

# THE NEWS

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

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Friends



Helping homeless and abused cats

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

Dear Friends,

Many cats came to us during a busy spring, and once again, we are at capacity. We are caring for 128 kittens now, but our comfort level is 100 kittens.



Maisel



Crumpet



Mister



Dahlia

### Adoptions

From May 20 to June 18, we adopted out 36 cats and kittens, bringing our total for the year to 200 adoptions.



### **Recap of the Volunteer Appreciation Event**

Thank you to everyone that came out to our Volunteer Appreciation event on Saturday, June 18. We were not sure how the weather would cooperate, but the rain stopped right as we were scheduled to get started. We had plenty of canopies set up in the parking lot in case of rain. Quite a few volunteers and spouses took part in the event. We had plenty of yummy snacks for everyone to enjoy, including a Sno Cone truck with delicious ices. Thank-you cards from the cats were given to the volunteers as well as a key chain and some cat grass. It was fun getting to know some of our fellow volunteers. Thank you, Mike and Tanika, for donating the chips and nuts and a big “thank you” to Jenn Hutchman and her crew for organizing this delightful event.



### **Tanika Campbell Night House Manager**

Many of you know Mike and Tanika Campbell but for those who don't they are Furry Friends foster parents and also help with transporting cats and kitten, picks ups, donations, events, and anything we ask of them.

It is with great excitement to announce that Tanika will also now be taking on the role of our Night House Manager position at the Halfway House. This is a paid position for 10 hours per week. This will help fill the gap between night shift and morning shift so the kitties are being monitored more closely.

This role will work hand in hand with the Medical Team and ensure even more quality cat care for current and future cats at Halfway House. Our Daytime House Manager Jazmynn will be reducing her hours by 10 hours a week.



### **Update on Cat Intakes!**

We are currently over capacity for kittens! We have 128 kittens, and we try to stay under 100. We cannot take in anymore kittens right now; so please reach out to other shelters, the Humane Society, or West Columbia Gorge Humane Society if you find kittens.

Please spay and neuter any unaltered pets and tell your friends to do the same! If you are caring for strays or feral cats that are unaltered, call the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon and get the kitties on the alter schedule. If you need help trapping, email [information@furryfriendswa.org](mailto:information@furryfriendswa.org) and we can give you some local trappers information.

For adult cat intakes, we are still approximately 6-8 weeks out and have a waitlist. So, if you know you cannot keep your cat, please make plans for your pet well in advance. If you find an injured stray, please take it to the Humane Society or a local vet that will let you relinquish as a stray. If you find a healthy stray, check with your neighbors to make sure it is not owned and take it to a veterinarian to have it scanned for a microchip.

All shelters are bursting at the seams, and we need everyone to do their part. Thank you!



HELP! The kittens are eating us out of house and home. We are caring for many kittens right now and their food bill is high.

We have about 128 kittens in our care right now. One foster parent alone is caring for 28 kittens and cats. How many cans does it take to feed 28 kittens and cats a day?

- Morning feeding- 17 cans (4 cans for our cats + 13 for babies)
- Lunch for growing babies- 6 to 9 cans
- Dinner for growing babies- 6 to 9 cans
- Roughly 30 - 35 cans a day! Plus dry food for free feeding.

We feed them Purina Pro Plan Kitten Chicken & Rice Formula dry food and Purina Pro Plan Focus Kitten Ocean Whitefish & Tuna Entrée canned cat food. If you would like to help the babies, we sure would love some donations of this brand of kitten food. You can drop off donations at Woodin You Pampered Paws, 13305 NE Hwy 99 #102, Vancouver, WA 98686. Most items can be purchased locally at PetSmart & Petco. Or you can order online from [Chewy.com](http://Chewy.com) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and have it shipped direct to our mailing address which is 6715 NE 63rd St., Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661.

