



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

Shelter or Rescue? When people hear stories about CASA's work, that very question comes up. The answer can be different depending on who is answering it. Really, a "shelter" is a safe place that harbors animals that need a temporary place to live and a "rescue" is seen as an organization that is literally rescuing animals that need them most even when they know the road might not be easy. So when CASA supporters are asked that same question, we will tell you that we are both. CASA may have a physical shelter building and we care for stray animals from Camano Island, but we truly operate like a rescue organization.

We take animals that are ill, scared, abused, abandoned, or simply find themselves with no other place to go. We then do everything we can to bring them to a stage where they can be adopted into a loving home. Some take longer than others, but that is okay. We at CASA take our commitment to the animals very seriously when they are with us - and long after. Even after an adoption we encourage adopters to keep in touch with us and that we hope we are their first call if they have any questions or need any help with their animal. We put so much into every animal we adopt out that, if for any reason an adopter cannot keep their adopted CASA pet, we will take them back regardless of the time that has passed. If a CASA pet ever finds themselves displaced again - we are here. If that isn't "rescue", I don't know what is. So if you are talking to someone about our amazing little organization be sure to describe us as a rescue with a shelter that makes the commitment of a lifetime. Thank you for making our mission possible.

Tegan Locker

Sky and Sonya Say Thank You

Giving Online is Easy

Visit us online today to make a contribution and learn about other ways to support CASA

www.camanoanimalshelter.org

Click on Donate tab and then give via PayPal.



Sky arriving at CASA.

One of the most important things that CASA does is to provide surgery and extraordinary care for those animals that come to us with special needs. This is the story of two such animals, whose lives were significantly improved or even saved by this service.

Sky came to us incredibly sick, and in need of a costly emergency surgery. She was suffering from a very bad case of untreated Pyometra (infection of the uterus). We first attempted to help her owners find a foster-based rescue organization to help, but they found no other help so we took her in as a surrender. She arrived at CASA in severe pain, and with an abdomen full of fluid. While we knew that she was very ill, it quickly became apparent that she was much sicker than we initially thought, and needed immediate surgery. She was moved to a staff person's car and taken over to our waiting vet. We all knew she would be lucky to survive the emergency surgery and if she did, we would still struggle to keep her alive. She was transferred to the weekend and evening ER clinic that afternoon.



Sky is looking for a home.

After the surgery, many people followed her progress on Facebook and eagerly waited for updates. They learned how she had settled in at the clinic, and how Sky was monitored for potential kidney issues and dehydration. Caring staff members from CASA went often to check in on her progress and continued updating Facebook with her status. The staff members were happy to see that she was interacting more with them, and that her temperature was regulating. People

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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**Bake and Plant Sale**

Saturday, May 7th

Draw Cat/Dog Art Contest

Saturday, May 7th

Flea Market

Saturday, June 4th

Car Wash /Pet Food Drive

Saturday, June 18th

Dog Wash

Saturday, August 20th

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anxiously waited until she began eating and drinking again, and was weaned from a high protein IV drip. This was a hard journey, with the staff working diligently and creatively to tempt her to eat hoping it would eventually pay off.

Finally, Sky came back to CASA, slowly began to eat, and began to enjoy her recovery time in the front office. Sky is now available for adoption, thanks to your generous donations and to the "Giving Tuesday" Above and Beyond project that provided funds for surgery and extraordinary care. Thanks also for all of the thoughts offered on Sky's behalf during her surgery and recovery.

Sonya came to CASA as a senior cat with seemingly minor geriatric problems. Shortly after her arrival Sonya became one of our Medical Watch kitties at the shelter. She was being monitored for kidney issues, body weight, and was placed in the lobby bathroom so she could be seen, but yet protected from other wandering cats.



Sonya relaxes at CASA.

After four months, Sonya just couldn't seem to catch a break. While trying to gain weight she suddenly developed a serious eye ulcer. After many treatments to try and save her eye we decided that we were done torturing her each day and that it would be best if the eye just came out. Sonya has recovered from her surgery and now spends her time resting near the front window just waiting to be adopted. The funding for Sonya's surgery as well as care of other senior cats at CASA is provided by a grant, "Medical Care for Special Cats, made possible by Lil BUB's Big Fund for the ASPCA."

