

THE NEWS

Online News for all the Friends of Furry Friends November 2022

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Friends



Helping homeless and abused cats

www.furryfriendswa.org

Dear Friends,

This year has sure passed quickly, and fall weather with its rain has finally arrived. We have had many events and there are more to come. Take a look below at what we have in store for the end of the year.



Ghost



Marshmallow



Milo



Otis

Adoptions

We adopted out 35 cats and kittens from September 25 to October 18, 2022, bringing our total for the year to 344 adoptions. Most of the adoptees were kittens. Adoptions of adult cats have slowed to the point that we probably won't be taking in any relinquished cats for a couple months, unless we are able to adopt out more adults.



New T-Shirts and Merchandise

Karen Ruggero has designed a new ‘Adopt’ T-Shirt and Jenny Grass has designed the ‘HISS’ T-shirt promoting our fall auction for 2023. When you go to the website you can choose what color and style of shirt you would like. In addition to the T-shirts, you can have our design printed on many other items, such as tank tops, long sleeve shirts, kid shirts, wall art, phone cases, mugs and more. A portion of your purchase helps Furry Friends take care of abused, abandoned or otherwise homeless cats. Show your support and save the kitties. Occasionally the shirts and merchandise go on sale at a lower price. When we find out the sale dates, we list it on our Furry Friends Facebook page.

To see all our shirts and merchandise, please visit <https://www.teepublic.com/user/furryfriends>



Volunteer Spotlight: Sara Lugo
By Jazmynn Hoffman

Sara Lugo, a Furry Friends volunteer since 2019, often rolls up her sleeves to clean the kitties’ house. She is the Team Lead on our Tuesday morning shift and frequently helps others on their shifts. Sara adopted a cat from Furry Friends several years ago, and shortly after retiring she made the decision to volunteer!

When asked what motivates her work, she said, *“It feels good to help the kitties. I love working with and meeting other volunteers who have a common interest in loving cats and supporting the shelter.”* Her proudest moment as a volunteer came when her husband, Tony Lugo, decided to volunteer with her after seeing how much she enjoyed her tasks at Furry Friends. Tony helps with trimming trees,

bushes, and other yard maintenance at our facility, thanks to his skills as a gardener. He also frequently donates home grown veggies from his garden to other volunteers!

Sara owns two kitties, Petunia and Tigger, (formerly known as 'Trigger' at Furry Friends!). *"He was 13 when I adopted him, and he's now 15 and going strong. His nickname is The Tangerine Terror! My extended family includes 7 grand dogs, 2 grand cats, and 2 great-grand dogs!"*

Before volunteering, Sara worked 27 years as an Operations Manager for Providence Health Plans. She enjoys playing pickleball and practicing yoga. An active member of the community, she says she doesn't sit very well unless she's reading a book for her book club!

READ MORE HERE

<https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-sara-lugo/>



Meet Bella! She is a 1 year old little girl who came to us with chronic ear infections and growths in her ears. She was in massive amounts of pain that pain meds and antibiotics couldn't cure. She faced surgery or euthanasia, and Furry Friends stepped up! The surgery is a TECA-BO surgery in which the entire ear canal is removed. It was thought she would need both of her ears done, but during the operation they were able to do one side and remove only the masses from the other side. The masses were sent to the lab to make sure they were not cancerous, and lucky for Bella, they were not! While she is now deaf in one ear and has a long road to recovery, she has a great chance at a long pain-free life. If you would like to donate towards her bill you can go to furryfriendswa.org, click donate or send on PayPal to information@furryfriendswa.org.

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EVENTS



Recap of the Fred Meyer Annual 'For Your Pets' event. The event was a Supply Drive for Furry Friends this year at the Battle Ground Fred Meyer! Our volunteers had a great time chatting with passersby and accepting donations from our generous supporters. We were able to collect a car full of much needed supplies and received \$196.57 in monetary donations. We hope to hold a few more Supply Drives with Fred Meyer and other local shops next year!

