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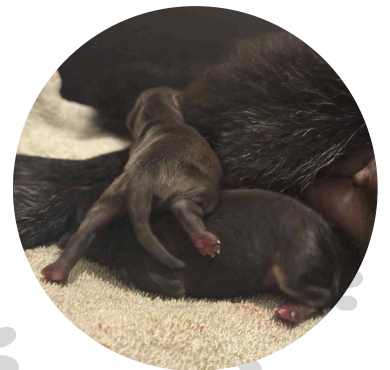


RAINING POMERANIANS

As summer came to a close, a wave of Pomeranians arrived at our facility. CASA assisted a community member who found herself overwhelmed with too many dogs. She made the responsible choice to reach out for our help. In total, she surrendered five adult Pomeranians and two puppies. CASA was quick to provide these furry friends with the tender loving care they needed. Staff, Volunteers, and our Business Supporter Camano Canine Resort all worked diligently to clean and groom these pups. Vet appointments were scheduled the following week and to our surprise two of the adult dogs were pregnant! Each mom was moved into a loving foster home who provided a safe place for them to welp their puppies. CASA is happy to be able to provide the love and care that these precious dogs need and deserve. Each pup will receive the appropriate vetting to ensure they have a healthy start to their new life. This includes: spay and neuter, vaccinations, microchip implantation and treatment for worms and fleas. These fun, furry, four legged companions will be available for adoption near the beginning of November! If you are interested in adopting a Pomeranian, please reach out to us via email casa@camanoanimalshelter.org. It is important to remember that these cute fluff balls are puppies and will require dedicated owners to commit to their full lifetime of care, and who are able to commit time and energy into potty training and socializing.

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Uniting animals in need with caring people, forever enriching their lives.

HAPPY TAILS

MR. KITTY JULY 2025



My journey with Mr. Kitty began when he was attacked by raccoons in my yard this spring. After rushing him to the Pet Emergency Center, he received treatment for his injuries but, lacking a microchip, was taken in as a stray by CASA. I volunteered to foster him, but he developed an infection that required part of his tail to be amputated. Initially unfriendly and prone to biting, he gradually learned to trust me. Now, he seeks attention, enjoys catnip toys, and loves Temptations treats. He has claimed the cat tree and watches birds from the window. Thanks to CASA, Mr. Kitty now has a second chance at life.

-Linda

PICKLE JUNE 2025



He seems very happy with us and is settling in nicely with our other dog. She reluctantly tolerates his incursions into "her" couch space. He is pretty reactive to other dogs when on leash and also to new people but we're already seeing improvement with training. SMART dog! I think we're going to have a lot of fun with him in our family. He is very athletic and we're considering agility once he's more dog tolerant. Lots of love with this one - and endless laughs. He's a goof!

-Kristi



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PICTURED RIGHT

She has no bad days and so much enthusiasm for life. She is such a special little dog. We love her to bits and she's been such a fun addition to our little family of chihuahuas. She spends a lot of time in the back yard sniffing and sun bathing. She also loves wrestling with Pip and Abby (her siblings). We've had a great year with her. We're so thankful for her foster mom caring for her and CASA connecting families with fur babies. I'd be happy to stop by with her to visit if her foster mama wanted to see her!

-Jessica

Pickle, who now goes by Cricket, is fantastic! He is the most chill and easygoing cat we've ever met. He fits right in with his humans and his cat sibling Stella. One of his favorite activities is sitting at the back door watching the birds and squirrels as they eat at the feeders and play on the deck. He chatters at them all day! He also loves to play fetch with us with his favorite toy. We're thrilled to have had the opportunity to find him and bring him home. Thank you CASA!!

-Melissa

Have you adopted from CASA?

Send us an email message with a photo of your pet and we will 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?
casa@camanoanimalshelter.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

CASA FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, October 11TH 10AM-3PM

Stanwood Country Store is hosting their annual Pet-A-Palooza sale! Shop the sale and support your local animal shelter! CASA will be there with the van accepting donations of cat food, dog food, cat litter and more!

FREE MICROCHIP CLINIC

Saturday, October 18TH 11AM-4PM

CASA will be microchipping dogs and cats all day for free! Come on down, register and get in line. All pets must be greater than two pounds, older than eight weeks and easily handled by staff. We microchip on a first come first served basis. No appointment necessary! Please arrive prepared with cats secured in carriers and dogs on a well fitted collar and leash.

TRICK OR TREAT AT CASA

Friday, October 31ST 11AM-5PM

Stop by during this spooky holiday! CASA will be open for animal viewing and passing out treats to our visitors.