Both of these stories show the power of a community coming together to improve the lives of animals, who have suffered through no fault of their own, and have nowhere else to turn. With your financial support, your volunteer efforts, and your collective thoughts, we will be able to continue helping other animals like Sky and Sonya in the future.

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Thank you to the shelter volunteers who have already donated over 390 hours this year (morning cleaning, walking/socializing dogs, socializing cats and as office assistants). Thank you also to the Friends of CASA volunteers who spend numerous hours planning and sponsoring fundraising and outreach events.

Call the shelter at 360-387-1902 to see how you can participate. Someone will return your call to explain the various opportunities. Spring and summer are busy times and we need your help!

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Hours:

Wed - Fri 11 - 3
Sat 11 - 4
Sun 11 - 3
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Prescriptions for Your Pet

NACo, the National Association of Counties, provides discounts for prescriptions not covered by insurance. If your pet is prescribed a medication, ask your veterinarian if the medication is also used to treat human conditions. Examples are medications for seizures, heart conditions, infections, allergies, pain relief, diabetes and anti-depressants used to treat behavioral disorders in animals.

Ask your veterinarian for a written prescription and take the prescription to a participating pharmacy along with your prescription discount card (provided to you in a joint effort of your local county government and the National Association of Counties (NACo)).

Visit www.nacorx.org to learn more about the program. (Island, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom counties are all members of NACo.)



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CASA Alumni



JAXson Cocke and friend
Adopted July 2014



Zippy Rushworth
Adopted June 2015



Tiggy McKinney
Adopted Dec 2015



Hazel Cornish
Adopted Feb 2014



Oscar Rommel and friend
Adopted Dec 2015



Chappie Farmer
Adopted Feb 2016



Winston Morris and friend
Adopted Dec 2015

CASA FLEA MARKET SALE ITEMS NEEDED:

Please remember the CASA Flea Market (Saturday, June 4th) when you start your spring cleaning. Your unwanted items may be repurposed and become someone else's treasures!

- All donated items must be in good, working condition
- We welcome items that can be moved easily
- Clothing new or "gently used" on or with hangers preferred.
- No heavy furniture, TV's, computer screens, or large outside items.

For more information, please contact Rochelle Skinner,
206-919-8074; email: catterrific@gmail.com



HAPPY TAILS

Indira

When we first decided to adopt Indira, we knew we were taking on a big commitment, and that she would be more of a “special needs” case than many other dogs. What we weren’t prepared for was just how quickly and completely she would capture our hearts.

In the beginning, Indira didn’t get excited about much. She was curious, but she was also cautious and wary. She didn’t quite trust anybody or anything. While it was fun to see her discover and get used to things like soft pillowy beds and everyday things we take for granted, it was heartbreaking to see her cower when we’d try to pet her, or look at us distrustfully when we fed her. We brought her into a home with 3 other large dogs, and we knew that she would quickly pick up on cues from them. Very soon after coming home with us, she started following Mom around the house while doing chores, and she played with her pack-mates. Not long after that, she started going to work with Dad a couple of days a week, and occasionally with Mom, socializing with people. Almost immediately, we discovered she loves car rides, so she gets to go on frequent outings. Almost every time one of her family leaves the house, she gets to go, too.

Only three months after bringing her home, Indira has bonded well with her family, dog AND human. She likes to give us baths. She plays very gently with her humans, and roughly with her pack-mates. She gets so excited when one of us comes home from work or school, she wags her tail so hard that her whole body sways and she dances and hops. She knows happiness...we get tail wags from her at something so simple as a smile and “Hi!” and once in a while we’ll even catch her wagging her tail in her sleep. She has also gained 17 healthy pounds!

We kept Indira’s beautiful name, and she responds well to the shortened “Dira”. She comes when called, and she’s learned to sit, “ease up” on the leash, stay, “no”, and “out of the kitchen.” We were blessed to find Indira, and we are grateful for everyone who helped in beginning her rehabilitation. She’s amazing!

~ Jessica and Trevor Haman

Indira’s Incredible Journey was the lead story in the Winter 2016 Newsletter.



Indira (back) and her friend



Indira relaxing.



Zara is treated like a queen.