Recap of the Ridgefield's Birdfest & Bluegrass Festival. The festival was fun for all ages! Held in downtown's Overlook Park, there were vendors, activities and live music to enjoy. Furry Friends was there selling items that were handmade or donated by our volunteers. Between the items sold and donations received, we walked away with \$161.65 to go towards our cats and kitties in need!"

Help Furry Friends stock up our supplies for the coming year.

Want to hold a Giving Tree for Furry Friends?

Giving Trees, scheduled for November and December, are worthwhile fundraisers for providing supplies for the kitties around Christmas time. Furry Friends gives you cat posters and information about our organization. If you have a Christmas tree, we provide pictures of the cats that are available

for adoption, and you can hang their pictures on the tree. We have a wish list of supplies for people to purchase and bring to your establishment.

The holidays offer an important opportunity for us to build up our supplies. Every dollar that we don't spend on supplies goes to helping take care of the cats and kittens. If you choose to hold a giving tree for us, we will promote your business in our newsletters and Facebook page. If you would like to host a giving tree, please contact information@furryfriendswa.org



WE'RE RAISING MONEY *with* DIGITAL DOZENS!

A great way to support our cause virtually! Digital Dozen Certificates are valid for 1 Original Glazed Dozen and will be *sent directly to you via email*. These can be redeemed at your convenience at any Krispy Kreme location.



Furry Friends Cat Rescue

WE ARE RAISING FUNDS TO *care for sick and injured cats and kittens*

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT **Jenn**
AT ***jennhutchman@yahoo.com***

WE ARE COLLECTING ORDERS ***Nov 15th- Dec 15th***

Get ready for some sweet treats that help save cats and kittens! From **November 15 to December 15**, you can purchase a digital dozen of Krispy Kreme doughnuts that helps support Furry Friends! Only \$13, and 50% of that goes to Furry Friends. Use this link to purchase:

<https://www.groupraise.com/offer-campaigns/5278-furry-friends-krispy-kreme-digital-dozens>



Furry Friends to Participate in GIVING Tuesday!

We are asking for your support on **Tuesday, November 29**, during the GIVING TUESDAY online fundraising challenge. We hope to raise funding to cover the extraordinary medical expenses of cats in our care. These costs include veterinary bills for emergency surgeries, as well as ongoing treatments and lifelong medications. Furry Friends is committed to providing the best possible medical care to our rescued cats before placing them in their “forever” homes, but to do that we need your help. Visit our website for more information: <https://Auctria.events/GivingTuesday2022furryfriends>

Every tax-deductible donation made to Furry Friends through GIVING TUESDAY will help Furry Friends cover the extraordinary medical bills of cats like

GIVING TUESDAY will launch at 12 am on Tuesday, November 29, and will last until the stroke of midnight. You can make your tax-deductible donation count by making it through <https://Auctria.events/GivingTuesday2022furryfriends> or our Furry Friends website <http://furryfriendswa.org/donate/> on that day. The mission of Furry Friends is to help homeless, relinquished and abused cats by providing spay/neuter, medical care, and foster shelter for as long as it takes to find their forever home. For more information visit www.furryfriendswa.org, send an email to information@furryfriendswa.org or leave a message at (360) 993-1097.

