

# THE NEWS

**Online News for all the  
Friends of Furry Friends  
May 2022**

**Furry  
Friends**



*Helping homeless and abused cats*

[www.furryfriendswa.org](http://www.furryfriendswa.org)

Dear Friends,

The spring auction is over and we are busy planning for the in person fall auction South Pacific as well as some other events. Please see below for more details about these upcoming adventures.



## **To all of our Volunteers - THANK YOU!**

April 17-23 was Volunteer Appreciation Week!

A very special time designated to thank volunteers. There are not enough words to describe how amazed and grateful we are for the dedication, compassion and generosity of the over 150 individuals who have given of themselves to Furry Friends.

Furry Friends would not be possible without the donation of funds, talent and time from you, who have seen the plight of the cats and kittens in our care. You, our dedicated and compassionate

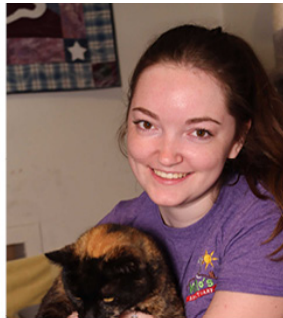
volunteers, have decided to not only “talk the talk” but also “walk the walk” and give of yourselves in a most precious way, your time.

We would not exist without your support. Without your help, we would not have been able to save the more than 3,748 cats and kittens that we have taken in since 1999. Without you, none of the work we do would be possible!

Whether you have given 20 hours for the year or 2,000 hours, it is all appreciated. Each person gives what they can manage for their lives. And the kitties are not the only ones to benefit from the time given; the kindness that the volunteers show to one another and those interested in our kitties has been heartwarming. We truly have a loving, compassionate, caring group of volunteers. We will never be able to fully express our gratitude to you, but please know from the bottom of our hearts how much we appreciate and respect each and every one of you.



Debbie Baughman



Jazmynn Hoffman



Jenn Hutchman



Karen Grafmyre



Lois Bosland



Mary Wakely

### **Volunteer Spotlight on the Voicemail Team**

A big shoutout to our Furry friends Voicemail Team! One of our most important jobs, the task often goes unnoticed as it is not in the forefront for most volunteers or followers. Voicemail is literally a lifeline for some of the cats and kittens we take in. Creating voicemails is neither a small nor an easy task. Some days there are no messages and other days, 20. Our voicemail team takes these messages, returns the calls, and then forwards all the information to the next key people. When veterinarian offices call and need a timely decision to help a cat, it is our responsiveness that saves these lives. Other calls could be about found kittens, injured strays, donations, referral services, etc. All calls are important, and our team ensures that everyone

who calls feels heard and gets a prompt response. Our goal is to return calls the same day, and we usually meet our goal.

Our current voicemail team:

Jenn Hutchman – Voicemail Lead, Debbie Baughman, Jazmynn Hoffman, Lois Bosland, Mary Wakely, Karen Grafmyre

**Here are some additional Volunteer Spotlights.**

Cynthia Johnson	<a href="https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-on-cynthia-johnson/">https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-on-cynthia-johnson/</a>
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Mary Jane & Michael Holland	<a href="https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-on-mary-jane-and-michael-holland/">https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-on-mary-jane-and-michael-holland/</a>
Diane Stevens	<a href="https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-on-diane-stevens/">https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-on-diane-stevens/</a>
Fall Auction Committee	<a href="https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-on-the-auction-committee/">https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-on-the-auction-committee/</a>



**Thank You to Our Volunteers**

***A note to our Furry Friends volunteers from our president Jaimie Garver.***

Hi everyone, I wanted to take a minute of your time to let you all know how very much I appreciate you and what you do for Furry Friends and our community. I will try to put in to words the impact that you have no matter if you volunteer an hour a week or more, we all add value and support each other to have this amazing community of cat lovers that comes together to do this very rewarding work.

