

# THE NEWS

## Online News for all the Friends of Furry Friends July 2023

Furry  
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*Helping homeless and abused cats*

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

Dear Friends,

Summer is here and we are busy taking in lots of cats. So far we are on course to adopt out more cats than we did last year--506. We are also busy participating in many area events. Check out our event list below and come out to say "hi" to the volunteers.



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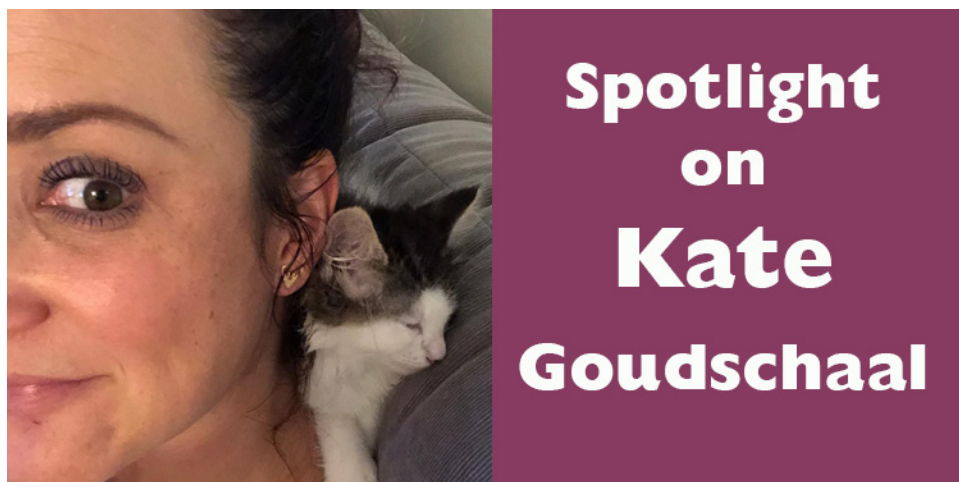
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### **Adoptions**

We have adopted out a record number of cats and kittens for 2023. From January 1 to June 15, we placed 269 cats and kittens. If we keep going like this we will pass our 506 adoptions record from last year.



### **Spotlight on Kate Goudschaal**

Kate Goudschaal has become an expert in caring for newborns—newborn kittens, that is. In her 15 years of fostering, she has volunteered for various animal rescue organizations, including Furry Friends, which she joined more than two years ago.

When she moved back to Vancouver from Multnomah County in 2021, “I was surprised and happy to find Furry Friends right in my backyard and was immediately impressed with their philosophy and approach to cat care and rescue.”

Kate is one of the few volunteers to take on neonates or bottle babies. She said the first kittens that she accepted were only four days old. When she’s caring for a litter, she’s available 24-7, although the actual number of hours will depend on the health and age of the kittens. “Fostering is typically a ‘round the clock’ assignment, but it is so very rewarding,” she said.

READ MORE HERE <https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-kate-goudschaal/>

**FURRY FRIENDS**

**ADOPTION EVENT!**

come meet your new best Furry friend!

**July 15th  
930am-3pm**

Furry  
Friends 

**Hosted by:**



**1910 W Main St Suite  
104, Battle Ground, WA  
98604**





### **Furry Friends Adoption Event July 15**

Save the date for our next adoption event, July 15, 9:30 to 3:00 pm! Furry Friends will be at **All Natural Pet Supply, 1910 W Main Street, Suite 104, Battle Ground, WA 98604.**

We will have kittens and cats available for adoption from 9:30 to 3:00 pm!

Our first adoption event of the year was held in June and 12 cats and kittens found their furever homes. We are so appreciative of All Natural Pet Supply for supplying the venue for us, and, on top of that, they are giving us part of their proceeds for the day.

