

THE NEWS

**Online News for all the
Friends of Furry Friends
May 2023**

**Furry
Friends**



Helping homeless and abused cats

www.furryfriendswa.org

Dear Friends,

First of all, thank you so much to everyone for their help and participation in our spring online auction. It was a great success, thanks to you. See more about it in the post below.



Charlotte



Frankie



Jude



Mabel

Adoptions

We have adopted out a record number of cats and kittens for 2023. From January 1 to April 19, we adopted 173 cats and kittens. Not that many years ago, we adopted out this number of cats for an entire year.

Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Appreciation Week was April 16-22. We hope you saw all our posts on Facebook about our wonderful volunteers. We also published a newsletter about some of the volunteers. You can check it out here <https://mailchi.mp/a62901d50097/we-love-our-volunteers-furry-friends?fbclid=IwAR14D3Qwiyyw4e-qB5TqMjqNnO79yR93HvpvmIBnY15hLMOucLY2a-dRI6c>



Volunteer Spotlight: Betsy Sanford

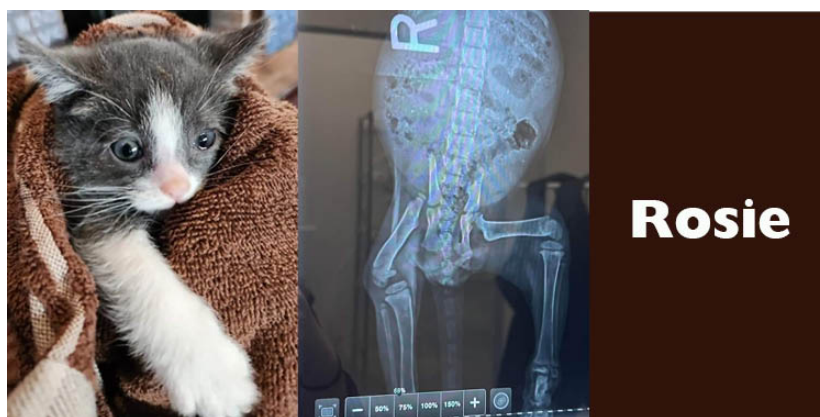
Nothing gives Betsy Sanford more joy than getting to know the cats who live at the Furry Friends house and giving them “cuddles and a little fun.”

“They are each so unique,” she said. “I really enjoy trying to help a cat adjust to human touch and maybe relax a little if they are stressed.”

Betsy has always been an animal lover and she said she was “excited to find such a wonderful organization....” She has been a volunteer for a bit less than a year, and she credits her initial interest in Furry Friends to her pal, Robbie Bertram, also a volunteer.

In addition to volunteering about two evening hours a week and occasionally substituting, Betsy has adopted a 10-year-old cat, Hobbs, from Furry Friends. She said Hobbs is “quite the love bug, but still spicy at times.” After adopting Hobbs, Betsy decided to adopt only older cats—those who often are hard to place.

READ MORE HERE <https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-betsy-sanford/>



Rosie

Recently Furry Friends took in a little kitten named Rosie and her 5 week old sister Pippy. Rosie had a very apparent issue with her leg. She was seen by Horizon Veterinary Care who diagnosed a birth

defect which left her with no hip socket to connect her hip. Rosie's hip defect may require surgery to correct, but she will need to grow a little first. She also has a small hernia that will need to be repaired. Rosie is just one example of the types of cats that Furry Friends rescues. Your donation dollars go to these kitties! We take in the cats and kittens that need us the most: The homeless, the sick, the injured.



GiveBIG is Coming Tuesday, May 2!

<https://www.wagives.org/organization/Furry-Friends>

Furry Friends needs your help in raising \$10,000 for the unexpected, extraordinary medical expenses of cats in our care during the two day online fundraising challenge GiveBig! This annual event will begin **Tuesday, May 2**. 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 them need shots and spay/neutering, but sometimes they require dental work or expensive surgery. Last year we spent over \$165,000 on medical treatments alone!

