



# 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".

**We need you... become a shelter volunteer or foster parent.**



**Join CASA on Facebook!**

We love to share photos of our animals and updates on events. Post your photos too with our 5,500+ Facebook friends!

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### Message from the Shelter Manager

For many, shelters are perceived as the last resort, a place where only the damaged and broken go, or the end of the road for a large number of pets. We see that differently here at our shelter. CASA has been a safe haven for so many pets who have come in looking their worst, feeling their worst, and fearing the worst. Most of them come to us through no fault of their own or simply needing a little TLC and a better prepared home.

At one point we had a high school student join our volunteer program at the shelter. He really wanted to visit dogs when he first came to CASA with his parent. He was immediately overcome by sad feelings for the dogs in our building. We asked him why he was so sad and he told us that he felt bad that they had to live here at the shelter. This feeling is extremely common and completely understandable. We told him it was all right to show his feelings, but that he should be happy for the animals here. For many of them this is a new lease on life, an opportunity they may not have gotten if we didn't exist. Some come to us on death's door, with untreated medical issues, homeless and living on the beach or in the woods, and some just hurting for love they have never received. For those animals, CASA is their new beginning, the beginning of the rest of their new life. We are proud that our shelter is able to play this role for so many wonderful pets. We will continue to improve and grow as the world around us also does - so we can ensure CASA will always remain a great place for the community and the pets that need us.

Tegan Locker  
Shelter Manager

### Family Ties

'Family' is one single word, with many different meanings. What every family has in common is that those who call individuals their family are making clear that those within the group share a bond and are incredibly important to them in some way. Although the dogs coming to CASA wait for their future family, sometimes they come to the shelter with "family" already.

When the Whatcom Humane Society found they had way too many puppies to care for, they contacted CASA. They were looking to transfer a nursing mother and litter of 10 hound puppies. The shelter manager agreed that if the puppies had been pre-quarantined, we could take them. (There is no quarantine area at CASA for dogs/puppies.) She found out also that the mother that was coming with the puppies was really a surrogate mother.

The puppies were surrendered to Whatcom Humane Society when they were only a couple days old after their mother had been hit by a car. The family could not care for the orphaned puppies. Fortunately, a mother at the shelter, Buttercup, was still producing milk when the new puppies arrived. They were in a foster home and were transferred to CASA. Interestingly, the surrogate mother happened to be a hound mix like the puppies. Thankfully she was more than willing to nurse all 10 of the tiny puppies (not all mothers will accept a litter that isn't theirs).

They all stayed in the shelter's large bathroom together until they could be weaned. At this point, Buttercup was tired and seemed ready to



Buttercup and her adopted family.

See more on page 2 - Family Ties

**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**

**Glass Quest**

Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> -  
Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

**Free Microchip Clinic**

TBD

**Little Whiskers**

TBD

**Bake and Plant Sale**

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

**Draw Cat/Dog Art Contest**

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

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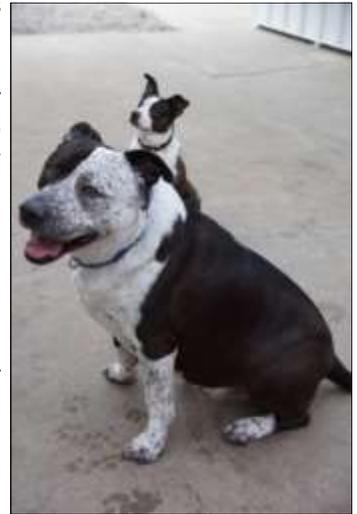
Dining alone is fun

retire from her motherly responsibilities. Once the puppies were weaned, they were sent to two foster homes (five puppies each). They stayed in the foster home until they were old enough to be brought back to the shelter for spay and neuter surgeries. They were ready to move on to find their forever family.

Meanwhile, two unique soul-mates came to CASA. Bruno, a stocky pit bull/Australian cattle dog mix and his little friend Mac, a Boston terrier mix, who came as a family unit to

CASA. Due to personal circumstances, the current family reluctantly surrendered them and explained their bond. Mac had come from an abusive situation prior to arriving at their home. When Bruno joined them, he immediately became Mac's big brother. Mac depends on Bruno to be there for him. Mac is the instigator and loves to play. Mac is shy by himself when he meets dogs and people, much more confidently when Bruno is near. In fact, Mac can be bossy with dogs his size and/or animals smaller than him. Mac does not care for being picked up and can be a little opportunist.

