



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".



Join CASA on Facebook!

We love to share photos of our animals and updates on events. Post your photos too with our 6,700+ Facebook friends!

www.facebook.com/camanoshelter

NEW - CASA is now a Facebook Charity -
Select CASA as a Fundraiser



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

Recently I had to say goodbye to my cat that I rescued as a kitten. My last two cats that passed lived happily each until the age of 24, so having to make an end of life decision for my cat at just 15 years old was incredibly hard. Regardless of whether the choice is the right one or the only one left, it is still always the hardest one. I knew there was no coming back for my cat. I had already been treating her slow organ failure. Are we really ever ready for this though?

"How do I know when it is time to help them go?" people ask a lot. I am a firm believer that every pet is unique and a pet owner knows their pet best, but even the best homes can have a very hard time letting go which may lead to a pet suffering more. I don't feel that it's any easier for me, but I guess I have guides which I use professionally that help me review facts and put aside my emotions. Is discomfort outweighing the animal's joy? Is care and medication easing enough of their discomfort? Is this something they can recover from and have good quality of life? If I know what the end of the road looks like, do I need to keep driving just to see it? Is it fair for my pet to be on that road with me simply because I myself am having an inner struggle? *Our pain is inevitable when we lose a pet, but their pain doesn't have to be.* We can help them by making sure that their final days are still happy for them and not allow their final days to be miserable or painful - if we can help it. The vet asked me if I was sure I was ready and I said "I will not prolong her suffering." I do tell myself this, even at the shelter, and I think saying it out loud helped me that day too.

The time after your pet passes can be the hardest. There is an emptiness even if you still have other pets. That day I took my cat in to end her suffering I had a hard time getting out of my car to go into work afterwards. I went straight to the bathroom where four terrified and unsocialized little dogs were and locked myself inside. I sat on the floor among them and slowly I gained a lap full of scared, yet curious little snugglers. They needed something from me and I needed something from them. We soaked in each other's company - in silence. Have you lost your pet recently? Do you want to try some pet therapy? You are always free to visit our shelter and sit with the animals. You could even join our volunteer team if you wish, but you're more than welcome to just come interact with them. As much as you think you may need their closeness, they really could use yours too.

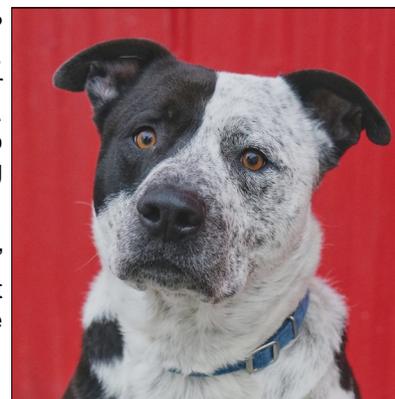
Tegan Locker - Shelter Manager

Hard to Adopt

CASA is a no-kill shelter, but what does that really mean? By definition, we never euthanize for space or convenience. This means we have to work even harder to find homes for all of the animals, including those who are harder to adopt. Since they will be with us longer than others, we strive to make their stay with us a pleasant one while marketing them more frequently to the public.

Two of our residents certainly fall into the "hard to adopt" category. Facebook followers will recognize their stories, but we want to share them with you so that you realize what the words "no-kill" mean for these dogs and for the shelter.

Bruno, a stocky pit bull/Australian cattle dog mix was featured with his friend, Mac, in last year's winter newsletter as an example of dogs that were bonded. Since then we spoke at length with their previous home and found that they would probably be fine apart despite how much they cared for each other. Mac has since been adopted and Bruno is



Bruno is a big loveable dog waiting for a home.

See more on page 2 - Hard to Adopt

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 15th -
Sunday, February 24th

Free Microchip Clinic

TBD

Little Whiskers Drive

TBD

Bake and Plant Sale

Saturday, May 11th

Draw Cat/Dog Art Contest

Saturday, May 11th

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doing amazingly well by himself. The shelter dog walkers have pointed out how much calmer they think he is without having to worry about protecting his little insecure friend.

Bruno is looking for a home without cats and or children. He has a history of doing good with other dogs, small and large, as long as they are calm. He is not a fan of boisterous and energetic dogs. The other dog should also be secure so Bruno doesn't feel the need to keep them safe. He even used to attend daily doggy daycare with group play.

Bruno does not have the best kennel manners with strangers and can seem a bit scary with his deep bark sometimes, but he is a very sweet dog. He is quite strong so his forever home should be ready for a workout on walks and have good dog experience. Bruno has skin allergies so he will must be on a special food and may need to stay on daily Apoquel in a home environment. He is currently on a grain free single source protein kibble, but would also love a raw feeding home!

