

THE NEWS

Online News for all the Friends of Furry Friends August 2021



Helping homeless and abused cats

Dear Friends,

We currently have 113 cats and kittens in our care at this time. Most of those are kittens. We have adopted out a total of 245 for the year. That is fantastic! Thank you for all your hard work caring for the kitties and helping to get them into good homes. Now that the pandemic is lighting up, the adoption of adult cats is slowing down. We appreciate all your help in getting the word out about our great adult kitties that need a home.



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Adoptions

We adopted out 61 cats and kittens from June 16 to July 19. This has to be a record number of adoptions for a one month period!



Questions & Answers With Our Medical Director Kensie Broom

Questions and Answers with the Furry Friends Medical Director

Kensie Broom Peterson is the Medical Director for Furry Friends. She has been with our organization since March 2021 and is our first ever employee working around 25 hours a week. We have saved so much in vet expenses by having Kensie as a part of our team. We are able to do more things in house and it allows us to use the savings to help even more cats. Kensie also has many connections in the Vet community, which has enabled us to form even more partnerships. On top of her medical duties, she has also joined our Board of Directors to bridge the gap between the Board and the medical team, ensuring that everyone is on the same page and up to date with the care of our cats.

Another resource for acquiring funds to pay for the maintenance of the halfway house and cat care is through grants. Furry Friends is fortunate to have students from Portland State University who are writing these grants. These students presented Kensie with several questions that would assist them in understanding the needs of Furry Friends so that they can accomplish the goal of getting cats healthy, socialized and into good homes. They are as follows:

(Medical Funding for Seriously-Ill Cats): What is the capacity of the new Medical Director? I see they are able to aid in doing procedures in house, cutting costs. What are you able to do in house and what still need to be done with outside partners?

Answer: *I am able to do full tech medical exams on each cat. Age ranges from kitten to senior. If I find something concerning on my exam, we would recommend a veterinary visit, ie. eye, oral, bacterial infection concerns. These veterinary visits cost an exam fee and usually diagnostic work up. I am sometimes able to perform diagnostics in house such as ear swabs and skin impressions. I am able to administer vaccines, collect blood samples for triple snap testing, and recommend/administer certain medications. I am also available to all fosters with any questions or concerns they may have with the cats they have.*

READ MORE HERE

<https://furryfriendswa.org/questions-and-answers-with-the-furry-friends-medical-director/>



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Leadership Changes

There have been some changes in our leadership. They are as follows:

- Brandi is now the Vice President,
- New board member Danielle has added the task of Secretary to her other duties of Fundraising and Events.
- Helen replaces Margie as the Treasurer
- Jazmynn is our new Volunteer Coordinator

Furry Friends ONLINE Auction



Meowy Pawpins

2021
A Benefit for
Furry Friends,
Our 13th Annual
Online Auction

Save the Date

**September
15 to 18**

View Items Ahead of Time
<https://www.32auctions.com/MeowyPawpins2021>

Fall Meowy Pawpins Auction

This year's auction will be online, **September 15 to 18**. Check out the auction site at <https://www.32auctions.com/MeowyPawpins2021>. We will continue to add items to the site until the day of the auction. We have some fabulous vacation getaways to Sunriver and the beach, and top notch items like a spa basket worth \$1,000 from Dr Virginia Huang of Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery.

Procurement Questions: Lisa Baxter auction@furryfriendswa.org

Auction Questions: Chris Nash ffauction@icloud.com

Sponsorship Information: Diane Stevens news@furryfriendswa.org

Check out an article about Furry Friends in the June 30th "Reflector" newspaper. You can visit it online at: <https://www.thereflector.com/stories/cat-rescue-calls-for-more-auction-items,268333>



Furry Friends ONLINE Auction Items. View now at <https://www.32auctions.com/MeowyPawpins2021>

**VACATIONING IN SUNRIVER OREGON
DOESN'T GET BETTER THAN THIS!**



10 Jackpine Lane
Sunriver Getaway for 14 people. \$2,000 Value

**Oceanfront Retreat
in Newport Beach, OR
Mermaid Manor**



Beach Getaway \$1,050 Value



Heathman Lodge Romance Package \$350 Value



Handcarved white jade cabbage \$500 Value



Furry Friends will participate in “Give More 24!” on September 23.

This one-day, online fundraiser will have a goal of raising \$10,000 for the unexpected, extraordinary medical expenses of cats in our care. Give More 24!, an annual event, will be held all day **Thursday, September 23**. Furry Friends is committed to providing the best possible medical care for the cats we rescue before they are placed in their forever homes. Most of the cats just need shots and neutering, but sometimes they require dental work or expensive surgery. Last year we spent over \$100,000 on medical treatment alone!



Sandra O'Rourke, WA Real Estate Broker for Front Door Realty

Front Door Realty Continues Supporting the Kitties!

