



2023 Year End Review by FF Executive Director Jenn Hutchman

Wow what a great and challenging year Furry Friends has had! I will share our many amazing accomplishments in 2023 in this letter. First, I would like to send out a very heartfelt THANK YOU to all our supporters, volunteers, sponsors, and donors! Together with our Board of Directors, Leadership, Staff, and YOU, we have made a difference in so many lives and in many cases, we have saved lives! Give yourself the credit you deserve!

[Medical/Rescue Successes short recap](#)

Bean is a happy and healthy little dude who was diagnosed with megacolon. Thanks to the quick work of his foster, our staff, and our partner veterinarian we think we caught it in time before he required any surgeries. Now he is just on medication to help things move along the way they should.

Rambo had his entropion surgery with our rescue partners spay/neuter clinic which really helped him and us! Now he gets to live a comfortable life without his eyelashes poking him in the eye every day.

Rosie, our sweet little grey tuxie girl, was born with many deformities requiring surgeries. In addition to her spay surgery, she has been through two hernia surgeries, a polyp removal, and a bulla osteotomy. She still needs double FHO surgery. Thanks to a few donors who gave directly to her and a wonderful vet partnership she will receive those surgeries.

Seymore, Sea Otter, Sandy, Haiku, and Calypso were all diagnosed with FIP. Once a death sentence, it isn't anymore. We have successfully cured the first 3 kitties and are working to cure Haiku and Calypso.

Annabelle the brave! The tiny girl came to us with Pectus Excavatum. The condition required her "shield" to be sewn into her breastbone to readjust her rib cage giving room for her heart and lungs to grow. Working alongside one of our valuable vet partners her surgery was a success!

Neptune, Comet and 150 others like them came from hoarding situations and required extensive medical care to get them healthy and ready for adoption. Take a look at our video about Comet and Neptune. Thank you to professional videographer Mike Morris for donating his time to create this project. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xA8SKxlGzK4>

Lastly, I would like to include the many FIV+ kitties (Peanut & Grizz to name a couple) that would have been euthanized by many others.

Although I could list many more, each cat we take in is a success for us and we will continue our mission to help the sick, the injured, the abandoned, and the ones other places might turn away or euthanize.

Adoption Victories

As of this writing (Dec. 14) we are at: 617 adoptions, a record number for Furry Friends! We have found loving homes for all types of cats, not just the easily adoptable. We do not discriminate against the cats we take in, from newborns to elderly to medically needy to calico attitudes. We will dedicate our time to find them the perfect homes that suit not only the cat's needs but the needs of their owners. While high adoption numbers are wonderful, we do not reduce any care to get there. All cats are treated as individuals and get every need met prior to adoption: medically, socially, and behaviorally to the best of our abilities.

Expansion Feat

We are in the final stages of city planning approval for our new medical building! At this point nothing will stop us from successful construction IF we raise the funds! We are very excited to expand the shelter to enable us to do our own spay/neuter surgeries and other procedures on site and start a much-needed trap-neuter-release (TNR) program in Clark County! If you would like information on how to donate directly to our building fund, please email me information@furryfriendswa.org.

Although at times it might seem as if we are up against a war we can never possibly win, I have faith that we will be victorious! We are dedicated to continuous growth, improving processes, and upping the standards of shelter care by increasing community education and access to services while standing by our mission. We can only accomplish this goal with your support, and we do appreciate every bit of it! Let's make 2024 a year to make giant strides in animal welfare together!

Jenn Hutchman
Furry Friends Executive Director

Here are a couple pages from an earlier newsletter about our programs.



About Furry Friends



SPECIAL EDITION

BREAKING NEWS

Furry Friends Future Plans!



We are happy to announce after much planning and coordination with the city we have been approved to begin the process of building a new medical facility on the Furry Friends property! We are all elated that this project can become a reality in the next few years! We have new programs we are excited to roll out at a future date in conjunction with this project we cannot share yet, but let's just say this will be a dream come true for the cats in the community! If you would like to be apart of this amazing new development please contact us at information@furryfriendswa.org. We CAN build this together!

About Furry Friends

Founded in 1999, Furry Friends is a nonprofit, no-kill 501(c)(3) cat rescue serving Clark County. We are the largest cat only shelter in Southwest Washington. Furry Friends is a volunteer run organization, our mission is to save abused, abandoned and relinquished cats by providing them with medical

care and socialization, spay/neutering and shelter until they are placed in appropriate adoptive homes.

For more information on Furry Friends, please visit www.furryfriendswa.org, or email information@furryfriendswa.org or call 360-993-1097 (message phone).



About Furry Friends



A letter from our Executive Director Jenn Hutchman



As the end of the year quickly approaches, I find myself very thankful to be serving such a dedicated and responsible non-profit as their Executive/Medical Director. Whether it has been collaborating with the board, our staff, our community partners/Vet-

erinarians, rescue partners, our volunteers, or our supporters, I am fortunate to be in the company of such compassionate and amazing people. It is truly inspiring to watch so many of us come together for the one common goal of saving cats!

