



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".



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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 Executive Director

Remembering and acknowledging the past is the gateway to our future. Our journey forward will only succeed when we honor the past and never take it for granted.....

CASA is celebrating a huge milestone in 2023, its 25th anniversary. It has been an amazing journey, with more than 12,500 animals saved from euthanasia and placed in loving forever families. Lives have been forever changed because of the power of dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters of CASA over the last 25 years.

Our small shelter has seen its fair share of ups and downs but the vision has never changed, a world where every animal has a voice, proper care, safety, and security, and is free from abuse and neglect. We hope you will take the time to reflect with us on the impact CASA had in your life or the life of your beloved family. With that we are excited about CASA's future growth in the years to come, to help even more dogs and cats. And, that we can only do because of our amazing supporters. People like you. I can't wait to see what the next 25 years will bring!

- Cassie Morey, Executive Director

Animals Through the Years

As we celebrate CASA's 25th Anniversary, we reminisce about the animals who have come through the shelter's doors. While each situation is unique, the underlying theme is always the same, i.e., CASA fulfills the mission of "Bringing together animals in need and caring people, forever enriching their lives."

Most of our cats and dogs come to the shelter, are cared for and soon find loving homes. Looking back, however, we remember the special animals featured in the newsletters including: animals requiring surgery, needy mothers and those who stayed at CASA for a long, long time. Each one came to the shelter and touched the hearts of many before leaving.

Three memorable cats are Lenny, Snowden and Harley. Lenny was hit by a car and had extensive injuries. After many surgeries and a very long recovery he was adopted. Lenny had the will to live despite all his trials. Snowden had two broken legs and a fractured pelvis and Harley required surgery for a tumor. Surgeries such as these have been funded by special fundraisers, grants and community-based programs such as SC Giving Tuesday.



Lenny



Snowden



Harley

See more on page 2 - Animals Through the Years

Mark Your Calendar!

CASA Friends

Second Thursday at 3 PM
Island County
Multi-Purpose Building
Join us to help plan events!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Microchip Clinic

Saturday, Oct 7th

Pictures with Santa

Saturday, Nov 11th

Camano Center Holiday

Craft and Gift Bazaar

Saturday, Nov 18th

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, Nov 28th

Annual Lights of Love

Nov and Dec

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Nanae - mother of nine arrived emaciated.

Memorable mothers include Nanae and Misha. Nanae, severely underweight and her jaw wired together, came to the shelter with her nine nursing puppies. Nanae and all of her puppies found loving homes.



Misha - mother of 12 passed away early.

Misha, eight-plus years old gave birth to 12 puppies while in foster. Shortly after weaning them, she passed away from cancer but all of her puppies found homes.

Then there are the animals who waited a long time to be adopted, but eventually found forever homes. As a no-kill shelter, our animals stay as long as needed. Tetra, a young, brindle pit bull stayed at CASA for over a year. Once she was adopted, Tetra and her mom continued to visit CASA through the years. Tom, a cat with "catitude" suffered an injury resulting in a fusion of his damaged leg. He remained at CASA for over a year. Bruno, a stocky pitbull/Australian cattle dog was not a fan of boisterous or energetic dogs and outstayed his friend, Mac, at the shelter. Bruno remained at the shelter for well over a year until he was adopted. Bruno now comes to the Dog Wash annually.



Tetra - Continued to visit CASA



Tom had extensive surgery



Bruno comes to the annual Dog Wash

These are just a few of the memorable cats and dogs that have passed through our doors. They represent the over 12,500 animals who have received loving care and attention through the years and are a testament to the care that is given to ALL of the pets who come to CASA.

To read about other CASA animals: www.camanoanimalshelter.org go to News tab and read the newsletters on the right of the screen.

Message from the Shelter Manager

As we head into fall, things are winding down here at CASA. Kitten season is slowing and we are seeing a dramatic slowdown in the rate of intakes. Exciting things happened over the summer months. CASA took in and placed 48 kittens, we were able to help out another shelter by transferring 5 dogs they were having trouble placing, and many of our harder to place dogs found their forever homes. Hachi, Dennis, Deandra, and Nikki all got the fairytale ending they deserve. The staff and shelter volunteers were overjoyed at each of these adoptions. In those moments we are reminded why we do the work that we do. Thank you all for your continued support. As we head into the new season we are hopeful for more great adoptions and the ability to help more animals.

