

THE MEWS

Online News for all the friends of Furry Friends August 2019



Helping homeless and abused cats
20 Years of Saving Cats and Kittens

Hello Friends,

The summer is just zooming by. There are so many things going on. We are coming down the home stretch for the auction and are planning for the Peace and Justice Fair and Give More 24! And our roster is still full of kittens.



Tiny Tim & Little Man



Kiko



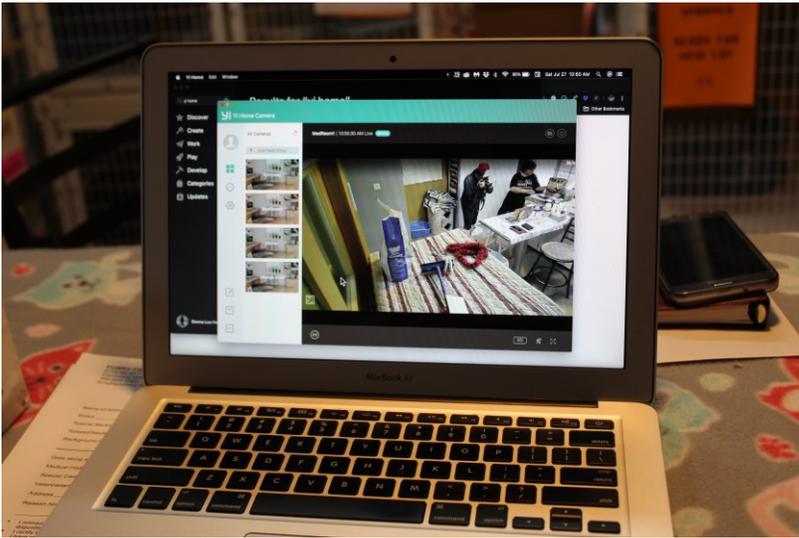
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Adoptions

There were 35 adoptions between July 6 and August 6; 24 kittens and 11 adults. That is a lot of names to type in here so we are choosing not to, but we must celebrate Tiny Tim and Little Man, Portland, and Colby and Raven! These are wonderful cats that have wonderful homes.

We are taking in a pregnant mom this weekend. We don't know how far along she is so we could have babies in days or weeks. Our current youngest litter of five, are 4 weeks old and adorable orange fur balls. Way too cute. Although the craziness of kitten season is over, we have 10 available for adoption right now.

We would like to remind everyone that if you have a cat that is not neutered or spayed, the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon offers low cost operations for your pets or no-cost operations if you bring in a stray cat. Visit their website for more information <http://www.feralcats.com/>.



Cameras are operational

We are beefing up our security at the Halfway House. Thank you to Larry Morris for helping with the security system and cameras. Our cameras are live now and the leadership has access to the video feed on their phones and computers so we can see what is going on around the clock. We will be installing a keyless entry for the house installing to cut down on the number of keys we have to make and to control access better.



Thank You, Doug

We would like to say thank you to Doug Stroud of Summit Construction. We need a window in our office/closet since it has become another suite for the kitties. Contractors have given us estimates of \$3,000 to do the job. Doug has agreed to do it for FREE and build a window box catio. We can't thank him enough. This is no easy task; our Halfway House is made from cinder blocks, so he will be cutting through concrete. He has agreed to do a few other jobs for us that have not been taken care of since we moved in three years ago. If you are in need of a commercial contractor, his website is <https://sumconst.com/>.



Reiki Master Ann Allen

We had a special treat at the Halfway House. Ann Allen is a Reiki Master and came to do a session with some of our kitties that are having a tougher time adjusting. We would like to thank Julie Baldino of Front Door Realty for paying for a couple sessions for us.

"On July 25, Ann Allen, a Reiki (pronounced ray'-kee) Master, came to the Halfway House to share her energy with our kitties. She visited with all of them and they seemed to be drawn to her, headbutting, giving kitty kisses, kneading, and rolling onto their backs while she petted them. Josie, our very shy cat, overcame that shyness with Ann and later with me. Some animals are more receptive to Ann's energy than others. Sometimes you don't notice anything different; other times you'll notice striking differences. It will be very interesting to observe our kitties over the next week or so. If nothing else, our cats got to spend some quality time with a very nice, kitty-loving person." Ann has graciously donated a gift certificate for three in-home sessions to Furry Friends for an auction item. Come to the auction and bid on it.

