



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".



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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

Animal welfare is a team effort and there are partnerships which allow our mission to be successful. We rely not only on supporters, donors and volunteers, but also other partnerships which make this "partner pie" whole.

Our main partner is the Everett Animal Shelter, the largest capacity municipal shelter in our general surrounding area and among the largest contracted shelters in our state. We have always prioritized our partnership with EAS because it provides the path to help as many local animals as we can.

We not only take animals from EAS, there are times where a trade is needed. Our kennel arrangements are very different so some animals thrive in their setting and not in ours and vice versa. We also have access to different resources. There may be times where a rescue group we need to get animals to supports their area and not ours. We then move the animals to EAS for better access to that rescue group. At other times it works the opposite way. If both shelters are full, we sometimes trade animals that have been with us for a long time. This arrangement is exactly what they need to find the right home.

We not only exchange cats and dogs. Once we received a small untamed pet bird with one of the worst cases of curled overgrown toenails we had ever seen. Everett had bird experts on staff so this spirited little bird was transferred there for care, rehabilitation, and ultimately adoption.

Partnerships like this not only allow more animals to get help, but this can also help us continue to cater to their needs even more.

Tegan Locker
Shelter Manager

The Perfect Match

Finding the right home for the dogs and cats that come to the shelter can be a daunting task. For strays, all we have to go on is our experience with the animal while he/she is at the shelter. For surrendered animals the person bringing the animal in provides their reason for surrender and their history with the animal. In both cases, there is no way to ask the animals to tell their story.

Prior to adoption the staff discusses what they know about the animal with the potential adopter. For dogs, the resident dogs are brought to the shelter for a meet and greet. If all is well, the animal goes to their new home and begins a new chapter in his/her life. In the vast majority of cases, it is a perfect match (as shown in our Happy Tails section of the newsletter).

Sometimes the placement is not what we hoped for and the animal is brought back to the shelter. CASA is unique in saying we will always take our former animals back. If the animal comes back within a week, the adoption fee is returned. There is no time period, surrenders can be brought back to the shelter at any time, even years after adoption. Once the animal is back at CASA, we try to learn why this was not a good match and keep that information for future placement.



Third time was a charm.
Jake and his "partner in crime"

See more on page 2 - The Perfect Match

Mark Your Calendar!**CASA Friends**

Currently meets monthly
via Zoom.
To be placed on call list,
send email to shelter with
name, telephone and email.

UPCOMING EVENTS**Glass Quest**

Friday, February 12th -
Sunday, February 21st

Plant Sale*

Saturday, May 8th

Draw Cat/Dog Art Contest*

Saturday, May 8th

*Details TBD

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(Masks required)

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Here are some examples of animals that were brought back to the shelter, but now have found their perfect match. Jake was adopted and returned two times before he found his forever home. He was not good with cats and had separation anxiety when left alone. Jake was rescued "when the nation was riddled with COVID-19 concerns and shutdowns. At first he was a runner, harassed other dogs and refused to be alone. But, with much love, patience and training he's a part of the family. Jake is a goofy, curious and loyal dog. He found a partner in crime with my six year old son. He has no problem making friends and has many fans around the community. He's a keeper for sure."

Kota, a declawed, spirited and spunky cat who required a special diet, was adopted by a family with no children (as was recommended). Kota's enthusiasm was too much for this adoption and so she was returned with them saying "she was too much to handle." But her new family says "Kota is an absolute gem for our family. She is doing well and is a happy cat. In the winter she can be found on the heated blanket, in



Kota relaxing in her new home.

front of the heater or with me in my home office. She has brought so much joy and happiness to our life."



Suki (back left) loves being with her new friends

Suki, a black chihuahua, was transferred to CASA from the Everett Animal Shelter after she, her sister, and her mom were seized in a hoarding situation. Suki was adopted last out of the three of them because she was so afraid of people. Her first adopters kept her for three months but finally surrendered her because she was still scared of them after all that time. The second adopter had her for a few weeks but eventually brought her back for the same reason. A staff member decided foster her for a little while.

"When I got her home she was very scared at first but my two chihuahuas helped her come out of her shell, within a few hours she was exploring the house and even running around playing with toys. Having two other dogs to be role models seemed to help her confidence. She fit in so well and was low maintenance so I figured, what's one more? This quirky little girl has made so much progress in the past six months, she is hardly the same dog that came in to CASA."

No longer do these animals have to wonder if they are loved and CASA's return policy makes it possible to fulfill our mission, "Bringing together animals in need and caring people, forever enriching their lives".

