



# 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

It has been almost one year since Camano Island lost its animal control services. To some this might not seem important, but the impact on our shelter, as well as the Sheriff's Department and the public, has been great. The shelter and Sheriff's Department are already stretched thin and the additional calls regarding dogs at-large, dog complaints, animal abandonment and more have added extra stress.

As our supporters know, CASA takes animal welfare seriously. Although we do not currently have the manpower to go out and pick up an injured dog in the road, we also cannot leave them there. During the past year CASA staff members have picked up dogs so they were not left out to suffer or possibly be injured.

Stray animals are a problem in every city and not having animal control services leaves the public at risk for many issues including nuisances, the spreading of filth and trash, disease and even bites as members of the public feel the need to catch incredibly fearful dogs because there is no one else to do it.

If your dog gets lost and is seen running, there is no officer who is going to pick them up if spotted. Not having this service has others feeling that since there is no one to pick up dogs, it is okay for their dogs to wander. The animal control contract has still yet to be filled. If you have animal handling experience or know someone who does, please contact Island County for contract details or visit the Island County website. [www.islandcounty.net](http://www.islandcounty.net).

Tegan Locker

## FOREVER HOMES TAKE TIME

Part of CASA's mission is to find animals "loving Forever Homes." For some animals finding their "forever" home is harder than others. During the adoption process, potential adopters answer a series of questions and, for dogs, on-site introductions are conducted with potential household members, including other dogs. The staff shares what they know about the animal. For strays, all that can be shared are medical facts and descriptions of how the animal interacts with people and other animals while in the shelter's care. With surrenders, slightly more might be known, but people do not always provide the full story when surrendering an animal.

Most of the time adoptions are successful, but sometimes things do not work out as planned. The animal is brought back to CASA, sometimes immediately, other times it has been a while. For animals coming back it is difficult because there is no way to explain why they no longer have a home and a family. For the staff, it is time to learn what was missing and potentially learn more about the animal in a home setting. The goal is to make sure the next time the cat or dog is adopted, that it is a better fit and the new adopters are aware of their needs and fully committed to making the adoption work. CASA is a no-kill shelter and our animals are always welcomed back. They stay with us until they find the right home, no matter how long it takes.

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Nala found her "forever" home.

Two dogs brought back this summer were returned for entirely different reasons. Nala, a female Alaskan Malamute/Shepherd mix is a shy dog with some physical impairments. Due to untreated knee and leg damage as a puppy Nala can be unsteady in the back end which makes going for long walks difficult. More importantly, Nala can be very shy and sometimes skittish. Nala wants to be loved, but stays back until she's sure of the new person. She does love to play outside, loves water and craves attention.

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### Join CASA on Facebook!

We love to share photos of our animals and updates on events. Post your photos too!

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After being adopted twice and returned each time, what was needed for Nala to find the perfect home became much clearer. She needed an adult home and one that did not have small pets. The third time was a charm. Nala, now 18 months old, has been adopted and has truly found her "forever" home. This is one of those where, sometimes it takes time for the perfect match.

If Nala was shy and introverted, Borneo is quite the opposite. Borneo came from another shelter as a surrender. He is just over 2 years old and loves life. He can jump very high and scale a 6 foot fence if bored. He should be in a home without cats. Borneo was returned because he demanded a lot of attention and when met with boredom and lone freedom in his yard he would get out every time. He needs an active life, with more of a partner than an owner and daily activities to burn off energy. Once again, the potential adopter must understand what life with Borneo will be like. He requires an abundance of love and companionship. This fun guy enjoys long walks with shelter volunteers, but what he really wants is a home of his own and a partner for life.



Borneo loves life!



Poe is still waiting.

Cats sometimes also find their way back to us. Just recently a cat named Poe, was returned after living in a home for 6 months. Poe likes dogs and cats, but is very afraid of children. After trying for several months, the adopters realized that Poe just wasn't happy. Rather than keep him, they brought him back to CASA to see if a better match could be found. In all of these cases, a special person is needed to fulfill the animal's needs. Finding the perfect home isn't magic, but once animals find their "forever" home, magic happens.



If you have found a dog or cat, please contact the shelter to see if anyone has reported the pet missing. If the shelter is closed, please leave us a detailed message. You are always free to bring the found dog or cat to the shelter during open hours; we encourage this. We ask that you do not bring them into the building right away. Come in the shelter and a staff

member will come out to your vehicle and assist you with the animal. We highly recommend that you bring the animal to any vet or shelter as soon as possible to have them scanned for a microchip. This is always a free and simple service which often quickly leads to the animal's owner.

