



# 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".



### JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

We love to share photos of our animals and updates on events. Post your photos too with our 8,460+ Facebook followers!  
[www.facebook.com/camanoshelter](http://www.facebook.com/camanoshelter)

**CASA is now a Facebook Charity**



### 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 much has changed since our last newsletter. Although COVID restrictions and procedures at the shelter are feeling just a little more like "normal" at this point, they are still not anywhere ideal for the services the shelter offers. We are thankful the public we serve and our supporters have stuck with us through this trying time.

As many know late spring to early fall is the busiest time for shelters. This also means that we were drowning in COVID related changes during the most trying and busiest time of year at CASA. We won't lie and say any part of it has been easy.

Having our doors closed every day instead of open and welcoming has been the biggest hardship we and our animals have faced. We want you to know that just because we are not in a position to open our doors and freely invite everyone back in does not mean we don't wish we could do just that.

We are crossing our fingers that it will not be too much longer until we can welcome you all again in to the animals' home away from home. Su casa es tu casa. (Their house is your house.)

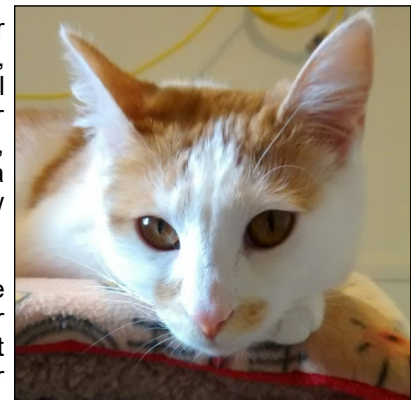
Tegan Locker  
Shelter Manager

## Havarti Finds a Home

CASA is dedicated to our mission of "bringing together animals in need and caring people". To achieve this, CASA has developed a partnership with local animal agencies that provides just the right outcome for our animals. Thanks to our partnership with Purrfect Pals, Havarti, after almost one year at CASA, finally found a home. This Purrfect Pals newsletter article illustrates how working together saves lives.

"Due to the support of our Purrfect Pals' community, we are frequently able to say 'yes' when our local shelter partners reach out to us asking for help. This is what happened recently when the Camano Animal Shelter Association (CASA) contacted us about a young female cat named Havarti.

While her three litter mates were healthy and able to be rehomed, the little orange and white cutie named Havarti had a few medical challenges when she was surrendered as a kitten to CASA in July of 2019. Havarti had an injury to her hind end that left her tail hanging limp. Havarti needed more time for the shelter to figure out exactly what was going on with her.



Orange and white cutie Havarti went to Purrfect Pals in May

See more on page 2 - Havarti Finds a Home

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

Meets monthly  
via Zoom.

To be placed on call list,  
send email to shelter with  
name, telephone and email.

**UPCOMING EVENTS****Lights of Love**

November and December

**#Giving Tuesday—SCGive**

Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

**Annual Meeting**

Monday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>  
(Virtual meeting TBD)

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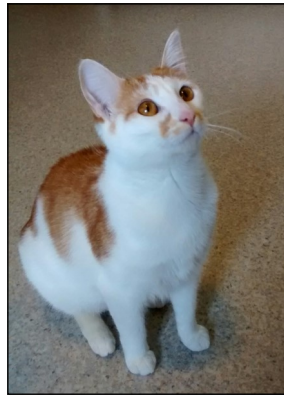
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(Masks required)

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Upon further vet examination, it was determined that Havarti had nerve damage to her spinal cord which limited the sensation in her back end and try as she might, Havarti unknowingly dropped urine and fecal matter outside of her litter box. Because of the loss of sensation, she wasn't grooming herself properly and she was also prone to Urinary Tract Infections.

Despite the challenges she faced, Havarti's loving, playful spirit always shined through and she quickly became a favorite at CASA. The staff at CASA and her foster family did everything necessary to treat her condition, including wiping her down twice a day. At the end of 2019, it was determined that the best move for Havarti would be to amputate her tail to ensure her hind end would stay as clean as possible and hopefully help prevent further infections.



