



# 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.



## Message from the Shelter Manager

As the sun is starting to make an appearance outside, a certain kind of sunshine is happening inside your local shelter also. The staff and volunteers have been diligently reorganizing, spring cleaning and painting the remaining colorless walls of CASA. Our isolation room is now filled with dandelion yellow walls and a hidden window uncovered for even more light. The same yellow is now in the open tub and check-up area off the lobby. Our center room where laundry is done and extra medical watch kennels are located is currently getting a beautiful coat of chartreuse green.

Our cat numbers hit a much needed low point which finally enabled us to reseal our concrete floors in each of these spaces too. This is something we have needed to do, but high cat numbers kept this from being done for the last few years. Having the floors sealed has helped with our cleaning protocol and made mopping more efficient. These few upgrades are just the start.

We have already refreshed the temporary living space of our animals as well as the work space for our dedicated staff and volunteers. Shelter life is often stressful. Brightening the shelter up inside our non-public areas has been exciting for the staff. They feel like having "sunshine" inside is helping brighten the mood even when the day is hard. Come visit the shelter, we would love to show you what we have been doing.

Tegan Locker

## FOREVER FRIENDS

The mission of CASA is to "find loving Forever Homes for all our healthy adoptable animals." In the past fifteen months four pairs of dogs who had spent their lives together came to CASA. Suddenly, the mission expanded from finding a home of one dog into finding a home that would take both dogs so they could stay together.

When dog pairs are brought to CASA, they are housed in the same kennel to reduce their stress. They wait patiently until someone comes to look at them. Often, the visitor is not really looking for two dogs. Once the staff explains that they would really like them to be adopted together and when they see how they interact, they realize the dogs cannot be separated.

Barnum and Bailey, Welsh Corgis, were found running together and brought to the shelter as strays. When no one claimed them, these one-year-old pups were quickly adopted together. They left the shelter wagging their stubby tails and never looked back.

Beagles, Alex and Toby, were surrendered to CASA after their owner passed away. Toby was fifteen years old and Alex ten years old. After a few weeks a local couple who love beagles came to see them. Instead of seeing two senior dogs, they saw two loving dogs that needed to be together for the rest of their lives.



Bailey and Barnum



Alex and Toby

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Rosie



Buttercup

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Rosie and Buttercup, six years old, were litter mates. They were a mixed breed often referred to as the “bull-shiht,” a play on words used as a marketing ploy. In this case the “bull” stands for English bulldog and the shiht stands for Shih Tzu. These mid-sized dogs had the hair of a Shih Tzu, but the build of the bulldog. They came from another shelter where they had been surrendered. We’ve heard from their new home that they have adapted very well. They love the children in the family and vice versa.



Yuki and Wiley

Yuki, five years old, and her companion Wiley, eight years old, both American Eskimos were transferred to CASA from the Olympic Animal Sanctuary after years of rehabilitation. They originally arrived at the sanctuary after the puppy mill they had been a part of was shut down. Their lack of socialization and great fear of humans made them unfit for adoption. A few years later they were much different dogs and were ready for a home. Once they arrived at CASA, they too were adopted together.

It takes special people to open their hearts and homes to two dogs and CASA is grateful for these folks.

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**Friends of CASA Celebrates Fifth Anniversary**

CASA relies on staff and shelter volunteers to keep the shelter working and the animals cared for, but behind the scenes the **Friends of CASA** works to gather funding and spread the word about CASA. The **Friends of CASA**:

- Held their first meeting in February, 2008 when CASA was at risk of closing because of lack of funds.
- Meet first Thursday of each month at 7 PM in the Camano Multi-Purpose Center to review previous events and plan for future.
- Organize events and receive email updates and notices of ongoing activities.
- Gather for newsletter mailings, assist by hanging posters for events and spread the word about upcoming activities.
- Welcome new volunteers.

Become a **Friend of CASA**. Call the shelter at 360-387-1902 and a Friends representative will be in touch or . . . . just come to a meeting!



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**Flea Market ~ Saturday ~ June 8th**

CASA will sponsor a Flea Market at the Camano Multi-Purpose Center (blue building next to the shelter) between 9 am and 4 pm.

