

THE NEWS

Online News for all the Friends of Furry Friends April 2020



Helping homeless and abused cats

Hello Friends,

Spring is here but life is very different for all of us during these times of desperation with the COVID-19 virus. We hope that you are all safe. We have been operating with a reduced amount of people to take care of the cats. We are so appreciative of the commitment that our volunteers have for the welfare of the cats.



Helping homeless and abused cats



Furry Friends is still open for adoptions by appointment only.

Please view the available cats on our website
www.furryfriendswa.org

or contact
information@furryfriendswa.org
for an appointment.

We are still open for adoptions; however, we cannot take in any new cats at this time. For us to take in new cats we have to have access to our veterinarians. The vets have been ordered to only take care of emergency issues, which means they will not be able to look at any of our new intakes. We will let you know when this changes. In the meantime, let's adopt out all of our kitties. You can see them all on our website www.furryfriendswa.org and make an appointment to visit them at information@furryfriendswa.org or (360) 993-1097.



Amelia

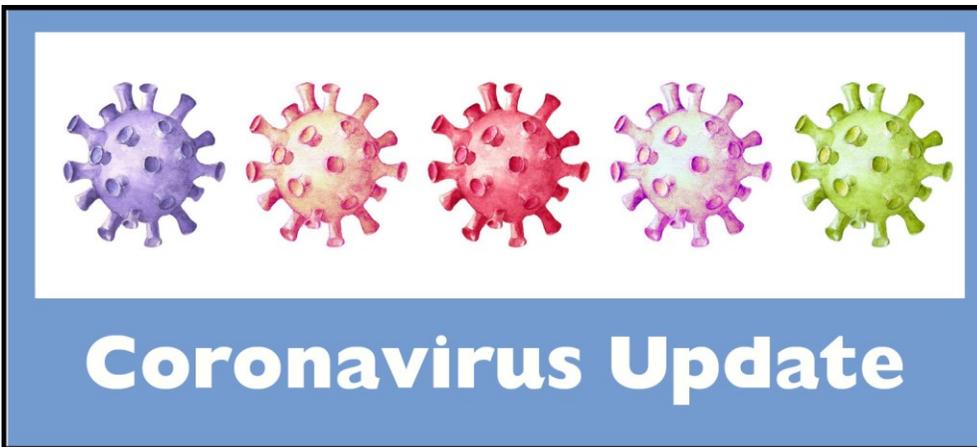
Brother

Cocoa Puff

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Adoptions

We have adopted out eight cats from March 6 to March 26, 2020. Congratulations to Amelia, Brother, Cocoa Puff, Josie, Kink, Lucy, Sherlock and Storm.



Coronavirus and sickness

Like so many others within our community and around the world, we are closely monitoring the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. This is a rapidly evolving situation that we are responding to and taking precautionary steps to minimize its impact within our shelter and the community. We always have the safety of our cats as well as the health and safety of our volunteers and adopters top of mind. With that being said, there are several things that you can do to help:

- If you are SICK, STAY HOME - even if you just have a cough or the sniffles, please STAY HOME!
- WASH and SANITIZE your hands immediately when entering Halfway House and frequently while you are there.
- If you have high-risk people you are caring for, it is advisable to stay home.

We are following expert guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization and the American Veterinary Medical Association. "At this time, there is currently no evidence that companion animals can become ill with COVID-19 or transmit the virus to humans. Similar to the precautions recommended to prevent human transmission, the World Health Organization of Animal Health currently recommends regular hand washing with soap and water before and after touching animals, their food, or their supplies." (ASPCA)

COVID-19 Virus and Cats

Nomi Berger has just written a Cat Tale story for us about questions you may have about cats and the virus. Take a look here for more information. https://blogs.columbian.com/cat-tales/2020/03/20/covid-19-and-cats/?fbclid=IwAR2nAJoSxwvTnYUOHYDQfvM2g4Gu11hfQZP_-2yM_5X81bBVPVfLmb3yg-4



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Marci Koski
Feline behaviorist



Dena Hugh

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHANGES

There are lots of changes at Furry Friends.

Jennifer Hart will officially step down from her board seat on April 1, 2020. She will still be a part of Furry Friends continuing her duties with cat intake, the cat list and assisting the medical team. **Dena Hugh** will be filling her spot on the board. Dena has played an active part with Furry Friends for the past five years. She has fostered about 88 of our cats and kittens in that time, including the Cowlitz Kittens which was a huge commitment for at least seven months. And she has performed other tasks such as keeping our litter supply stocked and other duties as they come up. Dena will be assisting Linda Rader on the foster care program.

