

# THE MEWS

## Online News for all the Friends of Furry Friends February 2022

Furry Friends



Helping homeless and abused cats

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

Dear Friends,

In 2021 we adopted out a record number of 456 cats and kittens, WOW!!! In 2020, Furry Friends adopted out 380--huge for us, and during all previous years we hovered between 150 and 200. We take in as many cats as we can responsibly care for. We continue to fine-tune our operation and have good systems and people to take care of assorted jobs. You should all feel very proud of your role in making Furry Friends a success.

# 456

## ADOPTIONS of Cats and Kittens

# 2021



As of Jan. 20, we have adopted out 41 cats, a great start for the New Year. And we currently have 47 kittens in our care. We have almost no adult cats, but we do have a waiting list of cats to welcome to Furry Friends, so we are working as fast as we can to make that happen.



**Save the Date for the Spring Auction, March 25-27.**

We are looking for items for the Spring Auction. You can contact Jenn Hutchman or email us at [information@furryfriendswa.org](mailto:information@furryfriendswa.org) if you have something to donate.

We continue to work out the details, but the purpose of the auction is to bring attention to Kitten Season. Love is in the air in springtime, and "kitten season" kicks into full swing. We anticipate performing over 300 spay/neuters this year to help the cat population in our community. Funds from our online auction will go toward the more than \$20,000 cost of spay/neuter services projected by Furry Friends and to help to cover extraordinary medical expenses for cats that need that extra TLC to place them into a loving home. You will be able to view items ahead of time and on March 25th you can start the bidding on your favorite items from the safety of your own home.

Dr Virginia Huang and Iron Gate Storage are Premiere Sponsors for the event. Other sponsors include [Front Door Realty](#), [Feline Behavior Solutions](#), Crystal Investment Property (Gold Sponsors) and [Jared The Cat Groomer](#) (Silver Sponsor) If you would like to be a sponsor for Furry Friends please visit <https://furryfriendswa.org/sponsors/>.



### Thank you Sal!

It takes many dedicated volunteers to run Furry Friends. We have volunteers who come in during rain and snow, on holidays, last minute when we have a spot to fill, and even some who come in during hard times. One of these volunteers is Sal Alcaraz. Not only has he come in during bad weather, holidays and at the last minute, he broke his foot at home around Christmas time, which required surgery. He had surgery on a Wednesday and made it to his Friday night shift at our shelter. His wife, Kuuipo, is also one of these dedicated volunteers who fills in for shifts and takes on any task we ask of her. Furry friends would not survive without dedicated volunteers like Sal & Kuui (and their Friday team members who are just as dedicated). We recently did a volunteer bio on them but felt they needed an extra shout out for always coming through for our Furry friends. Thank you Sal & Kuuipo!



### Cat Hoarding

Of the many kinds of calls for help that Furry Friends receives, we occasionally get requests from homes or properties that have been overrun by our feline friends. The numbers often grow from two cats with good intentioned owners to many cats and kittens. If the cats have not been spayed/neutered, a 30 cat-hoard may result.

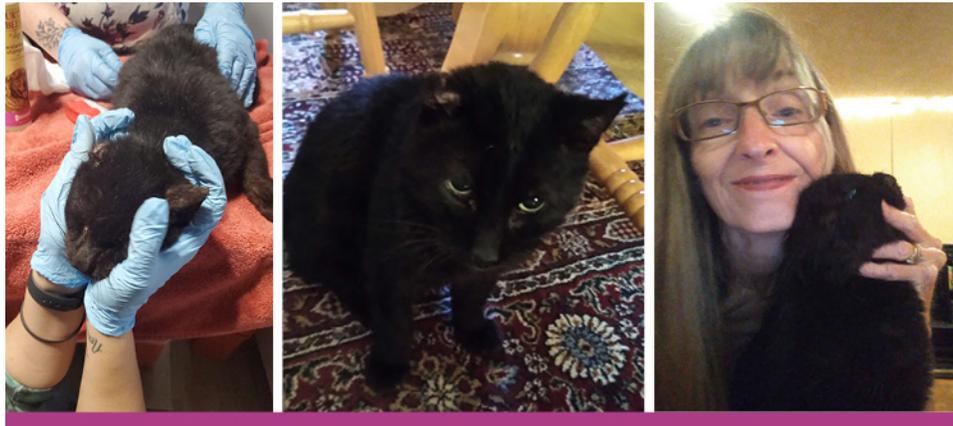
Many times in these situations the animals cannot be cared for properly and start to decline in health. The owners don't know what to do and are scared to ask for help because they don't want to get in trouble with animal control.

Furry Friends has helped many of these situations and saved the lives of many cats. Two of these cats were Daffy & Addy. We were already working on this cat hoard and were moving a couple cats out a week. Some of these were: Bella & her kittens, G, Steve, Toni & her kittens, and Cheeks. We received a call from the owner one evening saying one of the cats had walked up to them with a newborn kitten in her mouth and the owner wasn't sure which cat even had kittens. The two possible moms and baby were then rushed to a Furry Friends foster while the owner searched for more kittens. Unfortunately with the landscape of the area and conditions of the home on the property there were no more kittens found.

The two potential moms were Daffy & Addy. They had delivered kittens recently and were nursing this one baby. There was no way to tell for sure who the mom was.

