



FOREVER HOME

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CASA Mission Statement:

The mission of CASA is "Bringing together animals in need and caring people, forever enriching their lives".



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CASA Vision:

A world in which every animal has a voice, proper care, safety, security and is free from abuse and neglect.

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Message from the Shelter Manager

So many things happen each day at contracted animal shelters like CASA. When you take in stray and surrendered animals you don't have real control over your pet population. The shelter is a never-ending wheel of efforts; it is in constant motion. Even in the night dogs can come in and when you show up the next day you magically have three more. In order for more pets to come in, others must go out to make room. When adoptions slow down we need your help to keep our wheel going. Some pets stay longer simply because they need a broader range of exposure in order to grab the attention of the right adopter.

Many see the same pet's face and feel that there must be something wrong with them and that is why they are still at the shelter. The simplest reason some pets remain at the shelter is because each human and each pet have individual personalities, likes, dislikes, needs, etc. I guarantee you don't make the exact choices your best friend or even closest relative makes – so you might also want something different in your future pet. Pets with easy personalities and juveniles are the easiest to adopt out regardless of type – these may be chosen by everyone from first-time pet owners to well-seasoned ones. Pets who are more particular in their needs wait longer since their pool of adopters ends up limited. Some may simply not be the best choice for a first-time owner and this alone could cut the number of visiting parties in half. Pets that prefer the company of people to other pets may end up only a candidate for two percent of all the people who actually visited the shelter that week. That's a tough percentage.

It is critical for us to publicize our adoptable pets, but cannot do it alone - we need your help. Don't worry, the kind of help we are asking for is actually very easy. Some of the most effective ways to help us get pets adopted is word of mouth. That could be as simple as telling one person about pet at the shelter or going to the website and choosing one to share on social media with your friends. Are you a business owner? Print one of those adoptable pets and put it on your door that week, you may be surprised how one simple share could lead to an animal finally leaving the shelter. If you have a little more time and want to step up your efforts, you could come in and meet one of the shelter animals, then share your personal experience too. Imagine what that day will feel like when you realize it was YOU that found them an adopter. Who are you going to help this week?

Tegan Locker
Shelter Manager

Against All Odds

Misha, a senior coonhound mix was brought to CASA and surrendered. All her basic medical care was done and she was scheduled for a spay. While Misha waited for her appointment, she was posted for adoption on the CASA website-



Misha shortly after arriving at CASA

A couple came to the shelter and fell in love with her. They expressed their desire to adopt her and, after reviewing their application, their request for adoption was approved. Since Misha was not yet spayed, her adoption was "deferred" pending her spay appointment and the adopter would pick her up after this was done. This typically takes place within a week at the local vet.

The appointment was scheduled, but just before the day arrived, the clinic called to reschedule and it would now be almost two more weeks until they could spay her. Without the ability to do spay and neuter surgeries at the shelter, CASA is completely dependent on outside veterinary clinics when it comes to surgeries. During the last week of waiting, staff grew concerned about the extra weight Misha had been adding on. Although some dogs can gain weight in the shelter, they thought her mid-section was feeling more and more firm. Staff whisked her off to the vet for an x-ray, worried she might have

See more on page 2 - Against All Odds

Mark Your Calendar!**CASA Friends**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS**Glass Quest**

Friday, February 14th -
Sunday, February 23rd

Free Microchip Clinic

Saturday, April 18th

Bake and Plant Sale

Saturday, May 9th

Draw Cat/Dog Art Contest

Saturday, May 9th

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been secretly pregnant when she was surrendered. Although it is not ideal for an 8+ year old dog to have puppies, it is also not unheard of and we had no choice but to carry on.

CASA called the awaiting adopters to explain the new information and firm up a change of plans. She went into foster with her planned adopters with the agreement that they would foster Misha and once born they would bring mom and puppies back to CASA for weekly checkups. Misha's foster parents assisted in the birth of one, two, ...twelve puppies. They were all similar, but each unique in their own way; six males and six females. Misha was an amazing mother. She was loving, nurturing, and very attentive to the needs of all her puppies.

