

THE NEWS

Online News for all the friends of Furry Friends July 2019

Furry Friends



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

Hello Friends,

We have been very busy at Furry Friends. We just finished helping with the Acro-Cat Show in Portland and had a successful time at the Recycled Arts Festival in Vancouver. We are now getting ready for our big auction in September and some other events. And don't forget the kittens; we are in full swing caring for over 40 kittens. Many can be seen on Petfinder and on our Facebook page.



Leo

Lucy

Kitty Boy Boy

Blue

Adoptions

There have been four adoptions between June 13 and July 5. There have been another five adoption applications filled out, but are not completed yet.



New Executive Committee Member

Congratulations to Jaimie Garver; she will be taking Sandi Long's spot on the Executive Committee. Jaimie has just been with us a short while, but she has jumped in with both feet. She started off by adopting Chomper

and taking a shift at the Halfway House. She is helping Sandi Long with the grant writing and has already done a lot of work in that area. Jaimie will be taking over the lead spot for the Park Events. She helped with the recent Recycled Arts Festival and Sandi will be working with her on the Peace and Justice Fair in September. She has also been very productive in acquiring items for our upcoming auction.

Jaimie is the Chief Executive Officer with Portland Local 8 Federal Credit Union and has a Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Management from Western Governors University, earned in 2016. She completed her 4-year bachelor's degree in one year, all while working full time and running a small business. Her passion for her work and the community shows in the dedication that she applies to all aspects of her life. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family and young son, Thomas, taking care of her small farm, which is mostly cats, and painting.



Farewell to Jake and Stash

Jake was the faithful companion to Mike and Tanika Campbell. Unfortunately, he finally came to the end of his life. Jake was used as a therapy dog. Mike and Tanika would take him to visit the residents of one of the senior facilities every week. People loved seeing him. In fact, you can see him in action in this video about our Furry Friends therapy program. He is the chocolate lab wagging his tail. We will miss him; he was loved by many.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xl0GW7H4sA0&feature=youtu.be>

Stash was the kitty that wore a sweater when he was with us while his hair grew back in. Our volunteer, SuAnne Anderson, fell in love with this boy and adopted him. It was the perfect match. Stash even starred in the video that we had shown at last year's auction. He was a loving kitty.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxfGyB_SjiM&feature=youtu.be

Little Man and Tiny Tim now have their very own video.

Thank you to David Lopez for creating the video of Little Man and Tiny Tim. These two boys are FIV+ cats. A cat diagnosed with the Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is still an ADOPTABLE cat. We will be adopting them out together. Contact us at information@furryfriendswa.org or (360) 993-1097 or fill out an application on our website www.furryfriendswa.org if you would like to meet them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jRCZojWP1q0&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0Qd--5LAJuls7oTs9btQMIU2ux4AA1RAQ9MJ6rUIKy7jWjKo7LaMAis80>

To learn more about FIV read more here <https://blogs.columbian.com/cat-ales/2017/05/07/adopting-cats-with-fiv/>.

Parking Lot & Sidewalk

Parking Lot/Sidewalk Update

The plans for the parking lot/sidewalk project are moving along. We hope to break ground toward the end of summer. This project has been three years in the making and has been quite a learning experience. Also, the price tag has continued to go up as they discover new things that have to happen to make this project a reality. Our last estimated cost was about \$100,000 for this project. We have saved \$96,000 so far and we're feeling quite good about it. But the latest estimate has the price tag at \$130,000. Our hearts just sank. We need to try to raise \$30,000 more. This is something that we need to make happen. If you would like to donate to the cause, please visit our website at <http://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>.



The Halfway House Needs a Window

From our President, Jennifer Hart

For those of you familiar with our halfway house, you will know that we have tried to maximize every inch for the cats. We have a closet that we call the "office" and initially we intended this to be a cat free zone. In reality it hasn't been a cat-free for well over a year now; it was a nice thought though.

