

THE MEWS

Online News for all the Friends of Furry Friends December 2020

Furry
Friends



Helping homeless and abused cats

Hello Friends,

Great news! We have adopted out 57 cats and kittens from October 18 to November 17. Our total as of this date for the year is 297 adoptions--unheard of. We are on track to have many more than 300 adoptions this year. We have never gone over 200 in the past. We believe this is partly due to the pandemic; many people are looking to have a companion animal in their home. But it is also due to efficiencies in our organization. We are able to manage more foster families and to deal with improved medical procedures to take care of all the kittens and cats coming in. It continues to be strange not having many cats at the Halfway House. They are adopted out as soon as they are medically ready.



Cabbit



Soot



Cinder



Avi

We are super happy about one adoption, Cabbit. He is a kitty that we inherited from the Humane Society. He is a young black cat that did not have the use of his back legs, but that disability did not stop him a bit; he was able to run around like a crazy cat. Helen decided she needed to adopt him since she already had Ravenpaw and GusGus. You may remember that Ravenpaw was the kitten that had two broken back legs. We repaired the breaks and he is a very happy boy in Helen's house.



Furry Friends to Participate in GIVING Tuesday!

We ask for your support on Tuesday, **December 1**, during GIVING TUESDAY online fundraising challenge. We plan to raise funds 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.

Every tax-deductible donation made to Furry Friends through GIVING TUESDAY will help Furry Friends cover the extraordinary medical bills of cats. GIVING TUESDAY will launch at 12am on Tuesday, December 1 and will last until the stroke of midnight. You can make your tax-deductible donation count by making it through <http://furryfriendswa.org/donate/> on that day.



Save the Date

MOD Pizza Fundraiser for Furry Friends WA

Sunday, December 6, 2020

10:30am to 10:00pm

MOD Pizza

19151 SE Mill Plain Blvd., Suite 100, Vancouver, WA 98683

This LOCATION ONLY on Dec. 6, 2020 ONLY

For us to receive a portion of the sale, when you order you **MUST** tell the cashier the order is for Furry Friends fundraiser. Furry Friends will receive 20% from your order. Mod Pizza can deliver. Questions: Julie Information@furryfriendswa.org



The Sat night crew wearing matching masks.

Karen Stauber, Crystal Hilliker, Julie Goldbeck and Kailen Hannemann are looking quite festive in their Christmas kitty masks that Malinda Goldbeck made. Crystal works for one of our supporters, Davidson & Associates Insurance. She is the one who adopted Princess Buttercup and has been volunteering with Furry Friends since June 13.



Jaimie Garver
President, lead of operations and Halfway House



Linda Rader,
Vice President and Adoption/
Foster Coordinator



Diane Stevens, PR, creative,
marketing, social media,
and communications



Margie McGhee,
Treasurer



Marci Koski
Feline behaviorist



Brandi Towner
Secretary and Adoptions



Julie Goldbeck
Halfway House Lead person

Furry Friends Board of Directors also called Executive Committee

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 an 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.



Brandi Towner

Brandi is the newest member of our Executive Committee. She has taken on the tasks of secretary, adoption councilor and intake liaison. She comes to us with management, accounting and business skills. She works full time as a realtor at Sundin Realty, Inc and wants to donate the rest of her time to help the kitties in our care.

Brandi says, “I have always enjoyed volunteering at various organizations and helping within the community throughout the years. My strong passion to help animals led me to Furry Friends. Now, I not only get to help clients find their dream homes; I also get to find forever homes for all the amazing cats.”

Brandi is replacing **Dena Hugh** on the board. We are very grateful for the time that Dena has spent on the board. Dena’s work commitments for her full time job have escalated. She will continue to volunteer and foster for Furry Friends. In fact Dena is one of our super fosters. She has taken care of over 90 cats and kittens for FF, and not just the easy ones. She has taken in cats and kittens that no one else would tackle. Dena has been a tremendous asset to our group.