This year Furry Friends is proud to present our partnership with Washington Gives for their GiveBIG fundraising event! Washington Gives is a year-round online giving platform that features more than 1,500 nonprofit organizations across Washington State. Donors everywhere can give to organizations that serve causes they're passionate about, discover new organizations to support, and mobilize their friends, family, and colleagues to give. GiveBIG is the new GiveMore24! from years past. This annual 48-hour giving event is May 2-3, with early giving kicking off on April 18! Check out our social media accounts for how to donate, or head straight to: <https://www.wagives.org/organization/Furry-Friends> to get started now!



Thank you to everyone who donated their time and items for the Spring We Can Move Meow-tains online auction. It was a great success, the auction brought in \$23,000 for the kitties. The purpose of the spring auction was to bring attention to Kitten Season. Springtime is when love is in the air, and we start to see "kitten season" kick into full swing. We anticipate performing over 400 spay/neuters this year to help control the cat population in our community. The funds from this online auction will go toward the more than \$50,000 cost of spay/neuter services Furry Friends projects and will help to cover extraordinary medical expenses for cats that need that extra TLC to get them into a loving home.



Our table had a lot of attention at the **Blossom Blast Bazaar**. We sold \$140 worth of Furry Friends merchandise and attracted quite a few people who want to adopt cats. So many people came because they saw the articles about us in the print and online media. Furry Friends will participate in many more events during the rest of the year. See our list below.



NEW FURRY FRIENDS T-SHIRT

Jenny Grass has just designed a new fall auction T-Shirt for Furry Friends. Order yours before 8:00 pm on Tuesday and get 30% off. When you go to the website you can choose what color and style of shirt you would like. Actually there are many items that you can have our design printed on 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>



Memorial and In Honor of Donations

Furry Friends receives memorial donations for cats, pets and people that have passed away. We have also received donations in honor of pets and human loved ones that have not passed on. We are honored that our kitties can be the recipients of these gifts of love. If you would like to donate, you can do it securely on our website at <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/> or Paypal.me/furryfriendswa or a check may be sent to our mailing address at 6715 Ne 63rd St., Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661.

Thank you to Beth and Bill Froman, for the in honor donation of our socializer lead, Gail Bauhs' Birthday

Thank you to David Hicks in memory of Tullulah

Thank you to Marion Sonju in memory of Dale Henry



Furry Friends has had a lot of media attention lately

There were several business briefs on our new General Manager **Tanika Campbell**

- **The Columbian-** <https://www.columbian.com/news/2023/apr/02/clark-county-business-briefing-231/>
- **Clark County Today-** <https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/people/furry-friends-elects-tanika-campbell-to-the-position-of-general-manager-adoptions-coordinator/>
- **The Reflector-** <https://www.thereflector.com/stories/furry-friends-announces-new-general-manager-adoptions-coordinator,316265>

OUT AND ABOUT

Furry Friends honors volunteers

The nonprofit cat-rescue shelter Furry Friends is recognizing the vital role of its volunteers during National Volunteer Week April 16-22.

"There are not enough words to describe how amazed and grateful Furry Friends is for the dedication, compassion and generosity of the over 150 individuals who have given of themselves to Furry Friends," says Furry Friends President Jaimie Garver.

"Furry Friends would not be possible without the donation of funds, talent and time from our volunteers, 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: their time."