Tamaria (now Zara)

Zara adjusted quickly to her new home! She is treated like a queen and loves hanging out with her humans. Zara follows her humans around the house everywhere they go. She runs down the stairs and greets me at the door everyday when I get home from work. She has a sparkly pink collar, and all the toys, catnip, and cuddles she’s ever dreamed of. She has made our home and hearts full, and she is one happy, comfortable kitty!

~ Taylor Morgan

Tamaria was at CASA for over seventeen months before she found her Forever Home.

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.

Jingle

We adopted Jingle in December from CASA. She is slowly gaining weight and is still on medication. We are still taking her to the vet who has known her for a few years. She made her self at home within the first hour. She gets along great with our other cats and dogs. We have three sweet ragdoll cats and Jingle spends all her time with them. They are great friends.

She is a very sweet cat and loves attention. She seems very happy and content in her new home. We absolutely love her and are so glad we found her and added her to our family.

~ David and Stacey Ruby



Jingle, 14 years old, is happy.



Kiora is a conversationalist.

Kiora

Kiora is such a fun kitty. I love watching her play with her toys, her vertical jump attack move is very impressive! Coming home is so rewarding with her exuberant greetings and she has turned out to be quite the conversationalist as well as an amazing lap kitty. My older cat Rommel has decided that she has a bit too much energy for him, but we've worked it out so they each have their own areas and both are happy with their special places. I was so happy to bring Kiora home, she has helped fill a big hole in my heart after losing two members of my kitty family last year.

~ Jessica Bowman

NEW - CASA Hospice Foster Homes

CASA recently began hospice foster program that will allow terminally ill animals to live the remainder of their days in loving homes while still under the auspices of CASA. Hospice status is issued at the shelter manager's discretion to animals who might otherwise pass away at the shelter from their terminal conditions and the lack of adopters for such cats. Hospice animals are those which have been evaluated by a veterinarian and have been given a limited period of remaining life and/or which have a diagnosed terminal medical issue. They are at a point where they are still stable, comfortable, and happy and will benefit physically and mentally by living in a home environment rather than the shelter.

Under the hospice foster program, medication, veterinary visits and special food costs are managed and paid for by CASA. Knowing this will hopefully encourage people to take terminally ill animals. In addition to providing a loving home, the hospice foster parent may be required to administer medication at regular intervals which may increase as the illness progresses. Some animals will pass naturally, but when the animal's discomfort and/or issues outweigh the positives in their life or they are then suffering, they will be helped along by one of our veterinarians.



Andi's found her Forever Home.

Andi, our first hospice foster, has found her "forever home." Andi is a small gray cat who is about 14 years old. She was diagnosed with an aggressive and untreatable form of oral cancer during dental surgery on February 29, and moved to her foster home in early March. Prior to the surgery, Andi had not been eating well due to pain. Following surgery, she is eating very enthusiastically. She receives pain medication twice a day, which keeps her comfortable enough to enjoy playing with toy mice, chasing a laser, and sitting on windowsills to watch birds. She particularly loves napping on her foster father's lap. Her foster mother reports, "She's sleeping in her bed next to my computer as I type this, basking in the sun, looking very small and fragile. I can't tell you how good it feels to be able to give her a home for her last months, and watch her come out of her shell and begin to trust that she's really home. We think it is wonderful of CASA to give her this opportunity."

Before You Travel

- Get a clean bill of health from the veterinarian and update your pet's vaccinations. Obtain a health certificate showing proof of up-to-date inoculations, particularly rabies, distemper, and kennel cough.
- Ask the doctor about potential health risks at your destination (Lyme disease, heartworm infection) and the necessary preventive measures.
- Some owners believe a sedated animal travels more easily than one that is fully aware, but this is rarely the case. In fact, tranquilizing an animal can make travel much more stressful. Always consult a veterinarian about what is best for your pet, and administer sedatives only under the doctor's direction. NEVER give an animal medication that is specifically prescribed for humans. The dosage may be too high for an animal's much smaller body mass, or may cause dangerous side effects.
- If your pet is taking prescribed medicine, pack a sufficient supply plus a few days' extra. Also, take the prescription in case you need a refill.
- Obtain a list of animal clinics at your destination from :
 - [Traveling with Your Pet: The AAA PetBook](#)
 - Your veterinarian
 - [The American Animal Hospital Association](#)
- Depending on the length and nature of the trip and your pet's level of command response, an obedience refresher course might be a good idea. It's also a good idea to socialize your pet by exposing her to other people and animals (especially if she normally stays inside).
- Learn about your destination and find out what types of documentation will be required. Check into quarantines or other restrictions well in advance.
- Reconfirm all travel plans within a few days of your departure, especially with hotels and airlines; their policies may have changed after you made the reservations. If you plan to visit state parks or attractions that accept pets on the premises, obtain their animal regulations in advance.
- Seeing-eye dogs and other service animals are exempt from the regulations prohibiting pets on Amtrak and interstate bus lines. Local rail and bus companies may allow pets in small carriers, but this is an exception rather than a rule.
- The only cruise ship that currently permits pets is the Cunard Line's *Queen Mary 2* (on trans-Atlantic crossings); kennels are provided, but animals are accepted on a very limited basis. Some charter and sightseeing boat companies permit pets onboard.



