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Online News for all the
Friends of Furry Friends
March 2022



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Dear Friends,

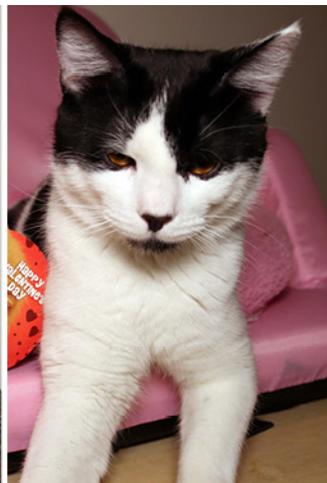
Is it March already? The year is speeding by, and Spring is in the air. As the weather begins to warm up, more and more kittens will arrive. We already are getting calls to take in pregnant moms.



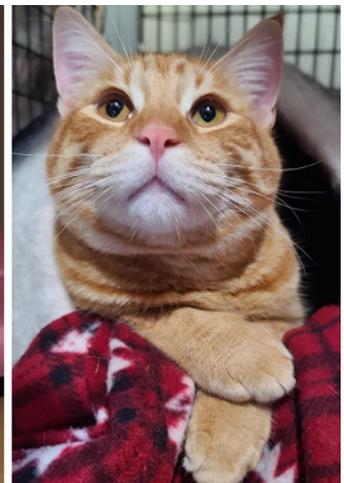
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Adoptions

January was our busiest month ever. Sixty cats and kittens found their forever homes.

By February 17th we had adopted out 91 for the year—an unheard-of number. We have never done so many adoptions in such a short time.

And just to make it clear, we are not rushing cats out the door just to keep our stats high. It is ALWAYS about the cats and what is best for them. We seek to find the right homes for them, making sure their welfare comes first.

FurryFriends

WOW! For 2021 Volunteers donated

29,743 Hours

Of service for the kitties

Furry Friends is grateful for Volunteers - THANK YOU!

There are not enough words to describe how amazed and grateful Furry Friends is for the dedication, compassion and generosity of the more than 150 individuals who have given over 29,743 hours of their time to Furry Friends for the year 2021.

Furry Friends would not be possible without the donation of funds, talent and time from you who have seen the plight of the cats and kittens in our care. Our dedicated and compassionate volunteers have decided to not only “talk the talk” but also “walk the walk” and give of themselves in a most precious way, by giving their time and talents.

We would not exist without volunteer support. Without their help, we would not have been able to save the more than 3,748 cats and kittens we have taken in since 1999. Without our volunteers, none of the work we do would be possible!

Whether a person has given 20 hours for the year or 2,000 hours, it is all appreciated. Each person gives what they can manage for their lives. And the kitties are not the only ones to benefit from the time given; the kindness that the volunteers show to one another and those interested in our kitties has been so heartwarming. We truly have a loving, compassionate, caring group of volunteers. We will never be able to fully express our gratitude to them, but we want the world to know just how cherished these volunteers are. Thank you to Cindy Goodrich for compiling the hours, no easy task.



Thank you to all that participated in our See's Candy Valentine Fundraiser.
There were 35 orders and we made \$380.64 for the kitties.



Let's all give an extra shout out to Colleen Figley! Not only does she deep clean the medical room every Sunday, she is always willing to work around us when we schedule early medical appointments. Even when we are in her way she doesn't hold it against us. She also will drop everything to run a cat to a vet appointment when we have last-minute changes or delays. Always positive, Colleen brings a cheerful attitude with her to the Halfway House. Any time she can pick up an extra shift or substitute for another volunteer, she does. She is one of those volunteers who would probably do anything we asked her to do in the best interest of the cats. We very much value her work and dedication at Furry Friends! Thank you Colleen!



Marion is retiring

We are sad to say that Marion Edwards is retiring from Furry Friends. She has been loved by many in her seven years of service to the kitties and will be missed terribly. We thank her for her hard work that has helped make Furry Friends a successful rescue.

Marion first heard about Furry Friends from her pet sitter. Soon after she started volunteering she jumped in with both feet. She soon was managing our adoption events, the socializers and the care of our beautiful yard at the Halfway House. She was quite passionate about helping the kitties and she has been a joy to work with.