Thanks to William Zottneck, Katie Black and Deidre M. for their stories

Did You Know? – Shelter Services

We are still very busy here at the shelter providing services to those in our community and adjusting to our new safety protocols. The care of the shelter animals never stops. We appreciate your support in making sure the animals entrusted to us receive the best care possible. The shelter is currently operating by appointment only. This has been a wonderful way for us to spend time with visitors and provide our undivided attention to answer questions. We require all indoor visitors to wear masks. We are open by appointment only. If you are interested in adopting, surrendering or reporting a stray animal, visit our website, www.camanoanimalshelter.org, prior to calling.

CASA Alumni**THANK YOU BUSINESS MEMBERS!****AAA Storage***

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Tulalip Tribes

Twin City Lanes

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Windermere Real Estate

* New Business Member



Indie Jensen
Adopted Nov 2006



Mr. Merle Harper (left) / friend
Adopted July 2020



Samme Albanese / friend
Adopted Sept 2020



Cristobal Eckroth
Adopted Dec 2020



Tigger and Jack Barnes
Adopted Dec 2020

Paws for Applause

This year, more than ever, we are grateful for the many ways the community and individuals have come together to provide support for the animals at the shelter.

Thank you to:

- **Giving Tuesday** donors and organizers
- **Teague (Design and Consulting - Seattle)** and **Process Solutions (Stanwood)** - employees contributing to the Holiday fundraiser
- **ReMax** - hosting Lights of Love tree
- **Skagit Farmer's Country Store** - Pet-a-Palooza fundraiser
- **Elger Bay and Camano Commons Marketplace** - calendar sales
- **Grocery Outlet** - Highest donation box intake for 2020
- **Facebook Friends** - selecting CASA for Facebook Birthday Fundraiser
- **Amazon Smile** - customers purchasing via Amazon Smile

Welcome New Business Members

We thank the Business Members for their support throughout the years. We publish the names of the businesses and ask you to not only patronize them, but also express your thanks for their dedication to CASA. We realize that 2020 was a difficult year for all which makes the support of these businesses precious. We welcome the new 2021 Business Members. (*See bolded business names in list)

Do you know a business that might like to become a Business Member? Share your love of CASA and this newsletter with the business. Send an email to casa@camanoanimalshelter.org with the business name and contact information and we will reach out to them.

HAPPY TAILS

Ezra (was Edwinna)



Princess Ezra relaxing.

When my husband and I visited CASA, we didn't set out to adopt that day as we were still mourning the loss of our beloved Morty who went missing the year prior during the bad snow storm. It would be pretty tough for a cat honestly to capture our hearts as our Morty. We wanted to adopt a male cat/kitten tabby. When we walked into the cat colony sitting in the lap of a little girl was Edwinna. Fortunately she adopted Edwinna's sister who had come from a hoarding situation. I just didn't know how another cat would come as close to my heart as Morty. I knew we would love her and care for her no doubt but we also were going from an indoor/outdoor cat to an only indoor cat and from a male temperament to a female temperament.

I can tell you that this little girl is sweetest gift! She is loving and cuddly and spunky and definitely owns us! She loves to get under the covers and cuddle and has a motor on her like no other. She really believes that when someone shows up at our house (family only of course in the land of COVID) they are there for her. She really is the princess of our home. She has brought the joy back of pet ownership that I had been missing since the last day we had seen our Morty alive. We sure love our little girl and are so thankful to the people at CASA. We would not have found her if not for you!

~ Joel and Laurie Bisset

Penny (was Monia)

We had lost our beloved Rico, a CASA alumni, back in September, and were deeply grieving his loss. Then came Monia, or as we call her, Penny. I was at CASA to walk dogs when I noticed a very shy but beautiful girl that was a recent transfer from the Everett shelter. Upon entering her kennel, she would not come close to me nor allow me to touch her. We kept coming back over the next several weeks. It took hours of spending time in her kennel, slowly building her trust, taking her for walks and of course giving her treats!

We learned that she began her life as a street dog in Belarus for a year, then was captured and adopted by a citizen there and brought to the US for three more years. When the lady's visa expired and she had to return to Europe, she couldn't take precious Monia (Penny) with her, so she eventually ended up at CASA (thankfully!) and we brought her home. She has been the most wonderful addition to our family of three pups and we are so blessed to have found her!

~ Andy and Debbie Bernstein



Penny's amazing journey



Kiki is Queen of the Loft.

Kiki

Kiki has filled a spot in my heart that only a cat could. Tessa, my previous kitty and CASA alumni, passed away about two years ago at the age of 20. Kiki, a 15 year old Maine Coon mix, was not eating and losing weight when I brought her home to foster from CASA. I was concerned for her and felt a connection.

