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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

These are exciting times at CASA with lots of changes that we hope will bring growth to the organization. Let me introduce myself, my name is Rozalynn, Camano Island's local, crazy dog lady, and the new shelter manager of the Camano Animal Shelter Association. Since childhood, I knew I wanted to work with animals. I grew up around many dogs, cats, chickens, and pocket pets. I participated in 4H, training, and obedience trials with many of our family dogs. Just a year out of high school I started a job as an animal caretaker at CASA and instantly fell in love with animal welfare work.

After many years working for CASA I moved on to another job opportunity. While away, I greatly missed working with animals. Naturally when I heard of a job opening at CASA I was quick to apply. I knew it was the right move for me. I applied knowing I had the unique advantage of experience, as I had already spent half of my adult life working for CASA. I am very grateful the Board of Directors saw my potential and offered me the job as shelter manager. Thanks to Tegan, the previous shelter manager, many facility improvements have been made since I left. Otherwise CASA has not changed much in the two years I was gone. The staff changed slightly and services differed due to COVID restrictions. Returning shelter services to pre-COVID has been a big multifaceted project, but we are happy to see volunteers, shelter visitors, donors and adopters back in the building.

CASA has always been a small but mighty shelter. The exceptional care, attention, and commitment made to the animals who come through our doors sets us apart. The things we can accomplish with a small staff and limited shelter space has always amazed me. We are excited to see what growth and changes the next five year bring. If you haven't been to the shelter since our re-opening, please feel free to stop in, introduce yourself, and say hello. We hope to see you soon!

Rozalynn Muscolo, Shelter Manager

A Full House

Filling more than fifteen of the nineteen kennels in the kennel building creates a full house. There are eleven kennels with outdoor runs and eight indoor only. The outside kennels are preferred and so are frequently filled. When accepting impounded dogs (contract with Island County), we must always have one or more kennels available for dogs brought to the shelter by the Animal Control Officer or the police. So, filling more than fifteen kennels creates a full house and is not ideal.

CASA is a managed admission shelter which means the shelter manages the intakes in a way that uses space and resources wisely and helps keep animal personalities evenly meshed in order to maintain low stress and visual adoptability. We take in impounded and stray dogs from Camano Island only but do take in surrenders from elsewhere if space permits. We also have a working relationship with Everett Animal Shelter taking animals that might benefit from new exposure. The goal is to have dogs come to the shelter and leave quickly thereby making room for more dogs in need.



Three of a kind: Nala, Calley and Maisy

Sometimes things do not go

See more on page 2 - A Full House

Mark Your Calendar!**CASA Friends**

Second Thursday at 3 PM
Island County Multi-Purpose
Building
Join us to help plan events!

UPCOMING EVENTS**Free Microchip Clinic**

Saturday, Oct 8th

Pictures with Santa

Saturday, Nov 12th

Camano Center Holiday

Craft and Gift Bazaar

Saturday, Nov 19th

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, Nov 29th

Annual Lights of Love

Nov and Dec

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as planned. Recently we have had mostly all large dogs including a “full house”*, i.e. three German Shepherds (Nala, Calley and Maisy) and two pit bulls (Ozzy and Addy). Each German Shepherd had her own story: one came from Everett Animal Shelter, another was “dropped off” at the shelter door and the third was returned to the shelter. While CASA always takes back adopted animals, no matter how long, in this case it meant one more German Shepherd.

The desired condition is a mixture of large and small dogs. By having so many similar dogs, potential adopters do not come to the shelter. This reduces the exposure for all the dogs at the shelter. Recent trends in sheltering have advised against using “breeds” when identifying shelter animals. Too often people search for a specific breed and therefore overlook the perfect match just waiting for them at the shelter. The converse is also true; people have pre-conceived notions regarding breeds and do not look past the breed designation into the eyes of the dog just waiting for them.



Ozzy and Addy Make a Full House

It is our hope that when folks are looking for a new family member, they find one on the website that captures their heart, come to the shelter to meet the dog and allow the dog to show his/her full personality. If that dog does not exactly fit, hopefully one of the other waiting patiently for a new home will fulfill the need. Having a variety of dogs at one time increases the odds of this happening.

We Are Open

The Covid restrictions placed in the spring of 2020 have been lifted and we welcome visitors. Although CASA continued to shelter and find homes for our animals in need, volunteering at the shelter was suspended as was browsing access. Shelter transactions were limited to “by appointment.”