CASA Alumni

Paws for Applause

- IGA and Ace Hardware – Round Up for CASA
- Rudy and Ida May Love Family Charity
- Krista’s Pet Spaw and CCR (Camano Canine Resort) – Dog Wash nail clipping
- Heritage Bank – Dog Wash Event sponsorship contribution
- Tulalip Tribe – Grant for operating expenses
- Donation Box Locations – Grocery Outlet, IGA, Elger Bay
- Business Supporter since 2008 – Glass Tech, Stanwood



Stewie / Jude Wortley
Adopted Sept 2018

Matching Gift Program

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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Join the CASA Board of Directors

We are pleased to be recruiting new Board Members to support our organization. We are looking for talented motivated individuals who are enthusiastic about contributing to the well-being of the animal shelter. Our mission is “Bringing together animals in need and caring people forever enriching their lives.” Candidates who possess leadership skills and experience and expertise in business administration, accounting, finance, sales, marketing, law, public relations, or current or prior board experience and the ability to operate as part of a team are urged to apply. All Board Members are expected to attend monthly Board meetings and actively participate on at least one committee. If you are hardworking and interested in being considered as a candidate for openings on our Board, please contact Gloria Ingraffia (chairperson) gfabis@wavecable.com.

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HAPPY TAILS

Dennis (now Baskerville)



Dennis (now Baskerville) is a fine fellow.

I am happy to report that Dennis--AKA "Baskerville," his new name in celebration of his new home with me--is doing very well. He is a sweet, smart goofball of a hound. In line with CASA's guess that Baskerville had been abandoned by a breeder, he came to me knowing few of the skills that dogs raised as pets have learned ("What is this 'sit' of which you speak?"). But Baskerville has defied the maxim that an old dog can't be taught new tricks. He's mastered "sit," he's lovely on a leash, and he's working on crate training.

Last week, Basker had his first "play date" at a doggie daycare and passed their intake evaluation with flying colors ("Oh, I really like him," said the daycare worker. "He's so chill"). Basker is very non-reactive, whether on a leash or not (unless you're a cat!) to other dogs and people of all ages. He's just beginning to learn how to play with toys or other dogs. At the dog park, he's like that awkward guy at a party--polite, but doesn't quite know how to mingle and make small (dog) talk. Everyone who meets Baskerville thinks he is a fine fellow, and so do I. In spite of having a long wait in the shelter, he is a gentle and affectionate soul. I feel lucky to have found this handsome hound.

~ Melinda Mueller

Hachi

When we lost our best friend last summer, it wasn't long before we knew our home was too empty. We initially saw Hachi on the Everett Animal Shelter's website, but when he wasn't on the site anymore we assumed he had been adopted. We welcomed a lovely pittie, Hank, to our family and went on with life. Eventually, though, we started thinking about adopting another dog. We had never heard of CASA, but drove by the shelter one day and decided to check out their website. There was Hachi! We couldn't believe he had been waiting so many months for a home; we knew we had to come meet him.

CASA staff were open with us about Hachi's challenges, mostly that he didn't always get along with other dogs and that he was a very strong puller on walks. We knew this might be a lot of work, but we wanted Hachi to have a chance at a home and a family. We are delighted to say that Hachi and Hank are now inseparable. They really seem to brighten each other's days. We are also going to obedience school with Hachi, and he has made a lot of great progress - we can now go on big walks and enjoy the park!



Hachi (on right) and his new friend Hank.

Last month, we celebrated Hachi's 6th birthday. We don't know his story, but we know he's been through more than he should have had to. Hachi is a champion snuggler, a lover of snacks, and an incredibly important part of our family. We are deeply grateful to CASA for taking care of Hachi for so long - he was always deserving of love and a life with dignity, and CASA never stopped treating him that way. We hope others might consider adopting an animal who has been waiting, they are treasures just waiting to be found.

~ Colin and Molly Anderson

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.

Theo (now Murphy)

Our resident cat, Millie, had begun yowling and pacing at night. She seemed bored. My solution: a cat companion! My obstacles: Millie is an alpha queen and she is FIV positive.

I called CASA searching for Millie's match and they suggested Theo. Theo is a young approximately 2-year-old FIV-positive male who has a friendly and laid-back personality. Not much is known about his early life although a mangled ear tip and scarred nose attest to a rough start. I visited CASA and was smitten with Theo's good looks and sweet somewhat goofy personality. I thought he would be a perfect foil for our resident queen.

I took introductions slowly, allowing them to get to know each other on their own terms. I stayed with them constantly, reinforcing good behavior and gently stopping aggressiveness. They now seek out each other's company, sleeping, relaxing, playing and eating in close proximity. A success! Theo is now named Murphy. Milly no longer paces and yowls and Murphy is a wonderful source of entertainment.