Hot dogs will be available from 11 am until 3 pm.

**SALE ITEMS NEEDED:** Spring is here. Time to clean out the house and garage. To donate gently used items for our Flea Market contact Sheri Rhoads at 360-631-5258 or 360-853-3581.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**CASA Friends**

*First Thursday of each month 7 PM*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Bake and Plant Sale**  
*Saturday, May 11th*
- Flea Market**  
*Saturday, June 8th*
- Car Wash and Pet Food Drive**  
*Saturday, June 22nd*
- Twin City Idlers Booth**  
*Saturday, June 29th*
- Poochpalooza—Marysville**  
*Saturday, July 13th*
- Art by the Bay**  
*Saturday-Sunday, July 13th-14th*
- Dog Wash**  
*Saturday, August 17th*

**THANK YOU  
BUSINESS MEMBERS!**

- AWR Inc. / General Contractor
- Camano Body Shop, Inc.
- Camano Canine Resort
- Camano Island Kennels and Grooming
- Camano Island Pet Grooming Salon
- Camano Storage
- Camano Veterinary Clinic
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- TimLabs
- Ultimate Arch Orthotics
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- Whidbey Island Bank
- Windermere Real Estate
- Windermere Real Estate - Linda Evans

***CASA Alumni***



Ichiro Rice (formerly Safford)  
Adopted February 2013



Misha Morgan  
Adopted March 2013



Rowdy Walker (formerly Marvin)  
Adopted February 2013



Cairo Heacock  
Adopted February 2013



Augustus Jackson (formerly Gus)  
Adopted January 2013



Billy Britt  
Adopted February 2013



Mr. Crowley Bailey  
Adopted January 2013

Visit [camanoanimalshelter.org](http://camanoanimalshelter.org) to view and read about all of our adoptable animals.

## HAPPY TAILS

### Jax

I moved to Camano Island a couple of months ago. The move was hectic and sad as I just lost my beloved beagle, Bella, a rescue dog. I had her for twelve years and as the saying sometimes goes, I did not rescue her, rather she rescued me.

Coming to Camano with some time on my hands, I decided to look into volunteering for CASA. It was hard to see all the animals that needed homes, yet it was a relief to see them off the streets and being so well taken care of. The first day I volunteered, I went in each kennel and just hung out with animals giving them goodies and some one-on-one attention.

When I went into Jax's kennel, he looked at me with those brown eyes, crawled up in my lap and went to sleep. I was hooked. I knew that for me, giving this little guy a chance to be loved and taken care of was now my priority. Needless to say, he came home to our family and fit in like he had been with us since the beginning.

Thank you CASA for taking care of him until fate made it possible for me to have him!



Jax loves to travel.

~ Laura Desmul

### Cleo and Patra



Curious Bee (formerly Cleo)

Cleo and Patra, the two tortoiseshell sisters that we adopted in early February have settled well into their new home and as their personalities emerged, we were prompted to change their names. Cleo is now Bee - as in Busybee, Busybody, and Bonkers. She LOVES to play and has an endless supply of energy and curiosity. Whatever is going on in the house, she wants to investigate - always willing to find out if there is fun to be had.

Patra is now Ellie, for the letter L, as in Lounging Lady Lazybones. Ellie plays, but not nearly as much as her sister. She is the sit-and-wait predator that will grab a toy or a pant leg if it comes within range, but otherwise, she prefers to lounge and put herself in the path of scratches and massages.



Lounging Lady Ellie (formerly Patra)

Both are very affectionate, sweet cats, and we are so pleased to share our home with them. Thanks for taking care of them while they were at CASA and making it possible for them to join our home.

~ Kathryn Wells and Ken Johnson

### Tetra



Tetra often stops in at CASA to visit.

I cannot believe that it has been almost three years since CASA helped unite me with Tetra! Thank you for all you do!

Tetra is in great health, we did have a bout with cancer this past winter but after two surgeries and a lengthy **successful** recovery she is happily chasing balls, climbing mountains, and playing with her canine and human friends again! She continues to love berries and bananas and basically any food she can convince family or friends to share. Tetra is logging a good 10 - 12 miles of jogging or walking a week, I love that she gets me off the couch! She is particularly excited that baseball season is here because we watch the Mariners (yes she pays attention) and then between innings her squeaky ball gets thrown outside a few times, we have made watching baseball and active time.