Recently, Julie Baldino and her staff at Front Door Realty, donated bags of cat food, KMR 2nd Step kitten food, and other much needed supplies to Furry Friends. In addition to being a sponsor, Julie also pledged \$1,000 in matching funds again this year for the online challenge “Give More 24!,” which will be held Thursday, September 23rd. Funds raised during this event will go toward the extraordinary medical expenses of the cats in our care. We are looking for additional businesses and individuals to join her. We are requesting it be a minimum pledge of \$500 which will be collected after the event. Participants will receive coverage on Furry Friends social media platforms, as well as on the “GM24!” national website. Anyone interested in participating can contact **Danielle Chancey** (360) 953-3354, daniellechancey@kw.com for more information.



Peace and Justice Fair

Furry Friends will be participating in the P&J Fair this year on September 11th, but it will be on a lesser scale than in past years. We are still working out the details on how we will be participating. We will be selling merchandise at this event. Please let Danielle know if you have any merchandise you would like to sell. This event is held at Esther Short Park in Vancouver. Contact **Danielle Chancey** (360) 953-3354, daniellechancey@kw.com for more information.



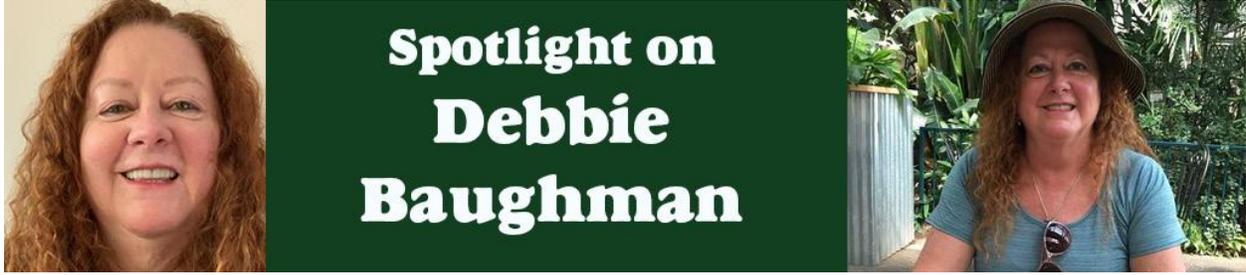
Spotlight on Karen Laksamana

Karen Laksamana is one of our volunteers who work behind the scene. She has been involved with Furry Friends since about 2008. She designs our yearly print newsletter. She has also worked on the fall auction fundraiser committee every year, as well as volunteering at the event with her mom Cherry Berry, in taking care of the data input. We asked Karen a few questions and here are her responses:

How I got involved: In 2008, one of our clients at Formations—Iron Gate Storage, a primary sponsor of Furry Friends, asked if we would be willing to overhaul the Furry Friends’ website pro-bono. Since I’m a cat lover and it’s always fun to do a project that isn’t limited by budget, I jumped in. I soon got involved in other aspects of the organization. I later handed over the reins to the website to another developer who created a new WordPress site for Furry Friends, and I now help with design work instead.

READ MORE HERE

<https://furryfriendswa.org/furry-friends-spotlight-on-karen-laksamana/>



Furry Friends Spotlight on Debbie Baughman

By Jenn Hutchman

Debbie Baughman has volunteered with Furry Friends since August of 2017. She retired in 2016 and moved to Vancouver from Georgia. Wanting more to do in her down time and to get to know the area better, she visited the Human Services Council in downtown Vancouver to find some volunteer opportunities. She saw Furry friends and knew that would be the purrfect fit.

When asked what she does for Furry friends she said, "I'm a telephone voicemail volunteer who answers messages folks leave for FF on Sundays. I find this very rewarding because I can actually reach out and help folks with problems in finding resources for lost kitties or trying to take in pregnant cats that need help. It is very fulfilling at times. However, there are times that handling calls can be difficult. You have to keep your resources updated, and understand that sometimes folks are going through trying times. I also post Nomi Berger's Cat Tales on "The Columbian" blog site (which is posted every second Sunday morning). I review the stories and find appropriate pictures on the web that will enhance the stories; then I upload the text and pictures to "The Columbian" blog site. It's a fun job, and helps me keep my PC skills sharp."

Debbie has also helped with the Furry Friends auction when it was held in person. She spends a handful of hours each week on her volunteer duties.

READ MORE HERE

<https://furryfriendswa.org/furry-friends-spotlight-on-debbie-baughman/>



Vaneesha and Veronica's Story

It started out as a typical story for Furry Friends, a cat rescue in Vancouver, Washington. We received a call that there was a pretty grey mom cat that had seven kittens. We took the mom and babies in and they went to Veronica and Sam Roderick's home for foster care. They named the mom cat Vaneesha. The couple cared for the babies making sure they were growing up healthy and happy so they could be adopted out. Veronica soon found out that Vaneesha was pregnant again. How could this be? The cat was not allowed to go outside while in her care. It turns out that cats can become pregnant while they are still nursing a litter. When we took Vaneesha in she was already pregnant. So Vaneesha was growing and getting ready to give birth to the next litter but there was a problem.

