



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.

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Message from the Shelter Manager

It is the afternoon before Christmas Eve. The open sign is off, staff has gone for the day, the shelter is pretty quiet and I sit here alone overcome with emotion. I have managed our little shelter for over 6.5 years and as with every shelter not every day has been easy to get through, but as a whole it has been great because of the mountains we have moved and the lives we have saved. I have a completely different staff now than I first did, but every single one of my staff along the way has played a part in this - in changing our shelter, our community, and also ourselves. On this day I will leave the shelter with the lowest animal count here since I started as a result of adoptions. This feeling is indescribable and not one of us could stop smiling. I'm incredibly happy for the animals who found homes, especially the special needs ones who made their way to the forefront and found homes also. I am thankful for the people who came to adopt them, those who spread the word, and also for my very hard working staff who have gone completely out of their way to get these animals in homes the last few weeks prior to the holiday. Even coming after hours to meet people here just to possibly get them adopted.

As elated as this seemingly empty shelter makes us all feel, it also brings a type of emptiness inside of us here at the shelter. This is because open space is not being utilized and we know there are animals out there who could be using this as a passage to their second chance. Many see shelters as a place they wish animals did not end up in, but we view ours as a road to hope. Here is to another year of caring for displaced and rescued animals. Thank you for supporting us in our mission.

Tegan Locker

Indira's Incredible Journey

"My name is Indira and I WAS a Korean meat dog. I was born intended for human consumption in South Korea. Humane Society International was able to get me and all the other dogs (over 100) at my farm out of there. We were flown to the United States to be placed in rescues. Many of us are in WA learning to be dogs, finding that many people really are kind, and we are getting used to these things known as dog beds and living in a house. Humane Society International saved my life, the Everett Animal Shelter started my initial rehabilitation, and CASA found me a real home."

Indira came to CASA to learn the ins and outs of life as a dog. She was exposed to simple things we take for granted that she had never seen before. She made a few dog friends and being with other dogs really brought out her playful puppy-like personality. While she tolerates people, she does not quite understand the bond we take for granted and does not go out of her way to seek affection. Indira's journey in terms of rescue and travel is completed. She has since been adopted by people who understand that Indira's journey is not yet over.



Indira playing at CASA

To watch a video of Indira's rescue, go to YouTube, www.youtube.com and search for "103 Puppies and Dog Rescued from Dog Meat Farm in South Korea".

Mark Your Calendar!

CASA Friends

First Thursday of each month
7 PM

Camano Multi-Purpose Building

Join us to help plan events!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Glass Quest

Friday, February 12th —
Sunday, February 21st

Microchip Clinic

TBD

Little Whiskers

Saturday, April 16th

Bake and Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7th

Draw Cat/Dog Art Contest

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Humane Society International and Korean Dog Meat Trade

HSI is working in countries across Asia to end the grisly dog meat trade. More than 2 million dogs are bred and butchered each year for their meat in South Korea, part of Asia's cruel dog meat trade. In China and elsewhere, most dogs are stolen from the streets, but in South Korea, they are exclusively bred on small-scale factory farms.



Dogs in cages at South Korean farm

HSI participates in raids on trucks crammed with dogs headed for slaughter. They provide funding to train officials for improved enforcement of laws and support care for confiscated animals. In South Korea, they are helping dog meat farmers transition to more humane ways of making a living.

By drawing the attention of governments and the public to the cruelty involved in this industry, they hope to put a stop to the misery these dogs endure. While dog adoption is not yet widely established in South Korea, HSI hopes to see that change in the future by building a community of citizens who adopt former farm dogs into their homes and help fellow South Koreans take them into their hearts.

The dogs that are brought to the United States will be amazing ambassadors for their efforts to end the cruelty of the dog meat trade, and they hope to open a dialogue with the South Korean government about doing just that. When the Winter Olympics comes to Seoul in 2018, the world will want to know that South Korea no longer tolerates dog meat cruelty.