He has been with CASA since October 2017. During the kennel renovation, he went to Everett Animal Shelter for a brief stay. Bruno seems very content with the new glass dog suites and music playing in the background, but would much prefer the love of a family in a home environment.

Raider, a six year old Golden Retriever, was brought to CASA by people who acquired him and another dog when they were abandoned by a neighbor. Although Golden Retrievers are quickly adopted, Raider's background has placed him in the "hard to adopt" category. He has spent his life mostly outside and will need basic training. Raider does pull on a leash and is a very rude greeter due to his lack of training and knows no basic commands so will need to be taught these things as well as potty training. Potential adopters must be skilled in training dogs to get the best from Raider.



Raider is friendly and playful but needs training.

He has lived with adults and children over nine years old. Raider is a more dominant dog and doesn't do well with small dogs or other dominant dogs. He would do best paired with a like-size (or larger) non-dominant dog with monitored or separated feeding so he doesn't keep another dog from eating. He is friendly and playful, but does love to over-lick objects (like patio doors, fences, windows) to show his excitement and sometimes anxiety. Raider has vet diagnosed OCD-licking which will need to be managed and may also be helped by keeping him active and busy.

As a no-kill shelter, these dogs will stay with us until we find the right home for them. We urge you to help us find the caring people who will adopt these animals in need so that their lives can be enriched forever.



Raider and Bruno now enjoy the quiet well-lit glass kennel suites while soothing music plays. From their prime locations they are easily viewable by guests and they can see what is happening.

Stop by and visit

Feb 15th - 24th

During Open Hours



CASA Alumni

**THANK YOU
BUSINESS MEMBERS!**

AAA Backflow Testing & Svc, LLC
 Advantage Accounting & Tax Services
 Affordable Pet Care
 Apollo Concrete Sawing, Inc.
 AWR Inc. / General Contractor
 Camano Body Shop, Inc.
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 Camano Center
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 KittyStar Services - Diane Venberg
 Krista's Pet Spaw
 Lenz Enterprises
 Mark's Camano Pharmacy
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 Northwest Veterinary Clinic - Stanwood
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 Starlight Vintage Emporium
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 TimLabs: Windows Computer Services
 Totally Tails Pet Care Services
 Tulalip Tribes*
 Twin City Lanes
 Washington Federal
 Windermere Real Estate
 Windermere Real Estate - Linda Evans

* New business member

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



Lord Beerus (and friend)
Adopted Oct 2018



Leroy Hoover
Adopted Oct 2018



Kodie Tilleson
Adopted May 2011



Remy (Robin) Ostrofe
Adopted Oct 2018



Copper Huyler
Adopted Oct 2018



Ziggy Sweet
Adopted Sept 2018

Our Shelter Wish List

PET SUPPLIES: Cat litter or pellets (our greatest need)

GENERAL SUPPLIES: Liquid bleach, Liquid laundry detergent, Dryer sheets, Liquid dish soap (no antibacterial)

OFFICE SUPPLIES: Standard letter size white copy paper

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
 Enter “Camano Animal Shelter” to see our Wish List
 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!



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.

HAPPY TAILS

Anthony

I first met Anthony in 2017 when he showed up on the CASA website. I went up to visit him and he would not come out from under the cat cages. He was so afraid of everything and most people. I wanted to adopt him then, but I was unable to drive up there every day for him to get to know me. I ended up adopting another dog from somewhere else but hadn't forgotten about Anthony.

About a year later in 2018 he showed up on the website again. I was shocked to say the least. I had moved to Arlington and this time I was going to make every effort to make him mine. I went up to meet him and fell in love. I drove to CASA multiple times just to sit with him. On the fourth or fifth trip they finally let me take him home! I was so happy! At first, he was afraid of everything! I got him a crate so he could have somewhere to go to feel safe, which he used a lot in the beginning.

It's been a few months now and needless to say he has come out of his shell and his crate. He loves to go for car rides and to the park and run around the backyard.

He follows my other dog around like a lovesick puppy even though she bosses him around a lot. The crate is now gone and even though he is still afraid of loud noises he has really come around. He has found his forever home and I have found my forever dog!

~ Trish Young



Anthony loves to go for car rides.

Note: Anthony spent several months at CASA in 2017 and was finally adopted. After staying in his home for six months, he was brought back to CASA due to a change in family circumstances. This time he spent another five months in the back office slowly becoming accustomed to the staff and occasional visitors.



Lily is a registered support dog.

Lily

About 10 years ago I adopted a 4 yr old Golden Retriever mix from your shelter. Her name is Lily, I adopted her for my granddaughter of 6 yrs old. My granddaughter is now 16 years old and Lily turned 15 on December 1 2018. Lily is now a registered support dog for my granddaughter who is autistic.