What a year 2023 has been so far! With our numbers steadily climbing year by year we have gotten more creative with fundraising and brainstorming on how we can make the biggest impact and contribution in helping our feline friends and the community. This has led to the creation of some new programs, with some already implemented and some still in the planning phases. These programs are in conjunction with our main mission, which is to help find homes for the abandoned, the abused, and the injured. Some of these programs are:

Keep Me In My Home



Keep me in my home program: helps kitties with vet care when they are facing euthanasia or relinquishment due to a medical need but would thrive better staying in their loving home. We work with a few Veterinarians who refer kitties to us for this program who already qualify.



Furry Friends Pet Pantry: helps feed over 100 kitties a month solely on donated food! We also support many feral cat colonies.



Trappers Assistance Program

Our new TAP (Trappers Assistance Program) is set to roll out in 2024! This program will assist local trappers in having the supplies and funding they need to continue to TNR (Trap, Neuter/Spay, Return) community and feral cats.



Hoarding Specialists



Hoarding Specialists: helps people who find themselves with too many cats to financially, medically, physically, and mentally care for.

***Queen program:** When someone ends up with an unexpected litter of kittens the queen program makes sure all the kittens and mom get the medical care they need and once the kittens are adopted and the mom is spayed the original owner can then adopt the mom cat back.



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Furry Friends Programs



Programs we offer:

*In addition to adoption/
relinquishment services



- *Pet Pantry
- *Keep me in my home
- *Trapper Assistance Program (TAP)
- *Queen Program
- *Neonatal Services
- *Hoarding Services



Neonatal program - caring for kittens under 6 weeks old that for one reason or another end up motherless. These kittens need bottle fed or even tube fed every 2 hours around the clock. This program saves over 100 kittens a year!

After Adoption Assistance



After Adoption Assistance: we are dedicated to keeping kitties in their new homes and offer the support and resources to our adopters to do that. We are careful to try to match up the perfect cat with the perfect person.



Chips Littermates



Chips littermates (rolling out spring 2024!): dedicated volunteers clean up litter/garbage in areas where strays live or are frequently found. When cats have no food supply they will eat things they shouldn't and it can kill them. We want to help keep their environments clean and litter free. This program is being started in memory of Chip who was dumped at a lake and got into some poisonous garbage, unfortunately he came to us too late to be saved.

This is just a quick overview of some of our new and future programs more information will be announced at later dates. How exciting! We anticipate ending this year with the highest adoption numbers in the history of our organization. This has been accomplished without compromising the quality care each kitty receives from us and not straying from our values. With our dedicated fosters and adoption teams each kitty gets hand chosen for their adopters and the homes that will best fit the cats and the new owner's needs. We pride ourselves on treating each cat as the individuals they are! How lucky are we to be part of this process?

2024 is going to be another exciting year as we prepare for the construction of our new medical building! More information to come but this is going to be a game changer for the kitties in Clark County! I could go on and on about how amazing everyone involved with Furry friends is because I mean it, we have the very best supporters! I hope this letter finds you safe and snuggled up with your favorite feline and thank you for your unwavering support of Furry Friends!

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ABOUT FURRY FRIENDS

Furry Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit no-kill cat

rescue serving Clark County, Washington and adjacent counties. Founded in 1999, we are an organization that rescues and then adopts out homeless, relinquished, and abused cats. We shelter and care for them as long as it takes to find them forever homes.

We have adopted approximately 635 cats and kittens for 2023 which is a record for us. Without our help, and the help of our supporters, many of these cats would have been euthanized, left on the streets to fend for themselves, or continued to over-populate the community with kittens.

While only having three employees Furry Friends is also supported by more than 180 community volunteers who come from diverse backgrounds to contribute their time, skills, and talents for the cats. There is also a team of active volunteer board members. In 2023, our volunteers donated over 40,000 hours of service.

OUR MISSION

The Mission of Furry Friends is to help homeless, relinquished and abused cats by:

- Spaying or neutering.
- Providing medical care and foster homes until permanent placement of these cats into safe, nurturing homes.
- Educating the public regarding the care and responsibility of cat ownership.
- Collaborating with other pet rescue and companion groups to accomplish a no-kill status in the State of Washington.



December 15: The Furry Friends cat shelter will host an adoption event at the All Natural Pet Supply in Battle Ground from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, December 15. All Natural Pet Supply is located at 1910 W. Main St., Suite 104, in Battle Ground.

December 16: We will also have an adoption event on Saturday December 16th 11:00 to 3:00 at the East Vancouver PetSmart, 130 SE 192nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98683. Come out and meet the kitties and the Furry Friends volunteers.