To find out more about Ann, please visit <https://www.griefrecoverymethod.com/grms/ann-allen>

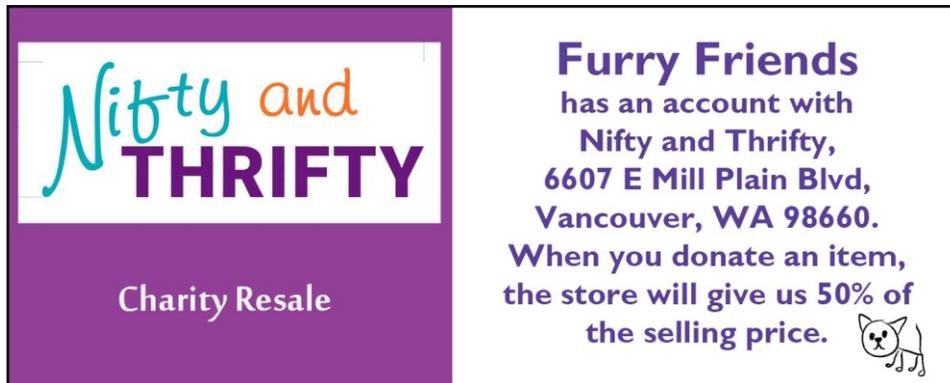


New Sponsor – Riverview Bank

We would like to welcome Riverview Bank as a Gold Sponsor. They have been providing the banking for Furry Friends for many years. And they also provided the merchant services for our annual auction for quite a few years, which alone is a value of almost \$500. Riverview has 19 locations throughout Oregon & Washington, offering full-service banking while maintaining those core values. In 2017, Riverview contributed over \$400,000 in support of local health and children services, the arts, culture, and education. Riverview's more than 250 employee-owners have also donated thousands of hours of volunteer time to different charities,

events, and fundraisers. Supporting the community has and continues to be at the center of Riverview.
<https://www.riverviewbank.com>

Visit the Furry Friends website to find out more about sponsorships www.furryfriendswa.org/sponsors/



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Auction Donations

Donations have now closed and we have a lot of great things to be auctioning off. Thanks to all of you who so generously donated. The auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need every penny that it brings in. Our medical costs have skyrocketed out of control.

Auction Ticket Sales to Close September 7th

Tickets for the 11th Annual Star Paws Dinner and Auction are available online now. The cost is \$60 per ticket in advance. Ticket sales close on September 7th and there will be no tickets available at the door. The auction will be held on **September 14, 2019** from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the The Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Dr, Vancouver, WA 98662. Dinner choices will be a vegetarian Cheese and Pear Stuffed Focchi or the Pan Roasted Chicken entrée.

To purchase your ticket, please visit <http://furryfriendswa.org/events/star-paws/>.

Auction Article

Clark County Today ran our auction article on their news feed.

<https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/lifestyles/area-cat-rescue-to-host-star-paws-dinner-and-auction/>

And thank you to Virginia Huang for running our auction article in her Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery Newsletter and to Dana Conte for running a free, quarter-page full-color ad for us in TidBits Newspaper. Our article also appeared in Vancouver's The Messenger August newspaper.

Discounted Rooms at The Heathman

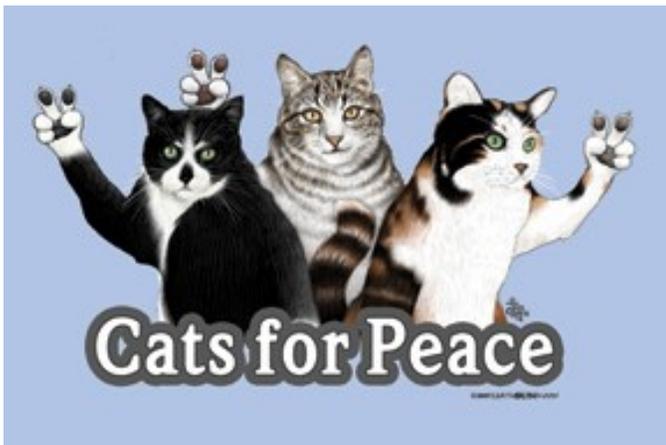
The Heathman Lodge has agreed to give us a discount on rooms for anyone that wants to stay the night on auction night. The room rate will be \$159. Let us know if you would like to take them up on this offer.

auction@furryfriendswa.org

Auction Items

We are keeping a photo album of the items we have accumulated on our Facebook page. We are adding to it every week. We have several vacation getaways, unusual items such as a CBD pet basket and a gift certificate for Reiki sessions. Plus there are the usual baskets with entertainment, restaurant certificates, and pet items.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/furryfriendswa/photos/?tab=album&album_id=2533107706740650



Peace and Justice Fair

Furry Friends will be offering their recycled cats and kittens for adoption at the Peace and Justice Fair on Saturday, September 14th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The annual event will be held at Esther Short Park, 301 West 8th Street in Vancouver, WA. Discounted Avid FriendChip ID microchipping will be available for \$20 per dog or cat from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This is a \$60 value and there is no yearly maintenance fee. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Sandi Long at information@furryfriendswa.org or (360) 993-1097. We still need a few more people to help.

Check out our article on Vancouver Family Magazine's site about the importance of microchipping your dog or cat <https://vancouverfamilymagazine.com/pet-microchipping/>. This article is written by Furry Friends volunteer Nomi Berger.



Powered by the Community Foundation

Furry Friends to Participate in GIVE MORE 24!

We are asking for your support on Thursday, September 19, during the Give More 24! online fundraising challenge hosted by the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. We are looking 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 the cats they rescue before placing them in their “forever” homes, but to do that we need your help.