PICTURES WITH SANTA

Saturday, November 8TH 10AM-4PM

DID SOMEONE SAY SANTA!?

Santa Claus is coming to town, and he will be at the Stanwood Country Store ready to get his photo taken with you and your furry friends. \$25 per grouping!

ALL ABOUT MICROCHIPS

IMPLANTATION PROCESS

Microchips are about the size of a large grain of rice. They are injected via a hollow needle under the skin between the pet's shoulder blades. The area is sterilized and then the microchip is placed. The procedure does not require sedation and takes roughly three minutes.

HIGHER RETURN TO OWNER RATES

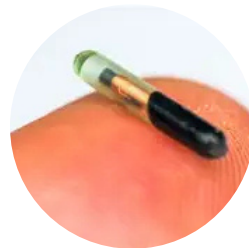
According to the American Animal Hospital Association Microchipped pets are significantly more likely to be reunited with their owners. Statistics show that microchipped dogs have a reunion rate of 52.2%, while microchipped cats have a reunion rate of 38.5%. In contrast, non-microchipped pets have reunion rates of only 21.9% for dogs and 1.8% for cats. This highlights the critical role of microchipping in ensuring pets are easily identifiable and can be returned to their owners if lost.

QUICKER REUNION

Animals who arrive to shelters and veterinary clinics as strays are immediately scanned for microchips, if pets are microchipped and information is up to date staff is able to contact owners immediately. This expedites the reunion process exponentially.

PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION

Microchips provide the security and peace of mind of lifelong identification. Unlike collars or tags microchips cannot be removed.



Paws for Applause

Thank you! Photographers Evan Caldwell & Jim Sorenson, Groomers Kristas Pet Spa & Camano Canine Resort and all of our dedicated volunteers who made the CASA dog wash a success!

Special gratitude to Camaloch Lassies for their generous donation supporting animals in need

Pawsitive State of Mind - Elizabeth Lenz for working with shelter dogs and advising on ways to enrich the lives of dogs in the shelter.

Thank you, Estate of Dorothy Pederson

Managers Message

The need for shelter services is significantly surpassing the available resources. CASA has been overwhelmed with surrender requests for both dogs and cats. While cats can navigate the shelter process relatively quickly. Dogs are not fairing as well. Currently the average length of stay for our dogs is 35 days. Meaning they enter the shelter system and then find their forever home in that time. A majority of dogs entering the shelter or looking for placement are large breed and very active. Surrender reasons are most commonly inadequate housing, inadequate time or a behavior of the animal. The number of weekly dog surrender requests has flooded our shelter inbox. We currently have 10 dogs on our waitlist and our average wait for an open kennel is 4-6 months. Previously CASA would accept surrender requests from off island and on island but due to the influx of surrender requests we are no longer reviewing requests made by individuals outside the Stanwood Camano area and are only able to take in animals from our immediate community. In the meantime staff and volunteers have been finding creative ways to keep our dogs happy and healthy. Enrichment toys, music, playtime in the yard and lots of love and walks.

Dog Yard Enhancements

CASA has a longstanding reputation for maximizing the potential of our compact facility. Over the years, we have implemented numerous upgrades, such as the addition of our Catio, new dog suites, and our latest interior remodel. These enhancements have been made possible by the generosity of our grantors and donors! Thanks to the Stillaguamish Tribes, we are thrilled to announce that our most recent project is now complete: the enrichment yard for our shelter dogs. We have installed artificial turf in the yard, incorporate a climbing structure, set up speakers to play nature sounds or music for the dogs, and create raised flower beds to stimulate their senses. Creating a safe, stimulating, multi-dimensional area for our dogs to hang out greatly impacts their quality of life during their stay at CASA!

Pictured is one happy CASA dog enjoying the new yard!



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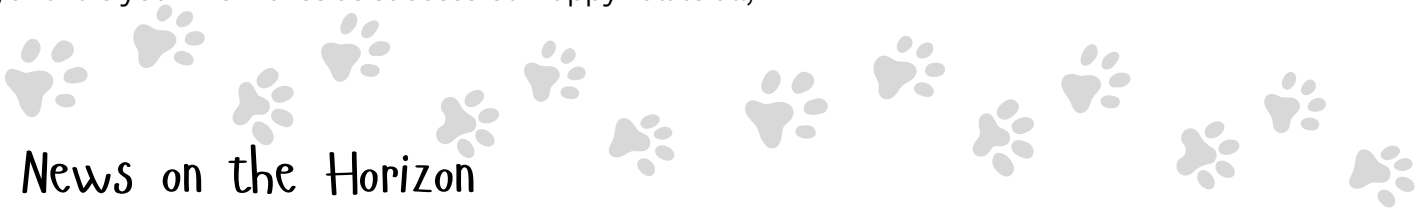
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Message From The Executive Director

