

THE NEWS

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

**Furry
Friends**



Helping homeless and abused cats

www.furryfriendswa.org

Dear Friends,

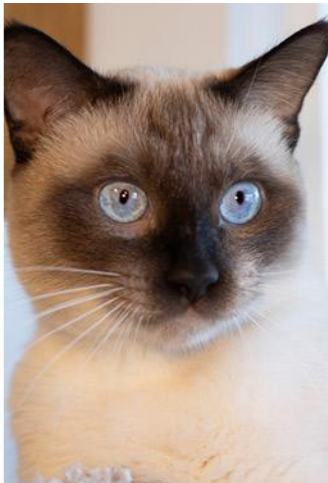
Wow! Did we have a busy September! The most exciting news was about our auctions. We held an online auction and an in-person auction, and you all really came through for us. We also announced our big plans about an upcoming Medical Building and some new programs. Check out our information below.



Van Gogh



Chester



Simon



Opal

Adoptions

From January 1 to September 21, we placed 464 cats and kittens. We continue to get busier and busier. We are on track for adopting out more than 600 cats and kittens this year.



Well our in-person auction, live and silent auction and an online auction have come and gone. Thank you to everyone that donated their time, skills, finances, goods and more. We have the best community of people supporting the kitties. Thank you all for your efforts. This auction was a huge success.

We collectively put in 1, 828 volunteer hours to make this auction happen. Special thanks to the auction committee who put in the lion's share of these hours: Chris Nash, Diane Stevens, Nancy Bott, Jenn Hutchman, Mary Wakely, Cindy Urlik, Jim Grafmyre, Connie Ewart and Lisa Baxter.

You can view photos from this year's auction here.

https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipMmzfkoJKfpMf-1-89AFBYW6cDG_kQ-ktGtARIO1zH0pshtARWkcwhDbzYxiyTxA?key=aW83ZUUwbDFYeXZ4SmFqVHZ3OFZTVkNPdkJOMHJn

Save the date for next years auction September 21. The theme will be Phantom of the Oपुरra.



SPECIAL EDITION

BREAKING NEWS

Furry Friends Future Plans!



**Get excited for
Furry Friends new
Medical Building
coming in 2025!**

We are happy to announce after much planning and coordination with the city we have been approved to begin the process of building a new medical facility on the Furry Friends property! We are all elated that this project can become a reality in the next few years! We have new programs we are excited to roll out at a future date in conjunction with this project we cannot share yet, but let's just say this will be a dream come true for the cats in the community! If you would like to be apart of this amazing new development please contact us at information@furryfriendswa.org. We CAN build this together!

About Furry Friends

Founded in 1999, Furry Friends is a nonprofit, no-kill 501(c)(3) cat rescue serving Clark County. We are the largest cat only shelter in Southwest Washington. Furry Friends is a volunteer run organization, our mission is to save abused, abandoned and relinquished cats by providing them with medical

care and socialization, spay/neutering and shelter until they are placed in appropriate adoptive homes.

For more information on Furry Friends, please visit www.furryfriendswa.org, or email information@furryfriendswa.org or call 360-993-1097 (message phone).

Medical Building update!

We are currently in the site plan review/land use /building plans/building permit process! Everything is moving along smoothly and we do not see any foreseeable issues. We will be busy submitting requests for grants to help pay for this building. If you would like to be involved financially in this project, please email information@furryfriendswa.org.

Having our own medical building will mean that we have full control over our spay and neuter operations. Currently it is hard to get appointments for our cats and kittens in a timely manner and they are costly. The neuters costs us \$89 to \$90 and the spay operations cost us \$120 to \$140 each. We will be able to get the medical service at a greatly reduced price, and we will be able to do some other procedures. We will contract with one of our veterinarians to come to do the needed procedures.



Neptune and Comet are two cats that we rescued from a hoarding situation. This video highlights the love and compassion that we have for these kitties. Thank you to professional videographer for donating his time to make this fabulous video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xA8SKxlGzK4>

Furry Friends Rescues Cats in Need

This year Furry Friends is diving paws-first into hoarding cases and is making a life-saving difference for hundreds of kitty lives. From Jan-August we took in 140 cats and kittens from only FOUR separate hoarding situations. These felines have ranged in ages from newborns up to 12 years old with a variety of medical conditions. These medical conditions include: Upper respiratory infections, giardia, ringworm, coccidia, panleukopenia, hernias, malnutrition and diarrhea, calici virus, ear mites, fleas, anemia, pneumonia, and, of course, not being altered. Just the bare minimum medical care, shelter, and feeding of these kitties costs over \$57,000. This amount does not include any of the medical care needed above the normal that we do for every cat and kitten in our care. Three kittens out of the 140 we took in did not make it. Their sickness was unfortunately too far advanced and they could not be saved. We were too late for 3 but saved 137, how many more are we too late for? We only take on as many as we can financially, emotionally, and physically handle and in reality the cat and kitten population is beyond us, alone. That is why we need you! These cats and kittens did not need to be in this situation. Their condition is a direct result of not spaying and neutering! Help us help these cats and kittens that have no voice and no choice on how they live. Help us be their voice!