We are returning to pre-Covid procedures which means that potential adopters no longer schedule appointments and approved adoptions are on a first-come basis (see website for details). Volunteer dog walkers are needed to provide socialization and exercise for our dogs. Shelter volunteers to assist staff are also needed along with cat socializers. Volunteers are assigned a specific task so that they understand what they are to do.

Since we are still the tiny shelter we always were, we ask that browsers enjoy the animals and then move on making room for more animal-lovers. Honoring this request negates the need for restricting number of visitors.

**Role of an Executive Director**

Since inception in 1998 CASA has relied on volunteers to provide all non-animal related services. Times have changed, workload increased dramatically and yet we still only have a shelter manager and five part-time staff. We are now introducing the position of an Executive Director. The Executive Director will be a dynamic leader and spokesperson to safeguard and carry the mission of CASA to the community. The Executive Director will ensure the successful and effective financial and personnel management and operation of CASA and assume many administrative and outreach activities currently performed by the Board of Directors and others. We look forward to the expertise that an Executive Director will bring to CASA.



CASA Alumni



Sandi Freeman
Adopted Sept 2019



Wyatt and William Adams
Adopted Nov 2019



Porkchop McAdams
Adopted Oct 2021

Paws for Applause

- RE/MAX Community Chest
- Bequest from the Estate of Roger L. Stam
- Memorials donated in memory of Paul Capeloto
- IGA – Round up for CASA and Pet Food/Supply Drive
- Augusta Lawn Care – garden maintenance
- Work of Art Detailing – Arthur Dellavada – detailing CASA van
- Glass Tech – creating back panels for donation boxes
- Camano Commons Marketplace - featured donation box location
- Krista’s Pet Spaw and CCR (Camano Canine Resort) – Dog Wash nail clipping
- Camano Island Dental Center – displaying Dog Wash banners on yard
- Grocery Outlet – displaying Dog Wash banner
- Businesses donating certificates for Door Prizes - Spring Merchandise Sale and Dog Wash
- Individuals who contributed to the Dog Wash via our “Dogless Dog Wash” mailing.
- Microchip Sponsors—Camano Kerri North 48 Real Estate, Criterion Construction, Lankford Associates Landscape Architects, Shipwreck Coffee, Windermere Real Estate



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* New Business Supporter

HAPPY TAILS

Tilford and Templeton

Nine years ago, two months after we'd had to say goodbye to little Mia-Cat, a tiny elderly grumpy girl we'd brought home from CASA several years before, and one year after we'd had to say goodbye to LA, our 23-year-old bestest-kitty-ever who had been ours since he was six weeks old, I stopped by CASA and told Tegan my heart was breaking that I had no kitties to go home to but that I knew we weren't ready to adopt just yet.

Tegan's response was simply: "I know exactly what you need" and she put me in the kitten room which at that time was the pink bathroom. There must have been a dozen or more tiny kittens and they climbed all over me playing King of the Mountain and purring in my ears and making me giggle and laugh.

After some time I emerged from the kitten room feeling so much better, thanked Tegan, and decided to wander over to the cat room just for a quick look-see. I mentioned that we weren't ready yet to bring home more cats, yes? Well. That was the day I met Tilford and Templeton and the rest, as they say, is history.

~ Lenore Challenger



Templeton and Tilford



James Dean (JJ) loves to play.

James Dean

I'm happy to report James Dean or "JJ" (or "little monster" as I affectionately call him!) has adjusted very well to his new home! After a bit of shyness, he has joyfully taken over my home! He's a hysterical and very vocal little guy who greets me every day when I come home from work by jumping on my dining table and demanding treats! He loves to play... hard! Whether it's the laser or bird-on-a-string, he attacks with gusto and amazing energy! Despite that, he is also a loving and gentle little soul who purrs like a freight train at night. He has brought some much-needed joy and life to my home and I'm so happy to have him.