William Miller has been our treasurer for the last couple years. He will be stepping down from the board and **Margie McGhee** will be taking on the treasurer duties in addition to her secretarial tasks. Margie has over 25 years of extensive financial experience with other nonprofit organizations.



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New Board Member Needed



LOOKING FOR ANOTHER NEW BOARD MEMBER

Furry Friends Board of Directors, also called the Executive Committee, is taking applications to fill another seat on the board. We are looking for an active board member who would like to help Furry Friends by leading our fundraising team! We need a creative individual who can think outside the (litter) box and engage within our community. Some of the things we are looking for include:

- Raise funds for Furry Friends while meeting or surpassing fundraising targets
- Assist in brainstorming and creating new methods to raise funds for our organization
- Lead/assist in planning and coordinating park/fundraising events
- Collaborate with other organizations and groups within the community to build partnerships and enhance fundraising activities.

Don't worry; you will not be doing this job alone! We are building a team for this and you will actively be working with the board to develop this role. If you are interested in applying for this volunteer position, please contact Jaimie Garver at information@furryfriendswa.org or (360) 993-1097.

About the board

The board is comprised of select volunteers who oversee the activities of Furry Friends. The members of the board are responsible for governing the organization, approving budgets, approving the organization's policies and other similar tasks. Board members have an obligation of allegiance, care and duty to Furry Friends. We seek to fulfill our mission statement by providing advice and implementing long-term goals that will assist Furry Friends in planning for the future and creating the vision of what it will become.

Furry Friends, founded in 1999, is a Vancouver, WA, 501c(3) non-profit, no-kill cat rescue and adoption organization. We strive to help cats in the Vancouver-Portland Metro and surrounding area receive the medical services and companionship they need. We are operated entirely by volunteers. Our mission is to rescue abused, abandoned or otherwise homeless cats and house them in a safe, healthy and socialized environment until we find new "forever homes" for them.

Board members are expected to be involved in strategic planning, fundraising, and policy decisions for the organization. Board members should have a set of skills to offer in the management of the organization. We would especially like to find someone who could help out with grant writing or fundraising events. The board meets once a month on the 3rd Sunday for 1.5 to 2 hours.



Cat Adoption Event for Furry Friends

We had an adoption event scheduled for the end of April at Cats Play While You're Away Boarding. Since we don't know what is going on with this pandemic, we will reschedule this event. Stay tuned.

New Cat Videos

David Lopez and Diane Stevens have been busy making videos of our adoptable cats. Here are the most recent.

Kitty Boy Boy – by David <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ARuQEOFKYY&feature=youtu.be>

Nora – by Diane - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oR5CJofV2oY&feature=youtu.be>

Jade – by Diane - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OD14dvlmrAQ&feature=youtu.be>

Clem – by Diane - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qR8tA_I9epQ&feature=youtu.be

Gracy – by Diane – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7ZJ3xNdbLO>

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is
Getting Ready for
GI♥ING TUESDAY | NOW



May 5, 2020

Save the Date for Giving Tuesday!

Mark this date on your calendar: Tuesday, May 5th

Why? Because, during these 24 hours, YOU can help Furry Friends raise the funds needed for cats in our care who suffer from serious medical conditions. Furry Friends is a nonprofit, all-volunteer, no-kill, cat adoption organization serving Clark County, WA.

This online challenge will help us raise funds to cover the extraordinary expenses of unexpected procedures and emergency surgeries, as well as ongoing treatments and lifelong medications. The majority of the cats who come to us only need basic medical care; however, some require costly, extraordinary medical treatment before they are ready for adoption. In 2019, we spent over \$126,000 on veterinary bills and medical supplies. This funding was used to care for approximately 200 cats. As a no-kill, nonprofit organization, we are committed to providing the best possible care to the ailing, abused and abandoned cats we save before they are able to be placed in the best possible adoptive homes.

Please see our website for more information www.furryfriendswa.org



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Please Consider a
Monthly Donation for the kitties
<https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>

\$11 per month Can fund a microchip to help reunite a cat to his new family.	\$22 per month Can fund a Rabies vaccine to promote a healthy start to life.	\$72 per month Can fund a neuter surgery to reduce the overwhelming cat population.	\$110 per month Can fund a spay surgery to reduce the overwhelming cat population.	\$250 per month Can fund a dental cleaning to help prevent worse teeth problems going forward.
				

Every gift saves lives. Please make a onetime gift if you are not able to make a monthly commitment.

Automatic Monthly Donations

Furry Friends works tirelessly to put an end to cat homelessness and neglect. You can help us with our fight to take in cats and kittens and give them a second chance at life. Your automatic monthly gift is an easy way to make a difference for cats all year long.

