



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.

**We need you . . .
become a CASA volunteer**



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We love to share photos of our animals and updates on events. Post your photos too with our 4,500+ Facebook friends!

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Message from the Shelter Manager

Summer time is always the most active time of the year for shelters. When the sun comes out so do stray animals and many end up finding their way to the shelter for safe keeping until their owner can be located. In addition to an increase in stray services during warmer months it is also peak time for animal adoptions. Many homeless pets find new loving homes amidst the beach, boating, and camping adventures. Foot traffic is heavy and new people come and go bringing new awareness to our little but mighty shelter that is tucked away here on Camano Island. Many CASA supporters have friends and family who come to visit them and it seems that they always need to bring them to see "their shelter" which we love and so do the animals. Active months at the shelter are productive months and more help for pets.

Now that fall has arrived, if you know someone you would like to share CASA with there are so many ways you can do this. In addition to physically bringing them here for a tour you could share the story of a specific CASA animal with them, pass on this very newsletter once you are done reading it, or tell them about the photo tour of CASA's shelter they can find through the red button on the front page of our website. Follow us on Facebook and share our posts. Whichever fashion you choose – we hope you will spread the knowledge of our shelter and our mission to help animals with those around you. Sharing is caring and it also helps save lives right here in your community.

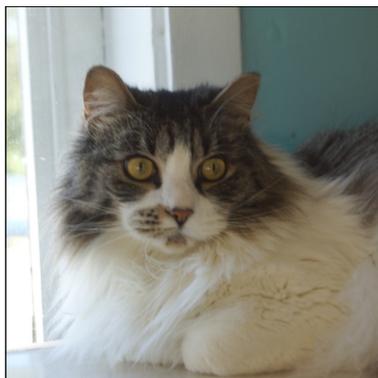
Tegan Locker

From Surrender to New Beginning

Surrendering an animal is difficult for an owner and their pet. We work on keeping pets out of the shelter that really do not need to be there. Sometimes owners call the shelter with the thought of giving up a pet because of issues which seem too much to handle when shelter staff might find them easily corrected behavior issues. Many times we are able to suggest minor changes or provide different insight that ends up making a big impact and allows those owners to keep their pets. Pet owners also call when they have trouble providing food for their pets. We are fortunate, through generous public donation, to be able to give food to these people while they get back on their feet - which in turn keeps them from needing to surrender their pet.

When keeping their pet is not possible, (changes in circumstances such as: moving, new baby, new family member in household, death of caregiver or animal-related issues: no longer uses the litter box, does not get along with other animals, runs away too often, too old or nearing end of life) the staff talks with the family to learn as much as possible about the animal's temperament, dietary and medical needs. In the end the family knows CASA will do the very best to find a forever home for their pet and find comfort in that.

Gathering detailed information helps the staff to know how to care for the animal while they are at the shelter and also helps in future placement. Environment plays a large part in the temperament of animals. Living at the shelter can create a personality which is different than reported. In the case of cats, the gentle carefree cat can initially become anxious or feisty. The changes in circumstances beyond their control leave them bewildered. To help them adjust we can tailor their environment to whatever makes them most comfortable. Social cats are allowed to roam free to slowly acclimate themselves to the new environment. Others are more comfortable watching the free roaming cats from the security of a large cat condo. This allows them to get comfortable without being forced to meet many other cats all at once which can be stressful for some. Sometimes, they find a hiding place on their own in the colony and gradually come out once they feel comfortable. Then there are other



Delila requires a special diet.

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

Free Microchip Clinic

Saturday, Oct 1st

Santa Pictures

Saturday, Nov 12th

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, Nov 29th

Lights of Love

Nov. and Dec.

Annual Meeting

Monday, Dec 12th

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cats which might have been causing issues in their home simply due to lack of attention and the shelter might provide them the daily attention they long for while they find a better suited home.

To keep animals with special dietary or medical needs on the same regime, special food and medications are obtained. Cats requiring special diets are kept in the cat condos so that they cannot access other foods. Delilla requires a special diet to keep her from developing urinary

crystals. This is something her new owner will have to commit to. Kayla arrived with her life-long friend, Max, and her own tray of medicines which the staff continued to administer and which her current family will continue to do. Dwayne, who has been adopted, is on a high end and more expensive special diet consisting of a single protein source and no grain/potato/chicken. Knowing how the animal gets along with other cats and dogs (and children) plays a role in finding the best fitting home. For animals coming to the shelter as "bonded pairs," i.e., they have spent their lives together every attempt is made to be sure they stay together in their new home.



