a Great Pyrenees, has had more than one stay at CASA. She has severe separation anxiety which made it impossible for her to stay in her adopted home. Luckily for Nevasca, she found a new home shortly after returning to us. CASA takes our commitment to our animals very seriously and we always take our animals back regardless of the length of time that has passed. We work hard to place our animals in well fitting homes so this does not happen often.

As you can see, each animal and its unique story is part of the overall mosaic of services that CASA is able to provide. This would not be possible without the substance that holds our mosaic together - our wonderful staff and volunteers. Thanks also to our dedicated individual and business supporters who provide our much needed funding and those who spread the word about CASA and our animals. Together the mosaic becomes the story that is uniquely CASA, the Camano Animal Shelter Association.



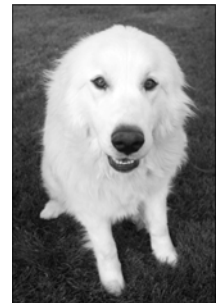
Tasha



Marshall



Big Mac



Nevasca

**CASA Catio and Dog Yard Roof**

The incredible patio roof and catio were made possible by the generous gift from the **estate of Roberta Gill**. We are honored to have received such a gift and the animals that come through our doors for years to come will enjoy these upgraded spaces. Upgrade work by American Patio Covers and AWR Inc. Visit the *Shelter Tour* on our website, [www.camanoanimalshelter.org](http://www.camanoanimalshelter.org) to see more pictures.



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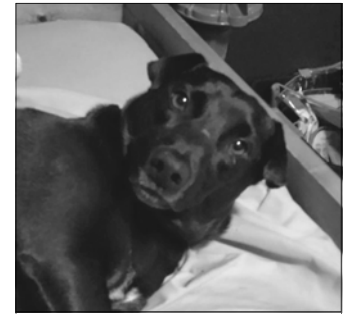
**CASA Alumni**



Buttercup Moore  
Adopted Nov 2013



Meezer Borders  
Adopted June 2014



Harold Nielson  
Adopted May 2013



Honey Bun Jones (and Wallster)  
Adopted July 2015



Tabitha Difloe  
Adopted Sept 2006



Valkyrie Lee  
Adopted Dec 2014



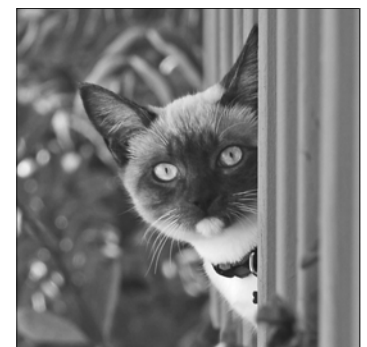
Gir Correll  
Adopted June 2015



Kobi Difloe  
Adopted 2006



Tommy Mesaros  
Adopted Sept 2014



Pippin Nelson  
Adopted Apr 2015

**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).

## HAPPY TAILS

### Sadie and Sherman (formerly Polly and Chipmunk)

While I was out of town in September 2014, my wife called to say that CASA might have a dog for us. Renee adopted Polly, and I met her about a week later. Within a week, I was smitten. Renaming her Sadie, we found Sadie to be sweet, smart, and eager to please. Having lost several family members over a three year period, my wife and I frequently said to each other "who rescued who?" Sadie brought us joy and companionship, and as a bonus, got us exercising more frequently. Sadie loves to go for walks around our neighborhood and various places around Camano Island and Stanwood.

In January of 2015, I was following the story of Jewel and her four puppies. We adopted one of her pups, Chipmunk, and renamed him Sherman (he is built like a tank). Sherman is a sweetheart, very smart, and very strong, but gentle. After a couple of weeks, I was again smitten. And so was Sadie. Sadie treats Sherman like a brother most of the time, but sometimes she treats him like a mother. Sherman looks up to Sadie and learns a lot from her. Honestly, I could not imagine two dogs getting along better than these two. They both love going on walks and meeting new people and dogs. They are both so sweet and both are priceless additions to our family!



Sadie and Sherman, good friends

~ Keith Williamson and Renee Valliere

### Choco



Choco came to CASA

For several years I was a volunteer at the Olympia Peninsula Humane Society (OPHS) in Port Angeles. One of my passions was walking and socializing the dogs, especially those who seemed shy and unsure of shelter life. Sometime around the year 2012 one particular dog caught my eye and my heart. His name was Choco. Choco was scared and was not adjusting to shelter life very well but I knew that deep down inside there was a wonderful dog just waiting to present himself. As time went on Choco became more withdrawn and was placed into the "behind the curtain" row at OPHS which meant he was regressing and would no longer be accessible to the public for viewing. This broke my heart because I believed that Choco would never find the loving family he so deserved.