Allowing twelve puppies to stay in one foster home the entire two months was unique. If the puppies had been brought to the shelter without a mother, they would have been separated into groups of three or four and sent to different foster homes since large litters are a lot of work even for the most experienced foster homes. These foster parents were determined to succeed with each and every puppy.

When the puppies were nearing the end of weaning, the foster parents reported that Misha seemed very tired and they were worried she may have somehow hurt her leg in the night as it seemed to be bothering her. Exhaustion is fairly common for moms with really large litters like Misha's since it takes a lot of energy to produce enough milk, tend to their feeding and cleaning needs, while also getting enough nutrition to cover both puppies and the mother at the same time.



Misha was taken to a clinic near the foster home for examination. The vet confirmed that Misha was tired, dehydrated, and ultimately needed to start focusing on her own body without any more puppy depletion. She was able to get some supportive care throughout the day at the vet. She left seeming a little better, received some basic pain meds for her aching leg and was to come back in a couple days to be rechecked. Sadly, Misha took a turn for the worse just days later and her next visit to the vet was an emergency one. Misha passed away after arriving at the clinic and left everyone around her confused and devastated. The veterinarian who cared for Misha needed an answer for this too and offered to perform a necropsy. It was determined that Misha had died of a previously obscure form of cancer. Against all odds, but most likely the sheer willpower and love of a mother, Misha had lived long enough to ensure her puppies were weaned so they could live on their own.

The twelve bouncy, wiggly, and healthy puppies were brought to the shelter in order to prepare for their spay and neuter surgeries and go up for adoption. Two of the puppies were adopted by their foster parents so Misha's legacy will live on in their home. Two other puppies were adopted together and the others went to individual homes. Shelter staff established an online social group specifically for the adopters of Misha's puppies so the new families can exchange experiences and share pictures as they grow up and to also plan reunion play-dates in the future. Against all odds, a special mother brought twelve little puppies into this world and they have now been "brought together with caring people, forever enriching their lives."

In loving memory of Misha

CASA Alumni**THANK YOU
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 Windermere Real Estate
 Windermere Real Estate - Linda Evans
 * New Business Member

**We appreciate the support of
these local businesses.**



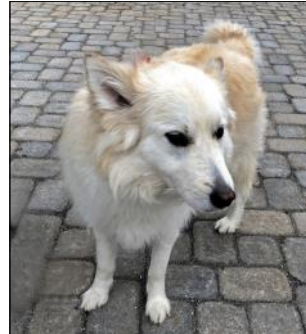
Rebel Dawson
Adopted Nov 2019



Harley (Houdini) Spector
Adopted Dec 2019



Lilly Berelson
Adopted Sept 2019



Koda Calton
Adopted Dec 2019

Special Thank You

CPI Plumbing, Mount Vernon donates a percentage of their monthly revenue to LOCAL nonprofits. CASA received the Golden Wrench Award in April and September.

Skagit Farmers Supply, Paws for a Cause donation. They also provided the venue for our Santa Pictures. Thank you, **Santa Andy**.

Johnson-Cox Printing in Tacoma donated printing services for our new *CASA Leave a Legacy, Planned Giving* brochure.

Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians Community Contribution Grant.

Tulalip Tribe Charitable Contributions Fund Grant.

RE/MAX at Camano Plaza hosted our 2019 Lights of Love tree.

SCGive raised a total of \$9,410 (includes \$1,600 prize money) far exceeding our goal of \$6,000. Thank you SCAF for organizing the event.

Heritage Bank hosted our display board at the Camano Island branch for the month of November.

IGA printed and displayed large posters for CASA events.

Donation Boxes at 29 local businesses and at CASA brought in over \$13,500.

Grocery Outlet for hosting our donation boxes at each of their registers.

Matching Gifts: Microsoft, Cambia Health Foundation, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Costco, Heritage Bank, Boeing, Google and Shell Oil.

New Business Members: Eastside Salon, Kitty Kingdom Sanctuary, Regal Construction Company, Stanwood Hearing, Taylor's Excavators, Inc.

HAPPY TAILS

Truman (formerly Kakoa)



Truman's favorite pastime is cuddling.

