

THE NEWS

Online News for all the Friends of Furry Friends JUNE 2021

Furry
Friends



Helping homeless and abused cats

Dear Furry Friends Volunteers,
Kitten Season is in full swing and we are caring for almost 100 babies. Our many foster parents are helping with the tasks, but we are maxed out. We cannot take in more kittens and fosters now. We have never had so many babies in our care at one time, including several bottle babies. Thank you to all who help with the kittens.



Jack



Gretchen



Jadis



Tom Grey

Adoptions

We have adopted out 36 cats and kittens from April 17 to May 23. Soon the kittens will be ready for adoption.



Sara, Chris, Jenny, Jenn, Jamie, Ellen and Tanika. Not shown: Angie, Brandi, Malinda, SuAnne and PJ.

Garage Sale Recap

A big thank you to all of those who came and shopped, volunteered, and supported Furry Friends at the May 8th garage sale fundraiser. We raised almost \$4,300 (wow!) for the kitties! Thank you, Jenny Grass, for heading up this enormous task.

A special thank-you to Julie Crocket and the American Legion for the donated space to hold this sale. Julie was wonderful from start to finish in helping us pull this off! Another special thank-you to our sponsor Glen Aronson who donated the storage units at Iron Gate Storage. Glen has been a premiere sponsor for Furry Friends for over 10 years. And to all the volunteers who helped make the fundraiser possible, thank you, thank you, thank you!



Update on Milkshake

You may have heard about FF kitty Milkshake. We thought she was pregnant but she had a medical condition that could have taken her life. She has gained international attention. Our president Jaimie Garver was interviewed by The Reflector Newspaper about our girl.

“Local nonprofit cat shelter Furry Friends is receiving some international attention after a stray cat named Milkshake garnered nearly 3,000 followers on her Facebook page titled *Milkshake’s Yard*.”

The page started as a way to follow the cat through her pregnancy and quickly gained traction as people on the internet tuned in for the arrival of Milkshake’s “beans,” or kittens.

President Jaimie Garver said Milkshake showed all the normal symptoms of a pregnant cat. She started nesting, looked for birthing spots and “knead(ed) everything in sight.” As the long-awaited day neared, Milkshake’s foster parent Danielle Webster decided to take the cat to a veterinarian one last time before the big day. “

READ MORE HERE: http://www.thereflector.com/companion_pets/article_c523e43e-b268-11eb-af76-2fe1edd7c9c0.html

Milkshake also has her own Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1630737837118020/>



Milkshake Merchandise

Tiffany & Emilee Fuhriman have designed a *Milkshake the Cat* logo. All sorts of merchandise are available with this design. When you go to the website you can choose the color and style of a shirt. You can have our design printed on many items, such as tank tops, long sleeve shirts, kid shirts, wall art, phone cases, mugs and more. A portion of your purchase goes to helping Furry Friends take care of abused, abandoned or otherwise homeless cats. Show your support and save the kitties. Visit <https://www.teepublic.com/user/furryfriends> Take a look at the additional Furry Friends designs available on the site.



Yard lead person and helpers needed

Marion Edwards is stepping down from the lead yard person position. We are looking for someone to take her place as the lead person for taking care of the yard at the Halfway House. The goal of this position is to maintain and also 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 going on outside. You will need to take care of issues yourself, organize a group to do it or find the appropriate personnel to take care of it. The new parking lot and gardens will be maintained monthly by the landscaper that installed the gardens.

Contact Marion Edwards if you are interested in the lead position or being a helper (360) 993-1097 or information@furryfriendswa.org

Current yard job that needs to be done: Weed whacking the south side of the property, then we need a thick layer of bark dust laid over it to try to prevent more weeds. We also need weeds pulled around the swale.



By Jenn Hutchman

Ruby Deal is one of Furry Friends' newer socializers. She has volunteered for the last 5 months. As a socializer her tasks include not only petting cats (although that is a perk!) but giving extra attention to the kitties who come in scared, abused, depressed, lonely, or a little feisty.