The two of them are best friends. Lily is an awesome dog with an amazing personality. I urge others to adopt from shelters as Lily has brought us so much love and joy. Thank you for all you do at the shelter.

~ Karen Newburn



Coco has her own Facebook page.

Coco

Coco is a wonderful little being, who has helped our other dog Roscoe be a dog. Roscoe has pretty severe anxiety issues and we thought another dog might give him someone to follow as an example of how a dog should be a dog. It has worked both ways, Roscoe has gained confidence and Coco has learned new skills. Watching Roscoe she has learned to shake a paw, do a spin and stay on place (bed) while the people eat – treats just happen!

She has full mastery of the power of cute, by being both able to burrow under the blankets and push you out of bed while you marvel at how darn cute she is. Or the wiggles she does on her back for no reason, just roll over and wiggle, wiggle. We debated adding a second dog to our household for a long time because of Roscoe's issues and we are so glad it was Coco. Roscoe won't admit it but he likes her.

I should also mention that if anyone wants to follow her on Facebook, her page is Coco Bean Fraser.

~ Matt Fraser

Tobert

We adopted Tobert (Bert) and have been enjoying him so much. He doesn't hide anymore! It took me a little time to coax him out to meet him at CASA, but after about two days at our house, Tobert became much more confident. He also adjusted to our senior dog very quickly.

Some of the fun surprises we discovered about Tobert is that he loves to play fetch with his favorite toy, a shoe string! He is not so into the fun cat toy balls I got him. But he will bring back that shoe lace over and over again! He also loves to race through the kitty tunnel we brought him. And he loves spending time looking out the window on his cat tree, which is also a preferred nap location. He's a good sport about being picked up and cuddled a lot.

~ Greg Herschman



Tobert loves looking out the window on his cat tree.

Kittens, Kittens, Kittens

Who needs television when you adopt kitties from CASA? Yes, three of them within one week! One day in June, we stopped by to visit our favorite animal shelter and what did we find but a little tuxedo boy who was found next to his deceased momma. Little Duncan had a very rough start in life. He was too small for adoption and was going into foster. We stopped by CASA when he was just coming available for adoption. We found out that another kitten, Emerson, was just back from foster too. A quick visit with her and YUP, we adopted both of the little furballs.

A week after while visiting CASA with our visiting grandson, we met a very scared long-haired tuxedo girl named Spamoni. Spamoni was actually trapped out of an abandoned house with her litter mates and was a wee bit feral. Okay, quite a bit feral. Our dog Holly, another CASA alumni, became the momma. It was quite amazing to watch as she corralled the babies, gently played with them and was not able to relax until she had all of them together.

As time passed, the kitties have become our favorite form of entertainment and bring great joy to our house. They are spoiled and loved beyond words. Having two dogs and four cats is quite an adventure, but so very worth it.
~ Jon and Bev Lein



Three little kittens together in a basket.

BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!

In 2018 over \$11,700 was collected via 29 donation boxes at Stanwood/Camano Island businesses

Winning locations this year:

Grocery Outlet and IGA

Other top locations include: Ace Hardware (Camano Plaza and Stanwood), Elger Bay Store and Plaza Chevron

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

Legacy of Love

Please remember the animals when you prepare your will or trust documents. Your gift of love and compassion will make a life-saving difference for the animals who are counting on us To leave a bequest, simply write:

"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 \$_____ or _____% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate) for its general purposes." If your gift involves insurance policies, land, stock or other property, please include a description.

CASA - National and State Organizations

Guidestar



In 2018 CASA was granted The Guidestar Silver Seal of Transparency. GuideStar gathers, organizes, and distributes information about U.S nonprofits. The Guidestar mission is to revolutionize philanthropy by providing information that advances transparency, enables users to make better decisions, and encourages charitable giving. They obtain data and aggregate it into GuideStar Nonprofit Profiles, one profile for each organization in their database. Go to www.guidestar.org to view CASA's profile and profiles of other non-profits. Note: you must sign into Guidestar to see the information.

Shelter Animals Count



CASA regularly updates the national Shelter Animals Count database with our shelter counts. Shelter Animals Count is a new, collaborative initiative to create and share a national database of sheltered animal statistics. Shelter Animals Count was created to give shelters the information they need to streamline their business operations, while at the same time making it possible to get a holistic overview of the animal welfare landscape. By creating standardized reporting and definitions for shelter statistics including intake, adoptions, return-to-owner, transfers, euthanasia and shelter deaths it is possible to learn more about the animal welfare community. Individuals cannot log into the database directly, but shelters and other welfare organizations have access to this database, www.shelteranimalscount.org.