Excerpts from: www.hsi.org

2015 Intake and Outcome Statistics - Over 590 Animals Came to CASA

Intake	Total	Stray	Surrender	Transfer In	Impound	Return
Cats	311	196	103	3	3	6
Dogs	273	89	84	64	24	12

In 2015, 591 animals (including cats, dogs, and other pets) came to CASA. CASA takes strays, impounds and surrenders from Camano Island, but we also bring in dogs from other shelters as space permits. We were able to help 64 dogs from other shelters this year who may not have had a chance otherwise.

Outcome	Adopted	RTO	Transfer Out	Died	PTS
Cats	287	8	2	13	11
Dogs	177	91	9	0	2

Of the animals that came into CASA in 2015, the majority were adopted or returned to their owners, 13 cats (in foster homes or not yet adoptable) and 7 dogs remained in shelter care at the end of the year. CASA partners with local rescue groups to find homes for dogs who are difficult to place or who need more than a shelter provides, 9 dogs were transferred to rescue.

CASA never puts animals to sleep because of lack of space, treatable illness, or ailments. The loss last year included underage kittens that died in foster care, cats which arrived critically injured and could not be saved, others who we had to help along because they were terminally ill and in the final stages of their illnesses, and two dogs with dangerous aggression issues.



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CASA Alumni



Zinnie (formerly Shima)
Roberts Adopted Sept 2015



Molly (formerly Sugar) Evans
Adopted June 2014



Benny Dewey
Adopted Oct 2014



Stewart Gitomer
Adopted 2010



Rikki Smith
Adopted May 2015



Blanca Thompson
Adopted Dec 2014

CASA Free Microchip Clinics - Made Possible by Sponsors

CASA sponsored its first Free Microchip Clinics this year. Between the two microchip clinics on October 17th and October 24th **221 animals were microchipped (82 cats and 139 dogs)**. The animals came from Camano, Stanwood and other localities far and wide! The staff and volunteers worked tirelessly both days and at times the line was stretched across the parking lot.

This event was made possible by the following sponsors:

- State Farm– Leslie Tripp Agency
- Windermere Real Estate – Linda Evans
- Thomas & Associates Insurance Broker, Inc. (WAFD Insurance Group)
- Windermere Real Estate – Stanwood/Camano
- and two anonymous donors:
In honor of cats, Penny and Ruso
In memory of cats, Hazzie and Carmen.



Will you help sponsor our next clinic? (See donation form - page 7 to see how you can help)

HAPPY TAILS

Pillsbury (now Ramses)

Hello all of Pillsbury's friends! We have changed his name to Ramses. We thought that such a strong willed and tough dog needed a name that reflects that. He and his sister (Keela, a CASA alumna) have been getting along great. We are going to training this weekend to address his dog aggression. He does great around my nephews and loves to cuddle. He's been such a great addition to our family!

~ Travis Reide

Note: Pillsbury was included in the 2015 Fall newsletter as someone waiting adoption:

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



Ramses (front) and Keela

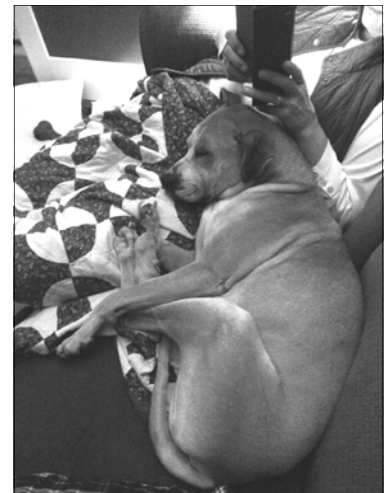
Sookie

Sookie came to live with us in October...my partner and I had been looking for several weeks for a companion for our Shepherd, and for someone who could help heal my heart from the loss of my sweet pit mix Buster....we had originally found our way to CASA via a friend's recommendation, and came to see a younger dog.

Sookie caught our attention, and after visiting with her and learning her story, we knew she needed to go home with us! We went straight to the back yard when we got home. Sookie had a big red ball waiting for her. She ran and jumped and tossed the ball around for an hour! I know I heard her laughing! She would only pause to roll in the grass, then bound off to play.

Sookie is right at home...she has gained 12 pounds, has been to the vet to clear her skin, has accumulated quite a wardrobe, and is well loved! Sookie gets 3 walks a day, with as much outside time as she wants. She has a fluffy dog bed and a best friend in our Shephard Xelda. Sookie has a big grassy field to run in, and friends who stop by just to love on her. She is an amazingly loving, sweet girl. We are lucky to have her!!!

