

THE NEWS

Online News for all the Friends of Furry Friends November 2021

Furry
Friends



Helping homeless and abused cats

Dear Friends,

Where has the year gone? It is already November and we are thinking about the end of the year holidays. It has been a good year for us in spite of the pandemic. We are on track to have about 400 adoptions for the year.



Lucifée



Pricilla



Harold



Lady

Adoptions

We adopted out 21 cats and kittens from September 25 to October 18. Congratulations to Merinda, Beaker, Lucifée, Harold, Jimmy, Salem, Dog, Hercules, Kay-ma, Blaze, Maizie, Claire, Lola, Vashti, Fresca, Lady, Garbonzo, Grey, Goldy, Primrose and Petunia.

MARY P. DOLCIANI HALLORAN
FOUNDATION



Furry Friends received a \$3,500 grant from the Mary P. Halloran Foundation, a long-time supporter. The funds will be used to purchase a state-of-the-art Centrifuge, an exam table, and for the direct care of our cats.

Medical Director Kensie Broom reports, “This grant will not only increase our efficiency but will save money previously spent on veterinary visits. The centrifuge will be used for urine and fecal testing previously done at veterinary offices for more than \$100 each. And having two exam tables will streamline treatment time when multiple cats need attention.”

Many thanks to Denise Halloran for the Foundation’s continued commitment to our efforts to meet the needs of cats in our communities and to help support the adults and children who care about giving them forever homes.

Thank you, MaryLee Planer, for working on this grant for Furry Friends



We have some exciting news! We have officially hired our second staff member for Furry Friends. This has been a Furry Friends goal for many years, and we are excited to be in a position to accomplish that goal with a part-time house manager! Jazmynn is also our Volunteer Coordinator. We are going to be keeping her very busy.



We LOVE our Furry Friends volunteers. They are the most caring bunch of people that we have ever known. Here is some of the goodness from our volunteers.



Robert fixed the door.



Jim fixed the gutter.



Multiple people kept our plants alive.



Our handyman **Robert Cornelison** noticed the outside door to the large catio was starting to twist. He took it upon himself to fix it, so the kitties remain safe and secure. Thank you, Robert!

While cleaning the gutters, handyman **Jim Grafmyre** noticed standing water in the long gutter in front of the house. If left unattended, rainwater would gradually damage the soffit panels and the gutter would eventually fail, he told us. Sandi Long made calls to gutter repair companies, but they claimed the gutter couldn't be repaired (even though it's only five years old). They said an entirely new system would need to be installed at a cost of \$3,500 or more. After hearing that, Jim took a second look and fixed the problem himself by donating and installing an additional downspout to lift and support the sagging gutter. We really appreciate the time, thought, and effort he put into the project!

Thank you to all of you who, during the summer drought, watered the flowerpot in front of the house and the new landscape. Although the drought was hard on the greenery, volunteers made the extra effort to take care of our prized (and expensive) plants.

Jazmynn would like to recognize **Christine Olsen** for coming in and lending a hand for several weeks while she had no one else to work on the Wednesday night Halfway House shift.



Spotlight on Christine Olsen

Volunteer Spotlight on Christine Olsen

Furry Friends would not be able to operate without the help of our dedicated volunteers! Christine Olsen, who has volunteered with Furry Friends for over a year, is one of those dedicated people. She got involved after the passing of one of her dear friends, Lisa Sandstrom, who was a long-time volunteer of Furry Friends. What a better way to celebrate Lisa than to volunteer at a place that she loved and talked highly about!

Christine volunteers weekly, or more, on the Halfway House shifts which keeps the cats clean, fed, and happy. She has also fostered some kittens which she found very rewarding. When asked what her biggest challenge is she answered, much like many of our volunteers do, it's not taking home all the cats! Her favorite part about volunteering is the sense of community and the nice people with a common connection.

She said she gives back because she had wanted to find a place to volunteer after her son graduated high school, and Lisa Sandstrom inspired her to get involved with Furry Friends.

While she is not working her day job at Providence Health Care Systems, taking care of her family, and volunteering with Furry Friends, she cares for her old tabby cat, Ashley, who is not fond of sharing her humans with other felines.

