

# THE NEWS

Online News for all the  
Friends of Furry Friends  
September 2021

Furry  
Friends



Helping homeless and abused cats

Dear Friends,

It is a busy time of the year for us. We are gearing up for the Peace and Justice Fair on September 11, The Meowy Pawpins Auction on September 15-18, and Give More 24! on September 23. Lots to keep us busy.



Roo



Mac



Mila



Linus

## Adoptions

We adopted out 46 cats and kittens from July 20 to August 16. Most of these were kittens. The adoption of adult cats has slowed, but we are doing what we can to promote them.

## Meowy Pawpins Auction Stories

Our big auction is just a couple weeks away. The local media have been kind enough to run some articles for us. Feel free to check them out and to share them on your social media.

- The Reflector <https://www.thereflector.com/stories/cat-rescue-calls-for-more-auction-items,268333>
- Clark County Today <https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/people/area-cat-rescue-to-host-online-auction/>
- Vancouver Family Magazine <https://www.thereflector.com/stories/cat-rescue-calls-for-more-auction-items,268333>

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## Meowy Pawpins Auction is coming very soon

This auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year and will be online, **September 15 to 18**. Check out the auction site at <https://www.32auctions.com/MeowyPawpins2021>. We have received some fabulous items to offer for bidding, such as vacation getaways to Sunriver and the beach; top notch items like a spa basket worth \$1,000 from Dr Virginia Huang of Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery, and so much more.

We need all of you to help us promote it. Please share the auction website address with your friends and family. We will send a special newsletter right before the auction begins and we will post often to our Facebook page, which we ask you to share. Invitations should arrive in the mail around September 1. Check out all our items now. We will add items until auction day. We will also have daily bidding incentives.

The festivities will begin at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, September 15 and will end on Saturday, September 18 at 9:00 PM. People can pick up their winning bids at a Salmon Creek Clark County location on Sunday, September 19 noon to 5:00 PM or Monday September 20 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. We are able to deliver to some local Clark County and Portland Metro addresses, or other arrangements may be made. Gift certificates can be mailed to people.

**Procurement Questions:** Lisa Baxter [auction@furryfriendswa.org](mailto:auction@furryfriendswa.org)

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**Sponsorship Information:** Diane Stevens [news@furryfriendswa.org](mailto:news@furryfriendswa.org)



### Peace and Justice Fair

Furry Friends will participate in the P&J Fair on September 11 at Esther Short Park in Vancouver, but the daylong event will be smaller than in past years. We will offer discounted microchips for \$35, and we will sell merchandise at the fair. Please let Danielle know if you have any merchandise you would like to sell. Contact **Danielle Chancey** (360) 953-3354, [daniellechancey@kw.com](mailto:daniellechancey@kw.com) for more information.



Furry Friends needs your help in raising \$10,000 for the unexpected, extraordinary medical expenses of cats in our care during the one day online fundraising challenge Give More 24! This 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 them need shots and spay/neutering, but sometimes they require dental work or expensive surgery. Last year we spent over \$105,000 on medical treatments alone!

[https://www.givemore24.org/organizations/furry-friends?fbclid=IwAR1ssiRypE4QLIrodPLwaTM\\_UiEwYkEHJ5tWWtSZ2vph6ovG\\_KJjoLrUniE](https://www.givemore24.org/organizations/furry-friends?fbclid=IwAR1ssiRypE4QLIrodPLwaTM_UiEwYkEHJ5tWWtSZ2vph6ovG_KJjoLrUniE)

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We're excited to announce that long-time supporter Julie Baldino, Front Door Realty, has pledged \$1000 and new supporter, Geoff Bennett of Bennett Home Inspections, has pledged

\$500 in matching funds to us during Give More 24! Together they will match, dollar for dollar, every donation up to \$1,500! We are still looking for more Match Donors, so please contact us if you are interested in signing up!