Murphy is loved.

We are now owned by Murphy and consider ourselves fortunate to be loved by such a sweet guy. I encourage all prospective cat owners to consider older cats with special needs; FIV cats can lead long lives when given good care you will be generously rewarded with their love. Thank you to CASA for their matchmaking skills!

~ Jackie King

Nebula



Nebula is a goofy girl!

Nebula is such a perfect mix of a crazy energetic puppy and a complete couch potato! She has really bonded with our 7-year-old pittie and our 3-year-old son. Neb has no sense of personal space and will not hesitate to climb on us for cuddles. Her favorite hobbies are taking naps, zooming around the backyard, and playing tug-of-war with our other dog.

She typically spends her days at home with my husband while he works and once in a while, both dogs get to go to work with me. Neb is a little hesitant of new people at first, but she warms up very quickly! Her favorite places to go are the local coffee shop (they give her treats) and anywhere with water. We go on regular trips to the river or the beach, where the entire family can have fun!

Nebula is such a goofy girl and she has brought so much more joy and love into our home than we could have ever anticipated. We were not looking for another dog when we found Nebula at the 2023 Poochella event. We had recently just lost our beloved senior cat and definitely needed some positive energy in our lives. Our son fell in love with her first and

when we saw how great she was with him, there was no way we could walk away from her! Thank you CASA for bringing Nebula to the event and thank you for choosing us to be her new family!

~ The Spangler Family

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.



Celebrating CASA's 25th Anniversary

We are celebrating the 25th anniversary of CASA, the Camano Animal Shelter Association. CASA, incorporated as a Washington non-profit in 1998 and as a non-profit charitable organization in 2000, is a no-kill shelter devoted to the care of homeless pets. Prior to 1998, long-time residents may remember that NOAH occupied the county-owned building on East Camano Drive and they contracted with Island County to care for impounded dogs and also to provide animal control services. This contract was not renewed when the septic system failed and the shelter had to be emptied. NOAH later moved on to become an adoption center in Stanwood.

To fill the animal services void, CASA was formed and contracted with the county to provide temporary care, boarding and redemption services for impounded/seized dogs from Camano Island. CASA now accepts stray dogs and cats from Camano Island and owner-surrendered animals from Camano and beyond as space allows. CASA works with other shelters and rescue groups to find homes for needy animals.

When there was concern that the shelter might have to close due to lack of funds, the Friends of CASA was formed to raise funds and thanks to the community CASA's financial future was safe. Tegan Locker served as manager for 14 years setting the standards of care and instilling the willingness to go the extra mile for each animal that continues today. Currently a manager, five part-time staff and shelter volunteers care for the animals. Foster parents care for young animals or animals in need of time outside the shelter. A nine-member Board of Directors leads the organization and recently an Executive Director was hired.

Thanks to a bequest from Roberta Gill, a catio and a free-standing structure with clear, UV resistant roof panels was installed in the dog yard. This permits the light to come in and allows dogs to be in the yard every day. At the same time, a catio with solid lower walls (to keep the dogs from the cats) and upper wire screening allows the cats access to the outdoors in a safe secure enclosure. The kennel building improvements include: insulation, lighting and soundproofing. Glass kennels were donated in memory of Paul and Irene Leslie. Most recently, with newly acquired space, an Admin/Board office, Manager's Office and storage space were added. The front office and ISO were renovated and a new critter room created.

Computer systems such as PetPoint Shelter Management and Quick Books financials have been implemented. Our website, Facebook page, eNews and newsletter provide information about CASA in a timely fashion. To assist in transport, a van was purchased. Two washers and dryers work tirelessly to keep up with the wash.

As we celebrate CASA's anniversary, we take time to thank the staff and volunteers who have devoted so much time and effort over the years. Thanks also to the community who has generously donated funds to help the animals who come through our doors. We are proud of all that has been accomplished and look forward to the future. Happy anniversary to CASA!





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*"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

- ♥ Baron Harmon
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FREE CAT & DOG MICROCHIP CLINIC
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Bring your pet!

October 7 11 AM - 4 PM

Dogs and cats must be privately owned pets, able to be handled, cats in a carrier, dogs on a leash, AND BE AT LEAST 2 LBS AND 2 MONTHS OLD.

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They've simply experienced more life than other dogs. If they were human, we would call them wise. They would be the ones with tales to tell and stories to write. The ones dealt a bad hand who responded with courage. Do not pity a shelter dog. Adopt one. And be proud to have their greatness by your side."

From www.Dogsrule.com



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Join in the celebration by giving a special contribution and spreading the word about our adoptable animals!

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