Find this information and more in [Traveling with Your Pet: The AAA PetBook](#).

Note from CASA:

Remember—Microchipping helps lost animals find their way home.

Remember CASA in Your Will

By making a bequest to the Camano Animal Shelter Association (CASA) in your will, you can make a profound and lasting impact on the welfare of countless animals cared for at the shelter every year. When preparing your will, you make the decisions on how your possessions will be distributed. If you already have a will, you can write a codicil (an addendum) that names the Camano Animal Shelter Association as a beneficiary of your estate.

When naming CASA in your will, you may leave a specific dollar amount, a set percentage of your estate, or a particular property. To include CASA in your will, you must specify its proper name and street address. Your bequest can be simply stated; for example: "I give to the Camano Animal Shelter Association, 198 Can Ku Road, Camano Island, Washington 98282 (PO Box 1726, Stanwood, Washington 98292), federal tax ID number, 91-1913293, the sum of _____ dollars to be used for its general purposes." (If you are leaving insurance policies, land or other property, please describe it.) An attorney can advise you regarding taxes and other aspects of estate planning.

Paws for Applause to

Bequest - from the Estate of Carrie Madsen



**AAA Camano Heated Storage and Camano Storage -
Donating storage units for CASA Flea Market**

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www.camanoanimalshelter.org and click on News tab.
Be sure to add enews@camanoanimalshelter.org
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If tears could build a stairway
And memories a lane,
We would walk right up to heaven
And bring you back again -
anonymous



In memory of departed pets:

- ♥ Buddy II Wilson ♥ Toby Trimble
- ♥ Huxley Palumbo ♥ Trey Sapley
- ♥ Rosie Palumbo ♥ Tyler Kinsman

Wish List

GENERAL SUPPLIES

- Liquid Bleach
- Dawn Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Copy paper

PET FOOD

- Canned Cat and Kitten Food
- KMR - Kitten Milk Replacement
- Baby Food - small jars of puree meats
- Royal Canin "Babycat" & kitten dry food
- Zignature Dry Dog Food

PET SUPPLIES

- Non-clumping/Clay cat litter or pellets



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

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FOREVER HOMES**



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Mary-Kate came to CASA from a local shelter and has had a very rough life. Mary-Kate needs help in warming up to you and this will take time. She is quite fond of her sister Estelle (see below). Together they have come out of their shells a bit, but do not have to be adopted together. Please ask to meet Mary-Kate.



Gaia can be pretty independent but also loves attention. She may be 9 years old, but this social kitty enjoys playing with toy mice, toy balls, and wands. Gaia came to the shelter with her sister Rhea (see right). Although they really are not bonded they could be adopted together because they are accustomed to living together.

Rhea is one lovebug of a cat! If you're looking for a sweet, people-loving, affectionate cat, Rhea is purr-fect! Rhea is an older gal that has Retinal Degeneration and as a result is blind in both eyes. It isn't painful and she is so confident you might not realize she can't see. She needs an indoor-only home and any other pets must be friendly.



Estelle was transferred from a local shelter and is still learning to trust people as she had a very rough life thus far. She is looking for someone who will give her a chance at a new life and allow her to warm up at her own pace. Estelle may benefit from another (more confident) dog friend with the same energy level. Please come meet Estelle.

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 their website:
www.donateforcharity.com



See Sky and Sonya's Stories



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