

THE NEWS

Online News for all the Friends of Furry Friends February 2020

Furry Friends



Helping homeless and abused cats

Hello Friends,

Another year has come and gone and we are already very busy for the beginning of 2020. We've been adopting out about a cat a day. That is unheard of for us. We are busy planning for the auction later this year and are getting ready to start our parking lot project. We are busy, busy.



Sampson



Joker



Ravenpaw



Henry

Adoptions

WOW, we had a great year! We adopted out 198 cats and kittens for 2019. This is 13 more than 2018. That is fantastic! Already since the beginning of this year to January 31 we have adopted out 30 cats and kittens. They are Alexandra, Ari, Alyssa, Bagheera, Carlos, Carly, Cecilia, Coffee, Echo, Edison, Elvis, Emmy, Epiphany, Eva, Gemma, Henry, Jackson, Joker, Misty, Ravenpaw, Riley, Rory, Sampson, Skittles, Smartie, Snickers, Starburst, Sugar Baby, Sweet Tart and Tish.



Jaimie Garver



Jennifer Hart



Margie McGhee

Change in Board Members

It has been a big month for us. We have a new president, Jaimie Garver. She will take Jennifer Hart's place. Jennifer will still remain on the board. Margie McGhee was voted in as secretary. Thank you for all who applied for that volunteer position. We sent out a special newsletter detailing the change in leadership. If you missed it, please see <https://mailchi.mp/aeb970568482/furry-friends-new-board-members>.



Thank you to our grant writing team of Sandi Long, Ann Kagehiro and Jaimie Garver for all their time and skills working on all these grant proposals.

- We still don't know about the Petco grant.
- We are working on the Firstenburg grant.

Furry Friends to Receive Grant for Spays/Neuters and Rabies Shots



Many thanks to PUFA and our grant team for their efforts on this proposal.

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We are pleased to announce that People United for Animals (PUFA) has accepted our request of \$5,000 to spay/neuter and provide rabies shots for the cats we rescue! This is the second time in two years that PUFA has helped our kitties, and we are grateful for their continued support. Spay/neuter is one of the best ways to curb the overpopulation of unwanted cats in our community. In 2019, we spent \$9,370 on the spay/neuter of 112 cats.



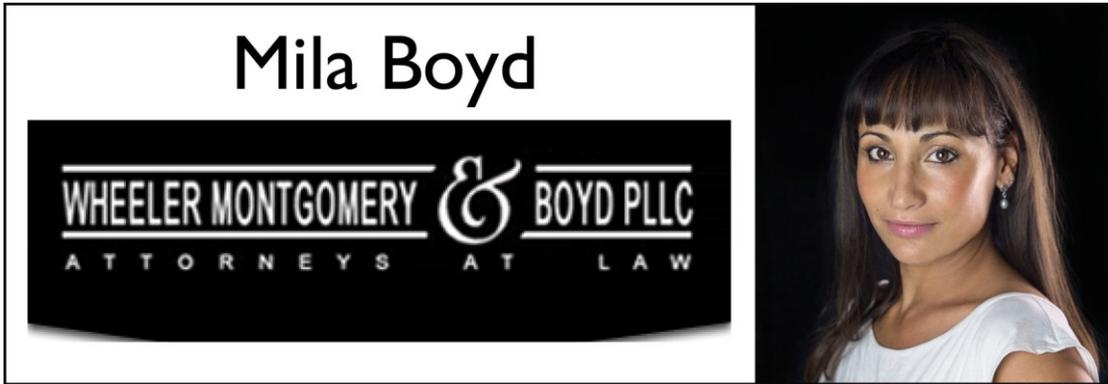
Walmart Grant

Furry Friends has received a grant from Walmart for \$1000. Volunteers Jaimie Garver and Aron Deppert are holding the check. Thank you to Aron for bringing this grant opportunity to us. Thank you to our grant writing team of Ann, Sandi and Jaimie for doing the work writing the application.

A Message From Aron Deppert

Aron works for Walmart and initiated this grant. Aron also adopted two of our Cowlitz Kittens that were from a hoarding situation last year. And he is a Furry Friends volunteer.

“Thanks to Furry Friends, we were able to bring our sweet boys Cosmo and Chester home just when we needed them the most! We're so lucky that they are part of our lives, and I feel equally as lucky to be part of a company that gives back to the surrounding community.” Thank you to David and his team at Walmart Neighborhood Market for your generosity!



New Sponsor

We would like to welcome Mila Boyd to our elite group of sponsors. Mila has been a supporter of Furry Friends for many years. She has helped us out with her law expertise and has donated live auction items to the last several auctions. Mila Boyd is from a southern Oregon lumber community and loves the Pacific Northwest. She grew up in a large blended family with all brothers, and loves the dynamics of a large and multicultural family. Her family has instilled in her the values of hard work and helping others. Mila went to the University of Oregon for both her undergraduate and law degrees. Since law school, Mila settled in the Portland/Vancouver area. She is proud and happy to serve families and individuals.

Mila is part of UPTOWN INJURY LAW

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To learn more about becoming a sponsor, please visit our website: <http://furryfriendswa.org/sponsors/>.



All about Furry Friends

Here is our updated video that we show to our new volunteers. It tells all about Furry Friends and what the volunteer opportunities are. Even if you are not a volunteer, this may be interesting for you to see what all we are doing. Check out our updated Volunteer Orientation Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKE9ex1VI0U&feature=youtu.be>



FIV Cats

Currently, we have four very sweet kitties with Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV). We don't intentionally take in FIV kitties, sometimes it just happens. A cat with FIV can live a long, normal life. Their immune system is just compromised. To learn more about this misunderstood disease take a look at our Cat Tale story on the subject.