Ruby got involved when she brought to Furry Friends a cat that was left behind after his owner moved. After seeing our shelter and the work we do for the cats, she knew she needed to volunteer to help. She usually spends 2-4 hours a week helping socialize Furry Friends cats.

When asked what her favorite part about volunteering for Furry Friends was, she said, "Meeting all the new cats and being able to bond with them. It's both my favorite and least favorite part to see them be adopted out. It makes me so happy to see them find forever homes, but at the same time I miss them terribly after they leave."

READ MORE HERE: <https://furryfriendswa.org/furry-friends-spotlight-on-ruby-deal/>



By Jenn Hutchman

Mike and Tanika Campbell began with Furry Friends in 2012 when they started a food collection/donation at their work. This led into volunteering to be socializers and enrolling their lab in the pet assisted living therapy program. When Furry Friends made its big move into the current location the couple assisted with the tear down of everything, moving to the new place, yard work, and random handy work around the Halfway House. They also helped with in-person events and kept four feral cat colonies fed over the years. They now are fosters for our medically needy adult cats, pregnant moms, and kittens. They are very good at coaxing cats out of their shells and getting them to trust people.

The Campbells said their biggest challenge is letting the kittens go after caring for them for months! "We love every single one of them. We foster failed our 1st year and adopted feral baby Gigi," Tanika said.

Many of their favorite volunteer moments have been participating in Furry Friends Pet Therapy program, “watching the residents at memory care centers light up with joy when they brought Jake, their dog, in twice a month. Now it is watching the foster babies grow and learn to trust. They also love seeing the updates from the adopters and how the foster kitties have settled into their new homes.”

READ MORE HERE: <https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-on-mike-and-tanika-campbell/>



New Sponsor Crystal Investment Property

We welcome Joseph and Michelle Kennedy of Crystal Investment Property as a Gold level sponsor for Furry Friends. Their sponsorship is in memory of Joe’s mom, Lois Lorraine Hardy. She loved cats and would be happy to be honored this way. Joe is not only the President of the company, he also volunteers for Furry Friends at the Halfway House.

Here is a little information about Crystal Investment Property:

“Our goal remains to serve our diverse client base as the premiere hospitality investment brokerage company in the Pacific Northwest. We maintain the most cutting edge technological, online and social media presence as well as a full range of traditional and web-based marketing. CIP provides superior service to local, regional, national and international clientele. Our core services are supported by innovative and creative solutions to maintain our position as the most active and successful hotel broker in the Pacific Northwest region. We are proud to say that we are, “The Northwest Hospitality Specialists.”

To learn more about Crystal Investment Property, please visit their website www.crystalip.com



Volunteer & Sponsor Appreciation BBQ

August 28, 2021

We have decided to have a BBQ in the backyard at the Halfway House for Volunteer Appreciation and will combine it with a sponsor appreciation. This will be held on Saturday, August 28. We are working out the details and will let you know more later. We usually collect good items to give away to our volunteers as raffle presents. If you have any good quality items that you think would be a good raffle present for your co-workers, bring them to the Halfway House with a note that the items are for Volunteer Appreciation.

We will be inviting our sponsors and VIPs to the BBQ. It would be good for them to get to know you and for you to see some of these people who have made it possible for us to keep going all these 22 years of our existence.



A Message from our Medical Director

Hey, everyone! Kensie here!

Recently, quite the upper respiratory infection hit our Halfway House! A couple cats, Luna and Purr to name a few, got to the point where they weren't eating and seemed pretty sad.

URI manifests in many different ways. Some cats like to sneeze and cough. Some will have nasal and eye discharge. Some just seem more sleepy than usual. But one thing that it always does is spread like wildfire between cats. If it's not taken care of and treated, it could cause further complications down the line.

