

THE MEWS

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

**Furry
Friends**



Helping homeless and abused cats
www.furryfriendswa.org

Dear Friends,

October, the adoption event month, proved unusually successful as we adopted out 61 cats and kittens in one month. I don't think we have ever done so many adoptions in such a short period of time. The events paid off for kitties who needed--and found--forever homes.



Neptune



Cinnamon



Ocean



Fred

Adoptions

From January 1 to October 16, we placed 539 cats and kittens. We continue to get busier and busier. We are on track for adopting more than 600 cats and kittens this year. One of the cats recently adopted is Neptune. She was a cat that we rescued from a hoarding situation and she starred in a video about what we do at Furry Friends <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xA8SKxIGzK4&t=11s>



November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month

Older pets have the hardest time finding homes. It's a sad reality that these great animals are often the last to be adopted from shelters. November is Adopt-a-Senior-Pet Month and we hope, with your help, to improve the adoption rate for older pets by spreading awareness about how great senior pets can be.

The numerous reasons that make older pets a great option for families:

Calm, Cool, and Collected

Older pets are typically calmer than puppies and kittens, often content with a more relaxing day-to-day routine. As we all know, puppies and kittens, though fun and entertaining, are often more rambunctious and may get into mischief when they get bored.

Family Friendly

The low-key, mellow nature of older pets makes them a great fit for households with children. Before ending up in shelters, senior pets often come from some sort of family life which makes adjusting to a new home environment much easier than it could be for puppies or kittens.





Volunteer Spotlight: Megan Faber

As a Monday evening shift worker, Megan has volunteered for Furry Friends since March 2023, and although she generally spends two to three hours a week at the shelter, she subs regularly and is often here multiple times a week.

She always comes in a few minutes early to get acquainted with and greet the cats, then meets with the shift lead and the rest of the team to prepare for the evening ahead. Once assigned a section, she gathers up all of the cats' dirty dishes, logs their food intake on their charts and brings the dishes to the kitchen. Then she cleans litter boxes, removes dirty blankets and beds and replaces dirty floor mats and food dishes before socializing with the cats – and, most importantly, taking videos to post for the group.

READ MORE HERE <https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-megan-faber/>



Volunteer Spotlight: Jaimie Garver

Jaimie began volunteering with Furry Friends in 2019.

She had been looking for volunteer opportunities in the community and came across us during an online search. She started with one Halfway House shift a week, then two, and then joined the Board of Directors, doing grant-writing and fundraiser events. Ultimately, she not only became President, she also acted as Treasurer for awhile. Determined to be the best and most knowledgeable leader possible, she even went to school and received her vet assistant diploma.

As President, Jaimie leads all business/organizational functions, is a vet assistant on the medical team, and serves on the adoption and events teams. She prides herself on knowing every facet of Furry Friends' day-to-day operations so that she can step in to help if needed. Currently averaging between 20 and 25 hours a week, for many years she volunteered between 40 and 50 hours a week.

READ MORE HERE

<https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-jaimie-garver/>



FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

Kittens, kittens and more kittens. They keep on coming. Kitten season used to be select months, but recently it has lasted all year. We have a record number of kittens and need foster parents to take care of them. We turn away people with kittens all the time because we don't have enough fosters or funds to care for them. Furry Friends seeks to provide for as many of these kittens as our limited resources can handle. We also have some older cats that need to be fostered.

If you're interested in becoming a foster, please fill out an application at

<http://furryfriendswa.org/fostering/>. Questions? contact us at information@furryfriendswa.org (360) 993-1097. Please read the Foster Expectations on our web page. Fostering requires a lot of work but it is very rewarding.

