



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

The new year is here and CASA is hoping to help even more animals in 2013. Many people know we transfer in dogs in from other shelters who are out of time or need a change of venue. Sometimes we receive calls asking if we can take pregnant dogs and litters of underage puppies with or without their mothers to care for them. Usually we are not in a position to say yes due to the lack of foster homes.

This year we are hoping to change that. We are in need of dedicated volunteers who are open to the possibility of taking in puppies until they are old enough to spay and neuter and/or pregnant dogs who need a comfortable place to live while they wait for their puppies to arrive. Those mothers will stay in the foster home and care for their young until the puppies are weaned. In an ideal situation we would love to have a different foster home where she is separated from her puppies and could stay for 2-3 weeks while her milk dries up and she gets ready to be spayed and up for adoption. The length of time puppies need to stay in a foster home varies and is based on the age the puppies go into foster and their breed size. Generally we hope they are big enough for surgeries at 6-8 weeks of age. Small breeds or male puppies may need to wait a little longer to be altered.

If you are interested in possibly becoming a foster home for dogs please call or visit the shelter and speak with a staff member. When you sign up to become a foster home, your name goes on a dog foster list. You will receive a call from the staff with information about the dog(s) needing foster care and you decide if it would be a good fit for you at that time. If not, we will contact you for the next one and you have the same decision to make. Fostering is not only rewarding, it saves lives!

Tegan Locker

NAENAE AND HER NINE PUPPIES

NaeNae is a boxer-mix who was owned by someone on the Olympic Peninsula. When she gave birth to nine puppies it turned out that her owner did not have the time nor could they afford to keep her and the pups. They came in contact with a local rescuer who offered to take them. The owner didn't follow through and the rescuer didn't hear back from the owner. In the following days NaeNae and her pups moved around from one house to another while the owner tried to figure out other options.

The rescuer was worried about NaeNae and her puppies and out of desperation, called the only vet in the area in hopes that they knew of the person who owned her. Amazingly, NaeNae and her puppies were all at the vet's. NaeNae had been kicked in the face

by a llama and who had broken her jaw. She had surgery resulting in parts of her jaw being wired back together. NaeNae was already severely underweight by the time she wound up at the vet and it was clear she had not been fed. As a result, the puppies were not getting what they needed and NaeNae was literally skin and bones. With nine nursing puppies and her now requiring a soft food diet, her weight would remain a struggle.

In spite of all she was put through, she was extremely sweet and a very good mother. The rescuer cared for NaeNae very well, but knew she and her puppies needed a different environment and her puppies would soon be ready for placement.

He contacted CASA's shelter manager and asked if CASA had space for NaeNae and her puppies. Once the transfer was arranged, NaeNae and her nine puppies made the five hour trip to CASA.



NaeNae arriving at CASA, just skin and bones



NaeNae as she left for her foster home

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I love CASA!



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.

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Ready for a new life. Look at those paws!

When she arrived, NaeNae was still severely underweight. She and her pups were lucky that day. They ended up staying together in an extra large kennel at CASA which also happened to be the warmest spot they could be. There were five male and four female puppies. The pups were put up for adoption once they were weaned. After they were spayed and neutered they went to their new families.

NaeNae has been placed with a foster family. She will stay with them until her milk dries up and she is a healthy weight. By then her jaw should be healed, she will be spayed while also having the wire in her jaw removed, then she will be ready for adoption. She is a sweet, loving dog and will be a wonderful pet for the right family.

Once again, NaeNae and her pups' story has a happy ending because of networking between animal rescues and shelters. CASA thanks Steve Markwell of the Olympic Animal Sanctuary for rescuing NaeNae and bringing her and the puppies to CASA so they could find

forever homes.

**Update: Just prior to publication NaeNae found her forever home.*

Did You Know?

In 2012 – **425** animals came to CASA:

231 cats

185 dogs

6 rabbits, **2** guinea pigs, **1** turtle

On an average, CASA housed **45** animals a day (at shelter / in foster)

On November 1st there were **86** animals in CASA's care.

A cat adoption special running through November and December resulted in **54** cats/ kittens finding forever homes.



Inquisitive CASA residents check out the donation.

Make A Difference Day

In October, supporters from Arlington and Marysville gathered together to give 200 lbs dog food, 150 lbs cat food, 14 jars baby food and a box of milk bones ... all in honor of Make A Difference Day. Make A Difference Day, created by USA WEEKEND Magazine is held the fourth Saturday of each October and is about "giving back to your community and serving others." More to follow as CASA invites you to participate in 2013's day of service.