~ Lisa Boyle

*Tetra was at CASA for over one year before she found her Forever Home. See the Summer 2009 newsletter for Tetra's story.*

## Sugar and Whiskers

My dog Sugar was adopted from your shelter on October 7, 2000. She is a beautiful white German Shepherd with a heart of gold. I contacted your shelter just after losing my 12 year old German Shepherd Heidi Jo. Prior to that my husband had passed away and Heidi was my companion during the months that followed. When Heidi passed away, I was devastated and began looking after one week of feeling how lonely the house felt without her in it.



Whiskers is Sugar's friend

I came across Sugar on Petfinder. Petfinder didn't have a picture of her on the Web but judging from what was said she was nine months old and had come from an abusive situation. When I came to the shelter, it was immediate love at first sight! Of course she had to have a playmate so I went back and found Whiskers, a little runt tabby kitten and they both got along great. I introduced Sugar to Whiskers in the cat room at CASA and while every cat had their back up (hissing and growling), little Whiskers came down and began purring and rubbing against her. I brought him home and they slept in Sugar's bed for years until Sugar got tired of him hogging the bed!



Sugar relaxing in the sun.

My girl, Sugar, is now 13 years old and the sweetest dog I have ever owned. Now she wasn't an angel when she was younger. Oh no, she brought me to my knees many times with her antics but it was well worth the patience and love I gave her. She is one of a kind! I'm so glad you're there, accepting pets and adopting them out. Thank you so much!

~ Donna Alexander

## Marigold

Grace, aka Marigold, enjoys quite a life ever since finding her forever home four years ago. Grace moved with our family from Seattle two years ago and now lives in San Antonio, Texas. Moving put Grace through some new adventures but hasn't changed her at all. We worried Grace would struggle with the flight, the heat and a strange new place. We took her to the new house specially picked for her so she could cool down from the Texas heat in the pool. Too bad we didn't ask Grace if she likes pools. Previously, we never saw water Grace didn't love. Apparently, the water just can't be a nice, clean pool. She just sits outside soaking up the heat and comes inside to her favorite couch under the A/C vent when she gets too hot.



Grace (formerly Marigold) relaxes on her favorite couch.

We still walk at a park every morning, but now the park is filled with deer, rabbit, wild turkey and, her favorite, armadillos to chase (always on a leash of course, my shoulder aches to prove it). At home she has big bay windows to survey the neighborhood and a dog door to go outside. Between the exciting walks, freedom to go outside any time, watching the neighborhood and her favorite couch under the A/C, Grace lives a pretty good life. The only worry in Grace's life is what's going to happen in four months when the baby comes and she has to contend with a crying baby when she naps. We're sure she's going to be a great nanny.

~ Seth and Kathryn Myers

*Marigold was also at CASA for over one year before she found her Forever Home. See the Winter 2009 newsletter for Marigold's story.*

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).

**DANGER—Transporting your dog without proper restraints can be deadly**

Summer’s coming and the weather is beautiful, but before you decide to take your dog for a ride in the back of your pickup truck, think about this. Your dog can be thrown from your truck when you make a sudden stop, lane change or swerve quickly. It is estimated 100,000 dogs are killed annually in pickup-related accidents. Don’t let yours be one of them!

Motorists who don’t hit your dog will veer away, causing further accidents and injuries. If your dog survives, he’ll be injured and lost – many motorists report they didn’t even notice their pet missing until they arrived at their destination and discovered an empty truck bed. Road dirt and debris, such as gravel and insects, can lodge in your dog’s ears, eyes and nose. Even the rushing wind can cause blindness over time because dogs don’t have tear ducts. On warm days, the metal or rubber on the truck bed can burn your dog’s paws.

Let your dog stay home where it’s safe and comfortable, or let him ride in the cab with you. If travel in the truck bed is unavoidable, use a cross-tether dog harness. A regular leash won’t prevent your dog from falling over the bed’s edge, and he’ll be strangled or dragged behind your truck. Alternately, secure a dog crate so it can’t slide around or tip over: (Remember crates can get unbearably hot on warm days.)