Bruno is strong, independent, and enjoys some time to himself. He does not like surprises. Visitors coming to the shelter and finding the two dogs together are often startled by Bruno's booming bark. In reality, according to the staff, he is a "big teddy bear". He loves cuddles. Finding a home for these bonded friends may be difficult, but they will stay together until just the right "caring person" comes and they are part of a larger family again.



Bruno makes Mac feel safe

**2017 Intake and Outcome Statistics - Over 685 Animals Came to CASA**

Intake	Total	Stray	Surrender	Transfer In	Impound	Return
Cat	343	125	136	75	0	7
Dog	334	51	120	111	25	27

In 2017, 686 animals (including cats, dogs, and other pets) came to CASA. More animals came to CASA this year than any year (records kept back through 2005). CASA takes strays, impounds and surrenders from Camano Island, but we also bring in dogs and cats from other shelters as space permits. We were able to help 111 dogs and 75 cats from other shelters this year that may not have had a chance otherwise.

Outcome	Adopted	Return To Owner	Transfer Out	Put to Sleep	Died	Lost
Cat	304	4	0	10	15	1
Dog	262	55	3	3	0	0

Of the animals that came into CASA in 2017, the majority were adopted or returned to their owners. CASA partners with local rescue groups to find homes for dogs who are difficult to place or who need more than a shelter provides.

As a No-Kill shelter, CASA never puts animals to sleep for convenience or lack of space. The deaths last year included underage kittens some of whom died in foster care, others who arrived gravely injured and animals that had to be put to sleep because they were terminally ill and in the final stages of their illnesses.

***CASA Alumni***

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 Windermere Real Estate-Nancy McClure  
 Windermere Real Estate-Steve and Julie  
 Love

\* New business member

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



Shaxx(Ted) / Cayden(Acorn)  
Murray Adopted Nov. 2017



Kiki (Tiger) and Kobe (Dusty) Uyeno  
Adopted Sept. 2017



Elise Sedgwick/Vick  
Adopted Mar. 2017



Bibi (Prada) Lamberson  
Adopted Dec. 2017

**BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!**

In 2017 over \$9,000 was collected via 38 donation boxes at Stanwood/  
Camano Island businesses

**Winning locations this year:**

**Grocery Outlet and IGA**

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

**CASA Loves our Business Members**

CASA relies on the community for support, and we want to express our gratitude to the business members who believe in us and contribute to CASA annually! Some members (Glass Tech and Mark's Pharmacy) have been members since 2008. Many of these members have also supported CASA as microchip sponsors and/or via our fundraising events. Please support the businesses that support us and are helping make our community a better place to live; we urge you to look at the list and thank them.

You can help by inviting large and small businesses you interact with to become CASA Business Members. Members get visibility; they are listed at the shelter and the CASA website, appear in our newsletter, are listed at all activities and receive periodic updates of shelter happenings. Memberships run for one year from date of joining, and the contribution is \$100. Let us know by emailing CASA, and our friendly dedicated business membership team will do the rest!

## HAPPY TAILS

### Anthony

When we adopted “Anthony”, we named him Buddy. He was very scared and hard to catch or get to know people due to his early years. When we met with him we knew he was perfect for us and that we would have a great loving home for him.

Soon that safe place was on the couch with Jessiery and eventually in Scott’s lap in the recliner. The fence isn’t done yet, but he is happy having the run of the house. Our home is under remodel, so we have pads down for his duties, water and food dish in the living room. (He eats lots of people food with us.)

It has been so cool to watch his emotional growth. We have taken him to Friday Harbor, Leavenworth and daily drives, always leashed for his safety and fear. Little at a time we see him grow. Today we took him on a drive to La Conner and he sat in the middle front seat of our truck. This time I opened the door and said, “we’re home” he jumped out of the truck and into the house, no leash. He is truly a blessing.

~ Scott Cheldelin and Jessiery Garcia

*Note: Anthony was featured in the lead story in the Fall 2017 newsletter: “He is staying in the Cat ISO/office area of the shelter so that he can interact with people. Although he is afraid of all strangers, he is particularly fearful of men/children*



Anthony has begun to trust people

### Lexi

Miss Lexi is settling into her new home. She seems to have some anxiety issues that manifest as reactivity to other dogs, especially while on leash. Her anxiety has decreased but I expect it will take a while before she feels completely secure.

I’m working from home more now so I can walk her twice a day. Lexi is more comfortable in the rural environment of my Olympia home than at my condo in Lower Queen Anne.

