

THE NEWS

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

**Furry
Friends**



Helping homeless and abused cats

www.furryfriendswa.org

Dear Friends,

Get ready for a busy September! Furry Friends annual auction, HISS, is September 16 at the Heathman Lodge. See our promo below for more information. It's expected to be a fun filled evening.

We also have an adoption event on September 2 and the Peace and Justice Fair on September 9 at Esther Short Park in Vancouver.



Adoptions

From January 1 to August 18, we placed 402 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.



We currently have 176 cats and kittens in our care and they require a lot of food and supplies! If you can help with anything off our Amazon Wishlist it would help us A LOT!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1QL2K1QMR2TQ?ref=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR02K4-v1frE7ONMod3gi5pwJfbMeuZqsq42WorahpgC7zSSQARNaHR2wWk



Volunteer Spotlight: Bill Bateman

A longtime feline fancier, Bill translated his love of cats into helping cats by volunteering for Furry Friends beginning in 2021.

Having adopted from us in 2004, he and his wife were well acquainted with the patience and time it takes to make any adopted kitty feel happily at home in a loving forever placement. Earlier this year, they adopted Brooklyn and Charlotte, both part of a hoarder rescue, from us.

READ MORE HERE <https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-bill-bateman/>



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 are excited to roll out new programs (that we cannot share yet) in conjunction with this future project, but let's just say this will be a dream come true for the cats in the community! If you would like to be part of this amazing new development, please contact us at information@furryfriendswa.org.

We CAN build this together! ❤️🐾❤️🐾❤️



Volunteer Spotlight: Caitlin Davis

Caitlin has played an active and satisfying role in Furry Friends for nearly two years. She joined us after one of her sweet kitties passed away. To help grieve, she thought the ideal solution would be to volunteer with cats. When she discovered us, she found that, together, we were a perfect fit.

She spends between four and eight hours a week volunteering and is one of the shift leads at the shelter on alternating Saturday nights. Not only does she look after her team, ensuring that all is running smoothly, that everything is clean, and that food and medications are being distributed, she also helps train new volunteers.

READ MORE HERE <https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer-spotlight-caitlin-davis/>



Backrow: Paris, Tanika, Jenn

Front Row: Lindsey and Jazmynn

Furry friends med team had a training to learn all about fecals a few weeks ago. What a fun way to spend a Saturday learning all about cat poop 🐾 (It is for us anyways 😊) Thanks Lindsey!

In Loving Memory

We have received a donation from Kenny Paynter, in memory of Katherine Tucker. Katherine was one of our original Furry Friends volunteers.

We have received another memorial donation from Terry Rose in honor of Paula Niemi's passing a year ago. Paula was a big supporter of Furry Friends.

If you're interested in making a tribute or memorial donation, you can do so through Paypal, at [Paypal.me/furryfriendswa](https://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, then send a picture to information@furryfriendswa.org if you'd like one to be featured.



Where do the dollars go? As a no-kill cat rescue, Furry Friends hopes that all the cats that we bring in would be relatively healthy so we can adopt them out to good homes at a quicker pace. But that is often not the case. When we commit to take in a cat, their problems are not obvious. As we investigate the cat's health there may be serious issues. As long as we have money to pay for the veterinarian bills,

we will do whatever is possible to save a cat and give him a good life. Our medical expenses are skyrocketing. For 2022 we spent over \$166,000 and it will be more than that for 2023.

If you would like to make a financial donation, PayPal makes it easy for a one time donation or a monthly ongoing donation. PayPal's fraud prevention measures and method of keeping your financial information private make it a safe, free way to send online donations.
<http://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>



furryfriendswa.org/HISS

Tickets are going fast for the Furry Friends Annual Dinner and Auction

There are still some tickets left for the Furry Friends annual in person dinner and auction fundraiser on Saturday, September 16 at the The Heathman Lodge. When you go to the ticket page you will be able to enter your vegetarian or vegan dinner choice.

Complimentary coffee, tea, water and lemonade will be available. There will be two no host bars conveniently located. Purchase Tickets Here: <https://event.auctria.com/42d1fa6d-3949-4e33-9fdd-11e3fd7d7321/a809178051b511ea91bae14d12592328>

To learn more about our auction, take a look at the August auction newsletter
https://mailchi.mp/5599d94d5202/furry-friends-auction-tickets-are-available-now?fbclid=IwAR1Qkb2foNvf0kvYw6te7gUy2Qvp-NIkSx_bICyjL8pk-J7Btd9G2muCU68



We are getting some fabulous items in for our **LIVE AUCTION**. You must be present at the 'HISS' live auction to bid on these items.