***www.goodsearch.com* – You Search, CASA Wins!**

When making searching on the Internet, use Yahoo! powered **www.goodsearch.com** as your search engine of choice and they will donate a penny to CASA every time you submit a search. Make sure to choose CASA as your charity of choice by entering simply "Camano Animal" during step one at the bottom of the page as you visit for the first time.

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Hours:
Wed - Fri 11 - 3
Sat 11 - 4
Sun 11 - 3
Mon & Tues Closed

Mark Your Calendar!

CASA Friends

*First Thursday of each month 7 PM
At the Camano Multi-Purpose Center*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Greater Northwest Glass Quest

*Saturday, February 15th -
Saturday, February 24th*

Little Whiskers Open House

Saturday, April 20th

Bake and Plant Sale

Saturday, May 11th

Flea Market

Saturday, June 1st

Car Wash and Pet Food Drive

Saturday, June 22nd

**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
- Candie's Kids
- Canine Cozy Care Resort, LLC
- Cat Nap Inn, LLC
- Certified Services Auto & Truck Repair
- Dog Style Grooming
- Edward Jones - Peggy Burr
- Geoffrey H. Anderson, D.D.S.
- Glass Tech Stanwood, Inc.
- Island Critter Sitters
- Krista's Pet Spaw
- Mark's Camano Pharmacy
- Moonlighting Pet and Livestock Care
- Moonswept Studio
- Northwest Veterinary Clinic - Stanwood
- Pet Neuter and Vaccination Clinic
- Pratt Pest Management NW
- Puget Sound Tree Care LLC
- Robert L. Stanton, D.P.M.
- Silver Springs Landscape & Design LLC
- State Farm Insur. - Leslie Tripp Agency
- Thomas Assoc - Insurance Brokers, Inc.
- TimLabs
- Ultimate Arch Orthotics
- Whidbey Island Bank
- Windermere Real Estate
- Windermere Real Estate - Linda Evans

CASA Alumni



Lucy Estep-Lund
(formerly Winter)
Adopted August, 2012



Daisy Ambrus
(formerly Lady)
Adopted August, 2012



Harley Cushman
Adopted April, 2012



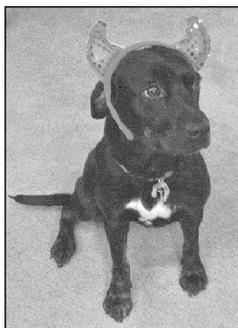
Blue Copley
Adopted November, 2012



Jake Timmol
(formerly Victor)
Adopted April, 2012



Vida Maxwell
(formerly Cheerio)
Adopted November, 2012



Molly Daum
(formerly Zoey)
Adopted October, 2012



Frankie Young
Adopted November, 2011

HAPPY TAILS

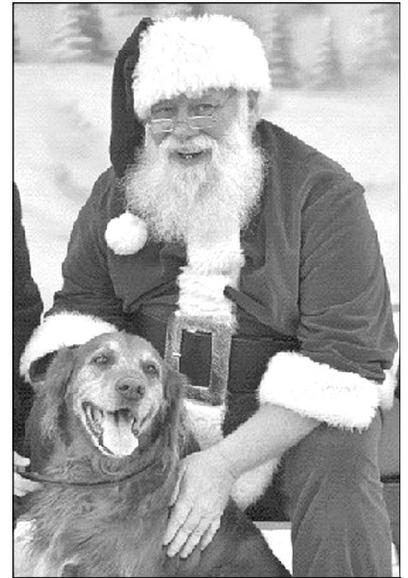
Buddy

A female Golden Retriever puppy was my birthday wish. So in March 2002, we went searching and our path brought us to Camano Island and the CASA Animal Shelter. We were kind of nervous, when we walked over to the fenced cages looking from the outside at the dogs barking and jumping at the fence. There was a Golden Retriever among them, but he was male and no puppy.

We went in to look at the animals inside. However, the only Golden Retriever available was the two year old male that had welcomed us outside. One of the ladies brought "Buddy", the Golden Retriever, to meet us even though, we stressed the fact that we were looking for a female Golden Retriever pup. Buddy was friendly, sniffed us and wagged his tail wildly. We were ready to leave, when the lady said, why don't you take Buddy with you and see how it goes; if you don't want to keep him, you can bring him back." That must have been a trick. Good luck! How could one ever bring him back, when he looked at you with his trusting eyes, wagging his tail.