If you are interested in any of the following positions, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Malinda Goldbeck, at volunteer@furryfriendswa.org

Yard lead person and helpers needed

We are looking for a self-starter to be the lead person in charge of caring for the yard at Halfway House. Maintenance and improvement of all outdoor areas are necessary, and we need somebody with vision who is willing to share ideas and participate in all the work necessary to improve the lawn. The yard leader will take care of all issues, walk the

property often, observe what is going on, organize a group to work outside, or find appropriate personnel to do the work. The landscaper that installed the gardens will maintain the new parking lot and gardens monthly.

Yard Helpers

We would like to assemble a roster of people willing to help in either routine yard maintenance or yard projects. Routine duties would include weeding, raking up leaves and needles. Contact Marion Edwards if you are interested in the lead position or being a helper volunteer@furryfriendswa.org.



Colleen Figley-Furry Friends Volunteer Extraordinaire

By Tina Starks

Colleen Figley is one of the best volunteers to share a shift with (In my biased opinion, being the one who volunteers with her on Sunday!). You can always count on her to give a lively air to the house and to laugh at your jokes or puns, however terrible they may be. Colleen is very often the first one in and the last one out on morning shift, busily cleaning the med room of all the stink and litter that its inhabitants have tossed onto the floor for about two hours.

READ MORE HERE <https://furryfriendswa.org/colleen-finley-furry-friends-volunteer-extraordinaire/>



Looking for Auction Items

We ask for your help in either providing auction items or soliciting business for items. We are especially looking auction items such as trips, vacation places, experiences and expensive items. We can always use more items that would appeal to men such as hunting, fishing, BBQ, camping, sports memorabilia, smart TVs, car items and services, tools and electronics. We ask that donations be valued at \$40 or more and we need to receive them by August 1, 2021. We are trying to focus on quality rather than quantity. We only have space

for about 100 silent auction items so we want to get as much as we can for each item. Things do not have to be cat themed; our guests have many interests in addition to cats.

Procurement Questions: Lisa Baxter auction@furryfriendswa.org

Auction Questions: Chris Nash ffauction@icloud.com

Sponsorship Information: Diane Stevens news@furryfriendswa.org



Cyber Monday

Cyber Monday is November 30th and there are some great online deals. We think about our annual auction all year long. We never stop. If you are thinking of donating an item to the upcoming auction in September 2021, Cyber Monday may be a good opportunity to snag an item at a good price. We have an auction wish list on Amazon and if you go through your Amazon Smile Account, we will get an additional percentage of your purchase price. Check out the wish list at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U8IJMWPk1TJ4?ref=wl_share



Memorial Donations

Furry Friends receives a number of memorial donations in honor of cats and pets that have crossed over the rainbow bridge. We have also received donations in honor of human loved ones who have passed. We are honored that our kitties can be the recipients of these gifts of love. If you would like to donate, you can do it securely on our website at <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>, or a check may be sent to our mailing address at 6715 Ne 63rd St., Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661.

We would like to thank Lois Grew who gave an In Memory Of donation in honor of Raymond Helm Wilson.



The Giving Trees are here!

A giving tree is a worthwhile fundraiser for stocking up supplies for the kitties during November and December. Every dollar that we don't spend on supplies goes to helping the care of the cats and kittens.

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 items and bring to these businesses. If you choose to hold a giving tree for us, we will promote your business in our newsletters and Facebook page. If you would like to host a Giving Tree, please contact us at news@furryfriendswa.org

Here are some of the participating businesses.

- Cats Play While You're Away Boarding Jared the Cat Groomer, 2904 NE Burton Road, Suite B, Vancouver
- MudBay, 2100 SE 164th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98683
- DHL, 15509 NE Airport Way. Portland, Oregon 97230
- Tiny's Place Cat Boarding, 9228 NE Hwy 99 Suite 101, Vancouver, WA 98665

Online Wish Lists

If you don't want to deposit an item at one of the participating Giving Tree locations, there are a number of items that you can purchase online and have shipped directly to Furry Friends at our mailing address: 6715 NE 63rd Street, Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661. Or you can always make a donation our website <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/> and we will purchase needed items.

AmazonSmile

When you shop AmazonSmile, Furry Friends will receive 0.5% of your eligible purchases. Just click on the following link <http://smile.amazon.com/gp/charity/homepage.html>. Sign into your account and choose Furry Friends from the list of charities.