Then one day I went to Choco's kennel and he was gone. I was delighted to learn that CASA had agreed to take Choco to help him find himself (the good dog I knew he was) and a loving family. And it worked! As a former transport volunteer, during a visit to CASA to bring other OPHS animals, I was absolutely delighted to both hear of Choco's good fortune to find a wonderful family and to see photos they had sent. That day made all the heartache of animal rescue worth it. Thank you CASA for saving Choco. He touched my heart and you touched mine.

~ Jill Jones

### Timon (now Tim)

Tim (Timon) came to live with us in April, 2015 and within two hours ruled the house. He came in, looked around and settled down to play with our dog Abbey's toys. He has become a very big part of our lives, the dogs too. He sleeps in Abbey's bed, both in the living room and the bedroom and doesn't move when she wants to take over her bed, he just rolls over and she backs off.

He plays and snuggles with the dogs (Dina and Abbey) as if they all grew up together and has been a positive force on our feisty "Sassy" cat who now is more willing to be pet than before. We feel very lucky to have this big guy join our family and can't imagine how anyone would have let him get away. It was hard to lose our last cat that we had grown to love as much as a child but we find Tim has brought love and laughter to our home. Thank you CASA for being there.



Tim loves his friend Abbey; the feeling is mutual.

~ Mary and Oluf Timmol

## Newton

Newton has adapted quite well after a couple weeks of settling in when he decided this was to be his forever home. He is a ten pound family member in a lion's body who does not like anyone to interrupt my total attention to him. Newton is smart as a whip and now has four beds in our bedroom, all of which he utilizes depending on the time of day. He jumps into my lap, spins 180 degrees and settles in with his back to my right shoulder and his four feet out in front of him to watch the evening news with me. If it gets cool at night, he will move up beside me while I am sleeping, tap on my shoulder a couple of times and then put his nose under the covers and moves to the foot of "our bed". His hearing is phenomenal, watching the news he will hear a delivery man setting foot on our front porch and let me know.

He loves going in the car with me, (goes everywhere I do), but has a fit when we stop unless it is at home. When any of my sons or grandkids come by, he will growl ferociously with a wagging tail and accept them into our home for a pat or a pet. Newton is a total personality in our home. Thanks again for introducing me to our new family member.

~ Richard A. Walker



Newton and his friend

## Bart



Happy Bart

Hey, everybody at CASA, this is Bart's new dad. Just a quick update on how Bart is doing, He's doing GREAT!! I've already got him spoiled rotten and he loves it here at his new home. He really loves our walks together and being my new buddy, I want to thank your staff, especially Damian for all you've done to bring Bart and me together. He's going to have a forever home here for the rest of his life. Again, thank you. Bart thanks you too!

~ Wesley Bennett

## DOGA: Yoga for Dogs



Doga - time with your dog

Are you interested in trying a new way to spend time with your dog, and getting some exercise at the same time? If so, you might be interested in Doga. What exactly is Doga? It is a type of yoga that combines massage and meditation with gentle stretching for dogs and their owners. While this may sound odd, the concept makes sense. The philosophy is that dogs are pack animals, so they are a good fit with yoga's emphasis on union and connection with other beings. In addition, they are considered natural healers, which is one of the principles of yoga. Doga uses poses and massage for dogs with the goal of improving digestion and heart function, and poses for people that emphasize stress reduction and feeling well.

Interest in Doga is rapidly spreading, and not just in the U.S. Doggie yoga is very popular in Japan, as well as England and Australia. Here at home, it's taught at health clubs, animal rescue shelters – even some hotels. If you're

interested in trying it with your dog, there are some things to keep in mind. Dogs of any size can do it. However, you should never force a dog to do a specific pose. It should not be unpleasant or scary for your dog. If for any reason your dog resists you should stop. Your dog will still have a good time and enjoy spending time with you.

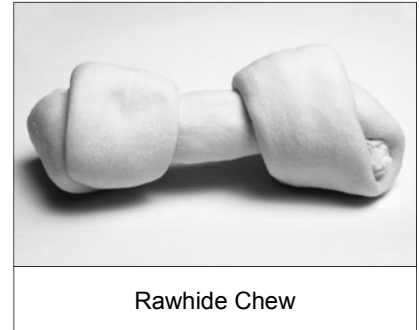
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On **September 19th**, weather permitting, **Movement Arts** will be sponsoring a Doga - Yoga with your dog at Terry's Corner on Camano Island between 2 PM and 3 PM. All proceeds benefit CASA. See [www.movementarts.com/events](http://www.movementarts.com/events) or call 360-629-9100 to register.

## Rawhide for Dogs....Good idea or bad?

Many of you are probably aware of the myriad of conflicting stories out there about rawhide. Like most things, you should always do your own research on items when deciding what is best for your dog.

Let's start with what might be good. Dogs have a need and natural instinct to chew. You may have noticed this after your shoes, books, or even furniture have fallen victim to your furry friend. A "dog chew" can satisfy your dog's chewing habit. Chewing can keep your dog's jaws strong, teeth clean, and even improve his breath (and who doesn't want that?) A good firm dog chew helps scrape away tartar and plaque, which also removes harmful bacteria. This can reduce the chances that your dog will develop gum disease or tooth loss. Finally, chewing can help relieve your dog's stress. Keep in mind through, rawhide is only hard when it's dry and once your dog chews on it – it becomes soft and is not something that will keep teeth clean.



