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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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Message from the Shelter Manager

I'm sure everyone knows where shelter workers stand on adopting from a shelter - we wish everyone did it. There is a reason for this and it may not be as obvious as you think. We see many amazing animals and want to see them find people that appreciate them as we do. We also know that adoptions are critical to our work and we can't help new animals until the ones we already have get out the door. Without adoptions our revolving door for helping animals slows and could even stop.

The function of all shelters really does rely on the ability to facilitate outcomes like adoption, in order to allow the intake of new pets. Outcomes are adoptions on the best of days and euthanasia to stop others from suffering on the worst of days. In the end, every outcome results in a place becoming vacant. We are so grateful that those worst days don't happen very often. This last year the best of days, when animals get adopted, have taken a dramatic dip. It's been a major struggle to get animals adopted out at a rate we are used to. That large revolving door has slowed so much the rest of our function has slowed with it. This means for the first time in my many years with CASA our normally prompt ability to take in new pets has declined. You have likely seen a larger than normal number of the same faces gracing the adoptable animal list month after month.

We need your help to fix things. We need you to take three minutes out of your day, for one week, to pick a pet from our adoptable list. Share this pet on the social media platform of your choosing or with your neighbors in an effort to find them an adopter. Getting more people to see the faces of pets waiting for them in the shelter has always increased their chance at adoption. So we need your help in getting more people to see them. You might feel like this is too simple and will it really impact the shelter's function that much? The answer is - YES! You as a supporter are critical to the function of our revolving door and with your help we can get it back to running the best it can. Let's see if we can increase adoptions again so we can help more animals again in 2022.

Tegan Locker, Shelter Manager

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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Finding the Right Location

Each animal that comes to CASA receives individualized attention. Not only does this include understanding the medical history, personality and background, but with cats, this also affects where in the shelter the animal will reside. Examples of cats requiring special accommodations include:



Boulder is FIV+

Boulder is FIV+ and cannot be with other cats while at the shelter. He could live with other FIV+ cats, possibly with a non-confrontational FIV-cat, or as an only cat. FIV is spread through blood contact so with cats, fighting is the number one cause of transmission. With this in mind, Boulder is currently in the new critter room where he can see what is going on from his very own "apartment".



Bingo has a virus

Bingo has a virus and so he is in ISO (isolation room). He will not be available for adoption until he is well. New cats are typically housed in ISO until they can be evaluated, but since Bingo is there, they will be placed in a condo or housing elsewhere in the shelter.

See more on page 2 - Finding the Right Location

Mark Your Calendar!**CASA Friends**

Currently meets 2nd
Thursday 3 PM
via Zoom for now.
To be placed on call list,
send email to shelter with
name, telephone and email.

UPCOMING EVENTS**Glass Quest**

Friday, February 18th -
Sunday, February 27th

CASA Fundraiser*

Saturday, May 7th

Draw Cat/Dog Art Contest*

Saturday, May 7th

*Details TBD

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Hours*:

Wed - Fri 11 - 3

Sat 11 - 4

Sun 11 - 3

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(Masks required)

*Services by appointment

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Timmy may have allergies.

Then there is **Timmy**. Timmy is an energetic kitten who has an illness that mimics URI and allergies, but extensive testing has only shown a bacterial overload. Even typical litter has caused his eyes to become red. He bounces around in his ISO cage in the laundry room. He is improving, but will remain here since the exact cause of his illness cannot be determined. It is important to keep him isolated, but he also cannot be placed in the actual ISO room at this time.



Lily needs special diet.

Lily was adopted from CASA 14 years ago and recently brought back to the shelter.

She arrived very thin and lethargic. Once she was placed on appetite stimulant and her early stage kidney disease diagnosed, she blossomed and is now available for adoption. She is in the front office/lobby, but must remain in one of the condos because of her special diet.

Meanwhile, adoptable cats reside in the front office/lobby or the "Purple Room". This is a wide open cat area with cat "cloud" perches on the wall, large cat trees, seating for visitors and many cats needing attention and a lap. There is a large patio off this room which allows the cats to enjoy the outside in a cat-secure area.

Monitoring the daily status of each resident is time consuming but essential – especially since their housing is critical to the well-being of the entire colony. We are thankful we can provide this service so that these "animals in need" can get to meet "caring people" and "forever enrich their lives".

The Last Battle

If it should be that I grow weak,
And pain should keep me from my sleep,
Then you must do what must be done,
For this last battle cannot be won.

You will be sad, I understand;
Don't let your grief then stay your hand.
For this day more than all the rest,
Your love for me must stand the test.

We've had so many happy years -
What is to come can hold no fears.
You'd not want me to suffer so;
The time has come, so let me go.
Take me where my needs they'll tend
And please stay with me until the end.

Hold me firm and speak to me
Until my eyes no longer see.
I know in time that you will see
The kindness that you did for me.

Although my tail its last has waved,
From pain and suffering I've been saved.
Please do not grieve - it must be you
Who had this painful thing to do.
We've been so close, we two, these years
Don't let your heart hold back its tears.

