

THE NEWS

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Friends of Furry Friends
October 2022

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Friends



Helping homeless and abused cats

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Dear Friends,

September was a whirlwind of activity with the Peace and Justice Fair, the South Pacific Auction and Give More 24. We were able to earn a good amount for the kitties. Look at our reports in this newsletter. And thank you to everyone who donated items, funds, time and more. It really does take a village to keep our rescue going.



Jazzy



Rowena



Adoptions

We adopted out 46 cats and kittens from August 17 to September 25, 2022, bringing our total for the year to 309 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.



By Jaimie Garver, FF President

The date is September 2022 and Furry Friends is getting ready for several fundraising events such as the annual auction, Give More 24, Giving Trees and several other small events. Fundraising is necessary to keep our organization going. Our President Jaimie Garver has outlined some of our accomplishments for this year.

What a year it has been! We have had many successes and many challenges along the way, but despite those challenges we have saved hundreds of cats and kittens and continue to make an impact on the community we serve.

A major challenge comes as a result of veterinarians partially closing their offices during the almost two years of the Covid19 pandemic. Animal owners had limited to no access to spay and neuter services during 2020 and part of 2021. Consequently, it is now kitten season ALL YEAR LONG.

READ MORE HERE

<https://furryfriendswa.org/furry-friends-presidents-report-for-2022/>



**Kelli
Thompson
Furry Friends
Volunteer
Coordinator**

Volunteer Spotlight on Kelli Thompson

By Jazmynn Hoffman

Meet our new Volunteer Coordinator, Kelli Thompson!

Kelli, who has been a Furry Friends volunteer for a little over a year, started out as one of our kitten foster parents. Since they began, Kelli and her husband, Josh McClellan, have fostered 8 different litters of kittens! You may have also seen them at the Halfway House, since Kelli and Josh have recently been working as House Shift substitutes as well.

Kelli had always wanted to foster kittens after adopting her very first kitten over 10 years ago. Once she was in a place in her life where this was possible, she and Josh wasted no time looking for cat rescues to foster.

“I goggled cat rescues in Vancouver, and Furry Friends was the first to come up. I applied that instant and never looked back, best decision ever,” she said.

Like many of our fosters, Kelli takes pride in making every effort to be the absolute best foster mom for her kittens, but sometimes fostering can be challenging.

“Each time we get a new litter I feel like they will never like us and that I’m not a good enough foster mom to them,” she said. “Then, in about 2 days, they are purring and cuddling, and everything is all right!”

She recently fostered 3 tiny brothers, Dallas, Two-Bit, and Steve, who started out as shy, reserved, and fearful. Anyone who has been to our shelter recently knows just how affectionate and outgoing these brothers are now! Their improvement is the result of Kelli and Josh’s amazing fostering skills! In fact, Kelli says her proudest moment volunteering was when she was able to establish trust with Dallas, Two-Bit, and Steve, in order to socialize them in preparation for adoption. With lots of patience, cat treats, and love, Kelli was able to get these boys to where they are now. Great job, Kelli!

Before taking on the role as Volunteer Coordinator, Kelli spent between 20 and 40 hours a week volunteering for Furry Friends. She says her favorite part of volunteering is, of course, the cats! “The effect we have on cats in need is amazing, and truly life changing for them. We advocate for those that can’t advocate for themselves. I love seeing the difference from beginning to the happy ending!” READ MORE HERE <https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-on-kelli-thompson/>



Volunteer Spotlight on Amanda Kadell

We love our volunteers. Here is a story about one of them written by our house manager Jazmynn Hoffman. Meet Amanda! She started volunteering with Furry Friends when she was in high school, in order to complete community service hours for graduation. She took a break from volunteering after that but started again last fall after adopting one of our kitties, Leia.

Unfortunately, her senior kitty would not accept a new cat in the household, so Amanda and her family had to make the hard decision to return Leia to Furry Friends. Even though this meant she couldn't adopt any more cats herself, she started volunteering in order to help the many other rescue kitties in need of forever homes!

READ MORE HERE

<https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-on-amanda-kadell/>



Calendars are coming

It's 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. We are just now compiling the cutest of the cute pictures of our cats. We can't wait to see what the final selection will be. We anticipate this being on sale for about \$25 each. What a puuurfect gift for the holidays for your special cat loving friend. More information will be coming.



A Happy Ending for Rescued Kittens

By Jenn Hutchman

Furry Friends Executive Director

The kittens and cats that Furry Friends rescue come from many places. Here is just one story of people with big hearts rescuing a litter of kittens and their mom that would have surely died, if not for their efforts.