~ Jan Bakken

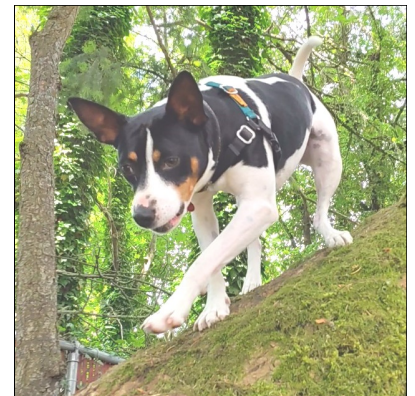
Oscar

I first became aware of Stetson in late May 2022. I was mourning the loss of my little Hero. Hero was a male red and white Basenji and we did everything together and I missed him greatly.

After seeing a photo and description of Stetson, I decided he was the fix. He's a neutered male Basenji/Rat Terrier mix. Right up my alley. He's got some puppy left in him and he is very spunky. He's made friends with several neighborhood dogs and gets to romp with them at community dog park. Took him to Long Beach for the 4th of July and he loved the beach. He was a hoot.

He's a great little dog and I'm glad I decided on a rescue. I like to think he thanks me every day in a canine way. My 4 year old niece sat down with me and she wrote down several names. We decide to re-name him Oscar. So now Oscar is helping me heal my achy breaky heart.

~ Michael Wallace



Oscar is a spunky pup.

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.

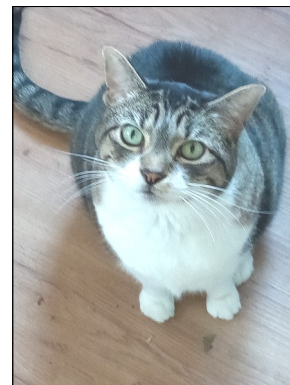
CASA's email address is: casa@camanoanimalshelter.org.

Sammy Davis

My dog, Chico, passed away when I moved to Camano Island 5 years ago. I knew I wanted a cat when and if he was gone. I picked up an application at CASA and planned to return the next day to get a black and white cat. I returned on Saturday and the lobby was full of people. I sat down on a bucket and that's when my handsome fella sidled up next to me and got up on my lap. When it was my turn at the counter I was asked if I wanted the black and white one. I answered that I'd changed my mind and pointed to the tabby that had white underneath, as though he was dropped in white paint.

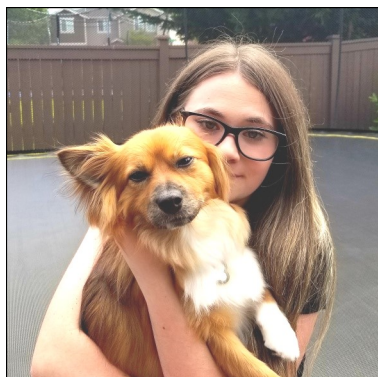
His name was long. The next morning as we sat on the couch beside each other, his new name came to me. I named him Sammy, after Sammy Davis, Jr. (Davis is my last name), as he was/is a "cool cat". He sleeps by my head while I sleep and our ritual each morning is sharing a cookie as I have my coffee.

~ Cheryll Davis



Sammy is a "cool cat"..

Milo



Milo and his friend Emerson

Our daughter Emerson is a volunteer at CASA*, and has been on the lookout for her dream dog, a Pomeranian. When Milo (formally Chapo) arrived at the shelter she knew he was the one. Milo is a Pomeranian mix and looks like a little fox. His favorite things are sleeping with Emerson, snuggling on the couch, wearing hoodies, running next to Emerson while she longboards, chewing on his bone or stuffed piggy, puppuccinos from Starbucks, going to the groomer, beef jerky, playing in the splash pad, and car rides. He loves riding in the Jeep with the wind blowing through his fur. He is definitely spoiled. Milo is a wonderful addition to our family, and we are grateful to CASA for helping Emerson find her best friend.

~Matthew, Kelli, Emerson, Grayson and Hudson Sauer

* Emerson and her grandfather have been volunteering at CASA since 2011.

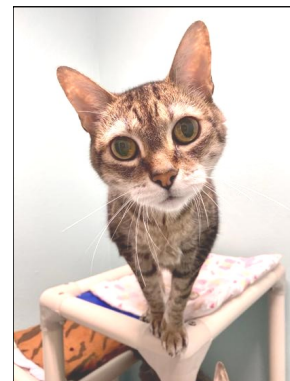
Fostering – Helping Animals Throughout Their Lives

Our shelter and the number of pets we are able to help depends on the number of foster parents we have. Fosters provide a temporary home for animals who require extra love and support before becoming available for adoption. Fostering is a way of helping animals in the various stages of their lives.