Furry Friends provides for cat housing and medical care and helps up to 200 cats find loving homes every year. Your regular monthly gift allows us to spend less time fundraising—and more time saving lives. Any amount helps. You can choose to give as low as \$5 a month, it is up to you.

Every gift saves lives. Please make a one-time gift if you are not able to make a monthly commitment. Visit our website to make your one-time gift or choose to have a recurring monthly gift.

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



We need volunteers!

If you are interested in any of the following positions, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Malinda Goldbeck, at (360) 993-1097 or at volunteer@furryfriendswa.org.

HALFWAY HOUSE ASSISTANT: We need people for Monday, Wednesday mornings and Tuesday and Thursday evening shifts. 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. If you have a certain day available for a shift, let Malinda know.

VET TECH NEEDED: We are looking for a person that has at least two years' experience at a vet clinic as a Vet Tech. This person needs to be able to draw blood, vaccinate cats, and give pills. You can work as much or as little as you like.

GRANT WRITER: Do you have experience in writing? Then we would like to talk to you. We have been receiving some good grants, but there are still more that can be had. If you are good at writing and research, we would like to talk to you.

YARDWORK HELP: We will be publicizing official workdays in the yard. However, many people have requested to just stop by and do work on other days. We are leaving some tools by the wheelbarrows outside of the yard shed. There are brooms, a rake, and a shovel that can be used for general yard cleanup. Bring your own gloves. The green yard waste bins are in front of the house. The garbage cans can also be used but must be kept light because they are emptied by hand. They are best used for branches. We love our trees but because of them, there is ALWAYS cleanup to be done. Go for it!!! Let Marion know of any special yard projects you want to do; there are more tools available.

WANTED - CLEANING FANATICS: The Halfway House is never as clean as it should be. I would like a team of volunteers that likes to clean, that gets satisfaction from scrubbed floors and hairball-free cat trees. We envision you working in teams or independently, but in an organized manner so that every room gets a deep clean minimally each month.

HANDY PERSON HELP: We have a long list of general fix-it jobs to do. Tammie Williams has been heading up and keeping track of all the jobs, but she needs some help in getting these things done. Let us know if you would like to help.

GOT MICE?

Adopt a working cat to manage your rodent population in a safe and efficient manner.

Furry Friends is looking for qualified people who have a safe barn, shed, or other outdoor housing/property that can protect outdoor cats and give them a chance at life.

**Save a life,
adopt a working cat**
Call Margaret for info
(360) 901-7643



Barn Cat Adoptions

Furry Friends helps to maintain several colonies of feral cats. We would like to relocate a few as barn cats. A barn cat is a domestic cat, usually of mixed breed, that lives primarily out-of-doors in a feral or semi-feral condition on property, usually being sheltered in outbuildings. They eat assorted vermin such as rodents and other small animals that live in or around outbuildings and farm fields. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact **Margaret** at (360) 901-7643 margh1@q.com.

Why Adopt a Barn Cat?

Barn Cats benefit their caretakers! Supporting a barn cat is the safest way to control the rodent population in your barn, warehouse or other storage areas. There are no poisons for children and pets to get into and no need to set nasty traps! Barn Cats will keep rodents away AND you'll have the satisfaction of giving them a much-needed home. Only feral or semi-feral cats are used for this; all Furry Friends adoptable cats are required to be indoor cats.



Please join us in supporting Furry Friends and

———— **SAVE THE DATE** ————

September 19, 2020
5 pm - 9 pm • The Heathman Lodge

Hairy Pawter

12TH ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION FUNDRAISER

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Save the Date

Thank you to Jenny Grass who has designed this attractive Save the Date card for our auction. Thank you to Diane Stevens for the cat drawing. We usually send this card out to our mailing list by the end of March, but we will be waiting until this pandemic settles down to send it out this year. If you have questions or wish to donate something to the auction, contact Lisa Baxter at auction@furryfriendswa.org.