Or feel free to make a cash donation at <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>



### **Mufasa**

Mufasa was brought to Furry Friends in June 2022 as a stray under somebody's temporary care. He was microchipped, but unfortunately, his owners did not want him back. At one time he escaped and was injured dislocating a hip and sustaining an ankle subluxation on both hind legs. The person caring for him did all she could as far as veterinarian visits, but she realized he just needed more care and surgery on his injured legs. She relinquished him to Furry Friends, and we sent him to Pacific Northwest pet ER where it was decided his best course of action would be to do a FHO, or femoral head ostectomy, a surgical procedure that removes the head and neck of the femur to restore pain-free mobility to the damaged hip. Once he has healed from this surgery, he will need to have his other hind leg amputated, as this is the best course to provide him a pain-free life. In his current condition, he would suffer a very long painful road ahead with worsening mobility issues and a lifetime of medications. His bill will most likely be over \$5,000.

June 15: Mufasa had FHO surgery on his dislocated hip yesterday and is now recovering at a foster home. He will have about a 10-week recovery time. The FHO surgery cost around \$3,000! After he has recovered, he will have follow-up surgery that will cost a couple thousand more for a subluxated ankle on his other hind leg. Furry Friends has had a lot of medical cases this month and we appreciate everyone who has donated to help these kitties live the best life possible. If you would like to donate towards Mufasa's bill, please visit <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>. Thank you all for your love for these special kitties. 😊

### **Update on some of the kitties at the Halfway House**

We only take on as many medical cases as we can afford. Right now we are spending about \$20,000 more this month because of emergency situations. This is an unusual situation and not one that we can sustain that often. Here is a rundown what is going on with some of our cats.

- Licorice still has a UTI that is resistant to antibiotics. She will be on a stronger one and spend the night at Jazmynn's. She also has severe partial blindness, which is the reason she just lays

around and drinks her water in a weird way. She is about 9 years old also with some further neurological deficits.

- Mufasa has had FHO surgery. Waiting for him to heal from this and then his other leg will be amputated.
- Pie has FELV and going to live at House of Dreams in Portland. His eye surgery is scheduled soon, we are paying for that bill.
- Oscar had a follow up appointment with Claus Paws Vet about his skin problems and we are waiting for word on that. Oscar is a cat that his owners relinquished to a vet to have him put down. We rescued him and will get his medical problems fixed.
- Babs and Mr. Gary are going for their neuter surgery.
- Poppy is possibly pregnant so we will be looking for a foster home for her.
- We are looking for a permanent foster home for our senior cat Sadie.
- Rosie has to have her toe amputated from a botched declaw (was done before she came to us) and a dental. So she is in pain and her toe can sometimes get yucky. She has a heart murmur so she has to see a specialist for both surgeries and they are booked out quite a bit. We are doing what we can.
- Bosco has a vet appt tomorrow for a senior blood panel.
- Kona: Typically umbilical hernias in kittens can be repaired during their alteration surgery but sometimes it becomes an emergency. Kona is an eight week old kitten who had a usual hernia that suddenly turned serious. He was rushed to Pacific Northwest Pet ER where they did surgery and thankfully it was caught in time so that his intestines were not permanently damaged. While he is on the mend the costs for emergency surgeries can be high. His bill is over \$3,000 dollars.

Lots of kitty medicals!! If you would like to help with their bills, you can donate to <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>



### **Birthday Fundraisers on Facebook**

It is easy as pie to start a special occasion or birthday fundraiser for Furry Friends on Facebook. Go to the fundraiser page <https://www.facebook.com/fundraisers?birthday..>

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.

These fundraisers are an easy way to bring in more funds to support Furry Friends.



### Volunteer Spotlight on Jim Grafmyre

Jim has been a volunteer for a little over a year and has become invaluable as our jack of all trades and handyman. This year he has repaired gutters, cleaned the roof, made a door for our hot water heater, helped to make improvements to get the commercial occupancy permit, fixed the outdoor lights, fixed a few catios, weather sealed windows, built/installed new interior doors, and continues to take care of whatever needs done. He says he has a long wish list of Sandi and Jenn's projects to still complete. We keep him busy!