As she was giving birth to her three new babies there was an obvious problem. Veronica contacted Furry Friends Medical Director Kensie Broom and was directed to take Vaneesha to a pet hospital in Portland, OR. Well that was a 2 hour drive for Veronica and the kitty. Then there was an eight hour wait at the emergency room before Vaneesha could be seen.

READ MORE HERE

<https://furryfriendswa.org/vaneesha-and-veronicas-story/>



Kitten Food Needed

HELP! The kittens are eating us out of house and home.

HELP! The kittens are eating us out of house and home. We are caring for lots of kittens right now and their food bill is high! We feed them Purina Pro Plan Kitten Chicken & Rice Formula dry food and Purina Pro Plan Focus Kitten Ocean Whitefish & Tuna Entrée canned cat food. If you would like to help the babies out, we sure would love some donations of this brand of kitten food. You can drop off donations at the Halfway House or Woodin You Pampered Paws, 13305 NE Hwy 99 #102, Vancouver, WA 98686. Most items can be purchased locally at PetSmart & Petco. Or you can order online from Chewy.com or at Amazon.com, and have it shipped direct to our mailing address which is 6715 NE 63rd St., Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661.

Here is our wish list.

- ProPlan wet and dry kitten food
- **Dry** KMR milk replacement
- Gift cards to pet food stores
- Financial Donations

Or you can always make a financial donation at <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>

Questions: information@furryfriendswa.org or (360) 993-1097



Catio Tours, put on by the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon (FCCO)

Tours start on Saturday, September 11th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This is a great place to get ideas about making your own catio for your cat.

Have you registered for [The 9th Annual Catio Tour](https://www.catssafeathome.org/2021-catio-tour-registration) yet? We have two options to suit your comfort level - In-Person and Videos! Come and Get Inspired for the safety of cats and wildlife!
<https://www.catssafeathome.org/2021-catio-tour-registration>



Furry Friends now has a TIKTOK social media account. This platform sports short cute cat videos that will be posted by our medical director Kensie. If you happen to be at the Halfway House, capture some cute video of what our kitties are up to and send them to Kensie. You can visit the TikTok page at <https://www.tiktok.com/@furryfriendswa>



Cat Food Pantry

Sometimes the difference between keeping your cat or having to relinquish them can really be not having the means for a few months' food. One of our Furry Friends missions is to help keep pets in their homes through *temporary* hardships.

If this is the case for you and you need help with temporary cat food, please email information@furryfriendswa.org or text (360) 798-4608 and we will see if our new Cat Food Pantry can help! You can also reach us on our Furry Friends Washington Pet Pantry Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FurryFriendsWashingtonPetPantry/>. We can also help supply food for feral colonies.

****All food has been donated to us and we cannot guarantee specific brands. Hurry while supplies last**** If you have food or litter you wish to donate, you can drop off donations at Woodin You Pampered Paws, 13305 NE Hwy 99 #102, Vancouver, WA 98686 or reach us at (360) 993-1097 or information@furryfriendswa.org.



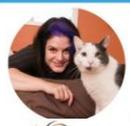
Donate your unwanted car, truck, RV, boat or trailer!

Furry Friends can accept cars, trucks, boats, RVs and trailers. Your donation will be picked up if necessary, prepared for auction, and then sold, with proceeds going directly to Furry Friends. In addition, Motor Vehicles will be notified of the sale and given the new owner's contact information. Along with a great tax deduction and hassle-free removal of your vehicle, you have the added assurance of knowing that proceeds from your donation go directly to the care of our cats and kittens.

To donate or for more information, leave a message for Jaimie Garver at 360-993-1097 or email her at information@furryfriendswa.org.

Ongoing Resources

- **Volunteer Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/534750527361316/>
This is a different page than our public Facebook page.
- **Foster Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/668989080549946/>
- **Public Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/furryfriendswa> We post daily news to this page.
- **FF YouTube Channel**
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChfBIX6IOMIEseSxK9f27dw/videos>
- **FF T-Shirts & Merchandise** <https://www.teepublic.com/user/furryfriends>
- **FF Twitter account** <https://twitter.com/furryfriendswa>
- **FF Instagram account** <https://www.instagram.com/furryfriendswa/>
- **FF TikTok account** <https://www.tiktok.com/@furryfriendswa>
- **Fundraising Ideas** <https://bit.ly/FFFundraisingSurvey> submit idea you may have.
- **Drop off location for items:**
 - **Woodin' You Pampered Paws**, 13305 NE Hwy 99 #102, Vancouver, WA 98686, is a fabulous pet care store located in Salmon Creek. The store is open Monday-Friday from 9am-7pm and Saturday from 9am-6pm. They will accept things for us during the pandemic.

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The Executive Committee: This board is the governing body responsible for the operation of Furry Friends. Members are all volunteers and meet once a month. Feel free to contact any member of the committee if you have questions, comments or suggestions at information@furryfriendswa.org or leave a message at (360) 993-1097.

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