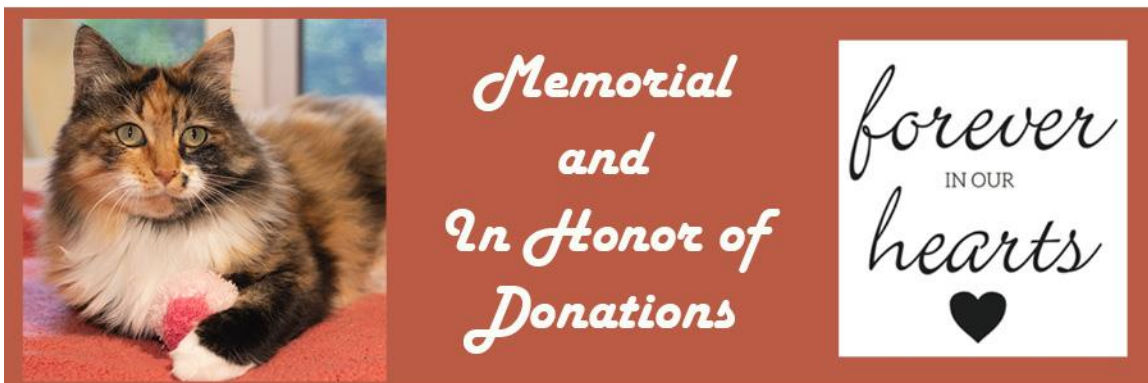


Kitten Food

Huge thank you to Dolores, Maya, Daniel, Karen, Terry, Cori, Stephanie, Debbie, Kathy, Denise, Mark, Muffin, Laura, Mary, Laurie, Michelle, Dennis, Jane, Mr. Bones (in memory), & Andrea for helping us out with kitten food! There is an additional 17 cases of wet kitten food and 9 bags of dry not pictured. You all are how we can continue to do what we do! ❤️ A few donations didn't have names so thank you to whoever sent them ❤️🐱

If you would still like to help with the kitten food, we have an Amazon Wish List

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1QL2K1QMR2TQ?ref=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR2_SFSVBkUOho1-FiVIBQWDxzUDW20k3Bj7HyxznJURGZ7IFrRcpdY35wY



Memorial and In Honor of Donations

- Thank you Cathy Boyer who sent is a memorial donation in honor of her daughter Wendy Fuhrman Halbrook.
- Thank you to Nancy Bott who sent in a donation in honor of Diane Stevens.
- Thank you Amy Hansen for the donation in loving memory of Beepers.
- Thank you Stephanie for the donation in honor of Nana Nancy Olsen

Furry Friends receives memorial donations for cats, pets and people that have passed away. We have also received donations in honor of living pets and human loved ones. 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](https://www.paypal.me/furryfriendswa) or a check may be sent to our mailing address at 6715 Ne 63rd St., Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661.



Kudos from Jazmynn

Thank you to Meg Faber for helping at several events lately you rock!!

Thank you to Caitlin Davis, our alternating Saturday PM Shift Lead, for volunteering at the rescue spay/neuter surgery clinic as a representative of Furry Friends just about every weekend!

Thank you to Cindy Goodrich - she scans in all of our adoption, medical, and intake paperwork digitally into our adoptions system. With our adoption numbers growing it is a lot of work, but she always stays on top of it, and we are so lucky to have her! She also tallies up our volunteer hours for the year.



Furry Friends continues to catch the eye of the local media.

Several news sources have run stories about our events.

The Reflector <https://www.thereflector.com/stories/furry-friends-hosting-upcoming-events,327015?>

Vancouver Family Magazine <https://vancouverfamilymagazine.com/event/furry-friends-cat-shelter-adoption-event/>

Clark County Today <https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/news/furry-friends-announces-upcoming-events/>

The Columbian ran a brief about our sponsor **Glen Aronson** donating \$20,000 to Furry Friends for the Building Fund. Pictured are Renzo Orru, Diane Stevens and Beatrice Orru

<https://www.columbian.com/news/2023/sep/30/furry-friends-receives-20000-for-building-fund/>

Jim Grafmyre was named to the Furry Friends Executive Board. Both the **The Columbian**