When asked how he got involved, he said "I jokingly say that I'm not a volunteer, but a voluntold. My wife Karen is a shift lead and she mentioned that Furry Friends was looking for someone to fix a few things. She asked if I'd meet with Sandi Long and help. How could I say no?"

READ MORE HERE

<https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-on-jim-grafmyre/>



### Yard lead person and helpers needed

We are looking for someone to be the lead person for taking care of the yard at the Halfway House. The goal of this position is to maintain and improve everything in the outdoor areas. It requires being a

self starter and enjoying envisioning what our yard can be. Frequent walking of the property is necessary. You will be the main person observing what is happening outside. You will need to take care of issues yourself, organize a group to do it or find the appropriate personnel for the job. The new parking lot and gardens will be maintained monthly by the landscaper that installed the gardens.

Contact Sal or Kui if you are interested in the lead position or being a helper  
furryfriendssalandkui@gmail.com



### Juneteenth Recap

Volunteers Danielle and Luke Chancey spent the day representing Furry Friends under the "Fresh Start" category at the Juneteenth Freedom Celebration in Esther Short Park on Friday, June 17. Together they passed out flyers, educated the community and collected donations throughout the day. The event was very well coordinated and wonderfully diverse with all different types of booths/vendors: local artists, musicians, community resources and free activities for all who wandered the park. Despite the rain, everyone was all smiles! We hope to be part of this event for years to come.



**September 10: Peace and Justice Fair** is held at Esther Short Park, 301 West 8th Street in Vancouver, WA. We will have an information booth and sell Furry Friends merchandise. We have chosen not to bring the cats to the event since it is so stressful for them. We are looking for items to sell at our table. Some handmade items in the past have been pet beds, cat ear head bands, jewelry and more. Our booth will be open Saturday, September 10 from 9am-4pm. If you have something to donate or wish to volunteer at the event, contact Jenn at [information@furryfriendswa.org](mailto:information@furryfriendswa.org).

**October 1: BirdFest & Bluegrass** is a joint event planned in a partnership between the City of Ridgefield and the Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge that includes vendors, community and birding activities, and a Bluegrass Pickers Festival. Furry Friends will have a booth at this event.



Please join us in supporting Furry Friends and  
**Save the date**  
**September 17, 2022**  
in person at the Heathman Lodge

# SOUTH PAWCIFIC

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction Fundraiser

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### Save the Date for the Fall Auction

We have a new auction site; please visit to see photos of items we are collecting for the silent and live auction <https://auctria.events/SouthPawcific>

Furry Friends will host its 14<sup>th</sup> annual dinner and auction fundraiser on Saturday, **September 17**, at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver. Tickets will be \$70 and are on sale NOW

<https://event.auctria.com/e2e28386-7fef-4503-a983-6231139ab5eb/a809178051b511ea91bae14d12592328>

We have sent out a special auction newsletter which will tell you about all the festivities and details of this event. This is the largest fundraiser of the year for Furry Friends.

Auction Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/9b88555bc745/ff-south-pawcific-auction-and-dinner?e=958ed0a347>

If you are interested in helping with items for the fall **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)

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

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

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



#### **Amazon Wish List**

We currently have over 128 kittens and 25 cats in our care 🐱 Cats and kittens need more than just food/litter/medicine. They need enrichment toys, grooming supplies, and bedding.

If you would like to help care for these kitties please check out our Amazon wish list! Anything helps!

Thank you ❤️

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WE783999BG1W?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WE783999BG1W?ref=wl_share)



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#### Ongoing Resources

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- Donations <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/> or [Paypal.me/furryfriendswa](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://furryfriendswa.org)
- 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.
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- **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. (360) 571-0082

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