WA Federation of Animal Care and Control Agencies



CASA is a member of the WA Federation of Animal Care and Control Agencies. The Federation was formed to provide animal agencies professional support, the opportunity to train and network together, and bring professional growth to the animal protection business. Agency board members are available to assist with shelter design, program information and development, training and animal care and control resources on both a local and national level. The Federation assumes a statewide leadership role with a collaborative approach in advocating animal animal welfare. WA Federation utilizes the Shelter Animals Count database. By participating in this organization CASA is kept abreast of the latest animal welfare and shelter trends.

2018 Intake and Outcome Statistics - Over 600 Animals Came to CASA

Intake	Total	Stray	Surrender	Transfer In	Impound	Return
Cat	347	169	132	35	6	5
Dog	248	59	76	88	15	10

In 2018, 605 animals (including cats, dogs, and other pets) 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. We were able to help 88 dogs and 35 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
Cat	301	4	1	6	17
Dog	189	61	12	0	0

Of the animals that came into CASA in 2018, 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 other cats that had to be put to sleep because they were terminally ill and in the final stages of their illnesses. Thankfully, no dogs died or were put to sleep at CASA in 2018.

Paws for Applause

- Pictures with Santa – Skagit Country Store and Santa Victor
- Island Paw Prints – Anne Crookston (Santa and Dog Wash Photographs)
- Ace Hardware – Camano – Customer Round-up Donations
- Lights of Love Tree – Mark’s Pharmacy
- Heritage Bank – CASA display for month of November
- Skagit Country Store – Paws for a Cause
- SCGives - Giving Tuesday – Total donations - \$8.325
- Amazon Smile and Amazon Wish List customers
- Craig Corliss – donating investment property in King County
- Bequest from estate of Greg Steen
- Pat Lacey Memorial
- Tulalip Tribes Grant
- Matching Gift Companies: Microsoft, Cambia Health, Boeing Employee, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Costco
- Bequest from Paul and Irene Leslie for Kennel refurbishment
- Cris Hollander, Paul and Patricia Knoop, and Tegan Locker for their roles in bringing the Kennel Project to fruition.

Is Your Dog Legal? Get Rover Licensed

Island County requires all dog owners to license their dogs every year. One time is not enough, you must renew each year; there are no exceptions. Make your dog legal and the tag helps identify your dog in case he or she is lost.



2019 dog licenses are now on sale at the Shelter or at the Camano Island Annex on NE Camano Drive. The cost is \$10 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$33 for intact animals.

Important: To obtain a license you must bring proof of current Rabies vaccinations from your veterinarian. To receive the discounted rate for altered (spayed/neutered) dogs proof of spay/neuter from your veterinarian is also required.

<p>"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</p>	<p>In memory of departed pets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ Gracie Hyppa ♥ Lionel Perkins ♥ Reilly Hotter ♥ Taki Root ♥ Raider McClinchy ♥ Parker Myers-Sheaffer 	
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--- YES . . . I WANT TO HELP CASA SAVE LIVES ---

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of:

\$25 \$40 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$ _____

Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Single Membership (\$25) Family Membership (\$40)

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My donation is in Memory/in Honor of a person or pet
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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.

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I am interested in becoming a volunteer.

CASA does not share/sell donor information, and every dollar you give makes a difference. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal welfare organization and no-kill shelter. Federal Tax ID #91-1913293

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



Blizard is always overlooked. She loves to be loved, but isn't a big fan of having her head being touched. Blizard will need a home where her new family will let her settle in at her own pace. Blizard has IBS and will need to eat Earthbound holistic only. This is the only food that will not upset her tummy. Please keep this in mind if considering adoption.

Honey is a sweet girl but takes some time to warm up. When in stressful situations she gets scared and become snappy. She will do best in adult only home or with older respectful dog savvy kids. She seems to do alright with cats and other dogs. Honey is deaf and will need to learn some hand signals.



Levi is a ball of sunshine and energy. He recognizes basic commands and loves being the center of attention. He needs to be the only dog in the house. Levi plays a little rough so would be best in a home with older kids. Cuddling is his main game so be ready for all the kisses and loves you could want! He loves long adventures. Levi is waiting for you.

Goldie is a sweet older lady who enjoys eating catnip, lounging by the window and getting loves everywhere! Goldie has a sensitive stomach and has been on Z/D food to help with that. She has Cystitis which means she gets blood in her urine when she is overly stressed. We have it under control but it is something you will have to keep an eye on for her entire life. She also get hairballs and has been on Catlax to help keep it under control. Come meet Goldie!



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Sign up at www.smile.amazon.com.

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