Christine enjoys gardening, making her outdoor space peaceful and enjoyable, cooking, and birds. Thank you, Christine, for everything you do for our Furry friends!

We would like to thank Jenn Hutchman for writing this spotlight. She has volunteered with Furry Friends for a couple years and has been an amazing contribution to our team. She has fostered over 50 cats and kittens so far for Furry Friends, and not just the easy ones. She has fostered several bottle-baby kittens that require feeding every two hours and has taken on some of the difficult medical cases like Monnie. She also is the lead person for our email/voice mail team, plays a significant role on our medical team and has done many other tasks including fundraising. For 2020 she put in about 570 volunteer hours for Furry Friends. We are so grateful for all she does.



Save the Date

The 2021 auction is over, and we are gearing up for the 2022 auction, South PAWcific. We anticipate having an in-person auction at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Diane Stevens painted the cat picture that we will be using in our promotions.

If you would like to be a sponsor for 2022, sponsorships start as low as \$500 for the calendar year. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a sponsor, visit our website <https://furryfriendswa.org/sponsors/> for more information.

Let us know if you would like to help us procure items for next year. Many companies have spent their yearly donation budget by the end of January. So even though the auction that just finished is still on our minds, we must get busy getting our requests for items out in the next couple months. Please let us know if you would like to help in some way.

Procurement Questions: Lisa Baxter auction@furryfriendswa.org

Auction Questions: Chris Nash ffauction@icloud.com

Sponsorship Information: Diane Stevens news@furryfriendswa.org

Adopt a Pet



We have used Petfinder as our cat adoption site for many years. Recently they have made changes and it has become harder for people to find our Furry Friends cats and to see what they are all about. We are switching to a new provider, Adopt a Pet. You can find our Furry Friends page here <https://www.adoptapet.com/shelter71378-pets.html>



Furry Friends

#GIVINGTUESDAY™
Tuesday, November 30, 2021

*You can make a difference this #GivingTuesday!
Consider donating to or supporting Furry Friends. Help save the kitties!*

www.furryfriendswa.org/donate/

Furry Friends to Participate in GIVING Tuesday!

We are asking for your support on Tuesday, November 30, during the GIVING TUESDAY online fundraising challenge. We hope to raise funds to cover the extraordinary medical expenses of cats in our care. These costs include veterinary bills for emergency surgeries, as well as ongoing treatments and lifelong medications. Furry Friends is committed to providing the best possible medical care to the cats they rescue before placing them in their “forever” homes, but to do that we need your help.

Every tax-deductible donation made to Furry Friends through GIVING TUESDAY will help Furry Friends cover the extraordinary medical bills of cats like

GIVING TUESDAY will launch at 12 a.m. on Tuesday, November 30 and will last until the stroke of midnight. You can make your tax-deductible donation through <http://www.furryfriendswa.org/donate/> on that day. The mission of Furry Friends is to help homeless, relinquished and abused cats by providing spay/neuter, medical care, and foster shelter for as long as it takes to find their forever home. For more information visit www.furryfriendswa.org, send an email to information@furryfriendswa.org or leave a message at (360) 993-1097.



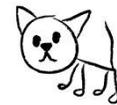
'TIS THE
Season
OF **Giving**

Please Help The Kitties



Would you like to help

FurryFriends



by holding a Giving Tree?

A giving tree is a really worthwhile fundraiser for stocking up supplies for the kitties around Christmas time. Furry Friends would supply you with cat posters and information about our organization. If you have a Christmas tree, we can provide pictures of the cats that are available for adoption and you can hang the pictures on the tree. We have a wish list of supplies that people can purchase items and bring to your establishment.

This is an important time for us to build up our supplies. Every dollar that we don't spend on supplies goes to helping the kitties medical expenses.

If you choose to hold a giving tree for us, we will promote your business in our newsletters and Facebook page.

Founded in 1999, Furry Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, no-kill organization that rescues and adopts out homeless, relinquished, and abused cats in Clark County, Washington. We care for them as long as it takes to find their forever homes. We are an all-volunteer organization; there is no paid staff.