Questions? Contact us at [information@furryfriendsWA.org](mailto:information@furryfriendsWA.org) or leave a message at (360) 993-1097



*The 4th of July is coming up. Nomi has given us some good tips to keep in mind.*

### **Felines and Fireworks**

By Nomi Berger

National holidays, while celebrated by people, aren't always cause for celebration by our cats. For them, a holiday like the Fourth of July means one thing: fireworks. Or simply put: NOISES, LOUD and SUDDEN noises.

Fortunately there are various ways to deal with your kitty's paw-tential distress both before and after the fireworks have begun.

Keep your cat indoors on the day of the fireworks -- especially those allowed outside for brief periods of time. Since she may attempt to slip outside or even bolt in terror because of the flashes and sounds, take extra care when opening and closing all exterior doors. But if the unthinkable happens and she does escape, for your peace of mind and her ultimate safety, have her micro-chipped.

READ MORE HERE <https://furryfriendswa.org/felines-and-fireworks/>

A poster titled "Firework Safety Tips for cats!" featuring a close-up of a black cat's face with yellow eyes. The poster lists six safety tips, each preceded by a red hexagon icon. The background is dark with a subtle firework pattern. The logo for "cat adoption team" is in the bottom right corner.

## Firework Safety Tips *for cats!*

- Be sure to **update ID tags and microchip** information.
- Keep your pets INSIDE the home.** You can create a holiday "safe room" with litter box, food, and water to keep your cat comfortable.
- Play gentle music or leave the television on** to mask the noise.
- Keep your cat entertained.** Have a play session before holiday activities begin, and provide lots of toys to keep your cat distracted.
- Put a sign on your door to remind guests** that your cat should stay indoors.
- Keep your cat away from fireworks, sparklers, charcoal, and other party supplies.**

**cat adoption team**

### JULY IS NATIONAL LOST PET PREVENTION MONTH

Not surprisingly, July 4 and the days surrounding it are the busiest days of the year for animal shelters accepting lost pets. As we noted above, fireworks during celebrations by pet owners can be a little upsetting for the four-legged members of the family. Many dogs and cats, startled and frightened by the sounds of fireworks or the activity of backyard parties, flee and get lost.

Aside from the events, many families enjoy vacations over the summer. Pets who join their owners on vacation are in danger of being disoriented in a new environment. Those that are left behind may flee due to loneliness or distress. Unfortunately, less than 3% of lost pets who wind up in shelters find their way home, and only 17% of dogs find their way home. One of the best ways you can protect your pet is by getting them microchipped.



A beautiful Siamese boy was brought to Furry Friends after a family noticed him hanging out in their yard. They started offering him food, and called him Panther. He seemed a little thin, so they assumed he was a stray kitty and contacted Furry Friends to take him in. During his intake checkup, it was discovered that Panther was microchipped, and his name was actually Vladimir! We were able to contact his owner, and as it turns out, Vlad lives next door to the family who found him and he had just strayed a little farther out of his yard than usual. His owner said Vlad had been gone just a few days, and she had been worried sick about him. We also learned that Vladimir is 14 years old and has some known medical issues that explained his weight. He was able to be reunited with his owner after less than 24 hours of being brought to the shelter!



## Upcoming Events

*Save the date for the following events. We will share more information as the dates get closer. Furry Friends will have info tables and merchandise at all of them. If you have any handmade items that we can sell, please contact us at [information@furryfriendswa.org](mailto:information@furryfriendswa.org) or let us know if you would like to volunteer at one of these events.*

**September 2: Multicultural Event-** Ridgefield. Come celebrate our diverse community at the 6th annual Multicultural Festival! The 2023 Multicultural Festival will include performances, crafts and activities, First Saturday and Farmers Market vendors, and more! Stay tuned as we near the event for the schedule.



**September 9: 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.

**October 7: 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.



[furryfriendswa.org/HISS](https://furryfriendswa.org/HISS)

#### **Save the Date for the Furry Friends Annual Dinner and Auction**

Furry Friends is hosting its 15<sup>th</sup> annual in person dinner and auction fundraiser on Saturday, September 16 from 5 pm to 9 pm at the The Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, WA. 98662. Furry Friends will be celebrating their 24rd year of operation.