We would very much like to add a window to the office for the cats that stay in there for any length of time. Currently, Francis is in the office because he is still intact and we cannot put him out into the general population until he is

neutered. He also has an old injury that is going to require that his right rear leg be amputated. Both surgeries will be done at the same time, July 2.

It is our goal to make the house as comfortable as we can for all our cats. We have tried to create spaces for the cats that do not like other cats and we have installed window catios in every room so all the cats can enjoy fresh air. (Two windows are still on our List of Things To Do).

Our house is concrete block. The estimates we have received indicate it will cost over \$3,000 to cut through the exterior brick, frame in a new window/catio and restore the exterior. This is a lot of money for a window that will be no more than 30" wide, but it is very obvious that we need this space and there will always be cats spending time in this room. We need this space to be cat friendly and I am asking for your help to make this window happen. Please visit our website if you would like to make a donation.

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



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.

PHOTOGRAPHER: We are looking for more help taking pictures of the cats on a regular basis, especially the new cats. We are looking for good, sharp pictures, which can be a challenge since the kitties don't always sit still for you. Ideal file size should be about 1 megabyte. The file should be labeled with the cat's name and your initials. Please contact Diane Stevens if you would like to help out news@furryfriendswa.org.

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; 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 (360) 993-1097 or at volunteer@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 (360) 993-1097 or at volunteer@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 is all is needed for this position. Email Diane at news@furryfriendswa.org if you are interested in knowing more.



Live Auction Item Sleepover at the Halfway House

Feline Behaviorist Dr Marci Koski
will be your host for this adventure
of a lifetime with the kitties.

Halfway House Sleepover Party with the Furry Friends Kitties and Cat Behaviorist!

Looking for a fun and unique experience? Never before have we had a sleepover at the Furry Friends Halfway House, so here's your chance to be the FIRST to attend! Come spend the night with the Furry Friends kitties and our cat behaviorist, board member Marci Koski. Marci will host you and up to five other friends (total of 6 guests) on an overnight adventure filled with felines. You'll enjoy a pizza dinner, a screening of *Zombie Cats From Mars* (starring several Furry Friends alumni cats), chatting with Marci about Furry Friends and cat behavior topics, and (of course) hanging out with a load of adoptable kitties! Accommodations at the Halfway House are limited, so autumn and spring are preferred; a date will be scheduled based on when you'd like to sleepover, Marci's availability, and outside temperature. Bring your sleeping bag and overnight gear and we'll take care of the rest! Guests must be 18 and older, not under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and willing to sign a liability waiver. To find out more about the auction, visit our website: <http://furryfriendswa.org/may-the-fur-be-with-you-11th-annual-dinner-auction/>.

We are keeping a photo album of the items we have accumulated on our Facebook page. We are adding to it every week

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



Auction tickets are now available

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/>.

While our auction seems months away, it is coming very QUICKLY! This is just a reminder that if you wish to donate an item or gift card for the auction, we need to receive your donation no later than August 1st. Any donations after that date will be saved for next year's auction. We know this seems early, but between August 1st and the auction, a lot of time is needed to inventory, catalog, price, bundle, tag, and create bid sheets for all of the items. If you would like to give something but are not sure what to give, we have an Auction Wish List on Amazon and we would love gift cards to Walmart or Fred Meyer. Thank you for your donations and your generosity. The kitties appreciate you!

If you have questions, contact us at auction@furryfriendswa.org.

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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



Recap on the Recycled Arts Festival

Furry Friends showed off its available cats and microchipped both dogs and cats at the recent Recycled Arts Festival on June 29 and 30 at Esther Short Park. Fourteen dogs and cats were microchipped for the discounted price of \$20 per animal. Denise Bergman, owner of Ironbender, donated a large whimsical metal bird sculpture for a raffle. The microchipping, raffle, and sale of merchandise brought in \$940 for the kitties. The funds will go to much-needed medical supplies for the cats and kittens. In addition to this, five adoption applications were filled out for the kitties. Thank you to everyone that made merchandise or volunteered for this event. We feel that this was a big success.



