

THE MEWS

Online News for all the friends of Furry Friends June 2019

Furry Friends



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

Hello Friends,

The Rose Festival is over so summer is here and our Event and our Kitten seasons are both in full swing. We have 41 adorable kittens in foster homes. It is a nice mix of tabby, black, tuxedo, tortie and blue. We will be showcasing them on our website and Facebook page as they become old enough for adoption.



DZ

Galahad

Gracey

Kit Kat

Adoptions

There have been 13 adoptions between April 26 and June 12. Congratulations to Asher, Calysto, Celine, DZ with Gracey, Ellie, Galahad with Walter, Katie, Kit-Kat with Pepper, Sissy with Spanky.

Furry Friends
is
No longer
at



No more Adoption Center
or Weekend Adoption Events.

You can always view our cats
at www.furryfriendswa.org

PetSmart Adoption Center

Recently we made the decision to discontinue our relationship with PetSmart Hazel Dell. For about eight years we sent our cats to the Adoption Center for six days and had three hour weekend cat shows. Having a public venue was exactly what Furry Friends needed and our adoptions greatly increased. But with the increase in social media and online searches for pets being so successful and the increased stress the cats were exhibiting when staying at the adoption center, we determined it was no longer in our cats' best interest to go to the store with all the noise, dogs, kids and smells.

Recently the store invited another organization out of California to share the Adoption Center with us since we could not fill all the space. It was awkward and we just weren't comfortable with the new situation.

Our thanks to Molly Silva for managing the Adoption Center and Marion Edwards for coordinating the weekend adoption events, and all the rest of the volunteers for working shifts, socializing and helping with the weekend shows.



Sandi Long resigns from Executive Committee

After nine years of service, Sandi Long is stepping down from the Executive Committee on September 1, 2019. She is not going anywhere and will continue volunteering for Furry Friends, but will be taking on lesser roles. She's coordinating the park events this year and will hand the reins for the park events to Jaimie Garver next year. Sandi will continue coordinating and overseeing the parking lot/sidewalk project until it has been completed; help set up a security system at the Halfway House and she will continue to write grants and raise funds through Give More 24!

Sandi has volunteered on many projects during the past nine years including: locating the current Halfway House and supervising its remodel; organizing mass mailings; and leading auction and fundraising events. She's honored to be a member of such a caring and dynamic organization, and looks forward to continuing to help the kitties.

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.



Parking Lot Update

Great news for Furry Friends! The City of Vancouver has conditionally approved our site plan application. This approval allows us to convert the Halfway House, which is a residential structure, into a commercial Animal Kennel/Shelter. As soon as our Civil Engineer makes the required changes to our application and we receive final approval from the City, we will begin the process of requesting bids from licensed, bonded, and insured contractors. The asphalted parking lot, which will create 11 much-needed parking spaces, will be located on the southwest corner of the property. Per City requirements, we will also be adding a sidewalk along St. James Road and pole lights to the new parking lot. Hopefully we will begin breaking ground no later than September of this year.



Save the Date for the Recycled Arts Festival

Furry Friends will be offering their recycled cats and kittens for adoption at the Recycled Arts Festival on the weekend of June 29th and 30th. The event is held at Esther Short Park, 301 West 8th Street in Vancouver, WA. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Sandi Long at information@furryfriendswa.org or (360) 993-1097.



Microchipping Available at the Recycled Arts Festival

Discounted Avid FriendChip ID microchipping will be available for \$20 per dog or cat on June 29th and 30th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Recycled Arts Festival. This is a \$60 value, there are no yearly maintenance fees, and we take care of the paperwork for you! Take a look at our recent article in Clark County Today about the benefits of microchipping.

https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/lifestyles/micro-chipping-turning-lost-into-found/?fbclid=IwAR0ksxY_GpJxvtdt73Egq-gOOdtFdHxewHmAIYNwpXEuN5PecMQmosuv2qI



Auction tickets are now available

Auction tickets are now available for the September 14th Auction and Dinner. Make sure you specify if you want the Cheese and Pear Stuffed Focchi or the Pan Roasted Chicken entrée.

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

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3JPDHHPGOG0X6/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist 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 or (360) 993-1097

To find out more about the auction, visit our website: <http://furryfriendswa.org/may-the-fur-be-with-you-11th-annual-dinner-auction/>.



New Sponsor Janet Coleman

We would like to welcome Janet Coleman RPh, owner of Pacific NW Specialty Pharmacy to our family of sponsors. Janet has agreed to become a Silver Sponsor for Furry Friends. She has a deep passion for our kitties. She has been working with our vet tech Sandy Bush for quite some time on medications for some of our kitties and has given us discounted prices. You will be hearing more from us about Janet and her business. To learn more about becoming a sponsor, please visit our website <http://furryfriendswa.org/sponsors/> To learn more about Pacific NW Pharmacy, visit their website at www.pnsprx.com



Mike & Jenn Morris, Pam Pettitt, Diane Stevens, Ellen Schroeder and Abi Harrington

Acro-Cat Recap

Furry Friends provided the volunteers for the recent Acro-Cats shows that were held at the Aladdin Theater in May. We were amazed by the cats in the show. They are all rescue kitties that have learned to do circus tricks. We earned \$1562

from the Acro-Cats and we sold \$639 worth of our merchandise. I don't think we have ever sold that much merchandise before. We came out of this event with a whopping \$2201 to put toward paying some of medical bills for the kitties. We are appreciative to Samantha and her Acro-Cat crew for inviting us to help them. We are thankful to our volunteers for providing the effort. And thank you to everyone who purchased some of our items. If you would like to donate to the kitties we sure would appreciate it. <http://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>



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.