Say "cheese", Havarti

A few months after she healed up from her tail surgery, CASA reached out to Purrfect Pals to see if we would be able to take over Havarti's care. With her special urinary diet and daily "wipe-downs", Havarti would indeed benefit from the specialized feline medical treatment Purrfect Pals has the resources to offer.

Havarti was transferred to Purrfect Pals in May and is now enjoying being the kitty queen in a sanctuary room of her very own, pouncing on wand toys and cuddling to her heart's content, while our dedicated vet staff and cat care team carefully monitors her health." \*

\* Purrfect Pals Says "Hello" to Havarti  
By Crystal Chiechi, Outreach Manager  
[www.purrfectpals.org](http://www.purrfectpals.org)

**Did You Know?****Get a new deduction**

Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, passed in March, allows taxpayers taking the standard deduction to claim up to \$300 in charitable deductions as well. This is a new deduction for charitable donors who do not itemize when filing their tax returns.

**Use your IRA**

If you are 70 ½ or older, you are eligible for a great tax break. You can give directly from a traditional IRA to 501(c)(3) charity without having to declare that amount as taxable income, as you would a regular IRA withdrawal.

**Monthly Donations - An Easy Way to Donate**

Want to contribute to CASA, but prefer to do so monthly rather than in a single donation? You can establish monthly contributions via Pay Pal. Simply go to PayPal on the Donate tab of the CASA website, [www.camanoanimalshelter.org](http://www.camanoanimalshelter.org) and decide on monthly payments. You will be asked to join PayPal; once you provide your credit card information, your contributions will be deducted monthly and sent directly to CASA. Think what \$20 per month would do for the animals – and it's such an easy way to provide regular support to CASA.

**Your Gift Can Double in Value**

Check to see if your company has a matching gift program or if you can give where you work via an employee giving program. Ask your friends and relatives to check to see what is available at their places of employment. Thanks to our donors who availed themselves and CASA of these benefits. (See Page 6)

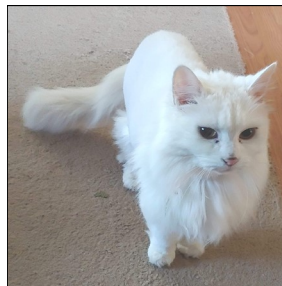
**CASA Alumni**

**THANK YOU  
BUSINESS MEMBERS!**

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\* New Business Member

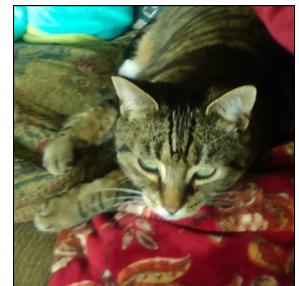
**We appreciate the support of  
these local businesses.**



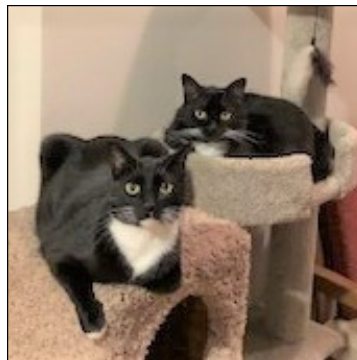
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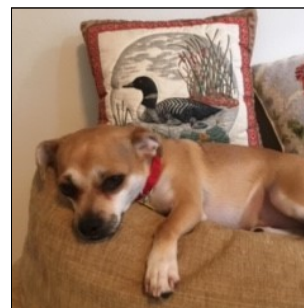
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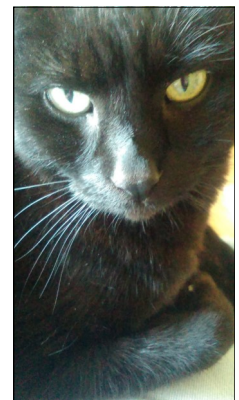
Ella Kitzgerald Conatore  
Adopted Oct 2018



Pip and Squeak Dunlap  
Adopted July 2020



Maximo Kane  
Adopted May 2019



Cole Pudder Conatore  
Adopted Oct 2018

**Recognizing our Long-time Business Members**

Thanks to the businesses who support CASA through their annual Business Member contributions. We salute these establishments who have been CASA Business Members since 2008-2010 (over ten years). Thanks also to Coastal Bank, a long-time member, who was omitted from our Dogless Dogwash mailing list of business members.