I force fed her by syringe for about a week. As she was still losing weight and refusing to eat on her own Kiki was given a prescription appetite stimulant. The stimulant worked and Kiki starting eating on her own. We adopted her and though a very picky eater, she is now doing great. She is aloof but needy at the same time, your quintessential kitty. She has become Queen of our Loft which keeps her from being bothered by the dog minions.

~ Cathy Massimino

Lucy (was Whitney)

We rename Whitney to Lucky Lucy because of her clover shape on her butt. Lucy has accepted us as her pack, she is not a morning dog likes to sleep late. Lucy is a bit destructive, she loves slippers. Lucy hates the rain. We love Lucy. Lucy loves to cuddle and is discovering her bark. She loves to play fetch and tug of war is her absolute favorite!

~ Melinda Vanderheide



Lucy loves to cuddle.

Mimi (was Marmalade) and Muffin

Growing up, pets were an important part of my childhood. Over the years, cats and dogs, quickly went from strays to part of our family. When I moved to Washington, I adopted a kitten and two months later, she had a playmate. A few years later, a third cat came into our lives. This past fall, when I said goodbye to the last of them, I found myself alone in an empty house for the first time in decades.

I visited CASA's adoption page on a whim and I saw a little calico cat named Marmalade and her kitten, Muffin. As her only surviving kitten from a litter of four, they'd been through so much together. I got to bring them home on Thanksgiving Day.

Since then, they've been exploring and settling in on their terms and we've been getting to know and trust each other. Marmalade is Mimi, now, short for Mimosa. She's a sweetheart who loves her Greenies treats and catnip, gives as good as she gets when she and Muffin play together and always makes sure he's safe, well-groomed and loved. Muffin gives everything he does 110%, whether it's taking flying leaps to catch his bird toy, chasing his mom up and down the stairs or sprawling out to cuddle at naptime. Their snuggles are epic, especially on my lap with the quilt my mom made from old flannel shirts for me to bring with me to Washington. We've had quite a few firsts together and I'm looking forward to all the new ones to come in 2021. Thanks to the staff and volunteers at CASA for making it all possible!

~ Lesla Wolf



Mimi and Muffin on their quilt.

Tonto

When we had to put down our Great Pyrenees, Daisy, due to a resurgence of her cancer, my husband and I decided to wait a little while before getting another dog.

My husband was at CASA and saw Tonto being walked by one of the volunteers who said he was a really nice dog. I kept saying we needed a mellow, lower energy dog that liked other dogs since we walk in the mornings with our friends with dogs. Well, when we went to meet Tonto, he looked a lot like an Australian Shepherd to me....NOT low energy. He was very friendly and loved to fetch (really loved to fetch). We introduced him to our 17 year old maltese and all went well. It wasn't like they were going to play together but at least they got along.

Tonto is very sweet and sometimes thinks he's a lap dog. Thank goodness he's only about 30 pounds. We decided to put in an invisible fence so Tonto could run and fetch to his heart's content. He caught on very quickly. He also loves to go for car rides. If a car door is open and he's nearby, in he goes hoping for a trip to see the sights. He does have an issue with being reactive to other dogs. You never know what a rescue's life was before you get them so you take the good with the bad. We are working on this behavior and hope, some day, he might be able to walk with the other dogs. For now he's our sweet boy and new, forever, family member.

~ Thea Hanna



Tonto loves car rides.

Sammy



Sammy was the official greeter.

Sammy Cat, 11 years old, is doing great! I had been thinking about adopting an older cat for some time. I saw his picture on the CASA website and kept coming back to it. I found that Sammy has a black mark on his nose in the shape of a heart. It is almost the same as one of my dogs. The other attributes were that Sammy is a polydactyl (extra toes) and is mellow. I wanted a mellow cat that I didn't have to train and would just enjoy sitting on my lap.

When I finally met Sammy at the shelter, he was the temporary office greeter and met me when I came in. He came up to me and I knew that he would be a great fit. Since bringing Sammy home, he has made friends with my 2 dogs, follows me around and has started showing his true personality! He sits in the kitchen, like our dogs do, when it is dinner time. Sometimes, I think he thinks he is a dog. He purrs constantly, touches me gently when he wants something and has become my work from home office companion! I am so glad he is a part of our family!