<https://www.columbian.com/news/2023/sep/30/people-in-business-115/>

And the **Vancouver Business Journal** ran stories on him [https://www.vbjusa.com/news/movers-](https://www.vbjusa.com/news/movers-shakers/furry-friends-adds-grafmyre-as-new-executive-board-member/?fbclid=IwAR3iAm-wp7YbFtiucD5YQEkhfJ-KMccAyxw0GZVpsdJGanw72sRXV1pyK00)

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FURRY FRIENDS ADOPTION EVENT

November 6th to 12th

PETSMART
130 Southeast 192nd Ave,
Vancouver, WA 98683

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL
INFORMATION@FURRYFRIENDSWA.ORG

November 4: All Natural Pet Supply Battle Ground adoption event, 1910 W Main St Suite 104 STE 104, Battle Ground, WA 98604. We will be there 9:30-3:00 pm.

November 6-12 is national pet adoption week. We will be having adoptions events every day at PetSmart on 130 Southeast 192nd Ave., Vancouver. We are trying to nail down the times for each day. Contact information@furryfriendsWA.org for times. We will continue to have events at this location but we often don't know the day or time until a week before. Email us if you are interested in finding out the dates, or check our Facebook page for last minute details on events.
<https://www.facebook.com/furryfriendswa>



November 25: Heritage High School Bazaar. Furry Friends will have a table at this bazaar on November 25 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. 7825 NE 130th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98682

November 28: Giving Tuesday On Tuesday, November 28, Furry Friends hopes to raise at least \$10k for the medical expenses incurred by the many kittens and cats in their care. #GivingTuesday is recognized globally as a day of giving, harnessing the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations with the intent of encouraging philanthropy and celebrating generosity worldwide. Check out our website for more info.



December 2: Liberty Middle School Bazaar, 1612 NE Garfield St., Camas, WA 98607. Furry Friends will have a table at this event. If you have any handmade items that we can sell at these bazaars, we would love to hear from you. Information@furryfriendswa.org.



December 7-18: Stay tuned for the "12 Meows of Catmas" event December 7-18. There will be a different giving opportunity for the 12 days of this event such as: day 1: donate paper towels; day 2: donate trash bags, etc. We are working out the details now. More information to come.

November and December: Giving Trees, see below. Looking for participating businesses.

March 20-24: Save the date for our spring online auction. Let us know if you have something you would like to donate to it. Information@furryfriendswa.org



Would you like to help
FurryFriends
 by hosting a Giving Tree?



Giving Tree is a truly worthwhile fundraiser for getting us all stocked up on supplies for the cats and kittens in our care around the holiday season. Hosting a Giving Tree with us is easy! All you need to do is have an entryway where clientele come to your place of business, and put up a small (or large) holiday tree. We provide the signage, donation box, wish lists, and ornaments of adoptable cats and set everything up with your tree!

We will post on our social media accounts and in our Newsletters promoting your business and the fact that you've partnered with us so that both your clientele and our supporters can bring their generous donations to your drop off location all season long!

If you have any questions, or would like to host a Giving Tree this season with us, please email Danielle at: information@furryfriendsWA.org

We know... we know... it seems early, but our Furry Friends Events & Fundraising team works YEAR ROUND to coordinate everything for us, and it's already "that time" to start finding businesses to host this year's Giving Trees for us!

If your business, or the company you work for, has a lobby for entering clientele... we want to know! We hope to get our Giving Trees into as MANY business-fronts as possible this year and the only way that'll happen is if YOU help spread the word! Please feel free to SHARE THIS POST, or send out this newsletter to your boss/coworkers/friends/etc. so that we can get as many Giving Tree displays up as possible! We are on track to save over 600 cats and kittens this year and we simply cannot do it without the support from each and every one of you; so thank you in advance!! 🐾❤️ So far, we have commitments from: Claus Paws, Mary Janes House of Glass, and Naturally Healthy Pet.