We lost our beloved senior blue pitbull Beatrice to cancer on May 31st. We adopted her from CASA in December 2017. Although we only had her a year and a half she was our best friend. In October we drove up from Seattle to look at a little blue pitbull we found on CASA's website. She was being adopted as we arrived. We were heartbroken but right before we left I spoke to the manager on the phone and she suggested we consider Kakoa. The manager knew we needed a cat-friendly dog who liked to cuddle and wouldn't bark too much in our condo. Kakoa wasn't ready for adoption yet but we were able to briefly meet him before CASA closed for the day. On the way back to Seattle we discussed it and then it occurred to us that Kakoa was in the same kennel as Beatrice! We knew right then that Kakoa needed us (and we needed him). Kakoa had a rough start in life, so we decided to give him a new name and a new start.

Truman's favorite pastime is by far cuddling. He also loves visiting his grandma Judy on Whidbey Island, walking to Pike Place Market to visit his dad at work, and getting coffee (and dog treats, of course) with mom. Truman also LOVES leaf piles.

Truckstop, Truman's cat-brother, rules the condo and likes his space. Truman is very respectful of Truckstop's needs. Sometimes they sleep so close together they're almost cuddling. Truman has been the perfect addition to our little family. Getting to know his personality has been rewarding and every day we love him more. We know Truman loves us too the way he greets us at the front door or the way he follows us from room to room for more snuggles. Thank you CASA for our good boy Truman!

~ Mary Todd

Huckleberry and Finn

Huckleberry and Finn are doing great and bring much joy to our home. My son chose these pets while we were actively seeking out a dog. They are just as cute and playful. They like to be cuddled and definitely like to eat. When we get home from school or wake up at 6 AM, they start talking or yelling for us. We are happy with our adoption. Thanks for taking care of them until they found their forever home.

We were blessed to be able to make two adoptions from you this year. Galaxy was also added to our family. He is a perfect dog. Thank you.

~ Tasha, Lawson and Linkin, Huckleberry, Finn and Galaxy Currie

Note: Huckleberry and Finn, featured in the Fall 2019 newsletter, were at CASA for eight months before finding the perfect home.



Galaxy watches Finn and his new friend.



After a rough start, Leila has found a loving home.

Leila (formerly Keely)

Thank you so much for allowing us to adopt Keely. The first thing we did was change her name. She is known in our family as Leila. As she lived under a house for four years I was worried about her socializing, even with us. We made her a bed in a quiet corner where she would feel safe. Instead the first night she jumped into bed with us. She has been there ever since.

She is happy and has a different relationship with both of us. I get hugs and kisses when I get home. Scott gets barks and toys to play with. She made friends with the neighbor's dog and the neighbor texts me when it's time for him to go home. Play dates, like having a kid again. Still working on the socializing with other people. But we are very happy and grateful that Leila is part of our family.

~ Karyn Jones

Zander

Zander was spending all day, every day, crammed in the highest corner of the shelter patio. The staff members said the only reason they knew he was eating was because he was still alive. He was clearly super-stressed with the situation, in spite of their many efforts. He was extremely shy and that was actually the reason we took him.

When we got him home he spent all day under a blanket in the spare bedroom (his safe room), and we never saw him out. If you petted him through the blanket he would purr and do elevator butt, but he did not want you to look at him. This stage took several weeks. But the combination of food and enforced blanket pets, along with the occasional slow removal of the blanket while petting him, did eventually work.

First big mile stone was him actually COMING OUT to greet us when we went in the room. He was still a bit conflicted, would come up to be petted but then immediately turn around and walk off a bit. He loves neck and throat scratches, but doesn't love being petted on top of his head. He's also a happy drooler and a bit of a low-threshold cat, there's a limit to how long he wants to be petted and then there's a nibble. We have learned to stop first.

He now has full access to the house, is lovely with the other cats (was always good with them), and comes to eat with the rest of the crew. At night they go galloping around the house sounding like a herd of goats. He will probably always be jumpy, and strangers will likely never see him when they come over, but that's okay. We have another cat like that too. Still, he's SO much better than at the beginning, and we don't require much of him - he can have whatever space he needs. Thanks for Zander!

~ Stephanie Edwards



Zander no longer hides but joins the family.