Here Lexi is in the foreground having some play therapy with my granddaughter, Haley, and her dog, Ginger. Lexi loves being petted and Ginger is her equal when it comes to being rambunctious so this play date went well.

~ Sylviann Balwin

*Note: Lexi was adopted three times before finding her forever home.*



Lexi (front) enjoying her friends.

### 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)**

**Roxy**

When we adopted Roxy early in May, 2017 we were told that she was an owner surrender. They had stated the reason being they simply didn't have time for her and it wasn't fair to her. Within 24 hours of having her in our home I discovered what I suspect is the real reason they "no longer had time for her". Roxy has a form of incontinence some female dogs can get with either being spayed or in old(er) age. Roxy is going to be 9 years old in Nov, so she definitely hits the older age requirement (she is, of course, also spayed). After a few appointments with the vet, a few tests and a course of antibiotics to clear up a bladder infection, she was put on a daily medication and is now having no more problems with incontinence.

She is an awesome, playful girl who minds VERY well! She loves her Mastiff brother, Barney and absolutely dotes on her new puppy brother Wyatt. She is a shameless cuddle monster and loves to play ball (but only if it's a tennis ball, she won't touch any other ball - ha!)

Now, while we might have to spend a little more on her daily care than we were originally anticipating, you never know what life is going to throw at you, so we consider it a small price to have this beautiful creature in our life. Adopting an older dog may just be one of the best decisions of your life.....I know our decision was the best thing that ever could have happened for our family! Just look at those happy faces.

She will be warm and dry, with a full belly, fresh water and all the squeaky tennis balls she wants, but most importantly, she will be loved every single day for the rest of her life! Thank you for keeping her safe until we could find her!

~ Tammie and Bob Morris



Roxy's so busy, just one photo wouldn't do.

**Dixie and Peanut**



Dixie and Peanut enjoy playing.

My husband, myself, and our Westie Lucy, are totally enjoying the newest furry members of our family – Dixie and Peanut – the two doxies we adopted from CASA last October. All three dogs are about the same age – and they seem to be doing very well. Lucy never cuddled up with our previous doxie, but she sure does cuddle with these two.

Dixie and Peanut enjoy exploring their new yard – chasing birds and greeting the neighbors and their dogs. Everyone we know, and some we don't, have stopped by to see how they are doing. We have met some new neighbors as a result. We are so happy CASA posted the sign out front that said doxies were available!

Yes, adopting two was not our plan, but once we realized how bonded they were and how friendly they were with our other dog, we knew it would work for all of us. It has turned out to be such a blessing for all of us.

~ Gerri Gilpin



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.

**Stop by and visit**

**February 16th - 25th**

**During Open Hours**



## How to Identify and Treat Dog Skin Problems

*Dogs coming to CASA often have skin problems. Our shelter is known for treating and turning around skin ailments and we have turned around some of the worst cases and found homes for the animals. Before the ailment can be diagnosed, staff must understand what to look for and what information will be required when bringing the dog to the veterinarian. As a pet owner, there are websites available that will help you to understand what to look for when describing your dog's condition. The excerpts below give you an idea of areas to pursue.*

Many people do not realize that animals have many of the same medical resources that humans do. Although you may keep going back to your veterinarian for a chronic skin problem, you should know that there are a number of veterinary dermatologists just a drive away. At the dermatologist, your pet could see a skin specialist and even have a full allergy test, just like that of a human. If your dog's skin issues seem to have come out of nowhere or you would like to try a few things yourself we will share the things our shelter does with various skin issues.

### Things to consider:

- Have you recently changed their food, treats, supplements, medications?
- Is there another pet in the home with a similar skin issue?
- Does bathing your dog cause the problem to get worse?
- Have you changed the detergent used in washing your pet's bedding or use fabric refreshing sprays?
- Does the skin issue change with the seasons?
- When were they last treated for fleas and does your flea treatment kill "all life stages" of fleas?
- Have they had a simple skin scrape at your regular vet?

### Things to try (as the shelter does):

- 1) Evaluate the food you are feeding. Food is the fuel for your pet's life and wellness, but if you are choosing based on price only, you likely will end up spending more money at the vet. CASA's go-to trial food is Zignature single source protein kibble. It is also grain-free, chicken-free, and very low in carbohydrates. If you are already feeding a food at this level you may want to consider a homemade or raw food diet.
- 2) Have a skin scrape done. CASA is fortunate enough to be trained to complete and evaluate parasite based skin scrapes, but these are actually quite inexpensive at your regular vet. For approximately \$30 you might find out your pet has mange and caught early is simple and inexpensive to correct.