It was brought to Furry Friends' attention in early September that at Frito Lay in Vancouver some of their workers (Chris and Will) had been feeding a stray cat for over a month. One day another worker (Josh) saw four-week-old kittens in a trailer that was stuffed full and probably 120 degrees inside.

They all had a feeling that the cat they had been feeding must have had babies. The area is very dangerous for kitties with semi-trucks driving around, the dangerous trailers they could get locked in, and the heat.

Another worker, Michelle, acted first and recruited some help from her co-workers, Trenton and Zack, and they started digging through the piles of items in the trailer to get these babies. Michelle was able to get the first baby around 4:00pm and gave him to Mike and Tanika Campbell (who work at Frito Lay and are also two of our Furry Friends foster parents) who then brought the baby to our Executive Director, Jenn Hutchman. By 7:00pm three more babies were caught, and it was time to set a trap for the mama. Heather Williams, another Furry Friends foster, brought a trap and set it up to wait for the mom. At 9:00pm the mom was captured, and Tanika brought the three kittens and mom to Jenn's house.

READ MORE HERE

<https://furryfriendswa.org/a-happy-ending-for-a-litter-of-kittens/>



Furry Friends has received lots of 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. In addition to the media, Mike Morris, professional videographer, created a fabulous video that was shown at the auction along with Dr. Virginia Huang's video of our adopted cats for 2022.

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>

Volunteers Needed

Furry Friends needs people for the Monday morning shift at the Halfway House. Only 2 people volunteer for that shift currently. Volunteers must follow house procedures and protocols, must be dependable (the cats rely on you), clean litter boxes, wash/dry bedding, sweep/vacuum/mop, feed/water, give medications, and play with/socialize cats. Shifts last about two hours. Please contact jazmynnhoffmanff@gmail.com



Once September hits we seems to have a lot of events and fundraisers. Furry Friends is supported only by donations and sponsorships. Our yearly budget is about \$300,000 and we take care of around 500 cats a year. Without these fundraisers we would not be able to keep our doors open. So thank you for all your help with the donations of time, money and goods.

Recap of the Peace and Justice Fair

Thank you to everyone who came out and showed support for Furry Friends at this year's Peace & Justice Fair. Thanks to the volunteers who handmade fun items like cat hats, pet beds, hot pads, potholders, jewelry, and more for us to sell, we were able to sell those items and gather donations, raising a total of \$1,186 for our kitties in need! Volunteers Danielle, Luke, Cynthia and Jazmynn had a wonderful time at the event spreading awareness, listening to people tell stories about their animals, and educating the community. If you would like to help by donating, becoming a volunteer or making goods for us to sell at future events, please head to our website: www.furryfriendswa.org



Recap of the South Pawcific Auction

The auction was a very 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 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



High-paws all around to our community members for coming together in support of Furry Friends this GiveMore24!

Thank you.
Thank you.
Thank you.



GIVE MORE 24!
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Recap of Give More 24

"This year's GiveMore24 virtual fundraiser was a huge success! Thanks to our supportive community and awesome match donors, we were able to raise \$18,088.00 in just 24 hours! We could not have done this without each and every person who donated, liked, commented or shared our stories to raise awareness for Furry Friends. Special thanks to our Match Donors: Bennett Home Inspections, Ed Chapman, Danielle Chancey Real Estate and Jaimie Garver who collectively matched \$4,000 for our cause. Match Donors are vital to the success of our GM24! fundraiser, if you would like to be a Match Donor for next year's GiveMore24, please email information@furryfriendswa.org today!"



Say Hello to Furry Friends volunteers at Battle Ground's Fred Meyer store, 401 NW 12th Ave, Battle Ground, WA 98604, on **Saturday October 8th**, from 9:00am - 1:00pm for their 10th annual For Your Pets Event! Our team will be on-site gratefully accepting donations of our most needed items purchased at this Fred Meyer location. We hope to see you there!



Want to hold a Giving Tree for Furry Friends?

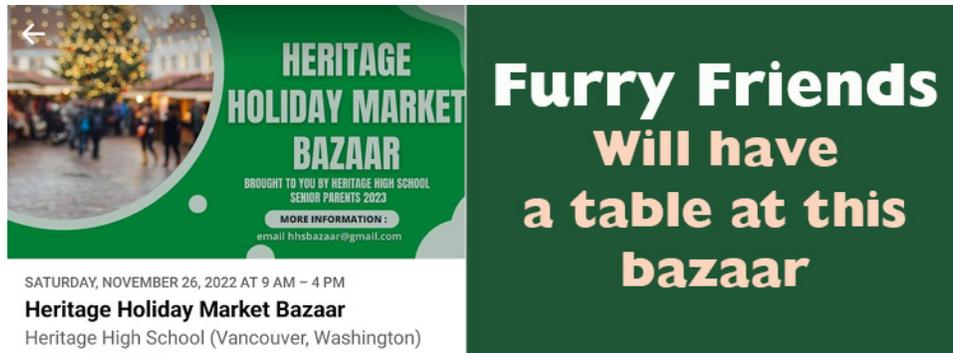
Giving Trees, scheduled for November and December, are worthwhile fundraisers for providing supplies for the kitties around Christmas time. Furry Friends gives you cat posters and information about our organization. If you have a Christmas tree, we provide pictures of the cats that are available for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