Kayla came with Max and medications.



Dwayne has special diet also.

Many no-kill shelters have limited services and do not take animals from the public in any form. CASA is a well rounded no-kill shelter that provides many other services before the adoption stage. One of our most valued services is accepting owner-surrendered animals from the public as space permits. We commit to these animals until they are placed in loving homes which could be several months. In 2016, 30 percent of the dogs and 42 percent of the cats came to CASA as owner-surrenders. During their stay at CASA, thanks to the loving care of the staff and volunteers, the pets adjust to shelter life and enjoy interacting with volunteers and visitors while they wait to be adopted. For these dogs and cats, this is "a new beginning."

Shelter Improvements Help Animals

CASA continues to make improvements to the shelter facility to provide for the well-being of our animals.

The dog kennel project including the sound-absorbing acoustic tiles and additional lighting has improved the quality of care for the dogs in our shelter. These enhancements will encourage potential adopters to remain in the kennel longer to search for their new family member and enable them to meet dogs who are less stressed and responding to visitors in a more natural manner.

Partial funding for this project was provided by grants from the **Pedigree Foundation** and also the **Binky Foundation**. Tile installation was done by volunteers in four days.

Installation of a new window grate in the lobby allows the window to be open for the staff to communicate with dogs in the yard while still keeping the lobby cats safely inside. Stop by the shelter to see for yourself!





**THANK YOU
BUSINESS MEMBERS!**

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 AWR Inc. / General Contractor
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*New Business Member

CASA Alumni



Chiquilla O'Toole
Adopted July 2016



Grieffy Lente (and his big sister)
Adopted July 2016



Gertie Eden
Adopted Sept 2015



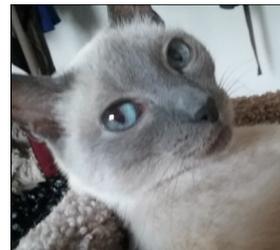
Serena Eden
Adopted Sept 2015



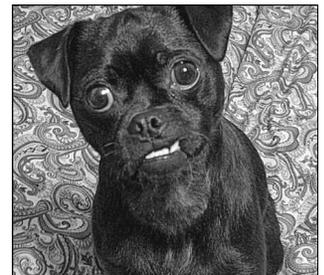
Little Buddy Jones (and Ziggy)
Adopted Aug 2016



Sheba Sanders
Adopted July 2016



Spicy Sanders
Adopted June 2016



Vader (Spider) Bradford
Adopted March 2016

Special Thanks to:

October 1st - Free Microchip Clinic

EVENT SPONSORS



**Rowena DeFato
and
Scott Thor**



HAPPY TAILS

Digger

One day on a leisurely drive around Camano Island in the late spring of 2005, we stopped in at CASA. We were hesitant because the pain of losing our rescue Siberian husky, Alaskan malamute mix was still fresh. While looking at other dogs, we spotted Winnie roaming outside in the yard acting as if the smells out there were so intriguing. We inquired about her; she was just dropped off by a family that found her on the island. As we talked to the CASA staff, a couple times Winnie stood up tall to look at us through the window. That was it for me; I liked her and wanted her. Winnie wasn't available for adoption yet since she had just arrived.

We renamed her Digger, the reason self-explanatory, and she has given us much happiness and laughter over the last 11 years. She's sweet, gentle, funny, playful, and an attention hound. She loves car rides; we almost never leave home without her. She loves exploring new places for walks or hikes. Digger finds joy in burying bones in the garden to save for later. The occasional nap with mom or dad makes her happy and she regularly visits the neighbors for obligatory petting and doggy cookies. Sometimes, she gets to visit her aunt at her horse ranch where Digger likes to hang out with the horses. We are very grateful to have the opportunity to spend every day with her.



Digger and her family

~ Cindy and Todd Matthewson

Scout and Pirate



Scout's lookout

We came to CASA looking for a furry friend, but left with two. Scout, who had lost most of his tail during birth, was wandering around the lobby and very social. Pirate having lost one of his back legs during birth stayed primarily in the cat condo. Everything changed when we brought them home. They instantly adjusted to life in our home. Scout is definitely outgoing and loves to play. Pirate loves belly rubs and enjoys chasing Scout around the house. Pirate gets up and down the stairs perfectly and can jump up into our bed. They love to chase each other up and down our staircase, sun bathe in the windowsills, and cuddle while they catnap. Scout and Pirate are beyond the sweetest, most affectionate brother cats. They have become the center of our world, and we are beyond happy that we get to give them a happy, forever home.