If you are past this point already, you may be ready for a veterinary dermatologist. For what you may be spending in a catch-all prescription pet food or generic allergy shots, you could have your pet evaluated and possibly find out the actual cause and avoid it completely! If you are tired of fighting a skin battle with your pet and are thinking of surrendering, please think about calling the shelter first to talk. We might be able to help you with ideas you haven't yet tried at home, guide you to a local certified dog nutritionist, and ultimately give both you and your pet some needed relief.

~ Tegan Locker



Enjoying a soothing bath.

*Zeus came to the shelter in August 2017 with long-term allergies. He received medications to sooth (but not mask) the issues as we tried to figure out the root cause. After trying many different high end, grain-free, single-protein kibble, it was found that a single-protein raw meat diet worked best. Zeus was finally on the road to recovery. After a plea to the public Zeus found an incredible family that adopted him!*



Ready for Adoption

## Your Gift Can Double in Value

There are many ways to contribute to CASA. 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. Charitable organizations also distribute designated funds. Thanks to our donors who availed themselves and CASA of these benefits.

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Matching Gift
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- Microsoft Matching Gift
- Umpqua Bank Matching Gift
- Boeing Employee Giving
- Boeing Matching Gift
- BP America Inc. Fund
- Schwab Charitable
- United Way of Snohomish County PUD #1
- United Way of King County
- Vanguard Charitable
- WA CFD

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

- **See It Printed** – facilitating the calendar printing
- **Camano Island Coffee Roasters** - displaying calendars for sale
- **Mark's Camano Pharmacy** - Lights of Love Tree
- **Skagit Country Store, Santa Randy Jeter, Island Paw Print photography** - Santa pictures
- **Giving Tuesday Donors** - Over \$8,500 donated
- **Grants** -Rudy & Ida May Love Family Charity

**Wish List**

**GENERAL SUPPLIES**

Liquid Bleach  
Dawn Liquid Laundry Detergent  
Copy paper—Postage stamps

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**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



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).

**Did you know?**

That your tax-deductible charitable gift of:

**\$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

"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:**

- ♥ Bentley Collette
- ♥ Gertie Ryssdal
- ♥ Lionel Perkins
- ♥ Mike Palumbo
- ♥ Reeses Clark
- ♥ Spryte Massimino
- ♥ Tidbit Fleming
- ♥ Deisel Peters
- ♥ Keesha Hume
- ♥ Mickey Teel
- ♥ Mollie Bryant
- ♥ Sidney Porter
- ♥ Tessa Massimino

----- **YES . . . I WANT TO HELP CASA SAVE LIVES** -----

**Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of:**

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My donation is in Memory/in Honor of a person or pet  
(Please include a note with honoree's name and contact person if you want the gift acknowledged)

Please send my gift receipt via e-mail so more of my contribution can go toward helping the animals  
(Please provide e-mail address on the form to the left.)

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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 CURRENTLY IN NEED OF FOREVER HOMES



**DJ** is in need of someone who is very dog experienced. DJ was not socialized properly as a puppy and this has led to a fear of strangers which is why he is looking for a low-key and low-traffic home. DJ has lived with other large dogs. This fellow is super loving with his trusted human and fancies himself as an over-sized lapdog.

**Jenny** would be a perfect running partner. She is looking for a quieter dog-centered home. Jenny needs a home with no children, no cats or small animals. She can also be picky with her dog friends and a like size or larger male dog may be the best match for her. She would also prefer an owner with dog training experience.



**Nuts and Spot**, brothers, are very loving and would do best in a quiet indoor-only home. They get along well with other cats as long as they are respectful of their space. Please stop by to meet this adorable pair.

**Bingley** is very shy and would do best in a calm and quiet home environment. He may take a while to warm up and adapt to a new home environment. Please keep this in mind when you come to visit and consider taking him home. Are you looking for a diamond in the rough?



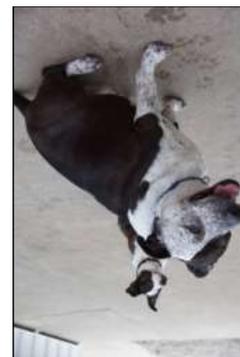
**Island County** requires all dog owners to license their dogs every year. One time is not enough, you must renew each calendar year; there are no exceptions. The tag helps identify your dog in case he or she is lost. 2018 dog license are now on sale at the Shelter or at the Camano Island Annex on NE Camano Dr. \$10 for spayed/neutered dogs / \$33 for intact dogs.

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



*See Our Story*



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