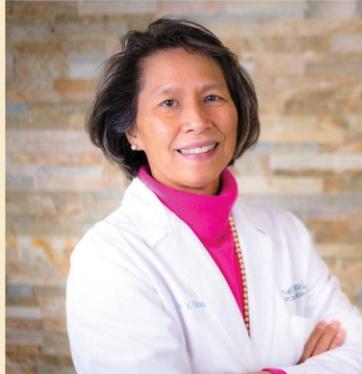
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**Thank you Dr Virginia Huang of
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Dr Huang has been a
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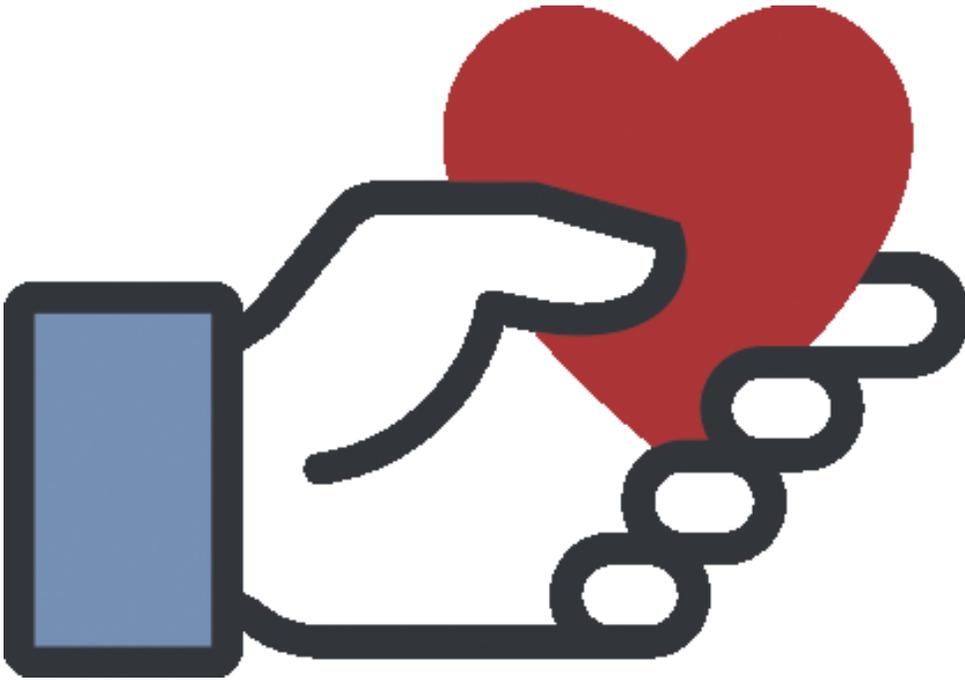
Thank you Dr Virginia Huang of Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery

Virginia has been a Premier Sponsor and a mentor to Furry Friends for over 12 years.

She has been with us through thick and thin and we appreciate her so much. She has supported us with her finances and has given us fabulous live and silent auction items. She has held fundraisers for us at her Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery business. And she has given us much guidance. She truly is a treasure.

Visit www.furryfriendswa.org for sponsorship information.

Visit <https://www.salmoncreekps.com/> to find out more about Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery.



Furry Friends Facebook Page

Our public Facebook page has daily news about what cats are available for adoption, adoption reports, cat stories, events and much more. Make sure you stop by this page at least once a day. And please share our posts; the more people that see our posts the better. <https://www.facebook.com/furryfriendswa>

Ongoing Resources

- **FF T-Shirts & Merchandise** <https://www.teepublic.com/user/furryfriends>
- **Drop off location for items:**
 - **Woodin' You Pampered Paws**, 13305 NE Hwy 99 #102, Vancouver, WA 98686, a fabulous pet care store located in Salmon Creek. The store is open Monday thru Friday from 9am-7pm and Saturday from 9am-6pm.
 - **Front Door Realty** is located downtown at 1815 D St, Vancouver, WA 98663. Please put a note on your donation that says it's for Furry Friends. The number there is (360) 450-4486.

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<p>Visit our website to find out more about sponsorships www.furryfriendswa.org/sponsors/</p>		

Furry Friends is dependent upon the kindness of our friends and sponsors to keep us going. Thank you all for supporting the kitties.

Having trouble receiving the newsletter?

Are you having trouble receiving the monthly newsletter in your inbox? Enter news@furryfriendswa.org into your contact list and that should solve that problem. This newsletter is compiled by Diane Stevens. Let her know if you have any contributions to the next newsletter.

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 at information@furryfriendswa.org or leave a message at (360) 993-1097.

Jaimie Garver, President, Operations, Community Events, Grants, Financials

Linda Rader, Vice President and Adoption/Foster Coordinator

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

Marci Koski, Feline behaviorist

Margie McGhee, Secretary and Treasurer

Dena Hugh, Foster assistant

OPEN BOARD POSITION: Park Event Lead and Fundraising

Other Leadership:

Sandi Long, Grants, property management

Malinda Goldbeck, Volunteer Coordinator

Sandra Bush, Licensed Vet Tech, Medical lead

Marion Edwards, Yard maintenance, adoption events, lead socializer

Chris Nash, Auction Lead