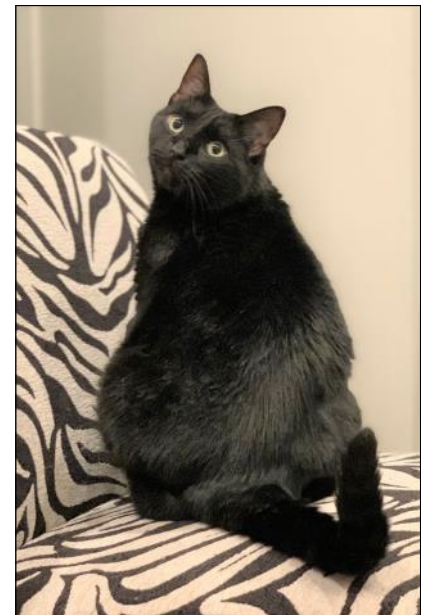
Bill (formerly Moe)

Bill (formerly Moe) spent over a year in the shelter because he was waiting for me. When the time came to add a new member to the family, I was browsing various shelter websites. I knew I either wanted a senior cat or a passed up cat. I fell in love with an old man at Everett Animal Shelter, but when I inquired about him I was told he was not available due to medical issues. When I was telling a friend about this, she didn't miss a beat and immediately pulled up Bill's profile on the CASA website. I was instantly in love.

Bill came home on National Black Cat Day. He was very skiddish and spent the first few days on a hunger strike. We have three other cats who were eager to meet him, but we kept them separate for over a week to ensure a smooth transition for Bill.

Although he isn't BFF's with any of the other cats, they all seem to tolerate each other. He has chosen my 17 year old son as his person. They cuddle every night and he is in my son's face every morning to wake him up. He loves the Christmas tree, his pink couch and lounging in the middle of the kitchen floor. We are so blessed to have him join our family. Welcome home, Bill!

~ Carla Rivera



After a year at CASA, Bill enjoys lounging in the middle of the floor.

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.

Making a difference

CASA is a small shelter with a big impact. We don't pick and choose the animals that come to us, but we make sure to give all of them a warm and safe place to lay their head and have food in their bellies. We come in 7 days a week no matter what and make sure our shelter kids are happy and healthy and have everything they could possibly need while they are with us. Being small has its struggles.

A lot of people don't know who we are and what we stand for, but we still work hard every day. We put ourselves out there because the animals mean everything to us and the only way we can find their fur-ever home is by showing up and putting our animals first. We go home and all we think about is CASA and what we can do to make things better. Not for us, but for the animals. We are their family until they find their forever home and even after.



Becca comforts a lonely friend.

If you really look into CASA we offer as much help we can to our community and anyone wanting to surrender their animal to a shelter they trust and know. We take surrenders, strays, impounds and anything in between. For us it's not about the numbers, It's about how many lives we can save and help. There's never any judgment by us. Everyone falls on hard times and sometimes have to make that difficult choice to give their animals up and we are always ready with open arms to help however we can.

We hear a lot how working at a shelter must be "easy" because we are with animals all day. We wish it was that easy! Our days start early and can sometimes run into the night. From the simple morning cleaning to adopting animals out. There are the days when you have 13 sick kittens come in and have to think fast of what to do. Other days you'll walk in and an animal isn't okay and you have to calm yourself and remember everything you have been trained to do. Working at CASA means the world and making a difference in animals' lives is what matters the most to us!

It's hard work but it is truly the most rewarding. Some people might think being small is a disadvantage, we like to think that means we can give more attention and find the perfect home for the animals that do come through our door. If you're looking for the right shelter to volunteer time, donate to or just come and see what a shelter is all about, come by CASA! See what we are all about! Meet our animals! See what we see when we come in to work every day. I don't see you being able to walk out without smiling!

Becca was asked to write an article about what the staff does every day, but chose to explain why they do what they do. Thank you, for the difference you make and what makes CASA special.

2019 Intake and Outcome Statistics - Over 600 Animals Came to CASA

Intake	Total	Stray	Surrender	Transfer In	Impound	Return
Cat	319	141	138	34	0	6
Dog	292	51	101	95	36	9

In 2019, 617 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 and cats from other shelters as space permits and surrenders from elsewhere. We were able to help 95 dogs and 34 cats from other shelters this year that may not have had a chance otherwise.