**The CASA website now includes a window that displays pets that have been brought to the shelter and are currently on their five day stray hold.** The window includes a brief description of the dog or cat. If you are missing your animal please check the website and call the shelter. Owners of animals on stray holds are required to further identify their animal as well as provide required proof of ownership in order to redeem. Redemption fees apply. Animals not claimed within five days become property of CASA and will then receive needed medical before being made available for adoption.

If your pet is not at the shelter, the CASA staff will help you file a Missing Pet Report. You can also email the shelter, or drop off a missing pet flyer during open hours. Please take the time to find a good photo of your missing pet. A picture is worth a thousand words and will help us properly identify your pet if it does arrive at CASA.

**REMEMBER: MICROCHIPPING HELPS LOST ANIMALS FIND THEIR WAY HOME**

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**CASA Friends**

*First Thursday of each month 7 PM*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Microchipping at CASA**  
*Saturday, October 19th and 26th*
- Make a Difference Day**  
*Saturday, October 26th*
- Chili Chowder Cook-off**  
*Saturday, November 9th*
- Pictures with Santa**  
*Saturday, November 16th*
- Lights of Love**  
*November and December*
- Annual Meeting**  
*Monday, December 9th*

**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
  - Cat Nap Inn, LLC
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  - Dog Style Grooming
  - Edward Jones - Peggy Burr
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  - Glass Tech Stanwood, Inc.
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  - Krista's Pet Spaw
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  - Moonswept Studio
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  - Pet Neuter and Vaccination Clinic
  - Pratt Pest Management NW
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  - Silver Springs Landscape & Design LLC
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  - Thomas Assoc - Insurance Brokers, Inc.
  - TimLabs
  - Ultimate Arch Orthotics
  - U.S. Asset Forfeiture & Seizures
  - Whidbey Island Bank
  - Windermere Real Estate
  - Windermere Real Estate - Linda Evans
- \* Welcome new business member

***CASA Alumni***



Moe (formerly Greyson) Burillo  
Adopted Dec 2012



Rocky (formerly Bee) Andriesen  
Adopted Jan 2013



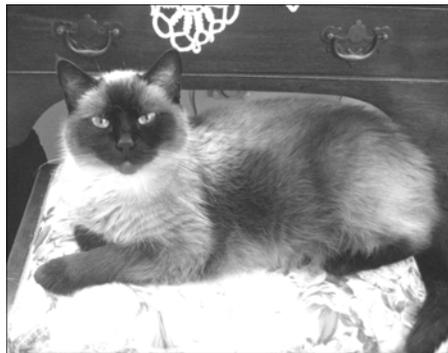
Jack Chalmers  
Adopted July 2013



Scarlett O'Hara Fletcher  
Adopted 2007



Kalvin Bonino  
Adopted Oct 2012



Nina Ingrassia  
Adopted Feb 2008



Kicia (formerly Jenna) Moore  
Adopted Jan 2013



Dallas Campbell  
Adopted Nov 2012



Ryder Edwards  
Adopted May 2013

## HAPPY TAILS

### Lucy (now Lily)

Lily, formerly Lucy, is such a joy for our family and residents at Island Seasons Home. She was a bit timid when she first arrived but she is learning to trust and has truly fit right in. We can't imagine life without her now!

She is such a funny little dog and has such an adorable personality. She loves long walks on the beach, playing in the yard, prefers her "Sleep Number" to be set at 35 and is a consummate sock thief. If there is a sock missing, we know who has it. She perches on the back of the couch and watches the world go by and alerts us if someone pulls up.

Everything we were told about her has proven to be true, and for that we thank you! She isn't much of a lap dog, but loves to cuddle at night and is a very obedient dog. Thank you, CASA for recommending that our daughter meet Lily as she is the perfect fit for our family and Island Seasons Home.

~ Amy and Joe Rexach



Lucy, the sock thief, loves to cuddle.

### Kaiay



Kaiay found her home 10 years ago.

In 2004, I stopped by CASA looking for a dog. As I walked by the kennels, all the dogs barked and barked. Only one did not. She just stood there and looked at me asking me to take her home. It was love at first sight. Kaiya was about 1 year old, so that makes her about 10 years old now.