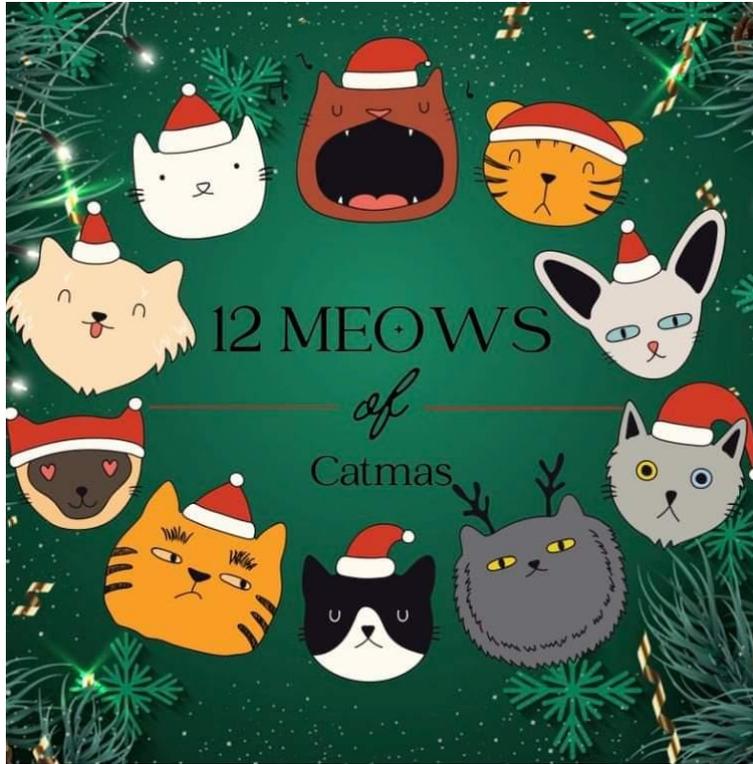
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Will have a table at these holiday bazaars.
Come out and meet the volunteers



Furry Friends will have a table at a few holiday bazaars. We will have information and merchandise to sell to support the cats. We are looking for handmade items that we can sell for Furry Friends. Some previous types of merchandise were crocheted items such as cat hats, cat ear headbands, catnip toys, pet beds, jewelry and more. Check with Jenn if you have something to donate to the cause information@furryfriendswa.org. Come on out and meet the Furry Friends Volunteers.

- **Evergreen Bazaar, Saturday, November 19, from 9 am to 4 pm**
The location has not been announced yet, watch for information to come.
- **Heritage High School Bazaar Saturday, November 26, from 9 am to 4 pm.**
Heritage High School is located at 7825 NE 130th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98682
- **Liberty Middle School Bazaar, Saturday, December 3, from 9 am to 3 pm**
1612 NE Garfield Street, Camas, WA 98607



Stay tuned for the "12 Meows of Catmas" event December 20 to 31. There will be a different giving opportunity for each of the 12 days of this event. For example: Day 1: donate paper towels; day 2: donate trash bags, etc. We are working out the details now. We will use an Amazon Wish List for this giving opportunity: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/l/DW0YJY5VRCLM?ref_=wl_share
More information to come.



Save the Date for the Furry Friends SPRING "We can move Meow-tains" ONLINE Auction, **March 30 to April 2**; three full days of online fun. We are looking for items and if you have something to donate, please contact Jenn at information@furryfriendswa.org.

The purpose of this auction is 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 300 spay/neuters this year to help the cat population in our community. The funds from this online auction will go toward the over \$25,000 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.

Recap of the South Pawcific Auction

The auction was truly a fun event. Everyone wore their fancy tropical attire and participated in the lively bidding. The dinner was delicious, and the room was energized with excitement. After expenses, we made about \$68,000 for the kitties. Our biggest fundraiser of the year, the auction was a great success. Our last in-person auction was in 2019.

About 30 volunteers worked in some capacity during and in support of the auction, with a total of 1,200 hours spent. Furry Friends especially thanks our auction committee who put in the lion's share of those hours--and who work all year long. They are Chris Nash, Auction Lead; Lisa Baxter, Procurement Lead; Diane Stevens, General Manager and MC; Nancy Bott, Item Inventory and Errands; Mary Wakely, Procurement Assistant, and Connie Ewart, Silent Auction Lead.

