

# THE MEOWS

## Online News for all the Friends of Furry Friends July 2020

Furry  
Friends



*Helping homeless and abused cats*

Hello Friends,

This will be a busy month for us. Three key Furry Friends people left on June 27<sup>th</sup>, the parking lot project has begun after 3+ years of waiting and some of our 40 kittens are becoming old enough to be adopted. Read more about it below.



Maybelline



Princess Buttercup



Beebee and Duffy

### Adoptions

We have adopted out 16 cats from May 30 to July 3, 2020. Congratulations to Alice, Alley, Beebee, Bugbug, Duffy, Gracie, Jane, Maybelline, Palouse, Pasco, Princess Buttercup, Sasha, Sassafras, Sonya, Spike and Zeke.



Danny



Deedee



Ripley



Rizzo

### The Kittens are coming!

We have 40 kittens in our care right now. Some have already been pre-adopted. There are a lot more that will be ready for pre-adoption this month. Pre-adoption means that you can visit the kittens and stake your claim to the one(s) you want, but you cannot take them home with you until they are spayed/neutered. We do the surgery when the kittens reach 3lbs. So it is usually just a couple weeks after you meet the kittens. Check into our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/furryfriendswa/](http://www.facebook.com/furryfriendswa/) or our website <https://furryfriendswa.org/cat-adoptions/> to see what kittens are available. If you'd like to meet them, please fill out an adoption application on our website. The kittens are adopted out in the order the applications come in.



Sandy Bush



Jennifer Hart



Donna Hooker

The last day for our dear friends Sandy, Jennifer and Donna was June 27th. Some of the health issues have gotten worse for these three. Working such long days in the med room has become very difficult. We are going to miss all three very much and we hope that they will come back and see us. They have all done so much to shape Furry Friends. Please look at this video tribute to them. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku8aZLKXphY&feature=youtu.be>

Going forward, we have found a couple vet techs who will help us, and we have found a few med teams. As a result, we hope no one team will have to put in an enormous amount of time. We are filling in all the other jobs vacated by these three.



### **At Last! Construction has begun**

We have waited 3+ years to start construction on our parking lot and sidewalk. They estimate that it will take 10 weeks to complete. The process has been very expensive and complex. We would like to give a huge thank you to one of our corporate sponsors, Glen Aronson, of Iron Gate Storage. He has helped us navigate this confusing web of permits, fees, architects, city engineers and more. Last year he donated \$20,000 to this project and this year he is donating another \$20,000.

We would also like to thank Furry Friends volunteer Sandi Long. She has worked with Glen every step of the way. This project has consumed a huge amount of time for her and this is not the only thing she does for Furry Friends. We are so appreciative of Sandi and her nine years of volunteer work for the kitties. She is truly a gem. Jonathan Christopher of Christopher's Custom Concrete has been a real joy to work with. We can't wait until he finishes the job.



Our corporate sponsors paid us a recent visit. These are big checks that they would usually have presented to us at our auction, but since it will be online, we got some pictures of them with their donations early. Glen Aronson of [Iron Gate Storage](#) gave us a check for \$20,000 which will be going to the parking lot. We will receive Dr. Virginia Huang's of [Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery](#) finances a little later in the year.

We are so appreciative of these big financial donations. We still had to take a loan out to finance the rest of the parking lot project. This has been way more expensive than we could have imagined.

### **New Video**

Furry Friends has a new Introduction to Furry Friends video. Please take a look at it and share it with your friends.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B\\_rJpC1w-qE&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_rJpC1w-qE&feature=youtu.be)



Dr. Ann Langer  
Relief Veterinarian



Tricia Jones,  
Vet Tech



Tienne Garcia,  
Vet Tech



Courtney (Nic) Andrus,  
Vet Tech



Deedee Kagawa,  
Vet Tech Assistant



Tammie Williams,  
Vet Tech Assistant



Lori Landahl,  
Adoption Coordinator



Abi Harrington, Email/VM  
Lead, Trapper, Intake



Jenn Hutchman,  
Foster, Cat List



Linda Radar, Vice Pres.,  
Foster Lead, Kitten List



Jaimie Garver, President,  
Med Team Coordinator



Julie Goldbeck,  
Food Ordering

Hi Everyone-

A lot of changes have been happening and I want to make sure that you are all in the loop and we are as transparent as possible during this time of transition. There are still a lot of moving parts that are being ironed out and a lot of you have stepped up and offered to help, which is very much appreciated. People are currently being trained to fill the bigger roles, such as the medical team, cat intakes, cat list, med transcriber, etc. Here are the people who have volunteered to take on those roles:

The medical team:

Tricia Jones, Vet Tech  
Tienne Garcia, Vet Tech  
Courtney (Nic) Andrus, Vet Tech  
Deedee Kagawa, Vet Tech Assistant  
Tammie Williams, Vet Tech Assistant

Medical Transcriber:

Lori Landahl, Adoption Coordinator

Cat Intakes:

Abi Harrington, Email/VM Lead, Trapper

Cat Lists:

Jenn Hutchman, Foster

Kitten Lists/Foster Coordinator:

Linda Radar, Vice President

Cat Management/Med Team Coord.:

Jaimie Garver, President

Food Ordering:

Julie Goldbeck

We have many exciting opportunities that are in the works to ensure we maintain high standards for the cats in our care and remain true to our roots. One of those is the goal of working toward being considered a "Fear Free" Shelter. This will be a collaborative effort among the board, the medical team, and our volunteers. If you would like more

information on how to become a Certified Fear Free Shelter volunteer, please reach out to me at [Jaimiegarverff@yahoo.com](mailto:Jaimiegarverff@yahoo.com).

Over the next few months, you will see some things changing to create more efficiency, but more importantly to increase communication with everyone at Furry Friends. I am a firm believer in empowering volunteers through knowledge, education, and training. We are all here to accomplish the same goal, to help cats that may not have that opportunity elsewhere.

There are many other roles that need to be filled; if you are interested please contact me.

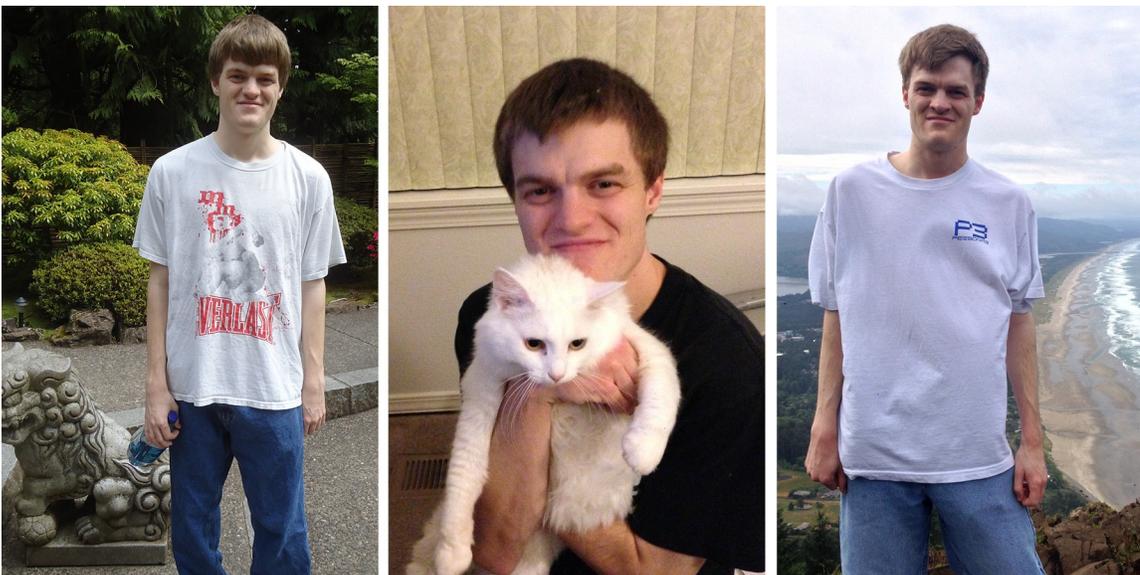
Grant Writing Team Lead, Yard Maintenance Team Lead, Fundraising Team and/or Team Lead, and Document Editor.

Thank you all for everything you do for Furry Friends; we could not do it without you!