She is half Samoyed and half Australian Shepherd. She is extremely smart, the smartest dog I've ever had. Very loving and sweet, our three cats are her buddies, especially Barney, whom she grooms vigorously when he needs it. She has a lot of soul and is an integral part of the family.

~ Mike and Jana Coslor

### Rocco (now Rover)

Rover (formerly Rocco) has been with us for 5 years and he's such a special part of our family! I was just thinking back to when we adopted Rocco/Rover and how much of a struggle we went through, he's such an independent little guy. Now he knows where his home is and never strays far if he does escape (he's a little sneaky Houdini). He is just such a joy to our family.

He came already knowing tricks and we discovered he loves to play/bark at flashlight/mirror reflections and bubbles and really loves soccer balls too. He is also quite the beach bum but not a water dog; we take him when we go. The gals at CASA were very encouraging while we went through some tough times with him, I'm so thankful and I'm so glad we stuck it out. Thanks again.

~ Kristie Flickner



Meet Rocco, the Houdini.

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).

## Hannah

Along with all the work we have done in the past six months to help Hannah with her reactivity (endless positive conditioning work in the park), and the fine progress she has made, Hannah and I have spent the last month living in a canvas wall tent in the mountains of Idaho where I have been taking a sabbatical and she has been having the time of her life. She has been running free on a 460 acre ranch, swimming in rivers and lakes, rounding up a horse herd for me, and observing her first cattle drive. She's exercising voraciously (for every trip up the mountain I make, she makes about four, preferring to return to the creek on the valley floor to swim and drink to the water dish I keep in my pack for her); she's eating like a tiger, and taking afternoon naps like she is a dead dog...just *sacked out*. She's also had her first bigger town hotel stay, and it turns out she LOVES staying in Motel 6!



Hannah rests after a busy day.

Soon we are leaving for Cody, WY, where I am going to be a ranch hand on a 60-horse/mule operation through the fall hunting season while the owner is doing backcountry outfitting for hunters. After that, I expect to resume my professional career as a therapist there in Cody, and it is my hope that Hannah might grow into a calm presence while we are doing equine assisted counseling out on the farm.

~ Liz Miller

## Pixie (now Millie)



Pixie is a quick learner.

When we met Mildred Petunia Rose (Pixie) at CASA, we were told she had been through several homes, I'm not sure why. After losing our elderly dog we found ourselves dog-less, which was a first for me. We went in search of something specific and found someone very different. She was older than we wanted, a different breed and deaf, but we decided to come meet her.

The shelter staff was really great about answering my 5 million questions about her and we took Pixie home. She makes immediate friends with all the people and dogs she meets and is slowly growing on the cats in our home as well. She is a very quick learner despite her deafness. In some ways she is easier to train because of it. She loves to go on walks, but her favorite thing to do is chase bubbles around the yard. She is a very sweet girl and we look forward to our future with her as part of our family.

~ Brian and Becky Rose

## Have You Considered Fostering?



Bottle babies need care.

Do you have a spare bedroom or bathroom that would make a great temporary home for cats or kittens in need of some TLC or a break from the shelter? Typically we need temporary foster homes for kittens too young to be adopted or a mother cat and her kittens. Occasionally we need foster parents who are willing to bottle feed newborn kittens. We also look for dedicated volunteers to take adult cats on a very temporary basis or to accept young cats in need of extra socialization to help make them great candidates for adoption.



Mother cat, Aimee, provides for her kittens.

Consider becoming a foster parent. Contact the shelter to see how you can help.

## Celebrating CASA's 15th Anniversary

This fall we are celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CASA, the Camano Animal Shelter Association. CASA, incorporated as a Washington non-profit in 1998 as a non-profit charitable organization in 2000, is a no-kill shelter devoted to the care of homeless pets.

Prior to 1998, long-time residents may remember that NOAH occupied the county-owned building on East Camano Drive and they contracted with Island County to care for impounded dogs and also to provide animal control services. This contract was not renewed when the septic system failed and the shelter had to be emptied. NOAH later moved on to become an adoption center in Stanwood.

To fill the animal services void, CASA was formed and entered into a contract with the county to provide temporary care, boarding and redemption services for impounded/seized dogs from Camano Island. Kate Wigner, President of the CASA Board at that time, signed the contract. Until the building was available for use impounded dogs were housed in the building in back of the Camano Veterinary facility. A separate contract was created for the animal control services.