Now for what's not so good. According to WebMD (pets.webmd.com), there are three primary risks. The first is contamination. Rawhide can contain trace amounts of toxic chemicals from processing. There can also sometimes be a risk of contamination from Salmonella or E.coli. And it's not just the dog who can get sick. Even people can be at risk if they come into contact with these bacteria when handling the treats. The next major risk is digestive irritation. Depending on the dog, there can be sensitivity or allergies to either the rawhide or other materials used in processing the treats. This can cause several problems for your dog, including diarrhea. The third major risk is choking or blockage. Edible chews such as rawhide bones become incredibly slick and can get stuck either in the esophagus or other parts of the digestive tract. While a vet may be able to remove an internal blockage through surgery, it is costly and can still cause death. If it is the airway that becomes blocked, and you are not around or are unable to remove it yourself the outcome would likely be devastating. Choking and/or blockage is considered the biggest risk of the three noted.

In the end whatever you chose to allow your dog to enjoy there are a few things you should always consider. First, check with your veterinarian about which ones are safe and appropriate for your dog. Generally speaking, the smaller the dog, the fewer the chews he should have. Start by only giving one at a time, to see how your dog responds. Make sure your dog is separated from other dogs when he chews so he can relax. This way he will be less likely to swallow large pieces. Once the chew is small enough to swallow whole, you should remove it. To reduce you or your family's risk of exposure to contaminants, wash your hands thoroughly after handling, and be sure that family members with immune system problems avoid handling rawhide or other animal product chews at all. In summary, it is important to make informed decisions about giving your dog anything to chew on.

Note: At CASA, we do not give dogs rawhide of any kind. This is partly due to the fact that we cannot monitor dogs at all times. Our preferred chews are large raw knuckle or marrow bones from the local butchers.

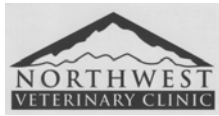
## CASA Volunteers

Volunteers came together this summer for CASA. The Camano Garden club planted and maintained our garden. Friends of CASA participated in Pet-a-Palooza at Skagit Farmers, Twin City Idlers, Port Susan Farmer's Market, Art by the Bay and at the annual Dog Wash. Staff and volunteers took CASA dogs to Poochpalooza and Scrub-a-Mutt. Meanwhile shelter volunteers walked dogs, cleaned cages and socialized cats! Volunteers are always needed. Come join us! Check the website and/or come to the shelter to learn more.



**Paws for Applause to ....**

The local veterinarians who support CASA through their business membership.



**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Dedicated in-shelter volunteers (Training provided)
- Dog walkers, cat socializers
- Greeters at the shelter
- Foster parents
- Experienced animal photographers
- Experienced carpentry, electrical, construction workers
- Pro bono nonprofit financial or legal advice
- Pro bono auditing

**BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!**

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

**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
- Live Free Salmon Dry Dog Food

**PET SUPPLIES**

- Non-clumping/Clay cat litter or pellets



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If tears could build a stairway  
 And memories a lane,  
 We would walk right up to heaven  
 And bring you back again  
 - anonymous



**In memory of departed pets:**

- ♥ Aplet Farrell
- ♥ Charlie Peterson
- ♥ Max Sharp
- ♥ Pistol Olson
- ♥ Rocky Olson
- ♥ Rocky Petroskie
- ♥ Rosie Palumbo
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- ♥ Stella Schwarz
- ♥ Teren Locker

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# CASA ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF FOREVER HOMES



This is Sookie and she wants to be by your side all of the time when you are with her. She is a confident female and would do best with a male dog or maybe even no other dogs. She does not need an excitable dog in her life. Please come visit her.

Honey is a sweet, calm and quiet girl. She keeps to herself often, however, she loves to cuddle. Honey would do great in a quiet home where she would get lots of attention. She is very small and would love to be an indoor pet. Stop by the shelter to meet Honey.



Andi came to CASA as a stray. Her fur was so matted she had to be shaved. She is now patiently waiting for her long smoky locks to return. She's hoping to find a new home with a family who will be able to give her all the affection she craves. She loves to cuddle and spends most of her time curled up in a warm cozy place.

Pillsbury was badly injured and was operated on at the Everett Animal Shelter. She spent countless days recovering there in the care of the staff and volunteers. Along the way she had visitors from CASA. She has since recovered and is now at CASA. This may have been the first time people actually cared for her.



Tigger aka Tiggy is an older lady but that does not stop her from being spunky. She thoroughly enjoys snuggling in a cozy blanket but also loves to be petted. If you have some love to spare, please come meet Tiggy.

### 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](http://www.donateforcharity.com)



See the CASA Mosaic . . . . .



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