Author Unknown



Our pets are our family and we love them dearly. For those who have had to make the difficult decision to say good-bye and for those who may face this decision in the future, may this poem comfort you.

CASA Alumni

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- Advantage Accounting & Tax Services
- Affordable Pet Care
- Apollo Concrete Sawing, Inc.
- AWR Inc. / General Contractor
- *Augusta Lawn Care-StanwoodCamano**
- Berg's Bookkeeping & Tax Service
- Bigfoot Lock Service
- Camaloch Golf Course
- Camano Body Shop, Inc.
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- Tulalip Tribes
- Twin City Lanes
- Washington Federal
- Windermere Real Estate
- * New Business Supporter**



Marvin and Maggisan Maxwell
Adopted Nov 2021



Peter (Pierre) Baker
Adopted April 2021

In loving memory of departed pets and their happy tails

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|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| ♥ Callie Kelley | ♥ Gabbie Paxton | ♥ Puddin Hotter |
| ♥ Chester Clark | ♥ Jasper Hertz-Trede | ♥ Sammie Peterson |
| ♥ Chica Anderson | ♥ LaCheat Kelley | ♥ Sammy Yutani |
| ♥ Cole Conatore | ♥ Magic Manning | ♥ Shaggy Crateau |
| ♥ Diesel Peters | ♥ Mouse Yelle | ♥ Sierra Sarver |
| ♥ Ella Conatore | ♥ Nicodemus Bryan | ♥ Sprockett Pratt |
| | ♥ Nicky Rochat | ♥ Tootie Crateau |

Paws for Applause

We cannot begin to express our gratitude for the myriad of ways individuals and businesses have supported CASA.

- ◆ Anonymous Glass Quest sponsor for 5 years
- ◆ Country Store Stanwood – Petapalooza - \$2,974.50
- ◆ SAAL Brewing – Second fundraiser at restaurant in memory of Barney
- ◆ UPS Stanwood - Printing services
- ◆ Camano Storage – Providing a free storage unit for over 12 years.
- ◆ RE/MAX Elevate – Camano – Hosting Lights of Love Tree – 75 people honored/remembered 309 animals – totaling \$2,450
- ◆ Augusta Lawn Care – Garden Fall/Winter Maintenance
- ◆ Facebook donors who have contributed to CASA as a Facebook charity.
- ◆ Individuals who donate via Amazon and/or participate in Amazon Smile
- ◆ Monthly donors via PayPal
- ◆ SCGive Giving Tuesday – total of \$11,395 (including \$500 prize money) for “Spay and Neuter Shelter Animals” fund.
- ◆ Matching Gifts and Employee Giving participants
- ◆ Estate of Leonard Murr



HAPPY TAILS

Daisy

My mother, Jackie, moved into a retirement home in April and was feeling a little lonely for companionship so we scheduled an appointment to check out the kitties at CASA. When Jackie and Daisy met, there was an instant connection and there was no question they belonged together. They were bonded by the time we reached Jackie's home in LaConner and they've remained best friends ever since.

Daisy sometimes stares up at Jackie like questioning, where have you been all my life? In addition to reveling in the daily companionship, Daisy adores her new environment, including a balcony she loves to sit on taking in the nature that surrounds them, and then coming in to warm at Jackie's feet by the electric fireplace. Daisy and Jackie are truly a match made in heaven and we are all very grateful to CASA for their noble mission of connecting animals in need with caring people to enrich their lives. THANK YOU CASA!

~ Debbie Monetti



Jackie and Daisy perfect together.

Scout

We had been wanting a dog for several years, but were living overseas and it wasn't possible. When we moved to Oak Harbor, we immediately started looking. We found Scouty Boy pretty fast, and kept our eyes on him for a few weeks. His bio said he was a big guy and may not be ideal in a family with small children - we have a 13, 5, and 3 year old, but they are rough and tumble little boys. His size is also likely why he had been at CASA for quite a while.*

He has definitely knocked the kids over a few times, but he also follows them around the house keeping an eye on them. He also gets protective of us and especially likes napping at our feet (our daughter is his favorite, we think). He is patient, loyal, and well behaved. He loves peanut butter, chewing up stuffed animals (we bought him his own stash to play with) and running around being wild with our kiddos. We definitely took a chance but he has been a wonderful addition to our lives. We're glad he has a family to love on and we love him just as much!

~ Ashton Minck

*Scout was featured in the Fall 2021 newsletter as hard to adopt because of his size.



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.

Percy

When Percy came home with us he was a little matted and needed some TCL (tender, loving care) but CASA had restored him to health after what appears to be some tough times in his life. He actually chose us when we came to visit hoping to find our lap kitty. As I sat down to observe the kitties waiting, he calmly came right to me and sought my affection. I think he knew just what to do. Even with his tattered ear, he was just what we hoped for. We brought him across the water to Whidbey Island and he didn't make a peep the whole trip.