*Jaimie Garver*

President

[volunteer@furryfriendswa.org](mailto:volunteer@furryfriendswa.org)



### **Spotlight on Tim Goodrich**

We all know that time is precious. We all too often find ourselves wishing for more of it and struggle to do everything we want to do. That is what makes volunteering so special: people who *make* the time to give back to others. Or, in Furry Friend's case, the cat's. There are so many fantastic volunteers that care for our kitties, but we are going to take today to focus on one of them: Tim Goodrich.

When it comes to giving time, Tim has given a lot of it. "My stepmom Cindy started volunteering with Furry Friends and since we both loved cats, it was easy for her to recommend it to me!" he explains, recounting when he first began volunteering nine years ago. Now he spends an hour every week working at the halfway house to "take care of the wonderful kitties there". His favorite part is loving the cats and giving his time to them, which we all know is vitally important to our organization. For those felines waiting for their forever home, a little bit of love makes the waiting a bit easier. According to Tim, the greatest challenges he faces are that the "cats think it is okay to sneak out of the rooms they are in and herding them back. It can be an adventure at time".

Beyond Furry Friends, Tim works in the accounting department at Franz Bakery, doing their billing and researching payments that have been made. Before Furry Friends and moving to Washington 19 years ago he grew up in Arizona. He remarked that there is a “drastic difference in the weather for sure”, which many who come to Washington will likely agree with. Beyond his passion for kitties, he is passionate about building the new I-5 Bridge going from Washington to Oregon and loves the Seahawks. He also has a fondness for video games.

Being a volunteer is very important, not only to the organizations, but to us as volunteers. According to Tim, his proudest moment working with Furry Friends has been “seeing the adoptions of all the cats over the years and the amount of work others do to make all of it possible”. He explains that he gives back because he values making an impact for his community, no matter how small it may be. What’s more, Tim has certainly made his mark. A nine-year-old, fur trailed and purr filled mark. Thank you, Tim!

And thank you to Tina Starks for writing this interview on Tim. We are looking forward to more interviews written by Tina.



### **Baby Girl Adoption**

Baby Girl has been with us for about two years. She finally gets to go to her own home. One of our volunteers, Samantha, is adopting her. Samantha is moving into a new home, so as soon as she gets settled she will take Baby Girl. Baby Girl was unnerved by the construction noise at the Halfway House so she is staying at Cats Play While You’re Away Boarding until Samantha can take her home. Baby Girl has a roomy apartment about three times bigger than her room at the Halfway House at the boarding facility and she loves the quiet.



### **Yard Maintenance Lead Wanted**

We are looking for someone to be the lead yard person. You would oversee what needs to be done and schedule yard workdays for the volunteers. Right now, much of the yard is torn up because of our parking lot project, but there are still things to do such as raking and sweeping up cones, needles and leaves. If you are not interested in being the lead, you can still be on the yard team. Contact Malinda Goldbeck if you are interested [volunteer@furryfriendswa.org](mailto:volunteer@furryfriendswa.org).



### **Kitten Shower Supplies**

We held a kitten supply shower for the month of June and received a great response. Many people donated goods and money for the supplies for the babies. We greatly appreciate that. The kittens can be expensive. People United for Animals (PUFA) also sent a lot of food for the kitties. We have 40 kittens in our care right now and so many requests from the public wanting to give us more.



### **Birthday Fundraisers on Facebook**

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](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, that would be Furry Friends WA
- 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 do not expect to bring in as many donations as we usually do. As you know, our organization is run by donations. We are an all-volunteer organization; 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.



**Thank You  
from  
Furry Friends**



**DAVIDSON  
& ASSOCIATES  
INSURANCE**

Davidson & Associates Insurance Agency, Inc. recently held a referral fundraiser for Furry Friends for the month of May. They just cut us a check for \$540. In addition to that, one of their members just adopted our Princess Buttercup and another member has joined our staff of volunteers. We are appreciative of our partnership with this community-minded business. Thank you especially to Emily M. Roesch for all her work creating videos, graphics and a web page to promote Furry Friends.