Fall has arrived and our shelter is full! Thank you to all the volunteers who come and enrich the lives of animals in our care. Our dog walkers make sure all the dogs get multiple walks per day, play with them in the play yard, and make sure they get to interact with people in positive, encouraging ways. Our cat volunteers continue to play with the cats, cuddle and make sure their lives are interesting and stimulating. Our "Friends of CASA" group conducts events in the community that bring in much needed food and revenue for the shelter. I would like to give a shout out to all the anonymous donors who give so generously when we are in need. Be it food, cleaning supplies, cat litter or other supplies on our wish list, we appreciate you! A huge shout out to whoever had the new pressure washer delivered! This was so needed! Just so you can understand a few numbers, our food costs are roughly \$3000/mo. Due to your generosity, we rarely have to buy food and instead can put that money in our budget to our roughly \$9k-\$10k/ month veterinary costs. The generosity of this community is outstanding! The Camaloch Lassies raised nearly \$3200 for us recently. Ladies, deep bow! We appreciate you! On a technical note, we're updating all our IT systems so we can better serve you. Thank you, Tech Soup, and SCAF for all your help! We are also working with Shelter Planners of America on the needs assessment for a new building that would better serve our animals and community. Please stay posted for more updates! We're also planning to go online for all wearables. Soon you will be able to order CASA gear in the colors and styles you like! In the meantime, we're offering deep discounts on our inventory clean out! Please drop by the shelter to get your wearable before they sell out! Thank you to all of you who make a difference for our animals. No gift is too small! CASA belongs to the community, and it is you who makes us successful! Happy Fall to all,

--Joelle



Exciting News on the Horizon

What a productive year we have had already. Change is all around us and the hard work has only just begun. CASA successfully hired an Executive Director this spring, Filled the seats on our board of directors over summer, gained and retained some amazing volunteers, made improvements to our facility that will directly benefit dogs, and staff and have been working hard to update our technologies. Come the new year we should have a volunteer/donor tracking software and will have completed the appropriate steps to go paperless! This is not all, we have also begun working with Shelter Planners of America to complete the needs assessment and feasibility study on the potential of a new building! We are looking forward to good news and towards a future where we can better serve our animals and our community!



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Happy Retirement & Well Wishes

After 17 years of dedicated service and outstanding volunteerism, we extend our warmest wishes to our former CASA Board treasurer for a joyful retirement! Catherine Massimino devoted countless hours each week, often exceeding the efforts of many full-time employees. Cathy's passion for animals fueled her commitment and dedication. Cathys influence led CASA to where we are today! Cathy leaves behind hard shoes to fill. We are forever grateful for her unwavering support.



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Join our Volunteer Team

Do you love animals? Have a free hour or two to help? CASA is looking for dedicated individuals to join our volunteer team! Current open positions are dog walkers and socializers, cat room cleaners, and dishes/laundry helpers!

Morning cleaning positions are starting at 9 am, dog walking positions starting at 11 am. One day a week commitment is preferred but not required. Animal care is a lot of hard work but is also very rewarding. Volunteers love getting to know each animal and being a part of their journey. CASA is also actively recruiting members to join the Friends of CASA. Friends of CASA works hard coordinating and running our fundraising events. The group meet the second Thursday of each month at 3 pm in the Camano Multipurpose Building next to CASA. *To learn more give us a call at 360-387-1902 or check out the 'get involved- volunteer' tab on our website.* www.camanoanimalshelter.org

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In Loving Memory of
Bella Dobbelaere
Finnely Hesla
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Murray Marino
Maple & Spryte Massimino

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Did you know you can make a difference?

Veterinary services and all supplies have risen dramatically, but your tax-deductible charitable gift of:

\$25 can provide vaccines for one animal or microchip 3 animals

\$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

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\$250 can provide FIV/FelV blood tests for 16 cats

\$500 can help us spay/neuter one litter of kittens and their moms

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Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of:

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If your company has a Matching Gift Program you could double, or even triple, your contribution to CASA just by teaming up with your employer. Many companies may also match volunteer hours or gifts from spouses and retirees. Check with your employer today to find out how you can designate the Camano Animal Shelter Association to receive company-matched gifts through your workplace. You can even have friends and relatives check to see what is available at their places of work.

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