We began spoiling him right away and soon found all his food favorites and what toys he enjoys. He loves to watch the birds in their window feeder. He's so calm and affectionate to all in our house and now has a special place in our hearts. My husband who is becoming more immobile has made a special connection with him and they are buddies! Percy is curious and sweet tempered. We continue to find ways to meet his needs while he continues to enjoy his new life and bring us joy. We are grateful to CASA for their excellent care and whoever brought Percy there as a stray. He will enjoy a long cat-happy life as long as possible.

~ Shirley Baublitz



Percy's tattered ear makes him lovable.

Tater Tot



Tater Tot doesn't realize her age.

One day, after a particularly rough day at work, my wife sent me a photo of a doggo named Tater Tot. Tater was looking for a home to spend her golden years and after some discussion about how caring for an older dog might have its challenges, we realized there was never any doubt that we wanted to meet her. Her smile alone was worth the trip from Sultan to the shelter. What made it even better was her personality. Our first meeting was (put as simply as possible) a joy. She has a bouncy personality that is driven by the very Aussie personality of GO followed by BORK. And then a nap.....

Simply put, you would not know this lady is 9-ish years old. To be perfectly honest, I'm certain she doesn't even realize her age. We loved her immediately and although there has been an occasional disagreement about whose doggie bed is whose. Our 9 year old Jack-Russell-Corgi-Chihuahua mix took to her pretty well and they get along like two retired old geezers on a road trip together. Some snacking, some sweet moments and some time spent yelling at squirrels and clouds. It's rather adorable.

We are so thankful and grateful for the addition of Tater Tot to our home. And she makes it home, she seems to have a knack for detecting when someone is sad or upset. Usually she's right there with snuggles and kisses. Thank you to CASA for giving us this lovely lady. Her love for us has been obvious since day one and has only grown. What a lovely lady for us. Thank you so much.

~ Bradley and Rosita Ives

BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!

In 2021 over \$10,665 was collected via 26 donation boxes at Stanwood/Camano Island businesses

Winning locations this year:

Grocery Outlet and IGA and Elger Bay Store

Other lead locations include Plaza Chevron, Ace Hardware and Camano Commons Marketplace

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

Shelter Improvements Update

Since the last update in the Fall Newsletter, the front lobby and bathroom have been renovated and a new critter room installed where the medical area for adoptable cats was located.

A new easy to clean floor was installed in the lobby, tub room and bathroom and the walls were painted. In the lobby, the wooden front desk (used for years by staff and relaxing cats) was replaced by a sleek, much prettier desk. The new desk is a welcome addition. The old kitchen style cabinets have been removed and a bank of new base cabinets installed in back of the desk along the wall. The desk has been decorated with cheery dog-themed wallpaper.

Both the front door and the door to the bathroom were replaced. The most exciting part has been the addition of the critter room. With its glass door, the room will house kittens, cats that are available for adoption but cannot be with other cats, or other cases where it is fitting. This might mean that we will no longer have to house kittens in the bathroom. The manager has moved into her office and the treasurer/board office has a new computer.

The tub has been removed and a cabinet with a sink and upper cabinets will be installed (on hold until the countertop can be obtained). This step is critical to allow us to function correctly because it will provide a place for washing and storing the dishes and also storage for the cat food that is temporarily housed elsewhere. We have purchased shelving for the new area. While the majority of the improvements have been completed, we will not fully realize the benefits until everything is in its place. We look forward to the time when we can invite you to visit.



2021 Intake and Outcome Statistics - Over 380 Animals Came to CASA

Intake		Owner Surrender	Return	Seized / Custody	Stray	Transfer In	Total
Cat	Total	68	3	1	104	70	246
Dog	Total	30	4	17	37	48	136
Other	Total	1	0	0	1	0	2
Total		99	7	18	142	118	384

In 2021, 384 animals (including cats, dogs, a bird and 1 Guinea Pig 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 48 dogs and 70 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	Return to Owner	Transfer Out	Died	*DOA	*PTS	Missing
Cat	Total	222	5	2	3	4	5	6
Dog	Total	74	43	14	0	1	1	0
Other	Total	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		298	48	16	3	5	6	6

Of the animals that came to CASA in 2021, 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.

By Appointment Only

We continue to limit foot traffic into the shelter to keep our very small staff healthy so they are able to keep caring for the animals that call CASA home.



Call or ring the bell next to the shelter door for appointments/ assistance during open hours.

Email at any time. Masks required.

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

*Visit Amazon.com or Smile.Amazon.com
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Or click on Amazon Wish List from our website.
When you place an order from our Amazon.com wish list,
your donations will be shipped directly to our shelter!*



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.

----- **YES . . . I WANT TO HELP ANIMALS IN NEED** -----

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

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.)

I do not need a receipt for my donation.

My employer will match my gift. Enclosed is my completed matching gift form.

I am interested in becoming a volunteer.

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CASA ANIMALS ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF FOREVER HOMES — CASA NEWS



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. 2022 dog licenses 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.

SUPPORT CASA WHILE YOU SHOP

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.

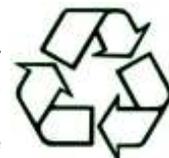


GLASS QUEST- February 18th - 27th

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.

SHARE CASA WITH OTHERS

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.



To make a donation from your mobile phone, just scan the QR code.

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