We thought Bob and Bugbug looked so cute taking a nap together. Bob and his wife Mara are at the Halfway House a couple times a week spending time with the kitties and doing assorted jobs that need to be done. They LOVE the kitties and the kitties love them. And by-the-way, Bugbug has been adopted.



Lots of articles have run since our last newsletter

**6/17/2020 The Reflector – Spotlight on Abbi Harrington**

[http://www.thereflector.com/companion\\_pets/article\\_347a4344-af38-11ea-9f9b-a71ea74579c5.html](http://www.thereflector.com/companion_pets/article_347a4344-af38-11ea-9f9b-a71ea74579c5.html)

**6/10/2020 Clark County Today – Preparing your cat for you going back to work**

[https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/local\\_news/preparing-cats-for-your-return-to-work/?fbclid=IwAR0z-0m4azSJFVUEPC38xBv50kbt9oSuwW6oew0bENj\\_4tBT56NYwaQWUP\\_c](https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/local_news/preparing-cats-for-your-return-to-work/?fbclid=IwAR0z-0m4azSJFVUEPC38xBv50kbt9oSuwW6oew0bENj_4tBT56NYwaQWUP_c)

**6/4/2020 Clark County Today did a story about our need for vet tech help** <https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/people/furry-friends-nonprofit-in-dire-need-of-new-veterinarian-help/>

**5-26-20 Clark County Today did a story on the Humane Society cats at Margie's boarding facility**

<https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/business/calming-cat-lady-comes-through-for-cat-community/>

They also did a spot on their live broadcast; it is found a little after the 5-minute mark.

<https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/clark-county-today-live/>

**5-14-20 Davidson Insurance video interviewed Diane Stevens for Furry Friends for their May Referral program** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSCLtzRRCs&feature=youtu.be>



### Hairy Pawter Auction to go online

Did you get yours? Save the Date cards were mailed out around June 10<sup>th</sup>. We have a stack of them at the Halfway House. Please pick up a stack and distribute to your friends, family and businesses that you go to. We have made the decision to switch to an online auction this year. It will still be held September 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> and we are looking for items.

We need bottles of alcohol (vodka, wine, scotch, tequila, rum, drink mixes (bloody Mary, pina colada, etc.) and specialty liquors. It would be good to have a few books on how to make mixed drinks or how to make the perfect margarita or martini. We have enough small \$5 and \$10 items for stuffing baskets. We would really like large ticket items worth over \$500. Maybe your employer would be willing to donate to our cause.

We have a wish list on Amazon Smile of items we hope to acquire for our upcoming Furry Friends Hairy Pawter 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.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U8IJMWPk1TJ4?ref\\_=wl\\_share](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](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 direct to our mailing address: 6715 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661. Chewy.com and Amazon Smile [smile.amazon.com/](https://smile.amazon.com/) are good online sources for some of these items.

If you have questions about the auction or would like to donate an item, contact Lisa Baxter [baxterl@us.ibm.com](mailto:baxterl@us.ibm.com) or at (360) 335-7851 for items, Chris Nash (503) 913-1560, or [ffauction@icloud.com](mailto:ffauction@icloud.com) for auction questions.



The onsite Peace and Justice Fair has been canceled this year. We usually have a booth there. But they are trying an online thing. They have developed a web page just for Furry Friends. Check it out here:

<https://vancouverpeaceandjusticefair.org/furry-friends/>.

### Ongoing Resources

- **FF T-Shirts & Merchandise** <https://www.teepublic.com/user/furryfriends>
- **Email:** [information@furryfriendswa.org](mailto:information@furryfriendswa.org)
- **Message Phone:** [360-993-1097](tel:360-993-1097)
- **Website:** [furryfriendswa.org](http://furryfriendswa.org)
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- **Twitter:** [twitter.com/furryfriendswa](https://twitter.com/furryfriendswa)
- **Instagram:** [instagram.com/furryfriendswa/](https://instagram.com/furryfriendswa/)
- **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 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661.

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**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](mailto: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**, Secretary and Treasurer

**Dena Hugh**, Foster assistant

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**Other Leadership:**

**Sandi Long**, Grants, property management

**Malinda Goldbeck**, Volunteer Coordinator

**Marion Edwards**, Yard maintenance, adoption events, lead socializer

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