At the same time Furry Friends received a call from another shelter to take some newborn kittens found without a mom. We decided to see if these two mamas would help us with these new babies and they did! They nursed these babies and raised them as their own. It was really an amazing sight to see these poor mamas who had lost their own babies take on these orphans. All the kittens grew up healthy and were adopted. Daffy & Addy were recently adopted and are doing well in their new homes.

READ MORE HERE <https://furryfriendswa.org/a-happy-ending-to-a-hoarding-situation/>



## ***Casanova now Scooby***

Do you remember Casanova? He was the stray boy that stole our hearts. We took him to the groomer to help with his lice and treated his ear mites. He went to the Vet to have his rotten teeth removed and he was neutered at that time. He progressed a long way in a few short weeks of being with Furry Friends. We named him Casanova because--let's face it--he is a ladies' man. He had all of the ladies

taking care of him fawning over him immediately. He is such a sweet boy and is very thankful to be inside, clean, and healing!

Not long after he was healthy Leonette stepped up to adopt him. She gave him a great place to live and changed his name to Scooby. Here is this dear boy's story and how he is loving life now.

"When I adopted Scooby (formerly Casanova) from Furry Friends, he was extremely shy," says Leonette, "but he grew comfortable here quite quickly. He now walks happily around the house and doesn't hide any more when guests visit.

"The reason I changed his name to Scooby is because he's kind of a funny, goofy little cat with a cute skip when he runs. Although he still has a touch of his original shyness, he loves being petted and held, and he most definitely purrs!

"He doesn't pal around with my other cat, however. At the beginning, their relationship seemed promising because my other cat was very interested in being near him, but Scooby didn't want any part of it. So, I have to keep a close eye on them to make certain that they get along."

<https://furryfriendswa.org/furry-friends-fur-ever-tail-scooby-and-leonette-sanders/?fbclid=IwAR2Eyy8BSNRZHgzrK2KyXokEO-BERkXV9W5INzdd TK65HElu0V4moyNJPk>



## *Giving Tree 2021*

A BIIIG thank you to everyone who showed up for the cats and kittens this year via Giving Tree! These are just some of the donations we received and we couldn't be happier.

To the businesses who hosted our Giving Trees: Yard N Garden Land, Keller Williams Premier Partners, MudBay and Claus Paws...THANK YOU!! We could not do this without your kindness and generosity. 🐾 We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and look forward to your continued support in the new year.

Thank you to Danielle Chancey for coordinating this Giving Tree event.



### Looking for Fall Auction Items

If you are interested in helping with items for the **South Pawcific Fall Auction** we especially ask for items such as trips, vacation places, experiences and expensive items. We can always use more items that would appeal to men such as hunting, fishing, BBQ, camping, sports memorabilia, smart TVs, car items and services, tools and electronics. We ask that donations be valued at \$40 or more, and we need to receive them by August 1, 2022. We are trying to focus on quality rather than quantity. We only have space for about 100 silent auction items so we want to earn as much as we can for each item. Things do not have to be cat themed; our guests have many interests in addition to cats.

Take a look at our auction wish list

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/GT5MXWN1EOUH?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/GT5MXWN1EOUH?ref=wl_share)

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**Auction Questions:** Chris Nash [ffauction@icloud.com](mailto:ffauction@icloud.com)

**Sponsorship Information:** Diane Stevens [dgelhockey@yahoo.com](mailto:dgelhockey@yahoo.com)



### Birthday Fundraisers on Facebook

It is easy as pie to host a special occasion or birthday fundraiser for Furry Friends on Facebook. Go to the fundraiser page:

[https://www.facebook.com/fundraisers?birthday&source=help\\_center\\_how\\_to\\_create\\_birthday\\_fundraiser](https://www.facebook.com/fundraisers?birthday&source=help_center_how_to_create_birthday_fundraiser)

Keep in mind that you'll be asked to provide the following information when creating a birthday fundraiser:

- The nonprofit you want to raise money for, which would be Furry Friends Washington.
- The amount of money you want to raise.
- The date you want your fundraiser to end.
- A title and description for your fundraiser.



### **Betty White Challenge**

Furry Friends and our boy Hunter want to send out a huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated and shared the #BettyWhiteChallenge on January 17!! Because of you cats like Hunter can get life saving surgeries! Kittens can be spayed/neutered before they start reproducing! Kittens & cats can get wormer/flea medication so they don't have to live with parasites! Stray/feral cats can get food! Kittens can get vaccinated against the diseases that can kill them! The impact every single donated dollar has is massive! We cannot say thank you enough to our continued supporters and our new supporters! You all raised \$6500 and some checks are still coming in, this is us being mind blown! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! And a giant thank you to Betty White for being such a strong advocate for our Furry Friends!



**Jason P. Smith CPA, PS**  
Accounting

We would like to welcome new Silver Sponsor Jason Smith. He and his family have been supporters of Furry Friends for many years. They have three cats that were rescues from 15 years ago.

Jason has had his accounting business since 2003 and specializes in personal and business tax returns as well as general business services like payroll and bookkeeping. You can contact Jason at:

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VALENTINE'S  
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**From all the  
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## Ongoing Resources

- **Adopt A Pet** <https://www.adoptapet.com/shelter71378-pets.html>
- **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.

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