~ Melani and Sean Young

Cat Care Facts

- * The average lifespan of an outdoor-only (feral and non-feral) is about 3 years; an indoor-only cat can live 16 years and longer. Some cats have been documented to have a longevity of 34 years.
- * Cats must have fat in their diet because they can't produce it on their own.
- * Cats are carnivores and were never intended to have carbs.
- * While many cats enjoy milk, it will give some cats diarrhea.
- * Cats should not be fed tuna exclusively, as it lacks taurine, an essential nutrient required for good feline health.
- * Never give your cat aspirin unless specifically prescribed by your veterinarian; it can be fatal. Never ever give Tylenol to a cat. Be sure to keep anti-freeze away from all animals – it's sweet and enticing, but deadly poison.
- * Have at least 1.5 litter boxes per cat. So if you have 1 cat, you need 2 litter boxes, 2 cats, 3 litter boxes.
- * Cats do not like scented litter.
- * Declawing a cat is the same as cutting a human's fingers off at the knuckle. There are several alternatives to declawing. Ask your vet.
- * Most cats prefer to scratch a vertical surface that is tall enough to allow them to fully arch their backs and really get into it, but also stable enough they don't have to worry about toppling it.



Excerpts from Cat Care Facts – Vashon Island Pet Protectors, www.VIPP.org

2020 Intake and Outcome Statistics - Over 600 Animals Came to CASA

	Surrender	Return	Seized / Custody	Stray	Transfer In	Total
Cat	90	8	0	130	145	373
Dog	37	16	24	43	106	226
Other	3	0	1	1	0	5
Total	130	24	25	174	251	604

In 2020, 604 animals (including cats, dogs, a duck, a chicken and 3 Guinea pigs) came to CASA. CASA takes strays, impounds and surrenders from Camano Island, but we also bring in dogs and cats from other shelters as space permits and surrenders from elsewhere. We were able to help 106 dogs and 145 cats from other shelters this year that may not have had a chance otherwise. Returns are animals brought back to the shelter within one week.

	Adoption	Died	DOA	PTS	Return to Owner	Transfer Out	Total
Cat	323	9	8	3	18	3	364
Dog	159	1	0	2	58	12	232
Duck	4	0	0	0	1	0	5
Total	486	10	8	5	77	15	601

Of the animals that came into CASA in 2020, the majority were adopted or returned to their owners. As a No-Kill shelter, CASA never puts animals to sleep *PTS 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 other cats and dogs that had to be put to sleep because they were terminally ill and in the final stages of their illnesses. *DOA – deceased animal brought to shelter. CASA partners with local rescue groups to find homes for animals who are difficult to place or who need more than the shelter can provide.

**In loving memory of departed
departed pets**



- ♥ Ace Lietz
- ♥ Annie Anderson
- ♥ Bogey Rebo
- ♥ Brinkley Patton-Clark
- ♥ Cole Putter Conatore
- ♥ Digger West
- ♥ Domino Cole
- ♥ Harley Swagers
- ♥ Junipurr Kenney
- ♥ Muffy Sprouse
- ♥ Nini Bean Nakuda
- ♥ Spike Kilduff
- ♥ White Sox Kepler

Did you know you can make a difference?

That your tax-deductible charitable gift of:

- \$25** can provide vaccines for one animal
- \$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.

Our Shelter Wish List

- PET SUPPLIES: Cat litter or pellets (our greatest need)
- GENERAL SUPPLIES: Dryer sheets, Liquid dish soap (no anti-bacterial)
- OFFICE SUPPLIES: Standard letter size white copy paper, US Postal stamps
- PET FOOD: KMR – Liquid Kitten Milk Replacement, Baby food (small jars of pureed meats) Royal Canin “Babycat” and Kitten dry food, Canned kitten food, Dry Kirkland cat food (Costco), Canned cat food (no 9 Lives) Dry Grain-Free Zignature Whitefish Dog Food (Julz Animal Houz), Large raw knuckle bones (from butcher), soft treats and grain-free treats

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	<p>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. 2021 dog license are now on sale at the Shelter (by appointment) or at the Camano Island Annex on NE Camano Dr. \$10 for spayed/ neutered dogs / \$33 for intact dogs.</p>	<p>SUPPORT CASA WHILE YOU SHOP</p> <p>When you shop Amazon, you can link your account to CASA and we will receive a donation from Amazon Smile. No cost to shoppers.</p> <p>Sign up at www.smile.amazon.com.</p> 
	<p>GLASS QUEST- February 12th - 21st</p> <p>Stop by the shelter during open hours to view the questor map and pick up information about CASA. We will miss inviting you into the shelter, but do come to search for the clue ball.</p>	<p>BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!</p> <p>Featured location this period:</p> <p>Doilies 2 Doorknobs</p> 
	<p>To make a donation from your mobile phone, just scan the QR code.</p>	<p>DONATE YOUR CAR</p> <p>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 www.donateforcharity.com</p> 

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