Outcome	Adopted	Return To Owner	Transfer Out	Put to Sleep	Died
Cat	301	4	0	15	14
Dog	206	70	10	4	2

Of the animals that came into CASA in 2019, the majority were adopted or returned to their owners. CASA partners with local rescue groups to find homes for dogs who are difficult to place or who need more than a shelter provides.

As a No-Kill shelter, CASA never puts animals to sleep for convenience or lack of space. The deaths last year included underage kittens some of whom died in foster care, others who arrived gravely injured and other cats and dogs that had to be put to sleep because they were terminally ill and in the final stages of their illnesses.

Did you know?

That your tax-deductible charitable gift of:

\$50 can provide KMR milk replacement formula for a litter of kittens or vital blood and urinalysis lab work for one sick and/or senior animal

\$100 can provide three months of basic care for a typical long-term animal

\$250 can provide dental cleaning and extractions for an older cat/dog or provide a FIV/FelV blood tests for 17 cats.

\$500 can help us spay/neuter two litters of kittens and their moms or provide a FIV/FelV blood tests for 35 cats

**"The first time I laid eyes on you,
I knew right from the start.
That you were meant for me alone;
you left paw prints on my heart."**

~ Anonymous



In memory of departed pets:

- ♥ Daisy Hanna
- ♥ Gracie Mieger
- ♥ Harley Swagers
- ♥ Jolie Hesla
- ♥ Lionel Perkins
- ♥ Lucy Bauknecht
- ♥ Morgan Bloom
- ♥ Scooby Doo
- ♥ Teddy Rochat
- ♥ Tony Snaring
- ♥ Woody Norwood

Our Shelter Wish List

PET SUPPLIES: Cat litter or pellets (our greatest need)

GENERAL SUPPLIES: Liquid bleach, Liquid laundry detergent, Dryer sheets, Liquid dish soap (no antibacterial)

OFFICE SUPPLIES: Standard letter size white copy paper

PET FOOD: KMR – Liquid Kitten Milk Replacement,

Baby food (small jars of pureed meats)

Royal Canin "Babycat" and Kitten dry food, Canned kitten food,

Dry Kirkland cat food (Costco), Canned cat food (no 9 Lives)

Dry Grain-Free Zignature Whitefish Dog Food (Julz Animal Houz),

Large raw knuckle bones (from butcher), Soft treats and grain-free treats

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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. We will include you in future informative email correspondence about the shelter. You may opt out at any time and we never share your information.



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CASA ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF FOREVER HOMES



May and Snoopy are bonded and will have to go to the same home. These 14 year-olds are shy and want a nice quiet home to spend the rest of their life in. They've only lived with adults and can be shy around strangers and children. They love to be cuddled. Come see if they are right for you!

Adonis, a Dutch Shepherd Boxer mix puppy, will need someone who can keep up with his energy and training. Adonis knows how to sit, wait for his food, and fetch a ball. Since he's a larger breed of dog, it is preferred that he goes to home with children over the age of 12. Adonis has shown signs of wanting to chase cats at the shelter. Adonis is just waiting for his dog savvy, consistent person to come find him.



Alexander is a very special boy who has some specific requirements to find his perfect home. The best home for him is one where he won't have to be around tons of people. Alex may have been abused in his original home prior to arriving at the originating shelter as a stray. If you have room in your heart for this little man and can provide him with his special requirements along with the peace and quiet he longs for please come by CASA to meet him.

Chuckles came to CASA when her people were moving out of the country. She can be frightened of boisterous or large dogs and prefers cats that respect her space. In her younger days she was a hunter and would love a home where she can be your shadow, but still have a comfy plush cat bed for lounging. Come by to see this charming kitty!



Island County requires all dog owners to license their dogs every year. One time is not enough, you must renew each calendar year; there are no exceptions. The tag helps identify your dog in case he or she is lost. 2020 dog licenses are now on sale at the Shelter or at the Camano Island Annex on NE Camano Dr. \$10 for spayed/neutered dogs / \$33 for intact dogs.

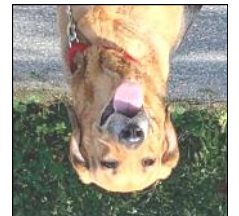
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..... See Misha's Story



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