Thank you PSU Students

Kimberly Mukobi teaches a grant writing class at Portland State University. She has brought her class to Furry Friends for the last couple years and they are assigned to assorted grant projects for us. It has resulted in a few small grants. Pictured is part of the current semester's class. Let's hope they are successful.

Adoption Stories

We are so happy when one of our kitties is adopted into their perfect home. We post adoption stories written by Nomi Berger every other Sunday to our Furry Friends website and Facebook page. You can check them out at <http://furryfriendswa.org/category/adoptions/>.



Give More 24 will be here before you know it.

Thursday, September 19
Furry Friends is looking for people to contribute matching donations.

Give More 24

Furry Friends will participate in Give More 24! this year on September 19th. Though it feels like it's a ways off, we're asking for anyone interested in pledging matching funds to contact us at information@furryfriendswa.org or (360) 993-1097.

Give More 24! is an online fundraising challenge hosted by the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. We will be looking 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.



HELP! The kittens are eating us out of house and home.

We are caring for many kittens right now and their food bill is high. We feed them Natural Balance Kitten Food, both wet and dry. We also use Science Diet Chicken and Rice Kitten Food. If you would like to help the babies out, we sure would love some donations of kitten food. You can drop it off at Woodin You Pampered Paws, 13305 NE Hwy 99 #102, Vancouver, WA 98686 or at Front Door Realty, 1815 D St, Vancouver, WA 98663.

This can be purchased locally at PetSmart & Petco. Or you can order online from Chewy.com or Amazon.com. You can have it shipped directly to our mailing address which is 6715 NE 63rd St., Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661.



A winning combination. Help Furry Friends earn donations by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card while continuing to earn all of your Rewards Points, fuel points, and rebates.
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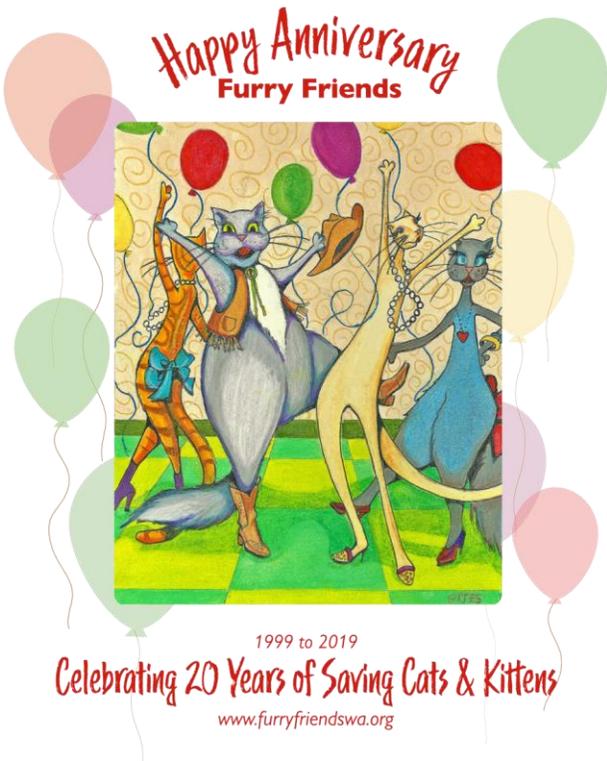
Every year in August Fred Meyer requires you to choose your favorite non-profit. Furry Friends appreciates you choosing them each year.



Donate your unwanted car, truck, RV, boat or trailer!

Furry Friends can accept cars, trucks, boats, RVs and trailers. Your donation will be picked up if necessary, prepared for auction, and then sold, with proceeds going directly to Furry Friends. In addition, Motor Vehicles will be notified of the sale and given the new owner's contact information. Along with a great tax deduction and hassle-free removal of your vehicle, you have the added assurance of knowing that proceeds from your donation go directly to the care of our cats and kittens.

To donate or for more information, leave a message for Jennifer Hart at 360-993-1097 or email her at information@furryfriendswa.org.





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