December 7-18: The "12 Meows of Catmas" event December 7-18 is going on right now. There will be a different giving opportunity for the 12 days of this event. Day 1: cat beds; Day 2: Cat litter; Day 3: medical supplies; Day 4: cleaning supplies; Day 5: Cat toys; Day 6: neonatal supplies; Day 7: blankets; Day 8: Cat treats; Day 9: garbage bags; Day 10: paper towels/tp; Day 11: small items; Day 12: towels

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'tis the season

OF GIVING



Would you like to help

FurryFriends

by hosting a Giving Tree?



Giving Tree is a truly worthwhile fundraiser for getting us all stocked up on supplies for the cats and kittens in our care around the holiday season. Hosting a Giving Tree with us is easy! All you need to do is have an entryway where clientele come to your place of business, and put up a small (or large) holiday tree. We provide the signage, donation box, wish lists, and ornaments of adoptable cats and set everything up with your tree!

We will post on our social media accounts and in our Newsletters promoting your business and the fact that you've partnered with us so that both your clientele and our supporters can bring their generous donations to your drop off location all season long!

If you have any questions, or would like to host a Giving Tree this season with us, please email Danielle at: information@furryfriendsWA.org

Giving Trees

The Giving Trees are ready to go up. We have lined up a number of businesses to host one for Furry Friends, but we could use more locations. We have been posting new locations on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/furryfriendswa>

If your business, or the company you work for, has a lobby for entering clientele... we want to know! We hope to get our Giving Trees into as MANY business-fronts as possible this year and the only way that'll happen is if YOU help spread the word! Please feel free to SHARE THIS POST, or send out this newsletter to your boss/coworkers/friends/etc. so we can get as many Giving Tree displays up as possible! We are on track to save over 600 cats and kittens this year and we simply cannot do it without the support from each and every one of you; so thank you in advance!! 🐾❤️ So far, we have commitments from: Claus Paws, Mary Janes House of Glass, and Naturally Healthy Pet.

To host a Giving Tree for us this year, please email Danielle at: information@furryfriendswa.org.
p.s. The sooner you sign up... the sooner we will start promoting your business! 🐱

A partial list of our participating locations:

Yard and Garden, 1501 NE 102nd St., Vancouver, WA. 98686
Iron Gate Storage (Corporate Office), 103 E 29th St., suite B, Vancouver, WA. 98663
Iron Gate Storage (Washougal), 321 C St., Washougal, WA. 98671
Iron Gate Storage (Beaverton), 4050 SW 160th AVE., Beaverton, OR. 97078
Dev's Coffee Bar, 316 E Main St., Battle Ground., WA 98604
Claus Paws Animal Hospital, 5819 NE 162nd AVE. Vancouver, WA. 98682
East Padden Animal Hospital, 15721 NE Fourth Plain Blvd. Vancouver, WA. 98682
Horizon Veterinary, 15721 NE Fourth Plain Blvd. Vancouver, WA. 98682
Les Schwab in Orchards, 11804 NE 78th Way, Vancouver, WA. 98682
Plogs Landscape Design, 7308 NE 144th AVE. Vancouver, WA. 98682
Victor 23 Brewing, 2905 St Johns Blvd, #3718, Vancouver, WA. 98661
Literary Leftovers, 813 W Main ST., #105, Battle Ground, WA. 98682
Paws Cascadia, 720 W Main ST., #104, Battle Ground, WA. 98604
Naturally Healthy Pet, 317 NE Cedar ST. Camas, WA. 98607
Pro Active Physical Therapy Specialists, 3400 SE 196th AVE, #101, Camas, WA. 98607
Mary Jane House of Glass, 1708 E St. Washougal, WA. 98671

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WISH LIST

- Adult Cat Food: Purina Pro Plan or Purina One (canned or dry)
- Kitten Food: Purina or Hills Science Diet (canned or dry)
- KMR Powder Formula
- FortiFlora
- Integrity Clumping Cat Litter
- ANY Natural, Non-clay Litter (for our kittens)
- Towels (any size)
- Bleach
- General Purpose Cleaners; 409, Simple Green, etc.
- Swiffer Wet Jet Liquid Refills
- Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags (13 Gallon)
- Paper Towels
- Kitten Bottles
- Cat Brushes
- Cat Wand Toys
- Small Litter Pans
- Eye & Ear Wipes
- Flea Combs
- Gloves
- Cotton Balls
- Q-tips
- Clorox Wipes
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Gift Cards to: Mudbay, Woodin' You, Orchards Feed, All Natural Pet Supply, PetSmart, or Amazon.



Furry friends 2024 calendars are now available! To purchase yours for \$25 please send an email to information@furryfriendswa.org or stop by the two bazaars where we will be selling them. The calendars are pick-up only for now.



Happy Holidays from Furry Friends

Having trouble receiving the newsletter?

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