~ Gabrielle Eacobellis and Tim Dear



Pirate is active.

Minami (now Clancy)

Minami, or Clancy as we renamed him is a sweet, funny, goofy guy who has fit right in with our family. There have been a few hurdles we have had to deal with but we are getting there. About a week after we got him Clancy had a major seizure, then a week later another. Our vet determined that he had epilepsy. She prescribed phenobarbital, which Clancy is slowly getting used to. The good news is Clancy is making good progress on his weight loss (he was grossly overweight). He enjoys going for walks and is slowly improving his endurance. Clancy and our daughter have certainly bonded. Thanks for bringing Clancy into our lives.

~ Karen and John Morse



Clancy and his friend

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.

Callie (Now Ruby)

I met Callie in January 2016 when CASA asked me if I would foster a special needs cat. She had a cold and could not get over it. They thought maybe if she was in a foster home it would be less stressful for her. Every day I had Callie the more I fell in love with her. She would cuddle with me and loved to run and meet me at the door. I knew then that Callie was going to live with me the rest of her life. Callie (now called Ruby) lives with six cats (two have special needs) and a diabetic dog. She lives in an adult family home where all the clients love her too. Callie will never get over this runny nose and sneezing, but she has found her forever home.

~ Vicki Chapman



Callie relaxing at home

Moka and Hogg (Now Momo)

When we met the dog formerly known as Hogg, we knew he was our dog. We learned as we left that his mom had just given birth to a litter of puppies the night before at CASA. We renamed him to Momo, which means dumpling. He can be as cute as a dumpling, but with a big dog personality. From the first day, he was great with our chickens and he left the chickens alone. He seemed to have a herding instinct...plus he loved to cuddle and learn tricks (like crawl and roll over). But something was missing. He seemed melancholy, and never wanted to play. Every day he would stare out the window looking for something. We figured out that he really missed his mom.

We emailed CASA to tell them we wanted to reunite them, and they enthusiastically agreed. After the puppies were weaned we went to pick up Moka and found that Moka was half the size of Momo! The two were reunited in the CASA parking lot with wagging tails and big dog smiles. We learned that Moka has a super-star personality, is a great snuggler, and is the Houdini of hounds – she was an escape artist with the speed of a greyhound. She loves baiting Momo to play, and licks his ears and eyes every day like a good dog mama. Momo who previously would not play, started wrestling and chasing toys. It has been heartwarming to see them play together!



Moka and Momo together forever

If you have an opportunity to adopt a bonded pair of dogs – do it! There is nothing like having a sweet pair join your family. It feels good inside to know that you're keeping the love alive. Love wins!

~ Brenna Davis

CASA Van to Save More Lives

2015 Ford Transit Cargo Van
will transport animals

CASA has been in need of a cargo van for a number of years. Currently animals are transported to spay/neuter appointments, checkups, emergency vet visits, adoption events, and transfers from other shelters in the personal cars of our staff and volunteers. Usually we cannot take all of the animals we would like to adoption events, because we can only transport what will fit into a sedan or SUV! As pet owners know, not all animals do well in cars and this leaves personal vehicles falling victim to the results. We need this van to save more lives and work more efficiently for the sake of our animals.

Purchasing this van is a non-budgeted item and so we would like to cover part of the cost via our Van Fundraiser. Can you help CASA reach our goal of \$15,000 to help with the purchase of a reliable van we can depend on for years to come? A van which will be a huge help in helping animals in need? Any amount helps us chip away at this goal! Tell a friend – sharing our need helps more than you know.

Favorite Hiding Places

The best way to find a hiding cat is to ask yourself this question: "If I were a cat, where would I hide?"

- * Under the skirt flap of an upholstered chair
- * Behind the bathtub
- * In a drawer
- * Under the bed
- * Behind the drapes
- * On top of the kitchen cupboards
- * In the folds of a lumpy comforter
- * Behind books
- * Behind the ironing board
- * In a laundry basket
- * In a torn mattress lining
- * Behind an open door
- * In the fireplace
- * In the nook of a cat tree



Where would you hide?

A cat will hide for all sorts of reasons, whether it's the sudden appearance of the cat carrier (indicating an upcoming car trip) or the frightening noise of the vacuum cleaner. Some cats do not feel sociable when company comes over (human or animal). Unless you are in a hurry to make that veterinarian appointment on time or to catch that flight, leave your cat alone for a little while. She will probably come out later when feeling more sociable. However, seek out your cat if she misses the next meal or will not come out of her hiding place. It could be an indication of illness.