~ Theresa Thompson



Sookie relaxing with friend

Beau



Beau loves his new home.

I was on the hunt for a second cat: one who might keep my 8-year old Phoebe company, and one who would be a lap cat (alas, my darling Phoebe is not). I walked into CASA and told the two staff members what I was looking for. They looked at each other and both immediately said "Beau!" Sure enough, I took Beau home with me. Three months later, he is a total cuddlebug, a chatty Charlie, and exactly what I was looking for in a second kitty. (I'm still working on getting Phoebe to play with him, but for the most part she tolerates him!)

~ Alicia Kamenick

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.

Big Mac

Big Mac is doing great in his new home in Seattle with Sara. They go on three long walks a day and he loves special trips to Carkeek park. His favorite things to do on his walks are smell everything and chase squirrels. In fact, this seems to be the only time Big Mac barks is when he has treed his squirrel. He is so excited when he does this he almost shakes with excitement.

Everyone loves Big Mac so much. Sara's coworkers threw Big Mac a Doggie Shower and he got all kinds of fun treats and toys. He really likes his toys, but he seems to love snuggling on the couch and being with his humans the most. He likes to be right next to Sara when she reads and cannot resist hugs from Colin. He is just the sweetest dog and is very loved!

~ Sara Chumbley and Colin Murphy



Big Mac and his toys

Ozzie



Ozzie loves his walks.

When our 12 year old dog, Rocky, passed away in August, our house became very empty and quiet. We missed him terribly but knew that we would eventually want another dog. Then we met Ozzie, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, at CASA. As soon as Don saw him, Don said "that's my dog".

Ozzie is 4 ½ years old with black and tan markings. Ozzie is a well-trained dog, housebroken, quiet and very loving. He loves to go with us on our morning walks and gets along with the other dogs we meet along the way. Ozzie is a joy to have in our home and our house is no longer empty.

~ Don and Jean Petroskie

Laundry Room Upgrade in Process



Quiet commercial units meet laundry challenge.

We take in over 500 animals each year and have used a very outdated and inefficient laundry area for many years. The "Laundry Room" is home to not only laundry, but also our only refrigerator, overflow cat kennels, linen/supply storage, shelter cleaning supplies, travel crates, utility sink for this room and isolation room, microwave, very small table-top cabinet for cups and staff snacks. Sometimes we have to bring in an x-pen for shy dogs who are too scared for the dog kennel area. This room is only 142.5 square feet in total and is absolutely the nucleus of our shelter.

When the washer was beyond repair we decided to upgrade our laundry area to meet our needs. The new commercial use washer and dryer units in our laundry room will double our washing ability and allow us to wash laundry separately for sanitary reasons. As time and funds permit, we would like to replace the old storage cabinets that were above the existing washer/dryer, as well as cabinets on the other side of the room to provide better overall storage and counter space. We will also replace the broken down particleboard shelves above the utility sink with wire ones where we can also drip-dry cleaned bowls.

Foster Homes Needed for Adult Cats in Recovery

At CASA, we strive to keep cats and kittens out of cages whenever possible for a number of reasons. Because space is limited, however, we do not always have the option of allowing the cats to roam free. We need to separate sick cats from our general population to limit the spread of possible disease or to lower stress in the case of a non-contagious ill cat.

Being housed in cages tends to increase stress levels which can cause otherwise healthy cats to become sick. Stress from being caged can also slow the recovery of sick cats who are being treated at our shelter. Sick cats are housed in the isolation room (ISO) which is really a misnomer because the same room serves as a holding area for new cats during their quarantine time. The room also has one desk/computer that is shared by the shelter manager, treasurer and bookkeeper.

We are hoping to recruit new foster families who would be willing to temporarily open their hearts and homes to an adult cat who is in need of medical care and/or recovery time. Think you don't have the space or time to foster? Even the smallest bedroom, office or bathroom is larger and will provide more comfort than a cage at our shelter. These cats don't need much entertainment and will appreciate a quiet place to relax until they are feeling better. While some cats require weeks or months of fostering, many only need a short stay outside of our shelter.