Luxurious Spa Gift Set courtesy of Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery

This item was generously donated by Dr. Namkun and Dr. Green of Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery. This opulent spa basket of exceptional value awaits. Valued at over \$1,000, this assortment includes a collection of indulgent treats. Revel in a gift certificate for three rejuvenating Laser Genesis treatments, accompanied by a sleek metal water bottle, a tube of gentle cleanser, skin health complexion pads, skin health exfoliating polish, and Elta HD facial sunscreen.

Backyard Party Bundle

You will be the talk of the town with this cooler on wheels stuffed to the brim with alcohol and entertaining items. We are still adding to this bundle of fun

This item includes Fireball bucket of whiskey, 4 Lenox ruby martini glasses, 4 Lenox emerald green flutes, Jameson Triple distilled whiskey, proper twelve Irish Whiskey, Bushmills Irish Whiskey, Total Wine & More gift certificate, cooler on wheels and a bottle Crown Royale.

Take a look at our website to see more items. We will be loading more items onto the site as we get closer to the auction. furryfriendswa.org/HISS



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A poster for a 'Furry Friends Adoption Event'. The poster has a black background with a white dotted pattern. At the top, there are yellow and white triangular bunting flags. The text 'FURRY FRIENDS' is in a large, bold, black, hand-drawn font. Below it, 'ADOPTION EVENT!' is in a similar font. Underneath, in a smaller, blue, cursive font, it says 'come meet your new best Furry friend!'. To the right of this text is a small logo for 'Furry Friends' featuring a white cat silhouette. The date and time 'September 2nd 930am-3pm' are written in a large, bold, black font. Below this, it says 'Hosted by:' in a yellow font. To the left of the cat is a yellow bone-shaped logo with the text 'ALL NATURAL PET SUPPLY' in red and black. At the bottom left, the address '1910 W Main St Suite 104, Battle Ground, WA 98604' is written in a black font. On the right side of the poster is a large, detailed image of a Siamese cat with light blue eyes and a white body with dark brown points on its face, ears, and paws. The cat is looking directly at the camera.

FURRY FRIENDS

ADOPTION EVENT!

come meet your new best Furry friend!

September 2nd
930am-3pm

Hosted by:

**ALL NATURAL
PET SUPPLY**

1910 W Main St Suite
104, Battle Ground, WA
98604

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 all of them. If you have any handmade items that we can sell, please contact us at information@furryfriendswa.org or let us know if you would like to volunteer at one of these events.

September 2: Furry Friends Adoption event at All Natural Pet, 1910 W Main St., Suite 104, Battle Ground, WA 98604 from 9:30 to 3:00. Come see the kitties and meet the volunteers.

September 2: Multicultural Event- Ridgefield. Come celebrate our diverse community at the 6th annual Multicultural Festival! The 2023 Multicultural Festival will include performances, crafts and activities, First Saturday and Farmers Market vendors, and more! Stay tuned as we near the event for the schedule.

September 9: Peace and Justice Fair is held at Esther Short Park, 301 West 8th Street in Vancouver, WA. We will have an information booth and sell Furry Friends merchandise.

September 16: 'HISS' in person auction. See the promo for it above.

September 11 to 17: ONLINE auction. This is in conjunction with the Hiss auction. Visit furryfriendswa.org/HISS and click on the ONLINE auction tab.

October 7-8

Loving Cats Worldwide. See promo below

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 12: Beaches Cash Back

Beaches Cash Back Days is a specific day dedicated to a specific organization (in our case, Furry Friends is signed up for Thursday, Oct. 12th) 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 so long to get approved.



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

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>


Spay/Neuter Supplies

Did you know 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 medical 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-q7KnpPD1VUZtu5eIQu2Z4L4



SHE IS ME

 All the little cat spirits were crossing the rainbow bridge when one of them looked back and saw some cats' souls lying on the other side of the bridge, not moving.

"Who are they?" he asked the cat next to him.

"Oh, don't you know they are the souls who had no owner in life and knew no love like we did."

"So what are they lying there for?" he asked "Why don't they cross over like us?"

"They can't." replied his new friend "Only pets with owners can cross."

Just then all the souls on the other side of the bridge sat up and looked down the road.


"What's happening?" asked the little cat. "Watch!" replied his friend.

Whereupon a woman was seen walking towards the bridge. She looked to her left and then to her right then opened her arms wide and all the patiently waiting souls got up and went to her.

She knelt and touched each and every spirit in turn.

They then all proceeded to cross the bridge together.

"Who is that?" he asked his friend.

"That is someone special." replied his friend "She is a rescuer." 

– Author unknown

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/UChfBIX6lOMIEseSxK9f27dw/videos>
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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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