Do you know a business that might like to become a Business Member? Share your love of CASA and this newsletter with the business. Send an email to [casa@camanoanimalshelter.org](mailto:casa@camanoanimalshelter.org) with the business name and contact information and we will reach out to them.

## HAPPY TAILS

### Stella/Sheba



Sheba riding shotgun

We had just lost our beautiful husky/pittie mix when Stella's face appeared on the computer screen just when our hearts needed it. We are sure that our beloved Haley sent her to us.

Stella, now our Sheba, had a rough beginning, strange place and complications with her spay procedure. We met her the day after she was spayed and clearly she was not doing very well. The wonderful staff at CASA knew something was wrong and immediately took her to the emergency vet. Fast forward two days, another surgery and emergency care including blood transfusion, she was ready to come back to CASA. We had already made the decision she was coming home with us, so we just took her home then.

Sheba has come a long way since then. She is very opinionated (typical husky) but is also a goofy, silly girl who also can act like a diva at times. We see more personality every day, she never fails to make us laugh. She already had perfect manners (bonus), loves the grandkids, loves to ride shotgun in the car, sits like a queen in the golf cart, takes up all the bed and loves her Dad very much. She demands Dad take her for a walk every night. Yes, she does not let up until he is ready to go.

Our lives are truly enriched having her, we have healed each other. Sheba is and always will be in her forever home. Thank you to the staff at CASA, the experience we had with you will never be forgotten. You all do a truly commendable job for the animals and it shows.  
~ Alan Bradshaw

### Punky

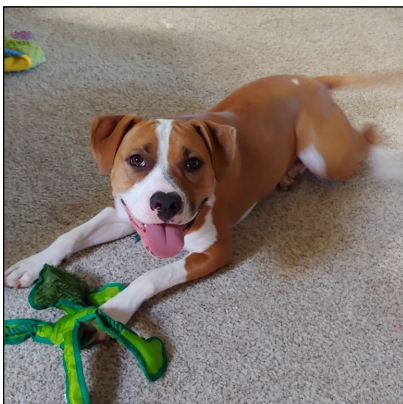
I don't believe Punky is a success story, just quite yet. It's been a trying experience so far, but is improving on a monthly basis. Punky decided to live in my ceiling for 5 weeks, two days after I got her. She found the smallest space next to the HVAC system and squirreled away up there. For the first 2.5 weeks, she was using the litter box and eating - coming out when I was asleep. I finally got her out with some food and another trapped door 2.5 weeks later - after staying up all night to 4 am. She then proceeded to live in the couch for 3 days. We got rid of the couch, sealed up any spaces for her to hide under/in, and basically forced her to be sociable.

Eventually I was able to pet her without being clawed and hissed at when giving her food - this took another month. She also attacks your feet in your sleep, awesome!! She did start sleeping at the foot of the bed. We did end up getting another cat and she's been helping to socialize Punky. They play together non-stop. Punky continues to be a delight, and look forward to being able to pick her up one day. Small steps make up a mile.  
~ Brad Scott



Punky and her friend

### Daisy



Daisy is a wonderful family dog.

When we went to meet Daisy, she was very nervous, but even in a shelter setting, we could see glimpses of her silly and loving personality.

Once Daisy was home, that amazing personality began to slowly come out. She is the sweetest dog and is amazingly patient with our three young children. The kids love to play with Daisy, snuggle with her on the floor, and sneak her tasty treats. She is like the Energizer Bunny during the day when she wants to play, and the kids absolutely love to run in the yard with her when she gets the zoomies. In the evening she just becomes a snuggle bug and frequently tries to climb up in your lap on the couch.

It took Daisy a few weeks to figure out what to do with chew toys, and about two months to get the hang of chasing a ball. Now she absolutely LOVES squeaky toys, and she will run around the house throwing the toy in the air for herself if her people are busy.

