

THE NEWS

Online News for all the friends of Furry Friends December 2019



Hello Friends,

Where has the year gone, time sure does fly. We have had some great events and some significant adoptions. Some of the adoptions that we were over-the-top excited for were the Cowlitz Kittens, Charlie, Katie, Francis, Gizmo, Portland and Gin. As you know, some of these cats took lots of work from many of you, but it makes it all worthwhile when you see that they go to a perfect home. It is what we do. It is a labor of love, and it takes all of you to make it happen.



Queenie



Simba



Grayson



Morell

Adoptions

There have been nine adoptions between November 4 and 22nd. Congratulations to Bo & Deja, Cocoa, Duncan, Grayson, Morrell, Queenie and Simba.

We currently have about 45 kittens in our care. We have never had such a late kitten season. We are hoping that many of them can be adopted out before the end of the year.



Furry Friends Receives Grant

We're excited to announce that Furry Friends is the recipient of a \$3,000 grant from the Mary P. Dolciani Halloran Foundation. The first item we plan to purchase with the funding is a much-needed kitty condo to replace the old, hard-to-clean one in the front room. We're also looking into purchasing a generator to run lights and the refrigerator in case there is a power outage at the Halfway House. Many thanks to Jaimie Garver for writing the grant proposal and to Julie Marks for making us aware of this extraordinary opportunity.

We have just received a grant from **Hugs and Kisses Animal Fund** for \$500 for veterinary expenses. This organization caters to small rescues like ours.

Also, we may be receiving funds from People United for Animals for spay/neuter and rabies shots. A couple of years ago they gave us \$5,000. We will confirm this in the next newsletter.

Thank you to our grant writing team of Sandi Long, Jaimie Garver and Ann Kagehiro for all your many hours writing and submitting grant applications for us.



The Giving Trees are here!

A giving tree is a really worthwhile fundraiser for stocking up supplies for the kitties around the holidays. Furry Friends has dropped off boxes and information at a number of businesses already. Please see the list below. We have a wish list of supplies that people can purchase and bring to these businesses.

<https://furryfriendswa.org/wp-content/uploads/holiday-wishlist-furry-friends.pdf>

If you know of a business that would like to participate in this, please let Margie know:

margie@catsplayboarding.com (360) 605-8935.

This is an important time for us to build up our supplies. Every dollar that we don't spend on supplies goes to helping the kitties' medical expenses.

Here are some of the participating businesses.

- Front Door Realty, 1815 D St, Vancouver, WA 98663
- Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery, 13712 NE 10th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98685
- Cats Play While You're Away Boarding, 2904 NE Burton Road, Suite B
- Keller Williams, 2211 E Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661
- Park Crest Commons, 14913 SE Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98684
- Three Creek Vet Clinic, 800 NE Tenney Rd. Suite 101, Vancouver, WA 98685
- MegaBite Orchards, 10411 NE Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98662
- MegaBite Hazel Dell, 6920 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver, WA 98665
- Victor 23 Brewery, 2905 St Johns Blvd #3718, Vancouver, WA 98661
- Claus Paws, 5819 NE 162nd Ave, Vancouver, WA 98682



Sunday, December 1

Heathen Brewing Feral Public House has agreed to have an event for Furry Friends at their establishment 1109 Washington St, Vancouver, WA 98660 on Sunday, December 1 in honor of the upcoming Giving Tuesday. Giving Tuesday is an online event in which we seek to encourage donations for our ever growing medical fund. We are just working out the details with Heathen Brewery and don't have any hours yet. But there will be vendors and Furry Friends merchandise and the restaurant will give a portion of the night's proceeds to Furry Friends. Check in with our Facebook page for more last minute details.

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

#GIVING TUESDAY™

Giving Tuesday is December 3rd

#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. Following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, this year's #GivingTuesday will take place on Tuesday, December 3rd, and will kick off the giving season by inspiring people to collaborate and give back.