Evergreen Bazaar

Jenn Hutchman will have a table at the Evergreen Bazaar on **November 19** from 9am-4pm. She is looking for handmade items that she 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. We don't have the exact location of the bazaar yet, more info to come.



Saturday, November 26, 9 am to 4 pm.

The holidays are fast upon us and the bazaars are being scheduled. Jenn Hutchman will have a table at Heritage High School Bazaar and she is securing a table for Furry Friends. We will display information on our table and if you have any crafty type item that you would like to donate to us to sell at this event, please contact Jenn Hutchman at information@furryfriendswa.org. Heritage High School is located at 7825 NE 130th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98682



Save the Date for the Furry Friends SPRING "We can move Meow-tains" ONLINE Auction, **March 30-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.



Fall In-Person Auction 2023

Yes, we know it is way too early to be talking about the 2023 auction which will be held next year in September. But we just wanted you know that we have T-Shirts and Merchandise with our HISS logo on it in case you want to show your support. Occasionally the site puts the items on sale. When we find out about that we post it on Facebook.

Jenny Grass has designed this logo and we think it is pretty nifty. When you go to the website you can choose what color and style of shirt you would like. In addition, FF has many other items such as tank tops, long sleeve shirts, kid shirts, wall art, phone cases, mugs and more that are perfect for the FF design. 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. There are other FF designs on this site.

Visit <https://www.teepublic.com/user/furryfriends>



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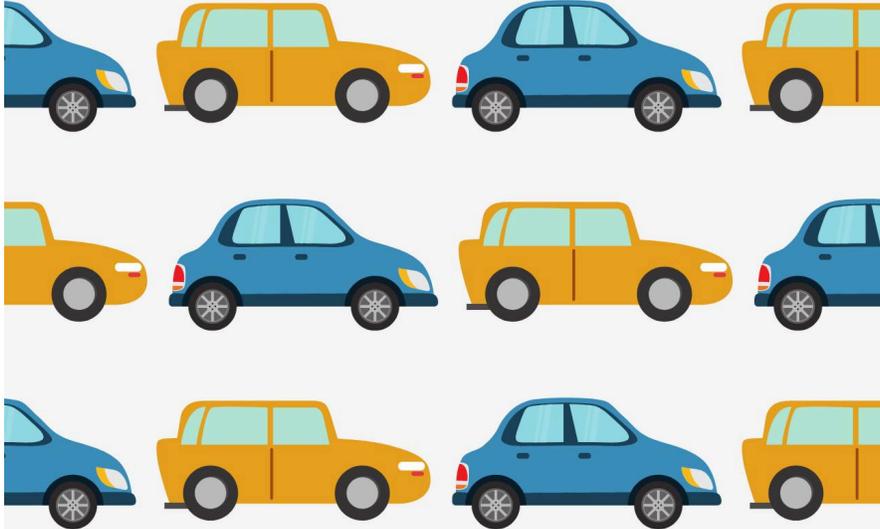


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AT information@furryfriendswa.org _____
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We will be starting a Krispy Kreme fundraiser. We are just figuring out the logistics to it. Each dozen is only \$13 and we will receive 50% of that. If you have questions, please check in with Jenn information@furryfriendswa.org.

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To donate or for more information, send an email to information@furryfriendswa.org.



Pet Pantry

Furry Friends Pet Pantry helps over 100 cats each month with donated cat foods from our community! During July and August, we fed over 250 kitties! This is a picture of donated food going to a feral cat colony with more than 30 cats. We help feed three colonies regularly, plus community members' cats when they just can't make ends meet for the month. If you need temporary assistance or if you would like to donate to the cause, please email information@furryfriendswa.org for more information.

Cat food donations can always be dropped off at **Woodin' You Pampered Paws**, 13305 NE Hwy 99, #102, Vancouver, WA 98686.



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/furryfriendswa)
- **Adopt A Pet** <https://www.adoptapet.com/shelter71378-pets.html>
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- **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.

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.

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