**Furry Friends Receives
Spay/Neuter Grant**

We received a TNR (Trap Neuter Return) grant from the Washington Federation of Animal Care and Control Agencies for \$2,500. This grant will help us spay/neuter and release feral kitties in Clark County! Ultimately this helps decrease the amounts of kittens/cats all agencies get in, decrease deaths from predators and the elements, decrease FIV spread with less fighting, and decrease euthanasia rates at larger shelters. It's a win win when we can all do our part with TNR!



<https://youtu.be/YzDTy65QXsc>

Thank you for our longtime sponsor and friend Dr. Virginia Huang for creating this video of some of our adopted kitties for 2023.



Many events are coming up

Saturday, September 30: All Natural Pet Supply in Battle Ground, 1910 W Main St., Suite 104 STE 104, Battle Ground, WA 98604. We will be there 9:30-3:00 pm. Come meet the kitties and volunteers

October 6 and 7: Adoption Event at Wilco Farm Store, 815 W Main St, Battle Ground, WA 98604. We will be there 11:00-3:00 pm with kitties.

October 7: BirdFest & Bluegrass is a joint event planned in a partnership between the City of Ridgefield and the Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge that includes vendors, community and birding activities, and a Bluegrass Pickers Festival. Furry Friends will have a booth at this event.

October 7-8 Furry Friends will have available cats at **Love Cats Worldwide event**

Saturday, October 7, 2023 10:00 AM

Sunday, October 8, 2023 4:00 PM

Portland Expo Center 2060 Marine Drive West Portland, OR, 97217 United States

Come and meet the volunteers and kitties of Furry Friends.

For more information visit <https://www.lcwwgroup.us/portland-7-8-october-2023>

Thursday, October 12: Beaches Restaurant fundraiser. Beaches Cash Back Days is a specific day dedicated to a specific organization (that would be Furry Friends) where patrons can come in and tell their server that they are there for Furry Friends and 50% of their entire bill goes to us! It's a great program that Beaches has run for YEARS. They rarely choose animal organizations though, which is why it's taken me so long to get approved.

Saturday, October 21: Adoption Event at All Natural Pet Supply east Vancouver location, 3425 SE 192nd Ave #108, Vancouver, WA 98683. 9:30-3:00 pm

October 21 to 30: Kitty Costume Contest on the Furry Friends Facebook page.

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

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 26: Heritage High School Bazaar. Furry Friends will have a table at this bazaar. More info to come.

**Shout Out to our Volunteers
from Kelli Thompson
our Volunteer Coordinator**

I just want to shout out about the Saturday PM Halfway House Team! They have been dealing with a lot of uncertainty and turnover and have been very hardworking and reliable for the kitties. Our volunteers are the best and will do whatever they can to make sure that our cats and kittens are cared for.

Kelli



Many thanks to Jared The Cat Groomer for becoming a Gold Sponsor for Furry Friends. Here is what Jared has to say about himself.

I'm Jared the Cat Groomer

When your favorite feline is in need of some purr-fect pampering, I can help. I'm Jared the Cat Groomer, and providing top-quality cat grooming services is what I do. When you bring your kitty in for a grooming session, I'll usually begin with a bath and a brush out. Depending on your cat's needs and your personal preferences, though, additional services are available.

Jared the Cat Groomer

To make an appointment, schedule online

Jaredthecatgroomer.com

Email: Jaredthecatgroomer@gmail.com

If you are interested in knowing more about sponsorship, please visit our website

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



We welcome Jim Grafmyre to our Furry Friends Board of Directors. His title is Facility Maintenance and Information Technology and Security.

Jim has been a volunteer since 2021 and has become invaluable as our jack of all trades and handyperson. He is responsible for the indoor remodel of the Halfway House including our Whisker's

Lounge. He has upgraded our security system and he is finishing up his latest project of subbing out all of our ancient windows at the shelter. Our building will be so much more energy efficient now. He is also on our auction committee and has assumed many jobs with that event.