To see photos of the night's events visit Auction Photos https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipPM-r_WWYTwX7IvenA6PsaaUXL4qdiWakGRTPKr91KekJfaxBKv76Y5gN3bCjVf_Q?key=eENRNTdrb241ZVI2RTBsX0trRkdqOUJSQUIWWHF3



While shopping the great deals on Black Friday November 25, remember to look out for bargains for the kitties. We always need supplies to take care of the kitties and their house. Here is their wish list

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/ref=cm_wl_search_1?ie=UTF8&cid=ALNCHM6D6D5F5

And it is never too early to think about items to purchase for our upcoming ONLINE Spring Auction in March. Check out our spring auction wish list https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/Q4W7V1CACJ3K?ref=wl_share

Items purchased online can always be sent to our mailing address, 6715 NE 63rd Street, Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661.



Calendars are coming

Autumn’s a great time to sit down with a pumpkin spiced latte and peruse the Furry Friends first ever adorable kitty calendar created by our own volunteer Emily Widener. These keepsake calendars will be available at the three bazaars where Furry Friends has a booth. For information, see the events section of this newsletter. Or you can contact our Executive Director at jennhutchman@yahoo.com with other ways to buy. These photographic masterpieces will be on sale for \$25 each. What a puuurfect gift for the holidays for your special cat loving friend.



FF received several “In Memory of” and “In Honor of” donations this month.
 In Memory of Tim Blakely from Linda Blakely, Denise Honsel and Dennis Fuller
 In Memory of Paula Niemi from Wayne and Cathy
 In Memory of Oreo from Emily Widener

In Honor of Wendy Fuhrman Holbrook from Cathy Boyer and Mary Ellen Hayenga
 In Honor of Kurt Deppert’s mother from Kurt

If you're interested in making a tribute or memorial donation, you can do so through Paypal, at [Paypal.me/furryfriendswa](https://www.paypal.me/furryfriendswa), or by mailing a check to 6715 Ne 63rd St., Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661. Include the honoree's name in the payment memo, and then send a picture to information@furryfriendswa.org if you'd like one to be featured on our social media.



The Columbian Newspaper ran a recap about our South Pawcific Auction

In the NEWS

Furry Friends has received much attention lately with numerous articles in the Reflector, Vancouver Family Magazine, Clark County Today and the Messenger. FF also had spots on two news stations.

The Columbian ran a recap on our South Pawcific auction and Peace and Justice Fair.

<https://www.columbian.com/news/2022/oct/15/furry-friends-september-fundraisers-fairs-and-auctions/>

The Messenger had a huge volunteer story on Mike and Tanika Campbell. No link available.

KATU Everyday Hero story on Jaimie Garver <https://katu.com/news/local/local-woman-leads-effort-to-place-homeless-cats-in-vancouver>

KGW had a well-received segment on FF, including interviews with Diane and Dena.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4GcPrgCrXNE>

Mike Morris did a great video that was shown at the auction. It features Tanika Campbell and her foster kittens <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-zb2SaZvoo>

Virginia did a nice video of adopted cats for 2022 that was also shown at the auction.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUeQAR3G8zY>



Cat Tales features enlightening and educational stories about cats and their behaviors written by award-winning writer and Furry Friends volunteer, Nomi Berger. Stories are published every other Sunday on the Columbian website, Furry Friends website, and our Facebook page.

<http://blogs.columbian.com/cat-tales/>

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Ongoing Resources

- **Amazon Wish List** https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WE783999BG1W?ref=wl_share
- **Donations** <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/> or [Paypal.me/furryfriendswa](https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/furryfriendswa)
- **Adopt A Pet** <https://www.adoptapet.com/shelter71378-pets.html>
- **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

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Furry Friends depends 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

Brandi Towner, Vice President & Adoption/intake team

Linda Rader, Adoption/Foster Coordinator

Cynthia Johnson, Treasurer,

Diane Stevens, Public Relations and Marketing, social media, newsletters, photography, creative director

Marci Koski, Feline behaviorist

Danielle Chancey, Secretary, Fundraising and Events

Other Leadership:

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

Jazmynn Hoffman, House Manager, Volunteer Support/intake team

Tanika Campbell, Night House Manager

Chris Nash, Auction Lead

Sandi Long, Grants, property management

Gail Bauhs, Cat Socializer Lead