Callie would love a foster home.

Some of the cats do require daily medication, but our staff is able to provide our foster parents with the training and support needed to care for them. By fostering, you are saving two lives: not only the cat you are caring for, but also the cat who will take their place in our shelter. We can only take in homeless cats if we have a safe space to house them. Every cat we are able to send to a foster home frees up space in our shelter for another cat in need.

Based on article in The Purrfect Pals PURR, Fall 2015, www.purrfectpals.org

Working Together for the Animals



Thanks to the Stanwood/Camano community that came together to support the animals of CASA.

A CASA display was at **Heritage Bank** at Camano Plaza. CASA sponsored its 10th Annual Pictures with Santa at the **Skagit Farmer's Store** and **Mark's Camano Pharmacy** hosted the CASA Lights of Love tree.



CASA participated in the **Stanwood Camano Giving Tuesday** online event held the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. As one of 13 non-profits, CASA promoted the "Above and Beyond" Veterinary Care project that will allow us to treat animals with severe injuries that might have been euthanized elsewhere. Thanks to the donors who gave generously.

The gardens in front of CASA were established and will be maintained by the Camano Garden Club with design and supplies provided by: **Lankford Associates Landscape Architects, Lenz Enterprises, Windermere Real Estate, Puget Sound Tree Care, Orchards Nursery.**



In February, thanks to a generous donor, CASA will once again participate in **Glass Quest**. Questors are invited to visit the shelter animals while searching for the clue balls.



Paws for Applause to

Grant Recognition

CASA is grateful to the organizations who provided the following grants:

- Binky Foundation \$1,000
- The Pedigree Foundation \$1,000
- ASPCA Lil BUB's Big Fund \$1,500



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

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:

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| ♥ Brandy Hoines | ♥ Punky Ford |
| ♥ Dina Timmol | ♥ Rocco Anderson |
| ♥ Fiona Malarky | ♥ Scooby Ford |
| ♥ Josie O'Neill | ♥ Shane Cowan |
| ♥ Kobi DiFloe | ♥ Sheva Malarky |
| ♥ Maggie Tadlock | ♥ Sooner Reynolds |
| ♥ Mischa Branch | ♥ Stella Schwarz |

Wish List

GENERAL SUPPLIES

- Liquid Bleach
- Dawn Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Copy paper

PET FOOD

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

PET SUPPLIES

- Non-clumping/Clay cat litter or pellets

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Microchip Sponsor (\$175 (25 animals), \$350 (50 animals), \$525 (75 animals), \$700 (100 animals))

My donation is in Memory/in Honor of a person or pet
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Please send my gift receipt via e-mail so more of my contribution can go toward helping the animals
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I am interested in becoming a volunteer.

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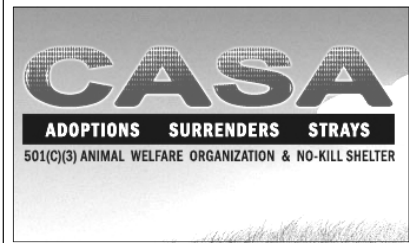
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**CASA ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF
FOREVER HOMES**



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Sonya is a 12 year young lady who would do best in a home with some nice windows for her to gaze out of. She enjoys human companionship immensely but is much less fond of feline friends. Sonya will have some geriatric management needs, but this loving girl will be worth it.



Meeko & Tundra came in together and are incredibly bonded. They are only looking for a home together. They are used to being loved deeply and even slept in bed with their owner. They have a history of being good with people of all ages including visiting children who are dog-respectful. This pair is a catch!

Hello friends my name is Max! I am a fun loving boy who has a ton of energy. I am very much a large puppy, I will require adequate exercise and possibly another dog friend but no cats. Although I have very minimal training and need some work with my manners, I am a fast learner. Please come visit me at CASA if you are prepared for a project.



Hello my name is Bailey. I came to CASA as a stray wandering Camano Island. I am a bit shy, but warm up very fast. I LOVE to cuddle and would do best as an indoor only cat. I like to spy on you from high places and I wouldn't mind a cat companion to keep me company! Please come meet me at CASA!

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