Your contribution will be stretched through Give More 24! For example, if we receive 3% of the total raised on September 19, we will also receive 3% of the \$30,000 stretch pool. In addition, you can start planning now on helping us win up to **\$15,000 in prizes** by logging onto the Give More 24! website at <https://give-more-24.org/prizes>. We are also excited to announce that we will also receive matching funds of up to \$2,000 from Julie Baldino, Front Door Realty! <https://www.frontdoornw.com/>

Give More 24! will launch at 12 am on Thursday, September 19th and will last until the stroke of midnight. You can make your tax-deductible donation count by making it through <https://give-more-24.org/designee/furry-friends> 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.

We would like to thank Emily McCoy of Davidson and Associates Insurance. She has created a promotional video about Furry Friends that we are using to bring awareness to our challenge of keeping up with funds for medical procedures for the cats and kittens in our care. Please take a look at this informative video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdEoJANIDc&feature=youtu.be>

Cat Videos

Dana, Diane and David and their assistants Vickie and Renee have been busy creating videos of our available cats. These videos help people see the true personality of each of the cats. They are posted on Petfinder and Facebook. Take a peek at a few of them.

Baby Girl <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lvf2VdwloDM&feature=youtu.be>

Amora <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMHbdkHkk1I&feature=youtu.be>

Gwen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsTDifCbpM0&feature=youtu.be>

Josie <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBLQCYtrsG4&feature=youtu.be>



We need volunteers!

Volunteers Needed

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 assorted 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 from one to 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.

FACILITY MANAGER: We are looking for someone to oversee the maintenance of our Halfway House. Duties would include overseeing or performing handyperson jobs, scheduling maintenance for the furnace and roof cleaning, and other things as needed. We are also looking for handy people to do assorted tasks both large and small according to your ability.

VOICE MAIL/EMAIL TEAM LEAD: You would need to update the Guide, given to each member of the team, and the Resource List (which is also on our website); train new volunteers; keep in touch with the team if there is a change; and maybe have a team meeting twice a year. This does not require much time at all. We have a great team and shifts are stable. Contact Jennifer Hart for this position at (360) 993-1097 or information@furryfriendswa.org.

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 get satisfaction from scrubbed floors and hairball-free cat trees. We were just given a donation of an amazing Steam Cleaning System! It can be used on the floors, cat trees, and the kitchen counters! I can't wait to see it in action. I envision you working in teams or independently, but in an organized manner so that every room gets a deep clean minimally each month. Contact Jennifer Hart for this position at (360) 993-1097 or information@furryfriendswa.org.

AUCTION PROJECT MANAGER: We are looking for someone who can lead or co-lead next year's auction. Have you worked on auctions before? Are you an organized individual and have experience with managing projects? Then you may be a good candidate for the Auction Project Manager for the 2020 auction. The auction is now a well-oiled machine and comes with hand holding by Diane Stevens every step of the way. No need to reinvent the wheel, we have it all figured out. Step up this year and work with Diane to see what all is needed for this position. Email Diane at news@furryfriendswa.org if you are interested in knowing more.

COMPUTER PERSON – AUCTION: Will you be coming to the auction on September 14th? We will have two computers running on auction night. Each will be hooked up to a big screen. We just need someone to make sure the computers are showing their slide show and that the PowerPoint presentations are working. This is an easy job. All volunteers helping with the auction need to purchase a ticket. Email Diane at news@furryfriendswa.org if you are interested in knowing more.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program – August Renewal

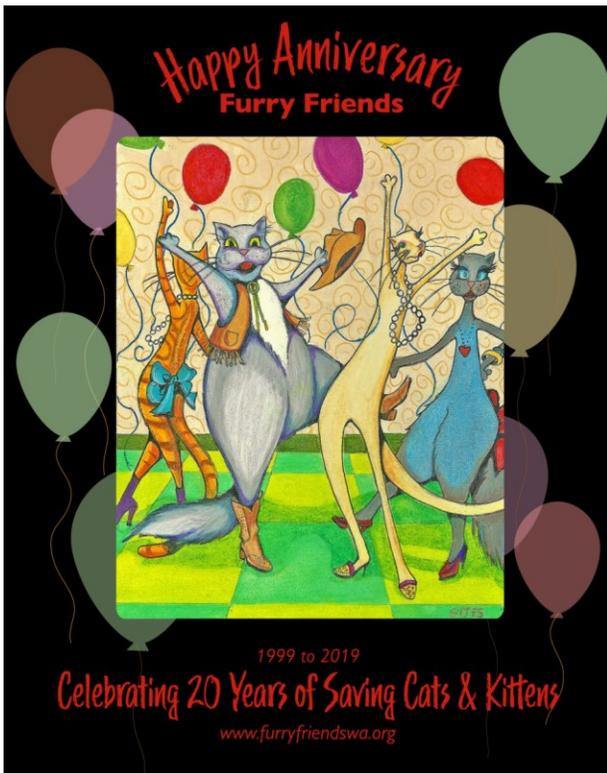
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Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Furry Friends at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. Check the animal category and search for “Furry Friends” or by our nonprofit number SX434. If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store. For more information, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

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