This year though, we took preventative measures to lessen the spread around the house, and the volunteers were a big part of that! They took the job of washing their hands, wearing gloves on the most extreme symptomatic cats, and used hand sanitizer after touching each cat very seriously. The board members worked collaboratively to redefine our URI standards. The whole

volunteer staff took these new guidelines with stride, it's always tough to create new habits, especially when we work with the cutest cats! But our volunteers did it with enthusiasm!

Another thing that helps resolve URI's is... antibiotics! Jaimie and I were able to provide the proper medications to every cat that needed it, the donations we receive make such an impact in these situations. A couple things to know about antibiotics- we always recommend giving with food, and we always want to treat for 10 to 14 days to really see complete resolution. It isn't always easy to medicate a cat, but we did what we could and our halfway house is currently URI free!

I just want to share how appreciative I am with how receptive everyone was in getting this illness under control. The cats appreciate you all too! All of them are currently eating and seem much happier and relaxed. If you need more information about URI's and how to better handle them, please reach out!

Kensie



Cat Food Pantry

Sometimes the difference between keeping your cat or having to relinquish them can really be not having the means for a few months' food. One of our Furry Friends missions is to help keep pets in their homes through temporary hardships.

If this is the case for you and you need help with temporary cat food, please email information@furryfriendswa.org and we will see if our new Cat Food Pantry can help! ****All food has been donated to us and we cannot guarantee specific brands. Hurry while supplies last****