We wrote a volunteer spotlight on him about a year ago. Please visit our website to find out more about Jim. He truly is a treasure and we are so happy to have both Jim and his wife Karen as volunteers. <https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-on-jim-grafmyre/>



Meet Emily Widener. She takes a lot of those fabulous pictures of our cats. She will also create the 2024 Furry Friends calendar. This year we auctioned off the cover spot for the calendar. We can't wait to see the photos. Take a look at Emily's volunteer spotlight to find out more about her.

Emily has volunteered with Furry Friends since July of 2022. She had wanted to volunteer for a cat rescue since adopting her kitty from a cat rescue in Portland. When she and her husband moved to the Vancouver area, she was determined to find somewhere to both volunteer and photograph kitties to help get them adopted.

READ MORE HERE <https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-emily-widener/>



A donation was made to Furry Friends by Michelle House “in memory of our sweet Bella”. Furry Friends also received a donation from Terry Rose in honor of Paula Niemi's passing a year ago.

Thanks to their kindness and support, we can continue to provide vital resources such as food, shelter, and medical care to the cats in our care. Thank you! 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. If you like, send a picture of the honoree to information@furryfriendswa.org.



Furry Friends Exists because of YOU. We are so grateful for all the people that sacrifice their time, talents, finances, goods and expertise. Here is a video of the thank yous that were done at the HISS Auction. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTHyVTAOb_E



KGW TV Hello Rose City Show

Did you get to see our TV spot? Auction Lead Chris Nash and Furry Friends Marketing Director Diane Stevens were guests on the Hello Rose City Show September 6 to talk about the auction. Here is a link to the segment. <https://www.kgw.com/video/features/hello-rose-city/support-furry-friends-with-a-rock-n-roll-themed-auction/283-2e9a090e-cc89-43bc-a095-6ea1be78e41f?fbclid=IwAR0QOKKd7PMtkNLJNBwvhke6aI52alk-qT7F4OQGO3gtmtwV-aeozCox08>

SUPPORT THESE NON-PROFITS DURING THE *Boots & BLUES* BAG BENEFIT OCTOBER 24 - 26



OREGON:

HORSES ADAPTIVE RIDING & THERAPY (HART)

Horses Adaptive Riding & Therapy's mission is to empower and strengthen those with physical, cognitive, emotional, and social challenges through equine-assisted activities.

WASHINGTON:

FURRY FRIENDS WASHINGTON

Furry Friends Washington is a no-kill cat shelter based in Vancouver, specializing in hoarding situations and neonatal kittens. They adopt out over 500 cats a year and take on extreme medical cases other shelters will not.



CALIFORNIA:

GIANT STEPS THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Giant Steps Therapeutic Equestrian Center's mission is helping people of all ages overcome their physical, emotional, behavioral, cognitive and developmental challenges with equine-assisted therapy and learning.

FURRY FRIENDS won the Wilco Washington nomination!

Wilco is excited to announce this year's non-profit partners for the Boots & Blues Bag Benefit Sale, October 24th - 26th. These customer-selected community organizations will receive proceeds from bag sales during the event.

Thank you to all of the non-profits who applied to be our partners and the customers who helped us make the final selection by voting for your favorite non-profit. We love to see how much you care about supporting your community.

WASHINGTON: Furry Friends Washington

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Other winners


OREGON: HART Horses Adaptive Riding & Therapy

CALIFORNIA: Giant Steps Therapeutic Equestrian Center

Wilco's fourth annual Boots and Blues Bag Benefit Sale, which raises funds for local non-profits, is taking place October 24-26, 2023 in all 25 Wilco Farm Store locations in Oregon, Washington and California. Wilco asked customers to name and vote on programs they wanted proceeds from the sale of bags to go towards. Over the summer, hundreds of local non-profits were suggested, and customers were able to vote. Based on the social media fan nominations, the three non-profit organizations were selected.

Please visit your local Wilco store on October 24th - 26th. Here are the stores closest to us.
Battle Ground Wilco, 815 W Main St.m Battle Ground, WA 98604
Vancouver Wilco, 1901 NE 162nd Ave, Vancouver, WA 98684

Spay/Neuter Supplies

Furry friends partners with another Shelter for spay neuter services. Our own Executive Director, Jenn, volunteers one or two days every week at this clinic! They go through a lot of med supplies there, as you can imagine. If you would like to help this clinic (and Furry friends kitties who go there) check out our Amazon wishlist! Many items are not costly but when seeing 50+ Cats each week it goes quickly! 
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1JNX8L8KQN4E1?ref=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR0-GysU-R4uxpKHjT4mub5LP5TaR5Fqu15-q7KnpPD1VUZtu5elQu2Z4L4



Thank you all for supporting the kitties

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**
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- **Volunteer Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/534750527361316/>
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- **Public Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/furryfriendswa> We post daily news to this page.
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- **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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