Buddy moved into our house and, pretty soon, he was running the show and has been ever since. Today, Buddy is my best friend. He tells me when to get up in the morning so we can go for his walk and, should I have a lapse of memory during the day, he reminds me what comes next. In September he got quite sick. After extensive tests, we found that he had cancer of the spleen and that internal bleeding caused him to be anemic, consequently this weakened him to the point that he couldn't even stand up any more. After the operation, he perked right back up and today he is his old self. He takes his medicine and, hopefully, he will have many more happy days.

- Roslinde Wilson



Buddy visited Santa this year.

Sparrow

We adopted Sparrow from CASA in September/October 2010. She has truly developed into a wonderful dog and is about five years old now. She is the sweetest little girl. She still doesn't bark much, which is great, and has found other ways of letting us know she needs out, like jumping on us while we are sleeping! She enjoys our boat trips and daily walks, although she's not too fond of the rain. We are truly thankful that we found her and that she was so well taken care of by NOAH and CASA!

- Diana Halladay and Chris

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Sparrow watches from her warm blanket.

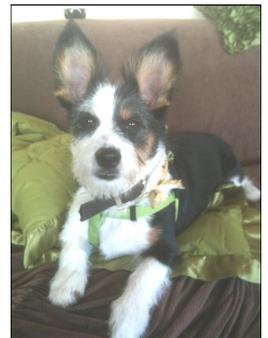
Radar

The heart of a foster parent is warm and caring...they unselfishly take in an unloved boy or girl and cherish them with their family members including other pets. How amazing are they? My beautiful journey not only starts with the new love in my life, my little man Radar, it also begins a forever friendship with his foster momma Sheri Rhoads (CASA).

I am so grateful for the love and devotion that Sheri showed my Radar while he and I were waiting to come into each other's lives! She gave him a safe home environment, helped in socializing and firming behavior problems, graciously exposed him to children and other pets. It was an honor for her to choose me to care for this little angel...I am forever grateful to this wonderful lady and all her unconditional love.

I am SO blessed to have Radar in my life, he has been a joy to me and my family. Thank you!

- Susan Friedman



Here's Radar. Can you guess how he got his name?

HAPPY TAILS

Hoss and Bode

We want to thank all the wonderful people at Camano Island Animal Shelter who helped us adopt not one but two great dogs! We adopted Hoss in November 2011 and he is just the perfect companion. He loves playing frisbee and insists on carrying it himself. He is well behaved, loyal and knows how to get comfortable - usually snuggled on the couch.

We adopted Bode (formerly Dale) in March 2012. Bode was a almost blind when we adopted him. But that didn't stop us from falling instantly in love with him! We took him to a veterinary ophthalmologist who told us Bode had an advanced stage of Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) but still had some vision. PRA is non-painful and vision loss is slow. Bode also has a disease unique to Golden retrievers - Golden Retriever Uveitis. This can be painful and potentially blinding if not medically controlled and monitored. Fortunately, this was caught in time and all Bode needs is daily anti-inflammatory eye drops. Bode will never regain full vision, but at his last check-up we were told his vision had improved!

Bode loves going on his daily walks with Hoss and has become a very important member of the family. We call him our "angel" dog.

- Dave and Stacey Ruby



Hoss, his frisbee, and good friend Bode.

Bella

Bella has brought our family much joy. Though little size, she has done big things for us. I understand now that dogs take a lot of patience and time when training. She used to be shy and wimpy, but now she is our brave watchdog. She still isn't brave enough to guard us though. I have helped her conquer some fears.

Sometimes I feel like she is talking to me. I know it sounds weird, but I talk back to her since she is my friend. She is learning to trust me more and when it's time for training she accepts the harness.

I brush her every day, brush her teeth once in a while, feed her day and night, bathe her and I also throw her toy for her to retrieve. She likes running down the hall with me on her leash. She also likes training especially when it involves food. I have a feeling that Bella has a long, happy life ahead of her. I hope my feeling is right. She will always be my best friend.

- Andrea Henning



Andrea and Bella

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.



February 15-24, 2013

**CASA Joins
Glass Quest
February 15 – 24
Stop by and visit**



Protecting Your Pet

In October, CASA sponsored an ACCES Pet First Aid and CPR course that was well attended. An ASPCA handout that includes hazards in the home, dangerous household plants and holiday hazards was distributed and extra copies are available at the shelter. Learning about harmful substances and what to do in case of emergency is critical for all pet owners.

Here is a brief introduction, but learn more about this and animal care by going to www.asPCA.org and then to Pet Care and Animal Poison Control Center.