Furry Friends Washington Pet Pantry

<https://www.facebook.com/FurryFriendsWashingtonPetPantry/>

Furry Friends Receives Grant for Spays/Neuters and Rabies Shots

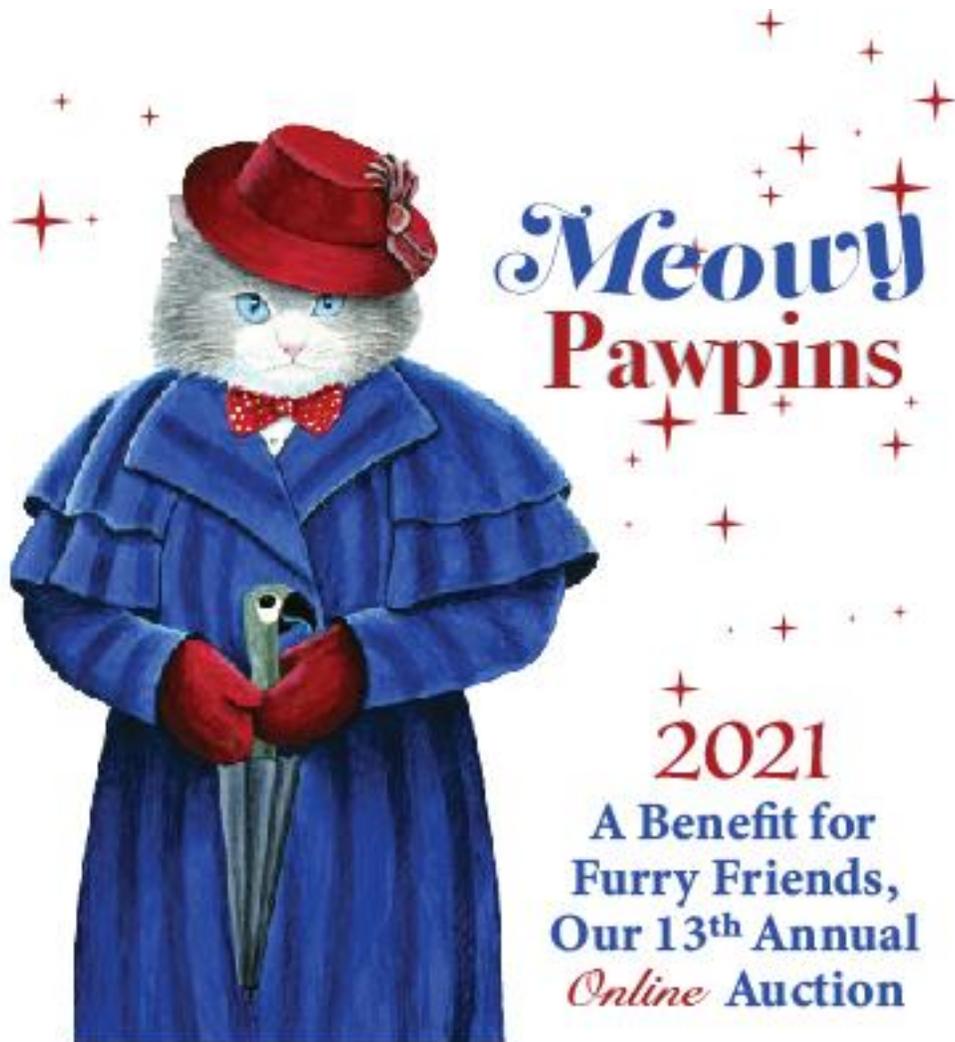


*Many thanks to PUFA
and our grant team
for their efforts
on this proposal.*

A Huge Thank You to PUFA!

This spring People United for Animals (PUFA) continued their support by providing Furry Friends with a \$1,200 spay and neuter grant. Since 2018, they have awarded us with \$11,200 in grant funding and they have donated several hundreds of dollars worth of food for the cats and kittens in our care.

PUFA is a nonprofit animal protection and welfare organization located in Battle Ground, Washington. It was founded in 1992 by Nancy Doris Miles, who dedicated her life to animals.



Fall Meowy Pawpins Auction

This year's auction will be online, **September 15 to 18**. For the next several months we will focus on securing big ticket items and smaller items/baskets worth at least \$40. It is never too early to start planning for this event. We would like your help in either providing auction items or soliciting businesses for items. For more information visit our website, <https://furryfriendswa.org/calendar/meowy-pawpins/>

We have a wish list on AmazonSmile of items we hope to acquire for the Furry Friends Meowy Pawpins online auction September 15 to 18. Please take a look and see if there is anything you would like to donate to the auction. All funds raised go to the care and housing of the cats. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U8IJMWPKITJ4?ref=wl_share

Procurement Questions: Lisa Baxter auction@furryfriendswa.org

Auction Questions: Chris Nash ffauction@icloud.com

Sponsorship Information: Diane Stevens news@furryfriendswa.org



Furry Friends will be participating in Give More 24 on September 23. This fundraiser will have a goal of raising \$10,000 for the unexpected, extraordinary medical expenses of cats in our care during the one day online fundraising challenge Give More 24! This annual event will be held all day **Thursday, September 23th**. Furry Friends is committed to providing the best possible medical care for the cats we rescue before they are placed in their forever homes. Most of the cats just need shots and neutering, but sometimes they require dental work or expensive surgery. Last year we spent over \$100,000 on medical treatment alone!



In this weeks adoption story by Nomi we highlight Baby Girl. She was with us for quite awhile waiting for her forever person to come around.

“Babygirl was at Furry Friends for over two years,” Samantha says, “and while she was there, her extreme caution made most people quite nervous. She would swipe at them when they touched her and the volunteers would use a glove when they tried to pet her.

“As a Furry Friends volunteer myself, I saw how alone Babygirl was, and I always wondered how she would act in a home. Because I was moving into my own place, I decided to give her a chance and adopted her.

“She was a bit nervous on her first day with me but she immediately got comfortable. Over the next few days, she would wander around the house and then sit on my lap, rub her head against my chin and let me pet her with my bare hands. Shocking, right? You could just tell how very thankful and happy she was to finally be in a home of her own.

READ MORE HERE

<https://furryfriendswa.org/furry-friends-fur-ever-tail-babygirl-and-samantha-hoppa/>

Ongoing Resources

- **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/UChfBIX6lOMIEseSxK9f27dw/videos>
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- **FF Twitter account** <https://twitter.com/furryfriendswa>
- **FF Instagram account** <https://www.instagram.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 at information@furryfriendswa.org or leave a message at (360) 993-1097.

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