Marion enjoys traveling, being outdoors and spending time with friends and family. She has recently taken up kayaking. She felt it was time to do more of the things she wanted to do.

Thank you, Marion, for all of the time you have spent on our organization. You've been an amazing asset to Furry Friends! This is not goodbye, just farewell for now!



Hunter and King

Some of the cats we take in are abandoned, abused, scared, and distrustful of people. With these cats it really is trial and error on what will help them come out of their shells. Two of these cats were Hunter and King.

Hunter came to us after he was probably dumped. He had many injuries to his feet, infections, missing teeth, and needed a couple surgeries. He was a very shy boy--but sweet. He wanted to trust people but kept his guard up.

King was a stray that had been trapped. He needed a lot of dental work. Every time anyone tried to touch him, he smacked them. He was very timid but loved sitting at his door watching the other cats. He always hid when people came around.

We knew these boys were lonely and needed a friend so we decided to see how they liked one another. It was an instant connection! Hunter, the less timid of the two, helped King come out of his shell more and more each day. The kitties were adopted together and are happy in their new home. Here is a note from their adopter.

“King and Hunter are doing great! I've changed their names; King is now Howard (sometimes King Howard) and Hunter is now Cowboy. They are both sweet little babies and I'm so happy I brought them home! Cowboy sleeps on my bed every night and loves to talk, we have many good conversations. He yells at me if I sit at my desk too late and don't go to bed. Howie is still pretty shy and mostly hangs out on the same chair, but I've got him purring a couple of times! He's still warming up! The two of them have woken me up a few times playing in the middle of the night. I was unexpectedly busy the last couple of weeks, but I'm going to be starting a job where I can work from home so I'll be able to spend more time with them.”



Kitten Food Needed

HELP! The kittens are eating us out of house and home.

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 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 out, we sure would love some donations of this brand of kitten food.

Here is our wish list.

- ProPlan wet and dry kitten food
- **Dry** KMR milk replacement
- Gift cards to pet food stores
- Financial Donations

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 or Amazon.com. You can have it shipped direct to our mailing address, 6715 NE 63rd St., Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661.

You can always make a financial donation at <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>

Questions: information@furryfriendswa.org or (360) 993-1097



We Need Kitten Foster Parents

Become a Foster for Furry Friends. We are especially looking for people who can take in a pregnant mom and keep the family together until the kittens are weaned.

Love cats and kittens but not ready for your own? Maybe your lifestyle doesn't allow time for you to adopt. Fostering may be a great alternative! Fostering is a great way to help our cats and kittens on your own time, in the comfort of your own home for a few weeks or months.

To become a foster home for Furry Friends, a Foster Application must be completed, references checked and the home inspected. Foster parents are responsible for maintaining the health and well-being of each cat/kitten in their care with cats remaining indoors at all times. The foster leader shall make the determination on providing food, litter and will schedule all required medical. We request a commitment from the foster home to keep the cat/kittens in their home until they are adopted.

To fill out a foster application or to learn more about what is involved, please visit our website.

<https://furryfriendswa.org/fostering/>

Questions? Contact us at information@furryfriendswa.org or leave a message for us at (360) 993-1097.

Clark County Today ran a nice story about our need for foster parents

<https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/people/area-kitten-lovers-encouraged-to-become-a-foster-parent/>



Spring ONLINE Auction, March 25-27.

We are looking for items for the Spring Endless Pawsibilities ONLINE Auction. You can email us at information@furryfriendswa.org if you have something to donate.

You can visit the site at <https://www.32auctions.com/endlesspawsibilities>. We will continue to load items onto the site until the auction begins. 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 \$25,000 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 Bee Sam Beauty and Jason smith CPA (Silver Sponsors) If you would like to be a sponsor for Furry Friends please visit <https://furryfriendswa.org/sponsors/>.



Save the Date for the Fall Auction

Furry Friends will host its 14th annual in-person dinner and auction fundraiser on Saturday, September 17 at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver , WA. We will have more information about the auction in the next newsletter.