Furry Friends is a no-kill cat rescue, which means that we spend a lot of money to take care of medical issues for the cats. In 2018 we spent over \$126,000 to take care of the medical needs of 200 cats in our care. Our medical expenses for 2019 are running about the same as last year. Please consider making a donation on December 3rd to help the kitties: <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>.



Volunteer spotlight:

Jaime Wright is our cat-trapper. She was inspired to trap cats after watching [#AnimalPlanet](#) and has ten cats of her own. She started volunteering with us in 2016. Jaime is a cozy soul who enjoys needle crafts and coloring books. Thank you Jaime for all of the important work you do. Our cats would quite literally be lost without you!



Volunteer spotlight:

Marion Edwards has been with us for the past five years and counting. She heard about Furry Friends from her pet sitter and now heads our socializer team, yardwork team and weekend adoption events. If you've been by the house, you've probably seen Marion hard at work in the yard. When she's not helping out our cats, Marion enjoys traveling.

Marion originally didn't want any more cats because she wanted to be able to travel more... until a sweet neighborhood orphan showed up at her door 📖 and she simply couldn't resist adopting him herself. Thank you, Marion, for all of the time you spend on our organization. You're an amazing asset to our Furry Friends!



Auction Donations

We know it is early to be asking for auction donations. We wanted to get our wish list out now because of Black Friday, holiday sales and end-of-the-year sales. We have a Wish List on AmazonSmile of items we are hoping to acquire for our upcoming Furry Friends Hairy Pawter Silent and Live Auction that will be held on September 19, 2020. Please take a look and see if there is anything you would like to donate to the auction. All funds made at the auction go to the care and housing of the cats.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U8IJMWPK1TJ4?ref=wl_share

Make sure you link your Amazon purchases to Furry Friends Amazon Smile account so we will receive a portion of your purchase amount.

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/djMZeyO?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_dp_JKNt0LpKY042J

Online Purchases

When purchasing something online for the cats and kittens, you can always have it shipped directly to our mailing address: 6715 NE 63rd Street, Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661. Chewy.com and Amazon Smile smile.amazon.com/ are good online sources for some of these items.



Penelope has a new video

Thank you to David Lopez who created this cool video of Penelope. And thank you to Nancee Alexander for assisting David.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4L-1sHRHAdU&feature=youtu.be>



Print Newsletter

We send out at least one printed newsletter a year. The Scratching Post will be mailed at the end of November so you should be seeing it soon. For many of our supporters, this and the Auction Invitations are the only things that they receive from us.



MudBay will donate 10% of your purchases to Furry Friends when you choose them at check out. When a customer shops at shop.mudbay.com, they will have the opportunity at checkout to choose your organization as the recipient of the 10% donation from their purchase. At the end of the year, the funds allocated for you will be added to your Tons of Love check from Mud Bay.



Happy Thanksgiving from Furry Friends!

We are thankful for all our
volunteers, donors, adopters and friends.

Thank you all for your part in helping the cats and kittens.

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from all of us at Furry Friends.

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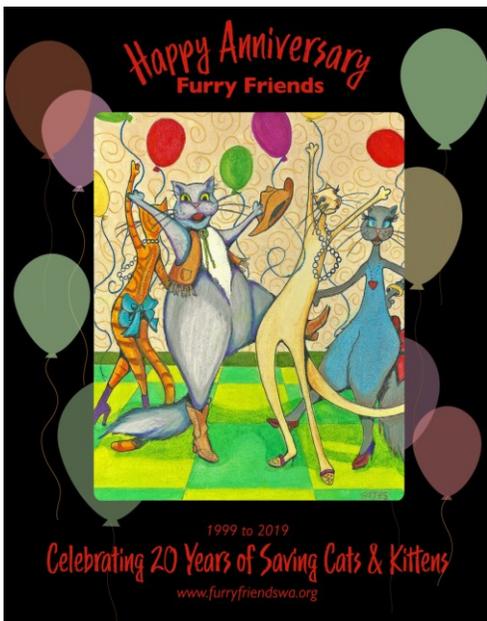
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