*RCW 16.52.080*

*Any person who willfully transports or confines or causes to be transported or confined any domestic animal or animals in a manner, posture, or confinement that will jeopardize the safety of the animal or the public shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Transporting your dog unrestrained in the back of your truck carries a \$250 fine in Washington.\**

**Don’t own a truck?** Remember to use a dog tether seatbelt in your car to restrain your pet. Unrestrained pets are a major distraction to drivers, and can cause vehicle collisions. In a crash, pets become flying objects and can cause serious injuries to themselves and others within the vehicle. *\*From Whatcom Humane Society*



A cross-tether dog harness will keep your dog safe.



Limited range of motion keeps your dog in the safe zone during travel



**Behind the Scenes - Using Space Efficiently**



Checkup room where foster kittens are examined.

When visitors come to CASA, they enter the lobby with free-roaming cats and proceed to the dog kennels to meet our adoptable dogs. Cat lovers walk through the tub room and check-up area to enter the cat room. Both the dog kennels and cat room have been updated but are still undergoing improvements.

Separated from the tub room by a door, there are two tiny multi-purpose rooms that are not visited. The laundry room contains not only the washer and dryer, but a refrigerator, storage cabinets and extra watch cat kennels. The isolation room houses stray cats entering the shelter and sick cats that are undergoing treatment. The same room serves as the manager and volunteer bookkeeper/treasurer office. One room serves many purposes. CASA is small, but we utilize every space to its fullest.

These rooms have been painted, but now need updated furniture and storage cabinets. Please check the website and Amazon periodically to see how you can help.



Tub room with door leading to laundry and isolation rooms.

Thank you for the dog yard gravel:



[www.lenz-enterprises.com](http://www.lenz-enterprises.com)

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**IGA Sponsors Cash for CASA**

When customers are at the check-out counter at the Camano Plaza's grocery store, IGA, they can make a donation to CASA when paying their bill. The customer can choose to donate \$1, \$5, or \$10. The money will be added to the receipt and clearly labeled as a CASA donation. IGA sends CASA a check for the money collected.



**BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!**

The local businesses who display our donation collection boxes are appreciated!  
Featured location this period:  
**Box Car**

**WISH LIST**

GENERAL SUPPLIES

- Copy paper
- Liquid Bleach
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- Liquid Dish Soap (*no antibacterial*)

PET FOOD

- KMR - Kitten Milk Replacement
- Baby Food - small jars of puree meats
- Royal Canin "Babycat" & kitten dry food
- Canned Kitten Food
- Dry Kirkland Dog/Cat Food (*Costco*)
- Soft dog treats

PET SUPPLIES

- Non-clumping/Clay cat litter or pellets



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*In memory of departed pets:*

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# CASA ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF FOREVER HOMES



Galena came to the shelter as a very scared shy girl needing a new home. She is beginning to trust now and would like a home where she can be queen and spend lots of time just being lazy. She needs lots of love, attention and understanding to blossom into the sweet girl she can be.

Frankie can be a little shy at the shelter, but she gets along with other cats as long as they are friendly. She loves to be brushed and will purr for ear scratches. She is a beautiful calico girl with lots to share with the right family. Come visit her, she will warm your heart with her charm.



Buck, a Blue Tick Coonhound mix, is a gentle giant looking for a new home. Buck is a young dog with the willingness to learn new commands. He loves to play, be the center of attention and has the nose for smelling out anything. He likes long walks on a leash, but once he gets a scent, he wants to run and follow it.

Borneo came to us as a transfer from another shelter. He is a happy fellow who wants to play and chase balls, go on adventures, and seek out new friends. He loves everybody and just wants to please. Hurry in to CASA and visit him today.



Pandora is our beautiful Tortie with a loving personality. She loves ear scratches, belly rubs, and head butts. This young girl is okay with dogs and other cats. She would love to be your cuddle buddy. Come visit her today.



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

*Introducing others to CASA is a great way to help the animals at the shelter.*

*See Our Story.....*



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