Julie Baldino, Front Door Realty <https://www.frontdoornw.com/>

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*by Jenn Hutchman*

Many times when you hear or read about fostering cats, you only see cute kitten pics, hear all the success stories, and learn how wonderful it is to be a foster "mom." You don't always hear about the late nights, the worry, the fears, the having to isolate this kitten, or give another kitten certain medicine, or bottle feed 9 kittens every 2 hours, 24 hours a day, or figure out what this puke mean today. You don't experience the heartbreak when we can't save one, or join the brainstorming to try to determine what's wrong or what course of action to take. You don't hear about the days and nights at the emergency veterinarian's office or the last-minute appointments or the emotional toll it takes to give these babies a great start at life. It's not always rainbows and kitten kisses, although it's worth it to save and love the ones we can.

Meet Ren (we called him Sadness because he always looked sad). Today (August 4) we had to be there for him while he crossed the Rainbow Bridge. He was my bottle baby and has been with me since he was tiny. After many tests it was concluded that he had Intussusception, which is where a part of his intestines slid into another part. This caused him to go into sepsis and his best option was to be humanely euthanized. He would not have survived the surgery he needed to repair it. Jesse was with him holding him. It's heart breaking to lose him but at least he was loved while he was here. He was such a funny, sweet little boy. Rest in peace little sadness

Furry Friends still has a bill of almost \$2,200 to cover for him for all his tests and everything. If you want to donate, you can do so at our website <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>. Unfortunately, Ren's isn't the only sad story that we have to share. Rescuing cats is truly a labor of love and takes its toll emotionally on many of us. We put our time, money and hearts into doing the best we can for these kitties. We spend the money on cats if we can help them. And

these sad stories do come along. Thankfully we are able to save most of the kitties with medical problems, but there is the occasional one like Ren that we are not able to save.

Thank you all for helping the kitties of Furry Friends to have a better life.

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We would like to thank Jenn Hutchman for writing this story. 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 she has taken on some of the difficult medical cases like Ren. She also is the lead person for our email/voice mail team, plays a significant role on our medical team and has done a number of other tasks including fundraising. For 2020 she put in about 570 volunteer hours for Furry Friends. We are so grateful for all she does.



We humans can only imagine what life is like for a cat that has a serious eye condition and needs to have that eye removed. They can't understand why they have lost vision, why their eyes don't work the way they once did.

Sweet Ulysses, one of Furry Friends' kitties, is a cat had to have his eye removed. He doesn't comprehend why he needed the surgery—or why he must wear two cones around his neck. ("Hey, humans, two cones are two too many!"). He also has no way of knowing the cost of his operation.

We at Furry Friends do understand the need, the cost and the importance of a good recovery. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit no-kill cat rescue serving Clark County, Washington, and adjacent counties, we were founded in 1999. Furry Friends is a volunteer-run organization that rescues and adopts out homeless, relinquished, and abused cats. We shelter and care for them for as long as it takes to find them forever homes.

Because of our mission, we spend a lot of money to provide the medical attention that is necessary for cats to be healthy enough for adoption. More often than we would like, we must have a cat's eye removed. There are several reasons for the surgery, but Furry Friends has found that the most common is because of a detached retina.

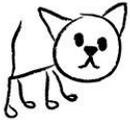
READ MORE HERE

<https://furryfriendswa.org/why-is-eye-removal-necessary/>



'TIS THE  
Season  
OF Giving

Please Help The Kitties

Would you like to help  
 **Furry Friends**   
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.

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*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](mailto:information@furryfriendswa.org)  
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Danielle will be handling the Giving Trees. If you have questions or want to help, please contact her. Do you know a business that would like to have a box and display to collect items for us? Contact **Danielle Chancey** (360) 953-3354, [daniellechancey@kw.com](mailto:daniellechancey@kw.com) for more information.



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

Tours start on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 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>

**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](mailto:information@furryfriendswa.org) or leave a message at (360) 993-1097.

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

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