Social Media Team

Did you know that Furry Friends is also present on Twitter and Instagram? Here are some of the people responsible for getting all the posts out to you on all our social media platforms. Pictured from left to right are Aron Deppert, Erin Bothwell, Debbie Baughman-Smith, William Miller, Jenny Grass, Chelsea Olson. Not pictured are Diane Stevens, Sue Dykes, Marci Koski, and Lauren Martin.

If you are looking for a way to help the kitties, please consider holding a birthday fundraiser or fundraiser for an anniversary or wedding on your Facebook page with the proceeds going to Furry Friends. The kitties need funds for their doctor bills. For 2018 their medical expenses jumped from \$65,000 to \$126,000.



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 information@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.

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, 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.



Luna is a registered support animal

Our beloved Luna had been at FF for almost exactly two years until she was adopted last December. She is now living her best life with her mom Gabrielle. Gabrielle loves this girl so much and Luna has been such a great emotional support for her. Recently Gabrielle was able to officially register Luna as an emotional support animal. This makes all of us at Furry Friends so happy and Luna looks like she is beaming with pride.

And as a side note, one of our socializers, Renee Orazi, had spent a lot of time with Luna before she was adopted. She continues to visit Luna and Gabrielle and they have become good friends. Gabrielle says this about Renee, "I am not sure Luna would be as far along as she was without Renee. Renee is one of the most selfless and giving people that I know. I feel she definitely served as a bridge of trust for Luna to learn that people are actually worth being near. Renee loves Luna and stops by my house to visit and has become a dear friend of mine."

We love the cats that come into Furry Friends. When they are adopted, they are not forgotten. We love to hear the happy-ever-after stories. Some of our kitties have had a rough life before they came to us.



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.



Lola

Colby

Clementine

Raven

Nancy McMartin's Cats

A note from our President, Jennifer Hart.

Furry Friend's founder, Nancy McMartin, needed our help recently during a health scare and a several-month stay in assisted care. She had 9 cats and Furry Friends volunteers stepped in to care for them in her absence. Four have been adopted so far: Clementine, Cookie, Gracey and, Sunny. We have adoption applications for the other three. Nancy is scheduled to come home soon and she will have the company of the two remaining cats. Our volunteers were extremely generous with their time and compassion and care of these cats visiting twice a day to feed, clean, and love on the cats. I am so appreciative of their help as is Nancy.

Meet Tansy

Tansy is a special needs kitty that is available for adoption. The video was shot by Dana Conte and Tansy's foster mom Andi McLaren is narrating. Take a look at it and see if Tansy is right for your family.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CFMwXJn-ohg&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR00lzZzysMQKdjjGFMMpSnC0byZCwKSosJWPEZ0J2taLww7B4aBhXbBrCM>



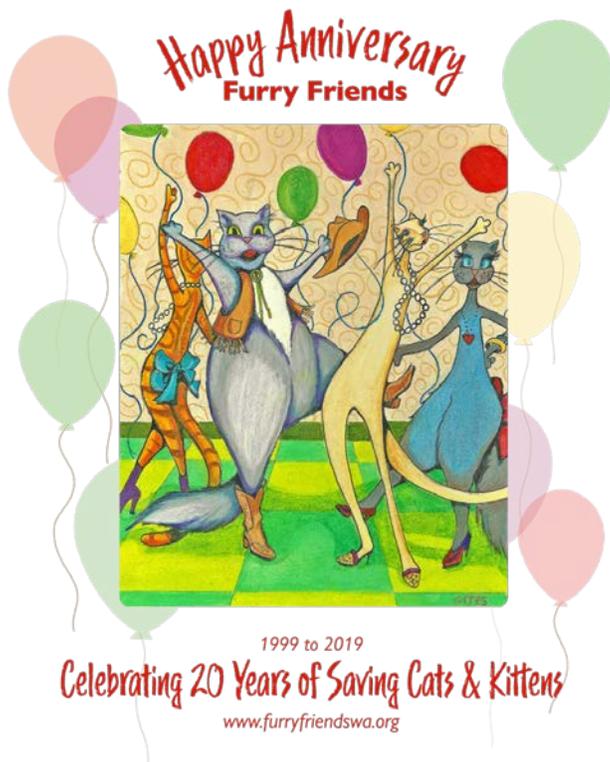
A winning combination. Help Furry Friends earn donations by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card while continuing to earn all of your Rewards Points, fuel points, and rebates.
www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards

Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program

Help Furry Friends earn cash when you shop using your Fred Meyer Rewards Card. This takes nothing away from your Rewards Points, fuel points or rebates.

Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Furry Friends at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. Check the animal category and search for “Furry Friends” or by our nonprofit number SX434. If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store. For more information, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards

Every year in August Fred Meyer requires you to choose your favorite non-profit. Furry Friends appreciates you choosing them each year.





Furry Friends is dependent on the kindness of our friends and sponsors to keep us going. Thank you all for supporting the kitties.

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