The annual auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It is important that we all do what we can to make this event a success. We will focus on raising funds for the kitties' medical needs. In 2022 we spent \$166,000 on medical-related costs for 540 cats. We anticipate spending more than that for 2023.

We have sent out a special auction newsletter which will tell you about all the festivities and details of this event. Visit the auction newsletter here <https://mailchi.mp/0fe69033b1db/hiss-auction-is-coming-save-the-date>

If you are interested in donating items for the fall **HISS Fall Auction** we especially ask for items such as trips, vacation places, experiences, and 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 received by August 1, 2023. Items do not have to be cat themed; our guests have many interests in addition to cats.



### Tickets are available now!

Tickets are available online for \$90 each. When you go to the ticket page you will be able to enter your vegetarian or vegan dinner choice of:

1. **Tempeh Stir Fry** accompanied with carrots, snap peas, bell peppers, coconut rice and a sesame ginger sauce to finish.
2. **Eggplant Parmesan** accompanied with a house marinara sauce, fresh mozzarella and a creamy roasted garlic orzo pasta
3. **Fiocchi Pasta** – With Caramelized Pears, Dried Cranberries, Hazelnuts and a brown butter blue cheese sauce.

Complimentary coffee, tea, water and lemonade will be available. There will be two no host bars conveniently located. Purchase Tickets Here: <https://event.auctria.com/42d1fa6d-3949-4e33-9fdd-11e3fd7d7321/a809178051b511ea91bae14d12592328>



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Bonnie Hiller has made a donation in honor of Julie Marks' birthdays! Julie has been a volunteer with Furry Friends for quite a few years.

Furry Friends receives a number of donations in honor of people and memorial donations for people, cats and pets that have crossed over the rainbow bridge. We are thankful that our kitties can be the recipients of these gifts of love. If you would like to make a donation, you can make it securely on our website at <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>. Or a check can be sent to our mailing address at 6715 Ne 63<sup>rd</sup> St., Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661.



*Our own board member and feline behaviorist Marci Koski was interviewed for this USA Today article.*

### **Can cats smile?**

**Yes, but not in the way you'd expect. Here's what they're trying to tell you.**

**Clare Mulroy, USA TODAY**

You've heard the stereotypes: Dogs are loyal to their owners, and cats generally couldn't care less about them.

This is wrong! Studies have found cats form attachments to human caregivers similarly to dogs and even children. Our cats do, in fact, love us.

The two pets certainly have different ways of showing it, however. Dogs wag their tails and lick our faces to show they're happy to see us. We also know they smile to greet us.

So how do cats express happiness? Here's what a specialist has to say.

READ MORE HERE [https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2023/05/05/do-cats-smile/11761709002/?fbclid=IwAR0mnloh\\_5paiQ7W64arnykhMLovTeegakHb0TjZYwOesL56WVggygeRZts](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2023/05/05/do-cats-smile/11761709002/?fbclid=IwAR0mnloh_5paiQ7W64arnykhMLovTeegakHb0TjZYwOesL56WVggygeRZts)



### 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.

### Furry Friends Resources

- **Amazon Wish List** [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WE783999BG1W?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WE783999BG1W?ref=wl_share)
- **Fall Auction Amazon Wish List**  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/DI6I4R46KQ49?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/DI6I4R46KQ49?ref=wl_share)
- **Donations** <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/> or [Paypal.me/furryfriendswa](https://www.paypal.com/furryfriendswa)
- **Adopt A Pet** <https://www.adoptapet.com/shelter71378-pets.html>
- **Cat Tale Stories Blog** <https://blogs.columbian.com/cat-tales/category/cat-tales/>
- **FF Adoptable Cats Facebook Page**  
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This is a different page than our public Facebook page.
- **Foster Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/668989080549946/>
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- **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. (360) 571-0082
  - Contact [information@furryfriendswa.org](mailto:information@furryfriendswa.org) to arrange another location for drop off

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