Volunteers donated close to 41,000 hours to the Clark County organization last year. In a tribute to them, Garver wrote of their impact on Furry Friends and the community:

- Shy/scared cats have learned to trust again and get into homes, like Moomoo, Hunter and Popeye.
- Cats that may have been deemed "barn cats" elsewhere have been socialized and can sleep in real beds — like Gus, King and Bernie.
- FIV cats get into homes that love them — like Ulysses and Bruce.
- The community is being educated about FIV and how scary it's not.
- Injured cats are getting the medical care they need and deserve — like Fluffy, Blue and Raggedy Andy.
- Furry Friends cats are not only fed, but loved while they are with us.
- We have more than doubled the amount of cats we can help within the past two years.
- The community supports our efforts and it shows in donations, shares, likes and referrals.
- Many cats no longer have to have litter after litter of kittens — like Olive Oil. No more babies having babies!
- We educate owners in hoarding situations and help cats like Gee and Cheeks.
- We can expand our programs and services to meet the most vital needs within our community, like the pet pantry.
- We can provide hundreds of pounds of food to people who have temporary needs to keep cats in their homes.
- We can save the cats that most others wouldn't — like Raggedy Andy and Linus.
- Lonely people now have pet companions.
- Sassy cats that would sit in other places for years get into the perfect



Cindy Wanjiha, Cynthia Johnson, Cathy McCanta and Briana Wobbe pause for a moment during their morning shift at the Furry Friends shelter. They are busy feeding and cleaning up after the kitties at the shelter.



Furry Friends is governed by a board of volunteers. Pictured from the left: Jaimie Garver (President), Marci Koski (Feline Behaviorist), Cynthia Johnson (Treasurer), Danielle Chancey (Events and Fundraising), Linda Rader (Adoptions) and Diane Stevens (Marketing, PR & Creative Director).

home for them — like Emmy, Rosie, Baby Girl and Priscilla.

- We save cats from euthanasia when they are at the vets and owners can't or won't afford their care — like Murphy, Larry & Gina, and Trax.

- Furry Friends can help other rescues to help more cats.

For more information on Furry Friends, visit www.furryfriendswa.org, email information@furryfriendswa.org or leave a message at 360-993-1097.

The Messenger ran a story about honoring our Furry Friends volunteers.



Jennifer Coyne of **KXRW Radio** taped an interview with Diane Stevens and Jenn Hutchman for their Greater Good podcast which aired March 23. You can listen here. <https://xray.fm/broadcasts/50991>

The Columbian Hope Martinez interviewed Jenn Hutchman for the Working in Clark County Column <https://www.columbian.com/news/2023/mar/18/working-in-clark-county-jenn-hutchman-furry-friends/> or on the Furry Friends website at <https://furryfriendswa.org/working-in-clark-county-jenn-hutchman-furry-friends/>

There were also numerous articles about our Spring Auction. We are very appreciative of our media partners for caring enough about Furry Friends and our mission to get the word out for us.



Save the Date for the “HISS” Auction September 16, 2023



**This in person auction
will be held at
The Heathman Lodge,
7801 NE Greenwood Drive,
Vancouver, WA. 98662.**

**Questions? (360) 993-1097
auction@furryfriendswa.org**

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 Visit www.furryfriendswa.org
information@furryfriendswa.org

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FALL Auction - Save the Date

Furry Friends is gearing up for the 2023 fall auction which will be a rock and roll theme titled ‘HISS’. We will have an in-person auction at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver on Saturday, September 16, 2023.

We would like your help in either providing auction items or soliciting business for items. We are especially looking for large ticket 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 need to receive items by August 1, 2023. Things do not have to be cat themed; our guests have many interests in addition to cats.

If you would like to be a sponsor for 2023, sponsorships start as low as \$750 for the calendar year. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a sponsor, visit our website <https://furryfriendswa.org/sponsors/> for more information.