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

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Sponsorship Information: Diane Stevens dgelhockey@yahoo.com



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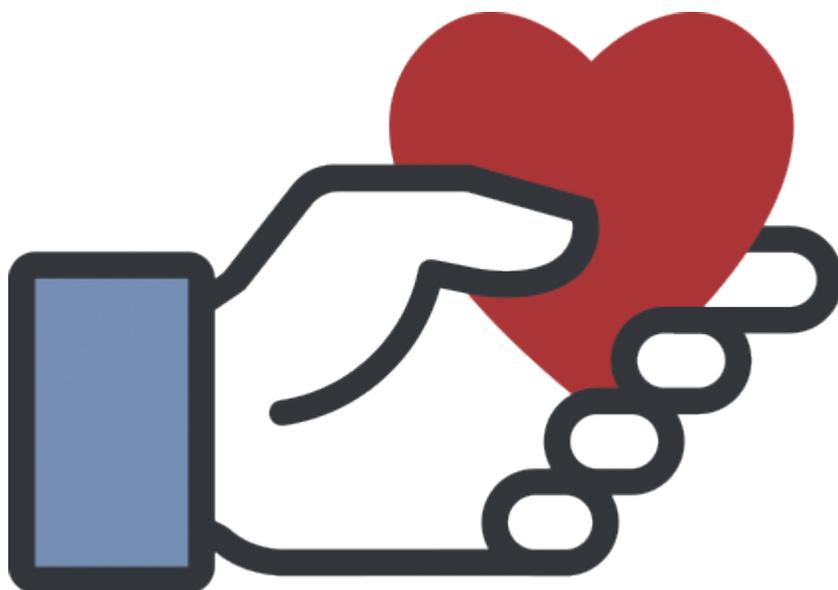
Bee Sam
BEAUTY

We welcome Silver Sponsor Bee Sam Beauty to our elite group of sponsors. Here is a little bit about her beauty salon.

When she is not plying her trade with models/actresses for runway and film, she works on clients at the salon in Vancouver, Washington. Bee Sam's vision is to offer the same glamorous hair styles taken directly from the catwalk/cinema with down-to-earth prices affordable to the public.

Whether you seek a fresh new hair color, want to go blonde or wish an ombré or highlights, Bee Sam will delight you on your journey to perfect hair. Go beyond a new haircut and hairstyle with Bee Sam's custom pinwheels and smoothing treatments. Bee Sam is one of the few in the country offering her signature layage service which is a balayage laying down. The layage gets stunning natural results that no other lightening or coloring technique can achieve.

Bee Sam is highly experienced and prides herself on delivering an incredible salon experience for her clients. Sit back, relax, and let her look after you. Book your next appointment with Bee Sam at 503-488-0095, to experience the love and creativity that keeps her fiercely loyal clients coming back. The salon is located at 2014 St Johns Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661.



Furry Friends Facebook Page

Our public Facebook page has daily news about what cats are available for adoption, adoption reports, cat stories, events and much more. Make sure you stop by this page at least once a day. And please share our posts, the more people that see our posts the better.

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



We recently put a call out for some supplies for the halfway house and everyone sure delivered!!! We asked for trash bags, litter pan scoops, and laundry soap and we got what we needed and more! Thank you to everyone who donated!



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**ADOPTIONS
of Cats and Kittens
2021**



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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.
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- **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.

Furry Friends Premiere Sponsors		
	<p>Dr Virginia Huang Has been a proud mentor and supporter to Furry Friends for over 14 years.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>♥</p>	<p> IRON GATE STORAGE</p> <p>Glen Aronson Has been a proud mentor and supporter to Furry Friends for over 12 years.</p> <p> Glen & Leslie Aronson</p> <p>Iron Gate Storage has nine locations to serve you in the greater Vancouver and Portland areas.</p> <p>www.irongatestorage.com</p>
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Furry Friends is dependent upon the kindness of our friends and sponsors to keep us going. Thank you all for supporting the kitties.

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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.

Jaimie Garver, President, Operations, Financials

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Marci Koski, Feline behaviorist

Danielle Chancey, Secretary, Fundraising and Events

Brandi Towner, Vice President & Adoption/intake team

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Jazmynn Hoffman, House Manager, Volunteer Coordinator & Adoption/intake team

Jenn Hutchman, Community Outreach, Adoption/intake Coordinator, Med team/scheduler

Chris Nash, Auction Lead