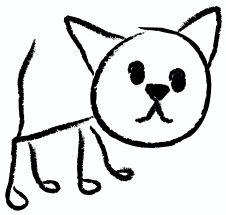

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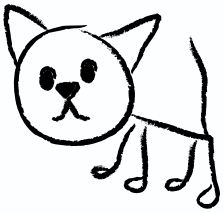

What is Furry Friends About?

WHO WE ARE

Furry Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit no-kill cat rescue serving Clark County, Washington and adjacent counties. Founded in 1999, we are a volunteer run organization that rescues and adopts out homeless, relinquished, and abused cats. We shelter and care for them as long as it takes to find them forever homes. We provide medical exams, medications, spay/neuter, food, and litter for up to 550 cats each year.

We have adopted out 506 cats and kittens for 2022 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.

Furry Friends has more than 150 community volunteers who come from diverse backgrounds to contribute their time, skills, and talents for the cats. There are also a team of active volunteer board members. In 2022, our volunteers donated a record 40,962 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.

HOUSING THE CATS

We regularly house around 28 adult cats in our Vancouver shelter, which we lovingly refer to as our Halfway House. The rest of the cats on our roster are housed in foster homes. We don't disclose the physical location of the shelter/Halfway House to the general public. We don't have people to work public hours and our house is not suited for drop-in visits. Members of the public can see the cats on our website and if interested in adopting one can either call our message line or submit an online request to meet at the Halfway House. Our adoption team has flexible hours and the public can usually meet the cat very quickly.

We provide care and supplies for approximately 10 unadoptable senior and medically-ill cats that we have placed in permanent foster homes. Kittens are always cared for in temporary foster homes, because their health tends to be fragile and because it's important that they're socialized and taught to use a litter box. The kittens can be preadopted, but they don't go to their new home without the required immunizations and being spayed or neutered. We cared for about 350 kittens in 2022, each one costing Furry Friends between $400 and $800 to care for their medical and physical needs.

Every cat taken in by Furry Friends has a thorough health check performed by our medical team.
This can include blood testing for FIV/FeLV, vaccinations, treatment for fleas/mites/worms, microchipping, nail trims, general wellness exams, sanitary trims, and any other necessary medications/treatments specific to each kittens care. Our veterinary partners provide additional vaccinations, spay/neuter, and non-routine procedures (e.g., dental work, X-rays, surgeries, etc).

Pictures and descriptions of the cats can be found on the Furry Friends website at www.furryfriendswa.org. Potential adopters wanting to meet our cats or kittens need to make an appointment by calling our message phone, 360-993-1097 or information@furryfriendswa.org.

Mailing Address: 6715 NE 63rd Street, Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661 Physical address is not published, call for an appointment.
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Furry Friends is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and is registered under the Washington State Charitable Contributions Act

Our Goals

• Strengthen our volunteer base to increase the number of cats we are able to take in, adopt out and place in foster care.
• Pay off the $215,000 mortgage on the Halfway House, which we purchased for the cats in 2016.
• Expand the Halfway House within the next five years to save more cats. Which would include a surgical suite so we can perform spay/neuter operations on site.

How We Are Funded

Furry Friends depends entirely on private donations, business sponsorships, fundraising events, and grants to finance an annual operating budget of approximately $350,000. Our major fundraising event is the annual dinner and auction, held each September, which hosts up to 200 guests. In 2023, we will celebrate our 24th year as a rescue and will hold the 'HISS' dinner and auction at the upscale Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA. It will be a rock and roll theme event.

How We Allocate Funds

As a no-kill cat shelter, we spend a large portion of our budget on medical care (e.g., spay/neuter, checkups, surgeries, medication). For 2022 our medical expenses were about $166,000 to care for approximately 550 cats and kittens..

In previous years we spent this amount to take care of half as many cats. We have become so much more efficient at what we do and have forged many new partnerships with those that can supply medical support.

For 2022 our cat food and litter expenses was $67,244, Our total expenses for the year were $349,190.
We have three paid employees. Jenn Hutchman is our Executive Director and is paid for a 40 hour week. She also puts in about 20 hours extra of volunteer time. We have a House Manager that works 30 hours a week and a Night House Manager that works 10 hours a week. Both house managers also put in many volunteer hours on top of their paid hours.

How we give back to the community

Education. We publish cat education stories for the public as a way of educating them about the best ways to care for their own cats and the feral cats in our community. We have posted over 260 stories on our blog on The Columbian Newspaper's website from November 2015 through January 2023. Cat Tale stories are written by award winning writer and Furry Friends volunteer Nomi Berger. http://blogs.columbian.com/cat-tales/

Pet Resource Page. We have a pet resource page on our website itemizing organizations that can help the community with spay/neuter, pet food, and medical assistance that can be found at: http://furryfriendswa.org/pet-resources/.

Cat Food Pantry
Sometimes the difference between keeping your cat or having to relinquish them can be not having the means for a few months worth of food. One of our Furry Friends missions is to help keep pets in their homes through temporary hardships by supplying food. All food has been donated to Furry Friends. You can also reach us on our Furry Friends Washington Pet Pantry Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/FurryFriendsWashingtonPetPantry/. We can also help supply food for feral colonies.