Are there certain potentially harmful substances that pets get into more than others?

Each year, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center manages more than 150,000 calls. The following common household goods and products are involved in more calls than any other items:

Prescription and over-the-counter drugs, both of the human and pet variety, including painkillers, cold and flu preparations and antidepressants. The ASPCA cautions pet owners to never give their four-legged family members any type of medication without first talking with a veterinarian. All drugs should be kept out of reach, preferably in closed cabinets above countertops.

Insecticides and insect control products such as flea and tick preparations and insect baits. Some species of animals can be particularly sensitive to certain types of insecticides, so it is vital that you follow label instructions exactly and never use any product not specifically formulated for your pet.

Common household plants such as lilies, azaleas and kalanchoe, rhododendron, sago palm and schefflera can also be harmful to pets.

Chemical bait products designed for mice, rats and other rodents. When using any rodenticide, place the product in areas that are completely inaccessible to companion animals.

Common household cleaners such as bleaches, detergents and disinfectants. Gastrointestinal distress and irritation to the skin, eyes or respiratory tract may be possible if a curious animal has an inappropriate encounter with such products.

Poison Hotlines:

ASPCA: **1-888-426-4435** (a \$65 consultation fee may apply)
Pet Poison Helpline: **1-800-213-6680** (a \$39 per incident fee is charged)

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You Can Make a Difference

There are many ways you can help. Gifts of all sizes make such a difference in the lives of the precious animals; with your help we can make our community a better place for all.

YOU CAN:

- Send a donation in the enclosed envelope or stop by our shelter to make an immediate gift.
- Visit our website and click on the link to make a gift online.
- Commemorate a special occasion with a gift to the shelter; many gifts can be made in honor or in memory of friends, family and pets. We will mail an acknowledgement to the individual or family. Memorials to pets appear in the newsletter.
- Give through your workplace. Check to see if your company provides an employee giving opportunity or if your employer will match part of your contribution to CASA. CASA is a 501(c)(3) organization.
- Donate through the King County or Snohomish United Way.
- Include CASA in your will or other estate planning tools.
- Give of your time, become a volunteer!

Donate Your Car

Our vehicle donation program is made possible through our partnership with 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.



Be a Responsible Pet Owner

Picking up dog waste from the yard, park or street is important to maintain a sanitary environment for all the dogs in the neighborhood. Clean up to reduce the spreading of worms and parasites. Please keep our parks and neighborhoods clean.

BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!

The local businesses who display our donation collection boxes are appreciated!
Featured location this period:
Jasmin Thai Restaurant

WISH LIST

GENERAL SUPPLIES

- Copy paper
- Liquid Bleach
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- Liquid Dish Soap (*no antibacterial*)

PET FOOD

- KMR - Kitten Milk Replacement
- Baby Food - small jars of pureed meats
- Royal Canin "Babycat" & kitten dry food
- Canned Kitten Food
- Dry Kirkland Dog/Cat Food (*Costco*)
- Soft dog treats

PET SUPPLIES

- Non-clumping/Clay cat litter or pellets



Visit Amazon.com and enter "Camano Animal Shelter" to see our Wish List

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:

- Adonis Kerrigan (formerly Brinx)*
- Chester Yassick*
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**CASA ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF
FOREVER HOMES**



I am Buttercup a Shih Tzu / Bulldog mix. I came in with my sister Rosie. We are looking for a nice place to call home. I would like a home with no cats and no small children. I know that's a lot to ask, but we would really like to get to know you without distractions. I am leash trained, potty trained and like to play with balls.

Frankie is a little shy, but she gets along with other cats as long as they are friendly. She loves to be brushed and will purr for ear scratches. She is a beautiful Tortie girl with lots to share with the right family. Come visit her, she will warm your heart with her charm.



Lipstick isn't quite a kitten but she is still a sweetheart. She loves to sit on your lap while you stroke her head. She appreciates a good brushing, and will purr to let you know you're doing a good job! Come in and meet her today!

Penny Lane is a beautiful 2 year old odd-eyed (one blue, one gold) Turkish Van. She is an indoor only queen looking for a nice quiet home to share. She would appreciate a home with adults and lots of pillows to lounge on. Someone to groom her locks, give her lots of attention, toys and fun things to play with.



Dexter is young Labrador Retriever/ Shepherd mix. Dexter knows lots of commands and loves to please. He is incredibly smart and a fabulous listener. He likes other dogs, but would like to choose his canine house mate too. Dexter is still young and needs typical puppy attention and someone who can continue his training.

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See Naenae's Story.....



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