We rescue, care for and rehome approximately 300 to 400 cats annually by providing medical exams, medications, spay/neuter, food, and litter.

Mailing Address: 6715 NE 63rd Street, Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661

Physical address is not published, call for an appointment.

(360) 993-1097 Message Phone - information@furryfriendswa.org

Furry Friends is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization

Our Fundraising Coordinator, Danielle Chancey, will be handling Giving Trees this year. If you have questions, would like to help, or if you know a business that would like to have a box and display to collect items for us, please contact Danielle directly at danielle.chancey7@gmail.com

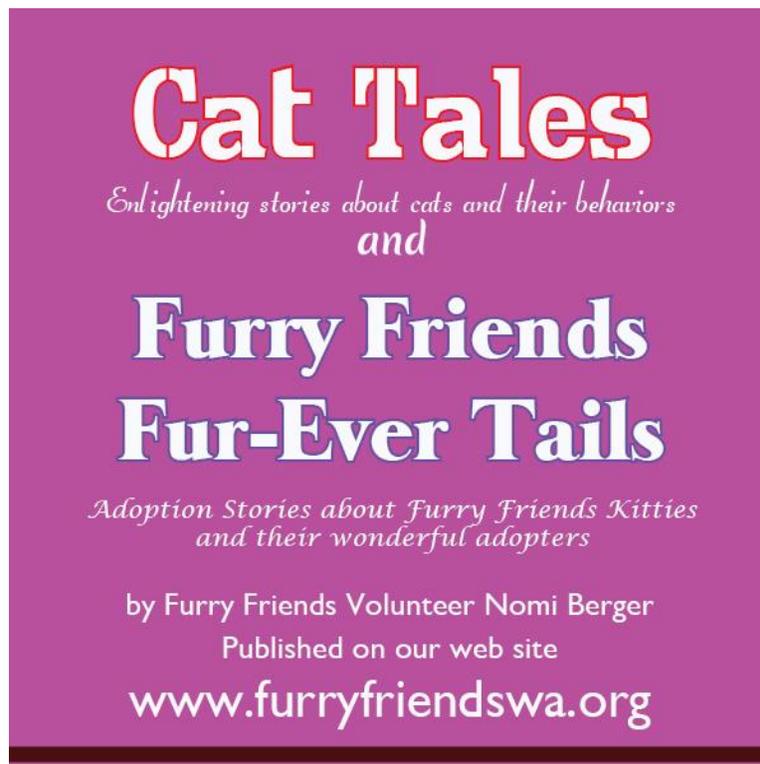


Facebook has daily news

If you like to keep up with what's happen with Furry Friends, check out our public Facebook page. We post news daily to that site. It can be found at

<https://www.facebook.com/furryfriendswa>

If you do not have an account on Facebook it will ask you to make one. You can fill in the basic info such as name and an email address, and then you can skip filling in info to create your own page if you don't want to have a presence on the site.



Cat Tale stories

Cat educational stories by award winning Furry Friends volunteer Nomi Berger are posted every other Sunday to the Columbian Website, Furry Friends website and Facebook. Part of our mission is to educate people about cats and this is one way that we accomplish it.

<http://blogs.columbian.com/cat-tales/>

Furry Friends Fur-Ever Adoption Stories

We are so happy when one of our kitties is adopted into their perfect home. We post adoption stories written by Nomi Berger every other Sunday to our Furry Friends website and Facebook page. You can check them out at <http://furryfriendswa.org/category/adoptions/>

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/UChfBIX6lOMIEseSxK9f27dw/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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Furry Friends is dependent upon the kindness of our friends and sponsors to keep us going. Thank you all for supporting the kitties.

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If you have trouble receiving the newsletter in your inbox, enter news@furryfriendswa.org into your contact list and that should solve the problem. This newsletter is compiled by Diane Stevens.

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.

Jaimie Garver, President, Operations, Community Events, Grants, Financials

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Sandi Long, Property management

Jazmynn Hoffman, Volunteer Coordinator

Marion Edwards, Adoption events, lead socializer

Jenn Hutchman, Email/Voicemail lead, cat list, medical assistant

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