She has become a wonderful family dog, and we are so glad that we were able to give her a home and watch her personality and confidence blossom.

~ Victoria and Nathan Morris

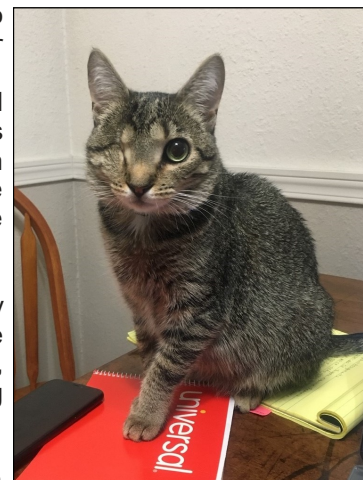
**Storm**

My husband and I visited the Camano Island Animal Shelter looking for a dog. We had no idea that a one-eyed 5-month old tabby kitten named Storm would meow her way into our hearts and into our home. The high noise from puppies in the dog kennel was overwhelming, but when we visited the cat room, there was a small kitten in a kennel. The CASA staff told us that she was quarantined to recover from surgery to remove her right eye. She was meowing with fervor when we approached her kennel. When the kennel gate opened, Storm climbed into my arms for a brief moment before her kitten curiosity got the best of her and she needed to explore. We learned Storm's long road to rescue that started months before at the Everett Animal Shelter. I felt immediately protective of her.

We weren't prepared for a kitten and we left Storm at the shelter that day. After continually thinking of Storm, the next week we made 3-hour drive back to Camano Island. When we arrived late in the afternoon, Storm wasn't in her kennel and my heart sank. As it turned out, she was in quarantine again – this time due to a kitty cold. She slept for most of the long journey to her forever home.

Eight months later, we are in quarantine together and the humans are learning some tips from the pro – maintain a consistent meal schedule, make time for play, and never underestimate the power of a nap. We have taught Storm to fetch and to wave, but she has taught us so much more.

We are grateful to the dedicated staff who lovingly cared for Storm while she was recovering and to CASA for not giving up on animals who are just a little bit different than the rest. ~ Maureen Roat



Storm reminding us it is 5 PM.

**Loki**

Just wanted to say thank you for our sweet girl Loki. She is truly such a doll and loves to be around us and is so happy! She may be blind but she found her way around our house very easily and loves to play! Just wanted to give you an update on her! We are grateful for everyone who helped her along her way to us!

~ Rachel and Alexander George



Loki is so happy!

**Lady/Luna**



Little victories each day.

All I had to do was to see her picture online and I knew Luna was the puppy for me. She was called "Lady" at the time, but as a cross of Italian Greyhound and Corgi, with her black fur tipped by white, she was definitely a Luna.

She was also very scared. Everything was terrifying for her and when we got her home, she just ran and hid in the crate set up with all her essentials. She wouldn't come out if there was a human in the room and would only emerge cautiously to access her supplies. So, I talked to everyone who had ever owned a greyhound to see how they handled introducing a dog to a new home. They told me it just took time and kindness.

It took just over six months for Luna to understand that she was safe and loved. We had little victories every day, from going outside for the first time, to eating when I was in the room. Just last week, she finally came to me and placed her paws on my knee, asking for a cuddle. Now, it's walks twice a day and lots of play sessions, along with pets and scratches. She still is hesitant around new people, but is happy now, hanging out in her new home.

~ Toni Rush

**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).

## Paws for Applause

This year, more than ever, we are grateful for the many way the community and individuals have come together to provide support for the animals at the shelter. Thank you to:

- **Diane and Brad O'Neill** for designing and building the new reader board with installation assistance from **James Saldin** (as part of his Eagle Scout project)
- **Rudy and Ida May Love Family Charity Grant**
- **Dogless Dog Wash donors** giving over \$11,000
- **Tim Labs** for providing technical support
- **IGA** hosting the CASA Pet Food and Supply Drive
- **Alaskan Brewing Company** for their Ales for Tails contribution
- Proceeds from **Camp Camano Kids Auction**
- **CCR (Camano Canine Resort)** for sponsoring Free Nail Clipping Clinic
- **Theresa Fukushima** for handmade dog/cat themed masks and quilted "mug rugs" for volunteers
- **Matching Gift and Employee Giving Companies:** Boeing, Macy's, Google, T-Mobile, Prudential, Costco, Cambia Health, Microsoft, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, WA CFD, FedEx.
- **Camano Center** for including CASA items in their virtual silent auction gala
- **Nita Powers** donating two handmade lap quilts
- **Animal Portraits by Penny** – personalized animal portrait, [www.animalportraitsbypenny.com](http://www.animalportraitsbypenny.com)
- Gift certificates and merchandise for auction baskets – **CCR, Krista's Pet Spaw, Furry Friends Pet Sitters, Camano Veterinary Clinic, Country Store, Urban Squirrel Hunter**



Reader Board "Words of Wisdom"  
Animal Counts and Shelter Needs

## Finding a Forever Home

Sandy, a well-loved, 9 year old, chubby Chihuahua-Dachshund mix came to CASA when her family member moved to a nursing facility and could no longer care for her. Sandy was well-known in the neighborhood having been walked by kind neighbors the months preceding her owner's living change. They continued to check the Adoptable Dogs section of the CASA website waiting to see Sandy appear.

Meanwhile, Sandy received a thorough medical checkup, blood work, had a much needed dental cleaning and several teeth removed. She was additionally put on a special diet to lose weight and improve her mobility. Although Sandy was doing better each day she ended up being diagnosed with Cushing's disease (a malfunctioning adrenal gland creates too much cortisol). This meant that Sandy would require expensive care, regular testing and medication management for her lifetime.



Sandy waiting for new home.

Since the likelihood of finding an adopter who would be able to afford these costs was small, the shelter manager reached out to Old Dog Haven to find a home for Sandy. Old Dog Haven, [www.olddoghaven.org](http://www.olddoghaven.org), not only finds homes for senior dogs, but pays for their medical expenses through their Final Refuge program.

Sandy lost a lot weight and her loving personality paired with her jaunty step - quickly became a shelter celebrity. In August Sandy was transferred to Old Dog Haven where she will receive a forever home and lifelong care for her condition. Working together with Old Dog Haven is just another way that CASA reaches out to find the perfect home for each animal.

*In loving memory of departed  
departed pets*



- ♥ Big Hinkman
- ♥ Cuppy Barnes
- ♥ Figgy Peterson
- ♥ Gracie Albin
- ♥ Jackson Jones
- ♥ Jobi Cruz
- ♥ Kona Rector
- ♥ Lilly Reinhardt
- ♥ Lionel Perkins
- ♥ Rocky Olson
- ♥ Taylor Hariri

**Did you know you can make a difference?**

That your tax-deductible charitable gift of:

- \$25** can provide vaccines for one animal
- \$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

**Our Shelter Wish List**

- PET SUPPLIES: Cat litter or pellets (our greatest need)
- GENERAL SUPPLIES: 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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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 ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF FOREVER HOMES — CASA NEWS



## 2021 CASA CALENDAR - \$15

Send email to shelter to reserve your calendar. You will be contacted to arrange pickup.

[casa@camanoanimalshelter.org](mailto:casa@camanoanimalshelter.org)

## SUPPORT CASA WHILE YOU SHOP

When you shop Amazon, you can link your account to CASA and we will receive a donation from Amazon Smile. No cost to shoppers.

Sign up at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com).



*Before you recycle your newsletter consider sharing it with a friend or a potential business member. Introducing others to CASA is a great way to help the animals at the shelter.*

## BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!

Featured location this period:

**Elger Bay**



To make a donation from your mobile phone, just scan the QR code.

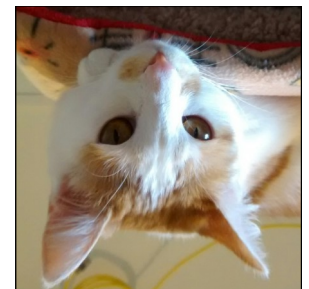
## DONATE YOUR CAR

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

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



... *Read Havarit's Story* ...



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