Peace of Mind. Many of the cats we take in are from the elderly, who move into assisted living and can't take their cat with them. Other cats are relinquished by people who have fallen on hard times or by those in the military who are deployed to another country. These situations are stressful for the cat owner, especially when many of them have had the cat since it was a kitten and consider it a family member. They have peace of mind when they find out about our good reputation, how we love the cats, and how careful we are at placing them in the right forever home.

Emotional Support. Some of our volunteers have anxiety or medical issues. Their health and wellbeing are much improved when they are around the cats; taking care of the cats makes them feel they have a purpose in life.

Pet-Less Residents. Many of our volunteers are pet less due to their living conditions or low economic status. Being able to interact with the shelter cats gives them the "fix" that they are unable to achieve otherwise.

Feral Cat Colonies. We schedule volunteers to feed and care for colonies located in Vancouver area. We provide food and will transport feral cats in need of neutering to the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon (FCCO) and return them to their colonies.

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/

Furry Friends Supporters

These stats are current as of February 1, 2023

- We have 3,500 people on our mailing list.
- There are 4,700 Facebook followers.
- Instagram has 1,753 followers.
- Twitter has 386 followers.
- There are 150 Furry Friends Volunteers.

Sponsor Attention

Promos for sponsors are in all of our digital and print newsletters and appear in posts on our Facebook page. There are at least 24 digital newsletters a year going out to the public and volunteers.

Our Challenges

Limited room in isolation
Each cat that we take in stays in the isolation/medical room at the Halfway House for one to two weeks to ensure they are free of transmittable diseases that might spread to the general population. Once these cats are cleared, we can take in new cats. The isolation room is large enough for our medical equipment and to house three kitty condos that hold up to seven cats. We always have a wait list of cats that are ready to be taken in, and the sooner a new cat is released into the general population the sooner we can bring in more cats.

As we save more money, it will be a priority to expand the medical/isolation area so that we can take in more cats.

Our Halfway House

On August 5, 2016 we purchased our first house after 17 years of renting a facility. Our house was built in 1951, and it has 1,662 sq feet of space on over ½ acre of land (.62 acre).

We do not publicize the address of our building. Visiting the shelter is by appointment only. We do not have people to staff the house so we cannot have people showing up without an appointment.

We have several Sponsorship packages

Tuxedo Premier Sponsorship - $5,000+ one-time donation for the calendar year

- Your company name and logo on our website with a link to your website
- Your company name and logo in our printed and electronic newsletters
- Four complimentary tickets to the auction
- Your company name and logo on auction promotions
- Your company name on news releases and social media promotions
- Full page advertisement in the auction program
- Your company signage displayed at the auction
- Acknowledgement of your business by the master of ceremonies at the auction

Tabby Platinum Sponsorship - $2,500 one-time donation for the calendar year

- Your company name and logo on our website with a link to your website
- Two complimentary tickets to the auction
- Your company name and logo on auction promotions
- Your company name on news releases and social media promotions
- Half page advertisement in the auction program
- Your company signage displayed at the auction
- Acknowledgement of your business by the master of ceremonies at the auction

Calico Gold Sponsorship - $1,250 one-time donation for the calendar year

- Your company name and logo on our website with a link to your website
- Two complimentary tickets to the auction
- Your company name and logo on auction promotions
- One-fourth page advertisement in the auction program
- Acknowledgement of your business by the master of ceremonies at the auction

Silver Sponsorship - $750 one-time donation for the calendar year

- Your company name and logo on our website with a link to your website
- One complimentary ticket to the auction
- One-eighth page advertisement in the auction program
- Acknowledgement of your business by the master of ceremonies at the auction

* If you're interested in becoming a sponsor, your business name will be printed on all auction promotional materials going forward from the time of sponsorship. Materials include the Save the Date card, flyers, posters, promos on social media, and in our newsletters.

Thank You! Sponsors

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Sponsorship Advertising

When you become a sponsor, you will receive advertisement space in our annual auction program.

Tuxedo Premier Sponsorship - $5,000+ one-time donation for the calendar year receives a Full page advertisement in auction program (7.5" wide x 8.5" tall)

Tabby Platinum Sponsorship - $2,500 one-time donation for the calendar year receives a Half page advertisement in auction program (7.5" wide x 4.25" tall)

Calico Gold Sponsorship - $1,250 one-time donation for the calendar year receives a One-fourth page advertisement in auction program (3.75" wide x 4.25" tall)

Red Silver Sponsorship - $750 one-time donation for the calendar year receives a One-eighth page advertisement in auction program (3.75" wide x 2.125" tall)

You are welcome to submit your own advertisement or we can create one for you.

If you are providing the advertisement, please submit a PDF no later than August 20th.

If we are creating one for you, please submit your copy, logo and/or graphics to news@furryfriendswa.org no later than August 10th. You will be shown a proof and can request changes at that time.

Tuxedo Premier Sponsorship - $5000+ one-time donation for the calendar year receives a This is the size of a Full page ad in the auction program. Ad size is 7.5" wide x 8.5" tall

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