To host a Giving Tree for us this year, please email Danielle at: information@furryfriendswa.org
 p.s. The sooner you sign up... the sooner we will start promoting your business! 🐾



Furry Friends

WISH LIST

- Adult Cat Food: Purina Pro Plan or Purina One (canned or dry)
- Kitten Food: Purina or Hills Science Diet (canned or dry)
- KMR Powder Formula
- FortiFlora
- Integrity Clumping Cat Litter
- ANY Natural, Non-clay Litter (for our kittens)
- Towels (any size)
- Bleach
- General Purpose Cleaners; 409, Simple Green, etc.
- Swiffer Wet Jet Liquid Refills
- Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags (13 Gallon)
- Paper Towels
- Kitten Bottles
- Cat Brushes
- Cat Wand Toys
- Small Litter Pans
- Eye & Ear Wipes
- Flea Combs
- Gloves
- Cotton Balls
- Q-tips
- Clorox Wipes
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Gift Cards to: Mudbay, Woodin' You, Orchards Feed, All Natural Pet Supply, Petsmart, or Amazon.

10 Tips for a Safe Thanksgiving



1. Whether you're hosting guests or traveling, **check that your pet is wearing a collar and tag** with your current contact information.
2. **Update your pet's microchip.** If your pet isn't microchipped, call your local shelter or veterinarian to make an appointment today!
3. If you're leaving town without your pet, use a good pet sitter or boarding facility. **Don't leave pets alone for days** – water bowls can spill and accidents can happen.
4. **Explain to guests to be careful at doors.** If your pet is a door dasher, keep him in another room while guests are coming in and out.
5. **Make sure your pet gets his regular exercise** and playtime whether with you or a pet sitter.
6. **Keep toys and treats at hand** when hosting guests to distract pets and reward good behavior.
7. **Supervise all interactions between pets and kids** for everyone's safety.
8. If you're hosting Thanksgiving guests, **remind them not to feed your pet table scraps.**
9. **Have a counter-surfing pet?** Ask a reliable guest to keep your pet occupied in another room during the cooking.
10. **After the meal, remove all trash and bones immediately.** Curious pets can cause themselves serious harm chewing on sharp bones!

For more information, check out **Petfinder**



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**Furry Friends
CAT FOOD
Pantry**



Furry Friends
Helping homeless and abused cats

Cat Food Pantry

Sometimes the difference between keeping your cat or having to relinquish your furry friend 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 or text (360) 798-4608 and we will see if our new Cat Food Pantry can help! You can also reach us on our Furry Friends Washington Pet Pantry Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FurryFriendsWashingtonPetPantry/>. We can also help supply food for feral colonies.

****All food has been donated to us and we cannot guarantee specific brands. Hurry while supplies last**** If you have food or litter you wish to donate, you can drop off donations at Woodin You Pampered Paws, 13305 NE Hwy 99 #102, Vancouver, WA 98686 or reach us at (360) 993-1097 or information@furryfriendswa.org.



Volunteers, Please Keep Track of Hours

We keep track of volunteer hours to use when applying for grants and in other documents. It shows that we are a vibrant, highly functioning organization. There is a book at the Halfway House where you can log your hours. If you have a shift there, or are a socializer, or do yard work or any other type of work, please log your hours in that book. Some of you are not around either location. If you can estimate your hours and send them to Cindy Goodrich information@furryfriendswa.org



Thank you all for supporting the kitties

Furry Friends Resources

- Amazon Wish List https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WE783999BG1W?ref=wl_share
- Spay/Neuter Supply Wishlist https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1JNX8L8KQN4E1?ref=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR0-GysU-R4uxpKHjT4mub5LP5TaR5Fqu15-q7KnpPD1VUZtu5elQu2Z4L4
- 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.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 https://www.facebook.com/groups/590223832702067/?ref=share_group_link
- Volunteer Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/534750527361316/>
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- 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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