<http://blogs.columbian.com/cat-tales/2017/05/07/adopting-cats-with-fiv/>

Thank you to Nomi Berger for your Cat Tale story.



Pet Food Drive at Beacock Music

Beacock Music is holding its 6th annual pet food drive for Furry Friends and Mostly Mutts during the entire month of February. They are asking people to bring donations directly to Beacock Music at 1420 S.E. 163rd Ave. in East Vancouver, any time from 9 am to 8 pm Monday through Friday, 9 am to 6 pm on Saturdays, and from 11 am to 6 pm on Sundays. With your donation of pet food, supplies, or cash you can receive a complimentary 12 oz. Stumptown latte, Americano, drip coffee, or cappuccino from the Standing Ovation Café. Check out the recent article in Clark County Today for more information:

<https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/lifestyles/its-love-your-pet-month-at-beacock-music/>

Penelope has a new video

Thank you to David Lopez for creating this video of Penelope. She is a great cat and she is looking for her fur-ever home. If you would like to meet her, contact us at information@furryfriendswa.org or (360) 993-1097.

Urgent Foster Home Needed for Duchess



Call 360-993-1097 or email information@furryfriendswa.org

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We just received blood test results for Duchess and she is hyperthyroid. She will need topical meds every 12 hours in her ear. We cannot medicate a thyroid cat on such a strict schedule at our halfway house and she is not a very nice cat so medicating will be a challenge. We are hoping over time with the meds that she will feel better and be more cooperative.

Duchess was originally surrendered to Furry Friends in 2016. She was adopted by a single woman, and life was great. Then the woman got married to a man with two dogs which was very traumatic for Duchess. Then the couple had a baby and the baby was allergic to Duchess. That was the end of that, and Duchess was returned to Furry Friends. She was then adopted in 2016 to a single woman in a quiet home. Unfortunately, recently she had to move into assisted living and could not take Duchess with her.

Duchess is a beautiful 14-year-old spayed female, domestic shorthair. She is not a big fan of change and new people. She is growly and unhappy, but once you see through her posturing and actually get her in your lap, she is a nice girl. She has done well in the two homes where it was just her and a single person. She needs a quiet home with no other pets and now she needs medication.

If you can help this girl please call and leave a message for our vet tech, Sandy Bush, on our voice mail 360-993-1097 or email information@furryfriendswa.org.



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 that have passed. Here are a few of the recent donations. We are honored that our kitties can be the recipients of these gifts of love. If you would like to make a donation, you can securely do it on our website at <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>. Or a check can be sent to our mailing address at 6715 NE 63rd St., Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661.

In Memory Of

'Uncle Frank' - *Sharon Talbert*

Sharon Whitten – *Chuck Whitten*

Anson Robinson – *Carole Robinson*

In Memory of Beloved Pets

Amora - *Vickie John*

Miss Lillie – *Deborah Schueller*

Figaro – *Denise Bergman*

Chevelle – *David & Linda Sattem*

Spencer – *Carole Robinson*

Hello Kitty – *Kathy Prince*

Porsche – *Carolee Hill*

Opus – *Carole Palmer*

Community Fundraisers

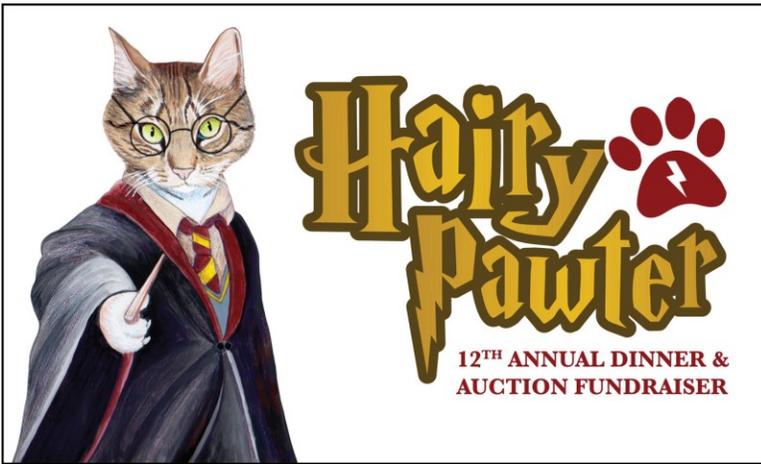


Report on the Fundraisers

We have had quite a number of fundraisers during December. Thank you to all of you who gave of your time and finances for all of these activities. It has made a difference. As you know we are dependent on donations and fundraisers to keep us afloat. Here are some of the results.

Other Fundraisers

- Facebook fundraisers for January brought in \$1610 for Susie Q and \$505 for Diane's Birthday.
- Eleven businesses participated in the Giving Tree this year. They brought in lots of supplies for the kitties and MudBay gave us a gift card for \$561. Thank you, Margie McGhee, for coordinating the Giving Trees.
- Liberty Mutual gave us a check for \$500 through their employee, Jenn Morris, who has three Furry Friends cats.



Auction Donations

Save the date, September 19th, for our next auction. We are busy collecting items for this annual event. 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. 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. This is our largest fundraiser of the year.

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.

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Furry Friends is dependent on the kindness of our friends and sponsors to keep us going. Thank you all for supporting the kitties. To learn more about becoming a sponsor, please visit our website:

<http://furryfriendswa.org/sponsors/>.

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

Jennifer Hart, Cat intake, Cat list, Medical assistant

Linda Rader, Vice President and Adoption/Foster Coordinator

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

William Miller, Treasurer

Marci Koski, Feline behaviorist

Margie McGhee, Secretary

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