- Kittens- motherless, underage or unweaned kittens
- Kittens/cats- pregnant cat or mother cat with kittens
- Cats- recuperating or special medical conditions
- Dogs – recuperating or need more training
- Dogs - pregnant or Mother with pups (occasional)
- Puppies- unweaned or underage puppies (occasional)

Hospice care is a special "end of life commitment". Animals are placed in hospice to spend their golden years in a home that they deserve.

In all cases, fosters receive guidance and support from CASA staff as well as reimbursement for food/litter, etc. Veterinarian visits are CASA responsibility. If you are interested in fostering stop by the shelter to complete a foster application.



Dexter needed Hospice care.

Volunteers Love CASA

Within the month of August volunteers walked with the CASA van in the Rotary Parade, staffed a booth at the Stanwood Farmer’s Market and participated in the 14th Dog Wash (95 volunteers!) With more events to come this year, the Friends of CASA meet monthly to plan and participate in fundraising and outreach events. They also help by hanging posters, preparing mailings, etc. To learn more about the Friends, send an email to friends@camanoanimalshelter.org.



Is a “Free” Pet Really Free?

Procedure	Dog/Puppy	Cat/Kitten
Spay	\$160-\$250	\$150
Neuter	\$150-\$220	\$70
Combo Vaccine FVRCP Cat		\$20
Combo Vaccine DA2PPv Dog	\$30	
Rabies Vaccine	\$15	\$15
Worming	\$30	\$15
Flea Treatment (per month)	\$25-\$37	\$25-\$37
Felv/Fiv Test cat		\$58
Microchip	\$42	\$42
Total “Free” cost*	\$292-\$404	\$245-\$337
Shelter Fee	\$150-\$250+	\$25-\$100

* Weight and other factors affect the costs of Spay/Neuter, worming and flea treatment. Always ask the veterinarian about different price ranges.

Often people ask, “Why should I pay a fee to adopt a pet? It’s cheaper to get one that’s free to a good home.” This may seem so, but consider the costs you will pay to have a vet perform the necessary procedures shown here.

When you adopt a pet from CASA, these routine procedures and vaccines are included in the adoption fee. Currently our fees are \$150 for a dog (includes county fee of \$35), \$250+ for a puppy, \$50 for a cat, and \$100 for a kitten. These fees also include a free microchip and a free vet consultation certificate.

At CASA we provide the medical care and testing needed to give a kitten or puppy a great beginning. Not only are they given appropriate medical care, they are also well socialized. It starts with their loving foster families. Then they come to the shelter where they are exposed to other cats and dogs and people as well. Please encourage your friends to adopt an animal from CASA. Should you decide to adopt a “free” dog or cat, please be a responsible owner and spay or neuter, vaccinate and microchip your pet. All animals deserve a caring and loving home.

*"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:

- ♥ Arwen Weaver ♥ Monkey Thomas
- ♥ Diesel Peters ♥ Salty Burluson
- ♥ Dixie Pruitt ♥ Scout
- ♥ Kiki Massimino ♥ Zima Chamberlin
- ♥ Mandy York



Did you know you can make a difference?

Veterinary services and all supplies have risen dramatically, but your tax-deductible charitable gift of:

\$25 can provide vaccines for one animal or microchip 4 animals

\$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 two months of basic care for a typical long-term animal or microchip 16 animals

\$250 can provide FIV/FeLV blood tests for 16 cats

\$500 can help us spay/neuter one litter of kittens and their moms or provide a FIV/FeLV blood tests for 35 cats

\$1000 can provide dental cleaning and extractions for an older cat or dog



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FOREVER HOMES — CASA NEWS**



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th 11AM – 4PM

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MICROCHIP CLINIC**



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In Loving Memory of Sammy



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You can establish monthly donations via Pay Pal. Go to Donate tab on CASA website and decide on monthly payments. Once you join PayPal and provide credit card information, your contributions will be deducted monthly and sent directly to CASA. Think what \$20 per month would do for the animals.

CASA MERCHANDISE ON SALE

Show your support for CASA by wearing a CASA shirt, hoodie, vest or hat or carrying one of our new totes. Merchandise is available at the shelter and will also be available at the Microchip Clinic on October 8th.



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

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