Since its inception, CASA's role has expanded. In addition to the impounded dogs, CASA accepts stray dogs and cats from the public and owner-surrenders from local residents. Providing a loving home for both cats and dogs while they await adoption or redemption is the primary focus. Although we try to find forever homes in a timely fashion, animals are welcome to stay here as long as they need. CASA believes that each animal is important and is deserving of the extra effort. At our shelter, animals are not given a time limit. Cats roam free and/or are housed in the cat condos in the front office. Dogs have outdoor runs and access to a dog yard where they can play with "yard buddies." In 2012, 416 animals came to the shelter and so far this year we have taken in over 300 animals

In addition, we educate the public about the importance of spaying and neutering. We provide referral information for low-cost clinics in our area and encourage owners of reclaimed animals to microchip their pets by explaining why it is important. We help people keep their pets rather than being forced to surrender them by offering assistance and providing pet food and/or supplies from our designated food bank supply.

When possible, we assist other shelters by taking animals (primarily dogs) that have been at their shelter for a prolonged period of time, are facing euthanasia due to space, and/or could really benefit from a change of environment or different exposure. We also work with a variety of rescue groups in order to transfer animals to them when they need more specialized care prior to finding a forever home.

As we celebrate CASA's anniversary, we take time to thank the employees and volunteers who have devoted so much time and effort over the years. Thanks also to the community who has generously donated funds to keep the shelter operating. We are proud of all that has been accomplished and look forward to the next 15 years and beyond. Happy anniversary to CASA!



**Paws for Applause to ....**



Those who donated Kuranda dog beds for the kennels and the individual who donated the Kuranda cat trees "in memory of Toni V. Ripley, 1944 - 2012."

Also supporters ....

- Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
- IGA for "Cash for CASA"
- The UPS Store - Stanwood for printing services

Dr. O'Rourke of Mt. Vernon who performed emergency surgery on Leeah's leg and to donors who contributed to the surgery. Leeah has found her "forever" home and has adjusted to living a full adventuresome life with three legs.



**BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!**

The local businesses who display our donation collection boxes are appreciated!

Featured location this period:

**Camano Island Coffee Roasters**

**WISH LIST**

**GENERAL SUPPLIES**

- Copy paper
- Liquid Bleach
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- Liquid Dish Soap (*no antibacterial*)
- Toner cartridges\* NEW
- 3-ring binders for office\* NEW

**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

*Help us save on expenses by donating general supplies and office supplies as requested.*

*Check our **website** and the **Amazon Wish List** frequently to see details on these **\*NEW** items.*



*Visit Amazon.com and enter "Camano Animal Shelter" to see our Wish List Or Click on Amazon Wish List from our website*

**In memory of departed pets:**

- Midnight Chalmers*
- Maggie Collette*
- Indigo (Go-Go) Freeman/Haroldson*
- Autumn Perkins/Ochsner*
- Chester Yassick*



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# CASA ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF FOREVER HOMES



Angelina is a beautiful and incredibly sweet 2 year old pit bull girl who came to CASA from another local shelter. She seems to do wonderfully with other dogs and would enjoy having a doggy housemate. Angie also loves to snuggle with her person. Come meet Angie at the shelter before she is snatched up!

Poe is a small tabby cat looking for someone to play and cuddle with. Poe is a bit shy at first but just wants a best friend to hang out with. He will let you pet and scratch his ears. In return he will purr and knead you. This little guy is looking for a calm home filled with love. Come and visit him today.



Zalia is a stunning 3 year young Lynx Point Siamese/Himalayan mix who came to us as a surrender when her owner couldn't care for her anymore. She is a little shy at first but warms up quickly. Zalia has lived with dogs and other cats but tends to keep to herself, please come and visit with her today!

Frankie is a timid girl, but she is good with other cats as long as they are friendly too. She loves to be brushed and will purr for ear scratches. She is a beautiful calico girl with lots to share with the right person. Frankie needs love and patience. Come visit her, she will warm your heart with her charm.



Zoey is an amazing young lady. Why she keeps getting passed up is a mystery to the staff. She loves people, dogs, play time, snuggle time, and long walks on the beach. Zoey does have food allergies which are controlled with high quality food and treats. She has been with us a while and we are really hoping that you might be "the one".



*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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