(From Cat Care Basics – The Humane Society of the United States)

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)

PET FOOD: KMR – Kitten Milk Replacement, Baby food (small jars of puree meats)
Royal Canin "Babycat" and Kitten dry food, Dry Kirkland Dog/Cat Food, Grain-free dry dog food,
Soft treats and grain-free treats



AMAZON.COM Wish List: Visit Amazon.com or Smile.Amazon.com
Go to Lists... Find a List... and enter "Camano Animal Shelter"
to see our Wish List with NEW items, e.g., security camera



Make Formal Plans for Your Pets and Remember CASA in Your Will

- To ensure long-term care for your pet when you die, make sure your wishes are fulfilled by making formal arrangements that cover the care of your pet as well as money necessary to care for the pet.
- By making a bequest to the Camano Animal Shelter Association (CASA) in your will, you can make a profound and lasting impact on the welfare of countless animals cared for at the shelter every year.

Pro Bono Will Services

Judith R. Hendricks, Attorney will create a FREE Simple Will for individuals willing to commit to leaving a bequest of at least \$1,000 to the Camano Animal Shelter Association in their Will. She will add a bequest for the care of your animals as long as the person named (if they are later unwilling or unable to care for your animal) is directed to bring the animals to CASA for care and placement. She will add language for funding for the care of your animal if you wish to add a bequest for care of your animal either to another family or CASA.*

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*Services do not include setting up Trusts for your minor children or animal loved ones.

Paws for Applause to

- **Memorials** given in memory of **Bev Paulson**
- **Loco Billy's** in Stanwood for donating the venue for our Volunteer Appreciation dinner.
- **The Country Store** for presenting CASA with a \$2,597 check as a result of their "Paws for a Cause" program.
- **Bickford Ford** for generosity in helping us obtain a van
- **On-Site Electric** for generous contribution to lighting project
- **Bob's Welding** for handcrafting our security window

Volunteer Opportunities

- Foster parents and shelter helpers
- Experienced policy and procedure writer
- Marketing and fundraising volunteers



Dog DNA Tests

Now available at CASA, your favorite little shelter! Walk in, buy a test, swab your pooch, mail, and a few weeks later you will know what your adorable dog's breed(s) really are via email.

*The Wisdom Panel 2.0 Dog Breed Identification DNA Tests are \$69.00 + tax and yes we accept credit cards at the shelter.

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:

- ♥ Andi Spector
- ♥ Penny Jeglum
- ♥ Cookie Adair
- ♥ Ramses Walker
- ♥ Lionel Perkins
- ♥ Skyler Hesla
- ♥ Max Spector
- ♥ Whitney Locker

BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!

Featured location this period:

The Spare Room

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

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

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of:

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Email: _____

Single Membership (\$15) Family Membership (\$25)
 Business Membership (\$100)

CASA Van Fundraiser

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.

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.



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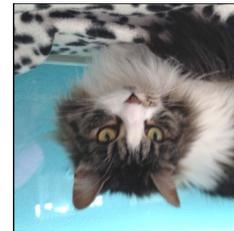


CASA ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF FOREVER HOMES



	<p>CASA Needs a Van to Save More Lives—Can You Help?</p> <p>Donate: At the shelter, via newsletter or www.youcaring.com/casavan or www.camanoanimalshelter.org Via PayPal—Click on Donate tab</p>	<p>Brennan was brought to CASA with her three kittens. Prior to arriving at CASA she and her kittens were living in a barn without human attention. Since she has not had a human companion in awhile, she is a bit shy and wary of new people until I get to know them. Please come to CASA to meet Brennan.</p> 
	<p>Sophie is a special girl looking for a special person. She can be scared with new things and people, but warms up. Sophie does have some hurdles - she seems to have very limited sight in the left eye and may have arthritis in her rear legs which may be from carrying some extra weight. Will you be the special person for Sophie?</p>	<p>Brody is a typical Jack Russell looking for a terrier savvy home with no children. He knows a wide variety of commands. He loves a good nylabone and is a great snuggly TV buddy at the end of the day! Brody had a rough start to life, but has become a wonderful and devoted companion thanks to the work of his last family. Come meet him today!</p> 
	<p>Vivian, 14 years old, is looking for a new beginning and forever home that she can call her own. She is a loving cat who demands affection. She will make a great companion or family cat. If you are looking for a new best friend to share naps and conversation with, Vivian is the cat for you!</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 website: www.donateforcharity.com</p> 

See their stories . . .



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