Here is our Amazon Wish List:

[smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1LRQ3ZN53UZ7R/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1LRQ3ZN53UZ7R/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist)



Thank you Margie McGhee of Cats Play Boarding

We thank Margie McGhee for becoming a Silver sponsor for Furry Friends. Her business is Cats Play While You're Away cat boarding facility located at 2904 NE Burton Road, Suite B, Vancouver, WA 98662. (360) 605-8935

Cats Play While You're Away offers 25 individual private apartments that offer exactly what cats desire: Cuddle space, climbing opportunities (or ramps for traveling) high perches for surveying, and caves or balls to be stealthy. Cats Play While You're Away is a new approach to boarding where the needs of pets are the priority.

Margie is also a big part of Furry Friends. She serves on the Executive Committee as our Treasurer and she fosters cats and kittens for Furry Friends. Margie is the liaison between us and the SWW Humane Society and she performs other volunteer duties as needed for Furry Friends. She is a very giving and caring person.

Visit her website at <http://catsplayboarding.com/>

Or contact her at info@catsplayboarding.com

Visit her Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/catsplayboarding/>

Community Fundraisers



Assorted Fundraisers

Fundraising comes in many forms! All fundraisers help reach the common goal of helping as many cats/kittens as we can get healthy, happy & find the best homes. For November (midway) we had a few smaller fundraisers that helped bring in some more funding.

Direct Sales fundrasier brought in over \$250

Donated items Online Sales brought in over \$240

Social Media fundraising by volunteers brought in over \$1200

This amount raised will help fund:

30 microchips

8 spays

8 neuters

50 vaccinations

15 rabies vaccines

Every fundraiser helps, big & small!



Birthday Fundraisers on Facebook

Facebook Birthday Fundraisers are a good way to bring in some funds for the kitties. It is easy as pie to start a special occasion or birthday fundraiser for Furry Friends on Facebook. Go to the fundraiser page

https://www.facebook.com/fundraisers?birthday&source=help_center_how_to_create_birthday_fundraiser

Keep in mind that you'll be asked to provide the following information when creating a birthday fundraiser:

- The nonprofit you want to raise money for.
- The amount of money you want to raise.
- The date you want your fundraiser to end.
- A title and description for your fundraiser.

These fundraisers are an easy way to bring in more funds to support Furry Friends. 2020 is a year filled with unknowns. We expect to not bring in as many donations as we usually do. As you know our organization is run by donations. We are all volunteers, no one gets a paycheck. All money goes to the care of the cats. Thank you so much for your participation in keeping Furry Friends in the cat rescue business.

The SCRATCHING POST



Every year we send out at least one printed newsletter. You should be receiving yours in the mail very soon. If you are not on the mailing list, let Diane know news@furryfriendswa.org

Ongoing Resources

- **FF T-Shirts & Merchandise** <https://www.teepublic.com/user/furryfriends>
- **Email:** information@furryfriendswa.org
- **Message Phone:** [360-993-1097](tel:360-993-1097)
- **Website:** furryfriendswa.org
- **Facebook:** [facebook.com/furryfriendswa](https://www.facebook.com/furryfriendswa) We post daily news to this site
- **Twitter:** twitter.com/furryfriendswa
- **Instagram:** [instagram.com/furryfriendswa/](https://www.instagram.com/furryfriendswa/)
- **Amazon Wish List:**
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1LRQ3ZN53UZ7R/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist&pldnSite=1
- **Amazon Auction Wish List:** https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U8IJMWPk1Tj4?ref=wl_share
- **Petfinder adoptable FF cats:** https://www.petfinder.com/search/pets-for-adoption/?shelter_id%5B0%5D=WA12&sort%5B0%5D=recently_added.
- **Mailing Address:** 6715 NE 63rd St, Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661
- *(Our shelter address is not published,; it is open by appointment only)*
- **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.
 - When purchasing something online for the cats and kittens, you can always have it shipped direct to our mailing address: 6715 NE 63rd Street, Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661.

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

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.

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, Treasurer

Brandi Towner, Secretary and Adoptions

Julie Goldbeck, Halfway House Committee Lead person

Other Leadership:

Sandi Long, Property management

Malinda Goldbeck, Volunteer Coordinator

Marion Edwards, Adoption events, lead socializer

Chris Nash, Auction Lead