Procurement Questions: Lisa Baxter auction@furryfriendswa.org

Auction Questions: Chris Nash ffauction@icloud.com

Sponsorship Information: Diane Stevens news@furryfriendswa.org

Fall Auction Amazon Wish List https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/DI6I4R46KQ49?ref=wl_share

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 these events. If you have any handmade items that we can sell at these event, please contact us at information@furryfriendswa.org

EHS Spring bazaar	April 29	Evergreen High School
Heritage bazaar	April 29	Heritage High School
GiveBig	May 2	Virtual event
Spring Festival	May 6	Ridgefield
Spay it forward	May 26-28	Facebook event
Big Paddle	June 3	Ridgefield
Recycled Arts Fair in June has been canceled		
Juneteenth	June 19	Esther Short Park
Dt Market/Street Fair	July 1	Ridgefield
City Days	Aug. 5	Ridgefield
Multi Cultural Fest	Sept. 2	Ridgefield
Peace & Justice	Sept. 9	Esther Short Park
HISS Fall Auction	Sept. 16	Heathman Lodge
FM for your pets		Fred Meyer Battle Ground
Birdfest	Oct. 7	Ridgefield



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It's Kitten Season

Save a Life & Foster!



Kitten Season has arrived. If you would like to help the little fur babies, we would like to talk to you. All supplies and training are supplied for you. But it does take a fair amount of work on your part. Check out the requirements on our website or contact us with your questions.

For 2022 we adopted out a record number of cats and kittens. We are on schedule for doing even more adoptions for 2023.

Ready to foster?

Check out the requirements on our website furryfriendswa.org/fostering/

Questions??

Contact us at

(360) 993-1097 or

information@furryfriendswa.org.

Become a Foster for Furry Friends

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 fine way to help our cats and kittens on your own time, in the comfort of your own home for a few weeks or months.

You can help make a life-saving difference by becoming a volunteer foster parent today. Furry Friends will provide food, litter, cat supplies and all medical care. Fosters are required to bring their foster cat to all medical appointments. Please visit our fostering page to fill out an application or to see a document about what is expected. <https://furryfriendswa.org/fostering/> or reach out to us at (360) 993-1097 or information@furryfriendswa.org.



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Please Consider a
Monthly Donation for the kitties
<https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>

<p>\$20 per month</p> <p>Can fund a microchip to help reunite a cat to his new family.</p> 	<p>\$22 per month</p> <p>Can fund a Rabies vaccine to promote a healthy start to life.</p> 	<p>\$80 per month</p> <p>Can fund a neuter surgery to reduce the overwhelming cat population.</p> 	<p>\$140 per month</p> <p>Can fund a spay surgery to reduce the overwhelming cat population.</p> 	<p>\$180 per month</p> <p>Can fund a blood test for a cat or kitten</p> 
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Every gift saves lives. Please make a onetime gift if you are not able to make a monthly commitment.

Automatic Monthly Donations

Furry Friends works tirelessly to put an end to cat homelessness and neglect. You can help us with our fight to take in cats and kittens and give them a second chance at life. Your automatic monthly gift is an easy way to make a difference for cats all year long.

Furry Friends provides for cat housing and medical care, as well as helping up to 400 cats find loving homes every year. Your regular monthly gift allows us to spend less time fundraising—and more time saving lives. Any amount helps. You can choose to give as low as \$5 a month, it is up to you.

Every gift saves lives. Please make a one-time gift if you are not able to make a monthly commitment. Visit our website to make your gift or choose to have a reoccurring monthly gift

<https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/> or [Paypal.me/furryfriendswa](https://www.paypal.me/furryfriendswa)



Resources for Cats

The Furry Friends website has lots of good information about cat care. We know that even knowing where to start to locate basic help for your pet may be overwhelming. To help you begin, we've put together this list that we know will help you find the right pet resources for your friend.

<https://furryfriendswa.org/pet-resources/>

Are you signed up to receive our newsletter?

Sign up to receive email updates on news, upcoming events, and more!

Send an email to news@furryfriendswa.org to be added to the list!

Furry Friends Resources

- **Amazon Wish List** 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
- **Donations** <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/> or [Paypal.me/furryfriendswa](https://www.paypal.me/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**
https://www.facebook.com/groups/590223832702067/?ref=share_group_link
- **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.
- **HH Shift leader Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/458843792698182/>
- **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 to arrange another location for drop off

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