**Impacts that volunteers have on Furry Friends and our community:**

Because of you shy/scared cats have learned to trust again and get into homes, like Moomoo, Hunter and Popeye

Because of you cats that may have been deemed as "barn cats" elsewhere have been socialized and can sleep in real beds, like Gus, King and Bernie

Because of you FIV cats get into homes that love them, like Ulysses and Bruce

Because of you the community is being educated about FIV and how scary it's NOT

Because of you injured cats are getting the medical care they need and deserve, like Fluffy, Blue and Raggedy Andy

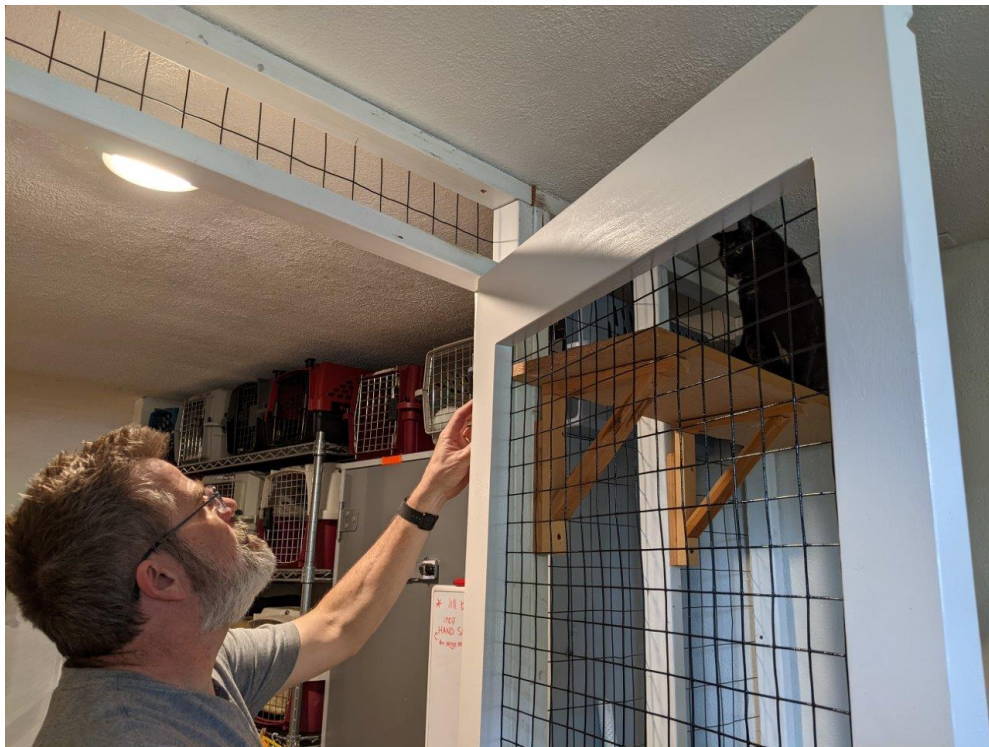
Because of you Furry Friends cats are not only fed, but loved while they are with us

Because of you we have more than doubled the amount of cats we can help within the past two years.

Because of you the community supports our efforts and it shows in donations, shares, likes, and referrals.

Because of you MANY cats no longer have to have litter after litter of kittens, like Oliveoil. No more babies having babies!

READ MORE HERE <https://furryfriendswa.org/thank-you-to-our-volunteers/>



### **New Doors at the Halfway House**

The city has required that our internal doors to the kitty rooms have magnetic latches, so you just push on them to open the door. Jim Grafmyre, who has been doing a lot of the handyman jobs for us, has built some new



doors that are much sturdier and contain the word PUSH so you know how to open the door. He has done such a professional job. But it may be because Persnikitty was supervising him.

## Furry Friends Teams 2022

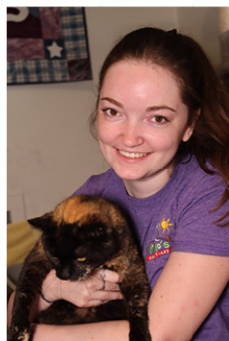
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Jenn Hutchman  
Volunteer Support Team  
Adoption Team Lead  
Intake & Medical Team  
Voicemail Lead



Jaimie Garver  
Adoption Team  
Intake & Medical Team  
FF President



Jazmynn Hoffman  
Volunteer Support Team  
Adoption Team  
Intake Team  
Shelter Manager



Mary Wakely  
Adoption Team  
Voicemail Team



Sylvester 'Sal' Alcaraz  
Lead Volunteer  
Coordinator



Kuuipo Alcaraz  
Lead Volunteer  
Coordinator



Gail Bauhs  
Lead Socializer  
Coordinator



Brandi Towner  
Adoption Team  
Intake Team  
FF Vice President

Furry Friends has been working hard to implement new systems and procedures! One of the new "features" puts teams in place for certain duties. Here are a few changes and the key people on these teams:

### **Volunteer Coordinating**

Sylvester Enrique Alcaraz & Kuuipo Alcaraz Lead Volunteer Coordinators: First point of contact for applications, orientations, trainings, shift assignments, Volunteer support, etc.

Volunteer Support Team is Jazmynn Hoffman & Jenn Hutchman (plus other leadership when needed): Issues at HH, Volunteer support, cat situations, etc.

### **Socializer Program**

Gail Schroeder Bauhs Lead Socializer Coordinator: First point of contact for applications, orientations, trainings, socializer support, etc.

### **Medical Team**

Will assess the socialization needs of each cat and work with Gail on what to implement to best meet the cats needs.

### **Adoption Team**

Jenn Hutchman Adoption Coordinator: Main point of contact for applications, scheduling appointments, showing cats, adoptions.

Adoptions team is Jaimie L Garver, Mary Reese Wakely (Thursdays), Jazmynn Hoffman, Brandi Towner, Sal & Kui (Fridays): Meets with potential adopters for meet & greets, finalizing Adoptions, after adoption support, etc.

### **Intake Team**

Jenn Hutchman Intake Lead: Main point of contact for intakes, scheduling intakes, etc. Jaimie, Brandi and Jazmynn are team members.

### **Shelter Manager (paid staff)**

Jazmynn Hoffman: All things at the Halfway House and keeping an eye on the cats needs.

We have other teams such as the Fosters and Halfway House Shift Leaders. We are all here to support the cats and one another ♥

Having a team of people benefits us all. Firstly, it gives volunteers more than one point of contact. Overseeing more than 150 people is an overwhelming job for one person. Spreading out the roles and tasks will benefit all. Secondly, if something happens to one team member, someone else would easily be able to cover the role.

If you are interested in helping out more please reach out! [information@furryfriendswa.org](mailto:information@furryfriendswa.org).



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- 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. (360) 571-0082
- Contact [information@furryfriendswa.org](mailto:information@furryfriendswa.org) to arrange another location for drop off

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**Jaimie Garver**, President, Operations, Financials  
**Brandi Towner**, Vice President & Adoption/intake team  
**Linda Rader**, Adoption/Foster Coordinator  
**Cynthia Johnson**, Treasurer,  
**Diane Stevens**, Public Relations and Marketing, social media, newsletters, photography, creative director



**Marci Koski**, Feline behaviorist  
**Danielle Chancey**, Secretary, Fundraising and Events

**Other Leadership:**

**Jenn Hutchman**, Executive Director, Community Outreach, Adoption/intake Coordinator, Med team/scheduler

**Jazmynn Hoffman**, House Manager, Volunteer Support/intake team

**Tanika Campbell**, Night House Manager

**Chris Nash**, Auction Lead

**Gail Bauhs**, Cat Socializer Lead

**Kelli Thompson**, Volunteer Coordinator



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